

Texas A&M sports notes and quotes

Defending Southwest Conference champion Texas A&M opens the 1978 baseball season Friday and Saturday in a pair of doubleheaders against LSU in Baton Rouge. Action starts at 1:30 p.m. each day.

With veterans at every position except secondbase and thirdbase, Aggie coach Tom Chandler expects to field another outstanding team. "I know we'll be picked high nationally in preseason, but our players know that it is where you end up that counts," Chandler said. "They worked hard to earn the championship last year, but we can't rest on last year's record." A&M took the SWC pennant with an 18-4 record and finished 37-16 overall after losing to Southern Illinois and Michigan in the NCAA Regional playoffs.

Chandler announced the following batting order for LSU with last

year's batting average in parentheses: **Robert Bonner**, ss (.293); **Mark Warriner**, 3b (Jr-Tr); **Mike Hurdle**, cf (.349); **Kyle Hawthorne**, lb (.328); **Robert Verde**, lf (.226); **Shelton McMath**, rf (.270); **Tim Feickert** (.281) or **Gary Bryant** (Jr-Tr), dh; **Buster Turner**, c (.280); **Steve Robinson** (Jr-Tr), 2b.

Pitchers seeing action will be **Mark Thurmond** (10-2), **Mark Ross** (11-3), **Jim McWilliams** (4-2), **David Pieczynski** (6-2) and **John Pockrus** (1-1) along with freshmen **Perry Swanson**, **Rodney Hodde** and **Randy McDonald**.

The Aggies return home to play McNeese Monday and Tuesday at 1 p.m. each day.

All A&M games will be broadcast over KAGC Radio (1510).

The Texas A&M men's golf team will compete in the Lamar Intercollegiate Tournament in Beaumont

Monday and Tuesday.

The Aggies finished eighth in the 24-team Pan American International in Monterrey, Mex., last weekend. Sophomore **Dave Ogrin** finished sixth in the individual standing with a 54-hole total of 217. Scores for the other A&M golfers had **Tim Carlton** at 230, **Biff Alexander** at 230, **Jay Kent** at 232, and **Richard Cromwell** at 237.

The Texas A&M men's and women's swimming teams will be in action this weekend. The women swim against SMU, TCU and Southwest Texas at 7 p.m. Friday in P.L. Downs Natatorium. The men swim Texas Tech at 2 p.m. Saturday in the A&M pool.

Both teams lost to Arizona and Arizona State last weekend.

Erstwhile football running back **Curtis Dickey** will be in the spotlight Friday, leading the Texas

Aggie charge in the Southwest Conference Indoor Track & Field championships at Fort Worth.

Dickey, the 6-2, 210-pound sophomore who lacked only 22 yards of rushing for 1,000 this past fall, came within six-hundredths of a second of equalling the American record for the 60-yard dash indoors Saturday in the Oklahoma Track Class at Oklahoma City.

Dickey ran a 6.17 in the prelims and won the event in 6.18. The American mark is 6.11, set this season by **Houston McAtear**.

The 60-yard dash prelims are scheduled for 4:10 p.m. Friday and the finals in that event will be run at 7:10 p.m.

The Aggie squad is scheduled to leave for Fort Worth at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Events with tentative A&M entrants: (Prelims):

1:30 p.m. — Shot put: **Tim Scott** and **Randy Scott**; 2 p.m. — Mile run: **Manfred Kohrs**; 2:30 p.m. — 440-yard dash: **James Peterson**, **Leslie Kerr**, **Vernon Pittman**; 2:45 p.m. — 600-yard run: **Karl Figgs**, **Arthur Williams**; 3 p.m. — 880-yard run:

Tony Wheeler, **Jim Brannen**; 3:15 p.m. — 1,000-yard run: **Joel Vogt**, **Tom Glass**; 4 p.m. — 60-yard high hurdles: **Billy Busch**, **Kent Figgs**, **Mike Mosley**; 4:10 p.m. — 60-yard dash: **Curtis Dickey**, **Leslie Kerr**, **Philip Steen**.

Finals Schedule:

6:30 p.m. — pole vault: **Randy Hall**, **Pat Ruelle**; 6:55 p.m. — 60-yard high hurdles; 7:10 p.m. — 60-yard dash; 7:25 p.m. — High jump: **Ronnie Keys**, **Mike Whitwell**; 7:45 p.m. — 1,000-yard run; 8 p.m. — Mile run; 8 p.m. — Long jump — **Philip Steen**, **Darcy Turner**; 8:15 p.m. — 440-yard dash; 8:35 p.m. — 600-yard run; 9:10 p.m. — Two-mile relay: **Joel Vogt**, **Tom Glass**, **Jim Brannen**, **Tony Wheeler**; 9:25 p.m. — 880-yard run; 9:45 p.m. — three-mile run: **Manfred Kohrs**, **Lane Mitchell**; 10:15 p.m. — mile relay: A&M team to come from following: **Leslie Kerr**, **Vernon Pittman**, **Karl Figgs**, **Arthur Williams**, **James Peterson**, **Kent Figgs**, **Billy Busch**.

Texas A&M's women tennis squad was scheduled to play TCU at College Station Tuesday afternoon

in an effort to get back on the winning trail.

A&M's women lost three matches over the weekend. They dropped a 4-3 decision to Lamar in Beaumont Friday and lost identical 9-0 verdicts to LSU and Miami, Fla., Saturday in Baton Rouge, La.

Debbie Odum and **Alexis Hefley** won singles matches against Lamar while **Kathleen Sissom** and **Susan Schilling** won their doubles match. Other Aggies who were in competition included **Judy Willard**, **Elise Richardson** and **Betty Shillcutt**.

The Texas A&M men's tennis squad weathered out of two scheduled matches this past week, but are hopeful of playing twice this week.

The Aggies are slated to entertain SW Louisiana at 1:30 p.m. Thursday

and then take on LSU in Baton Rouge, La., Saturday.

Last Friday's match with St. Edward's here was cancelled because of bad weather and was rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 20.

Saturday's scheduled match with North Texas also was cancelled and reset for Saturday, March 4.

Bryan's newest radio station, KAGC (1510 on the AM dial) will carry all of Texas A&M's baseball games this season.

Jim Butler, assistant Sports Information Director at A&M, will do the play-by-play and **Derrick Grubbs**, student assistant to the SID office, will handle color.

First broadcast will be this weekend (Friday & Saturday) from Baton Rouge, La., where the Aggies play LSU.

By Paul Arnett

A&M lacks class



The horn atop the "Super Drum" scoreboard sounded signifying the end of the first half. After witnessing a poor performance by the Aggie basketball team I decided it was time for a Coke break.

Lucky for me my departure was halted by a friend in the news media. He informed me that the halftime shows at Texas were well worth the watching. His words had barely fallen from his lips when the Longhorn public address speaker made this announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen will you give a warm round of applause for the Longhorn Love."

That name has a familiar ring I thought, as I returned to my chair. After a moment's reflection I remembered where I'd heard the name. A friend of mine back in Aggieland had seen a Longhorn game over Christmas break and had said that the halftime performance by the Longhorn Love was something to see.

He was right. The Love danced to a modern-day rock number and was entertaining to say the least. The group consists of nine women who perform at every Longhorn game. The Love's performance was good. But what followed was a real treat. The Longhorn women's choir sang next on the halftime agenda. They sang and danced to the remainder of the intermission. It was an unexpected pleasure to see a well done halftime show.

Which brings me to the crux of my column. After witnessing excellent halftime programs at other conference schools, I've decided that A&M needs to enter the 20th century.

Let's face it. The only entertainment an A&M crowd receives at the half is the thrill of tossing a frisbee or dancing a beach ball. So I've decided to lay the groundwork to bring some much-needed class into Aggieland.

As well as the Aggie band plays, 300 people blowing and going are just too much for a gymnasium. A 30-member stage band playing modern-day tunes would be more to my liking. Those "Old Army" numbers went out of style after World War II.

The military look is also out. So why does A&M insist on holding onto dead ideas? All male yell leaders should become a thing of the past. What A&M needs is some good-looking women to help the men.

The yells don't need to change, just their presentation.

Next we need to find some dancing girls. Houston has the Houston Honies, Texas has the Longhorn Love; our girls will be called the Gollie Rollie Dollies. The girls' duties will be restricted to entertainment. Chasing down basketballs is out.

Dancing is good, but nothing beats singing. A&M has the Century Singers and the Singing Cadets. Why can't these groups come on over during the half and put on a little show?

The best halftime shows of the year at A&M occurred when the Bryan and A&M Consolidated High School drill teams performed. The A&M band is absent for more than half a basketball season, so it was decided that the local high schools would be given a chance to show off.

It was a good decision. The A&M crowd was obviously pleased with their performances.

And if they were, then why not form a group out of your own back yard? Many people are tired of this old conservative attitude that A&M holds so close to its heart. New ideas were meant to replace old ones.

The entertainment performed in the "Super Drum" is the new sound of this century. Texas A&M needs to march to the tune of that drummer.



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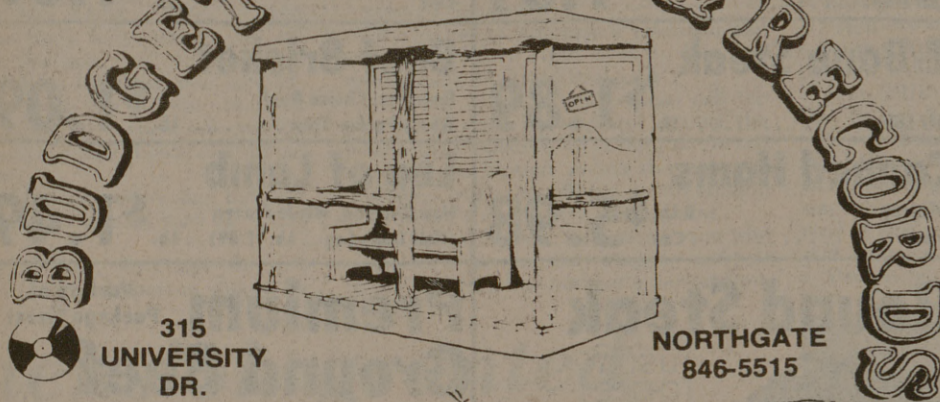
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1. If you like deep-fried rattlesnake, what "no place but Texas" event should you attend?
2. Where was country music great Lefty Frizzell born?
3. Texas is the home of the only species of Xepartha found in the U.S. What is the more common name for this species?
4. What is Texas' smallest state park?
5. What is the most commonly used letter in Texas cattle brands?
6. Where are the world's two largest "beer cans"?
7. What is the record, set in Luling, for the

1. The annual Rattlesnake Round-Up, Sweetwater, Texas.
2. Corsicana, Texas.
3. The armadillo.
4. Action State Park. It's only 12 feet by 21 feet.
5. The letter "S."
6. Lone Star Brewing Company, San Antonio, Texas. Each "can" holds 1,650,000 regular cans of beer.
7. 42 feet.
- 10-1/2 inches.
8. El Paso, between 1961 and 1976, the sun failed to shine only 22 days.
9. When and where was the first Texas oil well drilled?
10. There's an unusual statue in front of the Somerville County courthouse in Glen Rose. What is it a statue of?

10. A dinosaur Country.
- in Nacogdoches
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