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## Some questions to be answered

As the familiar sound of "Howdy" and the familiar weather of September descend upon the Texas A&M campus, one question comes into many people's minds. You hear it in class or walking to class. The number one question is, "What do you think about the Fightin' Aggie football team this year?"

Well, what about the Fightin' Aggie football team? If you read the major preseason football magazines you find that most are in agreement that the Southwest Conference race should come down to Arkansas and Texas A&M. Not bad.

But the Aggies must answer a few more questions and work some things out before they can make hotel reservations in Dallas Jan. 1, 1979.

Any number questions can be asked looking back on last season and looking ahead to this year. For instance, can sophomore quarterback Mike Mosley stay on his feet for more than 40 yards at a time or will Coach Emory Bellard have to shorten Kyle Field?

There have been rumors spreading that the Aggies have a potential Heisman Trophy winner in halfback Curtis Dickey. Will Dickey have the chance to display his talents through the I-formation or will Bellard keep him tied up in the Wishbone?

A topic of main concern for the Aggies this year is the defense. Will the defense properly jell this year and bring Texas A&M back to its glory days of having one of the leading defenses in the nation? Will a lineman or a linebacker be the leading tackler this year rather than free safety Carl Crulich who often times was the last man between an opponent running back and the end zone last year.

This year's offense should score tons of points with one of the fastest backfields in college football and a strong offensive line is anchored by senior Cody Risien.

And what about those Fightin' Aggie fans this year? It will be no easy task just to attend the home games this year. You fans have had a whole summer to shrink your bottoms to a width of 16 inches to adjust to the new narrower seats in Kyle Field. But then, that is no problem since Aggies stand the entire game anyway.

Speaking of standing, how many loyal Aggie fans will be able to survive the home games? The athletic department has decided on the perfect kickoff time of 1:30 p.m. for all home games. Of course that has its pluses. You can stand there and lose 10 pounds just by attending a football game.

Will the Aggies play the entire game against Baylor this year rather than just the first half like last year?

Are the referees going to give Bellard five timeouts in the second half against Arkansas this year because he did not use two of them in the second half of last year's game with the Hogs?

Can the Aggies have back-to-back victories at Memorial Stadium in Austin? The Texas A&M track team closed out last year with the conference championship there and hopefully the football team will follow precedence.

One cannot help but feel that the Aggies should or could make it all the way this year. But the Aggie fans must have patience and let the football team answer all these questions one week at a time.

And, hopefully, as the final gun sounds in Austin on Dec. 2, 1978, the Fightin' Aggie football team can claim the title of SWC champions and we can all get ready to pick cotton on the first day of 1979 in Dallas.

### Pro report

## Jones won't play

**United Press International**  
BALTIMORE — Baltimore Colts quarterback Bert Jones will not play in the season opener Monday against the Dallas Cowboys because of a shoulder injury, the Colts said Thursday.

A spokeswoman for the Colts said Coach Ted Marchibroda and team physicians decided it was best that Jones sit out Monday night's game because of the injury to his right shoulder received against the Detroit Lions.

"They thought it not best for him to play this game and to save him for the rest of the season," she said.

Backup quarterback Bill Troup suffered a shoulder sprain against the Lions and third string quarterback Mike Kirkland was expected to start against Dallas, with Troup available for backup duty.

NEW YORK — Darryl Stingley, the New England Patriots' wide receiver who was seriously injured Aug. 12 in an exhibition game with the Oakland Raiders, will receive his full salary for the 1978 season as well as other compensation.

Stingley was paralyzed from the

neck down as a result of a pass-play collision with Oakland safety Jack Tatum. Stingley suffered a blow to his head from Tatum's shoulder.

In addition to his salary for the 1978 season, approximately \$60,000, Stingley will receive half of his 1979 salary, which would be approximately \$66,000 after a 10 percent increase for his option year.

## Attitudes worry sociologists

# It's not how you play the game.

**United Press International**  
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — There's a new slogan in the sports world: "It's not how you play the game, it's whether you win or lose."

The motto worries two Purdue University professors who see a growing emphasis in school and club athletics on winning, not sportsmanship and physical fitness.

In the past boys have competed in sports more often than girls, says Kathryn Johnsen, a sociology professor and director of Purdue's Institute for Social Change.

"Men are geared to think they are superior to women and sports competition exemplifies this," she said. "Males find their relative status among each other through sports. They haven't had the opportunity to compete with women in sports, so when they are beaten by a woman it bothers them."

"A marriage where both the man and the woman are working is a good example. There's competition between them. If the man hasn't yet learned to cooperate with a woman who might be making more money, this couple is going to be in trouble."

She said segregation of boys' and girls' games about age 6 helps widen the gap between the sexes because "the emphasis on teaching boys masculinity makes them seek out other boys to play with."

When Anthony Annarino, a physical education professor, talks of school and club athletics competition, he says: "You recognize the scene: the Little League parent who sits behind the backstop and yells at his son."

"There's a triangle, with physical education programs on the bottom, intramural sports in the middle and

inter-school and inter-club competition on top. Unfortunately, the emphasis is on the top of the triangle."

Annarino, a member of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, adds: "We have lost intramural programs, especially on the elementary level, and yet intramurals develop the same values as inter-school competition, only without the pressure."

Competition itself isn't harmful, Annarino said, but a coach should make sure every child has a chance to succeed.

"If kids are rejected at an early age because they're not good enough, they might not develop a healthy attitude about physical fitness," and this could affect them in later life, he said.

"We've become a nation of spectators and that's my concern. From kindergarten on, athletic programs have to be able to give kids something they can use when they get out of school."

Outdoor sports such as backpacking, hiking, sailing and surfing, and indoor sports such as modern dance, disco, karate and yoga are activities which almost anyone can do with little instruction.

"Our primary concern right now is to make sure kids learn some skills, and in learning the skills, that they develop a healthy attitude about using them," Annarino said.

Both professors would like less emphasis on football and wrestling and more on team sports in which participation depends on ability and skill instead of physical strength.

"We can't leave competition out of the socialization process when we have a society based on competition

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