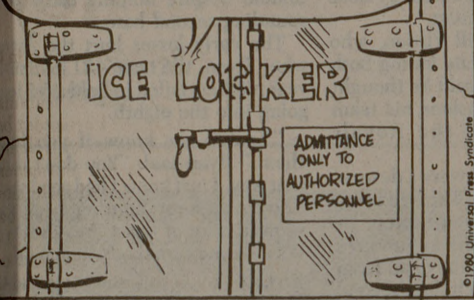


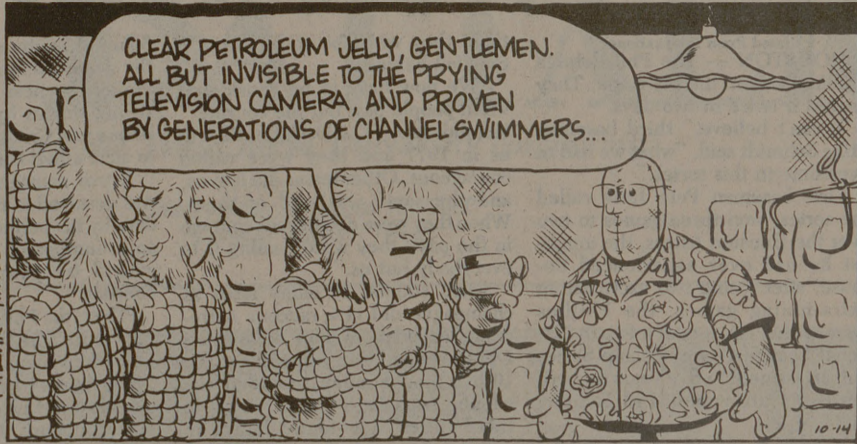
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by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds

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Beal hurt; Kubiak moves up

Texas A&M coach Tom Wilson said Monday his Aggies may have to go with sophomore quarterback Gary Kubiak against Baylor next Saturday because of injuries that have struck at that position. David Beal, who had replaced Mike Mosley at quarterback two weeks ago, injured his right wrist during the Houston game. "Although the x-rays don't show it, our people believe David has a

broken wrist," said Wilson. "He is at least out for this week. Mosley, who had been moved to safety after being replaced by Beal, was returned to quarterback, but he also has a severely sprained left thumb and a bruised shoulder. "We're listing Mike as our starting quarterback," said Wilson, "but he's questionable. Kubiak will get a lot of work this week at quarterback and if Mike can't play then Kubiak will."

Wilson listed several injuries on his team including those to tailback Earnest Jackson (ankle) and wide receiver Mike Whitwell (hip pointer). "The field at the Astrodome is the worst excuse for a football field I've ever seen," Wilson said. "There are holes in the astroturf and the dirt portions are uneven. It was a hard-hitting game, but I think you attribute some of the injuries to the field."

Wounded Ags look to Bears

By KURT ALLEN
Battalion Staff

In only four more days, Texas A&M's 1980 football season will be at its midpoint. As befits this struggling season, the Aggies will face another tough challenge when they host the Baylor Bears at Kyle Field Saturday. Aggie Head Coach Tom Wilson said Monday he is fully aware of the challenge Baylor presents to his team, and the effects a win or loss could have on Texas A&M's conference record and remaining league schedule.

"Sure, I'm familiar with the old adage that says your back is up against the wall after one conference loss. But that doesn't bother me as much as some of the other problems facing us right now. I'm just concerned that we continue to improve and play well."

Wilson's concerns are certainly understandable. As he pointed out to the weekly gathering of writers, perhaps the biggest problem is the injury situation. Until the Houston game, injuries had not been a particularly pressing problem. Naturally, the team had missed the play of safety John Dawkins and the ankle injury to tailback Ernest Jackson kept him out of a couple games.

However, the situation has become far more serious now. The quarterback has been especially hard hit. Senior David Beal who ran offense so well after replacing Mike Mosley as the starter, is now twelfth on the depth chart with a wrist injury. If it turns out the wrist is broken, he'd be washed up for the remainder of the season.

That in itself would be bad enough. But now Mosley is no longer 100 percent either. The Humble senior was shaken up badly after being slammed out of bounds by Cougar defensive tackle Hosea Taylor. Wilson said he expected that

would probably affect the amount of practice time Mosley gets this week. "Of course, the real tragedy is the injury to David Beal," said Wilson. "That's not only for himself, but for our whole football team. The offense had really been coming along good until now."

Beal's situation is certainly a strange one. At this point, he really doesn't know whether or not he'll be able to play again this season. The team physician, Dr. Duane Lagan, said Monday it's still hard to say whether Beal's wrist is broken.

"We've taken a number of x-rays, and so far, no fracture has shown up that we can point to," said Lagan. "But that doesn't mean it isn't there since he has all the symptoms of a broken wrist. It's possible that the wrist could improve enough so that he could begin working out again in two weeks. Then again, we may determine in the next two weeks that it is broken, which means it would need a cast and David would be washed up for the year."

In the meantime, Beal's wrist is being kept immobilized without a cast and Lagan continues to examine and treat it each day. It's one of those situations where time will only tell as Beal sits and wonders about the remainder of the season.

Asked if the late starting time of

the Cougar game helped bring on the rash of injuries, Wilson said it's hard to blame anything in particular for it, although the late hour and the condition of the Astrodome field were partially responsible.

"Sure, you can blame some of our problems on the Astrodome field. It's one of the worst places in the world to play a football game. It was awful out there. Part of the field had patches of dirt, and there were a lot of holes in the Astroturf. I'm sure it wasn't helped any by them having to change the field around because of the baseball game."

If the Aggies can overcome the injuries, they still must find a way to stop making the little errors that often have a way of turning a potential win into a loss.

"We were able to penetrate into Houston territory fairly well, but we kept turning the ball over and were not able to take advantage of several scoring opportunities," said Wilson.

Looking ahead to Baylor, Wilson said he felt this year's team is the best Bears squad he's seen during his 17 years involvement in the Southwest Conference. That would make it even better than the team which delightfully surprised Baylor fans in 1974 by winning the conference crown and went on to face Penn State in the Cotton Bowl.

"I said it several weeks ago Baylor

had a legitimate, good team and they've proved that," reiterated Wilson. "They're playing very, very good. Offensively, they're very balanced. They proved that by being able to mount steady scoring drives after being down 21-0 against SMU. Walter Ambercrombie (tailback) is a fine runner and their passing game has solidified."

Given the facts at hand, the 5-0 (3-0 in conference play) Bears seem to be a clear-cut favorite to win Saturday. But the Aggies may have a secret weapon in their attitude, which Wilson reported is good despite the discouraging loss to Houston.

"Nobody played harder than our team. I feel better about our football team than I have in a long, long time. Their attitude is fine. If we can overcome the injuries, we can still do some good things."

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