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At LA CAGE AUX FOLLES
the strangest things happen
when you wear polka dots



LA CAGE AUX FOLLES
(Birds of a Feather)

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Sports

Opinion

by Ritchie Priddy



Silence not always golden

Whoever said that athletes should be seen and not heard must have been talking about some of the Texas A&M student-athletes who attend ballgames.

I mean, you would almost think they were forced to come. Losing wouldn't be so bad if, at least, the teams had more support from the other athletes on campus. After all, they all have the same goal: to win. So it would seem only natural for them to give each other some encouragement and support during their games.

The A&M-Rice basketball game Tuesday night is a good example of this. Not only basketball, though, but almost every other sport as well.

I know that we lost the Rice game. We've lost a lot of games in football and basketball. You name the sport and we've lost a game at one time or another.

Many athletes were in G. Rollie for the Rice basketball game — most didn't do anything except sit and look pretty. Some yawned, others looked around and a few just sat and talked to one another.

I guess that's their prerogative. But one would think that at a school — a big school, like A&M, long known for its spirit and support of its athletic teams — you would find the same kind of support from the other athletes that the students give.

It's downright pathetic, if not hypocritical, at times the way they ask for fan support but don't show much themselves.

I believe that if athletes ask for support from the student body they should be willing to show that same support to their fellow athletes.

I'm sure that all of them are not at fault. I saw several really getting into the excitement of the game. A few were even cheering. Some even stood for the yells.

It's sad that they are the minority, though, for the majority seem to be the ones who show up just simply to show up — for appearances sake only. Sit and look pretty; be seen and not heard.

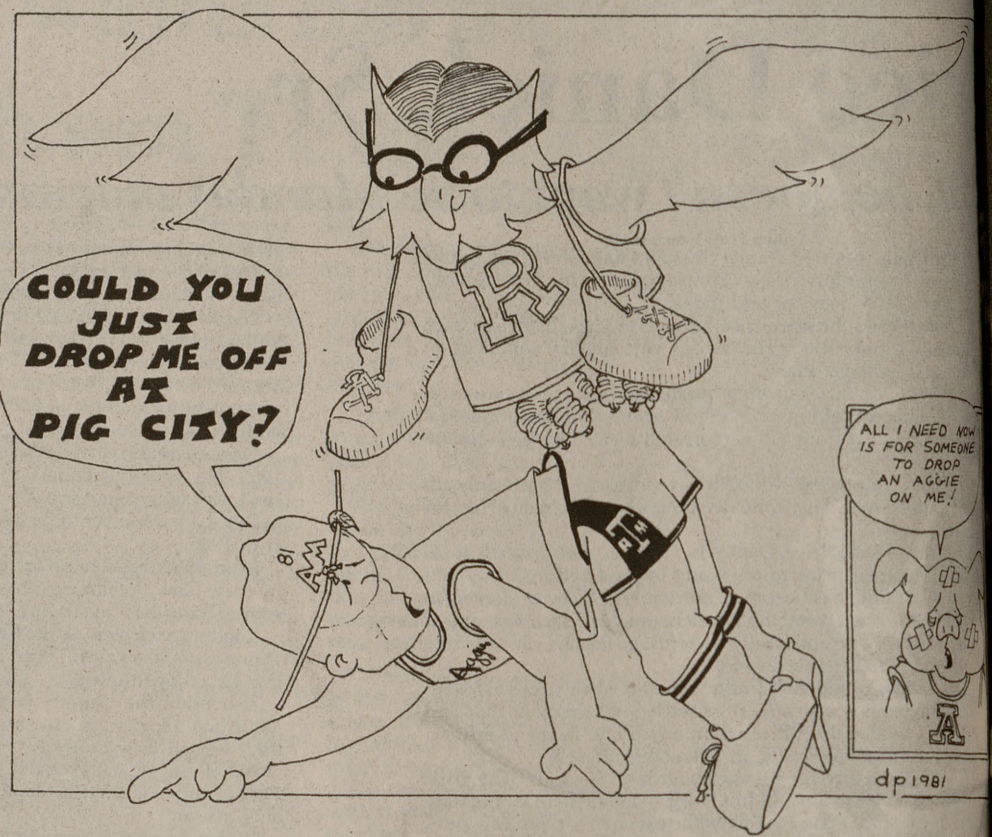
Fan support involves athletes, even off-season athletes, as well as the student body and others. I don't know about the rest of the student body but I think I can speak for them in saying that I was proud to be a part of the crowd Tuesday night. There was not one of us that would have hesitated to jump out on that court to help out the team. After all, that's what the 12th Man is all about isn't it? To help out if needed.

I can't help but think that most of us would have.

The strange thing about it is that Texas A&M currently doesn't even have a team, except for some of the smaller team sports, that consistently performs on the major collegiate level that is expected from a school this size.

How many times in recent history has A&M finished where they were picked to finish in any major sport? Not many. It's not that they haven't had the fan support or the talent for that matter. Many sportswriters and coaches as well believe A&M has, overall, the most talent in the conference (in several sports). And what crowd can compare to the A&M student body?

I don't pretend to know the reasons for our teams' failures, but it seems that it could only help if some of the athletes, as good as they are, would really get out and support the school that supports them.



Aggie swimmers at Rice take on Coogs Saturday

By GLENN KRAMPOTA
Battalion Reporter

Fresh off a two-week training program in Hawaii, the Texas A&M University swim teams travel to Rice today for a dual meet, then return to host the powerful Houston Cougars in a dual meet Saturday afternoon.

Of the two upcoming events, A&M Head Coach Mel Nash is most concerned about the Cougars.

He said both their men's and women's teams are very strong and rely heavily on foreign athletes. The Cougar women are ranked in the top 10 nationally and are considered second only to Texas in the conference.

Meanwhile, Houston's men's team will be an odds-on favorite over the Aggies, Nash said.

"Last year we pulled a big upset at their place and they may be gunning for us this time," he said.

Nash, who is in his second year as swim coach, said Texas A&M may have an advantage in sprints, strokes and relay events. However, the Cougars look tough in distance and diving events, he added.

The Aggie men will take some of their less experienced swimmers to Rice today because according to Nash, the Rice team is a small one and is not considered to be especially strong.

Rice's women's team is designated as a Division II squad, as opposed to the Aggies' Division I standing.

But, Nash said, Rice is ranked nationally in Division I and Owl Kay Snell was the high point scorer in last year's national meet.

The Rice meet will begin at 5 p.m. in Houston. Against the Cougars, women's competition will begin noon Saturday at the P.L. Downs Natatorium on the A&M campus and the men's competition will begin at 6 p.m.

So far, the Aggies record in dual meets is 2-4 for men and women, a fact that Nash said is surprising considering how well they have been swimming this season.

The most important part of the season is looming swimmers with conference championships coming in late February and early March.

"That's what we're pointing toward," Nash said. "We've made people across the state sit up and notice of the improvements we've made over the year."

Nash said as things stack up now, the Ags look to be fifth at the men's conference meet. Texas A&M finished at that position last year, but they will be a much closer fifth this year, he said, with Texas, SMU, Arkansas and Houston still above them.

The conference championship is decided solely by conference meet point total. Dual meet records have no bearing.

Hill now recuperating after shoulder operation

United Press International
DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys' wide receiver Tony Hill is recuperating in California from shoulder surgery, the team announced Thursday.

Hill, Dallas' leading receiver the past two seasons, was operated on

Tuesday for a chronic shoulder dislocation by Dr. Fred Behling of Stanford University Hospital.

Hill was expected to be released from the hospital Saturday. The team said he was expected to recover from the operation in time to attend training camp in July.

Phillips signs contract

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Saints, who lost more games during the 1980 season than any team in the history of professional football, Thursday hired recently deposed Houston coach O.A. "Bum" Phillips to lead them out of the depths.

Phillips' five-year contract made him the eighth coach in the 14-year history of the Saints. He thus goes to work for one of his oldest friends in football, Saints' owner John Mecom.

"It's probably the shortest contract in the history of the NFL," said Mecom, the Houston oilman who fired Saints' coach Dick Nolan with four games left in the regular season. "It's not more than a page. All Bum wanted was a handshake."

The hiring of the colorful, tobacco-chewing Phillips by the Saints had been expected from the moment he was fired on New Year's Eve by Oilers' owner Bud Adams.

Adams said Phillips, 57, was dismissed because of his refusal to hire an offensive coordinator, but those close to the Oilers' franchise said it was strictly a personality conflict that had been building for the past few years.

During the interim between Phillips' firing and hiring, Saints' general manager Steve Rosenbloom and vice president of personnel Dick Steinberg resigned their jobs.

They said they had philosophical differences with Mecom over the structuring of the front office should Phillips be hired as coach. When their resignations became official, it became all but certain that Phillips would become coach of the Saints.

New Orleans lost its first 14 games of the season before beating the New York Jets. The Saints then dropped their final regular season game, making them the first team ever to lose 15 games in an NFL season. Tampa Bay lost all of its games in its inaugural year, but the season was only 14 games long at the time.

Phillips will have the freedom to

hire replacements for both Rosenbloom and Steinberg, but he will wind up handling the duties of two men by himself. He was general manager in Houston and also made decisions normally made by a personnel director.

Under Phillips, the Oilers were turned from a downtrodden club to a playoff team — one that reached the AFC championship game straight away.

Phillips was fired three days after the Oilers lost in the playoff round to eventual AFC titleholder Oakland.

'Super' week is tame

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — Maybe by the time the Oakland Raiders and Philadelphia Eagles get around to playing football Sunday somebody will be mad about something.

Or maybe there will be some bit of startling information worth mentioning about the clubs that will fight it out in Super Bowl XV.

But thus far it has been a very tame week.

Oh, there was a bomb threat at the hotel where the Raiders are staying, but it was such an obvious hoax Oakland Coach Tom Flores didn't even know about it until 24 hours after the fact.

The Raiders and Eagles, meanwhile, have merely gone about the

business of getting ready to play and as the week goes along the increasing the game has a chance to be a good one. Or at least a tame one.

"It's probably going to be like last game we played," Flores Wednesday, referring to the Eagles' victory over the Raiders in the regular season. "There be one or two plays that tell the difference. Philadelphia has no obvious holes on defense that you can hit big plays against."

"I think we can beat any team in the league if we play up to our abilities," retorted Eagles Coach Dick Vermeil. "Neither of the teams can dominate the other, so mistake will play a big role."

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