

# Feast of Kyle

## Suite owners enjoy delectable choice of food

by Tracey Taylor  
Battalion Reporter

While you were munching on unshelled peanuts and pre-packaged popcorn, other people at Saturday's Aggie football game were feasting on shrimp.

The Texas A&M Food Services Department, the same people who bring you Sbsa and the Commons, provides a wide variety of hot foods, party trays and snacks to the private suites located between the second and third decks of Kyle Field.

The food is delivered one hour before the game or at half-time, depending on what the customer prefers, said Lloyd Smith, Assistant Director of Operations in the Food Services Department.

Menus are mailed by the Food Services Department to suite owners at the beginning of each football season. Orders may be placed for each game by calling the Food Services Department before noon Wednesday during the week of a game.

Resembling a fancy embossed wedding invitation printed in maroon ink, the menu opens with a pledge by the Food Services Department to "do everything we can to make this a great 1982 season for you."

Selections on the menu range in price from \$4.10 to \$95. According to the menu, the selections are prepared to serve eight to 12 people, but Smith says that the meals will serve up to 20 people.

The most expensive item on the menu is the "Turkey Feast with Cornbread Dressing." This meal consists of a whole roasted turkey garnished with pineapple and peaches, giblet gravy, cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, buttered early peas, orange glazed sweet potatoes, rolls and butter, pumpkin and apple pie. A relish platter with crisp celery and carrot sticks, olives and sweet gherkin pickles is also included.

In the more expensive price range is what is the "Ice Cold Shrimp" meal. This includes 75 large shrimp and a pint of tangy cocktail sauce.

For the economy-minded, there is the "Cold Fried Chicken Box," for only \$54. This includes four chickens, which, according to the menu, are fried in "one of Texas A&M's favorite recipes."

The favorite this week, Smith said, was the "Sliced Bar-B-Q Beef in Rich Sauce," with beans, potato salad and cole slaw. Bar-B-Q is usually the most preferred.

Smith said, but the most popular selection varies depending on the time of the year.

A wide variety of fruits and nuts are available. Coffee, tea, juices, soft drinks and mixers are also offered.

Alcohol is not served but is not prohibited either. Wally Groff, Associate Athletic Director for Finance, said: "If they want to provide it themselves, they can."

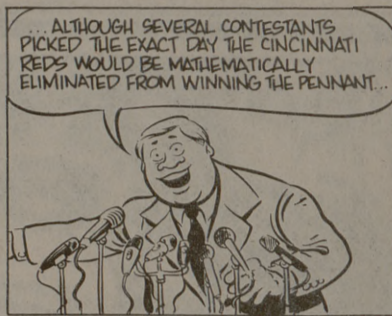
The menu also has such items as cocktail napkins embossed with the Texas A&M logo for \$3 and trash bags (probably embossed as well) for 50¢ apiece.

If absolutely necessary, waiter or waitress service can be arranged at the cost of \$30 for a maximum of four hours, tips not included.

So next week, when you get the munchies during halftime, and have to settle for concession-stand nachos, look across the field to the row of glass boxes and try to visualize a suite owner with his "Fightin' Texas Aggie Chili with Crackers."

## TANK McNAMARA

by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



# Players spend game day in several different ways

by Kelly Krauskopf  
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For some students, football game day means recuperating from Friday night parties and relaxing until game time.

But for the Aggie football team, game days are devoted to mental preparation.

Each player has his own method of getting mentally prepared. Some visualize making tackles or catching passes while others try not to think about the game at all. Middle linebacker Jerry Bullitt tries to block the game out totally.

"I try not to think about the game at all until game time comes because at that time you have to concentrate so hard it takes a lot out of you," Bullitt said.

However, offensive lineman Tim Ward uses a different method of mental preparation. "I try to visualize myself doing certain plays," Ward said. "I

look over my playbook while I'm in my room and go over plays in my mind."

In order to direct the players' attention to nothing but the game, all telephone service in Cain Hall is cut off on the day of the game. A typical game day schedule starts with the players rising at 8:30 a.m. and eating breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Cain Hall dining room.

After breakfast, Head Coach Jackie Sherrill and the players take a walk around the Rudder fountain area and the Memorial Student Center.

Place-kicker David Hardy said the purpose of the walk is to help the team relax.

"This is the first time we've been out since the night before," Hardy said. "I think walking around just kind of loosens everybody up after breakfast."

Following the walk, the Aggies return to Cain Hall for

40-minute meetings. Each player meets with his special coach such as the offensive or defensive line, to go over plays and game-type situations.

After the meetings, the team has free time from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Some players use this time for sleeping, reading or watching television.

"I don't really do anything of the ordinary — just watch television," Hardy said.

Bullitt said he tries to relax as much as possible before the game.

"I think it's really important to relax," he said. "I just sit around and watch other games on TV or listen to music."

At 2 p.m., a pre-game meal is served in the Maroon Room of Cain Hall. Immediately following the meal, players who are to be taped or to receive treatment go to the training room in the basement of Cain Hall. Afterwards, players go back to their rooms to relax until 4 p.m.

At 4:15 p.m., the players are in the lobby of Cain Hall, where they walk over to Kyle Field. The Aggies walk straight to the field before going to the dressing room and spend about 15 minutes on the field talking out the upcoming game.

"By this time, the nerves are really starting to set in," Bullitt said. "I really don't get nervous until we get over to the field."

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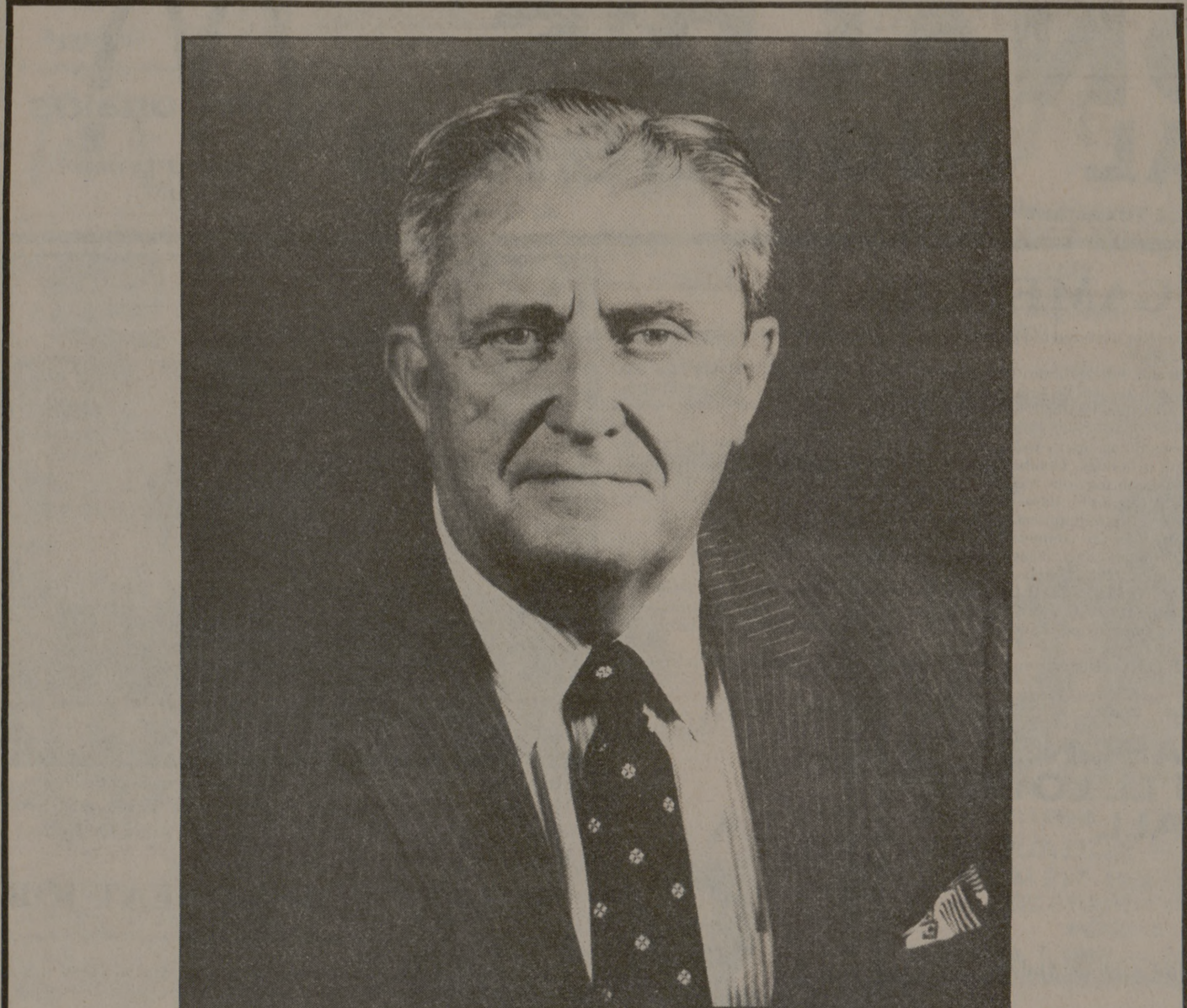
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