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## Varsity, alumni set for round two

### Hargett, alumni glad to get back together

by Joe Tindel Jr.

**Battalion Staff**  
Edd Hargett's been out of school since 1968. But a late-season awakening that brought him and his fellow Aggies a Southwest conference championship and a Cotton Bowl victory is stored in Hargett's memory.

Saturday at 2 p.m. it will all seem like yesterday again for the former all Southwest Conference quarterback. The fans will follow the lead of the yell leaders. Reveille will bark to the tune of the Aggie War Hymn and Hargett once again will don football gear and step onto Kyle Field.

It'll be the second time Hargett's played in the Texas A&M Varsity-Alumni game. He says the game gives him a chance to reminisce.

"It just brings back a lot of good memories," he said. "We were fortunate enough to win that one year (1967). We had some big plays and we remember a lot of those — not any ones in particular, but just a lot of them that you recall when you get out there and play."

Last year Aggie head coach Jackie Sherrill came up with the idea of a game between the former students and the varsity. Sherrill wanted it to be a

pleasant break in the monotony of spring practice, a chance to see his team against another team and a chance for the former students to get together and strengthen old bonds.

"It's a chance for them to come back to campus and get back together and see each other," Sherrill said. "And they can come back and see our football team first hand."

It did all of the above last spring — especially strengthen bonds.

Hargett said: "It's enjoyable just to get back and get with some people that you've played with. I think it'll be a better game this year. I think we've got a lot more younger players, and I think it'll be a little more competitive. I hope so anyway."

For former running back George Woodard, a star running back for the Aggies from 1975-1979, the game means hearing the familiar "Wooooo!" chant again coming from the stands.

"I said that didn't make me feel good every time I hear it, I'd be lying," Woodard said. "To just have the people know you, that means a lot. A lot of people around here at A&M know me. But I just wish I knew every person that knew me."

Center Ricky Seeker, who

played from 1971-1974, also considers this weekend's game as an important time of reunion.

"It just means a whole lot, especially just to get back here and see the old guys," Seeker said. "When we were here we had one good year. That was our senior year in '74. (For some of these old boys, I guess this is the only time they can become involved in the school again.)"

Seeker's gang is a special one — at least Seeker thinks so. Some members of that team hold their own separate reunion every year.

"We've got a little blood between us because we were the last of the (Former Head Coach Gene) Stallings' bunch," he said.

Seeker and the other former players will get a chance to relive their days as Aggie players in the second Varsity-Alumni game. Sherrill said the game will be much the same as last year's, but this year there'll be more younger players on the field.

"There'll be a lot of intensity," Sherrill said. "The former students will have a lot of players that were from recent years, so it'll be a very competitive game."

That will be good for the Aggie varsity, which Sherrill will probably know more about after this weekend, Sherrill said this

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Texas A&M Alumni defenseman Jon Van Sant pulls an extra ball from under his shirt at the Alumni's practice

session Thursday. Van Sant threw the ball downfield at the same time as the Alumni quarterback.

staff photo by David Fisher

## Aggie varsity says alums 'good'

by Scott Griffin

**Battalion Staff**  
Texas A&M's varsity players expressed confidence Thursday about the outcome of Saturday's second annual varsity-alumni football game.

While saying that this year's alumni team should be better than last year's, the Aggie players seem confident the varsity will win.

Quarterback John Elkins: "They've got a lot younger team this year, and (1982 Aggie quarterback) Kubiak may play, which

should make it a pretty good game."

"But we'll run a full offense at them and I think we'll win."

Linebacker Jerry Bullitt: "They're going to get after us. We're going out to have some fun, but the first couple of series we're going to be serious — we'll have to be. If we let them think we're not, they'll beat us. It'll be a good game, but I think we can win."

Running back Thomas Sanders: "It's not going to be easy. Those guys are not just a bunch of run-of-the-mill players, but I

think we can beat them 'cause they're not in the same shape as us."

Sanders said he wanted win because, "I don't like to lose to anyone — I've had enough of that."

Offensive tackle Tommy Robison: "We're going out to have a good time, but they'll be coming after us. Even the older ones will get after us. We'll win it, though — by at least two touchdowns."

Commenting on spring training, Robison said, "We're com-

ing along really well, but we've still got a lot of work to do."

Kickoff time is slated for 2 p.m. Saturday.

Bad news for the Aggies Thursday: Don Jones tore a ligament on the inside of his knee and will miss the rest of spring training.

Duane Lagan, the Texas A&M team physician, said Jones will consult an orthopedic specialist to determine if the injury will require a cast or surgery.

Lagan said Jones should be ready to play by the fall.

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