

Announcer starts 18th year as voice of Aggie athletics

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Reporter

Speaking clearly and soothingly, Dr. Roger Feldman, a slight man with a white mustache, is more than another voice in the crowd.

Feldman, 59, and an associate professor of veterinary pathology, has been the public address announcer at various Texas A&M athletic events since 1968. He believes that objectivity is essential to his announcing job.

"A public address announcer is supposed to make statements that will be useful and helpful to the spectators of the game," Feldman says. "It's no more than that."

An announcer potentially has great power over a crowd, especially at indoor events such as basketball, Feldman says, because people are likely to listen to him. What the announcer says makes it truth in the minds of the fans, regardless of whether what he says is true or not.

"It's kind of like radio announcing," Feldman says. "A radio announcer may say 'Man, that was a terrible call. Nobody saw it, but it was a terrible call because that clown says it was.'"

"It's important to get out of the game. Be an announcer. Don't be a spectator. If you're going to be a spectator, go buy a seat and sit in the stands and you can yell as loud as you want."

Feldman's practice of announcing every game impartially is one of the main reasons he was chosen to announce at the Southwest Conference Postseason Basketball Tournament for the past six years.

Another facet of Feldman's announcing philosophy is that the only important game is the one being played where he's announcing, he says. This idea is supported by a policy, which began last fall, of not reporting football scores until a game is in progress.

"Partial football scores aren't worth the paper they're written on or the words used to speak them," Feldman says. "When the game is over, I'm going to read as many scores as I can get while people are going to their cars."

Since Feldman began announcing athletic events while in high school, his philosophy of maintaining neutrality while announcing has had plenty of time to develop.

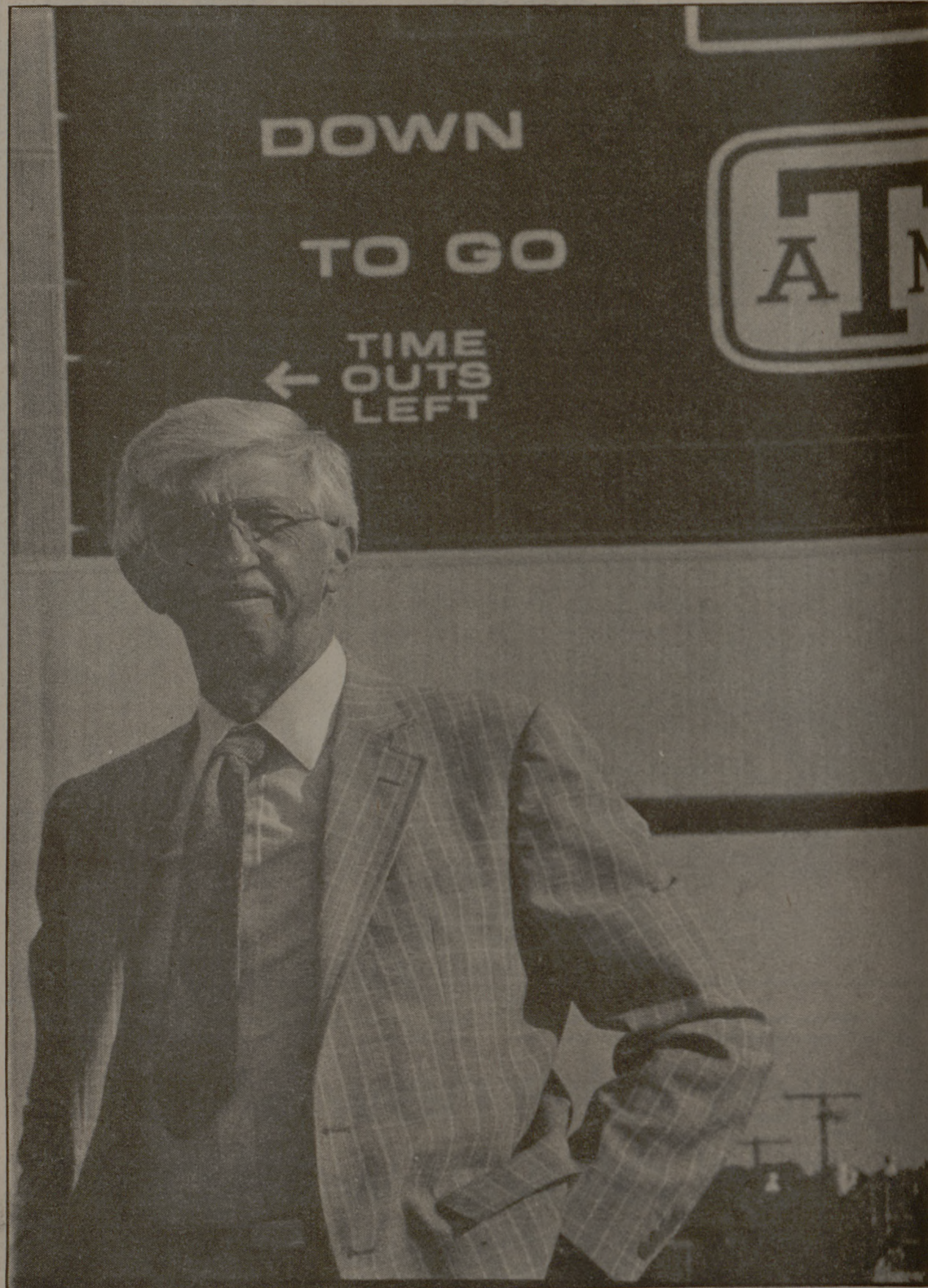
"I started the public address system at our high school in 1941," he says. "I have dabbled in voice work ever since."

While Feldman has announced many games in his career, he admits to making a few mistakes.

One vocal blunder that stands out in his mind involves a football play in which the referee ruled the ball dead.

"I said that the quarterback was ruled dead," Feldman says. "Some of my friends said, 'It looked to me like he survived.'"

But athletics is not all he an-



Texas A&M public address announcer Roger Feldman (above) — "It's important to get out of the game. Be an announcer. If you're going to be a spectator, go buy a seat and sit in the stands..." Photo by JAIME LOPEZ

nounces. He's the master of ceremonies at about four horse shows a year, among other community events, and also has read names at every A&M commencement for 16 years.

"I have read half or more of all the names for people who have

graduated here since December of 1969," Feldman says.

While Feldman, a graduate from Iowa State University, enjoys reading names at graduation, as a professor he says he gets more gratification from helping people.

"I've had the opportunity over the

years to help some young people through college with athletics," Feldman says. "What you can do for yourself is really not much. I'm one person, so I can't achieve very much, but every time I help somebody, I've expanded what role what influence I may have had."

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