

Sports

Athletic Department, give the Corps a break



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Sports viewpoint

What does the Corps of Cadets do to support the A&M Athletic Department? It coordinates the building of Bonfire and midnight yell practices, works Kyle Field into a frenzy of football fanaticism using five white-clad cadets and supplies the 12th Man Kick-off Team with a good number of grade-A lunatics.

What does the A&M Athletic Department do to support the Corps of Cadets? Apparently nothing.

When senior cadets asked for permission to use old football pads and uniforms for its annual Elephant Bowl game, they were flatly denied. The Athletic Department also refused them the use of Kyle Field for the game. The excuse given was that the game would wear down Kyle Field's new artificial turf.

Instead, the seniors were relegated to playing Elephant Bowl on a dampened Simpson Drill Field clad in ill-fitting pads and scraps of jerseys.

I'm not understanding the Athletic Department's philosophy on this one. Many Athletic Department officials, coaches and players are always carrying on about how much the student body supports A&M athletics and how the students are a big reason for the success of A&M's teams. Of course most of that enthusiasm, particularly during football season, is a direct result of the Corps.

After all, if it wasn't for the Corps, there probably wouldn't be a Texas A&M and there surely wouldn't be any of the traditions that make football season so special in Aggieland. Can you imagine the tradition of standing the entire game sticking for more than 60 years without the

Corps? No doubt students would have gotten tired about 1936 and would have taken a seat. So why would the Athletic Department slap the faces of the staunch upholders of tradition? The Corps wasn't asking to borrow game jerseys and prime equipment. One cadet told me they would have been happy to have had the old, worn pads such as those issued to the walk-ons. Surely with as many players who come and go on the football team each year, the Athletic Department must have a surplus of pads in an assortment of sizes.

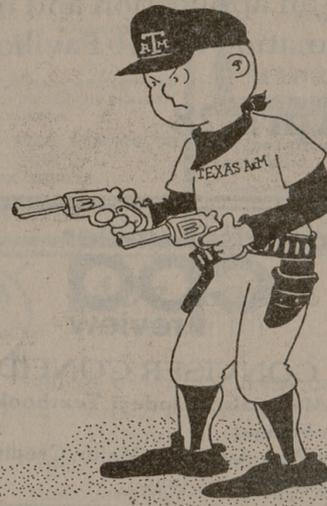
The excuse about the eroding of Kyle Field is asinine. Most of the participants in the game were average-sized humans. If they had each been 6-foot-9 and 275 pounds, then maybe the Athletic Department would have had something to worry about.

But even if the cadets had been that big, the turf should have been able to take at least one game's abuse. After all, the \$900,000 carpet has an eight-year-guarantee, and it has only been in use for one season. If it's going to tear, rip or be worn down when the Alabama Crimson Tide hits town, somebody had better start trying to find a way to get all that money back.

This just seems to be another example of the Athletic Department's "holier-than-thou" attitude. It seems as if it cares about itself alone and bends or changes the rules of the game, while the game is still in progress, to suit its own needs. The cadets had become accustomed to being lent the pads and using Kyle Field because it had always been done. To have the rug pulled out from under them seems more than a little unfair.

As much as the student body and the Corps of Cadets gives to A&M athletics, it seems like the least the Athletic Department could have done would have been to accommodate them for one day.

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Struggling Mavericks need help in Midwest championship chase

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks need a miracle. Now.

The defending NBA Midwest Division champions, who had a fat five and one-half game lead in mid-March, are two down to the leading Denver Nuggets with two to play.

After Wednesday night's devastating 114-107 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers, the Mavs put themselves into a deep hole.

"It's tough now," said guard Derek Harper. "Real tough. It looks like we're just going to have to get ready for the second season."

Dallas is favored to defeat San Antonio in Reunion Arena on Friday night and in San Antonio on Sunday. The Mavs have the tiebreaker edge over Denver which has games left at Portland and at home against the Los Angeles Clippers.

Dallas is tied with Portland for the third-best record in the Western Conference. The Mavs won the sea-

son series against the Trail Blazers and have the edge in the tiebreaker.

Dallas Coach John MacLeod defends the Mavs' fast fade in their first year under his direction.

"We're still a very young team," he said. "People get too impatient. Everybody wants championships too quickly."

Dallas won the Midwest Division title under Dick Motta last year but were bounced out in the first round in a shocking upset by Seattle. Motta resigned without saying why.

"We have to show more improvement in the playoffs than we had last year," MacLeod said. "That's what we've built this whole season around. Improvement in the playoffs. We'll do the best that we can but we will give a good accounting of ourselves. We have people of character and if they respond we'll improve."

MacLeod wasn't predicting a

march into the NBA finals.

"I'm not one to make predictions but I just think we'll improve," MacLeod said. "For example, we almost came from 17 points back Wednesday night to beat the Lakers. We were right there. When you shoot 38 percent like we did against the Lakers you have problems. But they had it in the clutch and that's what makes them great."

Harper said Dallas' offense needs to get as good as its defense, which is the sixth best in the NBA.

"Our defense has carried us," he said. "We just need to start shooting well. We have to shoot well to have a chance against teams like the Lakers."

"The loss was not the end of the season for the Dallas Mavericks," MacLeod said. "We were aggressive and didn't back down. That's the way we're going to be in the playoffs."

Aggies, Horns to clash in SWC showdown

The Texas A&M baseball team will play its most important series of the season this weekend when it travels to Austin for a sold-out series with Texas beginning today at Disch-Falk Field.

play a doubleheader Saturday at 1 p.m. The starting time was moved ahead an hour to accommodate the Home Sports Entertainment network, which is televising the series.

Fifth-ranked A&M is 42-8 overall and 11-1 in Southwest Conference play. The Long-

horns, ranked fourth, are 44-7 and also 11-1 in the SWC. The Aggies and UT have won all the conference championships since 1973.

A&M has won 11 straight SWC contests since an opening loss to Arkansas.

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1.12 cts.	1,350 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰	.20 pts.	165 ⁰⁰	300 ⁰⁰	.55 pts.	995 ⁰⁰	1,900 ⁰⁰
1.09 cts.	2,175 ⁰⁰	4,300 ⁰⁰	.19 pts.	165 ⁰⁰	300 ⁰⁰	.51 pts.	985 ⁰⁰	1,800 ⁰⁰
1.09 cts.	2,750 ⁰⁰	5,500 ⁰⁰	.18 pts.	185 ⁰⁰	310 ⁰⁰	.48 pts.	850 ⁰⁰	1,700 ⁰⁰
1.04 cts.	2,350 ⁰⁰	4,700 ⁰⁰	.16 pts.	115 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰	.47 pts.	625 ⁰⁰	1,500 ⁰⁰
1.04 cts.	2,650 ⁰⁰	5,200 ⁰⁰	.14 pts.	115 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰	.35 pts.	425 ⁰⁰	800 ⁰⁰
1.01 cts.	1,975 ⁰⁰	4,000 ⁰⁰	.12 pts.	110 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰	.30 pts.	300 ⁰⁰	600 ⁰⁰
1.01 cts.	1,890 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰	.10 pts.	63 ⁰⁰	120 ⁰⁰	.25 pts.	475 ⁰⁰	850 ⁰⁰
.95 pts.	2,385 ⁰⁰	4,600 ⁰⁰	.09 pts.	55 ⁰⁰	80 ⁰⁰	.23 pts.	250 ⁰⁰	500 ⁰⁰
.92 pts.	2,750 ⁰⁰	5,100 ⁰⁰	.08 pts.	48 ⁰⁰	70 ⁰⁰	.18 pts.	275 ⁰⁰	500 ⁰⁰
.90 pts.	1,650 ⁰⁰	3,200 ⁰⁰	.07 pts.	47 ⁰⁰	80 ⁰⁰	.11 pts.	195 ⁰⁰	400 ⁰⁰
.89 pts.	1,350 ⁰⁰	2,700 ⁰⁰	.06 pts.	37 ⁰⁰	70 ⁰⁰		110 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰
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.89 pts.	1,795 ⁰⁰	3,300 ⁰⁰	.04 pts.	30 ⁰⁰	60 ⁰⁰			
.88 pts.	1,340 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰						
.83 pts.	1,595 ⁰⁰	2,900 ⁰⁰						
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.74 pts.	1,135 ⁰⁰	2,100 ⁰⁰						
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