



ONCE UPON A TIME, IN THE MAGICAL YEAR OF 1939, A LITTLE GIRL FROM KANSAS FLEW OVER THE RAINBOW... AND A FOOTBALL TEAM FROM TEXAS A&M WON THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!

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## Crow

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all rules and guidelines of the NCAA and the Southwest conference, and making a strong, positive impact on individuals involved in athletics.

"I have to be reasonable," he said. "I could say my goal is to have all our teams be national champions, and hopefully they will be one day. I want to have an athletic program that improves a person. When a young man or young lady leaves our program, it's important that they're a little better off for being involved in athletics at A&M. I know they're better off academically, it's a matter of matching this athletically."

"I'm not naive. I know a big part of my job hinges on the won and lost column in a lot of different areas," Crow said. "I want to help youngsters, have successful athletic programs with a high graduation rate, and run the program under NCAA and SWC rules."

One of the things that Crow identified with about Texas A&M is the school's philosophy.

"A&M is a conservative university, and that matched with my growing up and beliefs. One of the impacts the school had on me was the discipline it taught me, which is what Coach Bryant stood for. This is a unique place."

Crow's success on the football field gained him national respect and recognition.

"We had what they called a full-house backfield, with a quarterback and halfbacks on each side," he said. "I played halfback on offense and safety on defense."

During his career with the Aggies, Crow scored 19 touchdowns and rushed for 1,455 yards. On defense, he had seven interceptions. As a senior in 1957, he won the Heisman Trophy, the only Aggie to have this distinction.

He credits the team's effort in his personal achievements, saying that when he went to New York to accept the Heisman on behalf of his teammates, it was one of many great experiences in his life.

In addition to achieving fame at A&M, which led to 11 seasons of

professional football (seven years with the Cardinals and four with the 49ers), Crow made some friends on the football team that he has remained close to throughout his life.

He mentioned one occasion where his daughter announced her intentions to join a college sorority.

Crow said he scoffed at the idea at first, saying he went through college without ever joining a fraternity.

"My wife told me I had belonged to the biggest fraternity in the world with the football players, and I guess that's what it was," he said, "a group of guys getting together who enjoyed being around each other."

Crow's friendships with his former teammates remain strong today. He mentioned several players who he considered good friends, adding, "I could name the entire team."

Crow shared several high points and low points with the team. He mentioned the victory over the Texas Longhorns in 1956 at Memorial Stadium in Austin as the most exciting game of his career. It was the first time the Aggies had ever beaten the Texas at Memorial Stadium.

The low point of Crow's career with the Aggies was a three-point loss to Texas the following year, during Crow's Heisman season. It was this loss that prevented the Aggies from winning the national championship in 1957, which Crow refers to as one of the biggest disappointments in his life.

Crow's attitude on teamwork carries over to his job as athletic director.

"I'm responsible for the entire athletic department to the president of the university," Crow said. "This includes administration and financial duties, including presenting a budget to President Mobley."

"We have a very capable staff, who hopefully are very representative of this institution. It has always been a team effort and I hope that's the way this department works. I'll be glad to lead the way or get out and push the wagon from behind, whatever needs to be done."

Crow's distinction as A&M's only Heisman Trophy winner could change either this year or next with record setting running back Darren Lewis' bid for the Heisman.

"I certainly look at Lewis as one that could join the group in New York (where the Heisman is presented)," Crow said. "After the first two or three games we'll know better what his chances are. It's important for him to get a good start in the season. I'm looking forward to having another Heisman winner, although I certainly don't mind being the first."

Except for two years in the early 1980s, Crow has been involved as either a player, coach or athletic director. During the two years he was in private business, he was involved in developing real estate and selling insurance.

"I felt like a fish out of water," Crow said. "I wasn't involved in athletics."

Crow had a business in Tyler as an insurance agent in 1983 when Head Coach and Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill invited him to return to Aggieland as associate athletic director. He was grateful to Sherrill for the opportunity, and he considers Sherrill a friend.

Although he said it was possible he might have joined former teammate Gene Stallings with the Cardinals coaching staff or Jack Pardee (now with SWC rival Houston), "I don't know if there's any other job in the world that could have gotten me away from Tyler besides the one here at A&M."

Looking back on his life, Crow said the one thing he would change would be his study habits, even though he was named to the Scholastic All-America's first team for his high grades as an Aggie student.

"I didn't like going to school," he said. "Maybe I'm being too honest by saying it. I enjoyed playing football, but didn't enjoy the academics. If I had it to do over again, I would study harder and have learned more. Maybe I wouldn't have made as many mistakes."

Crow's love for A&M and the alumni's high regard for him make him an overwhelmingly popular athletic director. This will be his first football season as athletic director at A&M.

## Scholarships

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graduate student to have competed before losing his eligibility was former A&M quarterback Craig Stump in 1987.

In order to receive a scholarship, an athlete must be a full-time student. Full scholarship recipients are not allowed to work except during the summer and school holidays, and cannot receive any additional scholarships.

Partial scholarship recipients can work and receive additional funding along with their athletic scholarship, as long as it does not surpass the maximum amount of a full athletic scholarship.

Even if athletes are awarded full scholarships and refuse them, they may be allowed to receive money from other sources for the maximum amount they would have been offered.

The coaches set the amount of time, number of workouts and requirements expected of the athletes, regardless of the season. Nelson said that athletes with a grade-point-ratio of under a 2.0 must attend study hall two nights a week, and free tutoring is available.

Athletes who work are not given any exceptions. They are expected to practice the same amount as full scholarship recipients.

Aaron Wallace, a senior poultry science major and Aggie linebacker, receives a full scholarship.

Besides practice, Wallace must run and lift weights. His typical day begins with classes in the morning, practice at 2:30 p.m., dinner at 7

p.m. and then studying until he goes to bed.

Wallace said that coaches want the athletes to represent themselves well, both on the field and in the classroom.

Dennis Ransom, a junior agricultural business and marketing major as well as an A&M defensive end, also receives a full scholarship.

"Being on a scholarship," Ransom said, "gives me a great sense of security, because I'm getting the chance to get a good education. It's also a great opportunity to play at and attend Texas A&M."

He said the counselors and coaches watch over the athlete's progress. They know which athletes are in danger of scholastic probation. Ransom said that he has seen many athletes come and go who did not take their academics seriously.

Ransom said that there are many stereotypes and misconceptions about athletes, adding that many people believe male athletes have women hanging all over them that they get special treatment, which they do not.

"I'd rather be looked at as a student first and as an athlete second," Ransom said. "There's no special treatment — you work for what you get. The only place you know you're going after you get out of class is to the field, so that you can beat up on somebody or somebody can beat up on you."

Ransom said that he is jealous of regular students because of the discipline athletes must adhere to. He said he would like to go out and have a good time once in a while, but does not always have that opportunity.

Yolanda Taylor, a senior educational health and biology major and member of the women's track team, received a partial scholarship last

year. She was moved to a full scholarship this year because of her improved performance.

Taylor said that receiving a scholarship takes away many of the problems, since athletes know where their money is coming from.

Now that she has received a full scholarship, Taylor said that there is more pressure on her to perform. Taylor said she is having to work double time to get the same amount of work done that regular students do, but she said this pressure has helped her schedule her time more effectively.

While receiving a partial scholarship, she received help from her parents, but over the summer she would work because she knew there would be no extra money during the semester. Her weekdays remain very tight, and the weekends give little relief.

Jackie Jones, a junior electrical engineering major and women's track team member, receives a partial scholarship. Jones also receives an academic scholarship that pays for more than the athletic scholarship does.

The athletic scholarship pays for tuition and books only, while the academic scholarship pays for meals as well as room and board. Jones said it is not worth it being on a partial athletic scholarship.

"It's hard work, and I think an athlete should be rewarded for that," Jones said.

She said there are advantages to being a scholarship recipient, adding that athletes get their schedules ahead of time and receive free tutoring. Jones said that since time is limited, she has learned to manage her time better.

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Homestead Savings Association has extended its drive thru banking hours for the College Station office, President William F. Phillips Jr. announced recently.

"We added four hours a day to the drive in schedule to accommodate the busy schedules of our regular customers," Phillips said. "Continued growth of the home office traffic also played a part in the decision," he added.

The College Station banker noted that Homestead was growing at a time when many financial institutions were having problems.

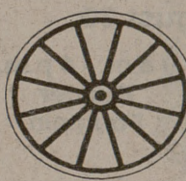
"Homestead Savings continues to grow and continues to show profits for its shareholders," he pointed out. "At a time when some financial institutions are offering less service, we are able to offer more."

Phillips attributed Homestead's steady growth to a conscious manage-

ment decision to pick solid loan customers and offer competitive services to banking customers.

"Homestead is in the enviable position of having a solid capital base, a portfolio of current loans and an increasing number of banking customers. When Homestead was opened, we sought a particular customer who paid loans on time and wanted checking and savings services without frills. Those customers have stayed with us through the hard times. They have built this institution into a highly visible part of this community. The success of Homestead is theirs — but you can be sure that management is very proud of their accomplishments."

The new drive thru banking hours will be 8 - 6, Monday thru Friday, Phillips said. Hours for the Bryan office will not be changed, he reported.



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