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Weekends were made for football

There's nothing in the world that can kill a couple of days better than a good weekend of football.

Baseball is great. It's America's game. But, watching the same teams win and lose from April until October gets a little boring.

What makes it worse is when your favorite teams, like the Chicago Cubs and the Texas Rangers, are out of contention in July.

But football, aah football. There is just something about the word that signals excitement.

Everyone loves baseball. But who really wants to go play a game of catch in a 100 degree heat. The same results can be achieved by sitting in a sauna for an hour or two.

But you get a couple of friends and head to the park to play a little football in October. That's like heaven or meeting Elvis at a Burger King. You just can't beat it.

And if you're not the kind of person that likes playing football, that's the magic of television.

Football is truly an amazing sport because a person can kill a weekend without missing up any possible weekend nights.

Picture this: Wake up about 11 a.m. on a Saturday and turn on the tube to one of those remote cable stations and bingo - a Northern Illinois-Northwest Missouri State game.

This game would kind of be like an appetizer.

About 2 p.m., flip over to one of the big networks and catch a couple of top 20 teams squaring off - The main course.

After that game, flip back to cable about 5 p.m. for the "College Game of the Week."

This game is dessert and you've had your fill of football for Saturday without having to leave the easy chair.

Now comes Sunday. The games don't start until noon so you have plenty of time to do all those little things around the house.

At noon, you click on to either CBS or NBC and catch your favorite professional team.

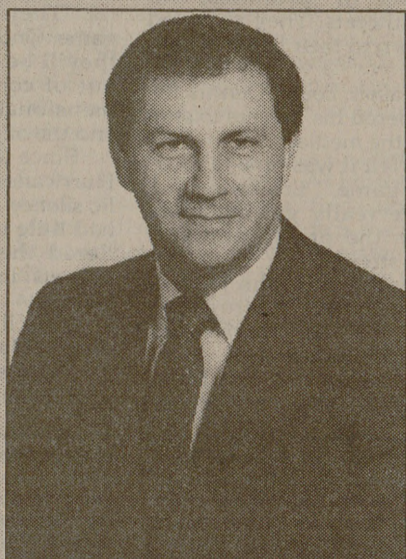
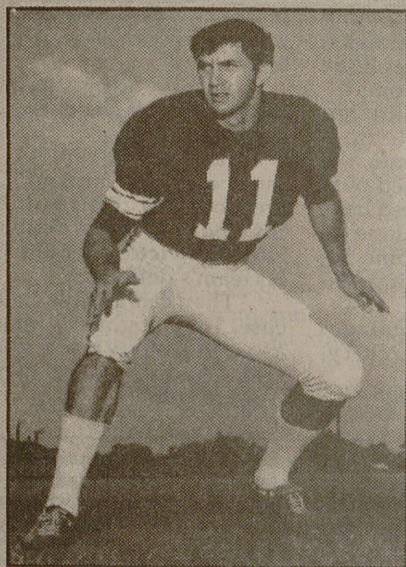
One of the perks about living in College Station is that it's pretty much guaranteed Oiler fans will get to see them play and fans of the Super Bowl-bound Dallas Cowboys can see them.

There are no problems with blackouts because it's a given that one of the networks will pick the game up.

After those teams play, it's about 6 p.m. and you haven't had any time to study.

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Hallman's homecoming



By Scott Wudel
The Battalion

Louisiana State University coach Curley Hallman and part of his coaching staff will experience a sort of homecoming Saturday at Kyle Field.

Hallman, his offensive coordinator George Haffner, and assistant coaches Phil Bennett, Larry Edmondson, and Darrell Dickey all return to Aggie land this weekend when the Tigers face the Aggies in A&M's season opener.

Hallman returns to his alma mater as the first year head coach at LSU. Saturday's homecoming will remind the Tigers' coach of his days in an Aggie uniform, when he played three seasons (1966-68) for A&M and earned All-Southwest Conference honors as a defensive back.

Following his playing career, Hallman stayed on at A&M as a graduate assistant and volunteer assistant coach. He left the Aggies in 1970 but returned in 1982 as a defensive backs coach under then defensive coordinator R.C. Slocum.

Slocum and Hallman worked together for six years before Hallman took the head coaching job at Southern Mississippi. Slocum said he is looking forward to facing off against some former colleagues and old friends this weekend.

"I've got tremendous respect for Curley, we've worked together for a long time, and we were friends before that," Slocum said. "And a number of his coaches are close personal friends."

Slocum said Hallman and his staff's coaching philosophies focus on the simple fundamentals of the game.

"All of those guys are from the old school of doing things fundamentally and doing the basics of football - playing good defense, working hard on the kicking game, and being able to run the football."

"They are all hard-nose, tough, fundamental, and sound. That's why they won games at Southern Miss and that's why they'll win games at LSU."

The A&M coach also is looking forward to seeing an old college roommate of his, LSU offensive coordinator George Haffner.

Haffner played quarterback and defensive back at McNeese State while Slocum played tight end and linebacker.

"George Haffner and I were college teammates, we roomed together one spring, lived in an apartment together, we started off coaching high school football together, and washed jockey straps on Saturday morning together," Slocum laughs.

Bennett, LSU outside linebackers coach, graduated from A&M in 1978 after playing defensive end for the Aggies for four years. Bennett worked with Slocum on the defensive side of the ball for another four years before moving on.

LSU wide receivers' coach Larry Edmondson also coached at A&M after graduating with a degree from the school. Dickey, the Tigers' tight end coach, also served as a graduate assistant at A&M for one season in 1985.

LSU coach, staff return to alma mater

Holiday Bowl to be replayed Friday night

The 1990 Holiday Bowl, featuring Texas A&M and Brigham Young, will be replayed Friday night by KAMU-TV, Channel 15 (Cable 4) beginning at 8 p.m.

A&M defeated BYU and its Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Ty Detmer 65-14 on Dec. 29 in one of the most impressive bowl defeats by an A&M team ever.

KAMU, which has shown tape replays of Aggie football games on Sunday nights for almost 18 years, will broadcast its first ever game replay Friday night.

A shortened version of the game will air from 8 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Timeouts and inconsequential plays were edited from the tape to improve the excitement of the game, Rodger Lewis, KAMU-TV program director, said.

Special guests will comment on the game and on the new season during the broadcast.

Texas A&M radio play-by-play announcer Dave South and A&M recruiting coordinator Tim Cassidy are scheduled to appear along with other guests in the KAMU studio.

The Sunday night tape replays on KAMU-TV are made possible by financial support from local businesses and individual viewers.

KAMU hopes to viewers of the telecast Friday will pledge their continued support of all Ag-

gie football game broadcasts, Lewis said.

Lewis also said the public service station hopes to arouse excitement on the eve of A&M's game against Louisiana State University Saturday afternoon.

The LSU game will be the Aggies first since the bowl victory.

Lewis said the broadcast time was arranged so as to not interfere with the traditional Midnight Yell Practice at midnight at Kyle Field.

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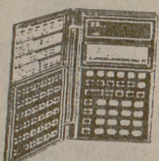
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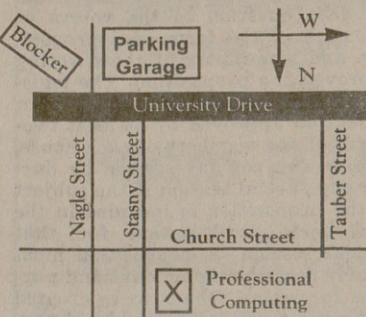


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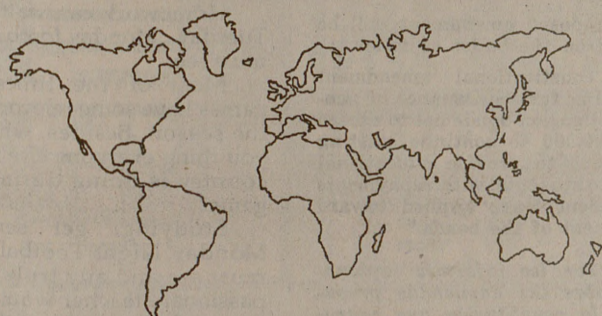
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