

Pro athletes should help less fortunate

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"I am not a role model," proclaimed Charles Barkley. Barkley may not want to carry the burden of both children and adults admiring him for his skills as a basketball player, but reality dictates that as long as he remains in the public eye, people will continue to look up to him. Professional athletes have influence and power that at times even supersedes the celebrity status of Hollywood personalities. Athletes need to recognize this added responsibility and respond to it. Fortunately, most professional athletes have.

Both the National Football League and the National Basketball Association have used their enormous realm of influence to help the charities of their choice. The NFL supports the United Way charity through public service announcements and scholarships. The NBA created the widely publicized Stay in School program that utilizes charity games and public service projects to encourage all kids, including inner-city kids, to stay in school.

While it is good that the professional leagues are dedicated to charitable causes, individual athletes' efforts are the ones that make the biggest impact. Minnesota Vikings' quarterback Warren Moon's Crescent Moon Foundation is perhaps the most well-known and most successful charity among professional athletes.

The Crescent Moon Foundation aims to help inner-city kids in Houston that are at a disadvantage. Whereas a lot of athletes just donate their name to an organization or foundation, Moon is personally involved. Although he no longer lives in Houston since he was traded to Minnesota, Moon is still involved. As a further indication of Moon's dedication, he has extended his foundation to his new hometown of Minneapolis.

It is not just involvement in charitable organizations that reflects an athlete's dedication to their community. The interaction between athletes and their fans also reflects their involvement with the community that supports them.

Last year, Sports Illustrated ran a story about Oakland Athletic's outfielder Rickey Henderson. At every home game, he had a special fan (an eight year old girl) that would sit in the outfield stands and cheer him on. However,

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Alumnus recalls former A&M football glory

Allen displays same defensive prowess as father

By Drew Diener
THE BATTALION

When Texas A&M and Baylor lock horns Saturday at Kyle Field, Grady Allen will not be in attendance for the first time this season. The 1967 Aggie Heart Award winner will be in Dallas, attending Parents' Weekend at Southwestern Medical School, where one of his sons, Geoff, is studying to be a doctor.

While Geoff is roaming around Southwestern's campus with Mom and Dad, his brother Dennis will be roaming the secondary as the starting free safety for A&M.

"It's always a thrill to see him (Dennis) on the field," Grady Allen said. "The good lord willing, if the creek don't rise, I shouldn't miss another game this year."

Dennis said having his father, a former defensive end, at games has been special.

"It makes me glad that my dad can come out here and watch me play in an Aggie uniform," Allen said.

In addition to winning the Aggie Heart Award, Grady also earned the 1968 Cotton Bowl defensive Most Valuable Player after a stellar performance in A&M's 20-16 upset of Alabama. Although Grady played a different position than his son, Dennis said he tries to emulate his father's style.

"I think I patterned my game a little after my dad's," Dennis said. "(Like him), I play a lot more with my head than with athletic skills."

Aside from the four hours a day Dennis toils with the team on the practice field, he said he also spends an additional hour or two a day in the film room.

"I'm going to do whatever is necessary to help out the team," Allen said. "I think the thing that has gotten me to where I am is that I have gotten pretty knowledgeable about the game of football."

Allen's work in practice and in the film room has paid dividends for the junior this season. After recording seven tackles in A&M's 36-14 over Ok-



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See Allen/ Page 11 Dennis Allen no. 39 gets in on the tackle during the Tech game.

Barone to breakfast with Aggie basketball fans

By Nick Georgandis
THE BATTALION

If you're ready to hear the squeak of sneakers on wood and watch some of your fellow Aggies defy gravity with a basketball, G. Rollie White is the place for you come Saturday morning.

At 8:30 a.m., the Men's basketball team will host its "Breakfast with Barone", introducing the student body to this year's basketball squad. The event will begin with a free continental breakfast for all in attendance, and a free Aggie basketball T-shirt. Following the breakfast, students are welcome to watch the first Aggie practice of the season.

"We have to get the student body into the arena this season," head men's basketball coach Tony Barone said. "We are preparing to take a tremendous step into a new league (the Big 12), and we want to go out of the Southwest conference with a bang."

Despite losing three starters from last year's squad (guards David Edwards and Chuck Henderson and forward Brett Murray), Barone is expecting this year's team to continue building on the success of

last year's team.

"I really believe that we'll be able to do some tremendous things athletically like pressing and pushing the ball hard up the court,"

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-Tony Barone,
head basketball coach

Barone said. "Our freshman and newcomers are the best recruits we've had since I've been here, and we have tremendous leadership from our senior class."

One of those seniors that will be returning for A&M is forward Joe Wilbert, who was named SWC Newcomer of the Year last season. After watching

Wilbert during preseason workouts, Barone said he is expecting even bigger and better things from last year's scoring leader for the Aggies.

"He (Wilbert) had the best preseason I've ever seen a player have," Barone said. "I have seen a 25 percent difference in his vertical jump and his strength. He really understands what it takes to excel."

When regular season play begins in about a month, the Aggies will be attempting to continue the success of last year's 19-11 overall record (10-4 in SWC play). After falling to Texas in the championship game of the SWC tournament last March, the Aggies received a bid to the National Invitational Tournament, their first post-season bid since 1987.

Although Barone admits both he and the players are extremely excited about tomorrow's festivities, he has made it clear to them that a successful season will be a year-long commitment.

"This season is about mental toughness," Barone said. "This is not a sprint, but a marathon. I don't care who wins the 50-yard dash on Saturday, I want to see who wins the 24-mile run (over the course of the season)."

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Rice vs. *15Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	"All my ex's live in Texas"	Texas	Texas	Rice
SMU vs. Houston	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	"You just let that Pony run ..."	SMU	SMU	Houston
TCU vs. Tulane	TCU	TCU	Tulane	TCU	TCU	TCU	Tulane	TCU	Tulane	TCU	"Does Ft. Worth ever cross your mind?"	TCU	TCU	TCU
*1Florida vs. *6Auburn	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	"Tangerine, Tangerine ..."	Florida	Auburn	Florida
Tenn. vs. *10Alabama	Alabama	Tennessee	Tennessee	Alabama	Tennessee	Alabama	Tennessee	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	"Sweet Home Alabama ..."	Alabama	Tennessee	Alabama
*14Arizona vs. *20WSU	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Wash St.	Wash St.	Wash St.	Wash St.	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	"Jojo left his home in Tucson, AZ."	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona
*2Nebraska vs. *16KSU	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Nebraska	Kansas St.	Nebraska	Nebraska	Kansas St.	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	"Penny Lane is in my ears ..."	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
*5Michigan vs. *9Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Michigan	Penn St.	Michigan	Penn St.	Michigan	Michigan	Penn St.	"In the jungle, the mighty jungle"	Penn St.	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan St. vs. Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Michigan St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	"Tin soldiers and Nixon's coming"	Michigan St.	Ohio St.	Michigan St.
Cowboys vs. Eagles	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	"Dallas packed her suitcase ..."	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys
49ers vs. Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers	"In 1985: Falco records Amadeus"	49ers	49ers	49ers
Last Week	8-4	8-4	7-5	6-6	9-3	8-4	10-2	7-5	7-5	8-4	78-42 (650)	Last Week's Guests: Belinda Blancarte 10-2, George W. Bush 8-4, Reveille VI 7-5. Total: 57-27 (678)		
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