

Athletics at A. and M. College

Athletics and athletic conditions at the Agricultural and Mechanical College have been improving steadily during the last four or five years, and the day is not far distant when A. & M. will excel in all forms of sport. Taking the average A. & M. student for an example, he will be found to be a healthy, strong and upright young man. With this foundation to work upon, success is assured.

The place of athletics in colleges has been argued by some of the opponents to inter-collegiate athletics to be destructive of the young man's ambition for something else. Inter-collegiate athletics have done a great work in making young men better, not only physically, but mentally and morally as well. The regular and earnest physical training makes the youth sinewy and enduring. Without the strong bodies and clear minds which they gain on the athletic field many students would undoubtedly fail in their studies.

The A. & M. football team this year was without a doubt one of the best teams that has ever represented this school on the gridiron. The team work was excellent, and the individual work was never better. Great praise is due our coach, Mr. Larson, who is, without doubt, one of the best coaches that has ever been at the A. & M. College. Being a stranger to the boys he naturally worked under some disadvantages, but it was not long before he had everything working smoothly. It is entirely to his credit that the forward pass was worked so successfully, and that the many new plays were carried out so well. This proves that it takes something else besides weight to make a team.

Since Coach Larson has become acquainted with all the boys, and knows what they can do, and what to expect of them, the next year's team will surpass, we hope, the team of 1907 in many ways.

The tabulated account of the games is as follows:

| | A. & M. |
|----------------------|---------|
| Ft. Worth U. | 0 |
| Texas U. | 0 |
| L. S. U. | 5 |
| Haskell Indians | 0 |
| T. C. U. | 5 |
| Tulane U. | 6 |
| Oklahoma U. | 0 |
| Texas U. | 11 |

Total opponents' points 27—A. & M. 125

A larger amount of enthusiasm was displayed in the company football games this year than has ever been shown before. Each company always had enough men out for practice to have two teams. An individual ac-

count of the stars of the company football teams could not be given, for, in fact, every player put forth his best efforts.

The football championship was won by "A" Company, by an overwhelming total score of 96 points to their opponents' 0. The splendid team work made possible by the every day hard practice won for these boys their title as champions. Although this team was one of the heaviest, it does not owe its victory entirely to weight.

This year's baseball team started out under disadvantages. The "strike" and several other causes weakened the team. The loss of Choc Kelley, who was the captain of the team, and also one of the best all around players, was indeed bad. Coach Wirt Spencer, though, did not look at things in such a gloomy light, for he had them practicing early and late, and made every one of the boys get up and travel to keep his pace. With an earlier start next year, and more batting practice, the team for next year will no doubt give a hard fight for the championship.

Chas. DeWare, the star first baseman, and one of the safest hitters on the team, had been chosen captain for next year. DeWare is popular with the boys and can no doubt get more hard work out of the team than any other man.

The scores made this year are as follows:

| | A. & M. |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Southwestern U. | 2 |
| Southwestern U. | 10 |
| Southwestern U. | 1 |
| Southwestern U. | 8 |
| Texas Christian U. | 0 |
| University of Ark. | 4 |
| University of Ark. | *2 |

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| Texas Christian U. | 1 |
| University of Texas. | 0 |
| University of Texas. | 1 |
| University of Texas. | 5 |
| University of Texas. | 1 |
| University of Texas. | 6 |
| Baylor University | 1 |
| Baylor University | 4 |
| Baylor University | 0 |

* 14 innings; ! 11 innings.

Our team therefore had a total score of forty-eight runs against their opponents' forty. Out of the sixteen games that were played, eight were

won, seven lost, and one tied.

The line-up of the team was as follows: Cornell, catcher; Harbin & McElroy, pitchers; DeWare, 1st base; English, 2nd base; Bittle, short stop; Butts & Eversberg, 3rd base; McDaniel, left field; Crockett, center field; Townsend, right field.

The averages made by the different men at the bat are as follows: Townsend, 316; DeWare, 310; Cornell, 261; Harbin, 209; McElroy, 182; Crockett, 179; Bittle, 167; English, 216; McDaniel, 125; Eversberg, 48; Butts, 19.

The company baseball teams have been so evenly matched that it was a hard thing to pick the winners, and now that company "C" has played the tie off, they can truly say that they honestly deserve the company championship.

The track team, under the able leadership of Coach Larson, this year, has shown good results; but now that the first real hard work of breaking in a large team, as this was, is over, it will not be difficult for the A. & M. track team to crowd all the others for the head place. Fourteen were qualified this year against only three last year.

This form of athletics, not having the proper support, was formerly permitted to drag along, but now that everything has been brought to working order, great results are expected.

V. Kejein, a Chinese student, has been elected editor-in-chief for next year of the "Columbia Spectator," the daily newspaper of Columbia University. For two years Kee has been a member of Columbia debating teams.



L. L. LARSON, Coach.

L. N. HUFF, Manager.

J. UTAY, Captain.

The College Flirt

Of all the maids that ever lived,
As well as those of story books,
There's one alone to whom we give
The most of a l our time and looks;
This maid is Annie Lytics.

Of all that ere to college come,
This one, we think, surpasses all
In bringing woe, disgrace and shame
To sad-eyed Sophs from every hall—
This maiden, Annie Lytics.

From other daughters of father Math,
We could get sometimes a big round 10,
But this little maid of all she hath,
Presents a lemon our hopes to rend;
Beware of Annie Lytics.

One sad sweet day this flirt so bold,
Entrapped three youths from Bachelor's hall,
And we believe, and too are told,
They're Bobbie, Pottsie, and Pee Wee small—
Ah! treacherous Annie Lytics.
—B. K. and C. J., '10.



An Exciting Moment.



A. L. CORNELL,
Captain '08 Baseball Team