

SOPHOMORE ATHLETICS.

Listen, dear readers, and
You shall hear this,
Of the midnight work of our Sophomore year.

'Tis the seventh of April,
In nineteen ten plus five,
And all cadets who are now alive
Will remember this joyful
Day and year.

Said the Sophomore editor,
"A writeup I need
Of all our athletics;

To tell of their deeds;
So dig up a pencil
And tell us a tale."

Now here's the result;
Folks, I hope you'll not cry,
As a scribe he's a dead one,
But his efforts run high.

F. A. Crow.

When a fish Crow made his "T" at tackle, and also was picked for the all-Southwestern team at this position. This past season he was ineligible because he attended another college the year before. Next year, when A. and M. football will again rise to its heights, Crow will no doubt be one of the mainstays of the team.

W. L. Coleman.

"Fannie" has a record all his own. From prep. school he stepped right into college ball. Last year he made his "T" as a passer and the past season as round around fullback and punter. He is always in the game and lucky are the opponents he don't have a chance to meet. This year he made his first appearance in baseball and bids fair to be one of the best all around baseball players in Southern colleges.

V. T. Billups.

When not up to some prank, Billups is playing baseball. At short last season he was a fast, clean fielder and a clever, hard-hitting batsman. He's always talking and learning and will be one of Coach Lucid's first string men for the present season.

H. J. Burkett.

He hails from Galveston and is some basketball player. "Kike" is always in the game, fast, snappy, and aggressive, and was one of the six chosen this year for letter men on a club that can lay claim to the State championship.

J. R. Barnes.

A long lanky youth who hails from Chillicothe, Texas, came to A. and M. and in his "fish" year his efforts were successful and by his untiring zeal and steady playing won one of the much coveted "Ts" this season.

M. S. Duncan.

Dunc started his athletic career at A. and M. as center on the all-powerful scrubs last year, but it remained for him to break up a few games with his bat before he was awarded a "T." He is another of our fighters and can be depended on to deliver the goods when he's called on in a tight place.

C. A. Powers.

Powers was the mainstay of the big end of Coach Moran's baseball club last year. As an outfielder he is a sure player, but just look at what he did to Rice and you won't have to ask what his specialty is. His letter came from hard work and is another first string man this year.

M. D. Gilfillan.

Max came to us from the North and is one of the two "three-letter" men on the campus. At baseball he is a southpaw twirler and made his letter

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last year for licking Rice in the fourteenth inning. At basketball he is at his best, being one of the surest shooters and hardest workers on the floor. In football he is a hard tackler and hits the line like a cannon ball. Great things are expected of him in the future and we know he can come up to taw.

G. H. Russel.

"Happy" is a backstop and a good one. His specialty is cutting men off on the bases and a man can say he is a good one if lucky enough to steal a base. He is always a fighter and loves to help the umpire make his decisions, but can be depended on to come through when a hit means a run.

P. G. Haines.

This big disciple of Coach Cluter is there with the weights. Last year he put the shot forty feet six inches, and this year bids fair to break the State record, as already his distance is over forty-two feet, and there are few men in the State as good with the discus and hammer.

H. H. Rothe.

Rothe is that fast Dutchman who vaults and jumps. "Hans" is one of the best in the State in his line and a lot is expected of him this year in track as well as next year in football. He is a nery runner and is sure to

win points for us in the two meets when we are to meet Varsity.

O. F. Spencer.

As a fish Spencer won his T-AMC on the football squad, but this year was one of the favored when the coveted "T" was awarded. He is a good defensive man and is in the game all the time.

G. B. Hooker.

"Shorty" is our fast little utility man under Con Lucid. He plays nowhere in particular, but any place well. On account of bad luck he was unable to stay on the squad last year, but will no doubt win his "T" this season. In football he is a fast, heady quarterback, and we hope that he can lead us to many victories next year.

J. M. Kendricks.

Jimmie won his letter on the far-famed club of 1912. Always aggressive and a fighter, he will make many a heart glad when we meet the University and fight out the State championship. At football he is best, but Jimmie was on the basketball squad and is now on the baseball squad.

H. L. Menn.

Herer is a true disciple of the immortal Caesar Hohn. He's a silent, hard-working Dutchman who won his

letter by sticking and fighting. While not yet a star, notice will be his soon and before he graduates big things will happen.

M. Mitchell.

"Mitch" is that well set up youngster that looks like a race horse in action. At football he is a snappy, heady player, but it is in track that he comes to the front. Last year he was one of the mainstays in the dashes, and this year much depends on him to make our meets successful.

As a whole our class is one of the best in the history of the institution, not in any one thing especially, but as a unit in all things.

With athletics we are better represented than any other class, and from our midst warriors have come who helped start A. and M. on her uphill climb toward the all around championship of the Southwest. In football we have Coleman, "him of the mighty toe and ever-working arm;" Crow, the all-State tackle, who opens holes big enough to drive a traction engine through; Kendricks, that human battering ram who cries and fights; Hooker, who is fast and uses his head for the good of the team; Spencer, ever-ready to break up the enemy's plays before they get into action; Gilfillan, that low-set Vermont boy who runs like a goat and once loose keeps going. With these as a nucleus alongside the present Freshmen, not to speak of those who will be Seniors next year, who can predict other than a football machine which will cause the various coaches of the S. W. A. A. to turn gray and hope against hope for a look-in.

In basketball we have stars who are without peer in the State. Gilfillan, too diminutive for all-State, yet the best one in the State; Burkett, who is just fast enough to run his man to death; Barnes, who works hard and backs up every play; Kendricks, who's always ready and willing. These and others will rally around Coach Steger next season and form a team unbeatable.

Our track squad is one of the best in history, and though severely hurt by the loss of its captain and other men, we are looking for a good demonstration in the State meets. Rothe will be our best bet at the pole vault. Mitchell on the track and Haines with the weights are our point getters, and withal the prospects are bright.

Last but not least comes baseball. Here we see a gathering of our classmates who, under Coach Lucid, are working themselves into the fastest nine ever seen in Southern colleges. Not all Sophomores, you say; but wait until I count them for you. There's Billups, that fast, snappy shortstop and second baseman; Hooker, who can work anywhere he's told to work; Coleman, who is among the best all around baseball players in college; Russel, who presides behind the plate; Duncan, who is at home at first and catching; Powers, who is good for a hit or two any old day and a sure fielder; Gilfillan, the southpaw who beat Rice.

No wonder we are all glad there is a Sophomore class to draw from. What would A. and M. athletics be without us? These are the men who have two more long years to play together and only the future can tell us of the records that will be made by these men.

Besides the ones that have made letters, we have many who through ill luck and health, have been deprived of the glory of wearing the much coveted "T." Of these men there is expected much and they will put forth their best efforts to uphold the athletic standing of the '17 class.

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