



### FREE THROWS

An editorial appeared in the Battalion last week concerning athletes and intellectuals. We made investigations and found that the majority of athletes of this school were above-the-average students. However the author of the editorial definitely defined the type of "athlete" that he was attacking. So much has been said concerning this article and since several replies have been sent to us that we have decided to publish one of the replies which has been considerably softened. Most of the articles were of this nature, but worse. Everyone has his own idea upon any subject and has a perfect right to publish it in the Battalion, and it does not necessarily mean that the Battalion approves it.

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"In last weeks edition of the Battalion there appeared a very sordid denunciation regarding college athletes, picturing them as a worthless, degenerate lot of boys who infest the campus of every college. Before continuing, let us remind you that the editorial appeared on "the highly intellectual" page of the Battalion, known as the editorial sheet, and was very probably written by some bird who does nothing but sit in his room, peer through thick lensed glasses and peck such articles on his typewriter as the aforementioned one. You know his kind—one of the real assets of the college. Bah!

The writer of the editorial attempted to put over the fact that the prime purpose of every athlete upon entering college, was merely to breeze through four years of college sports and never crack a book. Rube Goldberg pays \$5 each for such brilliant ideas. Could it ever have occurred to the great editorial writer that before being able to participate in a sport an athlete must be eligible, this meaning that a passing grade must be obtained in at least two thirds of his scholastic work. And believe me gentlemen, there are not many of the spinless type of professors pictured by our friend, the editorial writer, who will pass a boy merely because he is an athlete. Ask a few of them and find out

The fact was mentioned that a football player was lauded by the newspapers, making him egotistical. Our friend, the editorial writer, not having had an opportunity to become acquainted with an athlete because he simply abhors them, seemingly does not know the traits of an ordinary athlete. It is not pure egotism that covers the athlete, but a feeling of confidence in himself that is an essentially vital factor in put-

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### INTRAMURAL HANDBALL STARTS

Football Equipment to be Issued After Xmas.

Intramural handball competition started last Monday afternoon. It is being run off as last year—on a percentage basis; each organization will play every organization in its league and to win a game they must win two out of three matches.

It is hoped that the organizations that have entered will not forfeit their matches as they have in speedball Company E Infantry entered the speedball competition but forfeited all of its games. Company A Engineers and the Casuals have each forfeited four games; Troop A and B Engineers 3. Organization managers must begin posting their schedules so that the rest of the organization can see when they have contests—someone might wish to play.

Football uniforms will be issued January 7th. Battalion managers may come to the gym and check one football out to start practice with

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### REID CAGERS MEET TEACHER'S QUINTET

Two Games Scheduled.

Coach John Reid's first Aggie cage team will open their 1930 schedule with a two game series against the Sam Houston Teachers quintet Friday and Saturday nights, December 20th and 21st the Aggie five will journey to Houston for a two-game engagement with the all-star combination of the Houston Triangles to close their pre-Christmas schedule.

Probable starters for the initial bow of the Aggie five are: Keeton and Konecny, forwards; Hoke, center; and Bell and Broiles, guards. Fix, Beard, Carpenter, and Pompell have all been showing up well on the front line and should see service in these practice games. Veltman and Harling are showing promise at the guard positions; and Harris, just released from the Varsity grid team, will soon round into form and give some of these early birds a run for their places on Reid's first Aggie team. Martin has been working at center and forward and should get into the frays at the center position. Hoke is the only real candidate for the pivot position and Martin may see plenty service.

Coach Reid's cagers suffered a severe loss when it was announced that Joe Brown, veteran pivot man for the past two years, will be unable to participate in basketball this season. Joe will undergo an opera-

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### ALSABROOK TO PLAY ON WESTERN TEAM.

It has just been announced that Pinky Alsabrook has accepted an invitation to play on the Western team. It is interesting to note that the Aggies have supplied the Western team with an end for the last three years. It sorta looked as though the Aggies would have no men on the all-Conference team and not a chance at a place on the West team. But now we find two members of Matty Bell's tribe on the all-Conference selection and one on the Western team.

Aggies' claim to national recognition came in '27 when the mighty Hunt and Sikes were the principles of a stinging defeat handed to the Eastern all-American stars. As a prominent sports scribe expressed it in his lead: "Gentlemen, they play football in Texas," Hunt, Sikes, Mann, and Matthews were all the noise for the West. Hunt made the first touchdown and much yardage and Sikes recovered the ball which Jerry Mann carried over for the second touchdown. The East was afraid to come around Matthews' end, principally because he told them he would take them in and also because they knew he could.

Last year Red Petty, at present assistant freshman mentor, carried Aggie colors to the West.

Three ends and a back from one school in three years is not half bad.

### WINDERS CAPTAINS HARRIERS.

Dick Winders, fleet distance man and letterman in both track and cross country, was elected captain of the 1930 Hill and Dalers. Dick won second place in the conference run this year and won first place last year, his first year on the squad.

The Aggies lose only Captain Shoemaker from the championship club and with Roberts eligible and several fleet freshman harriers it looks as though Winders should pilot the Aggie to their sixth championship in ten years and their fourth consecutive title. If the Aggies do win the title in 1930 it will make three championship teams that Winders has been on. Winders was also a member of the championship track team last year.

Shoemaker, Michael, and Griffis are the only ones lost through graduation, but with Roberts and Hahn from the squad and the fleet fish distant man, Marquez, it looks as though Coach Anderson's crew will bring home another trophy. Langby, an intramural runner, will also make good material. Varsity men returning are: Howard, Perkins, Smith, and Winders.

### AGGIES TO PLAY NEBRASKA 1930

Tulane, Centenary Also on Schedule.

Coach Matty Bell's charges will do considerable traveling next year when they journey to Lincoln to meet Dana X. Bibbes championship team in an early inter-sectional game. As usual Southwestern University comes to College Station September 27th, for a primer, then Nebraska looms ahead Oct. 4th. No sooner than the Aggies play these huskies, the Tulane eleven, champion of the Southern conference, will be in Dallas for a game with the Aggies October 11 and the Aggies will be there too—to revenge that 13-0 defeat handed them in New Orleans. Then the Bellmen meet another conference champion in T. C. U. the following week, October 25 the Aggies again entrain for the distant Arkansas, and then they finally settle down at College Station for a game with Centenary Nov. 1st. Three conference games follow with only the Rice game being played on Kyle Field; S. M. U. Nov. 8th, Rice Nov. 15th, and Texas Nov. 27.

Three championship teams on three consecutive Saturdays—Coach Matty Bell's charges have something to begin working for.

T. C. U. is the only conference eleven to meet every other team in the conference; Baylor, Texas, and the Aggies meet five, while Arkansas takes on four.

Four conference teams will play the Centenary eleven: Arkansas, Texas, Baylor, and the Aggies. Baylor has a fair schedule; Iowa U., Centenary, and Tulane are on their

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### FRESHMEN CAGERS BEGIN WORK

When Freshman Coach Higginbotham and Assistant Freshman Coach "Red" Petty issued their call for Fish cagers it looked like the freshmen were just holding another meeting—more than 75 were on hand for the initial get-together; and since the first meeting was not announced the coaches expect many more to sign up.

### Practice Began Tuesday.

The freshman teams have usually been handicapped because they have had only from 4:00 o'clock to 5:00 o'clock to practice on the varsity court, but this year they will be able to use the Intramural gymnasium and can put in at least two and a half hours. Last year the freshman team enjoyed a very successful season though there were no outstanding players on the team; they won all but one of their games.