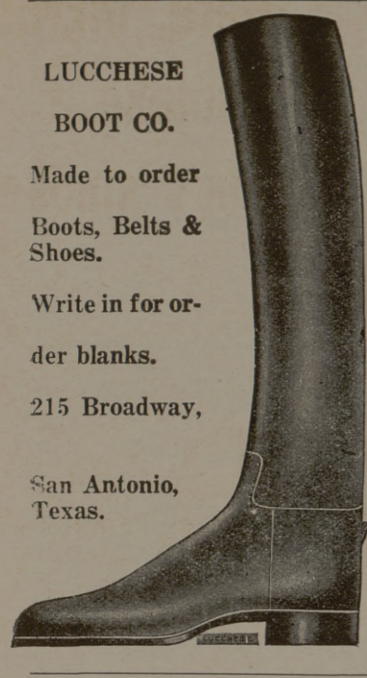


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**Sport Sidelights**

By W. J. Faulk

**SPOTLIGHTS**  
Saturday night will write finis to a basketball season which rivals the best in conference history and boasts of one of the greatest arrays of versatile stars of the hardwoods ever assembled in the loop. While there is an abundance of material for every berth on the mythical five, there is a preponderance of brilliant pivot-men.

So many in fact that it would be an injustice to leave any of the three, Dietzel, Strickland, or Sexton off the first five. Since there can be only one center on a team, then it is necessary to shift the other two to some other position, preferably forward because both are great scoring machines.

Joe Merka's rapid improvement over early season form makes him easily the choice for the center post on the second team, and had he played the entire season as he has the past four games, it is not highly improbable that he would not be the possessor of a berth on the first all-conference quintet.

The final gun, or the whistle if Captain Lyons gun fails, will conclude along with a basketball game and season, another of Aggie's fighting Captain's careers, which matches well his predecessors in brilliancy. And the career of none other than Captain Charlie Beard's who by his undying fight and determination has won lasting admiration from all who have seen him play in his three years on the Varsity. Despite his size he has kept pace with the best the conference had to offer throughout the season and has upheld in every sense the title of a "fighting Captain of the fighting Texas Aggies."

Lester "Squawk" Veltman will accompany Charlie Beard in making his final appearance as a member of the Aggie cage team. However, he will not "wind-up" his athletic career but will assume his duties as leader of the "Horsehide" nine.

Eyes of the Southwest will be turned toward the diamond at Kyle field as the champion Aggies prepare to open their 1932 schedule early in April. The Aggie team of 1932 is due to be the source of vast amounts of conversation and wonderment; and the target for each of the five other conference schools as they swing into action headed toward a second successive pennant in as many years.

The question arises—with a wealth of sophomore material coupled with several veterans, including Marshall Shaw who pitched the boys dizzy in the conference last season. Will the Aggies repeat? The schedule calls for 16 games, or the maximum number that could be scheduled, while TCU and S M U scheduled only ten games each. Uncle Billy Disch and his Longhorns, diamond kings of the conference for very nearly a score of years with a single interruption, will again be the chief competitors and the schedule favors the Steers with the last two games to be played in their "Corral."

While Varsity Spring training has just gotten underway in good style, the Intramural football season closed officially when the Cavalrymen battled the First Battalion Infantry

to a scoreless deadlock, to win their second title in five years by a margin of one half game. A few men were outstanding in the season just passed but weather conditions so handicapped the schedules as a whole that very few were able to demonstrate their prowess in the games played.

Those rampaging riflemen continue to set the pace among the nations leading small bore indoor teams as they have just completed another week's firing in which they have bettered all previous records.

Crass capped the situation by setting an all-time mark of 388 out of a possible 400 for A and M riflemen. Although records have not been returned from the fourth week's "shoot," reports from Lieutenant Nachman are that the team has beaten the score set in the week previous. North Dakota, who is tied with A and M with two legs on the National Intercollegiate Cup seems to be definitely out of the running as they fell to the lowest of the ten teams last week with a bare 3519 points.

Optimism seems prevalent in the camp of the Longhorn "waterboys" over in Austin as they announce their intentions of taking first place in the first Southwest conference swimming meet this spring. Word comes that the Orange and White can boast of several possible Olympic prospects. Well, there is always a possibility, but remember the Aggie swim team has lost only two matches since its organization, and the team appears to be fairly strong in nearly every event this year.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday — Palace — "Dancers in the Dark."

**Boxing-Wrestling Starting Next In Intramural Events**

Intramural boxing and wrestling will get underway early next week, or as soon as tournament schedules can be completed after participants have finished weighing in on the afternoon of Thursday and Friday this week.

A plan which differs slightly from that of former years is to be inaugurated in the scheduling of the matches this season in that the boxing and wrestling bouts will be staged on alternate instead of the same afternoons. This plan will provide plenty of time for full attention to be given each sport.

Seven classes will be offered in each sport. They are: 115, 125, 135, 145, 160, 170 pounds and the heavy weight. Contestants will be allowed to enter classes in which they are within four pounds of the weight either way. Individual medals will be given to winners of their respective classes.

**Frogs Play First Game As Sport World Speculates**

Conference history will be made when the Aggies open their 1932 baseball season as defending champions of the Southwest conference for the first time, facing a schedule of sixteen games on the road to a second triumph.

Furnishing the brunt of the opposition will be the dethroned Longhorns, Rice Institute's Feathered tribe, and Baylor's wearers of the Green and Gold. Four games with each of the aforementioned are listed on the trail which the Aggie machine must travel and master in their title march, while two games each will be played with Southern Methodist and Texas Christian Universities.

**Student Government Talked Of As Press Club Plans Program**

A possible plan for student government in which officers of the student body would be elected to replace the student welfare committee but whose authority would not interfere with that of the class officers under the present system was discussed at a meeting of the press club held Thursday, February 11, in the Asbury Room of the library.

A committee was appointed to invited John Lomax, famous lecturer and authority on national folk songs, to visit the college and lecture to the students on cowboy songs. Lomax was formerly associated with the Department of English here.

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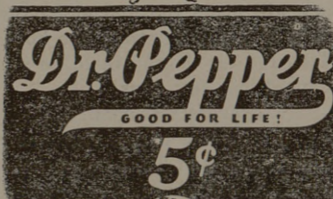
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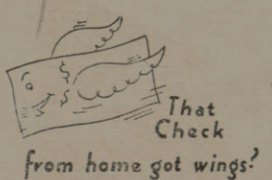
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