

# Henderson Stars in Intramural Basketball Play

## SERIOUS ENGLISH DEFICIENCY REFLECTED IN TEXTS, SUMMY DISCLOSES IN RECENT LETTER

BY BILL MURRAY

The very low scores made on the general test in English recently taken by all freshmen indicate serious deficiency in English fundamentals among a considerable proportion of the A. & M. student body," declares Dr. Geo. Summy, head of the English Department in a letter he has just sent to each member of the college teaching staff. Correlation of 1937 test scores with first-semester English grades showed that only 23 per cent of the students in the two lowest tenths or deciles of the class according to their test scores passed the course, 77 per cent being lost by withdrawal, failure or condition, or transfer to a non-credit course in language fundamentals. Of the students whose scores were in the two highest-ranking deciles, 97 per cent survived and passed the course in freshman English.

Low scores made on the test lately given the freshmen on reading vocabulary indicate weakness in general information, reading habits, and ability to make distinctions. Correlation of 1937 vocabulary scores with first-semester English grades showed 29 per cent of passing grades for the two lowest deciles as against 91 per cent for students in the two highest.

Both the current tests show, Dr. Summy points out, that we have a large number of students who cannot hope to pass college English unless they pay serious and effective attention to their habits of speech, reading, writing, and thinking.

The general English test, with sections on spelling, punctuation, usage, and grouping and sentence structure, was taken by a total of 1,837 freshmen. The possible score on this was 250, but the median was only 98, and of the 1937 boys tested only 198 scored 150 or higher.

On the reading vocabulary test, taken by 1,832 freshman English students, the possible score was 100 but the median here was only 41. About 1300 of the 1932 boys who took this test scored 50 or lower. A copy of this vocabulary test was sent each member of every

departmental staff, together with a copy of Dr. Summy's letter.

Dr. Summy, well-known in the Southwest for his work on objective tests, devised both the vocabulary test and general English test. Each is a printed examination covering four pages. The worth of these tests has won increasing recognition by other colleges and educators.

Dr. Summy in his letter stated that since the administrative officers of the various schools have asked members of all department staffs to do their utmost to encourage students in the use of good English, staff members should be interested in the scores made in the above-discussed diagnostic tests taken by the freshmen this past month. These scores, Dr. Summy says, show undeniably how serious the English problem is, and how important it is that all members of the college staff make the students here understand the necessity of constant attention to their thought and language.

"It is obvious," concluded Dr. Summy, "that three periods a week in an English section—no matter how hard the instructor may strive to instill good English in his students—can be and largely are nullified in their good effect by the negligence of students, by the force of bad example, by the mistaken opinion that nothing matters to a technical student except knowledge of his specialty, and by the current spirit of revolt against the customs of educated society."

It was announced Wednesday by W. M. Brundret, student advertising manager of the Dallas Mothers Club, that a corps dance will be held the Saturday night of the Dallas Corps trip, November 5, in the Junior Ballroom of the Adolphus Hotel. The Aggieband Orchestra will play for the dance starting at 9 o'clock.

Five hundred tickets are now on sale for \$1.65. After October 30, the ticket sale will close until the night of the dance at which time the price of admission will be \$2.20.

## Aggs. Look O. K. In Preparation For Bear Contest

BY "CUEBALL" DOSS  
Battalion Editor-in-Chief

The Aggies look good now—very good—from my exceedingly biased point of view.

I've watched them work out all this week, and I know they're set to go.

As one observer puts it, the T. C. U. calamity was just one of those things which almost every team has to get off its chest once a year.

I think the Aggies have the stuff, the spirit, and the fight, and I don't think they're going to keep it to themselves Saturday.

Monday fit the description of "blue Monday" better than any I've ever seen.

The sky was blue, and the sky was leaking. The Aggies were blue about the game, and so were the coaches. And yet workouts went on as usual.

Within the last two days, however, the sky has become brighter. Saturday has been forgotten, and every man on the team has got determination in him.

Somebody told Major Dittman the other day that Baylor students, including the Baylor team, had got religion at a revival that was going on. The "Maje" said it would take more than prayer meetings to beat the Aggies Saturday.

The team came through the T. C. U. mess with only slight injuries. Dawson has had a bum knee, but he'll be O. K. by Saturday. "Shek" has had a charley-horse which is gone now. A few scratches and bruises here and there are about all that's left.

Right after Bill Conater was graduated from Denison High School, his coach, Logan Stollenwerck, former S. M. U. grid star, told me Bill would be the greatest kicker in the Southwest. "Stolly" must have had something there.

The Aggies will take Baylor. (Even without the "twin wiggle.") T. C. U. will stomp Marquette badly.

S. M. U. couldn't down Pitt if the Mustangs were give a 14-point handicap.

Texas and Rice will battle hard, but I'll put my guess on the Texas side just for a long shot.

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## Aggies, T. C. U. And Pittsburg Picked to Win

BY E. C. "JEEP" OATES  
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For two straight weeks your scribe has crawled out on the well known limb, and for two straight weeks that limb has broken off. Last week the darn limb broke and then fell on top of me, but here goes another shot at the scores.

The Aggies will take Baylor at Waco after a hard fight.

Pittsburg will stomp S. M. U. with ease.

Rice will win over the lowly Texas Steers.

Santa Clara is too strong for Arkansas.

Texas Christian will ruin Marquette.

Do I hear that limb cracking?

After digging through statistics on Baylor, we find that the Cadets have score 78 points in their four games and their opponents have scored 41, thanks to T. C. U. Baylor has scored 76 against 12 for the opposition in their four games.

Baylor has kicked seven extra points out of 11 tries. The Aggies have converted six times out of 12 tries.

A. & M. has made 47 first downs while their opponents have made 38. Baylor leads their opponents in this department with 58 to 30.

Baylor has made 626 yards rushing while the Aggies have made 631.

## Man Boots Kitty—That's News!

Its news when a man bites a dog, and its also news when a man boots a polecat. This unforeseen incident occurred on the night of the recent "airing-out", and caused nothing less than a virtual abandonment of some portions of Hart Hall, that being the part occupied by "H" Company Infantry.

It seems that Fish Jose Barrantes, in search of refuge from the bloody sophomores, had reached a somewhat open piece of ground at the south of the campus, wherein he spied a small black and white animal quite unfamiliar to the country of Costa Rica, home of said fish.

He chased the pretty animal for quite some ways before he was able to give the pussy a kick on its striped tail. What happened next, to use Fish Barrantes own words: "He spray me from head to foot."

## Forfeits Marring Records of Many Athletic Units

BY CHICK DENNY

The outstanding star of the past week's play in basketball, is Billy Henderson, Coach "Hub" McQuillan's famous freshman from Houston. In a game played against "C" Inf., Henderson scored nine field goals and was the main factor in keeping down Mock and Amy, the two stars of "C" Inf. Henderson plays with the "Reg. Hdq." F. A. and is ably assisted by such standouts as M. H. Cole and J. B. Rapp. The "Reg. Hdq." scored a crushing 34 to 6 win over the Infantry team.

Other scores of the week are as follows: "B" Inf. over "Mch. Gun" Cav. by a forfeit, "M" Inf. were winners over "B" Cav. by 23 to 5. N. H. Nance was the outstanding man for "M" Inf. and looked plenty good on the offense and defense.

One game was played in Class A basketball. Art. Band beat "B" Sig. in a tight battle, although the score does not indicate it. The score was 19 to 5, with the Band boys led by the accurate shooting of Cullers and Martin. There were three forfeits. "C" Inf. got one over "Mch. Gun" Cav., making two forfeits for the "gunners," Inf. Band over "D" Coast, and "C" F. A. over "2nd. Ct. Tr." F. A.

Three games of Class B touch football were played with one forfeit. The best game of the lot was between Art. Band and "2nd Hdq." F. A. when they played to 0 to 0 tie, with both teams having one forty and one twenty-yard penetration. D. R. Rumphied "B" F. A. to a 7 to 0 win over the weaker "K" Inf. team by his lone touchdown and extra point. H. C. Massey was the deciding factor for "H" Inf. win over "D" F. A. when he scored on a long pass late in the second half. The score 6 to 0.

"Hdq." Sig. forfeited to Inf. Band. Class A had one game played and two forfeits. Lewis and Jones romped all over the field to give "2nd Hdq." F. A. a 12 to 0 win over "C" Eng. Craig also played his usual "bang-up" game. "F" Coast forfeited to "D" Inf. "Hdq." Sig. forfeited to "B" Eng. This makes two for "Hdq." Sig.

In a letter sent to Intramural Managers today, W. L. Penberthy announced that handball will start Nov. 9, and entry cards for this are to be turned in by Nov. 2. Class A and Class B cross country runs will be held Nov. 19, the training period for Fish who enter will

## Mustangs Tangle Tough Pitt Eleven

With fingers crossed and a hopeful breath the Mustangs take on the famed Panthers of the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh on Saturday seeking their sixteenth inter-sectional victory.

During the past 12 years, the Ponies have played a total of 24 games in cities ranging from New York in the East, to Los Angeles in the West. The score thus far: 12 wins, 9 losses, and three ties.

Beginning in 1926, the Mustangs met and defeated such teams as Navy, Indiana, L.C.L.A., Washington U., and Vanderbilt.

As Pitt is rated as the strongest in the nation, the record may take a downward plunge.

## K. Bonham Talks At Wildlife Seminar

Monday evening the Wildlife Seminar, which has been holding weekly meetings this semester, organized a club. Officers elected were J. B. Davis, president; F. W. Taber, vice-president; W. G. Parker, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Keshaw Bonham, professor of fisheries, Department of Wild Game, was the speaker of the evening. His talk centered around the fish survey work in California. The purpose of these surveys, which are sponsored by the War Department and the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, is to investigate the detrimental effects of placer mining on the wildlife resources of the streams. Dr. Bonham who was a member of a survey party this past summer discussed the various phases of the work in progress, illustrating his talk with many interesting lantern slides.

Dan Lay, regional game manager, Region I, Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, with headquarters at Beaumont, Texas, was a visitor at the meeting. Mr. Lay discussed briefly his part in the organization of County Wildlife Boards in the twenty southeast Texas counties in his charge.

start Nov. 12 and continue until the day of the run. In order to be eligible to compete in this event a boy must have been through the training period.

Class A and Class B speedball and Class B volley ball are planned to start immediately after the completion of touch football.

Let me remind you to keep in touch with your rifle team and be sure that your boys fire for record before Saturday, Nov. 5.

The swimming meet will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11.

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