

# Intramural Competition Hits New High This Year

### Basketball, Football, Riflery, Tennis, Water Polo, Cross-Country Engaged In; Handball and Eight Other Sports Remain

By Hub Johnson

It is the aim of intramural athletics at Texas A. & M. to provide an opportunity for every student to take part in athletic sports in which he is interested and to encourage every student to take part in as many sports as possible. The department is primarily interested in those students who are not proficient enough in a given sport for varsity competition.

After the development of the program, various organizations developed teams and later developed the attitude that the organizations winning the intramural games were of top ranking on the campus. At first the games were played between battalions, but as the school grew, events were scheduled between companies, troops and batteries.

Varsity Material

In many of the games varsity material or material for the freshman teams has been discovered. It therefore remains that a letterman in a varsity sport is barred from competing in that sport in intramurals.

Past Records

The first record of actual competition was in 1927 when some 1100 students took part in the program. During the '37-'38 year the number of participants in the games was set at 2,810. Last year this number was boosted about 400, but already this year a sign of at least a hundred per cent increase over that has been shown. This is due to the migrating of the large number of students from the project houses of Bryan and Navasota into the new halls. The highest record in the history of intramurals so far is expected to be set this year.

Supervision of Program

The program is supervised by W. L. Penberthy, a faculty committee, and a student committee made up of representatives of each of the three higher classes. The senior managers elected this year include W. W. Downer, P. J. Lemm, and George Tillson.

W. W. Downer is captain of 3rd Headquarters Field Artillery and a resident of College Station.

P. J. Lemm is captain of C Infantry and hails from Brenham, Texas.

George Tillson comes from Mission, Texas, and is in D Field Artillery.

Banquet Opens Season

The 1939 season was officially opened Monday, November 21, with a banquet attended by all senior, junior, and organization managers in old Sbis Hall. The faculty advisors were introduced and each wished the organization managers luck throughout the year.

"Mr. Penny", who is known as a boy's best friend on the campus, was the toastmaster and supervisor of the function and gave many good points on leadership.

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# The "All-American" Hitch-Hiker-- He's Keyes Carson, And A Texas Aggie

By George Fuermann  
Editor's note: This is the fourth and concluding article in Fuermann's series relating the adventures and experiences of Keyes Carson on his record-breaking cross-country hitch-hiking trip this past summer. The first three articles appeared in The Battalion of November 21, 23, and 25.

The nation's All-American hitch-hiker... From Texas to New York in less than two days... Then from New York to the other side of the continent, San Francisco, in four days... And finally, back to Texas again in two more days. Aggie Keyes Carson is the man who did it. Including the days he spent at the two world's fairs, sixteen days elapsed from the time he left San Antonio until his return on July 8.

Many there have been, in the past few months, who have doubted the truth of Keyes' amazing trip. But there's proof to spare, because the cautious Texan anticipated the hesitancy with which his fellow Americans would accept his story. Arriving in New York from Texas, he telegraphed home, and the exact hour of his arrival is thus established by the hour marked on the message which his parents received. In a like manner he sent

and the object of the program.

**Basketball First 'Mural Sport**

Basketball and football were the first games to make their appearances on the campus and have offered many interesting and exciting minutes of play.

The weather has held back the completion of the football schedule although the upperclassman basketball finals were run this last weekend with an Infantry company carrying off the title.

The '39 co-champions, 1st Headquarters Field and A Battery Field, both boasted as good teams as they had last year, but so far the Headquarters football team has been the only team that has stood out for the battery.

**Rifle-Shooting**

F Company Engineers carried off the rifle-shooting title with a score of 465 of a possible 500. This was the first mark for the Engineer team but since that time they have taken the lead with a good margin for this early stage.

Some fine shooting was seen on the range with Dave Fitch firing a score of 99. Following him were Paul Dillon and Johnnie Zercher in the 98 bracket, and Bill Becker, Lewis Kennemer, Allen DuBose, and James 'Buck' Skinner, each firing 97.

The championship team was composed of Bolin, Mason, Clay, Appelt, and McCutchan.

**Other Sports**

Water polo matches are now being held with ten minutes of fast, hard, and rough swimming being the program for each match.

Now in the quarter finals of each bracket are the tennis matches which were entered by so many organizations that two brackets were formed. The winners of each will be matched to decide the final winner.

The cross-country run was held this past Saturday with some thirty boys taking part. Previous to the run, practice sessions were held for all who wished to take advantage of the teaching. These were conducted by veteran track and cross-country coach Frank Anderson.

**Yet To Be Played**

With handball games just begun there still remain eight other sports to be played before next June. These include swimming, volleyball, speedball, horseshoe pitching, wrestling, boxing, softball, and track.

**Awards To Winners**

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telegrams home when he left New York upon his arrival in San Francisco four days later.

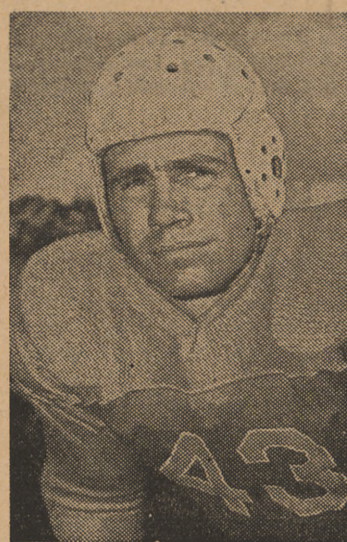
But Keyes wanted to be certain that the credibility of his trip was established. As he took busses or street cars through the various cities through which he passed, he asked for transfer slips which indicate the date and exact hour of his sojourn in a particular city.

Full credit for the astounding speed in which he made the trip goes to the National College-University Travel Club of which Keyes is founder. The club now numbers members in many colleges and universities throughout the nation and all such institutions in Texas. Members are equipped with reflector signs indicating where they are going and a similar sign bearing the name and insignia of their college. When a member takes leave of a benefactor at the end of a ride, he gives the driver a "Thank you" card which bears the name and address of the student.

Many interesting experiences came Keyes' way on his 'round-the-nation jaunt, but most interesting of all occurred while he was still in Texas and only thirty miles from his home in Cuero. While waiting for a ride in Hallettsville, Keyes noticed that a young man had driven around the block several times and each time he had given Keyes a careful once-over. A few minutes later he came around the corner at top speed, skidded to a stop, and breathlessly told Keyes to "jump in, kid." He got in and the driver raced off at a far faster speed than the law allowed. "He told me he was from west Texas," Keyes said. "I have made it a habit to notice license numbers and noticed that his number was one from the western part of the state. I told him this and he paled a little and asked me how I knew. I changed the subject."

Keyes was let out on the edge of town and the next day learned that the Hallettsville bank had been robbed by a man of the same description who picked him up the previous day. Later Keyes was called upon to identify the robber.

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Don Weedon, sophomore from Bryan, is one of the most promising guards on the University of Texas squad. He weighs 202.

### SEASON FOR GARLIC PLANTING IS HERE

October, November and December are the months for planting garlic in Texas, says C. E. Altstatt, plant pathologist at the Texas Agricultural Experiment station here. Texas is one of the three states that produces the major part of this pungent bulb for American consumers. The others are Louisiana and California.

One tremendous step forward this machine age has overlooked is the placing of zippers on mouths.

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# A. & M.'s Biggest Bonfire Will Blaze Tomorrow Night

By Jimmie Cokinos

Speaking of bonfires! You should take a walk out near the drill field and see the freshman class assisted by their "straw-bosses", the sophomores, make a mountain with a wood pile. Enthusiastic cooperation in dragging, rolling, and carrying logs and every describable form of wood is rapidly bringing to perfection a spectacular accomplishment in the way of preparing for the Aggie-Longhorn game. This great pile of wood promises to make the biggest bonfire in A. & M. history, when it is set ablaze on the eve of Thanksgiving.

This gigantic building program was started the Monday after the Aggies rolled over the hapless Rice Owls and the "fish" builders have only a few more days left to gather materials for the bonfire. But they're doing right well!

We went out the other afternoon to watch the fish in their work, and the scene was full of that famous "Aggie spirit". It could be observed as a gang of fish came marching to the site of their project bringing more wood and at the same time chanting the Aggie War Hymn, "Good-by To Texas". And "Reveille", A. & M.'s canine mascot, not mind-

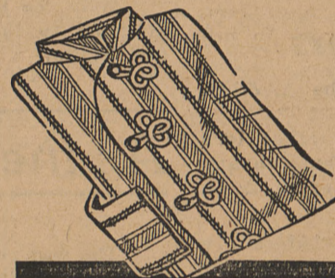
ing her rheumatism, was running around the area and her incessant barking seemed to tell the fish, in a typical foreman-like manner, for them to cut out their "bull- sessions" and get the work done.

The bonfire program will be handled by senior yell leaders F. A. "Bodie" Pierce and Bert Burns. On this occasion the cadet corps will hold its final yell practice of the football season. Speeches will be made by the coaches and members of the football team, and by a number of ex-students. They will all do their bit towards getting the corps ready for the game. On that night the Aggie spirit will be at the highest pitch ever attained by the "twelfth man", and it will be shown the fans at game time as the cadets yell for their team to keep the tradition intact. No victory for Texas over A. & M. on Kyle Field!

"EDUCATION WILL NOT change a person's basic personality; you cannot educate a person out of the life he is born to live." Dr. Paul Popenoe, University of Southern California, believes, however, that education can broaden a person's outlook on life and help him to appreciate the world he lives in.



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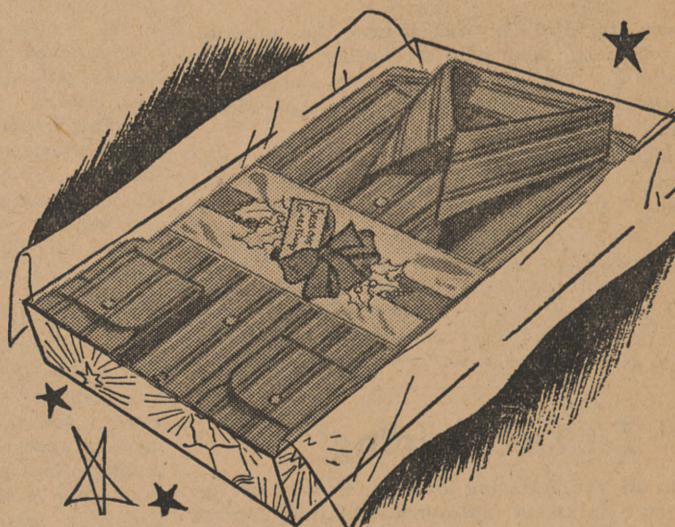


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