

Intramurals Reach New Peak With 4,000 Competing

SUMMER SESSION AT A. & M. IS DESIGNED TO CARE FOR ALL TYPES

The Summer Session of A. & M. will begin on Monday, June 10, with registration from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Classes start at 7:30 a. m. Tuesday, June 11. Thursday, June 13 is the last day for registration for credit during the first term. Final exams take place on July 19-20.

The second term begins with registration on Monday, July 22. Finals will be on Friday and Saturday, August 30-31.

In addition to the six and twelve weeks' courses of the College Division and the Graduate School, the summer session provides a number of short unit courses extending over a period of two or three weeks to meet the needs of adults who cannot leave their jobs for a longer period of time. Field and tour courses are available to advanced students in agriculture, geology and engineering branches.

Besides the regular College Division of summer school, the administration offers a number of short courses, including the Summer Cotton School, the Texas School Administration Conference, the Conference of County and Rural School Supervisors, the Farmers' Short Course, the Firemen's Training School, the Short Course for Oil Mill Operators, and the Annual Coaching School.

Courses will be offered subject to the same general admission requirements in the summer school session as in the regular session, but there are no specific academic requirements for admission to the general short courses and the Summer Cotton School.

Summer-session students are provided with the best room accommodations in the college dormitories. Walton Hall will be used by women students and married students. Sixteen two-story cottages designed especially for "project groups" will be available for the summer session students. These houses are of eight rooms with thirty-two beds and are very suitable for groups who may desire to live together on a cooperative plan.

As in previous summers the college will provide a variety of interesting lectures and entertainment at no extra cost to the students. In addition to these special lectures, students are invited to participate in the "forums," the sessions of the general short courses, and educational conferences. Speakers of national prominence in the fields of education, rural life, and farm economics appear on the programs of these special groups.

Organization Sports Program Expands With College Growth

16,000 Entries Were Recorded in 1939-40 In 15 Upperclassman, 14 Freshman Sports

By HUB JOHNSON

Just as in days of old when the Athenian and Spartan men and boys competed in sports, this year some 4,000 Aggies have taken part in intramural sports—contests between various organizations on the campus. The A. & M. intramural system is known as one of the most successful possessed by any school in the world.

The origin of such contests and games can never be actually determined, for throughout time contests have been held to proclaim the best in each game or sport.

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.

Intramurals Started At A. & M. in 1924

The record of actual scheduled games at A. & M. extends back to when the physical training of students was under the supervision of the Athletic Department in 1924. In that year, under the direction of H. H. House, competition was held between the battalions in football. Each of the battalions had two teams determined by the proficiency and skill of the players. At the close of the season, champions were declared in each class.

The following year seven sports were added to the list but battalions were represented by only one team in the games. These sports included basketball, cross-country racing, gymnastics, swimming, track, softball, and tennis. The next year, 1926, speedball was added to the list.

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.

Penberthy Becomes Intramural Director

In the year '27-'28 the games were first played on a company basis, with seven teams participating in each class, A and B. This was the first year that intramural athletics was under the supervision of the present director, W. L. Penberthy. Six sports—volleyball, golf, handball, horseshoe pitching, boxing, and wrestling—were added to the department. This brought the number of different games and contests to fifteen.

Twenty-two organizations were represented in the various contests the following year, including a team composed of "casuals" or non-military day-students. Second teams were chosen in softball and as much excitement and competition was seen in their games as between the "A" teams.

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 included 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.

Intramurals May Be Substituted For P. E. Classes

Pingpong was introduced experimentally in '32, with three-man teams representing each organization. No points were given for participation in this game, but championships were declared and medals were awarded the winners.

At the close of the tournament the game was added to the some sixteen others but was dropped the following year. Water polo took its place among the games in 1934 and in the second semester of the following school year a plan was drawn up for the optional substitution of intramural participation for physical education in the freshman year. Water polo, softball, volleyball, and horseshoe pitching were opened to the freshman list with the new arrangement and touch football was offered to the regular teams. This was the spark to the reform that followed the next term. The double program

SOIL SPECIALIST WILL TEACH HERE DURING SUMMER

Robert Chandler, Prof Of Forest Soils, To Visit

Dr. Robert Chandler Jr., assistant professor of forest soils, department of agronomy, Cornell University, will be visiting professor of agronomy at A. & M. from June 10 to July 20.

In order to be of service to all groups interested in forestry, and particularly those interested in the problems of the forest soils in the Southwest, graduate courses in forest soils will be offered during the first term of the 1940 summer session under Dr. Chandler. Since no such courses have been offered before in the Southwest, and since the state of Texas has about 35,000,000 forest acres, these courses and their attendant field trips should present a valuable opportunity to study forest soil problems in a new area, it was said by Dr. Ide P. Trotter, head of the A. & M. Department of Agronomy.

Ecology of the Texas forest areas is particularly interesting because they represent both the typical Southern pine forests and the temperate zone where the humid forest areas meet the semi-arid tall grass prairies of the Southwest. College Station lies in the center of this transition zone. The wide range of soil and climatic conditions found in Texas, and the 225 species of trees in the state make it an especially significant place in which to study the climatic, physiographic and biotic relationships.

A. & M. College has the largest School of Agriculture in the world. The school is a member of the Land Grant College System of the United States and its courses are accepted for credit by the outstanding educational institutions in the country.

This school permits a graduate student to take a total of six credits in a six weeks' summer term. One three-credit graduate theory course and a special problems laboratory course of one to three credits will be taught by Dr. Chandler, making available full-time graduate work in forest soils. Any student who has completed a three or four credit course in introductory soils at an accredited institution will be admitted to Dr. Chandler's courses.

For a six weeks' summer term the matriculation fee is \$15; the medical fee is \$2; dormitory rent \$8.50 including janitor service, and in the college dining hall meals are 40¢ each or \$30 for the term of six weeks.

Lindbergh (whose real name was Manson) was the 67th man to make a non-stop flight over the Atlantic Ocean.

Coaching Staff Represents Many Sections of the Nation

From the South, the Southwest, the Midwest and the East have come the members of the Texas Aggie coaching staff, bringing the experience of many seasons of coaching and the knowledge of football and other sports as they are played in all sections of this nation.

This year the assignments for the fall are as follows: Homer Norton, head coach; Marty Karow, who also is head baseball coach in the spring, backfield; J. W. (Dough) Rollins, who also is business manager of athletics and head track coach, ends; Bill James, line; Manning Smith, backfield demonstrator and handler of B squad; H. R. McQuillan, who also is head basketball mentor, head freshman coach; Charlie DeWare and Virgil (Brahma) Jones, assistant "fish" coaches; Harry Faulkner, scout who is also assigned to coaching duties; and L. J. (Lil) Dimmitt, trainer.

Head Coach Norton, product of Birmingham high school and Birmingham-Southern College, where he was a four-letter man, captain of both baseball and football and winner of the medal as the best all-around athlete of the 1915-16 season, came to Aggieland in 1934 from Centenary, where his Gents had made it miserable for several years for Southwest Conference teams. He also played professional baseball in the Southern Association, the Piedmont League and the Million Dollar League and had been sold to the American Association at the time he retired from the diamond sport to stick to coaching at Centenary in 1920. At Centenary he was head coach two years, then line coach under Bo McMillan, and finally head coach from 1926 until 1934.

Coach Rollins, who established himself as one of the "greats" in Aggie athletic history before his graduation in 1917, was a captain of Infantry in the World War and played on the 36th Division team of the A.E.F. in France. Starting in 1923, he coached at Wesley College in Greenville and at the East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce before returning to Aggieland.

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Line Coach Bill James brought 14 years of coaching experience at Birmingham and Fort Worth Central high schools, Texas Christian University and Texas University when he came to Aggieland in 1935. A former member of the famous "Praying Colonels" of Centre College, he has won recognition as one of the best line coaches in the game.

Manning Smith jumped straight to his coaching job at A. & M. from Centenary, where he won all-around mention under Coach Norton. He began his quarterbacking at Byrd High in Shreveport. McQuillan, highly capable fish football and varsity basketball head, was an all-around athlete for North Dakota Agricultural College, graduating in 1916. He coached at Rochester, Minn., and Lakeland, Fla., high schools and at John B. Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, and had served as president of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association before coming to College Station in 1935.

DeWare and Jones, who assist McQuillan with the fish, were all-Southwestern at center and guard, respectively, three years ago, and are in their third year on the coaching staff.

Trainer Dimmitt, one of the best known and most popular sports figures in Texas, is a former Southwestern University man, and came to Aggieland from Beaumont, where he coached the Royal Purple when it annually was among the leaders in Texas high school football.

Only addition to the football staff this past season was Harry Faulkner. Former producer of strong teams at Terrell Prep, he served at one time on the S. M. U. staff, has done much scouting for major teams, especially Oklahoma, and was business manager of the Lubbock team in the West Texas-New Mexico baseball league last year.

CONFERENCES TO BE HELD IN JUNE

The annual Texas School Administration Conference will be held at Texas A. & M. College, June 24-27, according to an announcement made here by Dr. T. D. Brooks, secretary of the conference and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School at the college.

Problems to be discussed during the four-day session will include guidance, school organization and administration, evaluation of secondary schools and agricultural education.

During the same dates the annual conference for county and rural school supervisors will be held on the campus, Prof. W. L. Hughes, head of the college's Education Department, has announced. Problems facing these educators will be discussed by the various superintendents, supervisors and members of the State Board of Education.



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