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### Aggies Back In Good Shape After Win From Houston Team; Sportsmanship of Corps Poor

Exams are on and this time next week many coaches here at Aggieland the same as elsewhere over the country will be faced with the problems of who is to replace "Kilvenbesty" and will a certain Jones come through now that he has made the grades.

The Aggie cage team takes time out after Thursday's game to hit the books and taken on one of the top opponents of each year—final exams.

Their first game after returning for the second semester will be with the T. C. U. Hornfrogs in "Cow Town" on Feb. 11 and with the S. M. U. Mustangs the following night.

Mid-term will find Sammy Dwyer and Mike Cokinis returning to the hardwood floors to finish out the season. Dwyer has been faced with

grades as has the "Iron Man." It was said that there might be an age limit and Mike didn't meet it.

Again Thursday night the cadet corps cut the team's throat in the stands. Booming and heckling the visitors while they are attempting free throws comes back at the Aggies when they hit the road for foreign schools.

It has been discussed time and again—the fact that some players don't even hear these distractions—that's true—on the other hand, some do.

An apple core was even thrown into the game, splattering over some one fourth of the playing floor. This will be the winning point for the opponents some evening and the cadets will lose one they should have won.

### Minor Sports To Share In Highlights After Mid-Term; Tankers Swim With Dallas Sat.

After mid-term the minor sports season will be in full-swing.

Already golfers have covered the Bryan Course in their preparation for the coming tournaments.

Fencing lessons are being taught at DeWare Field House in the boxing room each evening at 7 o'clock by team captain Tom Akarman and classes of around thirty students have been attending.

Pistol and rifle shooting will get into full swing and shoulder tournaments should be more numerous this season.

Polo will make its reappearance under the leadership of the team's new coach, Major Stevenson of the Cavalry.

Freshman try-outs for the tennis team are being held and varsity team practice will commence right away.

Saturday night, February 8, Coach "Water Duck" Adamson will send his tankers against the Dallas Athletic Club here in P. L. Downs Jr. Natatorium. This is a good lag-season event and will feature some fine swimmers.

Last Monday night at the Houston Ex-Aggie party a magician gave Coach Homer Norton fair warning as to who the fumbler would be in his backfield next year.

He called Derace Moser, Jake Webster, Willie Zapalac, and Marion Pugh to the platform along with the coach. Pugh substituted in for the fourth man.

A small silver ball was passed back and forth amongst the quartet. The more it was handled the hotter it got. Finally to bring the prediction straight home Pugh dropped out of the race. In the end

### Dallas Athletic Club Wins From Baylor Swimmers

Aggies Will Meet Same Team In First Home Meet of Season

A strong swimming team from the Dallas Athletic Club that torpedoed the Baylor University aquamen in a meet January 4 will make their appearance at Aggieland on February 8 to take on the strong A. & M. team.

The Dallasites, in their meet with the Bears, came out on the long end of a 47-14 score by copping first places in all events entered. Stars of the meet were Sonny Smoot, Bob Sinclair, Phil Montgomery, and Danny Green, all of the Dallas Athletic Club.

This strong team will meet an equally strong bunch of swimmers in the Cadets. A team made up of record breakers and near record breakers.

Harold Hensley, captain of the Aggie team, will lead such stars as Bob Taylor, who took two new records in Kansas City, Mo., and E. W. Conway, Jim Davis, and N. A. Ponthieux who made up the medley relay team that set a new record against the Kansas Cityans.

The Cadets will meet the Dallas Athletic Club in a return meet in Dallas on February 15.

Zapalac dropped the ball.

Homer Norton—he refused to take the ball at all.

Here and there . . . Sammy Dwyer and Mike Cokinis claim midnight Saturday night as their line . . . both say they will go to the field house and shoot a couple just for luck . . . Levi Craddock ate oysters for dinner before the cage game Thursday night . . . along about the half he began to swim in a daze . . . Coach Harry Faulkner is out this week-end to sign up some Texas League teams for practice games during baseball season . . . Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Dallas will all train in East Texas . . . a game might be scheduled with the St. Louis Browns who will train at Seguin . . . many games are played in basketball and technical fouls are scarce but Thursday night three were called . . . Nabors knocked the ball away from the floor on an Aggie goal for the first one . . . the other two came when two cadets failed to report . . .

James Craig, Rice Institute's and Houston's ex-grid star, returns to the bayou city on the screen with Ginger Rogers in "Kitty Foyle" . . . the first sign of the army interfering with Aggie sports was evident Thursday night

more seriously in order to keep his room safe from disgrace and shame, and "fifth columnist(?)". "It's a great sport," he went on to say, "There are some great fencers in this part of the country, and some good ones here on the campus."

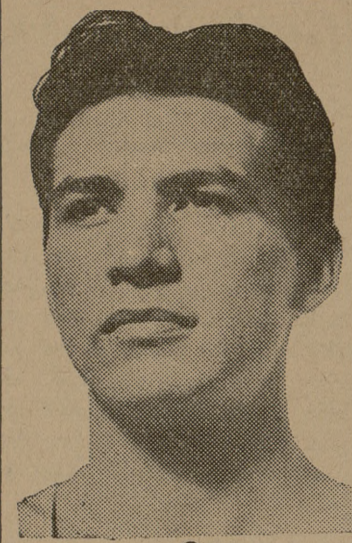
During our visit there, his room mate opened his drawer and out fell a key chain draped from one end to the other with medals received in competition in the various classes of the art. "Epee differs from fencing," he stated. "They are divided into three classes—fencing, epee, and sabre."

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### Veteran



Dwyer

### Dwyer Returns To Aggie Cage Squad

Hard luck man of the Aggie cage team, Sammy Dwyer, will return to the hardwood floors February 11 in Fort Worth against the T.C.U. Hornfrogs.

Coming to A. & M. from El Paso High School where he made two letters in basketball and football each, captained his teams in each sport his senior year, and claimed all-state honors in basketball, he won his freshman numerals in both sports and donned a varsity letter his sophomore year in the five man game.

He returned his junior year to be the only experienced letterman. Thus he captained the cage team until mid-term at which time he went ineligible due to insufficient grades. For the rest of the year the squad was captained by game-appointed leaders.

At the end of his spring term he had a clear record, but the following fall found him in the rut again. Last semester he cleared his record once more and the present term makes the second.

In Fort Worth he will play his first game since his junior year and start the final lap of his collegiate eligibility.

During the past two years he has aided in coaching the Consolidated High School team and played a roll in the scrimmage sessions of the varsity squad.

Snapper Norton, noted cage star of the Carr-Sweeney five, has entered the army air corps in California . . . Bobby Moers had a final exam facing him yesterday morning at the University of Houston and failed to make the game. . . .

### High Point Man



Capt. Bill Dawson

### Major Fox Becomes Sponsor For Boxers

The A. & M. Boxing Club begins the next semester with Major Tom Fox as sponsor of this minor sports activity.

Major Fox accepted the position after H. C. Spencer, head of the Engineering Drawing Department, resigned. Spencer was unable to continue in this capacity because of his extensive duties elsewhere.

Boxing has been growing in popularity at A. & M. every year since it was recognized as a club organization, and members plan to bring it on a level with other sports activities of Aggieland prominence.

Gaining experience in the four-cornered ring at West Point during his school days, Major Fox is fully able to give Aggie boxers assistance and leadership which will carry a top ranking to boxing as a minor sport.

Making love is like making pie. All you need is crust and a lot of applause.

### Rejuvenated A&M Cagers Down Carr-Sweeney 48-44

Game Is Last For Semester; TCU Next on List

Captain Bill Dawson hit a high stride Thursday night to lead the Aggie cagers to their first win over the Carr-Sweeney five with his seventeen points.

Pete Creasy tied Dawson's record to keep the amateur team always close to the Aggies' heels, and took much credit in the 48 to 44 count.

Wednesday night the Carr-Sweeney registered the same count over the Houston Y.M.C.A. Triangles. This time however the 44 points were worth of the game win.

Carr-Sweeney in Early Lead

Charlie Stevenson broke into the clear on the tip off but missed his shot. For two and a half minutes both teams raced the floor and shot wild until Levi, ex-all-conference player of the Rice Owl '40 champs, broke the deadlock. Bill Henderson came back fast to again tie up the count.

Big Dog Dawson was charged with pushing Craddock and the free throw was good, making the count 3 to 2. Pete Creasy, ex-Baylor star, sank one for the Carr-Sweeney team. J. T. Lange broke through the defense and on a pass from Henderson, brought the Aggies back through the defense and on a pass from Henderson, brought the Aggies back within one point of the Houston five.

Dawson made a field, missed a free throw, and then made another field in rapid succession to put the Cadets in the lead. Holding the lead until midway into the first half, Al Albrecht, past Sam Houston star, set the repair works

team ahead by a lone point. Dawson made a free throw, Ray Jarrett sank one from close under the basket, and thee Craddock sank two for Carr-Sweeney, setting the Houston five again in the lead. Fred Nabors tied up the count, (Continued on Page 5)

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### Master at the Art of Self Defense By Sword, That's Jim Rominger, Three Weapon Man

Sports Editor's Note: This is another in a series of articles on players whose names are flashed on the sports page.

Mastering the art of self-defense by sword was the task one Jim Rominger of Breckenridge, Texas set before himself upon entering Texas A. & M.

He goes down on the books as the fourteenth man from the little West Texas town to attend school here but also goes down on the books as holder of the 1938 Southwest Conference Epee Championship.

Far from being the top fencer or dueler on the Aggie squad, he still takes great interest in the sport. Al Goodstein first put a weapon in the major's hand his fish year. Major—he is in command of the First Battalion of the Field Artillery Regiment and has for the last four years been a member of Battery "B".

He is a student of accounting and plans to enter the army upon graduation.

When asked the greatest fencer he ever faced in competition he hesitated before placing D. Albergo, coach of the Anaco Team of Galveston, before Aggie team captain Tom Akarman of Lubbock.

Questioning further, we found that in '38 the fencing team captured the Southwest Championship and will be strong contenders again this year in conference and league competition. The problem heretofore had been that of equipment but the last benefit show bought a good bit of new swords and masks for the squad.

Strange stories travel around the second floor of his dormitory. Last year his room mate, Tommy Houston, stated to a reporter that he would hate to be in Chamberlin's shoes. Now Jim has taken the sport as a means of self-defense

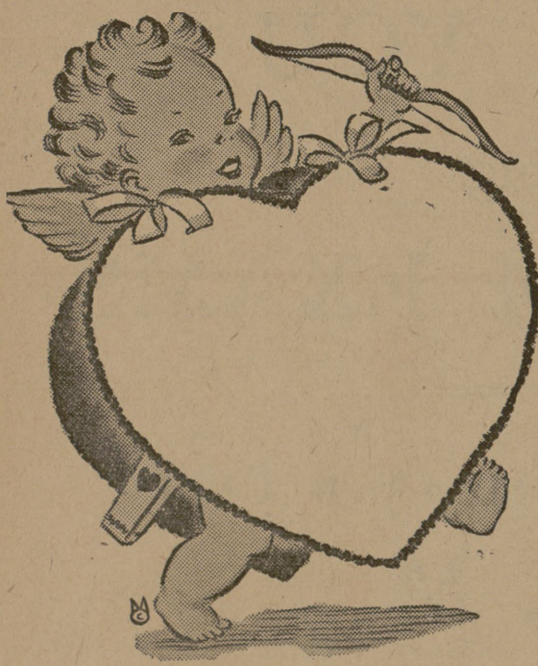


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