

Intramural Athletics Have Grown Greatly

By Dub Oxford

Waxing romantic for a few moments—since time began there has always been a spirit of combat existing among the male species. From the age of the cave man through the knight with his gallant sword and to the Aggie with the ping pong bat in his hand this spirit exists. Physical skill has long been a factor when two men met, and so down through the ages this skill has developed into a code of ethics and a definite program.

Having its inception in 1924, intramural athletics at Texas A. & M. began in such a way. It was organized by the demand of the student body for some sort of athletic program . . . not for men of varsity calibre, but for students who were not proficient enough for varsity play or were either not interested in varsity competition.

True Organization of Intramurals

The intramural program since its beginning 16 years ago, has received full cooperation from the student body and has grown with a corps. It is a well run machine and is now one of the most extensive programs of intramural athletics in the country.

As you might guess, the program was originally designed to provide competition between the football teams of the different battalions. Of course there was made a provision for both class A and class B. Class A being the upperclassmen and class B the freshmen.

After the season was completed, the results were tabulated and championship teams selected. The teams selected won recognition for their splendid showings and the managers were also rewarded. Intramural athletics proved their worth that year for several varsity players were discovered. In fact, a goodly portion of varsity material has been discovered on the intramural playing field.

Organizations Complete

As growing boys find that they are getting too large for their clothes and have to have larger

ones, so did the system at that time out-grow its "breeches." It was realized that the battalion system of class A and class B was inadequate for the large number of students attending A. & M. and plans were made to remedy the situation.

Coming to Aggieland in 1926, W. L. Penberthy took charge of the intramural department in addition to his physical education duties. Mr. Penberthy then had some streamlined ideas about the running of an intramural program and his ideas were so good that they are still in use today. In other words, a mild Blitzkrieg took place in the intramural department.

As Texas A. & M. is a military school it was fitting that an organization along military lines be developed. It was then worked out that each military organization was to be a unit and have individual teams. The department handled all scheduling of games and made provision for referees. As the school functioned the year round, there was a cause for a program for year round sports activities. This program increased and we now have sixteen sports that the students may participate in.

The regular set up now is that the freshmen and the upperclassmen are divided into a group. They are designated as class B and class A respectively.

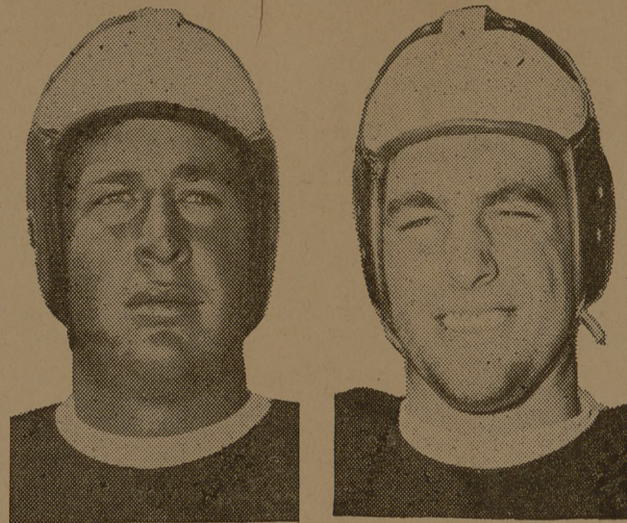
The many sports offered are tennis, basketball, rifle shooting, handball, cross country, touch football, speedball, water polo, volleyball, horse shoe pitching, boxing, wrestling, swimming, ping pong, golf and track. At present, golf is in its trial stages.

Point System of Scoring

The point system is used in scoring the different teams. The number of points is determined by placing the number of sports entered and the number of final play-offs the organization entered in.

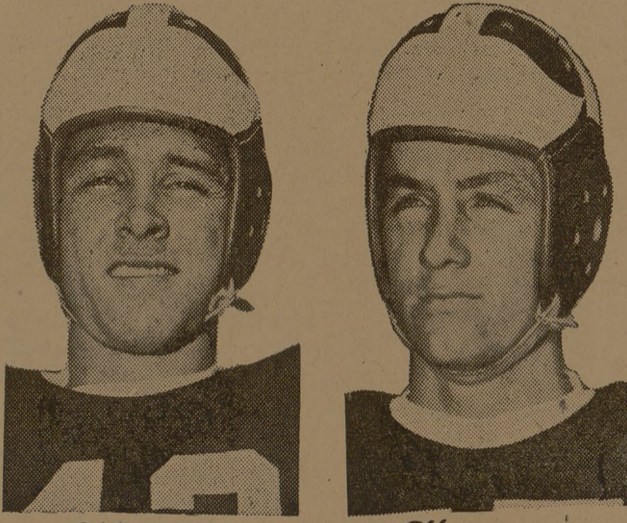
Many awards are given by the intramural department and they are very much sought after. To each member of a winning team goes an intramural medal with the

Key Men In Aggies' Defense



Sterling

Ruby



Moser

Henderson

This quartet pictured above is expected to spark the Aggies in the third defense of their title. Of the four only Moser, triple threat back, and Sterling, hustling end, are remnants of the great '39 and '40 championship teams.

sports won and the organization which was the winner. The organization winning the school championship has the honor of carrying the intramural flag. This is a much coveted honor. The flag is carried at all reviews and is presented to the winning organization at final review each year.

Competition is very keen for these flags and last year a very unusual situation existed. E Battery Field Artillery won the school championship both in class A and

class B. That is an enviable record.

The department is run by "Mr. Penny," "Spike" White, and there will be some new assistants announced when school starts. Unit organizations are handled by the members of the organizations themselves and are under the supervision of the department.

Oldest agricultural college in the United States is Michigan State established in 1853.

Mad Scramble Between Texas, SMU, And Rice Due With Aggies As Definite Threat

By Mike Haikin

"Texas, S. M. U. and Rice." So resounds the opinion of some thousand experts all over the country as the start of another thrilling Southwest Conference race is only a stone's throw away.

A Mad Scramble

The defending champions—the Texas Aggies and the S. M. U. Mustangs—are faced with an almost impossible task of keeping Coach Dana X. Bible's eleven from grabbing off at least part of the title. The Aggies are given the best chance of stopping the Longhorns, primarily because of a certain jinx that has hovered over the Steers for many a year in the fact that Texas has not beaten A. & M. on Kyle Field since 1922. However, the Mustangs are expected to be right on the Longhorns' heels, and the Texas-A. & M. battle may even prove a boom to the Ponies' title aspirations.

At any rate, a mad scramble between Texas, S. M. U., and Rice is a distinct probability, with the Aggies being the "dark horse" team. Coach Dana X. Bible's plan at Texas University is finally beginning to bloom, and the Longhorn patrons fully expect the Bible eleven to be the top team come December, jinx or no jinx.

Layden and Crain

The reason for Texas' championship aspirations are Pete Layden, senior triple threat fullback, and Jack Crain, swivel-hipped half-back, a couple of gridsters who have been a nemesis to the Southwest Conference coaches for the past three years. The Texas Aggies especially remember Layden for his one-man rout of them last Thanksgiving. Besides these two potential stars, the Steers have speed to burn in the backfield and line. The Steers have eighteen lettermen coming back for another fling, including nine of the "immortal 13" who played against the Aggies last Thanksgiving. Besides Crain and Layden, there'll be Noble Doss and Vernon Martin in the backfield. Both were starters last year, and are expected to do yeoman service for the Steers in the coming campaign. Graduation, ineligibility, and draft have caused the Longhorns to lose such capable men

as Co-captain Ted Dawson, Glenn Jackson, Don Williams, Nelson Puett, and Jimmy Grubbs. Among the standouts in the line are Guard Chal Daniel, Ends Malcolm Kutner and Mike Sweeney, and Tackle Standley Mauldin.

Depend On Johnson

Going on to S. M. U., we find that the Mustangs, in spite of losing seven linemen and five backs, are labeled as one of the top teams of the Southwest Conference. Loss of Ray Mallouf and Johnny Clement certainly will hurt the Mustang team, but in Preston Johnson, Matty Bell has one of the finest backs in the conference. The Mustang offense will be probably centered around Johnson, who is a triple threat back, and Howard "Red" Maley, sensational passer-runner from the freshman squad of last year. The line is bolstered from end to stern by Ted Ramsey, big and durable guard, Ends Roland Goss, E. L. Keeton, and

However, in Art Goforth, chunky guard, Verlan Pritchard, big 200-pound tackle shifted from end, and Bill Heard, 215-pound husky tackle, Coach Neely has the makings of a line that may be able to match itself with any in the conference. As for the backfield, Brumley and Dwelle will bear the brunt of the offense. Brumley is especially capable of executing Neely's tricky spinners, while Dwelle is Rice's ace passer.

The "Darkhorse" Aggies

And now the Aggies! Certainly no one can discount them from the race because Homer Norton has a "darkhorse" team—a team that may develop into a real threat or one that may just fall by the wayside. Norton has the material but as yet it has been untried. The reason the team has been labelled as a "darkhorse" in the conference race is in the fact that Norton, instead of scrimmaging as has been the usual custom, worked on fundamentals with the gridsters during spring training. The gridiron machine that crushed 20 out of 21 foes in the past two years is no more. Nine of the starters of the championship team are gone, with only Halfback Derace Moser and End Jim Sterling remaining. It is from the on-coming sophomores and the squadmen of last year that Norton hopes to build another championship eleven. The nucleus of the team is centered around four experienced men—Moser, Sterling, Bill "Jitterbug" Henderson, pass-snatching end, and Martin Ruby, big and reliable tackle. Ruby's excellent performance in the Cotton Bowl last year serves as a notice to other linemen that he will be hard to stop both on offense and defense as well.

The main weakness of the cadet eleven appears to be in the middle of the line, vacated by Marshall Robnett, Charlie Henke and Tommy Vaughn, Norton will have an almost impossible job to replace these men. In their places he has Les Richardson and Ray Mulholland at the guard posts and Dub Sibley at the pivot position. These gridsters saw only a little service last year, and as yet are really inexperienced. Ready to give a hand are Roy (See S. W. C. RACE, page 8)

OUT ON THE LIMB

Battalion's Predictions:

1. Texas
2. S. M. U.
3. A. & M.
3. Rice
5. T. C. U.
6. Baylor
7. Arkansas

Gus Tunnell, Center Hoyle Simms, and Tackles Lynn Bostick and Joe Pasqua. Ramsey is already groomed by many Mustang fans as a potential All-American.

Rice a Threat

Under the guidance of drawing Jess Neely, the Rice Owls will always be a threat in any game they play, but they just don't seem to be of championship calibre. Their backfield, headed by Bob Brumley, Dick Dwelle, and Gene Keel, is rated as good as any in the Southwest, but it is the weakness of the forward wall that has Neely worried. He lost a goldmine when Ken Whitlow, Fred Hartman, and Livy Bassett graduated, and it will be a hard job to replace them.

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