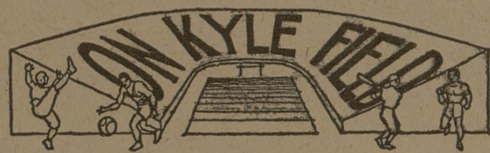


Big' Mural Program Planned This Semester



By Mike Haikin
Battalion Sports Editor

How About Adding the Twilight League To the Already Potent Intramural Program?

One of the greatest traditions of summer school seems to be on the "gone with the wind" side, and it is the desire of a countless number of students, merchants, and a few faculty members to preserve this valuable tradition.

Let me put it direct to you. If you have ever attended summer school here—and most of you have—one of the biggest thrills anyone of us can remember was either playing or being a spectator at those tri-weekly TWILIGHT LEAGUE games. To those who have played before, I need not describe the satisfaction and pleasure that was derived from those games and it is this same Twilight League which is greatly desired by these boys today.

The sports program this summer will be an extensive and an interesting one, with the intramural department, directed by your friend and mine, W. L. Penberthy, really having plenty in store for the cadets. Don't worry about the physical education angle, because after viewing the hard work done by Mr. Penny, Mr. Tischler, Spike, Dewey and the rest of the fellows, I can't see where they can miss.

The addition of the Twilight League will in no way conflict with the intramural program. The latter comes in the afternoon while

the former will be held in the evening after supper.

Now here's the plan. A minimum of six and a maximum of eight merchant sponsored teams to be included in this league. Each team should be limited to 15 players, with only college students being eligible to play. At present, I think games scheduled twice a week—Monday and Wednesday—will be quite appropriate and a round-robin schedule applied to the various teams entered.

The only hitch in the whole plan may be the faculty. It is true, that, after all, we are here to study, and all play and no work makes Jack a dumb boy, but I can't see how an hour less of study twice a week will impair anyone's school work. Also the fact that it will effect only some 100 out of 4000 students should bear quite a weight on the continuance of the Twilight League. Yes, and of those 100 I'm sure that some % will be Juniors and Seniors and will be automatically excused from CQ.

So, fellows, give this plan a thought. You'll have to stay here for three months, but the intramural program plus this Twilight League should make matters quite interesting. For more details see this scribe at the Batt office anytime from 1 until 5 each afternoon.

Sports Squibs From Here and There; Aggie War Hero, Back in US, Ready for More Action

All kinds of rumors have been flying about Lt. Henry (Pelly) Dittman, former Aggie football and track letterman . . . Some say that he has been grounded, others put it another way, but the fact is that Pelly was sent back to the U. S. from Australia because of a fractious tooth . . . As you remember, Pelly was the first Aggie in this war to be awarded a medal for distinguished service . . . He conducted a secret flight over the Pacific and his daring won him the Distinguished Flying Cross . . . His present whereabouts are unknown but he was given a special assignment on important work so

his friends can start watching the news again for the activities of Lt. Henry Dittman . . . Sam Porter, brilliant first-sacker of the 1942 champion Aggie baseballers was signed by the Houston Buffs last week and reported to them June 1 . . . he will probably be sent to a lower league for seasoning, with Springfield, Missouri being a possible choice . . . Danny Green, outstanding swimming ace for the Dallas Athletic Club and one of the top ranking juvenile swimmers of the nation, will enter A. & M. this semester . . . For the first time in years, ineligibilities because of (See KYLE FIELD, Page 10)

Penberthy and White To Head Summer Sports Setup

Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Pingpong, Volleyball and Water Polo to be Offered

By Mike Mann

Plans for one of the most exciting intramural programs in the history of A. & M. will have its initial inauguration within the next

week or so, according to an announcement made by W. L. Penberthy, physical education director of intramurals here at Aggieland.

"Since the college is on a war-time basis, there is nothing better than a physically fit individual and we intend to do all we can to aid members of the student body to attain physical fitness," Penberthy stated.

The intramural program will be opened with six sports which will be open to both class A and B participants. Those sports will be swimming, water polo, tennis, softball, volley ball and ping pong.

At the present time these are the only sports which will be carried in the intramural sports program but the intramural officials have announced that other sports will be added if sufficient interest is shown for additional events.

Penberthy has also announced that horseshoe courts adjacent to the dormitories will be boxed-in and otherwise improved for the convenience of the students. Basketball goals will be erected in dormitory areas for those students interested in tossing at the basket. There is also a possibility that a number of volley ball courts will be built at various points around the campus.

Schedules are now being prepared by the intramural department and will be announced as soon as they are completed. Penberthy will head the program as usual and will be assisted by "Spike" White and other members of the staff.

Heads Program



W. L. Penberthy

Swimming Pool Hours Announced By Art Adamson

Local swimming enthusiasts welcomed the opening of the P. L. Downs Natatorium on Saturday, May 30. The pool is being used from early afternoon 'til late in the evenings.

Aggies, sailors, and marines will be admitted to the pool from 2 until 5:30 p. m. every day while the members of the faculty and their families may indulge in this refreshing sport between the hours of 6 and 7:30 p. m. There will be a small fee for this latter group. The amount will be announced at a later date by Art Adamson, swimming coach and instructor.

The intramural swimming events will be held in the pool in the evenings from 7:30 until 9:00 o'clock. This part of the swimming pool activities promises to provide many exciting moments from a spectator's viewpoint.

The pool officials have announced that all Aggies, sailors and marines using the pool in the afternoons will be required to wear a regulation strap and cap.

INTRAMURALS

By Mike Mann

The opening of the new year finds E Field Artillery defending the Class A Intramural crown for the second time in succession, having been champions in that branch for the past three years.

The defending champs in Class B will be 3rd Hdq Field Artillery who led that class by quite a nice majority. "Buck" Weirus, junior recreational officer of 3rd Hdq., received a special award for managing the freshman winners.

F Infantry freshmen tied for second place with B Infantry, had the least number of forfeits listed against their credit and hence earned a special award for their junior recreational officer, C. D. Stuteville.

The intramural flags, denoting intramural superiority, were awarded to E Field upperclassmen and 3rd Hdq. Field Artillery by "Spike" White at the Final Review.

Former Students To Receive Wings

Texas A. & M. has five of its former students among the members of a class of Aviation Cadets to be graduated soon at Air Force Advanced Flying School, Stockton Field, California.

Ralph C. Bills, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bills of R.F.D. No. 2, Dawson, Texas.

Winston J. Bradford, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bradford Sr., of 800 East Broadway, Sweetwater, Texas.

Raymond S. Carter, son of Mrs. Ethel T. Carter of 720 Broadway, Galveston, Texas.

Walter J. Hart Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Hart of Fort Worth, Texas.

Thomas F. Hetherington Jr., son of Mrs. L. J. Hetherington of 832 Denver Boulevard, San Antonio, Texas.

The graduates will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Corps Reserve and will be given the coveted silver wings, symbolic of the aeronautical rating as pilot. They will be placed on active duty in their new rank with the Army Air Forces.

Before entering the final and advanced course at Stockton Field, these Cadets completed 20 weeks of primary and basic training at Ryan School of Aeronautics, Hemet, and Gardner Field, Taft, California.

Battalion Sports

August Meeting of Southwest Conference Officials Due to Make Freshmen Eligible for Varsity Competition

The Southwest Conference, which will have a special meeting at an unannounced day in August, will have as its main topic the question whether or not freshmen will be eligible for varsity football.

In its previous meeting in May, the officials of the SWC decided and voted upon that the conference champion will be the Cotton Bowl representative regardless of any other bowl invitations. It ruled that no Southwest Conference champion will be permitted to play in any bowl other than the big Dallas enterprise. This decision was opposed only by Texas university.

As to the status of the first-year man, the question was finally put off until August. Coach Homer Norton of the Aggies is emphatically opposed to the idea of having freshmen play with the varsity.

"Not only will the freshman miss a valuable year of training for the varsity, but he will also garner a few splinters sitting on the bench for most of the year," Norton stated. I can hardly see how any player, just entering college, can surpass the work of a veteran—one who has had a year of experience in back of him."

Whereas, however, Norton opposes the question, coaches of such schools as Baylor and T.C.U. are greatly in favor of making freshmen eligible for varsity play.

Says Dutch Meyer of T.C.U.: "Uncle Sam and the draft have

riddled my squad and without freshmen, we will just not be able to produce any kind of a team. Frank Kimbrough of Baylor makes almost the same statement explaining: "Draft, graduation, and other unforeseen circumstances has dwindled my squad down to a very small proportion. Unless freshmen are made eligible, I can't see how we can survive a football season."

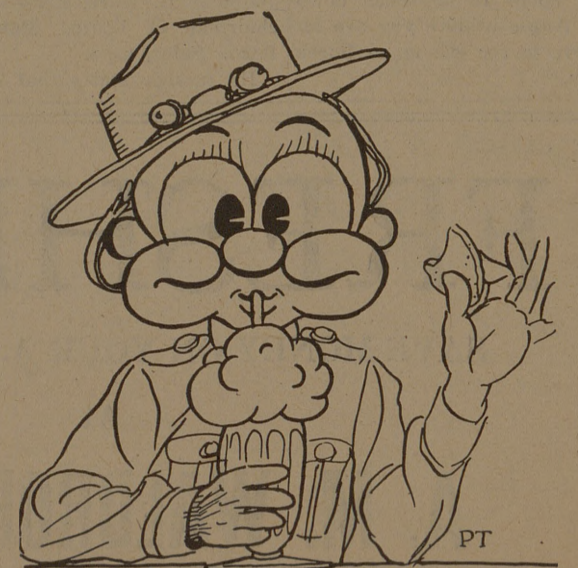
Controversies arise here and there on the big question, but the final decision will be handed down by the SWC officials in their meeting in August. It is almost certain that they will vote in the affirmative on the question, and when September rolls around, these boys whose names have gone down with

glory during their high school days may quickly find fame in college during their first year.

Primary reason for that kind of a decision is T.C.U. and Baylor, which has, or still will be hard hit by the draft. Such colleges as A. & M. and Arkansas will suffer little if any from the draft since each has an R.O.T.C. Texas and Rice also will not suffer too much since most of their charges have been placed in the Naval Reserve. T.C.U., Baylor and S.M.U. are the colleges which certainly would not object if the freshmen were made eligible for varsity play.

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In New "Y"

Plans have not been completed for the coming intramural program by the officials of the intramural department. The ball will be started rolling by a recreational officers meeting which will take place at an early date. The time and place of the confab will be announced in this column soon.

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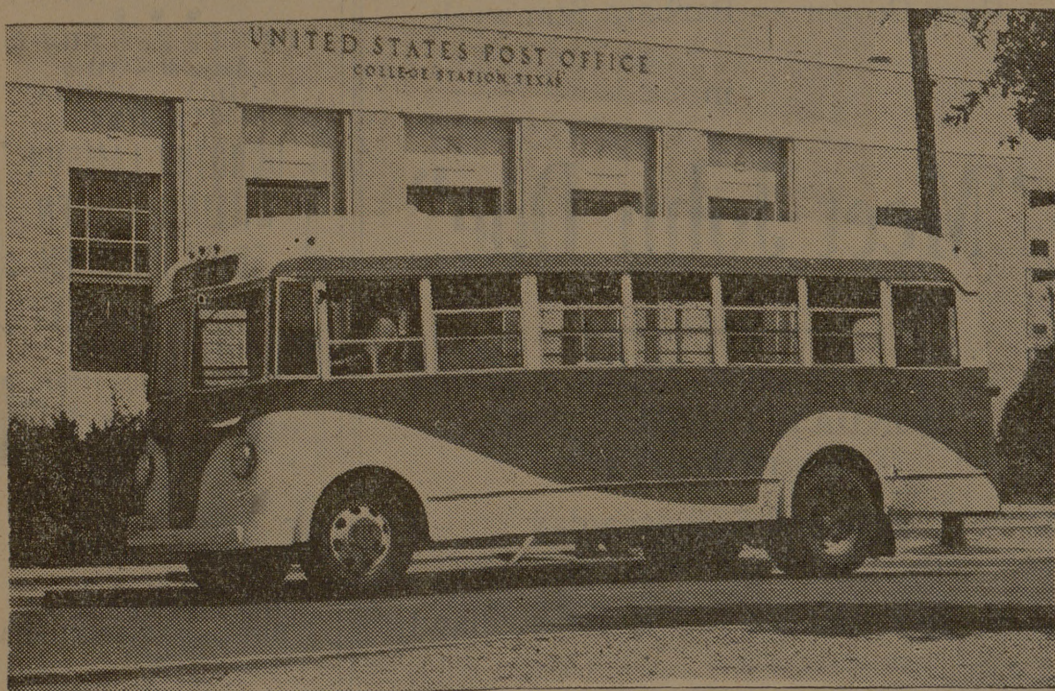
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