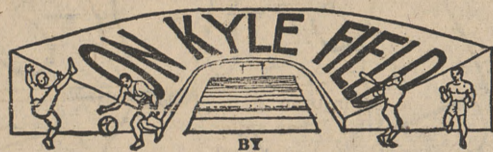
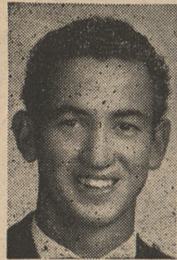


## Cadet Track Team To Take Active Part In Texas Relays In Austin Saturday



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Battalion Sports Editor

## Aggies Take Sense of Humor Along As They Enter Uncle Sam's Family

"Ole Army" has changed to "New Army" since this present 7th class private pecked this typewriter trying to inform some of the sports fans around the campus about the Aggie athletics. But from this corner to many others, it's fine to be in the G. I. and know that you are one small part of the greatest army in the world.

Many things have come about since we left here to enter the service, but there were some things that happened that are worth the space, although they do not pertain to sports directly.

It's not always an athletic team that carries the good name of a higher educational institution, for the men that never reach the spotlight in the sports world have much to do with the reputation of their school.

This soldier just got back from Fort Sam Houston last Sunday afternoon and has been out of circulation for the past week as far as the sports world is concerned. But this rookie along with many others found out that this war is a pretty big affair. In the midst of all of it, you Texas Aggies carried your name and what it stands

for to one more corner of this state. After all, that's one purpose of sports.

I guess most of you have listened in on some of the sessions around here since the 7th class privates hit the campus, but I'm going to spread it around a little more and give you the picture as was seen from the second stoop of barracks number 2, Reception Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. To be honest that's all I know about at present.

After this past week, and a very enjoyable one at that, the boys with the short hair cuts and plenty of patience that they had a chance to use, know three or four things very well. You get in a conversation with them and if they don't say "Put't in the 'A' Bag" or "Line up in column by fours" they are tired of hearing it after so many times.

This buck private has been looking up a lot of addresses that he owes letter to in order to make use of the free mail deal. But the trouble comes when you have to write the same thing over and over, so I started using carbon copies and then got the idea I would write it up in the paper and then send them a copy. Also a lot of the fellows get tired of telling the same tales over and over and this might give the guys a rest.

Understand that this is a personal opinion of the induction picture, although there are some that have the same image.

The non-coms of Company "B" started out to be pretty rough and the Aggies thought that the ordeal of getting into the army was going to be slightly tough. After a little time and the nature of the Cadets started soaking through, things began to take on a different color.

Ralph B. Monaco, better known to the Aggies that were at Fort Sam as "Colonel," "Chief of Staff," "Poncho," or "Monotonous," was the target for all their monkey business. Carrying their antics with them, the Ags started off with a small box of Grape Nuts (See KYLE FIELD, page 4)

## Major League Hampered By Call To Service Of Stars

By Albert Goodell

Another few weeks and it will be "Play Ball" in the majors. A glance at this season's rosters shows the loss of many big names to the armed services, also the addition of what seems to be a bumper crop of rookies. The issue of the day is the age old "Who'll be on top in October?" No opinion is worth your hocking your radio to bet on it, but here is one individual's forecast of things to come.

The St. Louis Browns look like the surprise team of the majors and seem to be in line for their first pennant. In addition to practically all of last year's third place squad they have some excellent newcomers, including Bill Seinsth, hurler with 24-10 at New Orleans last year, Bob Dillinger, speedy infielder from Toledo, and Floyd Baker, up from the San Antonio Missions.

The New York Yankees and Boston's Red Sox, one-two in the

## Henderson, Watkins To Lead Aggies In Sixteenth Session

Austin, Texas, March 29.—The outdoor track and field gentry, given to dishporting itself in strenuous undertakings and endurance tests of one variety and another, converges on Austin and the University of Texas Memorial Stadium Saturday, April 3, for the Sixteenth Running of the Texas Relays.

Born in an era before track and field was considered really manly, the Relays have come to be the outstanding outdoor sports attraction on the Southwest's spring program, gaining attention surpassing even the Southwest Conference's bitterly contested championships which follow it by a full month.

Minus many of the big names of other years—they're in the armed services now, and many of them are far from relay fields—this year's show was continued because colleges and high schools told Clyde Littlefield, University track coach and director of the Relays, that if Texas closed down, everyone else would, too. Then the armed forces stamped their approval and announced some of their men would participate. That was all Littlefield was waiting for.

And Littlefield believes he's going to have one of the most closely-contested shows in history.

The 27-event program starts off with relays and finishes with relays, but several intervening special events will attract wide attention as furnishing some idea on the future outcome of the Southwest's nip and tuck track and field championships.

University class favorites in the relays are Oklahoma A. & M. College, Louisiana State University and the University of Texas, with Oklahoma riding as a dark horse.

The Oklahoma Aggies are definitely concentrating on reducing the record in a university mile relay event which hasn't seen a new mark since Chicago set the current 3:18.4 in 1929 and L.S.U. equalled it in 1940. East Texas State Teachers figure they'll take a crack at the one-mile relay record in the college division, a mark which North Texas set in 1940 at 3:18.3. The Denton Eagles will be back to protect their rights, however, and Howard Payne College of Brownwood figures to come in for consideration.

Don Frye of Texas A. & M., his team-mate, Jim Battin, and Al Barcena of Howard Payne figure to be top quarter milers in the meet, but their work will be centered in the mile relay events, since the 440 (See TRACK TEAM, Page 4)

# Thinly-Clad Aggies Lose To Rice Here Saturday Afternoon

## Aggie Nine Takes To Road As Cadets Meet Randolph And Duncan At San Antonin

### Les Peden Moved To First Base To Aid In Fielding Power

By Ruben R. Caro Costas  
Coach Homer Norton's Texas Aggie baseball team will hit the road Wednesday morning when they travel to San Antonio for a four day stand in which they will see plenty of action against army teams.

The Aggies, with one eye on their conference opener against Rice, will open their stand in San Antonio Wednesday afternoon in a clash with Randolph Field, a team that took the Cadets in stride in their first two games of this season. They will clash again Thursday afternoon, thus ending the four game series they started two weeks ago in Kyle Field. The Cadets are determined to even the series with the Flyers by grounding them and clipping their wings. They will wind up in their four day stand in San Antonio by engaging Duncan Field Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Friday night, April 2 will be the first test for the Aggies under lights as they have never played under such conditions, but the Cadets are determined to make this trip a successful one after their setbacks earlier in the season.

Coach Norton has made a few changes in the cadet nine in order to give the needed hitting power they needed so much, and which was the main cause of the Cadets' defeats in their first two games.

Les Peden, all-conference third sacker, has been moved from his position on the "hot corner" to cover first base, as the Aggies were faced with a big problem in finding a suitable player who could move around that position with ease and ability. In Peden the Aggie mentor believes he has the man he has been looking for. The job of filling the shoes of Les Peden in the hot corner has been turned over to Smith, a player that saw action in the first two games for the Aggies as a first baseman. Alba Etie, fiery little freshman and who was expected to see plenty of action as a backstop, has been converted to an outfielder. His ability to hit has been one of the main reasons Norton moved him to chase flies in the right field position.

With the above changes in the Cadet nine the Aggies will have a well balanced team. Their hitting power will show improvement the same as their fielding.

Probable Aggie nine lineup:

- Newberry, s.s.
- Daniels, c.f.
- Glass, 2b.
- Peden, 1b.
- Rogers, 1f.
- Etie, r.f.
- Smith, 3b.
- W. Carden, c.
- "Smokey" Carden, p.

## Cadets Faced Owls Without Services Of Watkins, and Other Regular Stars

Rice Owls opened its track season Saturday at Kyle Field by nosing out the Aggies 62 to 60 in a dual meet. In spite of the absence of Pete Watkins, Richardson, Springer, Montgomery, Crompton, and Martin, the Aggie trackmen did well and offered plenty of competition.

Bill Cummins of Rice was high point man with 15 points, Christopher, from Rice also, followed with 14½ points; Bill Henderson, Aggie star, made 13 points by winning the shot put, javelin, and second in the high jump.

Joe Vajdos of A.&M. ran the 880-yard run in comparatively better time than any of the other trackmen's events. His time was 1:55.5.

Due to a slightly soggy track from recent rains, the 100-yard dash's time was slow—10.2 for first place by Williams of the Owls.

One of the outstanding highlights of the meet was A.&M.'s Maddox and Garrett's two mile run, in which both succeeded in over-lapping two Rice runners by a lap and a half. Maddox and Garrett held a strong lead, running side by side till the seventh lap, then Maddox crept into the lead, and won with 10:25.7 time. Garrett previously had run second in the one mile earlier in the meet.

Frye, running full speed and almost sprinting, won the 440 dash, with Battin coming in second. Both are Aggie regulars.

Statistics  
100-yard dash: won by Williams, Rice; Scott, A.&M., second. Time: 10.2.  
See THINLY CLAD, Page 4)

## INTRAMURALS

By John Stout

Well, finally the speedball championship will be resumed next week. Most of the Leagues have decided upon a champion for its league last week in the final week of the scheduled games. However, there are a couple of leagues that have still run-offs to play. Here is a story of one of them. I have told you something about them before when they were tied for first place in the league with no games won. This is League D that I am speaking of. The three teams three weeks ago had no losses. They were B Replacement Center, G Field, and C WWS. In the first deciding game G Field beat B Replacement Center 3-0. This seemed to put B Replacement Center out of the race and it was between G Field and C WWS. When they played C WWS stopped the Artillerymen in the closing minutes of play, 8-2. It looked as though the Chem Warfare boys were heading for glory and fame (at least within League D). They went into the game against B Replacement Center with pride because they had just the day before beaten by a one sided score the team that beat the Replacement Center's down and out team. The Center hanging on their last thread for hopes on the league championship finally changed that thread of hope into a wire, then a cable and finally to a

point that they were so determined that they defeated the Chemists, and only leading to a bit more confusion. The three same teams are tied for first place again, all having the same number of games won and the same number of games lost. Here's hope that they don't get tied up again. I for one would like for this speedball championship to get overway as soon as possible.

## Steer Cagers Defeated In NCAA Finals

The Texas Longhorns were defeated by Wyoming University, 58-54, in the championship finals of the western regional NCAA basketball playoff last Saturday night at Kansas City.

Hargis, of Texas, made tournament history while trying to keep the Texans in front by looping 11 field goals and seven free throws for a total of 29 points during the game. Counting the two games that Texas played; Hargis made 59 points, which beats last year's record, set by Jim Pollard of Stanford.

At the end of the first half, the Longhorns were leading, 33-27, led by Hargis with 20 points. The Rocky Mountain champions didn't take the lead until seven minutes after the half, and then it was tie for the remaining of the game, with Wyoming holding a two or three point lead. Fouls became numerous in the closing minutes of the game, and Wyoming got two free throws which closed the game 58-54.

The women's service corps at Washington State college has 123 members who are being fitted for membership in auxiliaries of the armed forces.

American loop last year, have been hit hard. The Yanks are minus Joe DiMaggio, Joe Gordon, Red Rolfe, Johnny Sturm, et al. Although they are bringing up some good looking rookies and may give St. Louis quite a battle, second place seems to be their lot.

The Red Sox will probably slump this year because of the loss of Ted Williams, Johnny Pesky, and Dom DiMaggio. They haven't pitching or hitting this round and look like fourth place, behind Cleveland. Detroit is anxiously waiting to get a look at their \$45,000 prize, Dick Wakefield, who promises to be the freshman of the year. Regardless of his success, Detroit Tigers, fifth.

Chicago, Washington, and Philadelphia have little to offer in the way of serious competition and should round out the league in that order.

In the senior circuit the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals have a decided edge. The loss of Terry Moore and others should be offset by such players as Harry Brecheen, ace portsider from Columbus, "Blix" Donnelly, who struck out 304 in the Western Association in '41 and won 21 games at Sacramento last year, and Lou Klein, infielder from Columbus.

The Bums from Brooklyn are second best again. Peevee Reese and Pete Reiser are in G. I., which leaves the destiny of the team in the hands of the older boys. Leo Durocher will be back at short-

## Experimental Changes Planned For Coming Basketball Season In 1944

### Tall Cagers Will Not Have As Much Advantage In New Official Ruling

The tall boys of basketball will be seriously curtailed of the advantage they hold over the shorter men if the rule that is now planned to be inserted in the rule book is passed by the National Basketball Committee. Among the many experimental rules now planned to be inserted will be one that is definitely designed to take away the tall players advantage.

These rules have not as yet found their way into the rule book, but plans for their use to some extent in next year's basketball season is already underway. Their plan is to merely use the rules experimentally, but if they prove adaptable, they will be added to next year's set of rules. Aiming at the advantage the big fellows have, the authorities set forth the new ruling that the ball could not be touched on its downward arc after a try for goal. This will prove a major handicap to many teams, as many of their points come as a result of goals that were tipped in by their tall men reaching above

the heads of their opponents. Other experiments were planned out which would greatly change the game. They are to permit unlimited substitution during the game, whereas before a player was allowed to sub in only twice in a game, and to permit no free throws on a double foul, but to let the fouls eliminate each other, and then have a jump ball at the point of the foul. There were also to be some changes in equipment, such as lessening the size of the backboard and net, and increasing the thickness of the net cord and the hoop rim.

The University of Wisconsin budget for the 1943-45 biennium totals \$8,682,225.

The faculty of Northwestern university numbered 500 in 1920, as compared with 1,480 last year.

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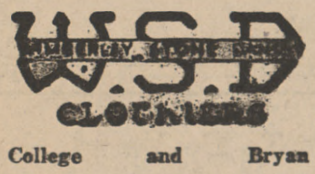
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