

Handball, Basketball, And Horseshoe Pitching Are Headliners For This Semester's Intramural Program

Athletic Officers Receive Schedules

By R. L. Bynes
Amid a gay atmosphere, the Student Athletic Officers, headed by Mr. W. L. Penberthy, head of the Physical Education Department, held their annual Barbecue at the Y Cabin, west of the Creamery, at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, February 28th.

Special guests present at the affair were: Joe Skiles, Student Publication Director; M. L. Cashion, General Secretary of the Young Mens Christian Association; and "Dough" Rollins, Director of Student Activities.

Athletic Officers attending the Barbecue were: T. G. Murname, corps athletic officer; A. F. Weigand, Jr., First Company; T. S. Leeper, Second Company; G. A. Stone and George Manning, B. Company; M. H. Abelow, C Company; J. W. Davis, D Company; J. F. Evans, E Company; J. D. Reitz, F Company; Harold "Blotto" Boverofsky, H Company; M. E. Linder, A Battery; C. R. Jagers, B Battery; Morris Libson, C Battery; D. W. Boyd, D Troop; S. J. Label, F Battery; R. C. Zivney, G Battery; and C. A. Austin, Band. J. S. Wyle represented A Company as Leonard Mizel, athletic officer, was not able to attend. Also present were Wallace Beck and Hilton Hall.

Mr. W. L. Penberthy first introduced the special guests present whereupon a delicious barbecue dinner was served with all the trimmings. At the completion of the dinner, the definite rules as laid down in the intramural athletics student handbook, were discussed with the guests present at the dinner. The three sports to lead this semester's intramural program will be Handball, Basketball, and Horseshoe Pitching.

Athletic officers will be given schedules of the sports events Friday evening and the intramural program is definitely slated to begin Monday afternoon, March 5, not later than 4 p.m. The roster has been worked out so as to have most of the events played at 5 p.m. each evening, however, most of the Handball and Basketball games will probably be played at 4 p.m. on each of the scheduled afternoons. All intramural Basketball games will definitely be played in De Ware Field House and not on any of the outside courts.

Let it be known at this time that all varsity players are ineligible for the intramural sports in their respective events. The following quoted information from the Intramural Athletics Student Handbook governing the rules connected with the sports to be held this semester; that is—Basketball, Handball, Tennis, Track, Horseshoe Pitching, Swimming, Softball, and Volleyball, are published for the benefit of all concerned. However, swimming, softball and volleyball rules will be listed in the near future.

In both tennis and handball the team will consist of six men arranged in three sets of doubles. Each captain will report to the scorer his men properly paired and no changes will be allowed except that new men may be substituted at any time, but a man removed from the contest may not play again until the next contest. Captains and managers will toss a coin for the right to place their respective sets of doubles. The win-

ner of the toss will decide how his pairs will compete with his opponents. One man of each doubles team must play the entire match.

In Basketball the games will consist of four five minute quarters with a five minute intermission between the halves and a one minute intermission between quarters. In the semi-finals and the finals of the College Championship play-off the quarters will be of seven minutes duration, with a ten minute intermission between halves. In order to start playing, a team must have at least four men on the floor in uniform at the time of the game.

The Intramural Track meet is so organized as to permit a man to enter both field and track events but he will not be permitted to enter more than two track events or a total of three events during the meet. The field events continue throughout the meet and a man may take his three trials any time during the meet; however, in the high jump, the con-rofsky, H Company; M. E. Linder, A Battery; C. R. Jagers, B Battery; Morris Libson, C Battery; D. W. Boyd, D Troop; S. J. Label, F Battery; R. C. Zivney, G Battery; and C. A. Austin, Band. J. S. Wyle represented A Company as Leonard Mizel, athletic officer, was not able to attend. Also present were Wallace Beck and Hilton Hall.

In the horseshoe pitching, a team shall consist of six men arranged in three sets of doubles. The procedure for this sport is the same as tennis. The pitchers box shall extend three feet on either side, to the rear, and to the front of the peg. A contestant when pitching may stand on either side of the pitchers box and stepping over the foul line shall forfeit the value of that pitch. No contestants shall walk across to the other peg and examine the position of the shoes before making his first or final pitch. Wrapping the fingers with tape is allowed. A regulation game shall consist of 21 points and the contestant first scoring this

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Skiles, of the Student Activities Office, is making the orchestra plans.

"It is essential that every junior get behind the class, get a date," said Barker. "Since our class is so small the dance is not likely to be a success unless nearly everyone brings a girl. There are five weeks between now and the dance, and it should be easy to get a date."

The banquet will be held in the Banquet Room of Shisa Hall, if possible, and the dance will be there also. The price of the ticket will be spent for the dinner, programs, rent of the hall, labor in preparing the hall for use, decorations, and the orchestra fee.

number shall be declared the winner. The closest shoe to the peg shall score one point. If both shoes are closer than either of an opponents they shall score two points. The rule, providing shoes must be six inches from the peg to count, is not in force. The closest shoe counts regardless of distance from the peg, but to count, a shoe must be in the box. A ringer shall score three points. To be a ringer a shoe must encircle peg far enough for the straight edge to touch both calks and clear the peg. Two ringers are the highest score a pitcher can make and count six points. All equals are counted as ties. That is, if both opponents have one shoe of equal distance from the peg or against it, or ringers, they are tied; and the next closest shoe counts. If one contestant should have two ringers and the other, one, the pitcher having the two ringers shall score three points. In case of a tie on all four shoes, such as four ringers, or four shoes each one inch from the peg, no score shall be recorded; and the contestant who pitched last shall be awarded the lead.

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Sixty-Two Report To "Pete" Jones For Initial Baseball Workout Thurs.

Jones Directs Beginners In Fielding, Catching

Pete Jones met with sixty baseball hopefuls on the Kyle Field diamond in the first official practice of the season yesterday afternoon. Baseball playing equipment was issued to sixty boys, yesterday—a group swelled by twenty as compared to the number reporting three weeks ago in the initial pre-conference.

Most of the boys have had previous experience with high school teams, but the group was limited to only two returning lettermen and only a handful of returning squadmen. The accumulated anxiety for the season to open and to get the ball rolling was partially released yesterday, as the spirit was high and each player out had hopes for making the squad this season.

Watching closely the swinging power and fielding abilities of each individual, Pete Jones began to shape up the possibilities for each open position; consequently, the men showing up the best this first week of practice are the "liables" for making the team this spring. Alternating at infield positions,

each nominee took his try at handling infield balls. Pete Jones batted to each man individually and watched the ball handling which resulted at each try. Outfield practice was handled by the players themselves, each getting to feel the familiar sting of the white "apple" which is due to see much action in the weeks to come.

Pitchers, working out individually with respective catchers, whipped the 'ole arm into shape so as to enable themselves to give that ball the familiar "ride" in games to come. Only time will tell who will stand the mound for the Maroon and White; as yet five men are working out at the position.

George Strickhausen and Al Rettig make a combination that is going to prove tough to handle in competition this season. Rettig, lettermen at short-stop, and Strickhausen, lettermen at first base, showed a quality of ball handling that excelled that of last season. These two men are the only returning lettermen of the Aggie 1944 ball club.

An overcast sky indicated that workouts are liable to be hampered quite a bit by the weather in the afternoons to come; however, if the weather permits, the team should be in shape to make a good showing in the season opener March 17.

Baseball Calendar

Opponents	Date
Southwestern (H) ...	March 16
Southwestern (H) ...	March 17
Southwestern ...	March 30
Southwestern ...	March 31
Texas ...	April 6
SMU (2-H) ...	April 14
SMU ...	April 19
TCU ...	April 20
TCU ...	April 21
Rice (H) ...	April 27
TCU (H) ...	May 4
Rice ...	May 9
Rice ...	May 10
Texas (H) ...	May 18
Texas (H) ...	May 19

Allan Self Leads Aggie Swimmers In Daily Workouts

Jack Riley Showing Most Promise; Facio Improving In Diving

Texas is in store for a real fight on Thursday, March 15, when the Aggie tank team journeys to Austin for the first dual meet of the season. In the next two weeks, Coach Art Adamson expects to have his aquamen whetted to a fine edge in both sprint and distance events. On the weekend following this meet, the Texas team will invade the P. L. Downs Natatorium for another dual meet. As this is the only swim meet scheduled for College Station, the Aggies are looking forward to the support of the "Twelfth Man", as the swimmers can certainly use plenty of encouragement when driving in on those last ten yards of a thrilling hard-fought race. Coach Adamson, with years of experience as both a participant and supervisor of top-flight meets, promises tense moments and fast moving events between these two top teams of the Southwest.

All workouts are now being done lengthwise, presenting new problems to the less experienced swimmers. Allan Self has been setting gruelling paces in all distances from 100 yards up. So far he has turned in the best time of the season in the 100, 220, and 440 yard freestyle events, with plenty of room for improvement left.

Jack Riley, a Fish from Wills Point, is perhaps the best potential swimmer of the team, needing only a little more experience to enable him to cut his freestyle and backstroke times down drastically. Richard Lea, from El Paso, shows exceptional promise but is likewise handicapped by lack of experience. Coach Adamson hopes to have both these swimmers turning in championship performances by the time of the Conference meet, April 16.

Alvaro Facio is looking forward to the arrival of two new diving boards on which to practice his fancy dives. Anyone who saw the Conference meet here last year will readily agree that Facio has a grace that is geometrically perfect, on the board and in the air. His performance alone should be attraction enough to draw the entire Corps to the dual meet here on March 24.

The entire squad has been downhearted all week after receiving an answer from Texas to a challenge to play water polo this season. They pleaded that they "don't have time," but could it be that they remember several consecutive years of crushing defeats handed them by the Aggie Poloists? Perhaps that's it. . . .

in the Garden before Kentucky won. Kentucky was then at full strength, too.

LaSalle, a small Catholic school, has posted some astronomical scores, defeating Drexel 95-34, Loyola 82-42 and the Philadelphia U. S. Marines 78-53.

ball prospects. Crowded for time, also, Pete is keeping close with the weatherman as the opening clash with Southwestern is but two weeks off.

"Art" Adamson is working diligently with his inexperienced group in preparation for the dual tank meet at "forty acres" on March 15. Alvaro Facio has developed his diving from the point that "teahound spring-boardmen" are beginning to tear at their hair. Weakened by lack of speed in the dashes, however, the Maroon and White still offered considerable scare to the Navy-Longhorn surface splitters.

Oklahoma U. Is 3rd In Big 6 Conference Cage Standings

Oklahoma's 1945 basketball season will be done to a crisp brown and taken out of the oven after this week.

Coach Bruce Drake's Roundball Runtz close their season on the road within the next ten days, meeting Iowa State at Oklahoma City Saturday, Long Island university at Madison Square Garden in New York City February 28, LaSalle at Philadelphia March 3 and Missouri at Columbia March 5.

Two of the games terminate Oklahoma's Big Six conference season. At Oklahoma City, the Runtz will try to turn the tables on Coach Louis Menze's Iowa State Cyclones who beat Oklahoma at Ames last week 51-43 with Forward Jim Myers, the Big Six conference's leading scorer, hurling the leather through the hoops for 20 points in the last half alone.

The season's finale, against Coach George Edwards' Missouri Tigers at Columbia, could be a headache. Despite the loss of Paul Collins, Missouri beat Nebraska at Lincoln 47-41 a few days before Nebraska spanked Kansas by 14 points on the same court. Later Coach George Edwards also lost Center Jim Mickelson and still had enough to beat Nebraska one point at Columbia after an overtime.

Drake hopes to have Harould "Scooter" Hines, his 5-foot 5 1/2 inch ball-handling ace, back in trim for these four games. Hines turned an ankle in the final moments of the Kansas defeat at Lawrence and has been able to play but little since.

Long Island's Blackbirds, long a power in eastern basketball, has a big, rugged band of players, the kind who always give Oklahoma's 5-foot 10-inch team unmitigated trouble. The Blackbirds recently carried Valparaiso to a 64-59 win in the Garden and later made Coach Adolph Rupp's strong Kentucky team go two extra periods

Baseball Competition Stiffens
A slight shadow was cast on the Aggie hopes for nabbing the baseball crown this year, as the Texas Longhorns have announced the return of five regulars from their 1944 squad. Crippled badly, however, by the absence of Bobby Layne, all-conference football hero and ace hurler for the orange and white baseballers last year, the Texas gents proceeded to boost the pitching spot as being their only weak spot. With a host of Naval Trainees to fall back on, the Longhorns are worrying little about material with which to develop their weak positions.

The Rice Owls, also are a threat for the crown by announcing the return of almost all of their 1944 infield lettermen. Neely will probably build his team around letter men Charlie Baily (pitcher), Bill Scruggs (second-base), Ed Murphy (shortstop), Bill Callender (third-base), and George Wilkins (left field). Naval Trainees, too, are destined to play a large part on the diamond for the Owls this season.

To be in the title chase also are SMU and TCU. For the first time in three years, the Mustangs and Frogs will field a team in the race. Handicapped by lack of experience and an absence of returning lettermen, these conference entries boast large squads from which to develop teams. James Stewart, athletic director of SMU, reported that the game was especially popular with Naval Trainees and that he expected to build a fighting team aided by that group.

"Rusty" Russell Visits
In his tour of the state, scouting high school prospects for the Mustang gridiron next fall, Rusty Russell, acting head coach for SMU, dropped in to have a chat with H. H. Norton and to view the grounds upon which the Ponies suffered a 20-0 defeat in 1943. He also made the track workout Wednesday afternoon, closely observing the material in preparation for the Laredo Border Olympics March 9.

One More Week
Coach Lil Dimmitt is fast conditioning his thin-clads for the Laredo Border Olympics which is only a little more than a week hence. The Aggie bid in the contest is nothing short of the title; correspondingly, one admires the spirit that the boys show in the stepped-up-race of work-outs, due to unreliable weather.

"Pete" Jones, yesterday, issued equipment to fifty some odd base-

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night to the present sum. "We got the idea after seeing last Tuesday's "Batt." Frog Weigand explained. "Some of the other fellows came in my room and told me of the idea," he said. "We got the floor C. Q. on each floor to go around to every room on his floor and tell the fellows about it and take up a collection right then. Since then, I have asked for donations every morning at reveille." He added that he hoped that no one would get the wrong impression by their actions, because the Frogs are trying to win two important battles. First, to buy a grave marker for Reveille, and second, to try and convince others that they are capable of, want to, and are determined to become just as good Aggies as any other class has ever become.

So far the donations of other classes has been sadly lacking and almost negligible.

The Jarrah tree, a species of Eucalyptus of Australia, sometimes sends its roots down 120 feet to obtain its water supply.

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Alley, Tassos, Holbrook Sparkle In Track Workouts As First Meet Looms

Alley Beck To Run 440 Dash, 880, Mile Relay

By Sam Nixon

Well, Ole Army, now is the time for all good Aggies to come to the support of the Aggie track team. Your reporter has been down there quite a few afternoons these past weeks, watching the boys go through their paces, talking to them, getting their opinions on the men working out with them, and their views as to the season ahead. There have been few, if any, members of the cadet corps in the stands, showing the thin-clads that they're behind them all the way.

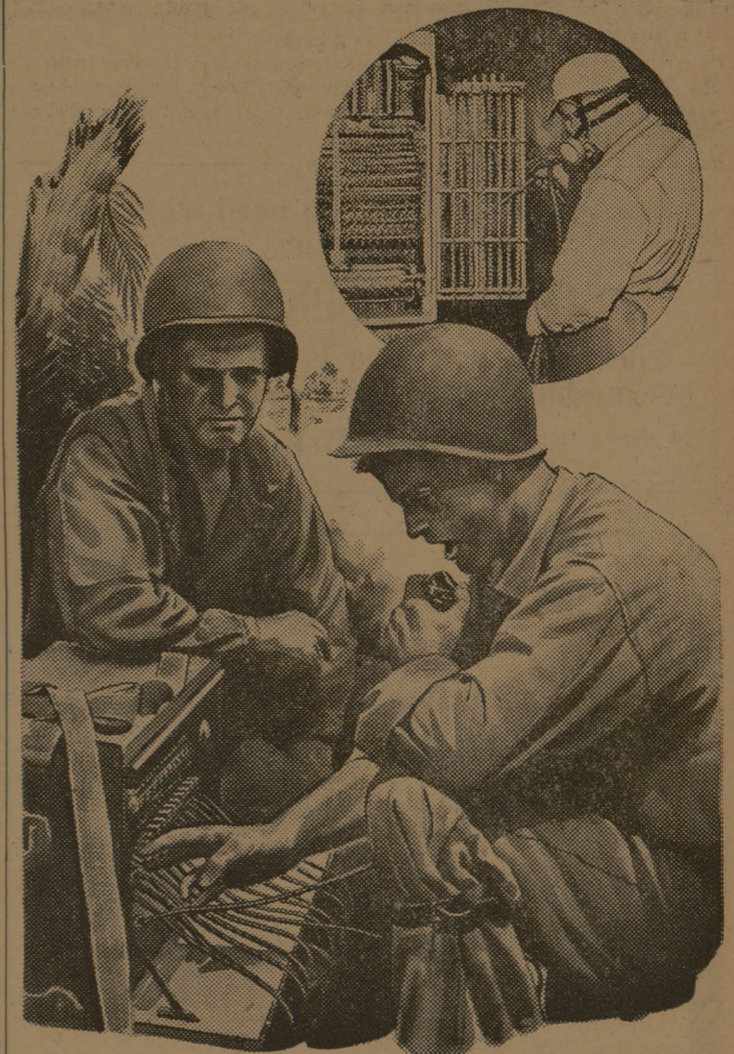
As everyone should know by now, Lil Dimmitt's spikemen will travel to Laredo on March 9 to participate in the important Border Olympics meet with high school, college, and service teams. This event is important to the team because it will show how the Aggie tracksters will stand up

with the competition offered Rice Institute and Texas university in later Southwest Conference meets. When you go down to Kyle Field, be sure to pay particular attention to Tassos, Alley, and Holbrook.

"Greek" is really spending a lot of time on those two strong-arm events—shot-put and discus. He has developed a lot more form and power than he had last year when he put the 16-pound shot and hurled the discus.

Tom K. Alley, the red-headed president of last semester's senior class, is showing a lot of speed on the 440-yard dash, 880-yard dash, and the mile relay.

Holbrook, a member of last semester's cross-country team, is fast on the 440-yard dash, 880-yard dash, and the mile relay. This speedy sophomore can make a lap or two almost as fast as one can say, "We're going to win the Southwest Conference track meet this year."



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