

As An Aggie....

# You Will Take An Active Part In Intra-College Activities

Aggies Building Annual Bonfire



## Dances, Intramural Program, Highlight Excellent Activity Program Designed For Students of All Likes, Dislikes

While Aggieland's great claim to fame can be found in the fighting spirit of its thousands of scrapping sons and the air of friendliness ever present on its campus, no less distinctive of Texas A. & M. College is the varied and increasingly interesting activities program found at the home of the fighting Farmers.

This typical Aggie activity did not come about by accident. What Aggies do now at Texas A. & M. is what they have found by experience that they like to do. Hence, sports, both intramural and intercollegiate, rank high in the affection of the men of the mighty Maroon and White.

Dancing highlights what is probably the most outstanding social program found at any other Texas school, while social clubs, ranging from hometown to national professional organizations, rank high on the list of things that all Aggies enjoy.

The range of activity available to every cadet is one that furnishes healthy outlets for all the varied talents, likes and dislikes of A. & M.'s regularly enrolled seven thousand students, prior to the war.

### Variety of Activity

For instance here's just a few of the things available: a full time theater on the campus, showing first and second run pictures at bargain prices; a student workshop where dance decorations and hobbies can be developed; a full time radio station, offering many opportunities to those who want to become either technicians, announcers, or performers; more than one hundred clubs built on democratic principles, in which the famous Aggie bonds of equality

and fraternity rule supreme; and then specifically the more intensive programs outlined in the following paragraphs.

### Intramural Sports

Everybody plays at A. & M.—when play time comes. This means that when work time comes, the average student is better equipped mentally and physically for his studies. The keystone of intramurals at Texas A. & M. is "A sport for everyone and everyone a sport." No Aggie is too small or too inexperienced to participate.

Opportunity is provided for every student to take part in a large variety of sports of his own choosing, and the department encourages and promotes competition among large groups of men who either are not interested or are not sufficiently proficient for varsity competition. The competition is between the various military organizations. Each organization has an athletic officer appointed by his captain. It is the duty of this officer to organize teams in the sports sponsored by the intramural department, to enter these sports in the program, and to have his teams report promptly at the scheduled times. From five to eight sports are sponsored each semester under the present policy. The season and the students' interest are the main factors in deciding what sports will be offered.

The members of the College Championship teams are awarded the official intramural medal and the military organization having the best record throughout the semester is presented the intramural championship flag, which it carries at all reviews the following semester.

Probably at no other college has

## Membership In Hometown, Technical Clubs Available To College Students

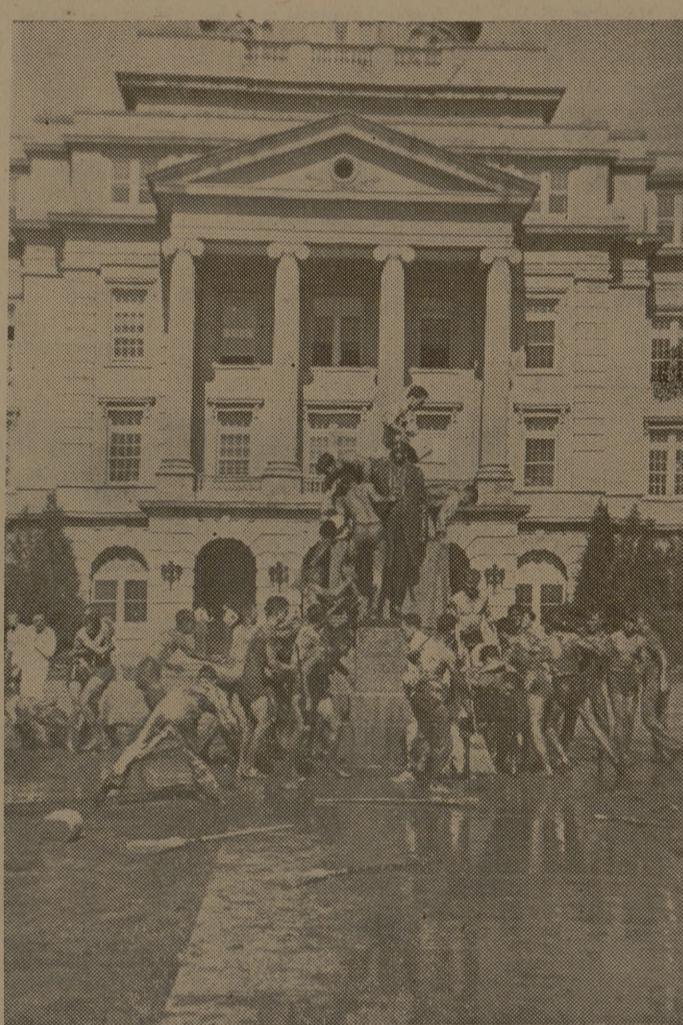
interest in intramural sports been more wholesome or the competition keener. This is a tribute to the excellent staff under the direction of W. L. Penberthy, a man every Aggie knows and loves. Some of the sports in intramurals include touch football, speedball, horseshoe pitching, volleyball, handball, swimming, cross country, tennis and baseball.

The facilities for intramurals—and these are constantly being expanded—include 30 basketball courts, 10 softball diamonds, five football fields, 15 volleyball courts, handball courts, the P. L. Downs, Jr., Natatorium, largest and finest swimming pool in the south, and a tumbling room.

**Intercollegiate Sports**  
While fewer participate, inter-

collegiate sports, directed by Homer Hill Norton, occupy a deep place in Aggies' affections. A. & M. teams rank high in competition. Charter member of the Southwest Conference, established in 1914, the Aggies have won many honors. Football championships were won in 1917, 1919, 1921, 1925, 1927, 1939 and 1940. The Aggies tied for the title with SMU in 1941. The 1939 Aggie team was selected overwhelmingly the Number One team of the nation. The great names of Maroon and White football fame include Jarrin' John Kimbrough, great All-American fullback in '39 and '40, Joe Routh, All-American guard in '37 and '38, and All-American tackle, Joe Boyd. Such names as Martin Ruby, Jitterbug Henderson, Leo Daniels, and before them Dick Todd and Joel Hunt, are

## Fish Bathe "Sully"



In the above picture "Sully" is shown receiving his regular Sunday bath. The statue is of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, former President of A. & M. College and a onetime Governor of Texas. It has been a tradition for years for the freshmen to learn the inscription on his statue and bathe him each Sunday during the summer months.

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## Spirited Intramural Competition Is Feature Of Company Life For Cadets

others lending to the fame of Aggie gridiron prowess.

### Corps Trips

The average Aggie, while he may not be a member of the team, plays a definite role in any athletic contest. Yell practice and corps trips provide him an opportunity to build the Aggie spirit so essential in keeping the morale of the team at high pitch. No Aggie sits while his team is on the field—that's part of the tradition of the Aggie Twelfth Man. If the team plays away from Aggieland, the entire Corps turns out to see it off and return it home—win, lose or draw. Several times during the season the entire Corps to a man, band, bugles and campus mascots, follows the team by special train, bus, car, or via the well known "Aggie Thump."

### Social Highlights

The outstanding socials include the Senior Ring Dance, the Junior Prom, the Sophomore Ball, the Freshman Ball, the Cotton Ball and Pageant, and the various military formals. In normal times as many as 2000 Aggies have danced in the huge ballroom to the music

of the leading bands in America—Jimmy Lunceford, Art Castle, Herbie Kay, Jan Garber, Boyd Raeburn, and others. In 1941-42 there were more than 25,000 paid admissions at college dances. Dates for these socials are invited from TSCW, Baylor Belton, Sam Houston Teachers College and from other colleges and hometowns throughout Texas.

### Town Hall

An entertainment program sponsored by the Corps, Town Hall brings outstanding entertainment to the campus. Season tickets sell for a small sum. Some of the stars brought to the Town Hall stage have included Rose Stevens, one of the stars of "Going My Way"; Quentin Reynolds, H. R. Knickerbocker, and Kaltenborn, famous war correspondents; Helen Jepson and Gladys Swarthout, opera stars; Albert Spalding and Francescatti, violinists; and many others.

### Publications

The normal student publications

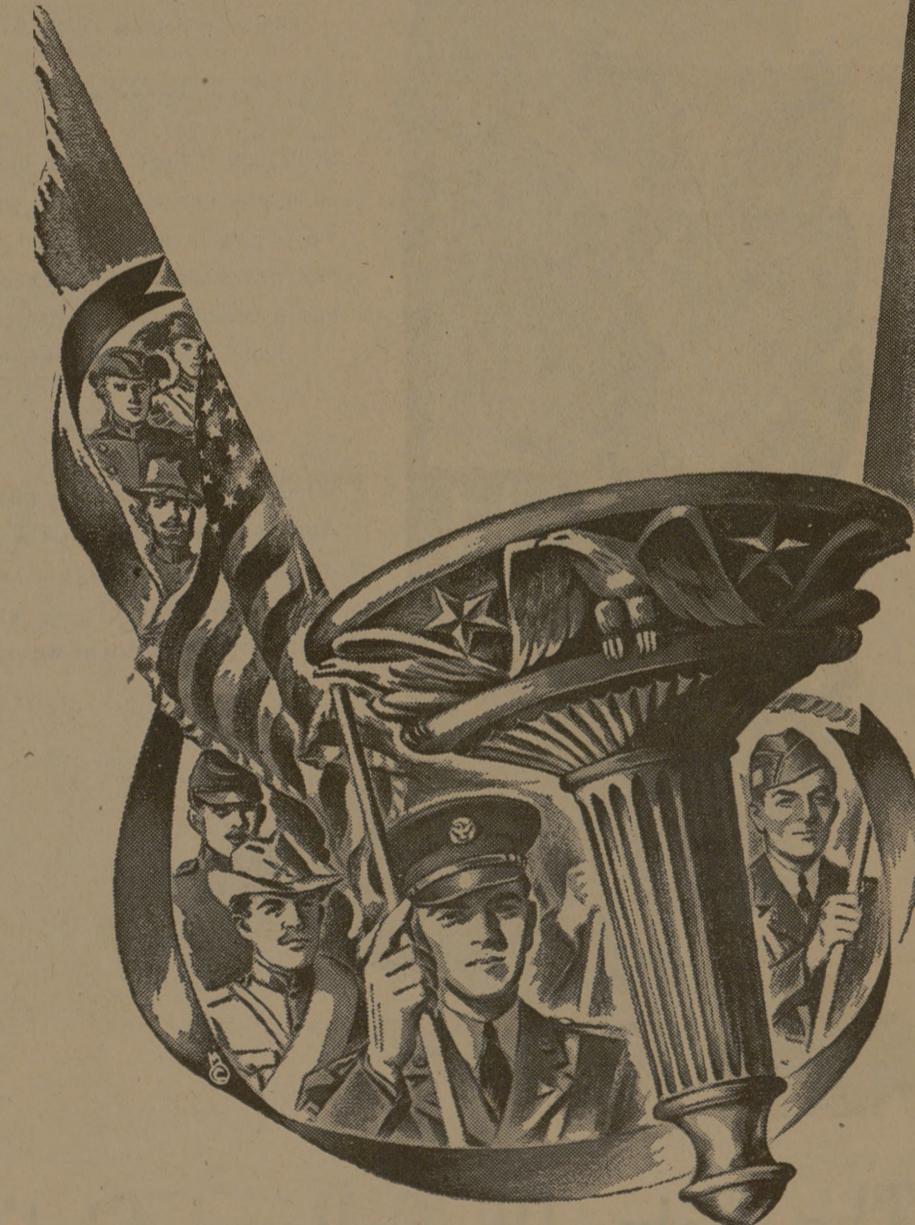
program at Texas A. & M. is one of the most varied offered in any Texas institution. The Corps publishes, in peace time when materials can be obtained, a tri-weekly newspaper, a monthly humor magazine, two scientific magazines known as The Agriculturist and The Engineer respectively, the YMCA handbook, a student directory, the football programs sold in Kyle Field, the Longhorn, college annual, The Cadence, a Corps handbook for Freshmen, and numerous other special publications. The editorial work on all of these publications is done by Aggies. Students with high school experience in journalism are urged to participate as well as any other student who has ambitions in this direction.

In short, the men of Texas A. & M. find time to do a variety of things—getting an education while enjoying doing it. That's why most Aggies urge their friends to come to A. & M.

## The Passing Parade of Heroes Is Led by Men of A. & M.

From the bitter hour of Corregidor to the last bombardment on foul Nazidom, men trained at Texas A. & M. have marched in the van of that great parade of brave Americans. Texas A. & M. embodies all that is great in the fighting code of fighting Texans—honor, brotherhood, bravery, sportsmanship—all that goes to make a man's man. When you think of the school to be your Alma Mater, be assured the great bond of Aggie brotherhood, a fraternity extending now to all the battlefronts, extends you a welcome to Aggieland and says

"Come be a Texas Aggie."



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