

KICKING IT AROUND

By ART HOWARD

Exchange Store Money May Be Spent Here on Athletic Equipment

"Spike" White has a very tentative plan in his office for using the \$18,000 Exchange Store profits. Details cannot be released until final approval is granted, which will be sometime after the Christmas holidays, but the present plan is almost sure to go through.



If the plan is carried out as proposed, it will be one of the biggest athletic events since the '39 National Championship Team. It was only a week ago that suggestions for using the

fund were requested, and since then various athletic organizations have turned in their replies and the plan has been roughly drawn up.

For the sake of a name, call it "Project Q". It calls for a lot of additional equipment which will benefit nearly all of the neglected athletic clubs and intramural activities on the campus. As Spike said in his announcement of the program, the money will be spent on physical goods and not on entertainment activities.

Spike has done a fine job of providing a better intramural program for A&M, but he does not always get the support of other people. A request was turned in that some of this money be used for reconditioning the handball courts. The lighting is poor, the floors are rough, and the walls are dirty. As the Exchange Store profits were not to be used for that purpose, the request had to be denied. "Anyway, Mr. _____ said a month ago that he would have the handball courts scrubbed for me."

The Athletic Department has had four or five ping pong tables for about a year, but no place to put them. It would be desirable to have these tables set up near the center of the campus so that students could play between classes. The basement of the Academic Building, the locked idle room at the foot of the stairs, has been suggested as a possible site. This space is used only occasionally as a storage room and would make a fine temporary location for the ping pong tables.

But odds are that certain school officials, one in the Eng. Department and one in the Architecture Department, will block any of Spike's attempts to utilize this room.

It was not so long ago that ping pong was one of the main recreational activities at A&M, and it could become so again if tables could be located conveniently on the campus so that the students could play. The lone remaining table is in the basement of the "Y," and it is always busy and has a waiting line.

But at least we can be happy in the thought that our children will be able to play ping pong at A&M space has been allotted for tables in the Student Union Building.

Only one member of the 39-man Texas varsity football squad is from out of the state.

Bird's Plane Sets Modelers' Record

D. L. Bird's plane set a new single flight record Wednesday night at the meeting of the Aggie Aero Modelers Club with a 28.66 mark.

The winners include, in the three desk flights, D. L. Bird, first, average 28 seconds; E. K. Lawes, 26.1 average; and W. W. Powell, 25.06.

The sponsor and in charge of the meeting is Roger L. Barton of the engineering department.

Batt Newscasters Like Holiday Too

"The Battalion on the Air," daily broadcast of local news presented over WTAW, will not be heard during the holidays, Wally Pierre, station manager announced Thursday.

The Saturday, December 20, broadcast, will be the last this year. Pierre pointed out. The program will have its initial 1948 airing on Monday, Jan. 5. No other changes are contemplated in the WTAW and KAMT schedule, Pierre declared.

METHODIST DOWN EAGLES

DENTON, Dec. 19.—(P)—The Southern Methodist University Mustangs last night defeated the North Texas State Eagles 60-49.

SMU was leading by two points, 49-47, with only two minutes to play, but started a scoring spree that netted 11 points while the Eagles scored only two.

Intramural Cross Country Champs



Individual winners in the intramural cross country race that took place here last Friday are pictured above. They are, left to right, Robert Williams of Senior Company, first place, Jack Turcotte of A Infantry, second place, Ralf Burch of Dorm 14, fourth, and Alton Bailey of Senior Company, fifth. Gene Smith of Dorm 5, third place winner, is not pictured.

A&M Sports Picture None Too Bright In Looking Back Over Year of 1947

The Christmas holidays, in effect, bring to a close the year of 1947. When returning January 5, 1947 will only be a memory, pleasant in some aspects, and not too pleasant in others.

Returning at approximately that time a year ago, the

baseball season was well underway. And a none-too-successful season at that. It finally ended with A&M winning but nine games of the 25 played. This left the Aggies not quite in the SWC cellar but close enough to be on intimate terms with its occupants.

Most satisfying part of the hand-wood season was the final tilt in which Marty Karow's charges edged a high-flying Southern Methodist quintet 59-58. This happened after a high-flying Southern Methodist quintet 59-58. This happened after a high-flying Southern Methodist quintet 59-58.

Composite has reached the finals and will meet the winner of the A Infantry-C Infantry game for the Corps Championship.

and golf were underway. Little hope was given the Cadets in any of these sports. Golf got off to a surprisingly good start, under the guidance of Coach Marty Karow. Tennis, after being kicked around, was finally given to Bill Dowell who took it on as a full time job and began to pay dividends.

A&M finished second in golf and third in tennis in the round robin. Technically, these positions do not exist, a team either wins or loses, but it may be calculated thus.

Swimming seemed to be the one bright spot in the picture. Danny

Aggies, Baldwin-Wallace Yellow Jackets In Cage Battle Tonight

Sports Banquet Honors Track, Football Teams

The 1947 Aggie football and cross country teams will be honored at the annual banquet given by the Brazos County A&M Club and the Athletic Council, at 7 o'clock Friday night, January 16, R. L. "Satch" Elkins, general chairman announced today. The affair will be held at Sbia Hall.

Tickets, which will sell for \$2 each, will go on sale immediately after the holidays, Joe Motheral, finance and ticket chairman, said. Athletic awards will be presented at the banquet and a prominent speaker will be secured for the evening.

In addition to Elkins, who is chairman, the general arrangement committee includes Bill Carmichael, Newt Hielscher, Tom Harrington, and Bill Armistead. Herschel Burgess is chairman of the program committee, Bill Dawson heads the host committee for high school athletes and coaches, Holloway Hughes is head of the banquet and decorations committee, Joe Motheral is chairman of finance and tickets, Henderson Shuffler heads the publicity committee, and Lucian Morgan heads the reception committee.

Each committee chairman will name his own committeemen.

Green, an aquatic speedster from Dallas, sparked the team effort. With Captain Allen Self, Jimmy Flowers, Gene Summers, Jerry Fisher, and a host of top splashes, the chances appeared more than good. As the season wore on, the Farmers racked up one victory after another, their only tie being in an AAU with the Austin Aquatic club, a group that included several men not eligible for collegiate competition.

Diving was the only weak spot on the team. However, Texas University came out on top in the conference meet.

Track provided the top upset of the year. Col. Frank Anderson and his thinny clads came in second at the Border Olympics meet. (See A&M SPORTS, Page 4)

Cadet Basketballers in First Clash Of Three-Game Northeastern Series

The Texas Aggie basketball team clashes with Baldwin-Wallace tonight at the Cleveland arena in Cleveland in the first of their three-game Eastern series that will take them as far east as South Orange, New Jersey.

Baldwin-Wallace dropped its opener to Akron University 54-63 but came back strong to trip Oberlin College 64-42 and whip Good-year at Akron 66-45. John Carroll University and Otterbein College both bowed to the Yellow Jackets in that order.

Forward Eddie Hrivnak, a six foot three inch senior from Lakewood, Ohio, sparked the Jackets to

victory in the fray with Oberlin, meshing 25 points to tie the individual scoring record in the Cleveland Arena. Joe Camic of Duquesne was the original holder of the mark, setting it last winter.

Hrivnak has tallied 48 points in the first three games, and Dick Selgo, the other first string forward, has totaled 46. Selgo, a five foot eleven inch lad from Port Clinton, is only a sophomore.

Other men on the probable starting line-up for the Yellow Jackets are Captain Joe Kostobryz, six foot six inch center from Brecksville, Captain Gene (Sonny) Degyansky, six foot guard from Cleveland, and Guard Brian McCall, six foot, two inch senior from East Palestine.

Following the game, the Aggies entrain for Columbus where they meet the Ohio State Buckeyes Saturday. The entire Buckeye squad of 16 men are Sophomores. This is Head Coach Marty Karow's alma mater, from which he graduated in 1927, lettering in football, baseball, and basketball. He made All-American fullback there in 1926.

The team will stay in New York City while awaiting the Boston Hall tilt which takes place Monday night. This is the last in the three-game series and they are slated to arrive back in College Station at 4:30 Thursday morning, December 25.

Misplaced Kickoff Return Discovery Lands Doak on Top

By GAIL FOWLER

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(P)—Figures don't lie, and if they lie around long enough the sharp-eyed auditors of the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau will nail the lie and put it in its proper perspective.

That's why, today, Southern Methodist's Doak Walker ranks as the nation's 1947 leader in kickoff return against Santa Clara in the Mustang's opener.

Walker made it, all right, but the feat was entered in the wrong column, and until the bureau rechecked, the SMU sophomore ranked 11th in that department.

But with those 98 yards credited in their proper spot—Walker vaulted into first place with 387 yards returned in fetching back 10 kickoffs.

Innocent victim of the discovery was Garner Barnett of Arizona State at Tempe, whose 15 returns for 373 yards previously was high.

Walker's 11th hour elevation meant that the Southwest Con-

ference which used to produce the nation's top passing stars, this year boasted the country's champions in kick runbacks.

Lindy Berry of Texas Christian led the punt returning with 42 returns for 493 yards, while Walker dominated the kickoff retrievers.

Both Sophomores, they won their titles in their last game of the season—against each other. Walker brought three kickoffs back 169 yards, the last of which was a 77-yarder that set up the last minute tying touchdown.

And Berry returned two punts 40 yards in the furious 19-19 tie to edge past Jake Leicht of Oregon.

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