

# Spring Lettermen Receive Awards at Barbecue

Putnam Deserves Credit Too . . .

## Coach Helps Build Champs

By DON ENGELKING  
One of the major reasons for the outstanding record compiled by the Aggie track team this season is the work of Ray Putnam, A&M's Assistant track coach.



RAY PUTNAM, A&M's assistant track coach, has done a bang-up job in helping Col. Andy build the Southwest Conference track champions.

Putnam, a graduate of Iowa State, is a track coach who knows his business from A to Z. A distance runner himself while in college, Putnam is a veteran on the cinder paths.

Specializing in building distance and middle distance runners, Putnam and Col. Anderson, head track coach, have developed most of the Aggie distance men from members of Aggie P. E. classes.

Webster Stone, J. D. Hampton, Carol Hahn and Jerry Binnin who together picked up nine points in the recent SWC meet, were all developed through the untiring efforts of A&M's assistant track coach.

None of these four distance runners came to A&M with the intention of starting in track but after Col. Andy got hold of them and Putnam started dogging them around Kyle Field's oval track, they blossomed into crack distance men.

Putnam, who also has done a major portion of the work in developing the mile relay team into the best in the nation, believes in a lot of hard running for his athletes.

If you are ever down on Kyle Field when the track squad is working out you will find Coach Putnam standing some where near the starting point dressed in a track uniform and directing the traffic.

His main purpose in staying at this vantage point seems to be to keep the Aggie tracksters on their feet. One gets the impression that he is about to pull out a whip and crack it at some poor defenseless half-miler who sat down after taking only twelve laps.

But such really isn't the case. Ray Putnam is one of the most respected and well liked coaches in the business. If you were to ask some of the members of the Aggie track squad what they think about their assistant coach they would spend the next thirty minutes making flowery speeches about his knowledge and ability.

One instance which will prove Putnam's ability concerns A&M's great quartermiler, Art Harnden.

It seems that one day during his freshman year while working out on the track team, Harnden, who is then specializing in the 220 and who had no idea that he would some day be A&M's best quartermiler, was approached by Putnam.

Putnam asked Harnden, if he would run the 440 with a group of quartermilers. Harnden obeyed the request with amazing results. Art won the race with ease.

Although Harnden's time was not spectacular, Putnam convinced him that he had run a terrifically fast race.

From that day on Harnden's specialty has been the quarter-mile. That little incident convinced Art that he was a 440 man.

In addition to his coaching duties Putnam is an instructor in the Economics Department. Putnam first came to A&M as an Economics instructor but his love for sports soon forced him out to Kyle Field.

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BOB FRETZ, Awarded most valuable player trophy last night at the Brazos County A&M Club barbecue. Fretz played outfield, first base and pitched three winning games this season.

## Three Captains and Valuable Players Cited For Spring Work

By ANDY MATELA

Over 150 spring athletes were the guests of the Brazos County A&M Club Monday night for the annual spring awards barbecue. All lettermen as well as other participants were introduced by their coaches.

Ray Holbrook of Baytown, Bobby Fretz of Houston, and Billy Turnbow of Perrin each received a Lipscomb-Colson Most Valuable Player Trophy. Holbrook won his in track, Fretz in baseball, and Turnbow in basketball.

W. M. "Flop" Colson made the awards. Lipscomb-Colson Team Captain trophies went to Art Harnden in track, Tex Thornton in baseball, and Sam Jenkins in basketball.

Ray Holbrook received his award for his outstanding performance in the 140 dash and on the champion mile relay team. Ray is a junior and has a year of eligibility left.

Bobby Fretz received his trophy for his efforts on the diamond for the Aggies. Bob played both first base and pitched, winning three conference games and using one.

Billy Turnbow was well remembered for his play on the court where he was a high scoring forward and center. Last December, Turnbow broke the scoring record at the Cleveland Arena on the Aggies road trip.

Out of the 84 lettermen announced at the barbecue, 25 were named for track, 13 in baseball, 9 in swimming, 7 in basketball, four each in tennis, golf and fencing, 10 in rifle and eight in pistol firing. Three student managers and a student trainer were also announced.

C. N. Hielscher, president of the club, introduced J. E. Roberts who acted as master of ceremonies for the evening. Roberts in turn introduced each of the coaches who called off their team members.

George Smith of Houston, newly elected president of the Former Students Association was the special guest for the affair. Bill Carmichael, director of athletics, and Harry Stittler, head football coach, each had a few words to say.

Dean of Arts and Sciences, M. T. Harrington stated that he did not have a list of the lettermen on his team as yet and that he expected few to make it this season.

Besides the captain and valuable player trophies, several special awards were given. Bob Fretz received an electric clock from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seale in recognition for his efforts this spring.

Stan Hollmig was given a \$400.00 scholarship from the H. B. S. and a season pass to the Skyway theatre from Jack Fair for leading the conference in home runs. Earl Blesley was surprised to learn that WSD's Clothing award

ed him a straw hat for winning the most baseball games.

Bill Batey, guard on the 1948 basketball team was the recipient of a new award. Hershal Burgess, J. E. Roberts, Reed Wipprecht, and R. B. Hickerson donated a year's life insurance to Batey for shooting the most number of free throws during basketball season. The award is to be an annual one to stimulate added points through free throws.

The program closed as Frank Anderson, track coach, related how the Aggie champion relay team won their event at the Coliseum Reunions last Friday night. He then introduced members of the team to the club.

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**Baltimore Orioles Get Chick Zomlefer**  
AUSTIN, Tex., May 25 —(AP)—Sidney (Chick) Zomlefer, 21, all-Southwest Conference shortstop for the University of Texas, today said he has signed a \$4,000 professional baseball contract with the Baltimore Orioles.

**Baseball in Moscow**  
MOSCOW —(AP)—Excellent atmospheric are enabling American residents in Moscow to hear baseball games broadcast direct from the United States. A Los Angeles shortwave station (KCSA) can be heard very clearly and in considerable volume.

**E Field Beats White Band For Corps 'Mural Championship**  
By BILL THORNTON  
E Field overcame a White Band lead of nine runs in the sixth and seventh innings to win the College Corp Mural Crown 14-12.

**A&M Relay Team's Record Unequaled, —Coach Anderson**  
Texas A&M's mile relay team's record may never have been equalled; if so, it was many years ago, Coach Frank Anderson says.

**Purveyor Cops Vet Softball Championship**  
Three errors and five hits in the top half of the fourth inning gave Puryear five runs and started it on the road to victory as "C" Row College View bowed 6 to 4 in the final round of the intramural Veteran Softball League.

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E Field left the game in the second inning when he mixed too many words with the plate umpire, Bill Hodge.

**A&M Relay Team's Record Unequaled, —Coach Anderson**  
Besides being undefeated this season, the Aggies recorded a 1,600-meter relay time of 3:11.0 last Friday night in the coliseum relays at Los Angeles which has been bettered by not more than two college teams in the last 16 years and not in recent years, Anderson declares.

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Up until the fourth frame pitcher Clark allowed Puryear only one hit and after the bad inning he held College View to only one more.

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The four runs crossed the plate on two hits, three walks and one error. Martin, the pitcher for White Band, was relieved in this inning by Fisher who retired E Field without further scoring.

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The United States olympic team set the 1,600-meter record of 3:08.2 in 1932 on the same track. Since that time one college team has posted a 3:11.6 for a world's record in the mile relay.

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The final run for the champions was scored in the sixth when Tallchet hit a double and later scored on a fielders choice, the ball being hit by Scheumack.

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The station broadcasting an Armed Forces Radio Service program offers the news followed by "recreation" broadcasts, play-by-play of big league ball games. Several Americans are setting their alarm clocks and hearing their baseball—perhaps for the first time—direct from the states.

**A&M Relay Team's Record Unequaled, —Coach Anderson**  
Coach Anderson stated that had the Aggies run the few additional steps for the full mile, their time would have been approximately 3:12.2, which is only six-tenths of a second over the world mark.

**Purveyor Cops Vet Softball Championship**  
Fighting hard to tie the game "C" Row came back in the seventh when with two away left fielder Mueller walked and then scored the final run on a double hit by shortstop Womack.

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