

### Football Team of 1900



The football team of 1900 won two games, lost two and tied one. Both losses were to the University of Texas, 5-0, and 11-0, and W. A. Brown was the Aggies coach while R. M. Brown captained the team.

# First 'Mural Teams Paid \$10 to Play; Program Has Expanded Since 1910

The early intramural program at Texas A&M was carried out by company teams playing each other in football and baseball. The plan called for each team to put up \$10.00 which, at the end of the season would be used to buy sweaters with company letters on them for the winning team.

This plan was successful until the expansion of the college necessitated another broader program, and in 1910 a league was formed which comprised teams from each Battalion. The company adjutants served as team managers.

In 1911 a Student's Athletic Council was formed for the purpose of settling all disputes and protests, but this plan did not live up to expectations and on October 7, 1912 a Company Athletic Council was organized. This council was composed of three Majors, one Captain from each Battalion, a Secretary, and the college Athletic Director. Later the council was revised and consisted of a President, a Secretary, and six voting members.

#### Prexy Directed

The college Athletic Director was the President and the Secretary was elected by the council itself. The six voting members included three Majors, two company Captains who were elected by all the company Captains, and the last member was the Captain of the varsity team whose sport was in season.

In 1914 an All-Company team was selected and those men chosen were presented with miniature silver footballs. Basketball was another innovation to be introduced in 1914. Basketball did not progress too rapidly until 1916 when two leagues were formed, the National and the American. A "worlds series," which consisted of three games, was played by the winners from each league to determine the college champion.

#### Driven Submits Plan

In 1918 during the time when the Student's Athletic Training Council was at A&M, C. K. Driven, the Athletic Director, submitted a plan to train 1500 students in athletics daily between the hours of 4:30 and 5:30 in the afternoon. The success of this plan was rather doubtful, but it was significant in that it produced a large scale interest in intramural athletics at Texas A&M.

Cross-country teams were fielded by the battalions in 1922 and jerseys were awarded to the participants.

Intramural interest widened considerably at Aggieland and this necessitated a more comprehensive organization in the administration of intramural activities. A committee which was composed of H. H. House as chairman, E. E. McQuillen, Dr. J. O. Morgan, N. J. Dansby, and P. V. Wasburn drew up a constitution and a set of by-laws which was submitted to and approved by the Athletic Council in May, 1925.

An intramural board which was to be the supreme being in intramural athletics was created. This board included one professor of physical education, one member of the faculty who was appointed by the athletic council, a senior manager of Intramural Athletics, one senior student representative to act as secretary, and the director of intramural athletics who reigned as chairman of the Board.

Certain rules of eligibility were set forth which stated that—  
 • Each man will play with the unit with which he lives.  
 • Any students who has represented any recognized senior college in a conference contest is ineligible.  
 • Any student barred from Varsity Athletics because of professionalism shall be barred from the sport in intramurals in which he is a professional.

During the 1926-27 school year under the directorship of H. H. House the intramural program included Football and Basketball, and in 1928 D. X. Bible, the Athletic Director, hired W. L. Penberthy from Ohio State, who set up the present intramural program.

#### Years of 1927-28

The 1927-28 intramural program included four Basketball leagues; 118 men playing Tennis; 16 Cross-Country teams; four leagues in Volley Ball; seven Battalion Football teams; 41 men Boxing; 44 men Wrestling; 96 men participating in singles and doubles Handball; two leagues in Speedball; Swimming meet in which 72 men swam; a Track meet which included all events; four leagues in Horse-shoes; and a league in which there were 22 softball teams. "F" Co. Infantry won the first Intramural Championship.

The 1928-29 program showed an addition of Golf and Rifle teams and Handball became a team sport.

During the 1934-35 school year touch football replaced battalion football because the athletic department was not able to supply the needed equipment for the many new teams resulting from college expansion. Also, on the advice of Art Adamson, who had noticed a tremendous increase in the interest for water polo, this water sport was added to the intramural program.

#### Program in 1936

In 1936 a separate program was initiated for freshmen which duplicated the upperclassmen's program. The following year the physical department and intramurals were administered by the physical education department.

1938 saw the addition of open tournaments in handball and tennis to the regular team competition.

1939 marked a change of policy in the officiating of intramural sports in that the officials were paid while the managers were not. This was brought about by the N.Y.A. program instituted by the federal government.

#### Participation Jumps

During the years 1927 through 1942 participation in intramurals

jumped from 220 man sports to 24,000 and closest behind the Aggies was the University of Michigan with 18,000 man sports. In 1942 Spike White, who had been director of intramurals since 1940, was called to military duty and was relieved by Nicky Ponthieux who served in this capacity for a year.

Penberthy took over until the return of White in 1946, and in 1947 Barney Welch was appointed director. During the war with the college on the three semester schedule the intramural program was also on this schedule and awarded three championships a year.

In 1946 with the return of so many veterans a three program schedule was instituted; veterans, military, and freshmen. There were 15 veteran teams the first year and they participated in all sports which were offered by the intramural department.

#### Duplicate at Annex

With the annex came a duplicate of the intramural program on the main campus and was directed by Luke Harrison until he was relieved in 1948 by Nicky Ponthieux who carried on the program until the annex was abolished in 1950. Due to all this expansion the intramural program was transferred to the Office of Student Activities.

Beginning in 1947 touch football was changed to flag football and A&M was the first college to adopt this form of intramural football. Soon afterward colleges all over the nation were incorporating it into their intramural programs.

Another memorable event in intramural history came this year when sports clubs were formed for the purposes of furthering competition and sponsoring inter-college competition in sports not handled by the athletic department.

The first of these was badminton, volleyball, and handball.

The senior class of 1947 built and dedicated to W. L. Penberthy an intramural message center which now stands in front of Duncan Mess Hall. Laid in concrete in front of the Message Center are the names of the team champions and their managers since 1926. Along either side, and also recorded in concrete, are the names of the six intramural managers who were killed during World War II. Those

names recorded are Kyle Drake, A. F. Rideout, Bill Trodler, J. P. Olsen, Webb Lipscomb, and Jack Nagle.

#### Program in 1948

In 1948 weightlifting, gymnastics, tumbling, soccer, and wrestling were added to the Sports Club Program along with the engaging of other colleges and YMCA teams in contests throughout the state.

Intramurals at A&M have produced a number of outstanding student assistant directors, among them being Joe Hovsepian, Don Proctor, A. F. "Bud" Denton, Les Palmer, and Wally Beck. The

leadership of the intramural program is built from a graduated managerial system in which nine junior managers are selected from an unlimited number of sophomore managers and from these nine juniors who served the previous year are selected four senior managers.

To facilitate the seventeen sports offered by the intramural program the college maintains 22 concrete tennis courts, 3 doubles handball courts, 4 basketball courts, 20 softball diamonds, one of which is lighted, 5 flag football fields, 18 horse-shoe courts, 6 volleyball courts, a gym, and the P. L. Downs Jr. Natatorium.

## Editorials - 'Enjoy All Sports'

The Battalion, Oct. 17, 1906—At the beginning of the football season, when the interest of all is centered on one of the most strenuous of sports, it may be well to suggest that football is not the only American game, though it is now the most important one. In other words, this may be an opportune moment to call your attention to the fact that no one need despair who cannot play football; that there are games in which all may take part.

We want the students to keep up their interest in football, but at the same time to take more interest in the lighter sports. It cannot be denied that many men are barred from playing football by the very nature of the game. Some do not like its roughness, and perhaps are not strong enough

to play. Others cannot give sufficient time to the game to enable them to gain any proficiency in it. These men should not drop all exercise but what they get at drill. They should go in for something like tennis.

Under the present conditions, a few men do the playing for the

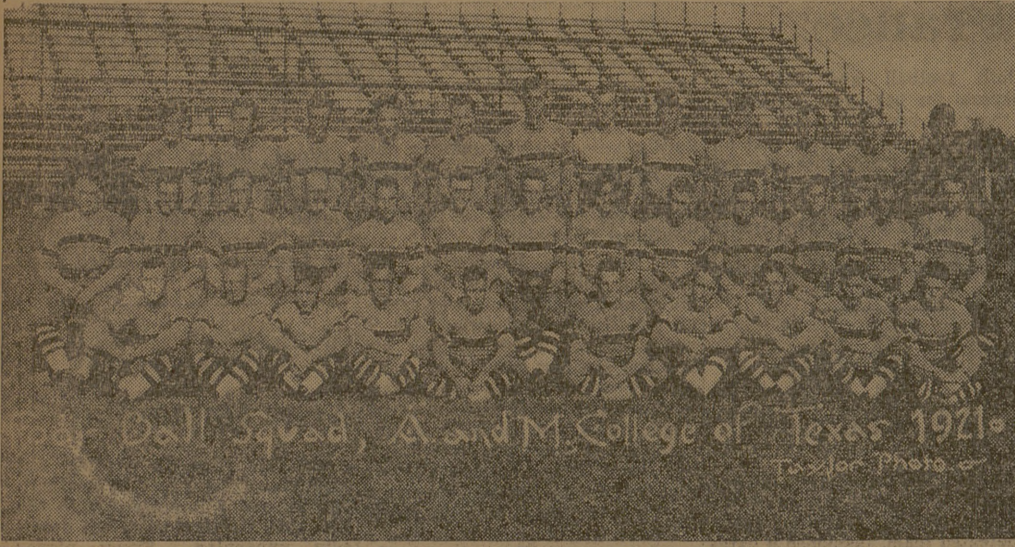
March 18, 1908—With the approach of summer our gray uniforms begin to feel uncomfortably warm. We hope soon to be allowed to wear drill shirts—a privilege which is usually granted with seeming reluctance and rather late in the season. The authorities never seem to have any great love for "Uniform No. 2" no matter how comfortable its wearers may feel.

Perhaps it might be better to have a uniform of Khaki for hot

weather wear. This could be worn on almost all occasions, and there would be no objection to it on the score of looks. As the cost of a Khaki uniform is not more than what one pays for two drill shirts and a campaign hat, no one could object to the innovation as being too expensive. Wearing Khaki we believe the cadets would present a more pleasing appearance and feel more comfortable than when wearing the drill shirts and heavy gray trousers of "No. 2"

whole corps. We want to make every man a player. We believe that if all took part in athletics the intellectual and moral tone of the College would be raised; and we know that the students would be in better physical condition. College and company athletics would be benefited accordingly.

### A&M's Third SWC Championship



### Ag Nine Wins 13 Games, SWC Title

College Station, April, 1937—By winning 13 out of 15 games the Texas Aggies have brought home to Aggieland the 1937 Baseball Championship. The Aggie diamond-men were not the most polished ball players, but were CHAMPIONS in every sense of the word.

This was possible through team spirit and determination and the able coaching of J. V. Sikes, himself a nine letter winner at Texas A&M.

The Athletic department turned over to the Treasurer, \$1,380.00 and received from the Treasurer \$806.00. It gained for the season \$1273.40.

## 1876

Through these trying years, Texas A&M College has proven itself to be a leader among builders. Not just builders in an educational sense, but builders of men.

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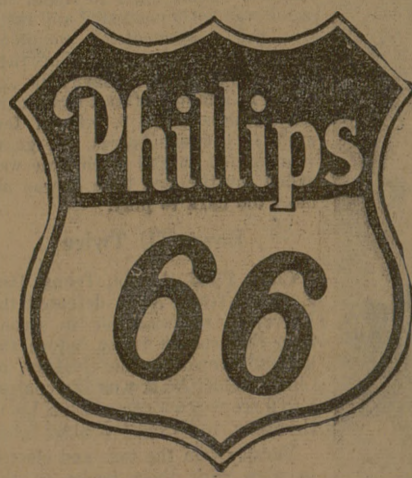
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