

# F-1 Leads Class A Intramurals

As of the end of the fall semester, F-1, Sqd. 8 and Mitchell Hall are leaders in the overall standings in the three intramural

classes. On deck for the beginning of this semester are an open gymnastics meet and wrestling.

F-1, winner of Class A basketball and horseshoes, has accumulated 375 points to lead the upper-classman division of Corps intramurals to date. Sqd. 3 holds second place in Class A with 365. Sqd. 6, with 350 points, and G-1, with 345, occupy third and fourth positions, respectively.

The freshman class of Corps intramurals is currently headed by recent volleyball winner, Sqd. 8,

which has 427½ points. Tied for second in Class B overall standings are Sqds. 10 and 1 with 420. Fourth from the top, with 403, is Sqd. 4.

Mitchell Hall, civilian football champ, tops the Class C standings with 390 points. Puryear is in second with 375. The Hart civilians follow closely with 372½ and Leggett Hall is fourth with 297.

Now slated for the first week in March (had been scheduled for next week) is the open gymnastics meet, a first for the A&M intramural program. Deadline for entries is Wednesday and all full-time students other than members of the gym team are eligible. Medals will be given to the individual winners.

The required routines will be judged by Coach Henry H. Walton and members of the gymnastics team. The team and Coach Walton will give a demonstration of the required routines at 5 p.m. Wednesday afternoon in the gym room on the third floor of the Coliseum.

Intramural wrestling competi-

tion is tentatively scheduled to begin on Feb. 26 and weigh-ins will be held the week before. At 5 p.m. on Feb. 15, a wrestling demonstration will be given on the second floor of the Coliseum.

Air Force and Civilian contestants for wrestling will weigh-in at 5 o'clock, Feb. 19, and the Army contestants will weigh-in on Feb. 21. Weighing-in will be conducted in the physical education locker room on the ground floor of the addition to the coliseum.

An open fencing meet has been planned for the middle of the semester. The fencing meet is tentatively scheduled to begin the first week in April.

Intramural Director Charles E. McCandless said that the spring intramural program has now been outlined, after a meeting of all athletic officers yesterday. He pointed out that the spring activities will soon be in full-swing and that anyone interested may check with the intramural office (Room 113, Coliseum) for information on coming sports.

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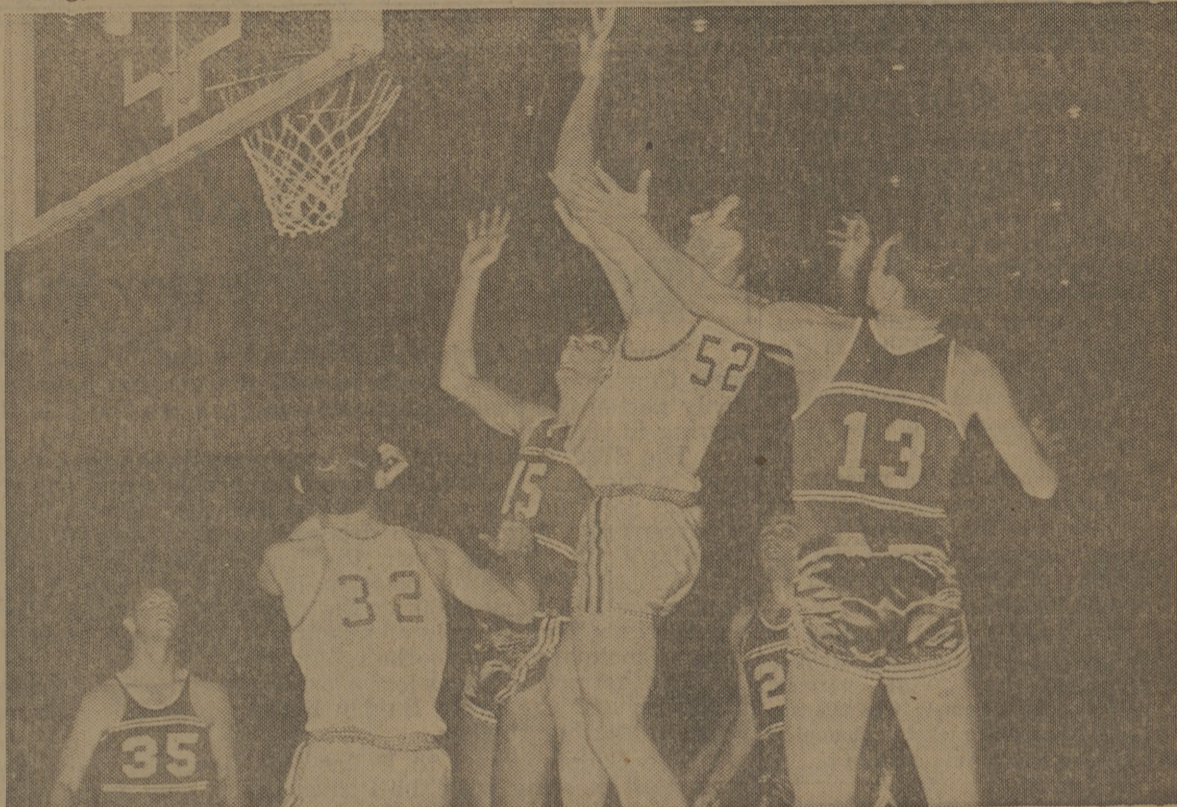
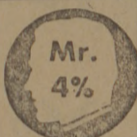
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**Windham Takes A Shot**

Jerry Windham (52), A&M's 6-6 center, points as the Aggies won, 88-73. (Photo fires for two points in the Rice-A&M game by Ben Wolfe) last Tuesday night. Windham made 17

## Minor League Decline Shown

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF  
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A look at the professional baseball situation in Texas shows just how the minor leagues have fallen.

Only five clubs will go to the post in April and Texas will have only six pro clubs all told, including its first major league entry—Houston.

The fall of minor league baseball in Texas appears to have come in cycles of seven years.

In 1948 Texas was at its all-time high with 36 minor league clubs—five in the Texas League, eight in the Big State, one in the Arizona-Texas, eight in the Lone Star, six in the West Texas-New Mexico and eight in the Longhorn.

Seven years later the total had shrunk to 21—a loss of 15. In 1954 there were five clubs in the Texas, eight in the Big State, one in the Arizona-Texas, one in the Evangeline League (Port Arthur),

five in the Longhorn and one in the Sooner State (Gainesville).

Here seven years later there are four in the Texas League, one in the American Association and Houston, which is in the National League. Thus 15 more clubs bit the dust in the seven years that elapsed from 1955 through 1961.

This year there will be no Sophomore League, which had two Texas clubs—El Paso and Alpine—in 1961. The American Association will have only Dallas-Ft. Worth since Houston has gone into the majors. The Texas League will have Amarillo, San Antonio, Austin and El Paso.

There has been much talk lately that baseball is losing its position as the national pastime and that football is the No. 1 sport now. The above figures would indicate that this assertion is quite correct. While baseball has gone down rapidly in the last 15 years foot-

ball has progressed.

The Texas League is one of the few minor leagues left in this part of the country and it has had to reach out and take clubs from another league in order to survive. El Paso and Albuquerque, in the Sophomore League last season, now are in the Texas League.

Victoria and Harlingen were in the Texas League in 1961. Both pulled out, with Victoria moving to Ardmore and Harlingen going to Victoria. Now even Ardmore is gone.

The main reason for the demise of the minors has been putting the accent on the major leagues through television and expansion. Now the cities want to either be in the majors or not in baseball at all. There will have to be major leagues all over the country if baseball is to return to its top place. Why not four or five major leagues?

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