

'Mural Activity Since 1925 Has Added to Student Life

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Athletic competition between groups of students on the campus at A&M has played an important part in the lives of students for 37 years.

The intramural program had its start in 1925 when the Intramural Athletic Association was formed under the direction of H. H. House. That year competition was organized on a battalion basis and included basketball, football, cross country, softball, wrestling, boxing, track, handball, swimming, golf, gymnastics and horseshoe pitching.

In 1926 House resigned and W. L. Penberthy became director. Volleyball and speedball were added to the list of sports.

In 1927 the program was put on a company basis. This system gave the students more opportunity to take part in the intramural program. Another forward step during this year was in the defining of a new aim for intramural sports.

This aim was to provide an opportunity for every student, regardless of size or ability, to take part in a large variety of sports, and to encourage and promote competition among large groups of those students who were either not interested or sufficiently proficient for varsity competition.

The next major change came in 1935 when a separate program was set up for freshmen. In the years just prior to World War II A&M had the largest intramural

program on any campus, but during the war the size of the program diminished with the enrollment and it was necessary to abandon the freshman division.

At the end of the war and a return to normalcy, the intramural department welcomed a great many veterans to the program. These civilians were invited to take part in the intramural program right along with the corps. Since the war the intramural program has grown with the college and at present there are 40 companies and squadrons plus civilian students taking part in the program.

Intramural contests at A&M are to the student of average ability what conference contests are to the varsity athlete.



Class B Intramural Softball Champs
Freshmen of G-2 won the 1962 Class B Softball title. They are; (left to right) kneeling; Roy Hillenburg, Bill Davis, Dan Vick and Bob Howard. Standing; Royce Hickman (sophomore manager), Anibal Gutierrez, Billy Hartman, Jerry Whiteker, Tom Arnold, Willie Haisler, Buddy Almand and John Prickett (intramural manager). (Photo by Ben Wolfe)

Intramural Me Set By 8 Stud

New records in swimming broke the record set just in the 400-ft. medley relay a time of 1:21.9; Bill Almand of B-3, 100-ft. butterfly with a new time of 1:33.4; William Vick of B-3, 200-ft. stroke, with a new time in the Class A and C Mitchell Hall set a new in the 400-ft. free style relay time of 1:08.4, and Mickey dy of Sqd. 3, with a time set a new record in the breast stroke.

New records in track: Hale of Sqd. 1, broad jump with a record jump of 21 inches; Richard McClain of pole vault event, with a record of 13 feet 6 1/2 inches; Bert Paulson of Law Hall, a 9.95 in the 100-yd. dash to break an old record which has stood since 19...

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