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Rumor has it that Head Basketball Coach Shelby Metcalf used to pray every night that Randy Matson would go out for basketball. Once again, the power of prayer has been shown, or at least that's the way most Aggie cage fans probably feel after the announcement of Matson's decision to try out for the team.

"I just want to see if I can still play," Matson said. He was an all-stater at Pampa, but hasn't played for two years.

Metcalf said he never asked Randy to come out, but that "I did stand around with my mouth watering when I would see him."

Randy thinks he may be a little out of shape for basketball, but that it shouldn't take too long to get back in the groove.

Spec Gammon, sports publicity director, said most observers feel Matson will play around 245 pounds, down about 10 from his present 255. His 6-6½ height will be no disadvantage on the courts, and his weight should be quite advantageous under the boards.

If he makes the team, it will probably cause a strategy change, Metcalf has said. If he develops as Metcalf feels he will, the Aggies will use a double post, high and low, and the spots will be interchangeable between he and John Beasley. Another move could be to move Beasley, the Ags' All-America candidate and the nation's number seven scorer last year, to the outside and let him blast loose with his long shots. Matson could handle the chores under the boards.

On his personal schedule, Randy said if his schedule permits, he will work out twice a week with weights, but added that he will not compete in the indoor track competition.

Metcalf sees Matson's participation as a great boost to team morale, and feels it will aid in an extra effort by the team members, who have been working out on their own for the last few days in preparation for Friday's initial official workout.

Metcalf said he feels Matson will put out all the way, especially since he volunteered for practice without any outside pressure.

The Aggies have six returning lettermen, including Beasley, Dick Stringfellow, Tim Timmerman, Sonny Fethkenher, Dick Rector and Eddie Dominguez.

Of those returning, however, only two were starters: Beasley

and Rector. The biggest single improvement, outside of Matson, will be in team speed, and Randy will help there, too.

Metcalf concluded that "He's just out as one of the boys with no special treatment." Yep, that's Randy Matson . . . just one of the boys!

## PE Department Provides Fun For Students

A major program of the Department of Health & Physical Education is to provide fun and recreation for the students of A&M University.

C. E. Tishler, department head, said the department has a three-fold purpose: First is teacher and coaching preparation; second, teaching students skills and knowledge in adult recreational activities; third, to provide recreation.

To carry out this purpose, supervisors have been assigned to keep the many activities on the move. Dr. C. W. Landis is in charge of teaching and coaching and heads the lunch-time faculty and staff recreation.

Dr. N. A. Ponthieux is in charge of required athletics. Raymond Fletcher is the intramural head while A. D. Adamson keeps the swimming program on the move.

The department requires every student to complete at least four semesters of recreation. A physical fitness test is given every semester to freshman and first-semester sophomore students.

There are three phases of recreation, Tishler said. The first is organized competitive sports for students not good enough to make varsity sports. The second is the clubs sponsored by the department, including badminton, bowling, fencing, gymnastics, soccer, water polo, weight-lifting and wrestling. The third involves facilities open to the faculty and staff.

The PE Department has a variety of facilities, such as an indoor and an outdoor swimming pool, four lighted tennis courts, horseshoe pits, football fields, softball fields, 14 handball courts and a basketball court in Dewar Field House.

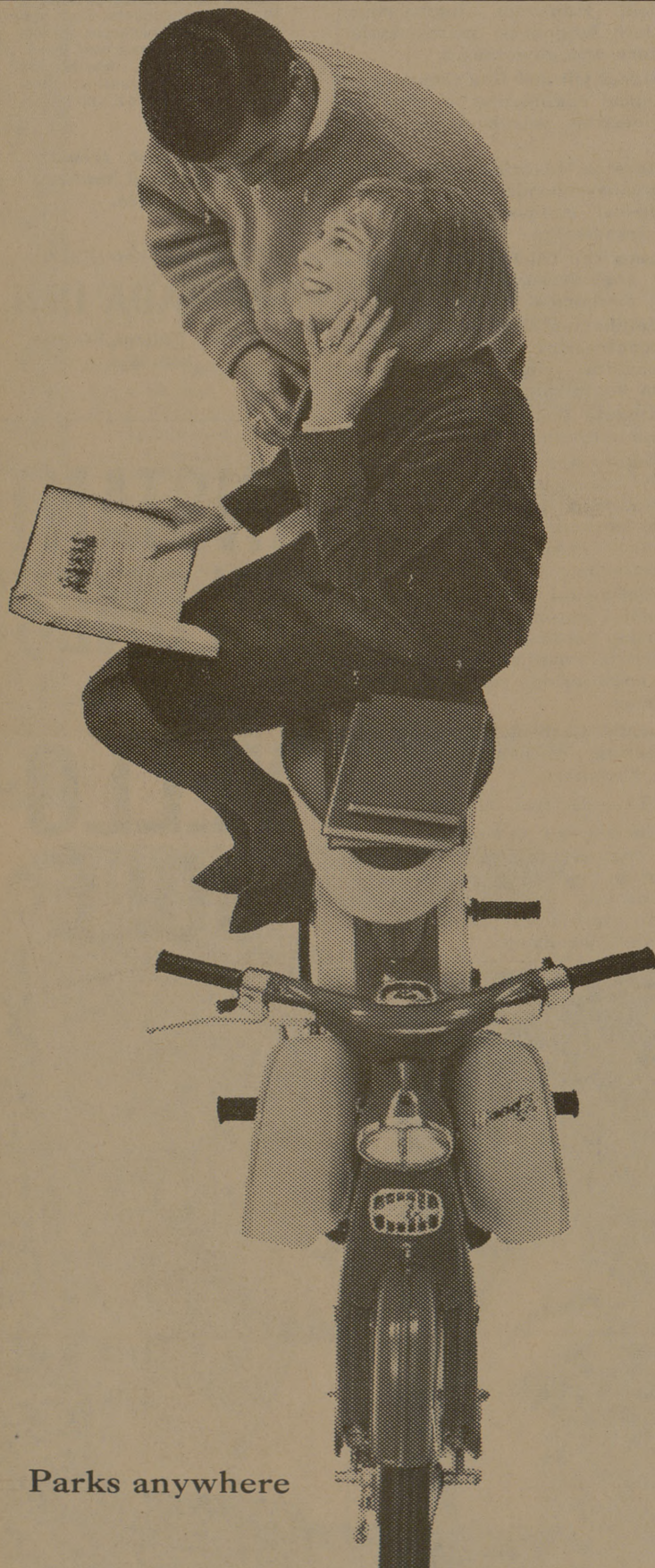


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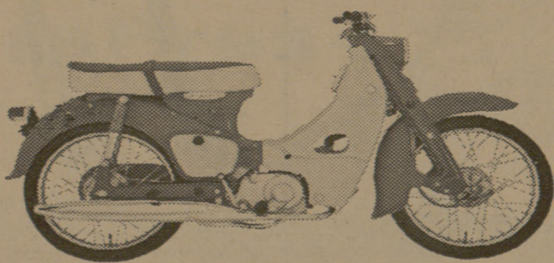
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