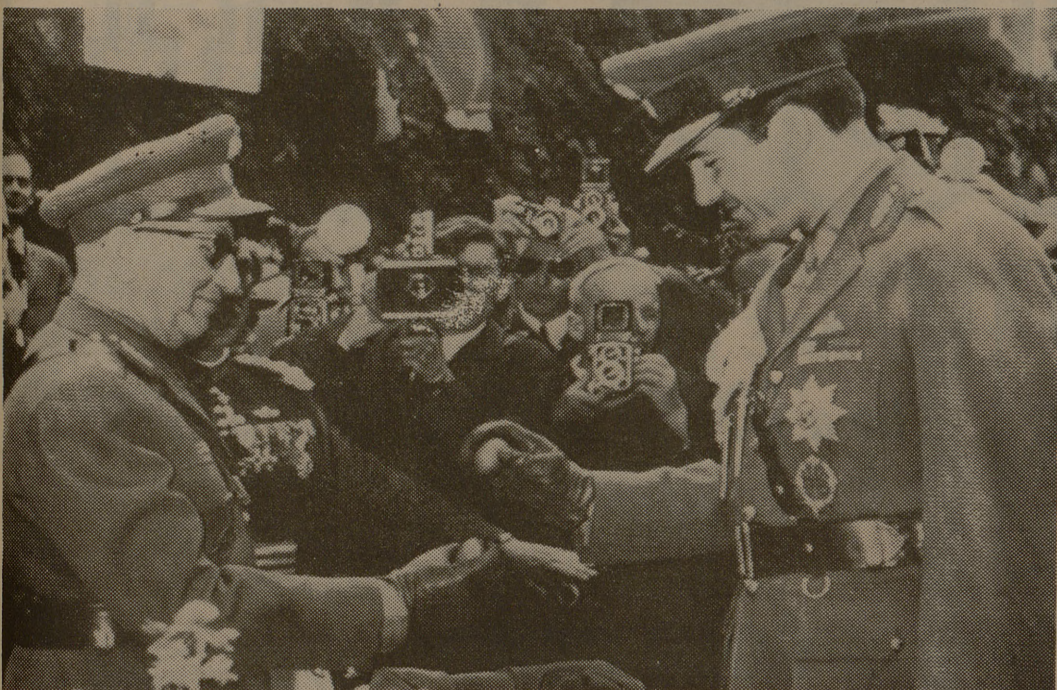


Intramurals Flourish at A&M



GREEK KING OBSERVES TRADITION

King Constantine of Greece, in a traditional custom for Greek Orthodox Easter, cracks an egg against one held by Gen. Gregory Spandidakis, left, in Athens. The king made his first public appearance during Easter ceremonies since the military coup in Greece. (AP Wirephoto via cable from Athens.)

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Intramural athletics is one of the important legs of the tripod of participation sports at Texas A&M.

Though flanked by both varsity sports and physical education, intramural competition at A&M has continued to flourish since its inception in 1925. An intramural council was formed in 1925, but no records of the competition were kept until the 1933-34 season.

THE MINUTES of that first intramural meeting are available, however, and they are very interesting. Attending that first meeting was the legendary Dana X. Bible, then a coach at A&M. He coached at Aggieland for a number of years before going on to the University of Texas. He then guided the Longhorns to the national championship in football several times.

Also present at the 1925 meeting was Walter L. Penberthy, then head of the Physical Education Department and the Director of Intramurals. Penberthy retired this year after serving more than 30 years with the Texas A&M System.

The meeting set up the formal rules for all intramural activities, many of which we still rely on today. In the 1933-34 intramural season there were 4,008 participants in 13 sports.

THE SPORTS were: Basketball, cross country, tennis, football, volleyball, handball, horse-

shoes, speedball, rifle, table tennis, boxing, wrestling, and playground ball. Play ground ball is the modern equivalent of softball.

This year also marked the year that point totals were first tallied. "E" Field Artillery won the upperclassman competition with 876 points. They were trailed by "C" Engineering Company with 866 points and "B" Engineering Company with 853 points.

Probably the most important single factor contributing to the large number of participants in intramurals during this period was that it was compulsory for all cadets to join in the intramural tradition. In the 1939-40 season figures indicate that the participation rate increased by a substantial margin.

THERE WERE 17,106 total participants in intramurals during this time. This figure was arrived at by adding up all of the men who participated in a particular sport and in turn adding it to all of the other sports. Of course, many of the men were counted twice or more.

Also interesting is the price required to enter intramural competition at that time. In 1933-34, each organization was charged \$5 and the money was used by the department to purchase equipment.

Today, in contrast to the 1933-34 season, the intramural department receives its funds from the combined facilities of the Dormitory Athletic Equipment Fund, created in 1946, and the Student Services fee of \$18 paid at registration.

IN 1950, intramurals added a civilian classification and along with that came a non-compulsory intramural program. Although today the corps requires fish and sophomores to participate, many upperclassmen do not follow the example. While the corps has about 5,000 participants, the civilian field only about 1,000.

This is a far cry from the "Ole Army" days when 17,000 were participating. But this still makes A&M one of the most active colleges in the nation in intramurals.

Raymond L. Fletcher is the

present director of the intramural program here at A&M. He assures that the program has not been harmed by making it non-compulsory.

"I BELIEVE that the program is running at full throttle right now and everyone that really wants to participate has the opportunity," Fletcher added.

The intramural office has not really changed through the years. It remains in DeWare Field House just as before. It has the same rules, except for the changes time necessarily brings. It gives the same medals, though a few more now than in earlier years. It offers the same sports, plus track, golf, and swimming.

TIME HAS not really had its toll on the intramural program here at A&M because it remains flexible. It has had and does have today sophomore, junior, and senior managers, who, in reality, run the business of the office. They decide, with the advice of Fletcher, all of the disputes and also the status of every team.

So the students run the show when it comes to the decisions concerning other students. It has always been that way and will continue to be that way until intramurals are phased out like other physical training thought too strenuous for the young American male.

BUT JUDGING by the progress the intramural department has already made and is continuing to make, it will hold its own with the other two legs of the tripod of participation sports.

Research Official to Speak At Special Seminar Today

Dr. R. Louis Bright, associate commissioner from the Bureau of Research of the U. S. Office of Education, will speak at a special seminar today at Texas A&M.

Dr. Bright is to present a paper, "New Designs in Research for Education," at 10 a.m. at A&M's Executive Committee and invited guests. The seminar is set in the faculty room of the Coke Building.

Among guests who have accepted invitations to the seminar and a luncheon are Dr. Jack K. Williams, commissioner of the Coordinating Board for the Texas College and University System; Dr. L. D. Haskey, president of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities; Dr. W. W. Jackson, chairman of the State Board of Education of the Texas Education Agency; and Glenn H. Ivy, director of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education.

Before joining the U. S. Office of Education last year, Dr. Bright was associate director of Westinghouse Research Laboratories. He had been associated with Westinghouse since 1953.

Bright earned the doctor of science degree in electrical engineering and two additional degrees from the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Texas House Approves Bill On Pollution Control Efforts

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House members passed today a Senate bill strengthening state water pollution control efforts after defeating amendments to let counties have tougher standards than the state.

The bill, approved on voice vote, returns to the Senate for action on amendments. The major amendment clarifies that the rights of owners of underground water will not be affected.

In the Senate, a finance sub-

committee approved a one-year general appropriation bill calling for \$436 million from general revenue. The bill includes \$55.5 million for a teacher pay raise, subject to passage of enabling legislation, and would necessitate an \$11 million tax bill.

House members passed on voice vote and sent to the governor for signature a bill making uninsured motorists' coverage a standard part of all auto liability policies.

Research Course Will Be Offered During Summer

A graduate student research techniques course will be offered during the first summer school session, June 5-July 14.

The Education and Psychology Department course instructed by Dr. Donald G. Barker is open to all graduate students. Dr. Paul Hensarling announced. The course was previously restricted to Statistical Methodology Institute students.

The department head noted that 636 is required of departmental students whose degree objective is the master of science or Ph.D. in education.

Business School Schedules Meeting

A management seminar for 30 businessmen is set May 21-27 by Texas A&M's School of Business Administration.

Dr. John E. Pearson, director of A&M's School of Business Administration, said the seminar helps participants develop insights and concepts which can be translated into managerial skills.

"Primary objective of this training," said W.E. Eckles, director of the school's executive development programs, "is to help managers become more effective in their present jobs and to show them how they can develop abilities for advancement into positions of greater responsibility."

Among guest speakers announced for the seminar are Dr. J. P. Abbott, distinguished professor of English at Texas A&M; D. B. Campbell, former manager, Plastics Department, E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., Orange; William Oncken Jr.,

Oncken Associates, New York City; and Edward J. Green, Green Associates, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Other speakers will be Robert J. Potts, regional medical director, Mobil Oil Company, Dallas; J. W. Miller, vice president, Employers Casualty Company, Dallas; and L. D. Collins, vice president for operations, Central Power and Light Company, Corpus Christi.

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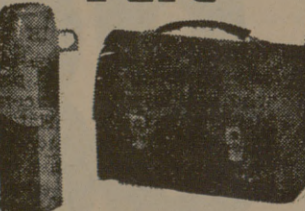
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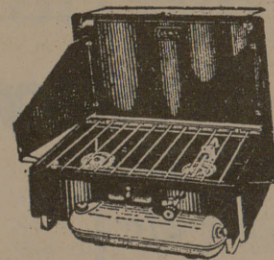
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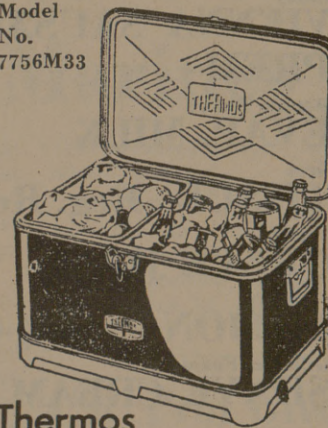
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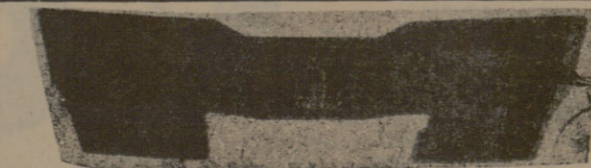
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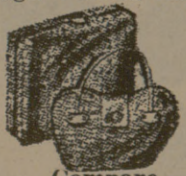
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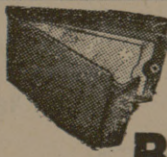
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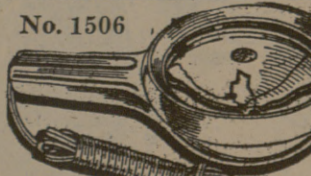
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