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New intramural director's life is one By MIKE STEPHENS

There are few men who have always been involved in sports and will always be involved in sports. Les Palmer is one of these.

"As long as I can remember, sports have been in my life," says Palmer, new director of athletic

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The progress that has happened intramural program has been tremendous. Palmer isn't new to A&M athletics or the intramural as the result would provide this. program. He was the chief intramural official in 1947-1948

while an undergraduate at A&M. He entered A&M in 1941 as a freshman and except for a five year stint in the Army-Air Force in World War II, has been here

He began teaching here in 1951 in the Physical Education Department after he obtained his Master of Education. He taught bowling and tennis until 1954 when he became the freshman baseball coach.

He currently is teaching a safety education course and is an academic advisor to Physical Education majors in addition to being the director of intramurals.

Many changes have taken place in the intramural department since Palmer took over the reins. He has added more classes, more sports and more participants to the program than ever before.

"My goal is to build this program back to where it is one of the most important parts of the university student's life," Palmer

He blames the drop in popularity to the many other forms of recreation available to the student. He says that when he was here, it was very important to next year.

be a part of the intramural program and to participate in sports. since Palmer took control of the He added that it is possible to make the program better this year and that more participation

> Palmer's changes already proven beneficial. As an example, there are 106 football teams now playing flag football as compared to 66 teams last year.

Palmer made several changes immediately which were all aimed to include more students in the sports action. He organized two women's leagues. A faculty-staff league which plays volleyball and a student league playing basketball. Each league has six teams.

He revised the schedules in a manner that teams in most sports are playing more games than they were in the past. He also added two more classes. A class for club and fraternity teams and a class for apartments were added so that there would be a class for everybody.

To interest people, all-star teams will be announced for the four major sports. Teams will be selected by the intramural office in each class from football, basketball, volleyball and softball.

He is also attempting to upgrade the intramural officials. He is having periodic rule meetings and has outfitted them in a standard dress. He will conduct a compulsory one-week training session for all officials beginning

Palmer lists lack of money and Fathers and Sons" and "A Manlack of facilities as the main drawbacks in improving the program. He says that the students have to show a desire, by more participation, for more facilities to the proper administrators if they are to get them. And more participation is the only method to show them.

Palmer's illustrious career in the sports world has taken on many facets. All the way from being a professional baseball player to author of several books and publications.

He is or has been a member of the following organizations at some time during his career: Major League Baseball Scouts Association; Texas Bowling Proprietors Association; Certified Instructor, Texas Society of College Teachers of Education, Former Students Association, Southwest Football Officials Association and the National Physical Education Association for Men.

He has been a professional baseball scout for the California Angels, advisor to the Memorial Student Center Bowling Committee, football coach at Bryan Travis Elementary School, A&M Fish Camp Counselor, and a member of a team which placed second in state doubles bowling compe-

He has also written several books including: "Man and the Motor Car," "The Black Book," "Baseball Fundamentals for

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their first win of the day by a margin of 5-3.

Californians Les Hamman and Fred Meyers threw the ball for four and one points respectively against the tough host team of UNM, but five points weren't enough to pace the Ags against the experience of the Lobos as they lost 10-5.

The second victory for the Aggie players came against the team from Brigham Young University late Saturday afternoon, as A&Moturned in its best team effort of the entire tourney.

Scoring in the 8-5 win over BYU were Hamman and Meyers, 3 each; Steve Prentice, 1; and Scheuckler, 1.

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