

## Over 10,000 students compete in 16 sports

# Intramural department sees participation rise

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In addition to the increase in student population, participation in intramurals at Texas A&M is also on the climb.

Over 10,000 people competed in the 16 various sports offered by the Intramurals Department for the fall semester. This number surpassed the total for both the fall and spring

semesters for 1972-73.

Intramural director Dennis Corrington attributes much of the program's success to the amount of publicity in local papers. MacDonald's sponsored a weekly summation of intramural activities in The Battalion.

Flyers distributed in the apartments of off campus students were cited as a possible reason for the

increase in participation by these students. Corrington believes it "was just a matter of time before reaching the off campus students."

Corrington said, "The increase was a lot greater than I expected. The total participation was up over 50 percent. Hopefully it will keep up." Corrington added that he knew of no other university increasing at the same rate as A&M in intramural

participation.

Examples of the growth can be illustrated by such sports as racketball where the increase was almost 1,000 percent. The number competing rose from 92 last year to 460 this fall. Other sports showing large increases were badminton, billiards and table tennis.

Football, volleyball and basketball were the main drawers as usual

with over 6,000 participants playing in more than 1,200 contests. Basketball competition, which starts today, and softball are expected to have the largest amounts of participants this spring.

Corrington split up the program into six divisions which break down into Corps upperclassmen, Corps freshmen, civilian dorms, clubs, independent and for other students,

faculty or staff.

Civilian student participation is now almost on an equal basis numerically with that of the Corps which has always participated real well says Corrington.

Participation by women has also risen but at a slower rate than other areas of intramural activity. The main increase in women participation has been in coeducational

sports. Corrington feels the slow increase may be due to the small population of women in comparison to the men.

So, it appears participation in intramurals will have the same probability of increasing as the current prices. Much to the satisfaction of Corrington.

## Ag club meets tonight

Texas A&M's Lacrosse club hopes to create interest in the sport with a 7:30 pm meeting in Room 10 of the Rudder Tower.

Lacrosse was first played by Indians and may be America's oldest game. The meeting will feature a film presentation concerning the sport and its rules.

A display of equipment, pictures and other information has been assembled in the University Library.

Club president, Dave Gruber extends invitations to the meeting for anyone interested in lacrosse. No equipment or experience is required.

The club will hold its first practice on the main drill field Thursday for those who cannot attend the meeting. Also in the club's activities will be a referees clinic this Saturday in order to obtain more qualified officials for the Southwest Lacrosse League. Practice scrimmages will be played to give the officials game experience.

## Owl fems smashed by Aggies

Texas A&M's women basketball team, scoring a school record 99 points, evened their season record at 2-2 with a 99-16 stomping of the Rice Owls last night in Houston.

The Aggies, led by Diane Quitta, got an early lead and held it throughout the contest. They led by 40 at the half, 49-9.

The Aggies were as hot in the second half as they were in the first by outscoring the hapless Owls 50-7.

It was the worst defeat of the year for the Owls who had lost Saturday to Baylor 85-17. The Aggies snapped a two game losing streak for their first Conference win.

Quitta was high point for the Aggies. Other Aggies who broke into the scoring column were Sally Morris with 22, Karen Aulenbacher and Lura Holmes with 14, Sissy Auclair 10, Dana Callaway eight, Ruth Whiteley and Lury Neiman with two, and Cindy Harlon rounded out the scoring with one.

## Swimmers gather win in first meet

BY MARY RUSSO

Contributor

Swimming season is under way with the Aggs boasting a win to start.

In a double dual meet last Saturday, both the men and women overcame the challenge of Baylor University and Lee Junior College.

The A&M women were outstanding as they bettered their opponent's times by at least three seconds in most events and by nearly a minute in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The men's victory wasn't as convincing but they showed strong potential for the coming season.

Looking at swimmers individually, Carol Hemphill swam for victories in the 200-yard individual medley and the 50-yard breaststroke with times of 2:25.19 and 34.07 respectively. Other first place winners for A&M were: Debbie Starr in the women's 200-yard freestyle (2:09.64) and the 100-yard freestyle (.58.74); Vicki Brown in the 50-yard freestyle (.26.99) and Barbara German in the 50-yard backstroke (34.36). Men's first place winners were Greg Meek in the 200-yard freestyle (1:53.51); Mike Springer in the 50-yard freestyle (24.55); Lee Davis in the 200 yard individual medley (2:19.5); Charles Puckett in the 200-yard butterfly (2:16.48); Don Wederman in the 100-yard freestyle (50.4); Bill Cunningham in the 500-yard freestyle (5:21.86); Greg Carver in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:24.20); Ronald Faulkenberry in required diving and Charles Middlebrooks in optionals.



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