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## Lacrosse begins practice

# Gets set for exhibition

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While footballs will soon fill the autumn air, the Texas A&M Lacrosse Club begins preparation for competition in the newly-formed Southwest Lacrosse League.

Although primarily a spring sport, the Aggie stickmen are don-

ning their pads earlier than usual this year. For the second time, A&M has been invited to give a lacrosse exhibition in Irving's Texas Stadium. Coach Dave Gruber's squad will perform before the Dallas-Los Angeles football game September 21.

Thus the Aggies are hitting the practice field much sooner than usual. In addition to the 15 returning varsity players, Gruber has a

fine crop coming off the junior varsity squad. "We have a good bunch of ballplayers returning and a tremendous amount of potential coming up from the B team," said Gruber.

"We're looking for a pretty good team with these players returning and we only lost five varsity players. One of our main keys will be our defense. We ought to be an excellent defensive team. We'll have to

work on our offense though."

New players are welcomed by Gruber, and no equipment or previous lacrosse experience is necessary. The Aggies will hold their first workout tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. on the main drill field.

Interest in lacrosse has blossomed greatly since last year. Gruber is now looking to get enough people to make two teams, but already has the equivalent of one and a half squads available in the returning players alone. However, those ranks may swell with the amount expected to join the stickmen.

Interest has also sprung from the female side of the campus as several women have expressed a desire to organize and field a women's lacrosse team. Gruber said their style of play will be similar to that of field hockey as no pads are used except by the goalie.

Another expansion of lacrosse may extend into the present physical education program. Proposals have been made to Dr. Carl Landiss, head of the Health and P.E. Department, and Emil Mamaliga, associate professor in the department, concerning the inclusion of lacrosse into their program. If allowed, lacrosse would be offered in the fall of 1976. Action on the prop-

osal will be determined by amount of student interest.

The league is in its fourth year and in its second year as the expanded Southwest Lacrosse League. The Aggies will be facing stiff competition from several college teams.

Baylor is the newest entrant in the organization which also includes LSU, Tulane, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, and A&M. Previously the Aggies were forced to contend with seasoned non-college clubs which had many former lacrosse All-Americans on their rosters.

Despite this disadvantage, Aggies still had four men receive post-season recognition. Attacks Ted Sauer was named to the team All-Southwest Lacrosse League squad while midfielder Chris Litras, defenseman Dale Williams and goalie Phil Lesko obtained honorable mention labels.

The Aggies had "a lot of injuries last year and we did not do as well as we wanted to," says Gruber. With the returning nucleus of experienced personnel, Gruber is optimistic.

Fall practices officially start Wednesday at 4:30 and will continue to be held on Wednesday the remainder of the semester.



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## Intramural entries to close soon in FB

Once again it is fall, and football is in the air. The Intramural Office is providing students and faculty of TAMU an opportunity to participate. Flag football entries are now being accepted in the Intramural Office. Seven man flag football is the name of the game this fall for the non-intercollegiate player.

Leagues are being formed for dorm teams, corp teams, off-campus residents, women and co-recreational teams. The deadline for entering a team is September 9, 1975 with actual league play beginning September 16, 1975.

In anticipation of a large turnout for flag football, individuals are being sought to referee and umpire. Experience is desired but even new officials are welcome. A training program has been organized to prepare officials for the upcoming season. An initial meeting has been set for Sept. 4 in room 267 of G. Rollie

White Coliseum at 6:30 p.m. Follow up clinics are also scheduled prior to league play. People experienced as officials or interested in becoming an official are encouraged to attend the meeting.

A full slate of activities have been scheduled by the Intramural Office for the fall semester. Everyone is encouraged to stop by DeWitt Field House and sign up for any of the following activities.

Tennis entries close on Sept. 15, followed by bowling on the 23rd and handball and open badminton both with closing dates of Sept. 30.

Golf and field goal kicking close on Oct. 7, followed a week later (14th) by swimming and volleyball. Racketball and open billiard close on Oct. 21 and table tennis and open soccer will close out on the 28th. Open archery and open country will shut down on Nov. 4. Round out the fall intramural program.

## Bob Gibson honored in Cardinal ceremony

A visibly moved Bob Gibson was saluted Monday by a sellout Busch Stadium crowd and confessed, "I've never been this nervous... even in a World Series."

The occasion was a ceremony prior to the St. Louis Cardinals' game against the Chicago Cubs during which Gibson, who will retire at the conclusion of this season, was honored.

The pitcher's uniform number 45 was retired, only the third time the Cardinals have done that for a player.

"It's going to be a new life, a strange life for me," Gibson told the crowd. "But I just hope that I can be half as successful as I have been in baseball."

"One thing I've always been proud of is the fact that I've never intentionally cheated anybody out

of what they came to the ball park to see," Gibson said.

"But most of all I'm proud of the fact that whatever I did I did it my way," said the 35-year-old right hander, whose 251 victories are top among active major league pitchers.

Those on hand to honor Gibson included Cards' board chairman August A. Busch Jr. and baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn.

Busch presented Gibson with a 30-foot mobile home on behalf of the Cardinals.

Read during the ceremony was a letter from President Gerald Ford which saluted Gibson's record as accomplishments, including 11 strike-outs in a World Series game and a 1.12 earned run average during the 1968 season.

Former Cardinals on hand included Stan Musial, a Hall of Famer whose uniform number was retired in 1963, and Bill White.



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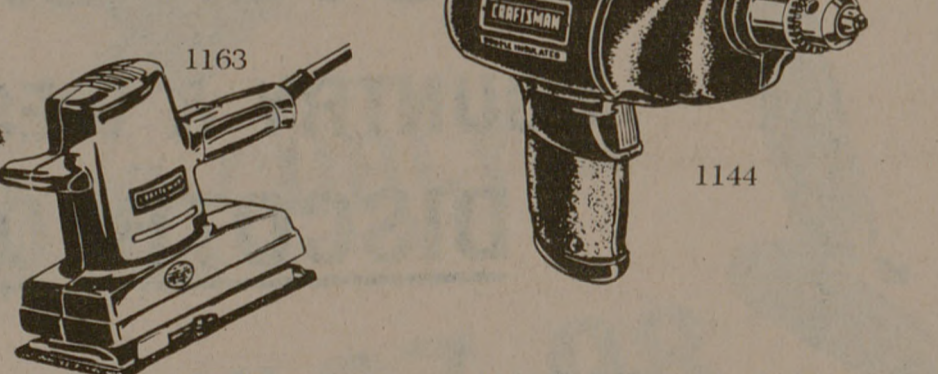
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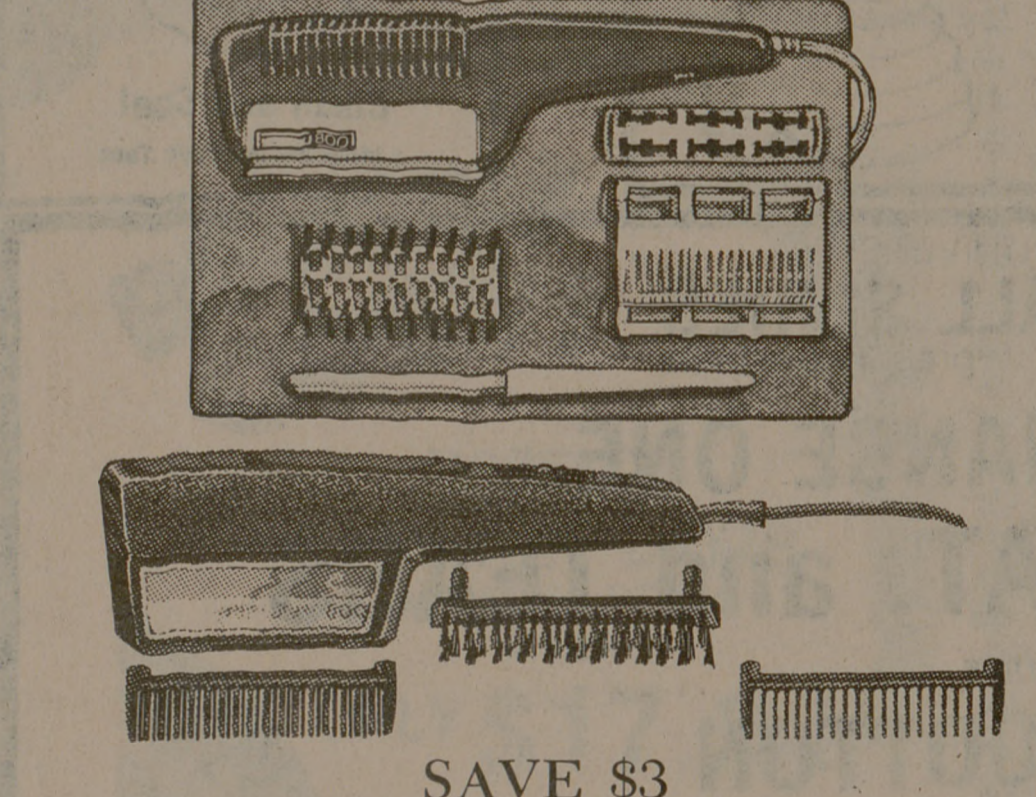


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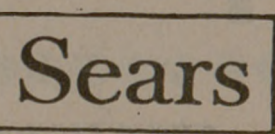
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