Intramurals grow more popular

"I'll guarantee there's not another

Almost all of the sports have in-

Intramural sports at Texas A&M divided into classes. University has "come a long way baby." Over the past 52 years it has become increasingly more or-

ganized and popular. W.L. Penberthy, 77, an Ohio State University graduate in physical education organized the intramural sports program at Texas

A&M in 1926. "It had been started, but I expanded and promoted it," he said. five intramural sports. Today, there would officiate. are 40 competitive sports in in-

Later it was broken down to a com- gram received a P.E. credit.

vided into classes. teams this year," said John Angell, assistant director of Intramurals. offer very many students a chance to participate," Penberthy said. "After university in the nation with that was on a smaller scale each boy

had a greater chance to participate. In 1972, intramurals expanded to include a womens division, and in 1973 a co-educational division.

"Intramurals had officials, but not to the extent they do now," Penber-In 1926, there were only four or thy said. "Someone from the outfit

Today, anyone wanting to officiate an intramural game must In 1978, students, faculty and apply for the job, attend clinics and staff are eligible to participate, but take an official's test. An official is in 1926, when Texas A&M was a military school, intramural sports were organized on a battalion basis.

paid between \$2.30 and \$2.75 an hour, whereas, in 1926 all those who participated in the intramurals proparticipated in the intramurals pro-

versity of Houston walked away With temperatures in the low 30s and the wind gusts up to 30 mph, the Cougars finished the 54-hole tournment at 921. That was a whopping 57 strokes over par on the Pinewood Country Club course

was their worst tourney of the year

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and a distant 40 shots behind con-The weather and the golf course were the real winners in the Lamar ference foe U. of H. Intercollegiate golf tourney in Oral Roberts Univ

Wind and golf over par

There are 618 slow pitch softball creased in participation, since last year; punt, pass and kick has interested in participation, since last year; punt, pass and kick has interested 290 percent. "Until the 40s, students were isolated at A&M; there were no automobiles and no married students."

Penberthy attributes the growth The students didn't have a chance

of the program to the increased em- for recreation, but the intramural

phasis placed on physical fitness and program provided the opportunity,

Oral Roberts University was sec-Beaumont this week, but the Uni- ond at 927 followed by Pan American University with 931. Host Lamar tied Texas at 934.

Other conference team scores were Rice 936, SMU 951 and TCU

Aggie golf coach Bob Ellis attributed the Ags' poor play to the weather and trying too hard. which plays to a par 72.

They want to do well so bad that they are just trying too hard," he team it was another poor showing. It They want to do well so bad that

Joe Rassett of Oral Roberts Uni-

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versity won medalist honors with an eight-over-par 224 while Louisiana Tech's Bill Periot had a 225 for sec-

A&M's top finisher was Dave Ogrin who also led the Aggies in the last tournament. The sophomore from Waukegan, Ill., had a 54-hole total of 234.

Junior Doug Ward finished next with 237, followed by freshman Mark Taylor with 241.

Sophomore Ricky Jamison and junior Jerry Martin each had 249 to-

A&M's next tourney is the Waterwood Intercollegiate at Waterwood Country Club in Huntsville on Saturday and Sunday. A team composed of Dave Ogrin, Doug Ward, Mark Taylor, Richard Cromwell, Jay Kent and Biff Alexander will represent A&M.

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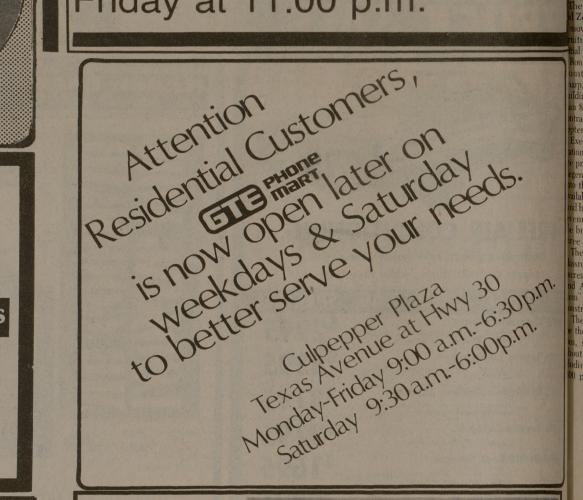
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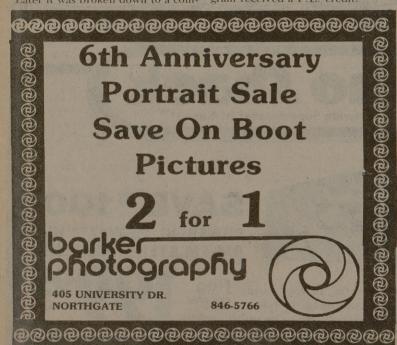
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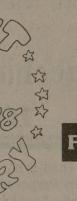


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