

Looking at the Aggies . . .

# From This Angle

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## CONFERENCE BASKETBALL RACE

Just one week from today, the 1947 Southwest Conference Basketball Race will get under way with all seven members of the loop slated to see action over the weekend of the 10th and 11th.

With pre-conference play drawing to a close, one team stands head and shoulders over the rest of the field, and, unfortunately, it wears the colors of the Orange and White of T.U.

The 'Sips whipped through a rugged December schedule in great style, including among their accomplishments an all-victorious swing through the East. The Steers now have a eight won and one loss record, the one loss coming at the hands of the defending National Champions, Oklahoma A. & M., 40-39 in the semi-finals of the Oklahoma City Tournament. On the Eastern jaunt, the 'Sips knocked off Long Island, which had previously beaten the Okla. Aggies, Depaul and Canisius, three tightflight cage powers. Off that performance, Coach Jack Gray's club looks, from this angle, to be miles in front of the rest of the circuit.

As for the other six teams, a mad scramble for first division berths looms. This year's edition of Arkansas' always good, always tall Porkers is just as tall as usual, but their early season record indicates they're not up to the standards of the '38, '39, '40 teams.

Baylor, the defending conference champions, has its two high scoring freshmen of last year, Jackie Robinson and Bill Johnson,

back to pace the '47 team, but the Bears are in need of additional help to get into the conference picture in this season of vastly improved caliber of competition.

Rice, boomed as a pre-season co-favorite with the Longhorns, seems destined to be involved in a three and possibly a four-way fight for second place. The Owls have been the big disappointment in the conference—disappointing to Rice fans, that is. We don't believe any residents of this section are going to shed any tears over the Owls mediocre record to date.

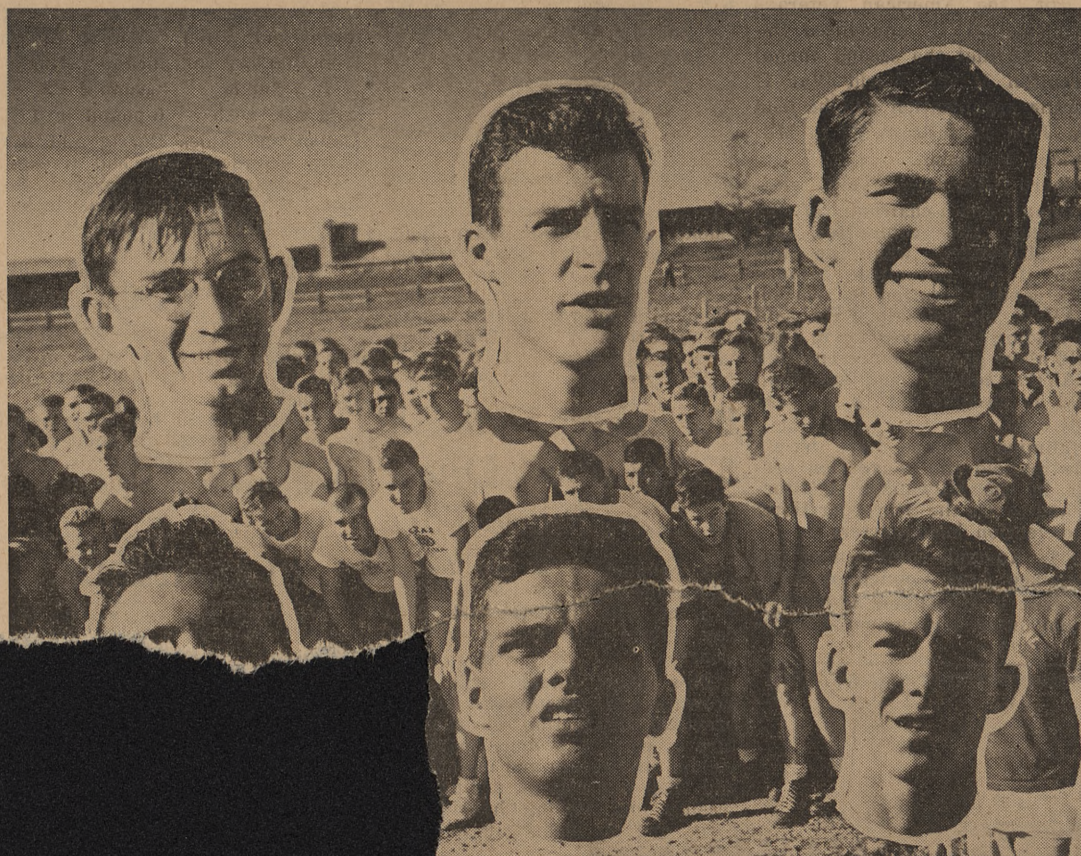
The big surprise of the current campaign has been Southern Methodist's scrappy Mustangs. After dropping their first three games this season, the Ponies, who didn't win a game in conference play last year, have done a complete about face to win five straight games and if they keep improving, may give the Orange a run for its money.

The Aggies, with little Bill Batey tossing them through the hoop in pleasing fashion, are a little better off than they were tabbed before the season, but still have plenty of work to make up before crashing to the top four. Lack of experience again is plaguing Marty Karow's crew.

T.C.U., still searching for its first win of the season, has our vote for the conference. Hub McQuillen's bunch haven't got the experience to play winning ball in this league and no relief is in sight until next year.

# Aggies Break Even In Holiday Contests

## Intramural Cross Country Winners



Bill Batey, C. H. Hardie and A. L. Bailey who finished first, second and third in the intramural cross country race. J. Turcotte and L. G. Maxfield, who finished in that order, are seen in the background.

## Basketball Team Wins Two Games; Places Third in Houston Tournament

During the Christmas holidays, the Aggie basketball team whipped Stephen F. Austin Teachers College and Texas Tech and bowed in defeat to Pepperdine College and the University of Houston. In tournament play at Houston the Aggies trounced Stephen F. Austin 58 to 53 and defeated Texas Tech by a 51 to 46 score to gain third place in the Houston tournament. Pepperdine, winner of the Houston tourney, won from the Aggies to the tune of 53 to 36 while in a separate game played on December 28, the University of Houston whipped the Aggies by a 62 to 41 score.

## Aggie Cagers Play Brooke Army Medics On Saturday Night

Marty Karow's Aggie Cagers take on the Brooke Army Medical Training Center team from Ft Sam Houston, Saturday night in Deware Field House at 7:30 p. m.

Little is known concerning the previous record of the army team, but in past years most of the basketball clubs in and around San Antonio have dealt the Aggies plenty of misery. San Antonio is noted for its many army teams and competition among these clubs is so keen that nearly any of them can be expected to put up a tough fight.

The medical training center has been expanding until now it has thousands of men in training. With that many men to pick from, a capable coach usually can come up with a fair ball club.

Members of the Aggie basketball team were vacationing from December 28 to January 2 and may not appear as sharp as usual. Coach Karow has indicated that he will start Batey and Collingsworth at forwards, Volding at center, and Garcia and Adams at guards.

This will probably be the Aggies last game until the opening of the Southwest Conference race. On January 10 the Aggies journey to Fort Worth for a game with Hub McQuillen's T.C.U. Horned Frogs and on the following night they take on Coach Whitey Bacus' S.M.U. Mustangs in Dallas.

The first conference game to be played in College Station will be January 15 when the Baylor Bears come to Aggieland.

Leading scorers for the Aggies were Bill Batey, forward, who on good nights has been dropping better than twenty points through the hoops, and Garcia, guard, who has consistently scored in the neighborhood of ten points per game and in the Pepperdine game was high point man with sixteen points. In the Texas Tech game Batey was high man with 21 points, he was also high point man in the Stephen F. Austin game.

Volding, Collingsworth and Adams, the other three Aggie starters, have been playing steady ball and improving with each game.

### RESULTS OF HOUSTON TOURNEY

Final Standings	
1. George Pepperdine College.	
2. North Texas State College.	
Scores of Games	
A & M.....	58 S. F. Austin.....53
A & M.....	36 Geo. Pepperdine.....53
A & M.....	51 Texas Tech.....46

As a result of the season's play so far, the Farmers have lost more games than they have won. This was attributed to a disastrous road trip in which most of the regulars came down with injuries and colds. Now that the team is back at full playing strength, play has been better and the Aggies have been giving a good account of themselves.

## Big Grab For Oklahoma Journey

Despite winning two games on the last day from their rivals, the Southwest Conference took a backseat to the Big Six Conference in the Oklahoma City Invitational Basketball Tournament, Dec. 28-29, which featured the holiday cage fireworks in the Southwest.

Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri finished second, fourth and sixth respectively, with the Southwest's Texas, Baylor and Rice trailing down third, fifth and eighth, respectively.

Oklahoma A&M of the Missouri Valley Conference, the defending National Collegiate champions, won the tourney by beating Kansas after having taken the feature game from Texas, 40-39 in the semi-finals. Texas blasted Oklahoma 62-65 to win third-place honors and Baylor knocked over Missouri, 58-51 for fifth place. Tulane defeated Rice, 60-57 in the battle for seventh and eighth places.

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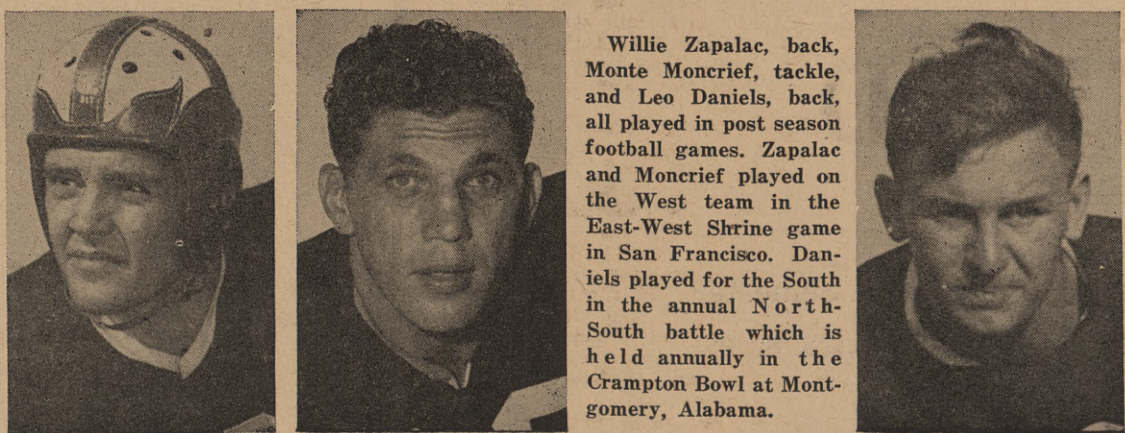
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## FOUR STUDENTS ATTEND WORLD MISSIONS MEET

Four A. & M. students, Tommy Gould, Leonard Holder, Jesse Ward, and J. M. Jones, attended the third quadrennial Youth Convention on World Missions, held in the War Memorial Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee, December 27-30. The group left for Nashville on December 26 and returned from the convention on December 31.

## They Played in Post Season Games



Willie Zapalac, back, Monte Moncrief, tackle, and Leo Daniels, back, all played in post season football games. Zapalac and Moncrief played on the West team in the East-West Shrine game in San Francisco. Daniels played for the South in the annual North-South battle which is held annually in the Crampton Bowl at Montgomery, Alabama.

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## No Game! Wet Ground

Baseball has long been plagued by wet grounds and cold weather's causing postponement of ball games. Last Friday night, Coach Marty Karow's thoughts must have wandered back to his baseball coaching days as the A&M—LSU basketball game was canceled because of "a wet floor".

The floor in the Sam Houston Coliseum, where the game was to have been played, is tacked onto the ice arena used by the Houston hockey team. A differential in outside and inside temperatures caused the floor to sweat. After repeated sweepings and large doses of resin failed to help, the basketball game was canceled.

## Batey Heads SWC Basketball Scorers

Although the Aggies haven't been grabbing any headlines with their basketball abilities of late, one member has crashed into the limelight on the basis of his individual performance.

He's Bill Batey, the Aggies little ace of the one-hand shots. Batey has poured 154 points through the hoop in the Aggies 11 games this season to lead all scorers in the Southwest Conference.

John Hargis, T.U.'s towering shotmaker is in second place, far behind Batey with 136 points. No other member of the Aggie squad is among the first ten leading scorers.

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