

# Ramblers, Fish Clash At 8

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The Aggie Fish open their 1957-58 basketball season against the Allen Academy Ramblers tonight at 8 in the Allen Academy Gym.

The Fish face a not-so-bright future this year because of a lack of height that is so necessary to dominate the court, both offensively and defensively.

Malcom Lawler, 6-4 national high school All-American from East Delta, will lead the Fish quintet into the fray. An outstanding athlete in high school, Lawler averaged 32 points per game last year as a high school cager.

Lawler, recovering from a sprained ankle received in a workout earlier this year, is called a "good shooter" and a "tremendous rebounder" by Freshman Coach John Dewitt.

Steve Van Winkle will lend vital height to the team with his 6-4 1/2 frame. Van Winkle, the nearest thing to a finished product on the team, is a court-wise and aggressive player who follows the ball well. DeWitt describes him as a player with "great potential."

Red-headed Dale Ethridge, who packs 200-pounds in his 6-4 frame, shows great promise as being one of the big guns on the Fish five this year. Chosen on the mythical all-regional team during high school, Ethridge hails from Ropesville.

Don Mercer, one of the "little" men on the squad, stands low at 6-1 1/2. Mercer made his All-District team two years in a row. Described as quick and accurate, he will be a constant threat to the opposing team as a ball-hawk and fast break man.

Elliot Craig, the smallest man on the starting five, stands at an even 6-0. Playing opposite Mercer, Craig is the same type of player, quick and accurate. During his high school years, he made the AAA All-State team and played on the Texas North-South basketball game.

The probable starting line-up for tonight's game will be Craig at guard, Ethridge at forward, Mercer at guard, Van Winkle at forward and Lawler in the post position.

Expected to give reserve depth to the team are Joe Thompson, 6-1 AAA all-stater from Bryan; Dick Anderson, 6-4 player from Bryan; and Henry Kitzman, 6-footer from Bryan.

The Allen Ramblers will prove to be worthy opponents for the Fish, although they have already dropped two games this season. They boast a team that has both depth and experience; experience being something that the Fish are unable to achieve each year.

Last year the Fish posted a 4-7 record, their first defeat of the year being to the Ramblers by a score of 62-58.

The Fish this year are not very big, but they are a lot faster and show more hustle than their predecessors. Their fault now, according to DeWitt, is learning how to be "more aggressive."

The 1957-58 Freshman Basketball Schedule

Dec. 12	Allen Academy in Bryan
Jan. 4	TCU at Fort Worth
Jan. 7	Texas at College Station
Jan. 10	Rice at College Station
Jan. 14	Baylor at Waco
Feb. 1	Wharton Junior College at College Station
Feb. 4	Houston at College Station
Feb. 7	Baylor at College Station
Feb. 11	Rice at Houston
Feb. 15	Texas at Austin
Feb. 22	Allen Academy at College Station
Mar. 4	TCU at College Station

## Intramurals

**WEDNESDAY RESULTS**  
 Class A & C—Football:  
 B Armor 7, Squadron 20, 0  
 Puyar 20, Mitchell 0  
 Squadron 8, 7, C Engineers 0  
 A Field 6, Squadron 11, 6 (Tied on penetrations, 2-2)  
 Class A—Horseshoes:  
 C Armor 2, A Chemical 1  
 Squadron 13, 2, Squadron 2, 1  
 Squadron 1, 2, Squadron 15, 1  
 A Composite, 2, E Infantry 1  
 A Ordnance 2, B Composite 0  
 Squadron 17 wins forfeit over A Athletics  
 Class B—Tennis:  
 A Veterinary 3, B Field 0  
 Maroon Band 2, B Armor 1  
 A Infantry 3, C Infantry 0  
 C Field 2, A Athletics 1  
 Squadron 2, 2, Squadron 10, 1  
 A Veterinary 3, Squadron 9, 0  
 Class B—Basketball:  
 Squadron 5, 18, Squadron 14, 12

## Keplers To Dallas

The Aggie Bowling Club forays to Dallas this weekend to meet the Mustang bowlers of SMU. Among those making the trip will be Bob Zatopek, Phil Workman, Floyd Hardimon, Roger Bose, and Marvin Butler, advisor.

## Tankers To Host Conference Meet

On Saturday, December 21, at 2:30, the Texas Aggies will act as hosts for the Southwest Conference Swimming Relays. The events will include 400 and 160-yard relays in the backstroke, butterfly stroke, free-style, and breast stroke, and a free-style distance relay.

In the diving department, three-man teams will enter with the winner to be determined by total points.

Schools being represented in the relays are Rice Institute, Southern Methodist University, Texas Tech, University of Texas, and Texas A. & M.



**Aggie Fish Starters**  
 These five Cadet freshmen will open the basketball season tonight in Allen Academy gym in Bryan at 9. They are, top row (l. to r.) Don Mercer, Malcolm Lawler, and Elliott Craig. Bottom row, Steve Van Winkle and Dale Ethridge.

## Navy Hampered By Weather

Weather yesterday restricted Navy's football team for the third straight day from a full-scale practice session for its Cotton Bowl game against Rice Jan. 1. Coach Eddie Erdelatz watched a snowstorm following two days of steady rain and commented: "Our boys have forgotten what it feels like to work on a dry field."

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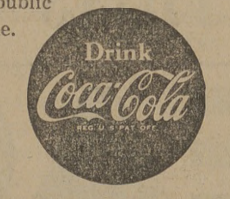
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