



FROM THE  
*Sidelines*

By JIM BUTLER

**Playboy Bunnies vs Mets?  
No 'Poor Aggies' In Austin**

HAVE-YOUR-CAKE-AND-EAT-IT-TOO Dept.—Somebody goofed when Texas pitcher BOB MYER was voted Player of the Year in Southwest Conference baseball action, in lieu of one of the Aggie stars. Myer started three times against the SWC champs and has yet to be around at the finish. The Cadets knocked him out in the fifth, third and seventh respectively, or more appropriately, disrespectfully. But, I guess no one expected him to beat the best . . . Earl Wilson, syndicated society columnist, has it on good evidence that the Playboy Bunnies offered to play the New York Mets. The Mets wanted a hand-cap.

JUST - ANOTHER - GAME ? Dept.—Equipment manager S. M. Meeks had already ordered the watches that the Aggies will receive for winning the conference. But he waited till after the Texas series to see whether the tickers would have "Co." in front of "Champions." "If we had lost to Texas," Coach Tom Chandler said, "I'd have never worn that watch." . . . following A&M's 5-2 win over the Teasips last Friday, UT fans weren't yelling "Poor Aggies." Instead they were complaining that the ballgame should have been called after eight innings because of darkness. Heck, Texas didn't even know what darkness was until Frank Stark had doubled in the ninth . . . Texas coach Bibb Falk must hold some sort of record for purple passages. Getting a starting line-up out of the crusty old

coach is like trying to take a sermon out of Panny Hill. But Falk's record as a coach could withstand the eruption of Krakatoa, the Alaskan earthquake and a night in bed with a gorilla. In 21 years at the helm, Falk has won 415 games and 17 SWC titles, plus a pair of national titles . . . THE - HAND - THAT - FEEDS Dept.—The SWC poppas are catching hades from The Dallas Morning News for the strap they used to discipline a few of their kiddies, particularly SMU. It seems like the faculty representatives that govern the elite eight are against constitution, institution and prosperity since Smoo's colors are red, white and blue. The way The News makes it sound, the faculty fathers should be investigated by the SP-CA . . . Speaking of animals, some Bayou Cougars were a little upset over the SWC vote that ruled out expansion and the University of Houston for at least a few more years. Bob Rule, Houston Post columnist wondered what the decision would have been if Oklahoma had asked for admission instead of Houston. Probably the same as if SMU had asked for re-admission . . .

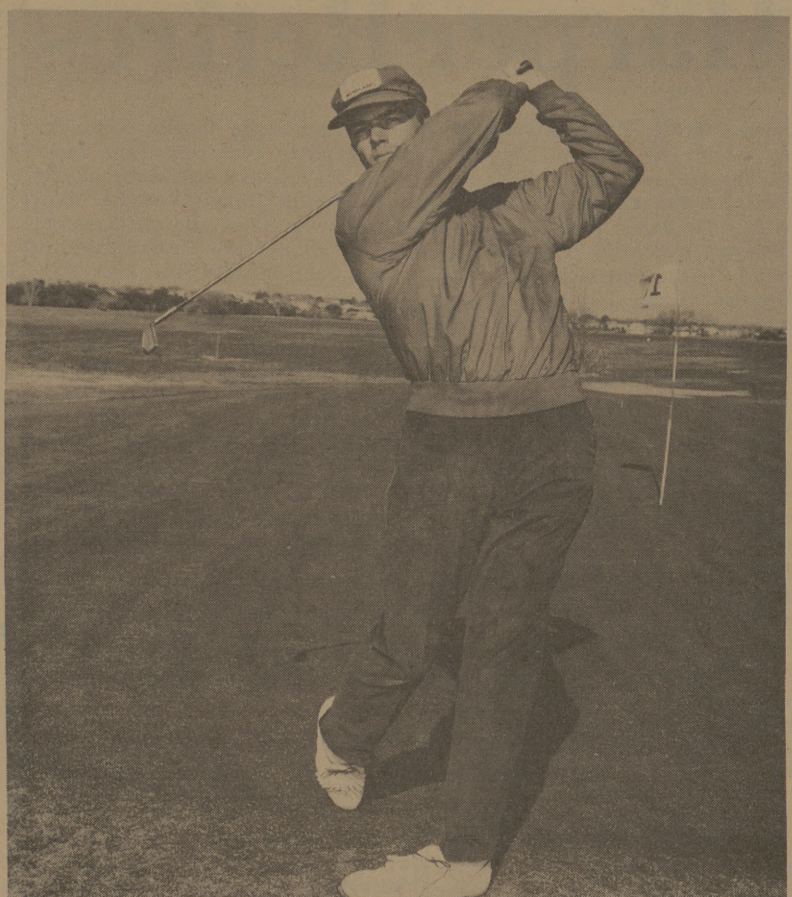
**Illini AD Slated Main Speaker  
For A&M All-Sports Banquet**

Texas A&M's all-sports banquet will feature Ray Eliot of the University of Illinois as the principal speaker here Friday night. The banquet, which starts at 6:30 p.m. in Sbis Hall, will honor athletes of seven sports—baseball, basketball, football, golf, swimming, tennis and track. Blackie Sherrod, executive sports editor of the Dallas Times-Herald, will be master of ceremonies. A limited number of tickets, priced at \$5 each, were still available to the general public at mid-week. Eliot became assistant director of athletics at Illinois January 1, 1960 following retirement from active coaching after 28 years of service, 23 of them at his alma mater, Illinois. As head coach at Illinois from 1942 through 1959, Eliot won or

shared three Big Ten titles and produced decisive victories in the two Rose Bowl games in which his teams appeared. He also served as head hockey coach and assistant baseball coach at Illinois while coaching the line under Bob Zupke.

**Roberts Is A&M's  
Letterman-Of-Year**

Weightman Danny Roberts has been selected as "letterman of the year" at A&M University by the Southwest Conference Letterman's Association. Roberts will be feted at an awards banquet in Dallas Friday night along with honorees from every other Southwest Conference SWC school.



GRADUATING GOLFER MIKE HIGGINS . . . copped third in SWC meet.

**Annual Links Crown Lost,  
But Aggies Pledge Revenge**

By LANI PRESSWOOD  
Asst. Sports Editor  
Well, it had to end sometime. The fabulous championship string of A&M University golf coach Henry Ransom finally came to a halt this season. Ransom entered the Southwest Conference scene in 1960. Until this season, the conference had not known another golf champion besides A&M since that date. The Aggie linksters had captured four consecutive SWC titles and provided the conference with its individual champion three out of the past four years. This year, the Ags went into their last match with a chance to take it all but were knocked off in Austin by new champion Texas. A major factor in the Longhorn win was the large gallery of Texas students who turned out to lend support to their club. The final SWC standings revealed A&M in fourth place with a 22½-19½ conference record. The league was so well balanced that the Texas loss dropped the Ags there from second. This does not tell the whole story of the 1964 Aggie golf squad, however. The team's three top players were all declared ineligible be-

fore the season started. Transfer technicalities and academic deficiencies were responsible. One of the three, David Holcomb of Mission, has regained his eligibility and will help the club next season. How did the loss of these key cogs affect the Aggie chances this year? "We could have taken it all if just one of those three boys had been able to compete," declares Ransom flatly. Only Mike Higgins, senior from Tomball, is due to graduate from this year's squad. Lettermen Doug Dyer, Jay Ferguson, and Jeff Andrick will all return with an additional year of experience. The squad will be further strengthened by Holcomb and Lee McDowell, a transfer from Lamar Tech. Ransom has restocked the board with a brace of freshman linksters, including Bruce McMott, John Buffin, Ron Thum, John Walker, Rod Hooks and Dinwiddie. The future of the nation's number one participator sport appears bright indeed at AggieLand. Ransom, the driving force behind the spectacular Ag golf success, is highly optimistic about next season. The SWC's most successful coach predicts, "Next year we're going to make the rest of the conference eat it all again."

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