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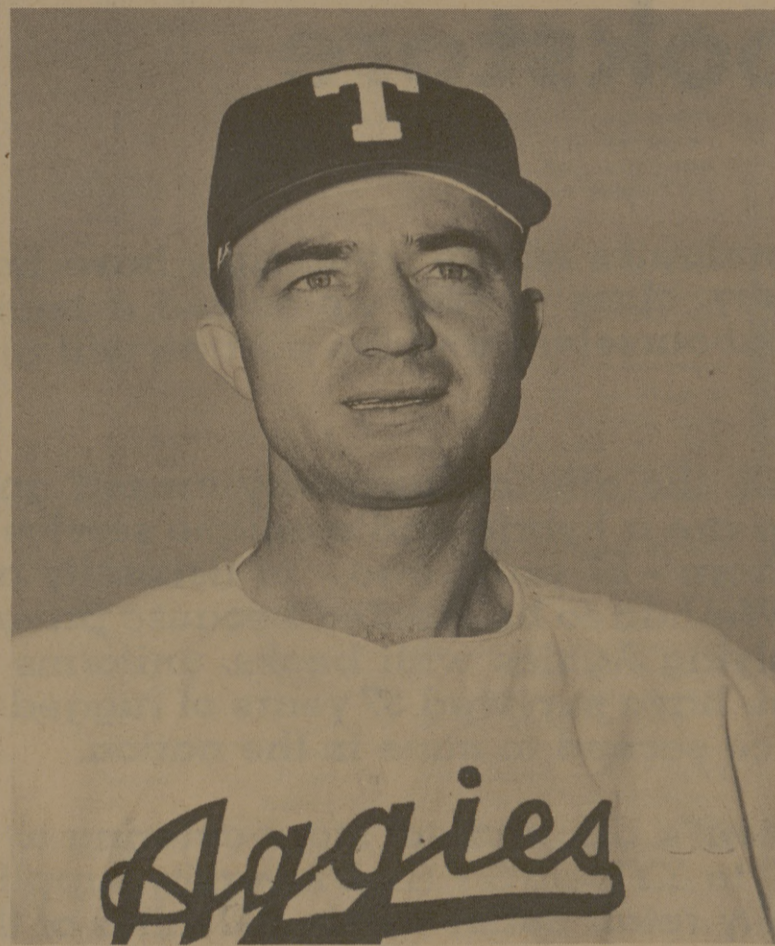
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ONLY FOUR BONAFIDE STARTERS RETURNING
... coach finds only three outfielders and one pitcher returning from his '64 SWC championship team.



COACH TOM CHANDLER

Large Rebuilding Job Faces Ag Baseball Coach Chandler

A tremendous rebuilding job faces Tom Chandler when he starts preparing his Texas Aggies for the 1965 Southwest Conference baseball campaign.

Last spring Chandler guided the Aggies to the league title and a berth in the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

But, as he scans his potential 1965 roster he finds only four bonafide starters returning, three outfielders and one pitcher. The hurler is southpaw Steve Hillhouse. The outfielders are Alan Koonce, Lance Cobb and Billy Crain.

Graduation took catcher Bill Hancock, first baseman Frank Stark, second baseman Bill Grochett and third baseman George Hargett. Shortstop Jerry Ballard, who had one more year of eligibility remaining, elected to bypass it in favor of a pro contract with the San Francisco Giants' organization.

Jerry Pizzitola and Odessa College transfer Ed Gardner are top candidates to take Hancock's place behind the plate. DeWayne Stewart returns at first base and Mike McClurt returns as shortstop. Up from the freshman club come in-

field candidates Jeffrey Warren, Mike Arrington and Ray Dickerson.

Other outfielders returning from last year's varsity squad are Neal Thompson, and Fred Carlton. Other pitches returning include Johnny Lee and Marvin Dawkins.

Pitching prospects off last year's freshman club include Larry Evers, Tommy Chiles and Dickie Valentine. An outfield candidate is Chuck Malitz. In addition, Billy Johnson, transfer from Blinn Junior College, will be among pitching candidates.

Intramural Sports At A&M Offer Three Types Activity

A&M has one of largest intramural athletic programs in the country, according to Charles E. McCandless, director.

Intramural sports are set up on a competitive basis among Air Force squadrons, Army companies and civilian teams, under three classes.

The three are class "A" for Corps upperclassmen, class "B" for Corps freshmen and class "C" for civilians. All under the direction of McCandless and his student intramural managers.

"THE MAIN outcome of this program is students being able to let off steam," said McCandless.

The outfits and civilian teams appoint their own intramural officers who are usually seniors. It is the job of this officer to appoint teams and see that they practice and know when games are scheduled. The officers usually have junior and sophomore assistants for this work.

Each unit is required to enter at least ten of the regular sports. At the end of the year points are compiled and awards are given to the winners in each class.

The most coveted award is the intramural flag, given each year to the outfit with the most points overall. The unit may carry this flag at reviews the following year.

Everyone's Athletic Tastes Satisfied By Campus Clubs

In addition to the regular program operated by the Athletic Department and the Intramural Office there are a number of other sports offered on the A&M campus.

Many clubs have been organized here so everyone's athletic tastes can be satisfied.

COACH R. K. WIEDER of the Department of Health and Physical Education serves as an advisor to fencing and wrestling clubs. Teams in these sports often compete with representatives from other colleges.

An active gymnastics club under the direction of Henry Walton competes in many meets during the spring.

In '62 the A&M Handball Club was re-organized after new courts were provided on campus. The club ran off a tournament here and also traveled to Houston to play other teams.

A judo club was also organized in '62 under the coaching of advisor Capt. Lester R. Hewitt, assistant professor of Air Science. Several Aggies have been learning this ancient sport and art of self-defense.

THE AGGIE RODEO Club has been active on the campus for many years. A member of the Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, the club competes at college rodeos all over the Southwest, often earning the right to participate in regional and national affairs.

The club sponsors one of the largest intercollegiate rodeos in the area here each year. There is also an annual Aggie Rodeo at which students compete for campus honors.

Under the direction of members of the Department of Military Science the university fields strong rifle and pistol teams each season.

A number of bowling tournaments are held in the Memorial Student Center each year. Aggies also bowl in local leagues.

FOR THE PAST three years A&M has turned out one of the finest match bowling teams in the South. Its members are no stran-

gers to regional and national competition of the National Intercollegiate Bowling Association.

Out at Easterwood Airport the A&M Parachute Club jumps each weekend. Its active members participate in many precision jumping and sky-diving meets.

Also at the airfield, the long-established Flying Kadets train for intercollegiate competition in stunt and precision flying.

The newly-formed cricket club plays and practices on one of the campus lawns. It recently won its first game against the University of Houston.

Although most of the members of these two teams are foreign students, a few Aggies from this country have joined. Members of both clubs say they wish more Americans would come out and enjoy their sports with them.



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