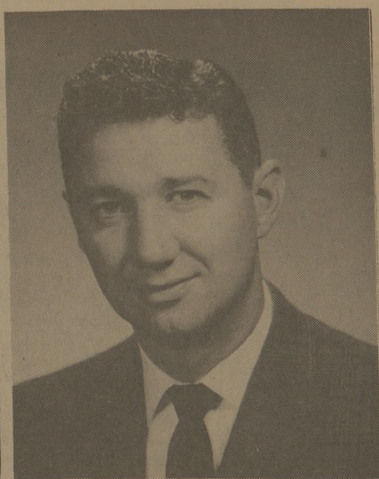
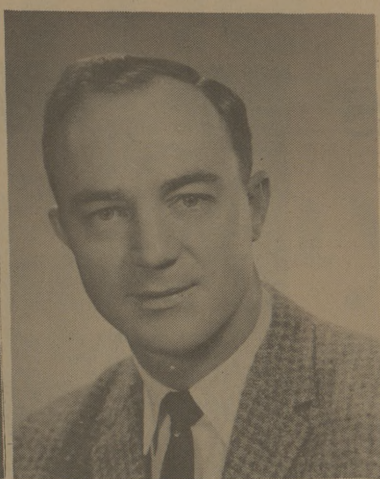


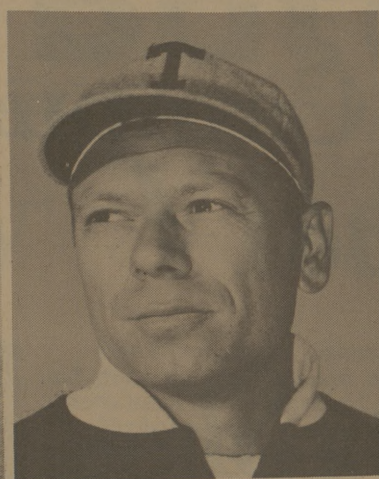
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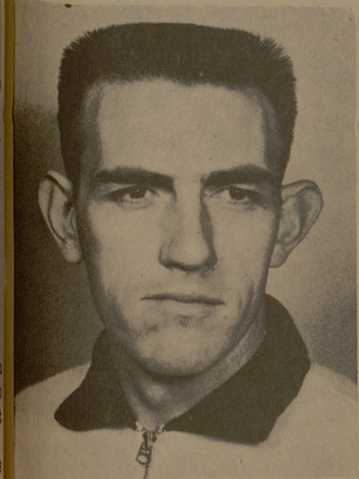
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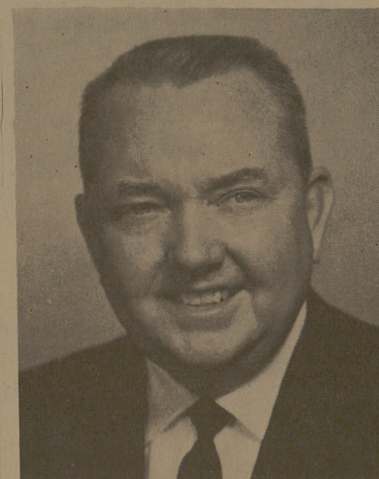
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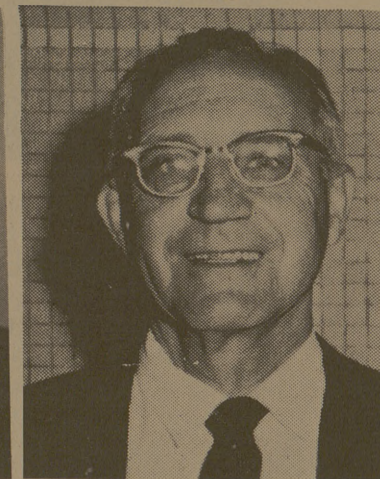
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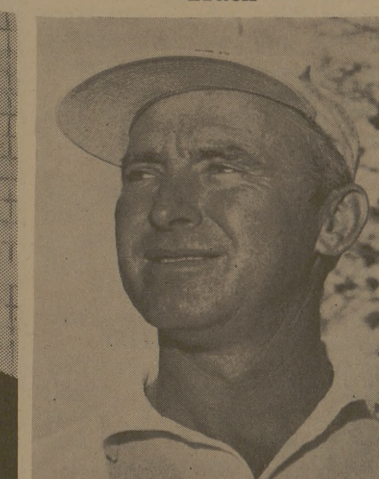
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Aggie Golfers, Netmen To Be Title Contenders

The strong Aggie tennis and golf squads will both be prime contenders for SWC crowns next spring.

What could be A&M's finest tennis team ever will take the courts next season under Coach Omar Smith. Bolstered by the return of veterans Richard Barker and Ricky Williams, who were redshirted last season, the club figures to battle national power Rice down to the wire for the championship.

Returning lettermen include Luis Rojas and Dean Dyer, who will likely team with Barker and Williams to give the Aggies an all-senior front line.

Last season the Cadet netmen finished in fourth place, but two years ago they swept to second place (an all-time A&M high) behind the efforts of Barker, Rojas, Williams and now-departed Raul Contreras.

Barker and Rojas were the SWC doubles winners that year, Rojas a singles semifinalist and Barker made it all the way to the finals.

Funds have been approved for four classy new tennis courts for intercollegiate competition and it is hoped they will be avail-

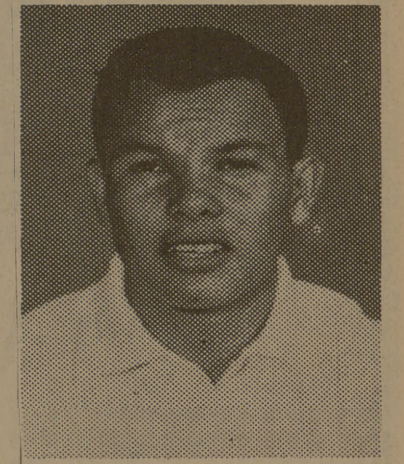
able for next year's play.

While tennis is on the upgrade, the golf picture looks promising. Coach Henry Ransom will be seeking his fifth SWC championship in seven years and he thinks this year's crew can take it all again.

The Cadets linksters will be paced by juniors and sophomores this season. David Holcomb is returning for his junior year after being sidelined by an automobile accident. Joining him will be juniors Lee McDowell, John Buffin and Ron Tomas and sophomores Scip Brisk and Terry Archer. Jeff Stiles, a transfer from LSU, is another top prospect.

Ransom's nationwide reputation and the success of former Aggie golfers Bobby Nichols and Billy Martindale have resulted in a banner crop of in-

coming freshmen, headed by Bill Meanor of Dallas and Tim Miles of Illinois.



LUIS ROJAS

Athletic Department Personnel Now Directed By Bones Irvin

A large and competent staff handled by Barlow (Bones) Irvin handles the behind-the-scenes activity of the Athletic Department.

Acting Athletic Director Irvin, who has been on the Aggie staff since 1948, moved up from assistant AD when Hank Foldberg resigned in July.

The athletic trainer is Billy Pickard, a former A&M student trainer who returned here from Brazosport High School when Gene Stallings became head football coach.

Emil Mamaliga, who is also the

diving coach, sets up the weight training programs for all Aggie sports while A. E. (Buddy) Denton is a full-time academic counselor for A&M athletes.

Other athletic department personnel include Spec Gammon, sports publicist; S. M. (Monk) Meeks, equipment manager; Pat Dial, business manager; Mary Ruth Wilson, ticket manager; Elizabeth Murphy, Henderson Hall House Mother.

Dr. C. H. Groneman heads the A&M Athletic Council while C. K. Esten serves as the football stadium announcer.

A&M's Intramural Program Among Largest In Country

The intramural athletic program at Texas A&M is one of the largest in the nation and forms an important element of campus activity.

Intramurals, are set up on a competitive basis between 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 civilian teams. This is all under the direction of G. G. (Lance) Stephens and his staff of student intramural managers.

The Managers referee, umpire and control all intramural sports. They do most of the actual field work and are awarded a sweater at the end of the year. They see that all rules are obeyed, all games are run without mishap and compute each outfit's scores.

Rule books are passed out to each outfit.

The outfits and dorms appoint their own intramural officer who is usually a senior. It is the job of the officer to appoint the teams and see that they get practice and know which days they play. The officer has assistants to help in this work.

All during the school year there are all forms of sports. There are the 15 regular intramural sports. Also there are the open sports which units may receive extra points for winning. Each unit is required to enter at least 10 of the regular sports. At the end of the year points are compiled and awards are given to the winners of each class.

The sports that can be entered are swimming, wrestling, golf, horseshoes, handball, softball, bowling, rifle, tennis, track cross

country, football, pingpong, basketball, volleyball, open tennis, open golf, open handball and open badminton.

Each unit receives 50 points for each regular sport it has entered. Extra points are given for winning the finals. For winning league a team receives ten points for winning finals.

7 Footballers Also Stand Out In Classroom

Several Aggie footballers stand out as much in the classroom as on the gridiron.

Seven varsity players will be candidates for "Distinguished Students" honors on the basis of scores posted last spring.

The seven:

Tom Murreh, guard from San Antonio, six A's and one B. (21 hours, 60 grade point).

Jim Kauffman, back from Georgetown, six A's and one B. (20 hours, 57 grade points).

Robert Schaefer, end from Brilliant, Ohio, four A's, three B's and one C. (19 hours, 49 grade points).

Harry Ledbetter, quarterback from Breckenridge, three A's, three B's, one C. (19 hours, 45 grade points).

Dan Westerfield, back from Crawford, two A's, five B's. (17 hours, 41 grade points).

Jack Pyburn, tackle from Shreveport, three A's, three B's, one C. (16 hours, 37 grade points).

Jerry Kachtik, end from Rio Hondo, two A's, four B's. (15 hours, 36 grade point)s.

Sports Create Traditions

Though traditions are discussed in another section, several that deal directly with sports can be mentioned here.

The most famous is the Twelfth Man tradition. A&M students stand through every football game as a symbol of their readiness for duty if a replacement for an Aggie player is needed.

Another is the Aggie bonfire, largest in the world. The bonfire, symbol of the eternal desire of Aggies to beat TU, is burned the night before the annual Thanksgiving Dal clash with the Steers.

Midnight yell practice and regular yell practices are other long-standing traditions.

Numerous A&M Athletic Clubs Compete In Variety Of Sports

Clubs which take in almost every conceivable sport have been formed at A&M, many of which engage in intercollegiate and statewide competition.

The A&M soccer club has been one of the most successful, having gone to the state semifinals last year and to the state finals the previous year.

A group composed largely of Englishmen and Indians recently formed a cricket club on campus which now competes with several clubs and colleges, including the University of Texas.

For the last several years A&M has fielded one of the finest bowling teams in the South and some members have advanced to national competition.

The Aggie Rodeo Club has been active on campus many years and annually sponsors an All-Aggie rodeo and a well-known intercollegiate rodeo.

The Department of Military Science sponsors a rifle and a pistol team, both of which are usually outstanding.

R. K. Weider of the Health and P. E. Department is adviser to the wrestling and the fencing clubs, which annually produce some top individuals.

Other sports which A&M club members actively compete in include gymnastics, handball, weight lifting, judo, parachute jumping, billiard, skydiving, and precession airplane flying.

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