

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.

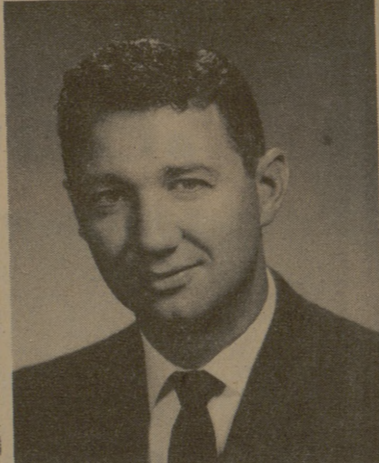
Other athletic department personnel include Spec Gammon, sports publicist; S. M. (Monk) Meeks, equipment manager; Pat Dial, business manager; Mary Ruth Wilson, ticket manager; Elizabeth Murphy, Henderson Hall House Mother.

Dr. C. H. Groneman heads the A&M Athletic Council.

Meet A&M's Other Coaches Teams Contend For SWC Flag



BONES IRVIN
Athletic Director



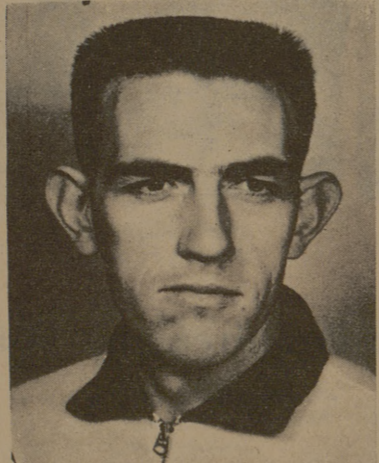
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TOM CHANDLER
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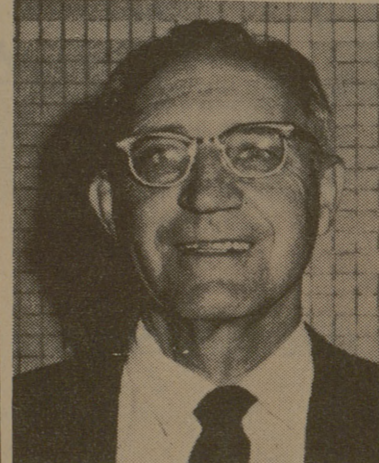
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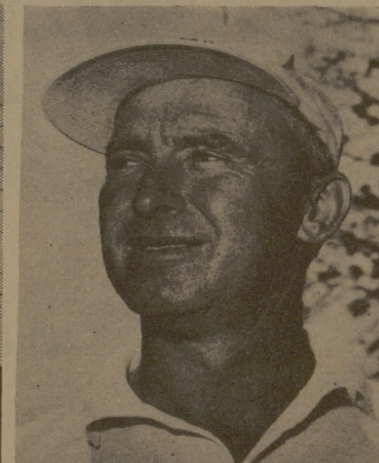
JIM CULPEPPER
Frosh Basketball



OMAR SMITH
Tennis



ART ADAMSON
Swimming



HENRY RANSOM
Golf

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.

Returnees and 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 was 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 available 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.

Swim Team Faces Uphill Fight

A&M swimming coach A. D. (Art) Adamson looks for an improved club this year but the Aggies appear to face an uphill fight in their attempt to break SMU's nine-year grip on the SWC.

Top individuals for the Cadets should be Jim Hooten and Jerry Keating in the freestyle events and breaststroker Mike Offner. George Staples and Dave Tifan will pace what could be a stand-out 400-meter relay team. Only six lettermen return and sophomores will be counted on heavily.

Robert Dommel of Houston Jones and Midland's Steve Ash appear to be the top freshmen.

Football Poll Eyes Texas, Arkansas

In the 32nd annual TCU Sports News Poll of sportswriters, Texas is picked to win the SWC with Arkansas finishing second and Baylor third. Texas Tech is picked fourth followed in order by Rice, TCU, SMU and Texas A&M.

The Aggies received one first place vote in the poll. In its 32 years the poll has correctly predicted the champion only six times.

Cadet Diamondmen Favored To Take Conference Crown

The Aggie baseballers will be the hands-down favorite next spring to capture the SWC crown which they missed by a single game last season.

Coach Tom Chandler gets all but two men back from last year's squad and in addition can count on help from a freshman team that swept to an 11-1 record.

Only senior outfielder Fred Carlton and All-American third sacker Mike McClure, who turned professional, won't be returning.

Spearheading the Maroon attack this season will be a trio of hard-throwing hurlers. Steve Hillhouse, a two-time all-SWC senior, returns for his last season. Last year's sophomore pitcher-of-the-year in the conference, Tommy Chiles, also returns and the pair will be joined on the mound corps by heralded sophomore Ken Perrin.

The Aggie infield also shows great promise. Hard-hitting second baseman Lance Cobb, a two-time all-conference and second team All-American performer, is back for his senior season. Another returning all-conference infielder is Billy Crain, Cadet first baseman.

Junior Mike Arrington holds forth at shortstop, where he batted .321 last season as a sophomore. The third base slot should go to sophomore Lou Camilli.

Another outstanding soph, Joe

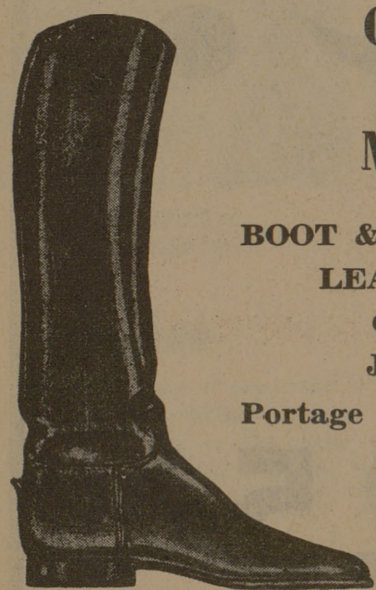
Staples, is likely to edge veterans Ed Garner and Ralph Beckner for the first string catcher spot.

In the outfield, Alan Koonce is the brightest name. The slugging leftfielder from Fort Worth Paschal is another all-conference performer.

Fleet Chuck Malitz in center and Bryan's Neil Thompson round out the Aggie outfield.

The top incoming freshman is Robert Arnold, voted the outstanding schoolboy pitcher in the state by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce selection board for his pitching performances at El Paso Austin.

Among the other freshmen prospects are Walter Varvel, A&M Consolidated pitcher; Pete Maida, Beaumont Kelly shortstop; infielders Bill Ulich of Lubbock Monterey and Jimmy Railey of Houston St. Thomas; and catchers Jim Conlee of Fort Worth Paschal, Tom Patrick of Midland and Johnny Walker of Texarkana.



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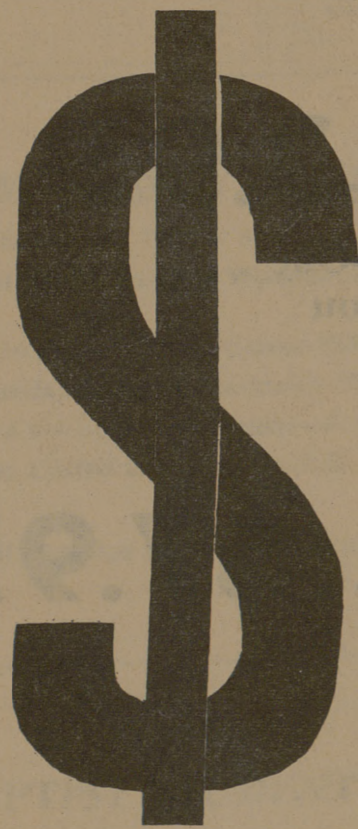
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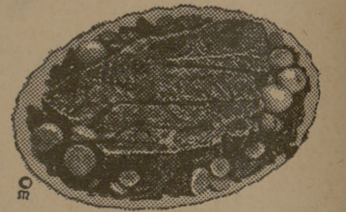
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