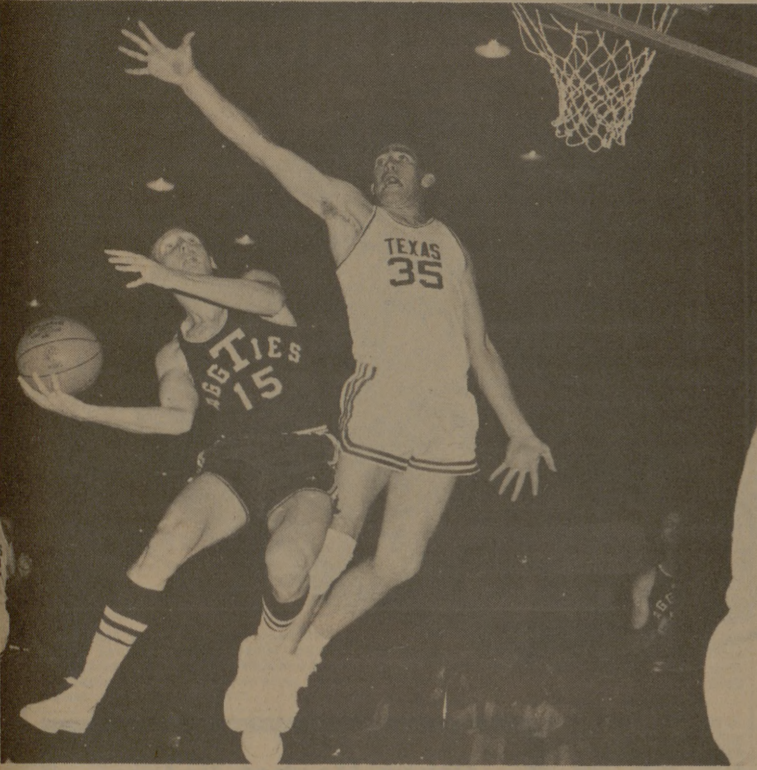


# Ags Win In Gregory Gym



**PAYNE PITCHES**

Jerry Payne (15), drives up for an attempted shot against TU Tuesday night. The sophomore guard found the going a little rough, however, as Sip junior center Charley Turnbough sticks the big arm in the way. Tim Timmerman (55) and Paul Olivier (12) race in towards the action.

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Big John Beasley hit a relatively low 11 points per half against the Longhorns Tuesday night, but two of his field goals in the second period put the conference-leading Aggies ahead and sparked a 64-57 victory over TU.

For the first time this year, the Ags came out on the low end of the rebounding statistics, and their 64 points were the fewest scored this year. But it was enough, and after being down 42-29 at the half, they held the Sips to 15 points during the second half in a tremendous defensive display.

TU played a cautious brand of ball during the second half, using a stall when they were two points behind. Their strategy went for naught when they threw the ball away with 3:43 left, allowing the ball-hawking Cadets to keep control, and the lead.

The first half was all Texas. They took the opening tip-off, and while they didn't score on

their first possession, neither did A&M, setting the tone of the game. Excitement permeated the gymnasium, both teams making simple errors unforgiveable in college basketball.

The Orangemen scored the next time they got the ball, and Beasley retaliated with a free throw, but before Stringfellow could score with three minutes gone in the half, the Sips had five points. An Aggie rally culminated by an Eddie Dominguez jump midway through the first half put A&M ahead 11-10, but it didn't last and the Steers were able to pull away to their 13-point halftime lead.

The second half began with a Maroon-controlled ball, and Recor hit a jump from the corner to chip-away at the gap. He hit a free throw, Beasley added a turning jump and a free throw, and Matson tipped one in to add six points on the board for the Aggies before TU made a mark.

While neither side could be described as hot, the Aggies

dominated what infrequent scoring did occur and with 8:51 left in the game, the Beez hit a twisting jump shot to put the Cadets ahead 49-48. He added another field goal to create a three-point lead, but the Horns came back and led 52-51.

Dick Stringfellow came up with a free throw with 6:10 left to tie it, and Beasley hit another of his jumps to put the Maroon out in front for the last time, 54-52.

It was still a nail-chewing game, but a field goal by Tim Timmerman and free tosses by Trippet, Wyley Jenkins, Stringfellow and Dominguez sealed the fate of the home crew.

While the Aggies controlled the boards in the second half 19-10, they came out on the short end of the statistics for the first time this year, 38-33.

Big John's 22-point production was high for the game, while for the Aggies Stringfellow had 11, Timmerman 9, Dominguez and Trippet had seven each, and Mat-

son hit for four.

Both squads hit 21 field goals during the course of the game, with all but six of the Horns' coming in the first half. The Ags pumped in 35 points during the second period.

The victory before 7,000 fans brought the Aggie SWC record to five wins and no losses, while dumping the Sips to a 1-4 mark. TU's only victory was against winless Rice. The Ags are 10-4 for the full season, following a peculiar pattern.

They won their opening five games, then lost four straight during the Christmas holidays, and returned to take five in a row in SWC competition. Both teams will now be idle for the remainder of the final examination periods.

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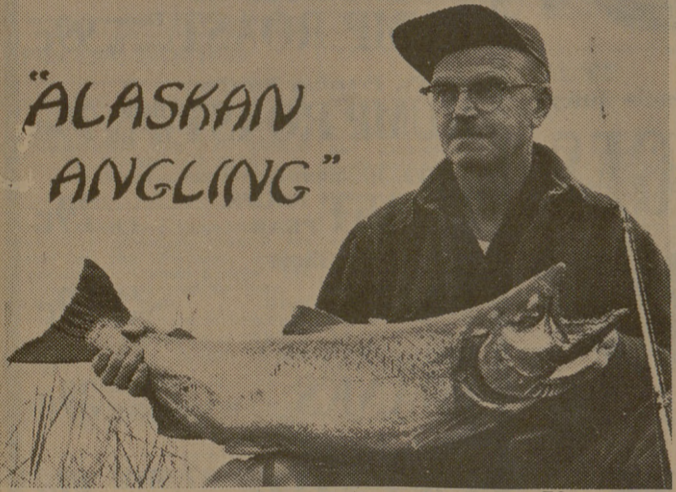
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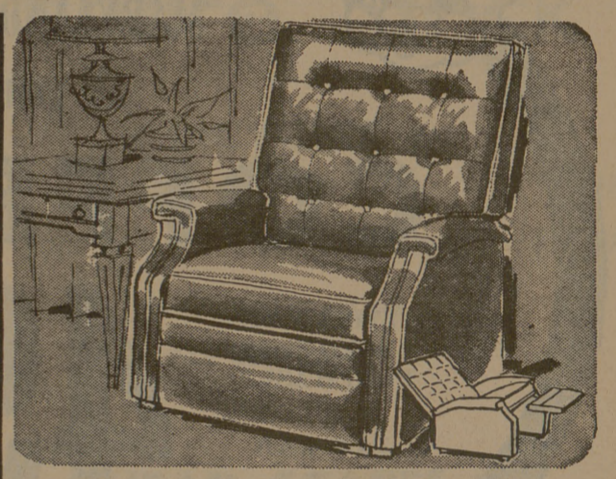
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