Ags Host Stephen F. Austin College Tonight

By GARY SHERER Unbeaten Stephen F. Austin

College invades G. Rollie White his eighth season as SFA mentor, Coliseum tonight in a 8 p.m. basketball game with the Aggies.

The high-scoring cagers from Nacogdoches have won seven in a row, with the most recent victory a 75-57 win Monday night over Houston Baptist.

The Lumberjack offense is led by freshman George Johnson, a 6'11" youngster from Harleton. The Polnick twins, Marvin and Ervin, a pair of 6'5" freshmen from Houston, bolster up a young starting five that features four freshmen and one sophomore. The entire squad is senior-less, with one junior and the rest first and

Coach Marshall Brown, starting has high hopes as being a contender for the Lone Star Con-

ference championship. The team's high point mark this year was 122 against Houston Baptist Dec. 2. They recently whipped a highly-regarded Arlington State team at Arlington to add to their unbeaten skien.

Aggie Coach Shelby Metcalf, despite the Aggies poor record, is encouraged by the team's overall improvement and hopes to hit the winning trail this week.

"We learned a lot on this road trip," Metcalf said. "and we'll be looking for a big crowd to

Aggie coach added.

The Aggies returned to College Station Thursday night with an 0-4 record and unhappy memories of their first road trip. On their arrival, they were met at Easterwood Airport by several Aggie rooters.

"I didn't know what organization they were from on campus, said Metacalf, "but the boys and I appreciated the greeting very

and probably won't make a final totalling 52 points. decision until gametime.

Metcalf praised Ronnie Peret, and Buzzy Myatt for their play on the road trip and hopes the

By JERRY GRISHAM

The Texas Aggie Fish round-

ballers go bird hunting tonight

as the San Jacinto Junior College

Coliseum intent on keeping their

Although the Fish can't lay

claim to as impressive a string

as 11 wins, they won their opener

against Lon Morris Dec. 1, by the impressive score of 78-61, and

a victory over the tough Black-

birds will indeed put a feather,

a black one at that, in their caps.

Culpepper, the probable starting

five for the fish will be Mike

Heitmann and Oliver Biggers at

forwards, Mike Hazel at center,

and Mac Hooten at a guard posi-

tion. The only doubtful starter is

ACCORDING TO Coach Jim

perfect 11-0 record intact.

add incentive to the team," the overall improvement since the ket a little more and maintain Thursday night to cap the prefirst game can continue.

"I wish I had known at Thanksgiving what I know now," said Metcalf when discussing the team's improvement.

Aggie statistics after four game show Barnett as the leading scorer with a 13.4 average on 20 for 45 from the floor for 44.4 per cent, 18 for 27 from the freethrow line for 66.7 and a total of 58 points. Peret is next with 17 for 50 and 34 per cent from For tonight's game, Metcalf is the floor and 18 for 30 foul unsure about a starting lineup shooting for 60 per cent and

An interesting team statistic is that while being outscored, the Billy Bob Barnett, Terry Trippet Aggies are still out-rebounding their foes. Metcalf adds that if the team can start hitting the bas-

their rebounding they will win Christmas week. some ball games.

"Overall, we are taking an optimistic outlook and hoping," added Metcalf when summing up the team's outlook at this point in the season.

In addition to tonight's game, the Aggies will host the North Texas State Eagles from Denton

During the holidays, the Aggies will travel to Canyon and meet West Texas State Dec. 27. On Dec. 29 and 30, they will participate in the New Mexico University Invitational Basketball Tournament to complete their holiday

High-Scoring UCLA Cagers No. 1 In National Rankings

UCLA'S Bruins, who scored 195 points in beating seventhranked Duke twice last week, were unanimous choices Monday for the first place in this week's Associated Press major

The Bruins were placed in the top position by all 36 selectors on the national panel of sports writers and broadcasters. Last week, UCLA was No. 1 on all but 2 of the 34 ballots.

college basketball poll.

Texas Western held second place. There was a mild shakeup in the remainder of the standings, the principal one involving Michigan State. The Spartans, unranked a week ago, slipped into the No. 8 spot as Duke dropped out of the Top

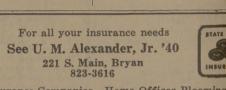
UCLA lifted its record to 3-0 by defeating Duke 88-54 last Friday and 107-87 Saturday. Lew Alcindor, the Bruins' 7-1 sophomore star, was held to 19 points Friday and scored 38 in the next game. Texas Western, unbeaten in

five games, beat East Texas 61-30, Pan American 67-65 and Southern Methodist 71-62.

Louisville advanced one place to No. 3 ranking after defeating Southwestern Louisiana 107-68 and Southern Illinois 70-66 in two overtimes.

By BEN OLAN Kentucky fell one spot to Associated Press Sports Writer fourth. The Wildcats lost to Illinois 98-97 in overtime, then rebounded with a 118-116 victory over Northwestern.

New Mexico, North Carolina, Brigham Young, Michigan State, Houston and Cincinnati complete the rankings, in that









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an ankle injury and may not see In the event Brown doesn't play, a possible replacement could be

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In Prelim Tonight

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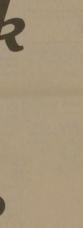
Against Lon Morris the Fish hit on 29 of 68 field goals attempts for a respectable 42.6 per

HEITMANN WAS the high scorer in that game with 11 field goals and six free throws for 28 points. Hooten was runner-up with a total of 16 tallies. Brown contributed 13 points to the cause, Biggers hit for 10 and Hazel topped off the scoring for the starters with eight points.

Others scoring were David Sad-Bill Brown, a guard. Brown has ler with two and Buddy Gann with one.

Game time for the Fish game will be at 5:45 preceeding the Varsity game.

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