

Grid Banquet To Feature SEC Head In Main Talk



Arthur Marvin (Tonto) Coleman, commissioner of the Southeast Conference, will deliver the principal address at the Texas A&M Football Banquet here Feb. 4.

The banquet, honoring the 1966 varsity and freshmen grid squads, is sponsored by the Aggie Club and will be held in the Ramada Inn, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$6 and can be purchased locally at the A&M Athletic Dept., Aggie Club office, room 11, ANCO Bldg., Bank of Commerce, University National Bank and First Bank and Trust.

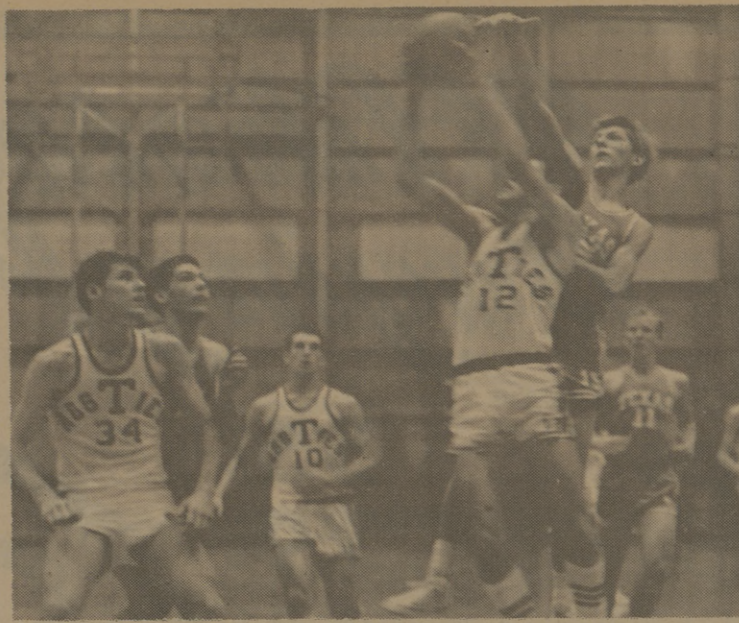
One of the banquet features will be the awarding of the Texas A&M Fighting Heart trophy. The varsity players already have cast ballots and will not reveal the winner until the night of the banquet.

Coleman is well known in Texas sports circles. The 59-year-old native of Phil Campbell, Ala., moved to Roscoe, Tex., when he was 12. The working hours for a teen-ager on a farm then were long and hard but Coleman scrambled through high school at Roscoe and found time to play basketball and baseball.

He advanced to Abilene Christian College where he picked up the nickname "Tonto" and added track and football to his sports curricula. He became attracted to English Literature to the extent of making that his major, and to lovely Ann Arnold to the degree of making her his wife. Coleman was a member of Blue Key when he was graduated in 1928 and he earned a Masters degree in Education Administration at Hardin-Simmons in 1949.

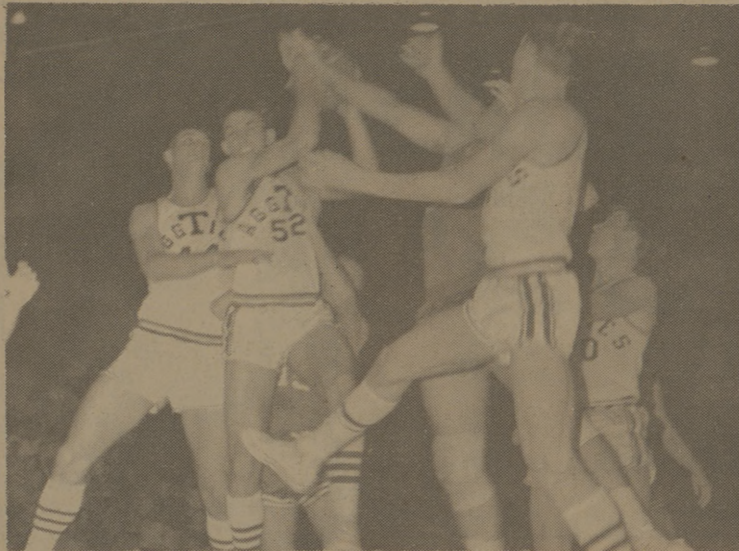
FEATURED SPEAKER

A. M. (Tonto) Coleman, Southeastern Conference commissioner, will be the principal speaker at the annual football banquet Feb. 4 at the Ramada Inn.



TWO FOR THE FISH

Fish guard Bill Brown (12) drives for a basket in Tuesday night's 76-64 Fish victory over the Texas Shorthorns. Other Fish pictured are Mike Hazel (34) and Mac Hooten (10).



REBOUND FOR MYATT

Aggie forward Buzzy Myatt (52) comes down with a rebound in action in Tuesday night's victory. Other Aggies are Ronnie Peret (44) Jerry Payne (foreground) and John Underwood (behind Payne).

Fish Take First In 76-64 Victory

By JERRY GRISHAM
First place in the Southwest Conference freshman basketball race became the sole possession of the Aggie Fish Tuesday night when they throttled the pre-season favorites, the TU Shorthorns, 76-64, at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The win boosted the season record of the Fish to 4-2 and gave them a spotless 3-0 in conference play. The Fish hold decisions over Rice, TCU and now Texas. The Texas five evened their season record at 3-3 with two conference victories and one defeat.

Texas displayed little of the qualities which had rated them the ones to beat before the season began as the Fish played their own version of "Taunt the Teasips."

BY FIRST pulling quickly into a 13-point lead, then allowing the Shorthorns to come within two points, pulling away to a nine-point spread again, and again letting the Horns come to within three points late in the game before spurting to their final 12-point margin, the Fish gave the distinct impression of a cat toying with a mouse.

Texas ran into foul trouble early in the contest. Starter Ken McWilliams finished the first half with four personals and his teammate Mike Tennison had three.

Before the game was over McWilliams was sent to the sidelines with five fouls. He was joined there by two more of the starting five, Tennison and Wayne Doyal.

THE FISH were not without their foul difficulties, as Mike Heitmann of the Fish left the game in the second half with five.

In the first 10 minutes of the first half the Fish seemed on the verge of taking the game and running off to hide with it as they immediately jumped to a 22-9 lead. At one point the Shorthorns were scoreless for over three minutes while the Fish hit for 10 straight points.

With 10:24 remaining in the first half Texas called time out to ponder their 13-point deficit. The meditation worked wonders for the cagers from Austin because upon returning to the floor they immediately pulled to within four points of the Fish at 24-20. But the Fish were not to be overtaken and were able to maintain their four point bulge to end the first half with the Fish leading 35-31.

THE SECOND half of action came close to being a carbon copy of the first with the Aggies moving out in front this time by nine points, 54-45.

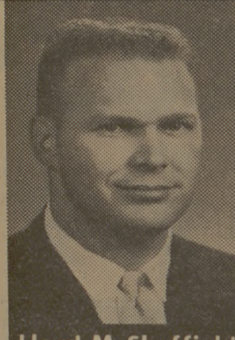
With 2:29 remaining the Shorthorns, with a final burst, pulled to within three points of the Aggies at 67-64. The effort proved to be too much for the Austin five and their defense collapsed to allow the Aggie Fish to pump three layups and three free throws into the net without a single Texas score to salt away the game.

REBOUNDS AND free throws spelled the difference for the Aggies. The Fish pulled down 50 rebounds and the Shorthorns hauled in 31. At the charity line the Fish hit with their usual accuracy for 26 of 34. The Shorthorns were accurate from the line but due to the lack of fouls on the part of the Fish, they were only able to hit 12 of 15.

From the field the Fish hit 25 of 55 for an overall percentage of 45.5. Hitting at a 39.4 per cent clip the Shorthorns scored on 26 of 66.

The Aggies had four players in double figures. High scorer for the first time was Oliver Biggers with 24 points. Heitmann was second for the Fish with 23 points, 11 of which were free throws. Heitmann was fouled more than any other Fish and was the most consistent at the free throw line, hitting 11 of his 14 attempts.

Next game for the Fish will be away when they travel to Waco Feb. 4 to play the Baylor Cubs.



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