



Sports Aplenty
Basketball
Is Back

By GARY SHERER

The torch has been passed, at least temporarily, at Aggieland.

Basketball will take over as the main sport on campus until around Jan. 1 when the Aggie footballers have a date with Alabama in Dallas.

Head Coach Shelby Metcalf has had his charges working hard since Nov. 1 in hopes of improvement over last season's 6-18 mark. It was the first losing season over for the likeable coach from Oklahoma and the way things look this year, he isn't going to repeat the performance.

The Aggies return the most lettermen of any Southwest Conference team, as the team that started most of the games will return intact. In fact, last season's captain, Dick Rector, is the only player lost thru graduation.

Returning from last years team are leading scorer 6-9 Ronnie Peret, a junior from Plainview; most valuable player of 1966-67, 6-5 junior Billy Bob Barnett from Brenham; the two floor leaders 6-3 John Underwood, senior from Honey Grove and 6-1 junior Sonny Benefield from Sweeny. The rebounding department won't be hurting, with two senior jumpers, 6-5 Buzzy Myatt from Abilene and this year's captain 6-3 Terry Trippett from Odessa.

All of these players will be seeing action tonight when the Maroon and White opens its 1967-68 season in Ruston, La. where they meet Louisiana Tech. The Aggies lost a heartbreaker to the Louisiana team in last season's opener. They will hope to avenge this loss tonight.

The returnees will receive some help from some promising newcomers to the team. Harry Bostic, a 6-6 transfer from Tyler Junior College brings some impressive credentials along with him. The St. Paul, Ind. native was the top scorer for Tyler last season. Sophomore Mike Heitmann, 6-4, from Houston is another player expected to push for a starting role. Heitmann led last year's Fish team with a 21.9 points-per-game clip.

Three other sophomores expect to see a lot of action after impressive showings from last season's talented Fish squad. Mike Hazel, 6-6, from San Antonio; 6-1 Bill Brown from Galveston and Oliver Biggers, a 6-1 guard from New Braunfels give this year's basketballers a streamlined look.

Larry Ditto, 6-8 junior returning letterman from Breckenridge and Byron Chandler, 6-9 JC transfer from Waco round out the 13-man squad.

This year's team should be improved in virtually all phases of play according to Metcalf. Experience will be the main attribute as the seven returning lettermen all saw considerable playing time last season.

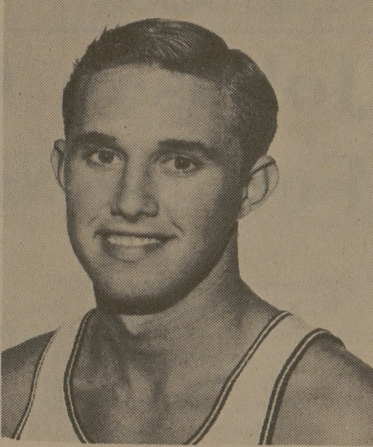
The battle for starting slots has been a tough one with so many experienced hands around but it has narrowed down to eight players who will be considered definitely for starting assignments. Tonight's lineup should read Peret, Bostic and Barnett inside and Underwood and Heitmann outside. Benefield had been hospitalized since Monday night's open house scrimmage but was able to make the trip to Louisiana.

Following tonight's game, the Aggie quintet will see three quick home games. Trinity University of San Antonio will invade G. Rollie White Coliseum Monday night followed by West Texas State on Thursday and Southwest Texas State on Saturday.

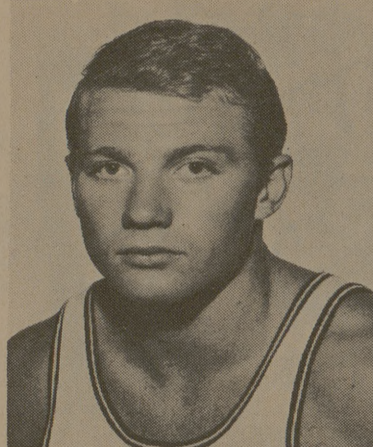
On Monday and Saturday nights Aggie fans will get to see what Coach Jim Culpepper's Fish crew looks like this season. The Fish will meet Henderson County JC on Monday and Lon Morris JC Saturday night. Both games will precede the varsity contests.

Speaking of fans, that commodity was sorely lacking at most of the Aggies home games last year. It is hard to believe that the attendance was poor, when the Aggies ended up with a winning home court record.

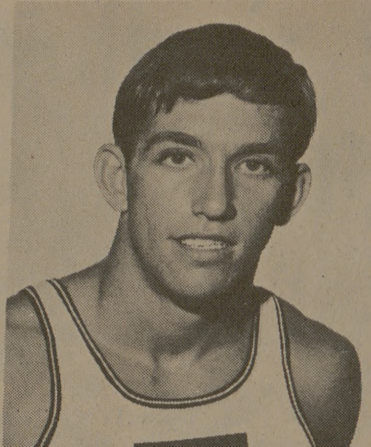
But this is a new year and last year is over and a big crowd Monday night will kickoff the 67-68 season night.



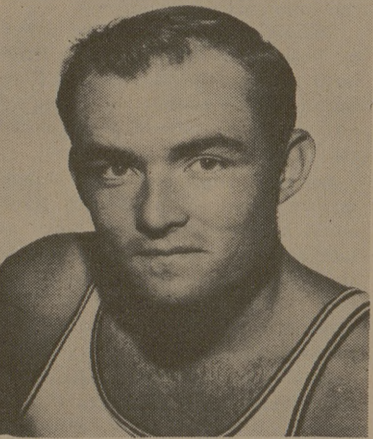
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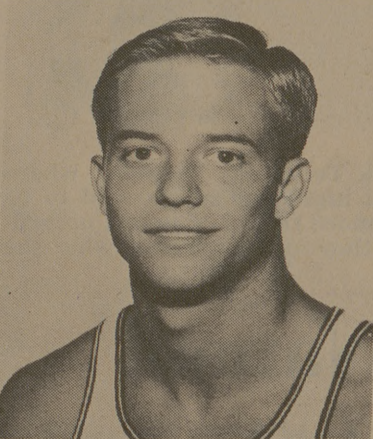
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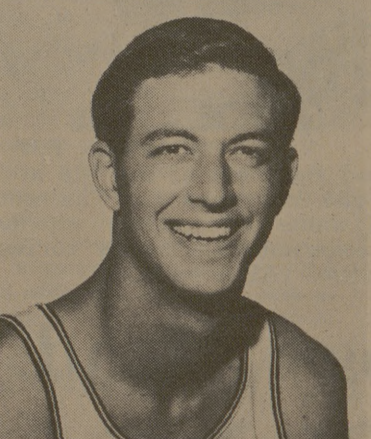
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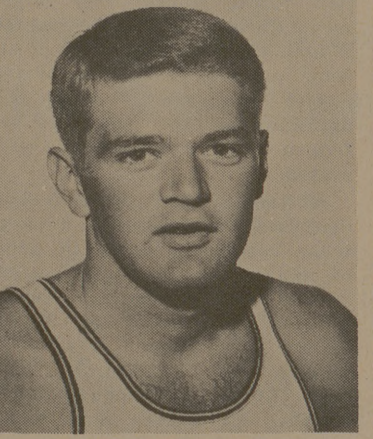
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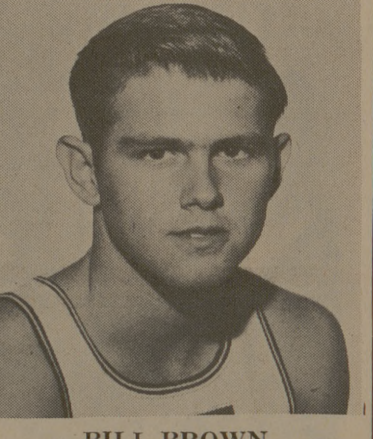
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BILL BROWN

READY TO PLAY
This group of players will see a lot of action for Coach Shelby Metcalf as the Aggies open their 1967-68 season with an away contest with Louisiana Tech at Ruston, La. The game will kickoff the Aggies' 24-game schedule.

The Coaches' Wives

An Aggie Wife

By VANCY MANNING
Battalion Staff Writer
If your husband coaches the freshman team at A&M and you son the freshmen at Texas, who do you root for?

If you are Mrs. Kay Helms, wife of freshman coach Jake Helms, you root for the Aggies, of course.

It isn't a hard decision for her to make because she has always been an Aggie fan. She inherited her love of A&M from her father.

"It was really great to get to come to A&M," she said.

The Helms' son, Jim, played on the Texas team for two years. He played several positions, including tailback, wingback and safety. Mrs. Helms yelled for the Aggies even though her son was playing on the opposing team. "I wanted Jim to make touchdowns and play well but I still wanted the Aggies to win," she recalled smiling.

The Helms tried to talk their son into attending A&M but he wanted to go to Texas. "I went to LSU for my freshman year even though I lived only 40 miles from Texas," she said. "I just didn't want to go to Texas."

Mrs. Helms is really an Aggie. She graduated from A&M in 1948 with a degree in elementary education. She is now working her master's in education.

She teaches fourth, fifth and sixth grade English and spelling at Bowie School. She had taught school for 10 years with an emergency certificate.

She enjoyed going to school at A&M. "I didn't feel out of place," she said. "I thought I would be the only woman in the classes but I wasn't. I was surprised by the number of girls who go to school here."

She graduated on Saturday morning and began teaching at Bowie on Monday. "I'm glad I went back," she said happily. "I said I would finish college before my children and I did."

Mrs. Helms has always been impressed by the Corps. She leaves home early to attend game so that she can see the review.

She believes that coaching is a rewarding profession. "I want to be a coach when my son is old enough to go to school with their son," she noted.

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7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship

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