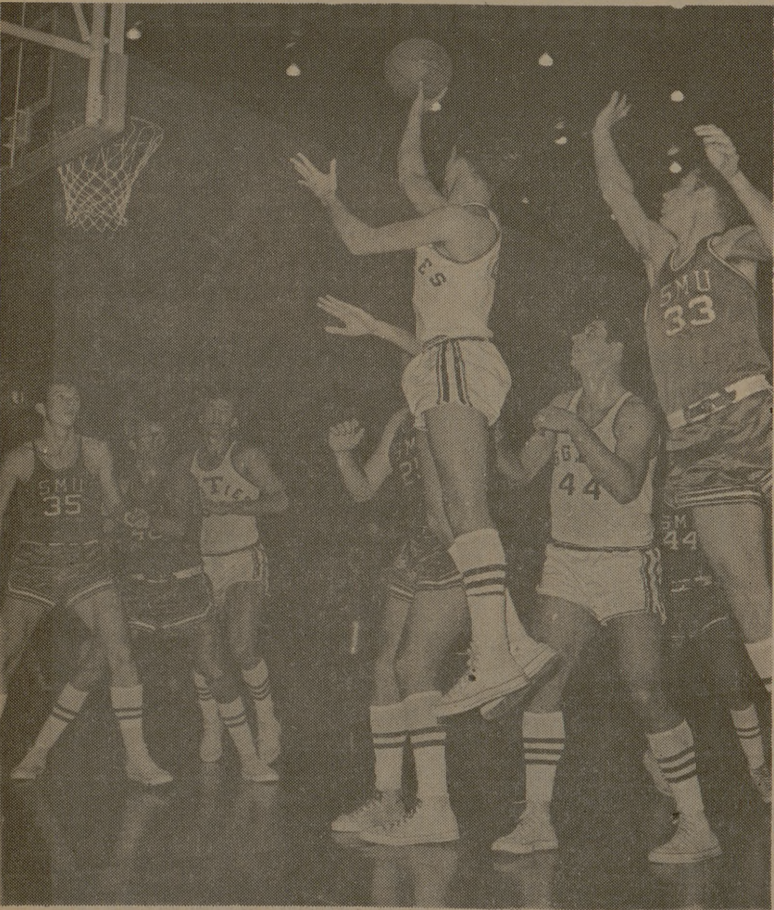


Aggie Five Ends Season With 85-80 Win Over SMU



UNDERWOOD SCORES

Johnny Underwood shoots a short jump shot for two points in Friday night's 85-80 season final win over SMU. Defending for the Mustangs are John Higgenbotham (35), Bill Voight (40) and Woody Taliaferro (33). Aggies Mike Hazel and Ronnie Peret (44) prepare for a rebound. (Photo by Mike Wright)

By GARY SHERER
The Aggie basketballers wound up the 1967-68 season Friday night with an 85-80 victory over the Southern Methodist Mustangs at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Aggie Coach Shelby Metcalf's charges ended the season with a 14-10 record and 8-6 in the South-west Conference. The Aggies ended up in a three-way tie for second place with Baylor and Texas.

THE TIE CAME about as the result of Saturday night's action in which Texas Christian won the title by knocking off Baylor at Waco while Texas was losing at home to Arkansas. Thus, one of the wildest races in SWC history went down to the wire with the Horned Frogs ending up with the laurels.

Metcalf praised his team following the game which marked the final game for two seniors, Johnny Underwood and team captain Terry Trippet.

Underwood, 6-3 guard from Honey Grove, was high-point man for the Aggies with 22. Trippet, from Odessa, who started the game, contributed to the lead the Aggies took early in the game with two corner jump shots.

THE AGGIES HIT 50 percent for the game as they made half their shots in both halves. SMU, on the other hand, was cold from the floor. It took them two minutes to score in the first half and they suffered a four-minute drought to start the second half.

It was almost a runaway for the Aggies early in the second

half as Underwood and Sonny Benefield got hot and led a surge that pulled them to a 16-point

lead. However, the Aggie guards cooled off and the Mustangs, with Woody Taliaferro pumping in six

corner jumpers, came back.

This was the pattern of the rest of the game, as Bill Voight picked up the scoring for SMU after Taliaferro was sent to the bench with his fifth foul.

UNFORTUNATELY for Coach Bob Prewitt's Mustangs, Voight, Taliaferro and Lynn Phillips were the only Ponies hitting with any regularity and this spelled their downfall.

Voight matched Underwood's total of 22 for SMU honors with Phillips and Taliaferro tallying 17 and 12 respectively.

Ronnie Peret, who ended up as the conference's fifth leading scorer, finished with 17 points. The 6-9 Plainview junior combined two contrasting halves. In the first half, Peret led the scoring with 13 points but only three rebounds. In the final twenty minutes, his rebounding was a big factor for the Aggies as he pulled down 10 caroms while scoring just four more points.

Billy Bob Barnett went 4 for 5 in the second half to help the Aggie scoring load and also pulled down nine rebounds. Barnett, who finished with 11 points, joined

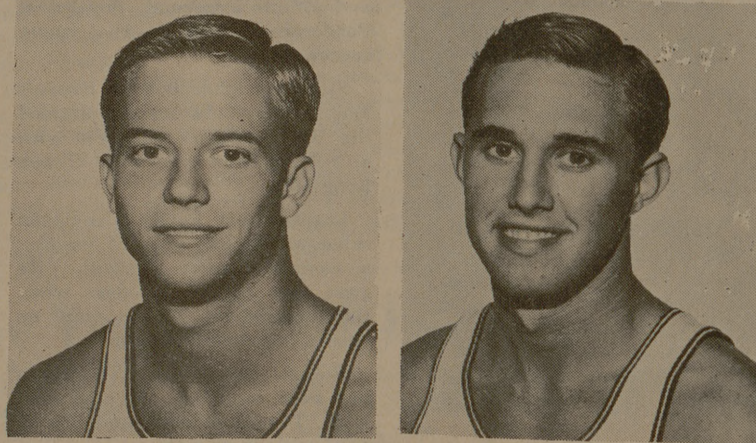
Peret in winning all-SWC berth on Saturday.

PERET WAS named on the six-player Associated Press all-conference team, as Peret tied with Phillips for the fifth spot. Barnett, 6-5 junior from Brenham, was named to the TV Sports team or five.

Following the second place in the conference, was Arkansas in third with a 7-7 mark. Rice was next at 6-8 and Texas Tech and SMU finished in the cellar at 4-10.

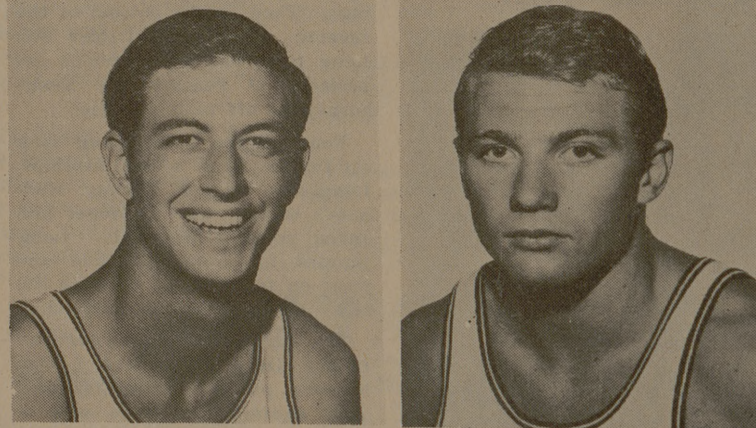
The Mustangs then, did a complete turnaround from last season when they won the title going away. Prewitt, who took over for E. O. (Doc) Hayes this season, could not make up for the loss of four starters and saw his team finish with a 6-18 mark.

TCU will now play in the NCAA Midwest Regionals and will meet the Big Eight champion Mar. 11 at Salt Lake City, Utah. The Big Eight champ will be either Kansas State or Kansas. The Aggies met both teams in the Sunflower Classic earlier this season. The Maroon and White lost both games but they were close contests all the way (K-State won a squeaker by two points).



JOHNNY UNDERWOOD

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Spring Sports

Aggie Golfers Take Win; Tracksters, Swimmers Fall

By JOHN PLATZER

The Aggie track team tied conference favorite Rice in a triangular meet in Kyle Field Friday but had to settle for a co-hold on second place as Texas University came away with an upset win.

Texas collected 77 points in the meet banking on its overall depth while the Aggies and Rice ended with 46½ each. Rice took first in seven events, including both relays, while Texas had six firsts and A&M three.

WEIGHT EVENTS continue to be a strong point of the Aggie team this season despite the loss of world record holder Randy Matson.

Ronnie Lightfoot, a sophomore, won the spotlight with a toss of 56-0¾ while Senior George Resley finished second with a put of 53-2. Kelvin Korver, a freshman on Coach Charlie Thomas' team, ended in second behind Rice's Gerald Holtzman in the discuss with a throw of 162-8 while Lightfoot finished third with 153-7.

Jack Abbott, an Aggie hurdler, was the top individual point maker in the meet along with Texas' Brian Woolsey with eight points. He took first in the 120-yard high hurdles, where Aggie Steve O'Neal was second, with a time of 14.2 and placed second in the 220 with a clocking of 21.7.

The top individual performance in the meet may have been provided by Martin Rollins, an Aggie senior from Alabama, in the pole vault. Rollins set a school record in route to winning the event with a vault of 16-1½.

CURTIS MILLS a top freshman on the Aggie squad pushed Rice's Conley Brown to the limit in the 440 before losing in the last 20 yards. Brown timed 47.8

in the event while Mills was a close second at 48.0.

The 440-yard relay team of the Aggies dropped the baton on the final exchange as they recorded no time. A&M was in the second position in the event, which was won by Rice with a time of 41.4 at the time of the mishap.

In the mile relay the Aggie team of Mike Boyd, Rocky Woods, Jack White and Mills finished third behind first place Rice with a time of 3:16.7. Rice had a 3:11.3 clocking in the event.

The meet was the first of the season for the Aggies and the Owls while it was the year's second competition for Texas.

GOLF

The varsity golf team of Coach Henry Ransom successfully defended their championship of the Southwestern recreation tournament in Fort Worth over the weekend.

Billy Wade paced the win firing a one-under par 139 for the tournament's 36 as the Aggies recorded a team score of 577.

Arkansas was second in the meet with a 578 mark while Texas Wesleyan finished in the third spot with 586.

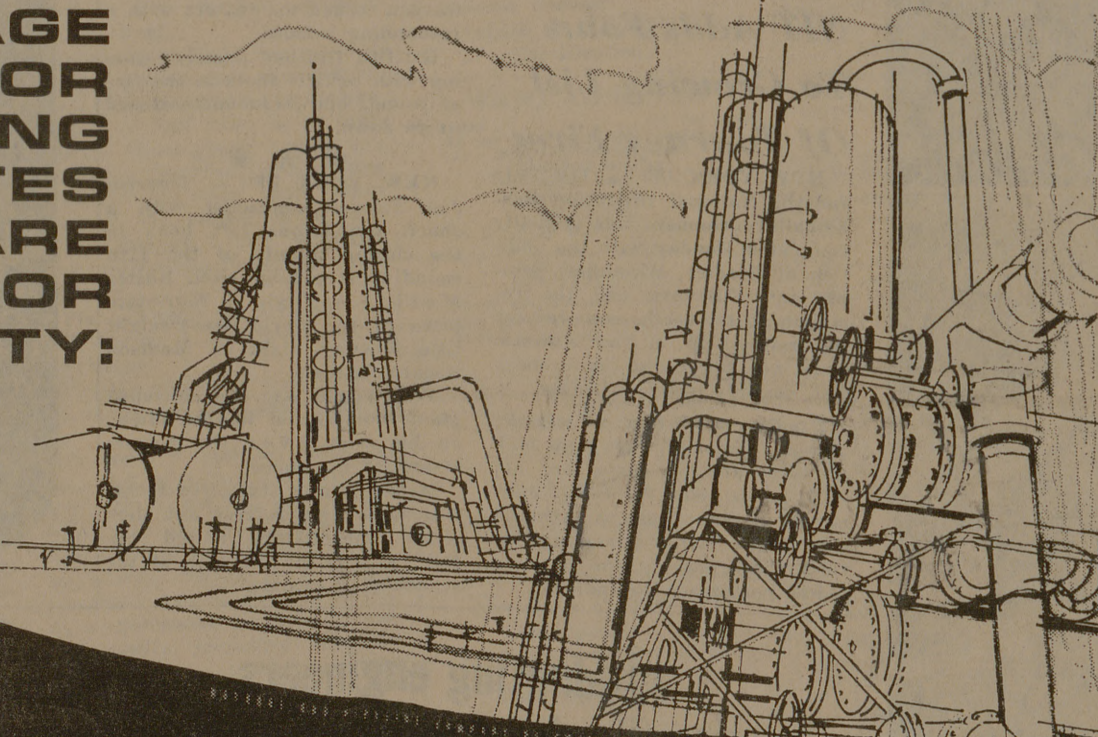
The Aggie freshman team was also defending a championship in the tournament but failed to place. North Texas State won the junior college - freshman division with a 587 score while Texas Christian University was second and Cooke County Junior College was third.

A&M is the defending South-west Conference champion in the sport.

SWIMMING

Southern Methodist University, Southwestern Conference swimming champions for the past 11 years, swept 12 of 13 events to down the Aggies Saturday in College

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