

Allen Is Named Athlete-Of-Year

Grady Allen, a tri-captain and all-Southwest Conference end, will be Texas A&M's Athlete-of-the-Year at the Southwest Conference Lettermen's Awards Luncheon here Thursday. The sixth annual event is co-sponsored this year by the Salesmanship Club of Dallas and will be a feature of that organization's weekly meeting at the Dallas Athletic Club.

Allen, the only A&M player to receive special recognition at the championship squad's football banquet, is one of four all-SWC gridders who will be honored. The others are Greg Pipes, Baylor's all-America lineman; Jay Collins, Rice's Bob Quinn Award honoree, and Hartford Hamilton of Arkansas. Allen, Collins and Hamilton shared consensus all-SWC recognition as defensive ends.

To be honored along with the four gridders are Gary Overbeck, Texas' all-SWC basketball play-

er; Jerry Utecht, SMU's championship hurdler; John Scovell of Texas Tech and Eldon Gresham of TCU, football captains who have earned post-graduate scholarships for their outstanding classroom work.

Allen, who observed his 22nd birthday anniversary with an outstanding performance in A&M's Cotton Bowl conquest of Alabama, is a finance major who edged baseballer Joe Staples for the honor to represent A&M at the luncheon. The Nacogdoches senior was recipient of the "Aggie Heart Award" for the 1967 season, recognition that goes for all-out effort. He has signed to play professional football with the Atlanta Falcons.

Felix R. McKnight, editor and co-publisher of The Dallas Times-Herald, will make the Athlete-of-the-Year presentations to the eight Southwest Conference honorees.



A&M'S ATHLETE-OF-THE-YEAR

Grady Allen, senior from Nacogdoches, named recently A&M's top athlete for 1967-68, will represent his school at the Southwest Conference's Lettermen Award Luncheon Thursday.

Swim Program Registration Set For G. Rollie May 26

Registration for the first session of the College Station Recreation Council Swimming Program is set for May 26 in the lobby of G. Rollie White Coliseum from 2 to 5 p.m.

The registration fee is \$4 for residents of College Station and \$8 for non-residents. In order to compete in the program, children must be 6 years of age, 51 inches tall or be able to swim 30 feet. Classes for the first session will meet three times weekly from June 3-29.

The second session is scheduled for July 1-27. Both learners sessions will be conducted by Coach Art Adamson.

Testing will be required of all children who can swim but have never been enrolled in the College Station program. The testing will be in the Downs Natatorium at Texas A&M from 5:10 to 6:10 p.m. on May 22, 23 and 24 and on May 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. All swimmers are expected to bring a suit and cap.

A competitive program will be offered both sessions from 7:30

to 9 a.m. daily. During the month of August this program will continue on an invitational basis under Pat Patterson, new swimming coach at A&M. Patterson will also teach Life Saving and Diving courses and manage the Wofford Cain Olympic Swimming Pool.

Patterson, who was the coach of Joan Spillane, the only Texas girl to win an Olympic gold medal in swimming, coached at the University of Arkansas for the past two seasons.

Plans are currently being made to sponsor one or more swimming championships in the Olympic Pool this year.

Ladies classes are not sponsored by the Council but will be offered. The beginners class will be held from June 3-29 and the advanced class from July 1-27. Fees for these classes are \$6 per session. Registration will be in Coach Adamson's office in Downs Natatorium on June 3 and July 1.

Ag Nine Deserved 'A Better Fate'

Cloudy skies, wet grounds and rain always will remind Coach Tom Chandler of his 1968 Texas A&M baseball team.

"They deserved a better fate," he opines.

A&M lost three games to rain-outs (one with Baylor and two with Texas) and consequently a chance to share the Southwest Conference title and represent the SWC in NCAA playoffs.

Seven of A&M's nine starters batted over .300 in SWC play in posting a 10-5 mark. The Aggies had the best overall record in the SWC at 21-7. As a team, A&M batted .295 in league play and led in virtually all phases of statistics.

They lost two games to Baylor, the first played entirely in the rain and the second halted by rain after seven innings. Another loss was to Texas Tech in Lubbock in a game played in 50-mile-per-hour wind.

Although they officially finished third, behind Texas and TCU, the Aggies beat Texas in the one game they played and they swept all three from the Frogs.

Senior catcher Joe Staples, who was all-SWC as a sophomore and junior, won the SWC batting title with a .391 mark.

Second baseman Pete Maida finished with a higher average, .394, but did not have enough at bats to qualify.

Other regulars over the .300 mark:

Leftfielder Dave Elmendorf, .364; shortstop Jim Raley, .353; third baseman Terry Dailey, .340 and centerfielder Bob Long, .328. The rightfielder, Robert Arnold,

was close at .293. Had the Aggies won the three games that were wiped out by rain, one with Baylor and two with Texas, they would have finished at 13-5, same as TCU, and would have gone into the playoffs by virtue of three victories over TCU.

Ag Foursome To Compete In Beaumont

Coach Charles Thomas announced that he will enter a Texas A&M foursome in the Lamar Tech Memorial mile relay Saturday in Beaumont.

The race will be a feature event in the Ty Terrell Relays, honoring the late track coach at Lamar Tech who was killed recently, along with some of his track squad, in a plane crash.

The Aggie foursome that ran a 3:09.8 this year for a school record include Steve Bancroft (48.4), Mike Boyd (47.0), Curtis Mills (45.9) and Robert Vaughan (48.4).

A&M also will enter Larry McIntyre in the pole vault. McIntyre this past season was ineligible for competition.

Of the four, only Vaughan will be lost through graduation to Coach Thomas' team of next year. Bancroft and Boyd are both juniors while Mills is a freshman.

McIntyre will be expected to take up the slack in the field events on next spring's squad. Martin Rollins the Southwest Conference pole vault champion and the conference's top performer throughout the season with a best of 16-1½ has completed his college eligibility.

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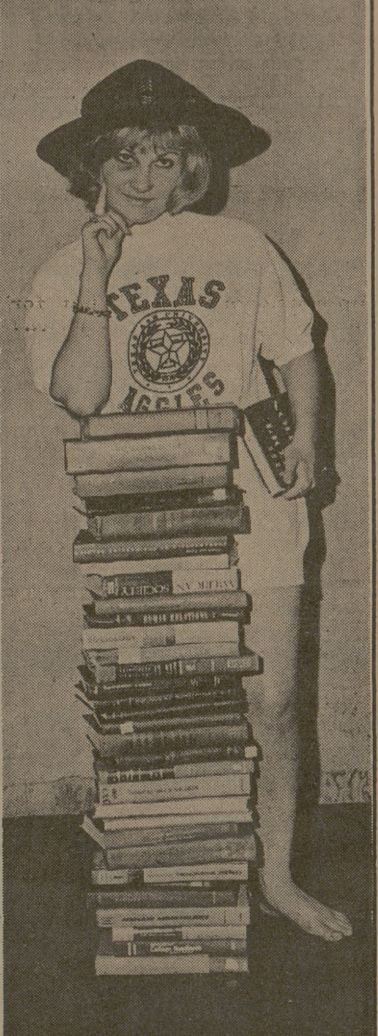
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