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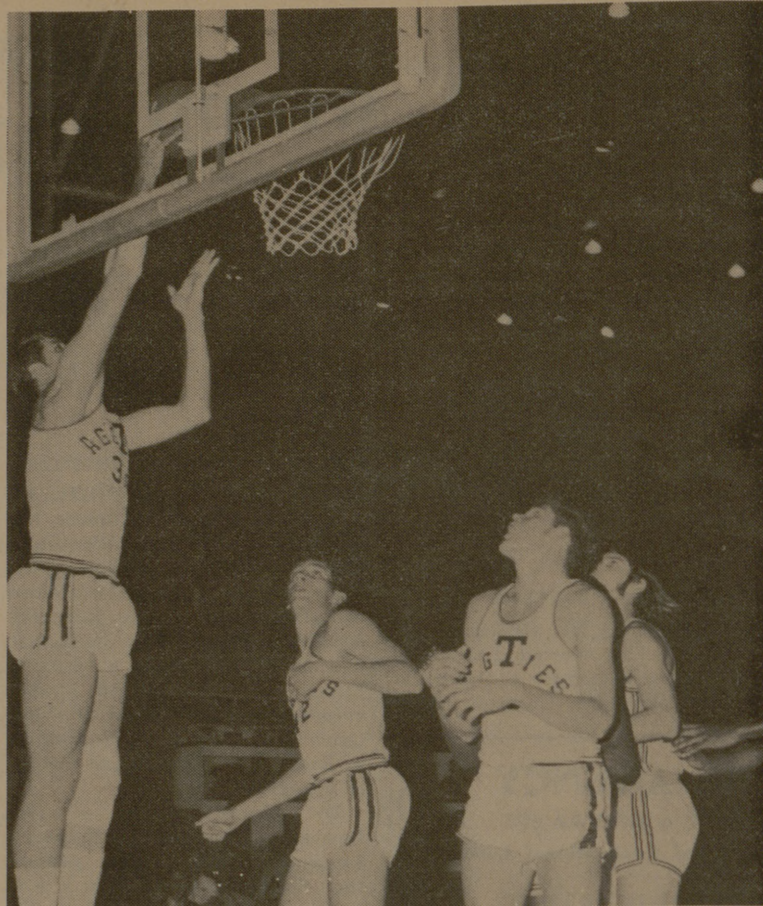
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Rebels upset Aggies

By CLIFFORD BROYLES
Battalion Sports Editor
The University of Texas at Arlington Rebels, led by guard Greg Hunter, made the big play when they needed it here Monday night to upset the Texas Aggies, 77-75, for their first win ever over a Southwest Conference school after nine losses.
Hunter, a 6-1 junior college transfer from Ranger JC who never played basketball in high school, hit five clutch free throws down the stretch as the Rebels took the neck-and-neck battle.
The Rebs took their first win

of the season after not coming close in three previous games with New Mexico State, University of California Santa Barbara and Long Beach State.
Leading 38-37 at halftime, Arlington fell behind early in the second half as Pat Kavanagh, who had been held scoreless in the first half popped in the first six points and 10 of the first 17.
Late in the second half after the two teams had tied the score at 67, the Aggies and Rebels traded buckets.
Bob Peek, a teammate in high school of the Aggies' Steve Niles, hit a layup with 3:16 to play but Jeff Overhouse then tied it with a layup after an assist from Rick Duplantis.
Willie Spain canned a jumper to give the Rebels the lead again and then Hunter went to work with his free throw artistry. He hit two in a row and the Rebs were sitting on a four-point lead with 1:47 left.
Duplantis again assisted in a bucket by Bobby Threadgill as the Aggies narrowed the margin to two, but Hunter was fouled and split the cords with two more to open up the lead.
Threadgill cut the margin to 75-73 with a 20-footer from the corner with 50 seconds remaining and then Hunter dropped in one of two to make it 76-73 and

scorewise wrap the game up.
Threadgill then passed to Duplantis for a bucket with 0:21 left to get the Aggies back within one.
The Rebels then fired the ball to 6-7 Willie Elverton, who was fouled by 7-0 Steve Niles, and the two squared off momentarily but order was restored.
Elverton's first shot hit the back of the rim and bounced off but his second was good and the Rebels had a 77-75 lead with 12 seconds remaining.
The Aggies failed to connect on the tying bucket, however, and absorbed their second loss of the year in three games.
A&M now travels to Hofheinz pavilion for the Houston Classic this weekend with a 7 p.m. date with 18th ranked Oregon.
A key to the Rebel victory was their ability to make the good shot count as Hunter, David Payne and Spain did the work outside and Peek and Mark Burden did the damage down under.
A&M — Bobby Threadgill 15, Jeff Overhouse 14, Rick Duplantis 13, Steve Niles 11, Pat Kavanagh 10, Chuck Smith 4, Bob Gobin 4, Bill Cooksey 4.
UTA — Mark Burden 22, Greg Hunter 20, Bob Peek 14, Willie Elverton 10, Willie Spain 8, David Payne 3.



RICK DUPLANTIS (30) lays in a basket during the Aggies' 77-75 loss to the University of Texas at Arlington Monday night. The Aggies closed out a three-game home-stand with a 1-2 record. (Photo by Steve Bryant)

Fish open season with 55-48 win

By JOHN CURYLO
The Aggie Fish downed Wharton Junior College here Monday night 55-48, in a preliminary game in a contest marked by 39

turnovers and over a hundred missed shots.
It was a case of first game rustiness for the Aggies, who left Wharton winless in six games.
The Fish were led by Johnny Mayo, who scored 14 points, and Bobby McKey, who had 13. The Aggies hit on only 31.5% from the field, making 17 of 54. Wharton had 27.9%, with 19 of 68. The difference in the game was the free throw shooting and rebounding of the Fish.
They made 21 of 30 charity shots. The leaders for A&M were McKey, seven of 11, Mayo, six of seven, and Mark Stewart, six of seven. The Fish snagged 59 rebounds, against 44 for Wharton.

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