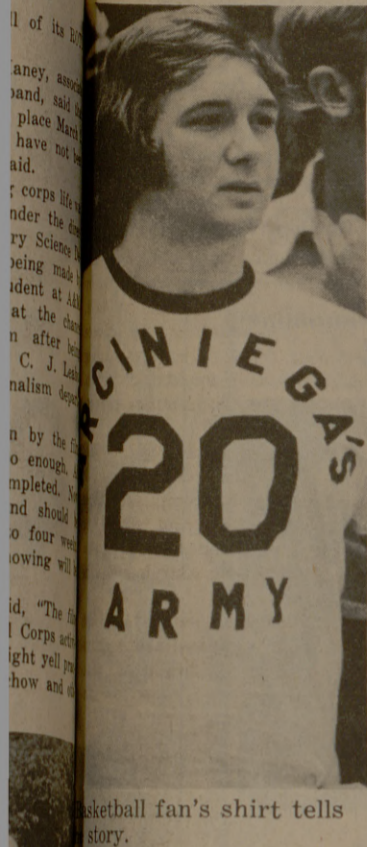


# Californian Means Basketball Magic A&M's Joe Arciniega: Fan Club Hero



By JEROME URBANOSKY  
The name of Joe Arciniega means magic to Aggie basketball fans.

The 185-pound secondary education major from Lynwood, Cal., a suburb of Los Angeles, was recruited three years ago by the Aggies and at times has wondered what he is doing so far from home.

"I have the greatest friend in the world in my roommate Randy Knowles, he keeps encouraging me when times seemed like I would never get to play," said Arciniega. He has warmed the bench all year until the Arkansas game Feb. 10, at which time the newly formed Joe Arciniega Fan Club began to function.

Ben Vaughn, junior resident of White Hall noticed Joe's superb shooting at warm-ups before the TCU game Feb. 4. According to Vaughn, "I could not stand by and watch a player who is so remarkable in warm-ups sit the bench every game."

Vaughn told his friends of the great injustice toward Arciniega then said, "We decided Joe only needed a chance and that if we

demanded he be put in the game, he would show the quality player he truly is."

Arciniega has been known too long for his moral contributions and not long enough for his excellent basketball skills.

"I just can't keep up with Joe in a one-on-one drill," injected Randy Knowles. A&M's leading scorer went on to say, "Joe belongs on the court more, he has a lot to offer the team."

"I hope that all students realize that Joe's talents are too valuable to waste on the side line," said Vaughn.

The purpose of the club is to get Joe off the bench and on the court.

Arciniega is flattered by the support and says, "I have always tried to make as many friends as possible and it makes me feel great that I have not been forgotten by the students."

"I just could not believe that the standing ovation was for me, after hitting that shot I felt so good," said Arciniega.

Joe says, "No matter how

much I don't play, I try to contribute as much support to the team as I can."

Vaughn said, "Twice our encouragement has brought Joe off the bench and he has not let us down a bit. He scored two points against Arkansas in the final

seconds, hit a beautiful 20-foot jumper against Rice and then sank two free throws in the last 50 seconds."

This year Joe Arciniega was 100 per cent from the field, 100 per cent from the line and 100 per cent Aggie.

## Randy Lands Spot On Second Team

A&M's leading scorer and rebounder, 6-6 forward Randy Knowles, was the only Aggie mentioned on the Dallas Morning News' All-Southwest Conference team landing a second team spot.

Only a junior, Knowles hit at a 17.1 scoring clip and grabbed 9.8 rebounds per contest. He was the sixth best scorer among the conference performers and the fifth leading rebounder.

Martin Terry, Arkansas' 6-4 guard, was selected as the Southwest Conference Player of the Year. Terry was the scoring champion hitting for over 28 points per game. He and SMU's 6-7 forward Sammy Hervey were the only unanimous selections.

Other first team members were Ira Terrell, SMU's fabulous freshman, who was also selected Newcomer of the Year, and two players from conference champion Texas Tech Raiders.

6-10 Ron Richardson and 6-3 guard Richard Little made the elite squad for Tech.

All but Richardson and Terry will be competing next season.

Gerald Myers, who directed Tech to the title after being picked no higher than fourth, was named Coach of the Year.

The balloting for outside positions, with the exception of Terry, was extremely close as Texas' Harry Larrabee and Baylor's Jerry Ahart also received some first-team votes.

On the second unit besides Knowles were Larrabee, Ahart, Arkansas' 6-8 Dean Tolson, and freshman Raider Rick Bullock.

All members of the second team will return to competition next season.

Among the two elite units are five of six top scorers, the three top rebounders and the two top field goal percentage leaders.

## Tennis Team Victorious In Weekend Action

A&M's tennis team ran its best record to 4-1 with a victory over Texas A&I Monday.

The match was played in G. White Coliseum due to the weather.

In weekend action the team led some of the country's top competition at the Corpus Christi

tournament and came away with seventh place.

Eight of the nation's top twenty teams participated including Southwest Conference foes SMU and the University of Houston.

The Aggies beat West Texas State 5-4 before falling to No. 1 Trinity 2-7 and Oklahoma City University 4-5. A&M rebounded to beat Oklahoma 5-4.

The Aggies showed signs of good depth as the second team captured the top prize at the Texas A&I Tournament.

Mike Mills of A&M won the singles competition.

**Tennis Results**  
A&M 9, Texas A&I, 0

Bill Hoover def. Fred Lopez 6-1, 6-2

Dan Courson def. Dave Nichols 6-2, 6-4

Lawton Park def. Don O'Connell 3-6, 6-1, 6-3

Kermit Smith def. George Jones 6-1, 6-0

Mike Mills def. Terry Hoover 6-1, 6-3

Carter Lomax def. Noel Bavera default

## Consol Swimmers Make State

Three A&M Consolidated swimmers, Bobby Leland, Barbara Herman and Mimi Scillio, have qualified for the state high school swimming and diving meet in Austin March 16-17.

Each placed second in their specialties at a regional meet last weekend at the University of

Montgomery.

Miss German was clocked at 1:09.4 in the 100-meter butterfly.

Miss Scillio was runner-up in one-meter diving.

## Intramural Competition Results

Here are the results of Monday's intramural competition:

**SOFTBALL**

CLASS 6 — Plantation Oaks over K1, forfeit.

CLASS B — Squad 15 over Squad 10, 10-5, F1 over K1, 20-5, M1 over K1, 11-2, Squad 6 over B2, 17-0, F2 over Squad 12, 23-17, Squad 5 over A1, 18-8, Squad 2 over B1, 15-10, E1 over B-Aths., forfeit.

CLASS C — White over McInnis, 9-3, Moses over Utay, 10-9.

**VOLLEYBALL**

CLASS A — N1 over Squad 9, forfeit, F2 over M1, 2-0, Squad 1 over Squad 11, 2-0, Squad 3 over B1, 2-1, G1 over Squad 10, 2-0.

CLASS B — Squad 7 over G2, forfeit, N1 over C2, 2-0, Squad 8 over I1, forfeit.

CLASS C — Hughes over Keathley, 2-0, Hart over Walton, 2-0, Puryear over Law, 2-1.

CLASS G — G1 over BSU, 2-0.

CLASS Z — Fosdick's Fenoms over Billeau Baskers, 2-0.

**In Tuesday's action:**

**HORSESHOES**

CLASS A — Squad 15 over Squad 8, 2-1, Squad 16 over Squad 9, 3-0, F2 over N1, forfeit, K1 over E2, 3-0, Squad 13 over Squad 7, 2-1.

CLASS C — Fowler over Leggett, forfeit.

**WRESTLING**

CLASS B — Arbetten over Wurtz, Pascasio over Waggoner, Searcy over Boggs, Hinnant over Featherston, Gaines over Manchand, Jones over Couch, Friedl over Fenoglio, Bucok over Banes, Hamley over Newton, Putnell over McCall, Westbrook over Machala, Salinas over Heluing, C. Moore over Davis, Fix over Rachuig, D. Moore over Coggins, Gearing over Buttery, Kinney over Burns, Lockhart over West, Smith over Morris.

## Baseball Halted

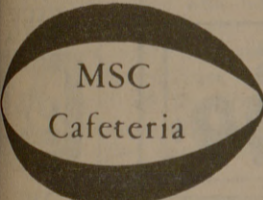
### Due To Rain

Tuesday's scheduled baseball doubleheader against Lamar Tech was postponed due to the outcast of rain in the morning.

Coach Tom Chandler had not met the contest by press time and feels it will be held sometime in April.

The Aggies return to action Friday and Saturday hosting Louisiana Tech to doubleheaders 4th days. The contests will be held at Travis Park in Bryan instead of Kyle Field.

The first conference series will be held there March 16-17 against Texas Tech.



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