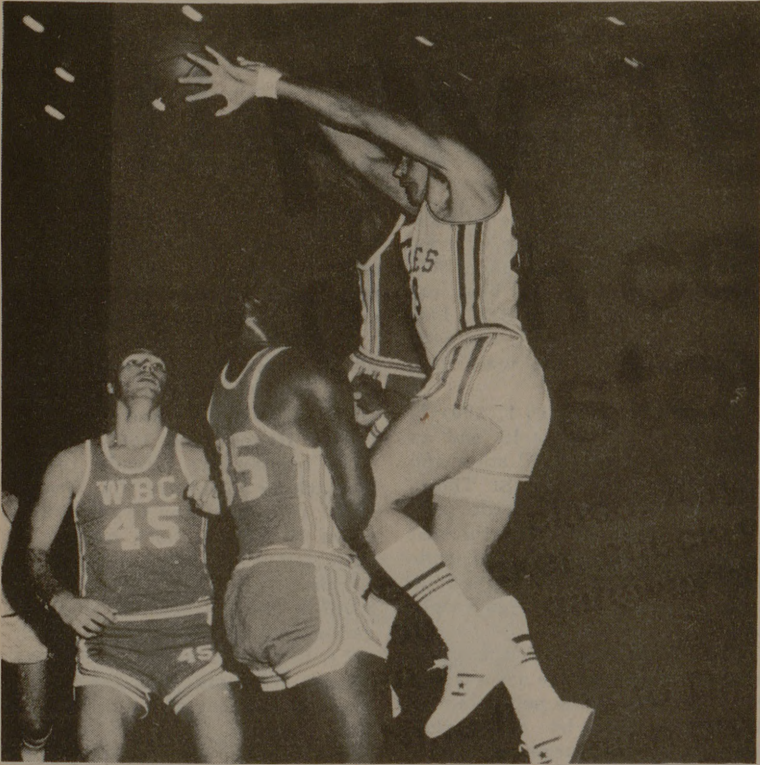


# 1973—A Season Of Optimism For A&M Basketball



MIKE FLOYD goes high for a rebound in last year's game with Weyland Baptist College. Floyd is expected to be the court leader for the A&M basketballers this year.

By BARRY DONNELLY  
For the 1973 version of the Aggie basketball team, the season will be one of optimism.

The Aggies lost two valuable starters in Mario Brown and Jeff Overhouse, but there is much returning talent to take up the slack. There will be several returning players with considerable playing time plus quality transfers and recruits.

The hubs of the team will be lettermen Mike Floyd and Randy Knowles. Floyd will be the court leader for the Aggies and Knowles will be counted on to provide the same outstanding scoring punch as last season. Cedric Joseph will be relied upon heavily to provide the solid postman play the Aggie's tandem post offense demands. Jerry Mercer, another returning letterman who started several games last year, teams with Joseph to give the Aggies two formidable post men.

The team will receive help from several other returnees. Chuck Tone, Webb Williams, C. W. Guthrie and Joe Arciniega give the Aggies experience, and can

be counted on to battle for starting positions.

The Aggies will need help from the redshirts, transfers and recruits, also. They expect to get that help from several quality players. John Thornton, a 6-6 San Antonio Junior College transfer, will be counted on to step in and make a large contribution to the team. Steve Jones

from Houston Wheatley and Mike Johnson from Austin High in Chicago, Ill., are two of the quality recruits the Aggies will have this season, and both could see considerable playing time. There are also other fine recruits and redshirts available for the upcoming season. Ray Roberts, Robert Chambers and 6-11 Bruce Ott are redshirts of whom the

coaches expect great things. The 1973 Southwest Conference race will be a close one with all of the teams in the league improved. There are fewer big name players in the conference this year, but the overall teams are stronger. The coaches feel that if all the pieces fall together for the Aggies, they will be right

up there battling for the title with the best of the other teams. So the 1973 season will be one of optimism. The team's ways will be exciting to watch with several returning players and a bunch of new quality talent. If all this comes together well, the Aggies will be a hard team to beat.



RANDY KNOWLES



SHELBY METCALF

## A&M Baseball Squad Hopes For Better News This Year

With just a little help, the Aggies will be a real fine baseball team in the spring.

While doing some intensive fishing this summer, Texas A&M baseball coach Tom Chandler has also been doing some heavy recruiting. Chandler hopes to recruit another infielder and a right-handed hitting outfielder to help the team this year.

The past season was an unusual and emotionally draining one for the young team. It was like one of those good news-bad news jokes. The good news was the Aggies were the only team to win a series from the Kansas City Royals Baseball Academy in Sarasota, Florida. They won five of seven games. Also, the Aggies won 19 games and lost only nine in the regular season. The bad news is eight of the losses came in conference play.

There were many highlights last year. Included were the six-day trip to Florida, Bobby Wittcamp's no-hitter against TCU, the first ever by an Aggie in conference play, a one-hitter by Bobby Falcon against champion and No. 4 nationally ranked Texas and four game sweeps of Minnesota and Iowa State.

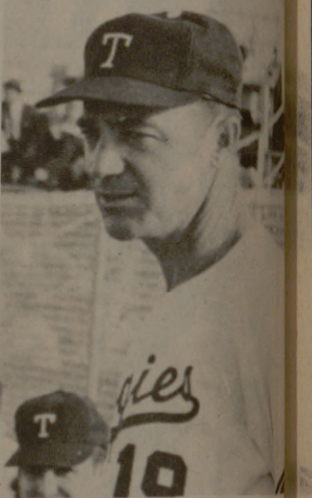
More good news for the Aggies is the entire starting lineup returns this year, along with several outstanding pitchers.

Sophomores Mike Frazier and Mike Schraeder rate as the most improved players on the team, and will be looked to provide

leadership the young team needs. Frazier led the team in hitting in SWC play with a .250 average and had several wins.

Strikeout ace Bobby Falcon lost to the pros, but the Aggie return pitchers Wittcamp, Jackie Binks 3-0, Clint Thomas, Jim Juhl and David Lockett.

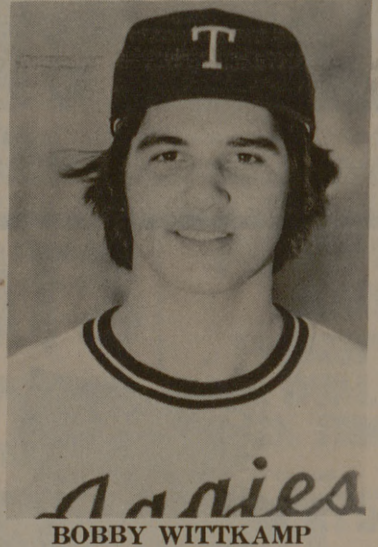
Other top returnees include first baseman Paul Miller, stop David Buxkamper,



TOM CHANDLER

baseball Jim Hacker and outfielder Jim Bratsen. Bratsen led the team in runs batted in, 18, and tied Schraeder for homers with three.

Coach Chandler views this season with optimism. He says, "We were just a fraction away from having a real good team last year, and I'm looking forward to this year."



BOBBY WITTKAMP

## '73 Football Schedule

Date	Team	Time
Sept. 15*	Wichita State	7:30
Sept. 22	LSU	7:30
Sept. 29*	Boston College	7:30
Oct. 6	Clemson	1:30
Oct. 13	Texas Tech	7:30
Oct. 20	TCU	2:00
Oct. 27*	Baylor	1:30
Nov. 3	Arkansas	1:00
Nov. 10*	SMU	1:30
Nov. 17	Rice	2:00
Nov. 22*	Texas	1:30

\*denotes home games

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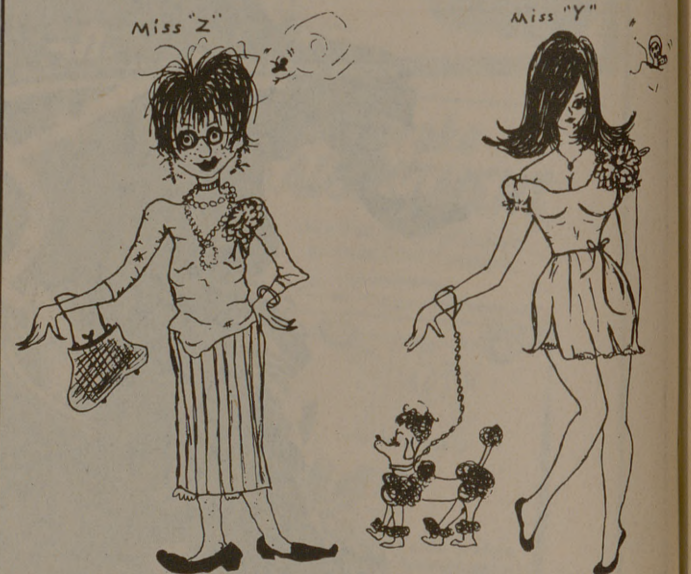
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