

Aggies Literally Back in 1974

All 22 Starters Slated to Return Next Fall

When they say "The Aggies will be back in 1974," you can take that literally.

All 22 players who started the final game against Texas return next fall. There were only five seniors who saw game action, only three who started any games. The five are safety Larry Ellis, offensive guard Bud Trammell, offensive tackle Mike Bruton, center Darrell Taliaferro and quarterback Tim Trimmier.

The 1973 club was the third-highest scoring team in Texas A&M history. There were 38 touchdowns scored, 30 of them by sophomores and the other eight by freshmen.

In addition to returning 100 per cent of the scorers, the Aggies also return 100 per cent of their rushers and virtually all of the total offense. In the latter category, 3,290 yards were accounted for by sophomores, 732 by freshmen, 25 by juniors and 19 by seniors.

Texas A&M of 1973 was perhaps the youngest major college football club in the country and it wasn't expected to be a big winner. It finished with a 5-6 record and had a chance to win every game except the season's finale.

The Aggies led the SWC in total defense, was first in pass defense and second in rushing defense. It finished fourth in total offense, third in rushing offense and fourth in passing offense.

Individual and school records fell in wholesale lots as Coach Emory Bellard's second Aggie edition made solid strides upward in his plan to build a championship program at Aggieland.

Sophomore linebacker Ed Simoni had another tremendous year,

being named "Defensive Player of the Year" in the SWC. The year before he was named the Outstanding Defensive Newcomer in the league. He'll be a bonafide All-America candidate in his junior season.

Admittedly, the young, talented

Aggies didn't win as many as they should have in '73, but when the 1974 season rolls around they will be a bigger, more mature and seasoned team that should be capable of establishing a winning tradition on the Brazos.

Next fall the Aggies open at home against Clemson, then go on the road for three non-conference games against LSU, U. of Washington and Kansas before starting SWC competition.

Coach Emory Bellard says, "We were a better football team when the season ended than we were at the start and we should be 80 to 100 per cent better next season. We'll go into spring practice knowing what our players can do under pressure because we've seen them in action for a full season."

The Aggies averaged 40,000 fans for their home games in 1973 and season ticket sales for 1974 should reach record dimensions.

The Aggies will be back — in full force — for 1974.



TOP KICKER—Mitch Barker displays the kicking style that won him first place in the intramural field goal kicking contest. Barker totaled 140 yards on five kicks with only the good attempts counting. David C. Hicks was second with 85 yards and Mark E. Rowe placed third with 40 yards. (Photo by Kathy Curtis)

Crocker Hall Defeats F1, 14-0 In Intramural Grid Championships

The turf of Kyle Field saw a new intramural champion in football as Crocker Hall defeated F1, 14-0.

In a game that was to decide who would walk away with the title of University champ for the 1973 intramural season, Crocker Hall found itself playing the same controlled game that it played all year with success. With both teams going into this game undefeated, quarterback Tommy Hawthorne was able to lead Crocker in consistent ground gaining attempts that proved fatal for F1. The main attack of Crocker featured plays that might be seen at an Aggie football game. F1 had a bad day as dropped passes and wrong play calls continually plagued them.

Crocker took to the scoreboard late in the first half with a run by quarterback Hawthorne. On the extra point attempt, Crocker ran it in for 2 points. In the second half, F1 made some good goalline charges only to be hurt by a clipping penalty and one touchdown pass declared no good as it was caught out of the endzone. Crocker made its second touchdown on a pass to John Woods. Their extra point attempt

was halted, putting an end to the scoring.

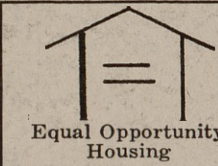
During the halftime performance, the Penberthy - Tishler award was presented to the members of Squadron 2. This award, which was initiated this year, was given to the unit with the most combined points in Class A and Class B intramural competition.

Rice 'Mob' To Present Bland Show

HOUSTON (AP) — The Rice Owl marching band, called the "Mob," will parody non-controversy Saturday at halftime of the Rice-Baylor Southwest Conference football game.

The "Mob" triggered protests from Texas A&M two weeks ago with its parody of A&M traditions.

This week "The Mob" will have a show entitled "The Blandest Band in the Land." The band will perform a large zero and a vanilla wafer.



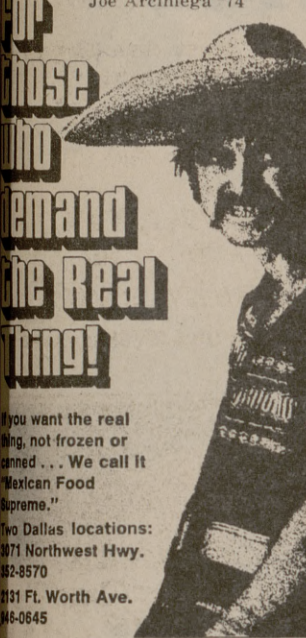
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Jimmy Caras, five-time world's billiard champion will give a free exhibition of his pocket billiards skills Tuesday, December 4, 12:00 - 2:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. - 9:30 p. m. in the University Center Billiards Area.

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