

### **By KEVIN COFFEY, Sports Editor**

I diff ting

t uni ce by

Te to

nts, f

Think abo

e Soc

N

ANT

CO

tht have

A&M's baseball team may have fallen to second place in the Southwest Conference race, but three individuals have sights on league-leading statistics.

Jim Bratsen, Jim Hacker and Paul Miller are among the SWC's leading and most feared hitters. There is good reason

Bratsen has 24 hits in his last 11 games. The Aggie first baseman is hitting .377 in conference action. During that 11-game stretch, Bratsen has scored 14 runs and has 22 RBIs. Bratsen's 26 conference RBIs is just two short of David Chalk's record set in 1970.

Hacker is leading the loop with a .453 average. He set the conference record for doubles against Houston two weeks ago.

Miller's average fell to .412 after a strained elbox hampered his swing against Tech. His average is good for the No. 2 sport in SWC circles.

These are not the only feared hitters in the A&M lineup. Seven Aggie regulars are hitting over .300 with three over .400. A&M's team batting average of .350 is also on a record setting pace. Texas currently holds the mark with a .333 average in 1971.

Bratsen has little or no explanation for his wild hitting streak.

"I hope no one wakes me up," Bratsen said. "I just seem to be getting the hits."

Bratsen said he wasn't getting the good pitches early in the year but the hot bat of Al Thurmond forced enemy pitchers to throw strikes to Bratsen.

"When Thurmond was hitting the ball I started hitting too and got my confidence up," Bratsen said.

## Not utilizing speed

Miller and Hacker rank among the teams fastest runners and wish the Ags utilized the speed to better advantage

"I think we could steal a few more bases," said Hacker. "We haven't found many catchers that could constantly throw us out at second. Miller agrees."

Both Hacker and Miller are students of the game. They want to know why certain strategies are used and why other moves fail.

"We're not a good bunting team," said Hacker, "so we need to make up for it by being smarter base runners." Miller is the lead off hitter but still has 23 RBIs. "I

love to hit lead off," said Miller, "and with the designated hitter rule I have lots of people on base in front of me cause the pitcher doesn't make the last out."

Aggie pitching has been shaky of late but both seniors feel the hurlers are back in the groove.



Page 9

### **OFFICIAL NOTICE**

THE GRADUATE COLLEGE Final Examination for the Doctoral Degree Name: Anderson, Durward Lynn Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Education Curriculum and Instruction Dissertation: AN APPLICATION OF FLANDERS' INTERACTION ANALYSIS SYSTEM AND FLUENCY IN ASKING QUESTIONS TO INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN A DATA PROCESS-SING PROGRAM Time: April 23, 1974 at 1:30 p.m. Place: Room 717 in the Harrington Educa-tion Eldg. George W, Kunze

Texas A&M University, February 13, 1974 Office of the Dean of Admissions and

Texas A&M University, February 13, 1974 Office of the Dean of Admissions and Records To be eligible to purchase the Texas A&M University ring, an undergraduate student must have at least one academic year in residence and credit for ninety-two (92) semester hours. The hours passed at the preliminary grade report period on March 4, 1974 may be used in satisfying this ninety-two hour requirement. Students qualifying under this regulation may now leave their names with the Ring Clerk, Room Seven, Richard Coke Building. She, in turn, will check all records to determine ring eligibility. Orders for these rings will be taken by the Ring Clerk starting March 15, 1974, and continuing through May 3, 1974. The rings will be returned to the Registrar's Office for delivery on or before June 14, 1974. The Ring Clerk is on duty from 8:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m., Monday through Friday of each week.

# reek. Edwin H. Cooper, Dean Admissions and Records Carolyn Wells, Ring Clerk

346tfn

THE GRADUATE COLLEGE Final Examination for the Doctoral Degree Name: Cawley, William Olen Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Poultry

THE GRADUATE COLLEGE Final Examination for the Doctoral Degree Name: Gallaher, Walter B. Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Biology Dissertation: A LIMNOLOGICAL INVES-TIGATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NAVASOTA RIVER, TEXAS, AND A SELECTED FLOOD PLAIN. Time: Arril 20, 100

