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Aggie basketball squad adds talented junior college crop

5-9 Gates Erwin. And the Aggies expect big things from him. "Gates

has a lot of hustle and is very aggres-

sive. He is a smart defensive player and an overall highly intelligent

basketball player.'

By PAUL McGRATH Sports Staff Writer Head coach Shelby Metcalf

added some talented newcomers to his 1974 basketball squad. Five of the players are junior college transfers and one is a freshman. Although practice sessions do not begin until October 15, both Metcalf and assistant coach Norm Reuther, are already impressed with what the new blood has to "We feel we have added offer. speed and offensive punch to the team," said Reuther

"They are a very fine group of young men. We are well-pleased and proud of them. Reuther believes there is a possi-

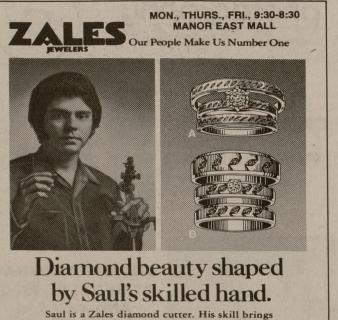
bility of any of them starting at some point in the year. "We have five eniors returning to the key positions but they are going to have to work. Each position is up for grabs.' The Aggie coaches felt they needed immediate help and wanted players with experience to fill the gaps. That is the reason five of the players are transfers.

The only freshman in the group is Doug Mezger from Marble Falls. He averaged 18 to 20 points a game and around 14 rebounds. The Ag-

These are the newcomers Metcalf and Reuther will be counting on to be of the most help. The only nega-Parker from Mineral Area Junior College where he was a two-time All-America. "He is a gifted offensive player," says Reuther, "but he needs some polish defensively." tive remark in reference to them was a need for improved defensive Florida Junior College sends the Aggies a small package in the form of play. "It's good to put the ball in the hoop, but you have to keep the

other guy from putting it in your hoop also," said Reuther. Despite the needed polish on defense, the addition of these players should make the Aggie attack as potent as ever.

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