A&M tankers get honors

Yates, McKinzie make All-American

Sports Editor The Texas A&M aquatic program

recorded the fifth and sixth All- ceived honorable mention from the American for the 1974 season when American Collegiate Water Polo Paul McKinzie and Jim Yates re- Coaches Association.

McKinzie and Yates joined Bob German and Carol Hemphill on the elite list of the top swimmers in the nation. "They beat out an awful lot of good people," Coach Dennis Fosdick said of Yates' and Mc-Kinzie's accomplishment. Fosdick also commented that the A&M water polo team got good exposure by in tournaments.

Yates, a field man, was the leading scorer for the Aggie tankers last season, hitting 39 goals on 60 attempts for a whopping 69 per cent. Not only was he good at scoring goals but he was also responsible for some of the scoring of his teammates, as he had 41 assists. Yates accounted for 80 of season either by scoring or aiding

Fosdick said Yate's scoring prowess was a result of his enthusiastic mobility in the water. "He's (Yates) really a hustler," the A&M adequate job. "I really think Steve aquatics mentor said. "He doesn't ((Engle) can do it for us," he add-

McKinzie, the premier goalie of the Southwest, blocked all but 37 of the 202 goals attempted against him the upcoming year in swimming as for an excellent 81.7 per cent. Fosdick said most of the goals scored men's swim team returns in tact, against McKinzie were in situations where he had to leave the goal unattended and on penalty shots. "He even blocked about eight of twelve ented swimmers one could underpenalty shots," Fosdick commented. as the Outstanding Player in the

Coaches and Officials Association. Fosdick had nothing but praise for McKinzie. "He's a super, super athlete; he'll really be missed," he said.

Yates and Mckinzie were not a twoman team this past season, as A&M had seven men on the first All-Texas Water Polo list, and eight men on the second team. Along with Yates and McKinzie on the first team were: Oran Marksbury, Lee traveling to California to participate Davis, Steve Moore, Larry Scheckler, and Wade Mattingly. The Aggies held eight of the nine spots on the second team. A&M aquanauts on the second unit were: Don Wederman, Scott Hawkins, Nash Dowdle, Doug Adamson, Mark Vanderhurst, Bob Leland, David Meeh and Grek Meek.

The A&M water polo is a perrenial power in the southwest and the team's 189 points for the 1974 with McKinzie the only swimmer not returning, they should continue their winning ways. Fosdick pointed out that McKinzie's size and talent would be greatly missed but his replacement Steve Engle should do an fool around once he gets in the ed. "We'll be as strong or better water." er at the goal.'

Fosdick expressed optimism about well as water polo. The A&M wothe men's swim team returns everyone but Schueckler, and with the recent signings of several very talstand Fosdick's elation, "We's had, The big senior was also selected without a doubt, the best recruiting year since I've been here," he said.

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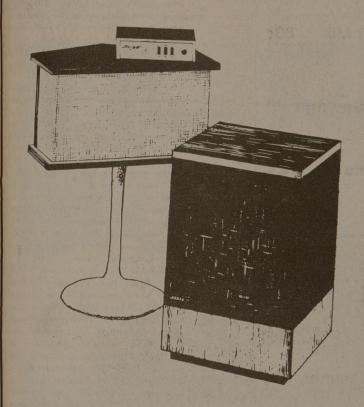
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