

# Texas A&M The Battalion Sports

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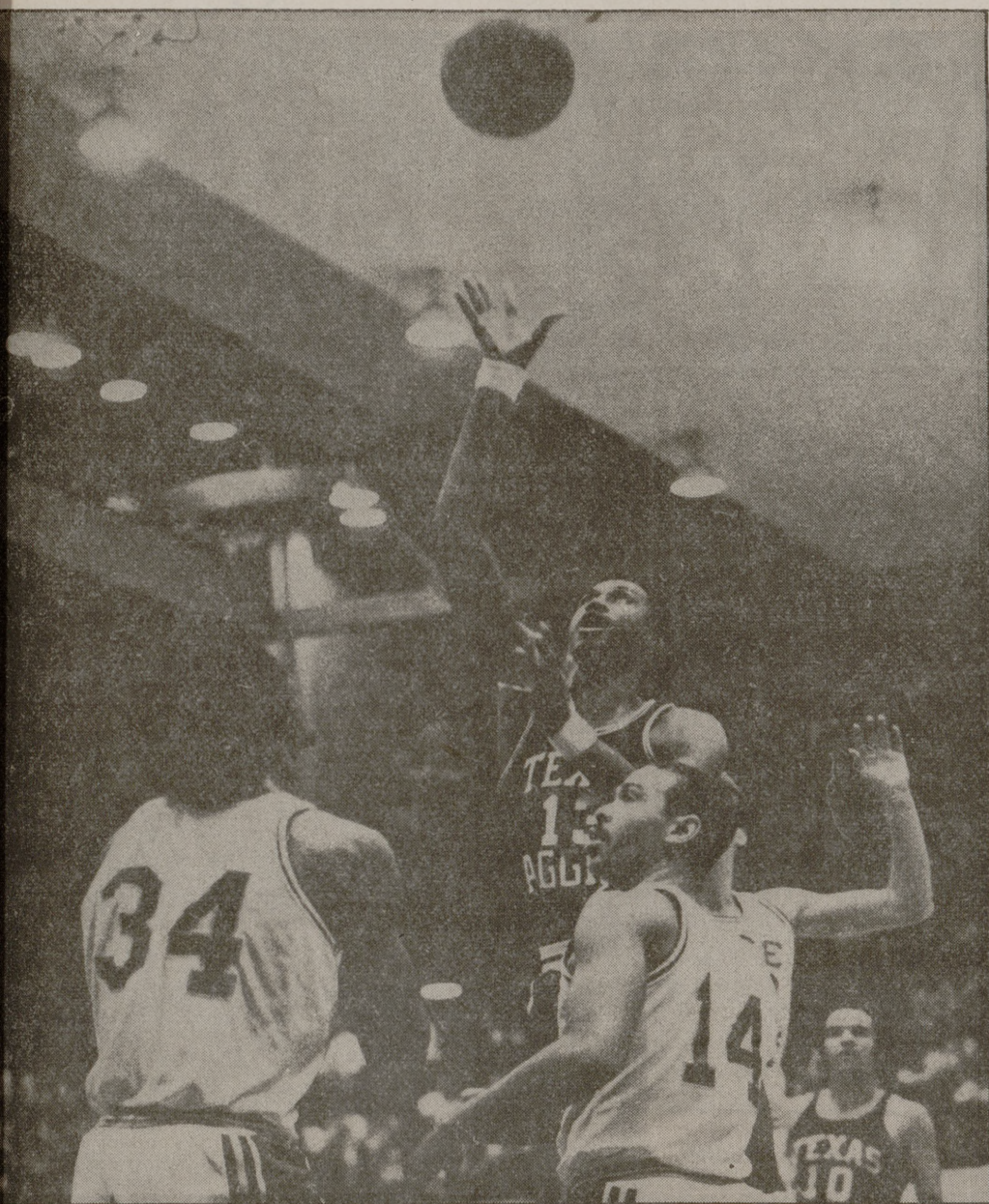


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Texas A&M forward Claude Riley (13) shoots over Rice's Kenny Austin and Willis Wilson during the Aggies' 68-59 win over the Owls Saturday night in Atrury Court.

Texas A&M, now 11-4 on the season and 4-1 in the Southwest Conference, will play the Arkansas Razorbacks Tuesday night at 7:30 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

## Costly win

### Aggies defeat Rice 68-59, but Jones injured

by Frank L. Christlieb

Shelby Metcalf had hoped his injury problems had ended, but they hadn't.

His Texas A&M basketball squad had rebounded from a 68-64 loss to Texas Tech two weeks ago to defeat the SMU Mustangs 81-55 Tuesday in Dallas. With the Aggies well on their way to Saturday night's 68-59 win at Rice, everything seemed to be going right.

However, a serious injury to 6-7 starting forward Roy Jones may put a damper on the quality basketball Texas A&M has played in its last two games. Jones sustained two injuries during the Owl contest, but the final one may keep him out for the rest of the season.

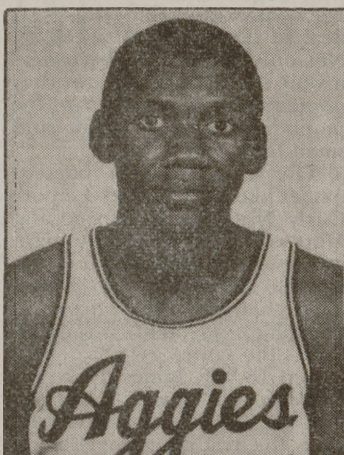
Jones' first injury occurred with 4:35 left in the first half of the game. Dr. Duane H. Lagan, the Texas A&M team physician, said:

"The first injury was actually a very insignificant injury," Lagan said. "It was a muscle pull on the inside of his left thigh. Roy fell down and wallowed around a bit and we had to help him off the court."

Jones was taken to the dressing room, but returned to start the second half. Although the thigh was bandaged, Jones had no trouble during most of the second half.

However, with about six minutes to go in the game, Jones injured his right leg. Lagan said most people in Atrury Court didn't realize that Jones had been injured.

"We heard him yell out in pain," Lagan said. "A guy hit him from the side and pushed



Roy Jones

his knee inward, and he fell down for a moment. He got back up and went downcourt and seemed to be all right. They Roy came over to the bench and said, 'My knee feels like it's given way.'"

Jones was then taken to the locker room and did not return to the game.

Metcalf expressed concern following the game, but did not comment on the seriousness of the injury. Lagan said Sunday that "if all goes as planned," Jones will probably have an operation on the right knee for "ligament repairs and possible cartilage damage."

As for the possibility that Jones may be out for the season, Lagan said, "I'd say that's the likelihood."

Lagan said a further diagnosis of Jones' injury would be made today.

"It's tragic that this happened when things were going so well," Lagan said.

Metcalf kept secret his plans for Jones' substitute in Tuesday's game against the Arkansas Razorbacks at 7:30 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

"I just want to wish Roy a speedy recovery," Metcalf said. "He was really playing well—he was on a roll. He understands the system really well, and he plays well on both ends of the court."

Metcalf said that the Razorbacks, coming off a come-from-behind 68-67 win Saturday over the Houston Cougars, will take advantage of every opportunity they get.

"If you have a weakness, they'll explore it," Metcalf said. "It'll just take a great effort."

"I thought Rice was as good a team as we've played all year. Pierce (Guard Ricky, with 28 points for the Owls) was tremendous—he's a first-round draft pick."

Forward Claude Riley, who led the Aggies with 17 points, including seven of seven free throws, said the team wasn't looking ahead to the Razorbacks in Saturday night's game.

"We definitely came ready to play," Riley said. "Our shot selection was really good and we were patient on offense. Overall, we were confident about the shots we took."

However, Riley said, the Aggies kept Pierce in mind throughout the game, starting the game with center Rudy Woods guarding him in a man-to-man defense. Texas A&M switched to a zone later in the game, but still managed to con-

trol the lightning-quick scoring of Pierce.

"We always played conscious of him all night," Riley said. "When he was on the court, we always had a man on him."

"Up until now, Arkansas will be the toughest team we've played. I feel that we have as good a team as Arkansas. If we continue working hard with the depth we have, we're going to do real well and keep winning."


Guard Reggie Roberts, who finished with 14 points, said: "I feel if we keep doing the same thing, we're going to beat every team that comes up. We're going to be ready for (Arkansas). I think we're going to really be up for the game, and we'll want to play our best."

Woods finished the Rice game with 12 points, while guard Tyren Naualls had 10 points and freshman guard Gary Lewis had seven. Before leaving the game, Jones had six points and three rebounds.

Rice Coach Tommy Suits said: "A&M has a good team. They really have an awesome record since they had the 7-1 streak last year (after going 1-7 in the first half of Southwest Conference play). To beat A&M, we've got to have one of those games where we go out and do just about everything right."


"A&M is well-prepared to play in the conference. They played some tough games in December, which really helped them. I would not be surprised to see them continue winning."

With the win over Rice, the Aggies raised their season record to 11-4 while bringing their second-place SWC record to 4-1.



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**ENTRIES OPEN:** Foul line specialists will want to sign up for this year's Free Throw Contest to be held Tuesday, February 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Opportunities for individual and three-member team competition will be available. An entry fee of \$1 will be due upon registration in the Intramural Office, 159 East Kyle.

**ENTRIES OPEN:** Today is the first day students, faculty, and staff can register for Team Bowling in the Intramural Office. Three divisions — mens, womens, corec — will be offered. Teams will consist of four members. Round robin league play with single elimination playoffs will be scheduled for Classes A and B. Class C (recreational) will have round robin league schedules with no playoffs. The entry fee for all classes will be \$16.00 per team.

**SOFTBALL UMPIRES MEETING:** There will be a meeting next Monday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. for intramural softball officials. Interested men and women should contact Dave Kerr or Lynette Ginn in the Intramural Office before next Monday's meeting.



Softball season is just around the corner. Entries open next Monday, so get your team together now.

### Basketball Action Begins

The thunder of running tennis shoes and the shrill of whistles has returned to East Kyle and G. Rollie White. Intramural basketball season got underway last Wednesday.

There are more than 550 teams — men's, women's, and corec — competing in independent, corps, dorm, and faculty/staff/grad divisions. Each team in Classes A and B will play three league games before single elimination playoffs begin. Class C teams will play five games and, since Class C is strictly for recreation, will have no playoffs.

Wednesday's games seemed to have taken a lot

out of some players. When asked, a few red-faced individuals cited the holidays, the recent snowstorm, and registration as reasons for being out of shape at this time. But, judging from the pace of these games, it shouldn't take long for this year's basketball participants to get back into shape.

Other healthy team activities to look forward to this semester include water polo, softball, team bowling, and volleyball triples. Watch for further information each Monday in the McDonald's Intramural Highlights or contact the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office (845-7826).

### Disabled Students 'Get It Together' At A&M

Continuing its efforts to serve the entire TAMU Community, the Intramural-Recreational Sports Department is offering a broader variety of sports, games, and special events for the disabled students at Texas A&M.

Some of these activities include:

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| Archery      | Racquetball     | Softball          |
| Badminton    | Weight Training | Wheelchair Soccer |
| Shuffleboard | Mat Work        | Tennis            |
| Basketball   | Track & Field   | Game Night        |
| Volleyball   | Darts           | Square Dance      |
| Exercise     | Swimming        | Marathon          |
| Horseshoes   | Frisbee         | Obstacle Course   |
| Handball     |                 |                   |

On Wednesday, January 27 the film, "Get It Together" will be presented at 3:30 p.m. Meet in room 163 East Kyle. Following the presentation, future activities will be discussed. For further information contact Jerry Lyons or Eric Hunter at 845-7826.

### Acknowledgements

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rants at University Drive, Manor East Mall and Texas Avenue.

### Help Wanted:

No Experience Necessary

Softball season is just around the corner, and the Intramural Department is expecting several hundred teams. Officials will be needed to keep games running smoothly.

Training is provided, so previous experience is not necessary. The hours are flexible and can be

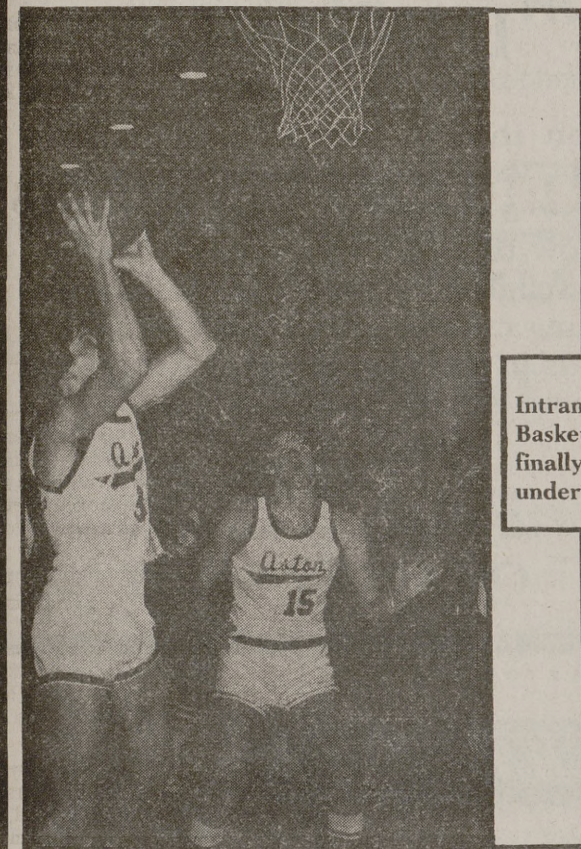
varied with class schedules and work loads.

The first meeting is Monday, February 1, but interested men and women are encouraged to meet with Dave Kerr in the Intramural Office (159 East Kyle) before that time.

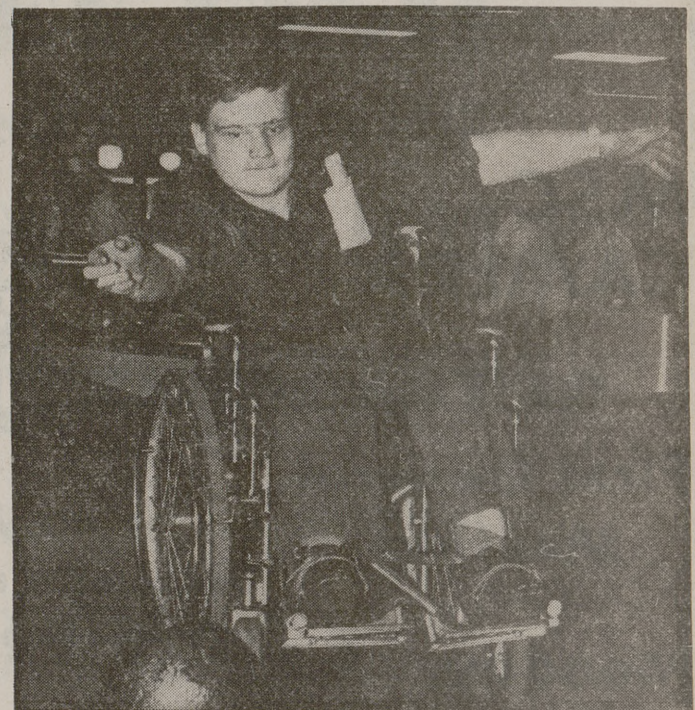
### Journalist Wanted

The Intramural-Recreational Sports Department is looking for a dependable student with journalism experience to fill the position of Intramural-Sports writer.

The hours are irregular but flexible. Interested men and women should contact Barbara Aiken (845-7826) in the Intramural Office (159 East Kyle).



Intramural Basketball is finally underway.



A variety of new and different activities are being offered for disabled students this spring. Cornelius Velzeboer exhibits his bowling skill and is our McDonald's® "Be Our Guest" winner this week. Cornelius can pick up his free meal coupon in the Intramural Office.