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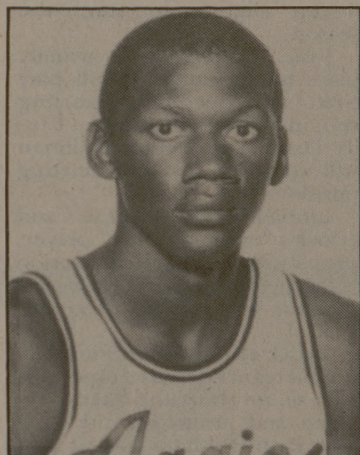
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Key weekend in store for Aggies

Jones ending successful Aggie career despite several setbacks

by John P. Lopez



Aggies' Roy Jones says he's satisfied with career here

Throughout his basketball career at Texas A&M, Roy Jones has played the role of "the forgotten Aggie." During his first two years at Texas A&M, Jones found himself on a team that was older, more experienced and more talented than he was, so Jones didn't grab too many headlines. Then Jones fell victim to the pressures of academics and athletics and sat out a year to attend Austin Community College "just to have some free time." When he returned, Jones was perhaps the most improved and consistent player on the Aggie squad. But as soon as Jones started to get his confidence back and he became a starter for Shelby Metcalfe, he took a nasty spill and with the bat of an eyelash, was out for the year. Bad luck seemed to follow Jones like a shadow, but the Austin native managed to overcome the knee injury and came back once again this year. Jones regained his starting position

ly important role for Texas A&M.

"I'm really not concerned with the publicity," Jones said. "I just go out there and work hard and try to force things on defense. That's what I'm mainly concerned with — defense."

It figures. Offense is flashy. Offense is spectacular. Offense is in the spotlight. Offense is razzle-dazzle and Jones is none of the above.

Jones does have the talent to be all of the above, however. At times he'll show things on offense spectacular enough to make any NBA highlight film, but Jones' demeanor off the floor carries over to his play. He's a blue-collar worker in sneakers — work, work, work and get the job done.

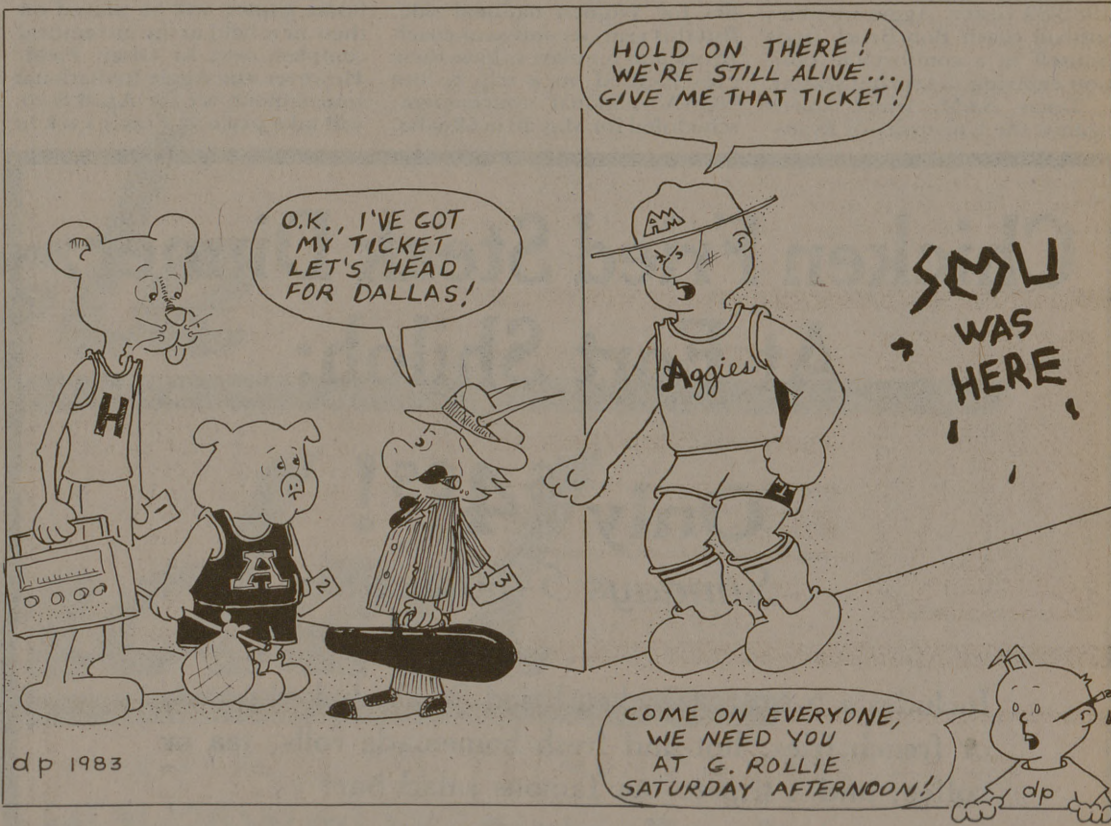
But the job's just about completed. Jones said taking the Aggie maroon off for the last time at the end of this year will be hard to do, but he said he's ready to accept another challenge.

"I've been thinking about it (final game) a lot lately, but some

things have to come to an end," Jones said. "Right now I think I'm playing the best ball of my career and I wish I had more time here, but I guess I'm ready to go on. I'm satisfied with the career I've had here. The crowds at A&M are the best anywhere. I love 'em. If you're not on their side, then you're in trouble."

"I'd like to play pro basketball somewhere if I get the chance, but I just want to finish up school. If I get to play somewhere after I'm through here, I still want to come back and finish up school."

Jones and the Aggies will play perhaps their most important game of the year Saturday when they face off against TCU in G. Rollie White Coliseum at 3 p.m. The Aggies have to defeat the Horned Frogs if they want to keep their chances alive for a bye in first round of the SWC tournament. The final regular-season home game for Texas A&M will be Monday at 7:30 p.m. against the University of Texas.



Swimmers fifth after first day at SWC women's competition

Although the Texas Longhorns are running away with the Southwest Conference women's swim meet after Thursday's first day of competition, the Texas Aggies performed better than their coach expected in finishing fifth after Thursday's events. UT, ranked No. 2 in the nation and the defending national champion, piled up 305 points to easily outdistance second-place Houston, with 191, after the first nine events. Texas A&M, predicted to finish between fifth and eighth by Coach Mel Nash, scored 92 points to

end the evening events in fifth behind the Longhorns, Cougars, Arkansas and SMU. The Razorbacks are third at 111 and the Mustangs are fourth at 106.5. Texas won seven of the nine events held Thursday. Several Aggie team members qualified for U.S. Senior Nationals competition with their efforts. Freshman Jody Tanner, who swam a 23.83 in the 50-yard freestyle, qualified, as did teammate Melanie Schmauch with a 23.92 in the same event. Texas A&M's 800 free relay team, which consists of Eileen

Doull, Philis Burns, Vicki Moir and Susan Marks, also qualified for the Senior Nationals with a time of 7:40.82. Tanner's effort in the 50 freestyle brought her an automatic berth in the NCAA championships. Led by sisters Jodi Sterkel and Jill Sterkel, the Longhorns took a commanding lead. All-America Jill Sterkel, a senior, led all scorers with victories in the 100 butterfly in 57.10 and the 50 freestyle in 22.88. Both times were the fastest recorded in the nation this year. The meet continues today and ends Saturday.

Baseball team to host H-S

by John P. Lopez

The Texas A&M baseball team is sitting pretty. The Aggies own a 3-1 record in the young season, their pitching is miles ahead of where it should be at this point in the season, the Aggies are lighting up the scoreboard with big hits on the offensive end and they're at the starting point of a 10-game home stand.

With those factors working in its favor, the Texas A&M team already should be chalking up its next 10 victories. But the victories won't come easy at Olsen Field. Hardin Simmons will be the first team to try and ruin the Aggies' back-yard advantage when they bus into the Olsen Field parking lot today to face Texas A&M at 3 p.m. The two teams will face off again Satur-

day in a double-header that starts at noon. Hardin Simmons enters the contest with a 4-3 record, but Aggie head coach Tom Chandler said the average record doesn't indicate the type of team Hardin Simmons is. "They've got a fine ballclub," Chandler said. "Last year they were in the regional tournament of the NCAA playoffs and this year they beat UTEP. And of

course you know they'll come in here wanting to win." Aggie second baseman Clint Heard agrees: "Coach Chandler told me when I was a freshman that every team that comes into Olsen Field wants to beat us more than just about anything and he was

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