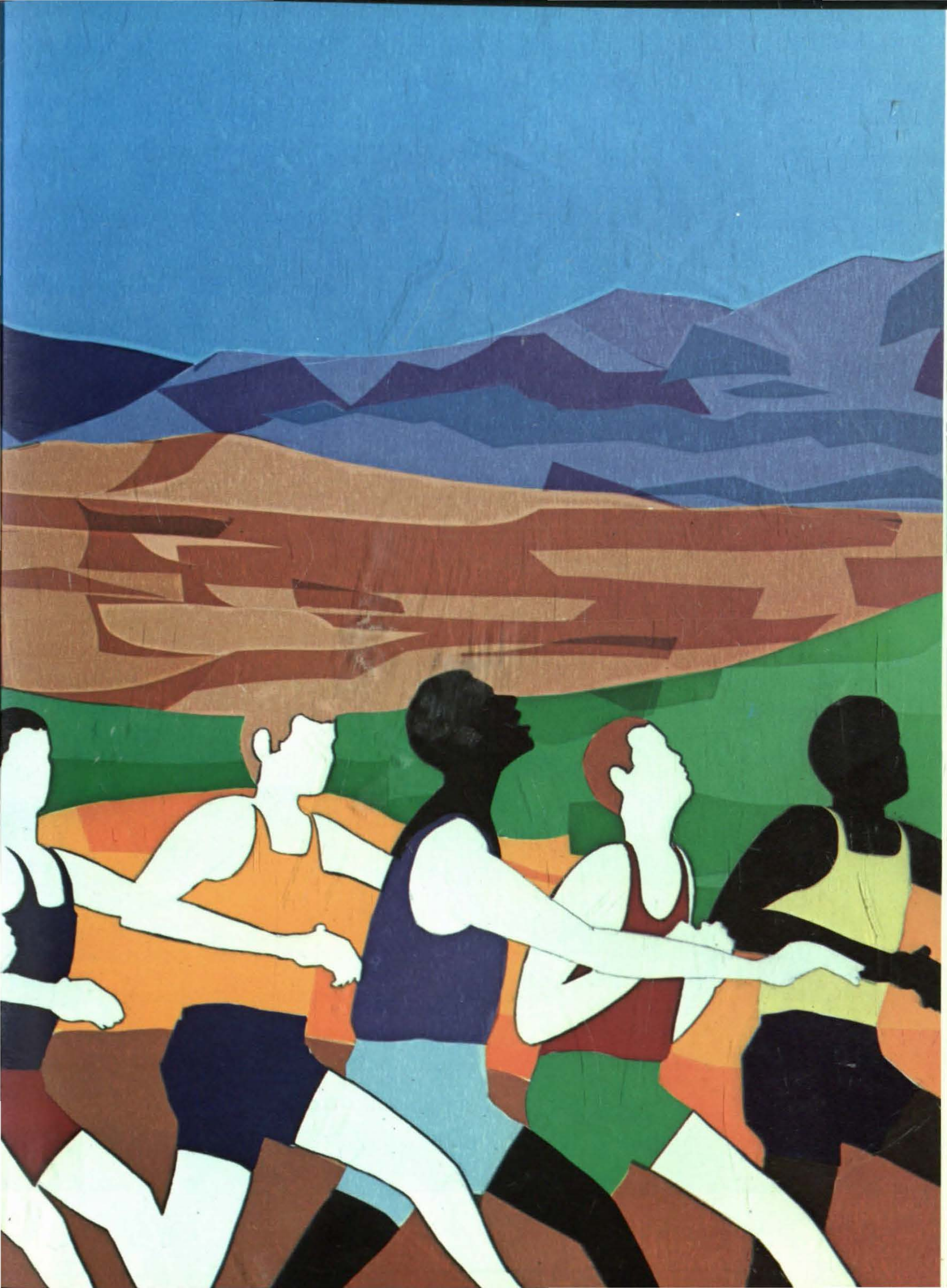


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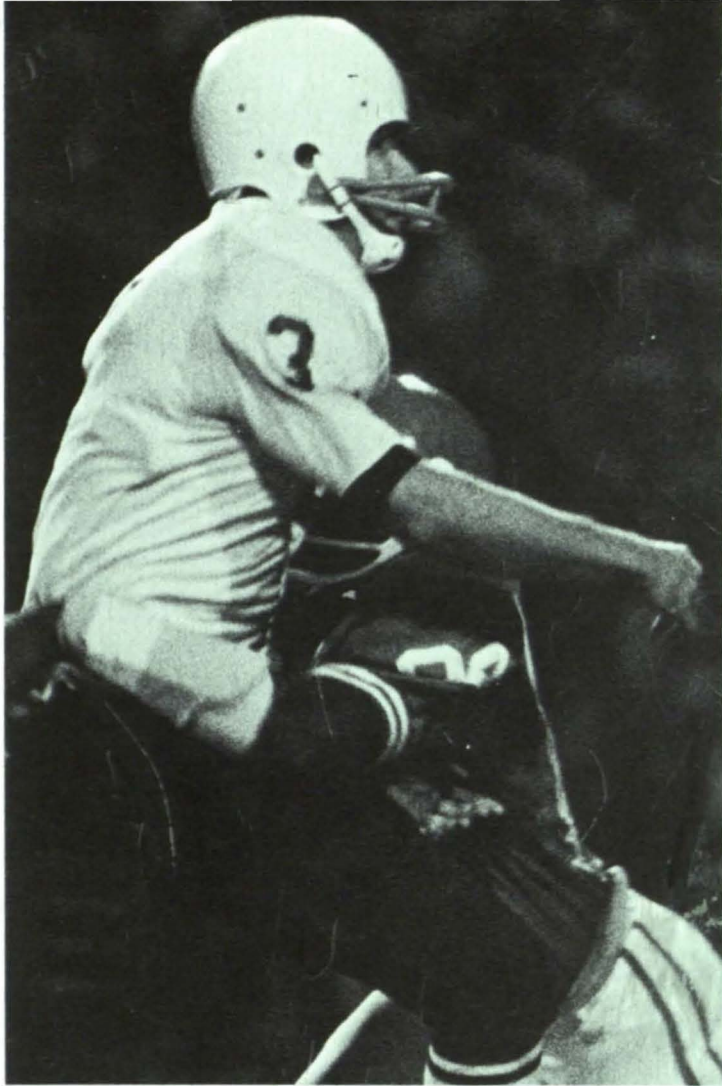
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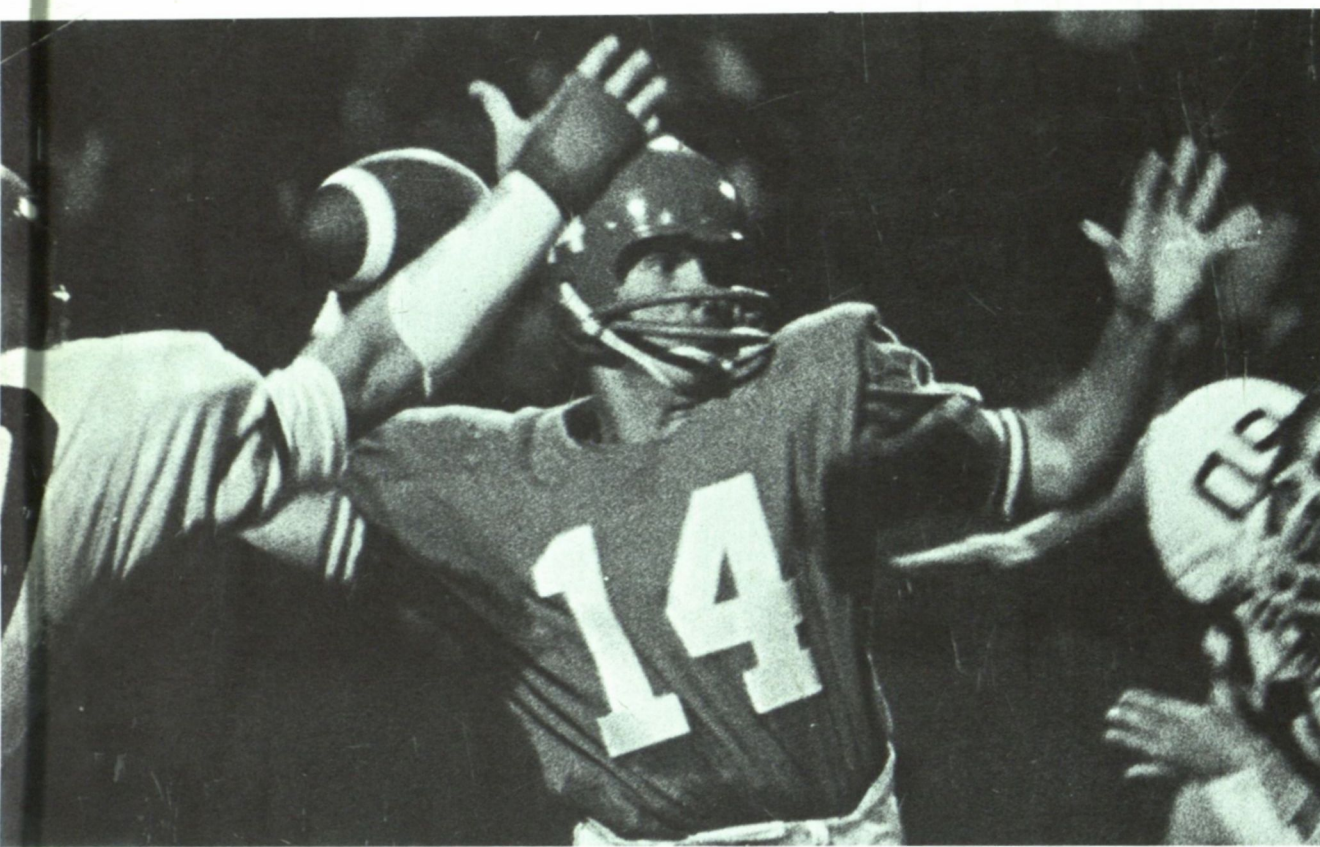
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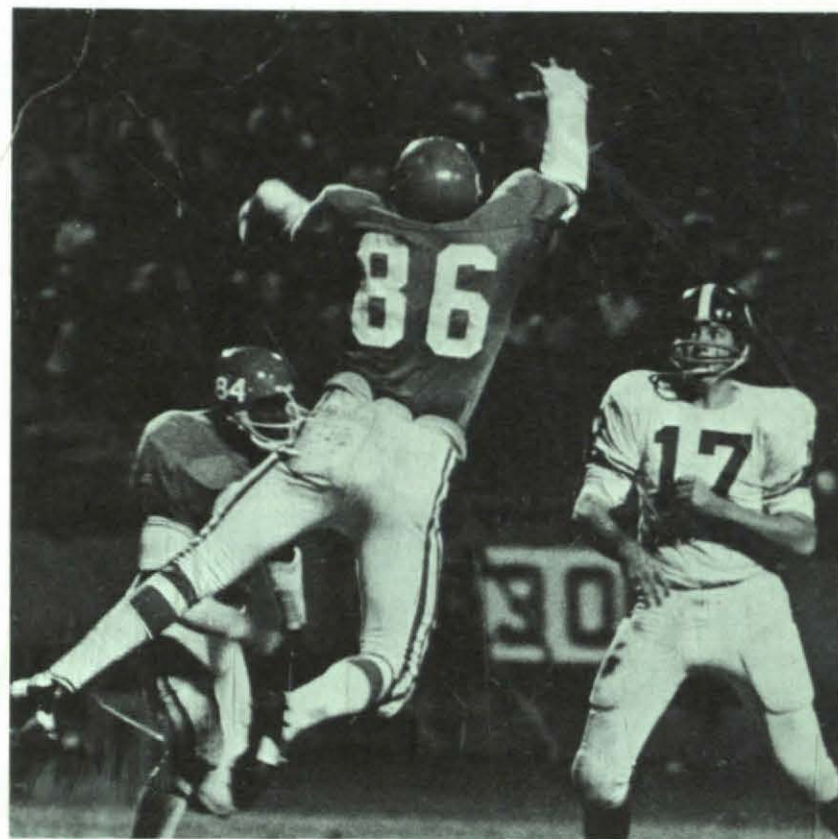






that damn
tie . . .

Records are deceiving. The 1967 football squad was unmistakably the best in school history. Three points separated that team from a good season and an unbeaten season. However, this is 1968, a new year, a building year that no one accepts despite the loss of West, Wallace, and Carr. The fever hits, and hopes are higher than ever before. The Mines are picked nationally in pre-season polls, and there is talk of a conference championship, better yet, an unbeaten season. Everyone is tasting Sugar. Who's first—California at Santa Barbara? Who are they? "I'll give you Sanna Barba and 35 for ten." The game ends, 14-14—a frustrating tie—those vacancies suddenly seem real. UT, El Paso's characteristic weakness returns to haunt again; that of no running back. Confidence turns to doubt as New Mexico, a WAC foe, brings a young wide-open ballclub to El Paso. For twelve minutes New Mexico looked like a repeat with Santa Barbara—then all hell broke loose. Head coach Bobby Dobbs pulled halfback Leroy Johnson out of his orange cap, and while Dawson found the range, Leroy found the room to romp. The final, 44-15. The Lobos were no pushover, but Saturday means ASU and that's a different story. Dobbs pessimistically predicted smoothness to be a week or ten days away but there just aren't ten days in a football week. Four will have to do.



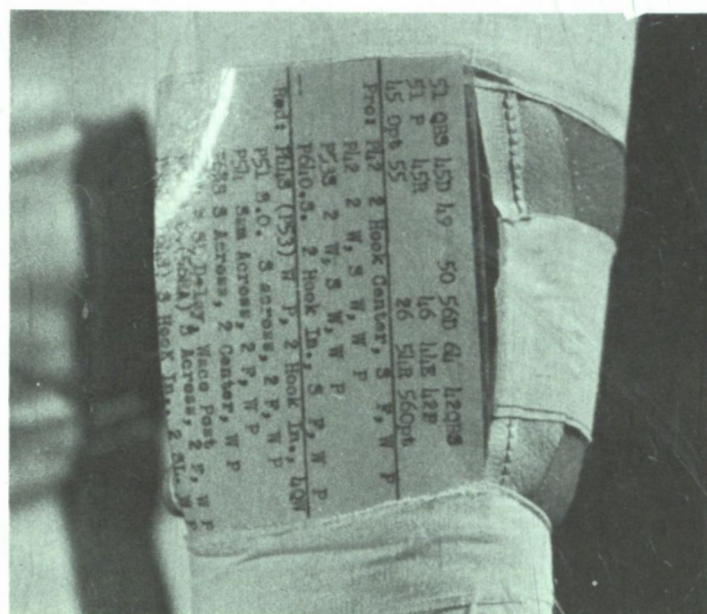


support hits bottom

The big game, Arizona State. It has been eleven frustrating years since the Miners last defeated State, and it took the Sun Devils just one quarter to make it twelve. ASU turned early mistakes into 21 quick points, and romped to a 31-19 win. Given the protection, Dawson hit 18 of 41 attempts for 307 yards. But the following week in Tuscon against The University of Arizona, he just couldn't find the range. The score, 25-0, the first shutout dealt to any Dobbs coached ballclub. Arm-chair quarterbacks called it bad breaks, but good teams make their own breaks. Seven days later El Pasoans witnessed the ultimate in humiliation as small college Long Beach State gambled on a two-point conversion in the final minutes and squeaked by 22-21. Few could offer a sound reason for the sudden collapse. Some pointed to the opening tie, but most just shook their heads in disbelief. What happened to the confident, talent-loaded squad that opened the season? Are we really this bad? Only time will tell. With attendance and support down, Dobbs replaced Dawson. Junior Bob Stewart took over with hopes of pulling a few upsets, and salvaging a .500 season.







Only a handful believed the Miners would finish with more than two wins as they prepared for New Mexico State. Dobbs made some changes, and both the offensive and defensive units underwent face-liftings. In addition to Stewart filling in for Dawson, sophomore Billy Taylor replaced Murphy, and sophomore Jeff White relieved Waddles of his place-kicking duties. Dobbs risked the last bit of unity with possible dissention, but his move paid off. Suddenly a collection of one-play performers jelled into a 60-minute ballclub. White booted field goals of 21, 44 and 45 yards, as the Aggies fell 30-14. Stewart played beautifully, but seven days later against BYU he couldn't get untracked. Five minutes into the fourth quarter, Dawson replaced Stewart; the same Brooks Dawson who had been booed out of a ballgame two weeks earlier in El Paso. With the score 25-3, Dawson inspired the most spectacular college football comeback of the entire year. The final, 31-25. Hitting 17 of 24 passes for 304 yards in the fourth quarter alone, Dawson captured both the Associated Press and the Western Athletic Conference Back of the Week.

ten minutes to remember

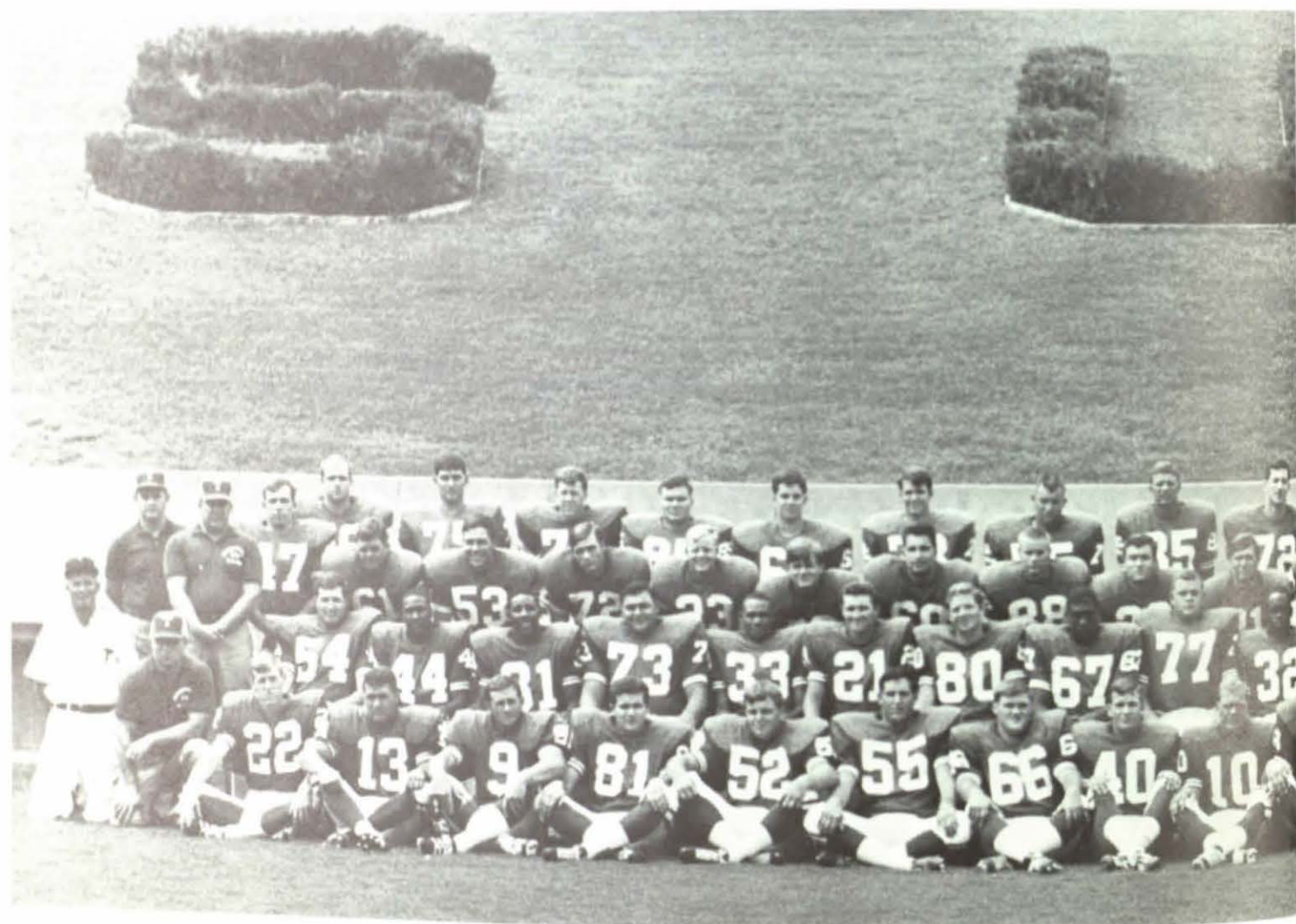


thank God it's over

The Mines returned home for the final three games, the first with North Texas State University and their fearsome defense. Dawson and Stewart shook the "Mean Green" with 31 points, but two touchdown producing mistakes in the secondary kept the Eagles close—close enough that a field goal in the final six seconds won it 34-31. Wyoming, Homecoming '68, had special meaning to everyone. At last, the chance to avenge last year's 21-19 loss, and at the same time knock off the current WAC leader. Typically, El Paso fell behind quickly as the Cowboys grabbed a 20-0 halftime lead. Stewart led a gallant second half effort, but the Pokes held on for a 26-19 victory. One more, Colorado State University—thank God it's almost over. The two first year entries traded the lead three times until Eugene Childs hit off-tackle, slid outside, and raced up the sidelines 54 yards to ice a 23-19 win.

It would be hard to point to one weakness and label it the reason for the 4-5-1 season. Certainly erratic quarterbacking played a big part, as did a defense that yielded 19.9 points a game. But an offense that averages 21.3 points should net better results than the record shows. No doubt, Dobbs will fare better next year, but it will take smarter play and better support from crowds that jeered and gave up too early. Years of effort sweeten the victory; similarly quick success oftentimes goes unappreciated. Everyone loves a winner. Ask one head coach in particular suffering through a bad season. People wonder what this school lacks. Perhaps it's pride in both victory and defeat.





1968 FOOTBALL ROSTER

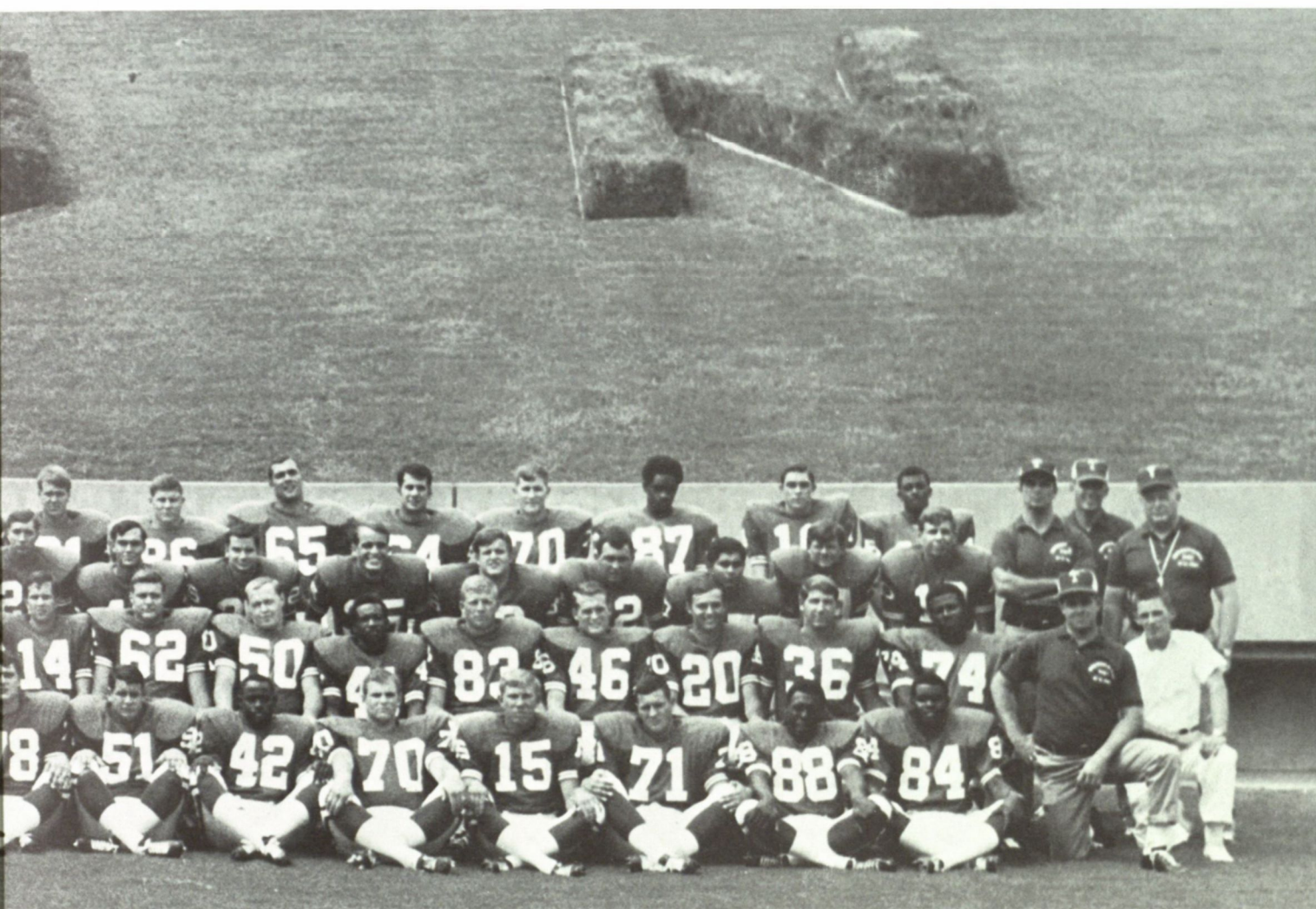
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10 Niemeyer, QB	61 Mayfield, MG
11 White, K	62 Guilford, OG
12 McCarrell, DB	63 Sondecker, OG
13 Millican, OE	64 Hughes, DT
14 Dawson, QB	65 Reichert, C
16 Galloway, K	67 Samples, DT
20 Karns, FL	70 Brummett, OG
21 Daugherty, DB	71 Reisman, OT
22 Taylor, FL	72 Rzycki, OT
23 Murphy, FL	73 Olivieri, OG
24 Rausch, HB	74 Taylor, DT
25 Fabish, DB	75 Crabb, DT
30 Barnette, DB	76 Hasten, DT
31 Epps, DB	77 Shanor, DT
32 Cavness, DB	78 Deines, OT
33 Johnson, FB	80 Mussey, DE
34 Waddles, LB	81 Stokes, DE
35 Robinson, LB	82 Smith, DE
36 Smith, LB	83 Jones, OE
40 Watkins, HB	84 Mack, DE
41 Matthews, HB	85 Pilarcek, OE
42 White, HB	86 Larkin, DE
43 Ward, DB	87 Stevenson, OE
44 Harden, DB	88 Brown, OE
45 Childs, FB	Ross Moore, Trainer
46 Winchester, LB	Coaches:
47 Berlanga, FB	Bob Lee
48 Lambert, LB	Bill Turnbow
51 Brady, OT	Dave Nusz
52 Bishop, DT	Ray Fulton
53 Vaughn, C	Pete Manning
54 Smerigan, C	Wilson Knapp
55 Bramlett, C	Bobby Dobbs, Head Coach

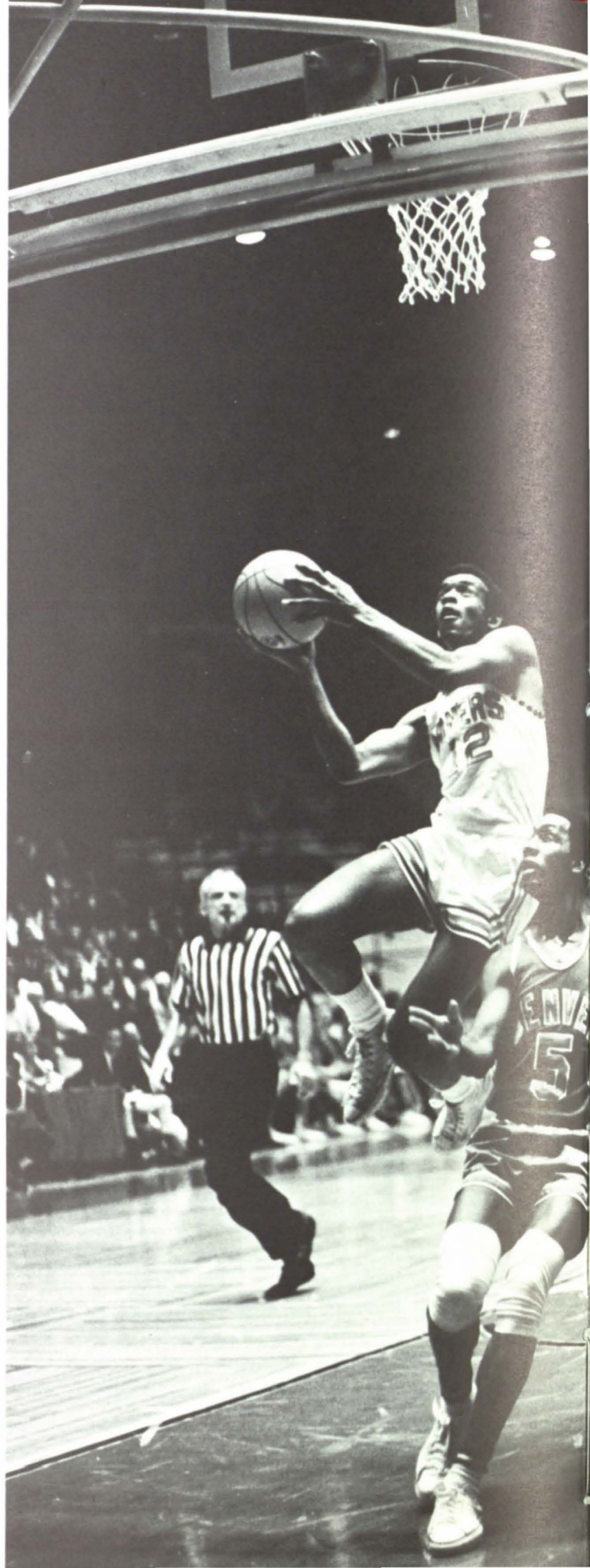
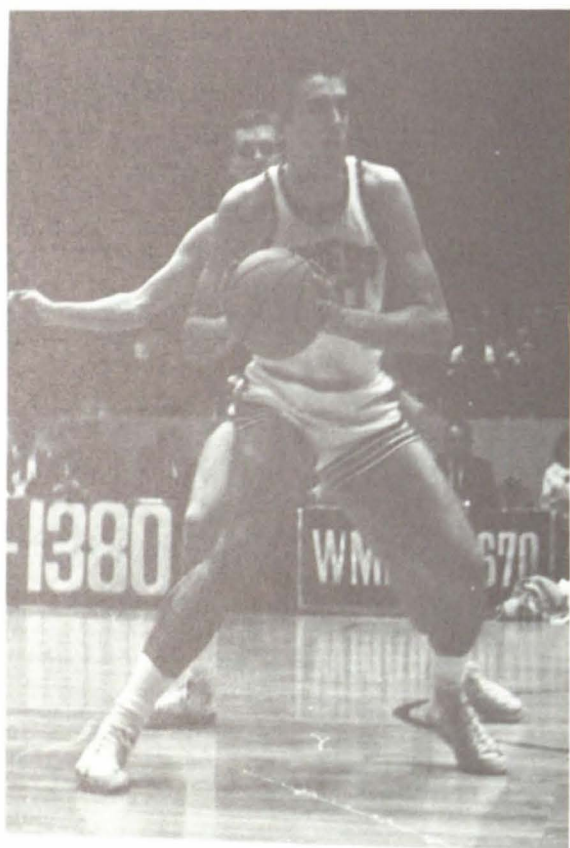
FOOTBALL

	Miners	Opp.
Santa Barbara	14	14
New Mexico	44	15
Arizona State	19	31
Arizona	0	25
Long Beach	21	22
New Mexico State	30	14
Brigham Young	31	25
North Texas State	31	34
Wyoming	19	26
Colorado	23	19

WAC STANDINGS

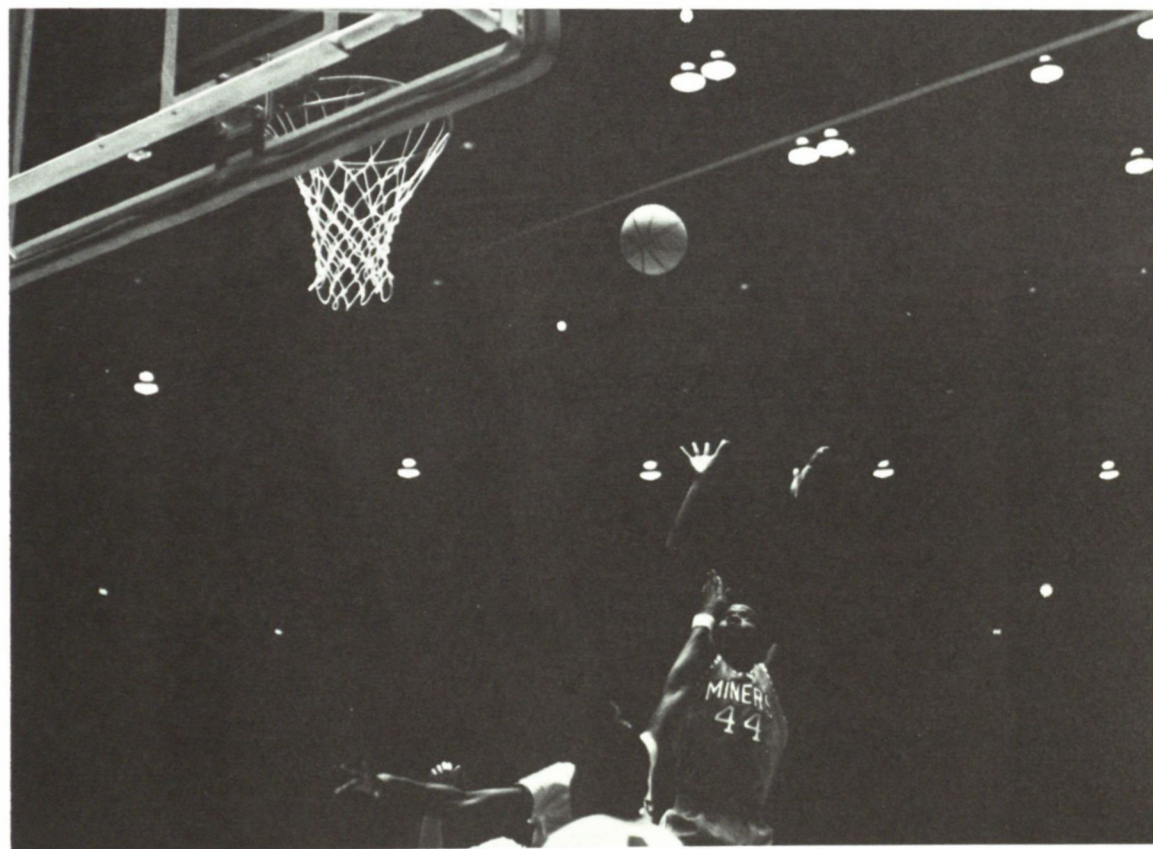
Wyoming	6-1-0
Arizona	5-1-0
Arizona State	5-1-0
U.T. El Paso	3-3-0
Utah	2-3-0
Colorado State	1-2-0
Brigham Young	1-6-0
New Mexico	0-7-0

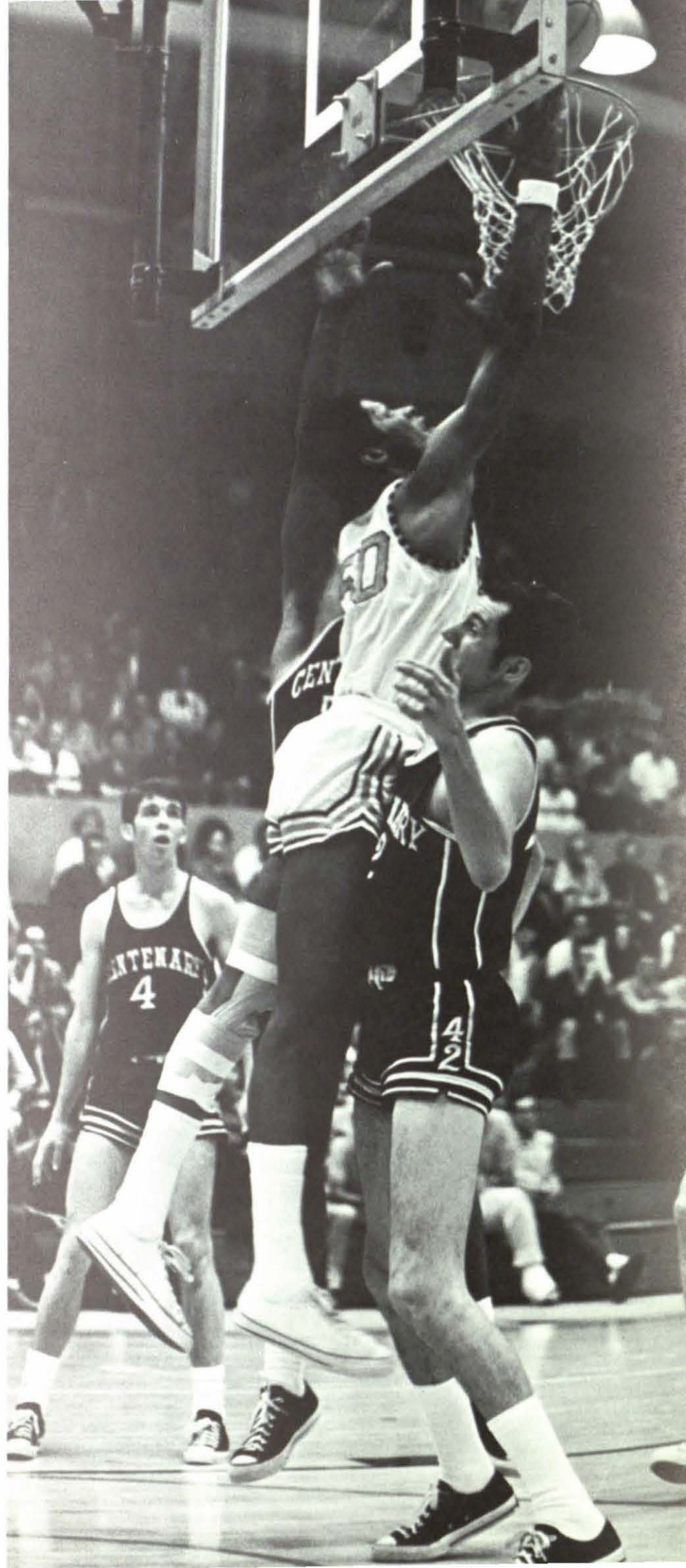


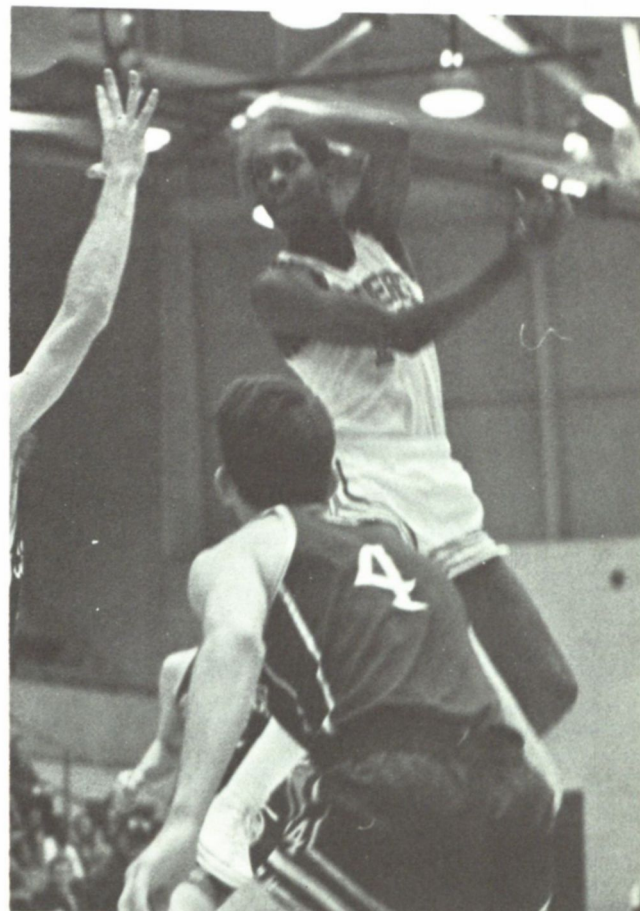


doubt turns to hope

The mixed emotions about football turned to doubt about basketball. Last years squad posted a 14-9 record, turned down a post-season bid, and returned every starter except All-American Willie Worsley. But a weakness continued to haunt the Miners, a weakness characteristic of the teams since '66,—no big man. The team had speed but who would rebound. Coach Haskins took his unproven team to Las Cruces for the Pan-American Center Dedication tournament. An opening win over Denver pitted the Miners against New Mexico State in the championship game. This would provide the test—everyone knew State was good. Haskins played a ball control game which kept the score close in the first half. The Aggies pulled out ten points after half but U.T. El Paso fought back. Two points down and only seconds left—Mike Switzer took the shot. State won 51-49. Even the loss showed that the Miners had a good team, doubt turned to hope. But—23 games to go. Time enough to be great or fail.

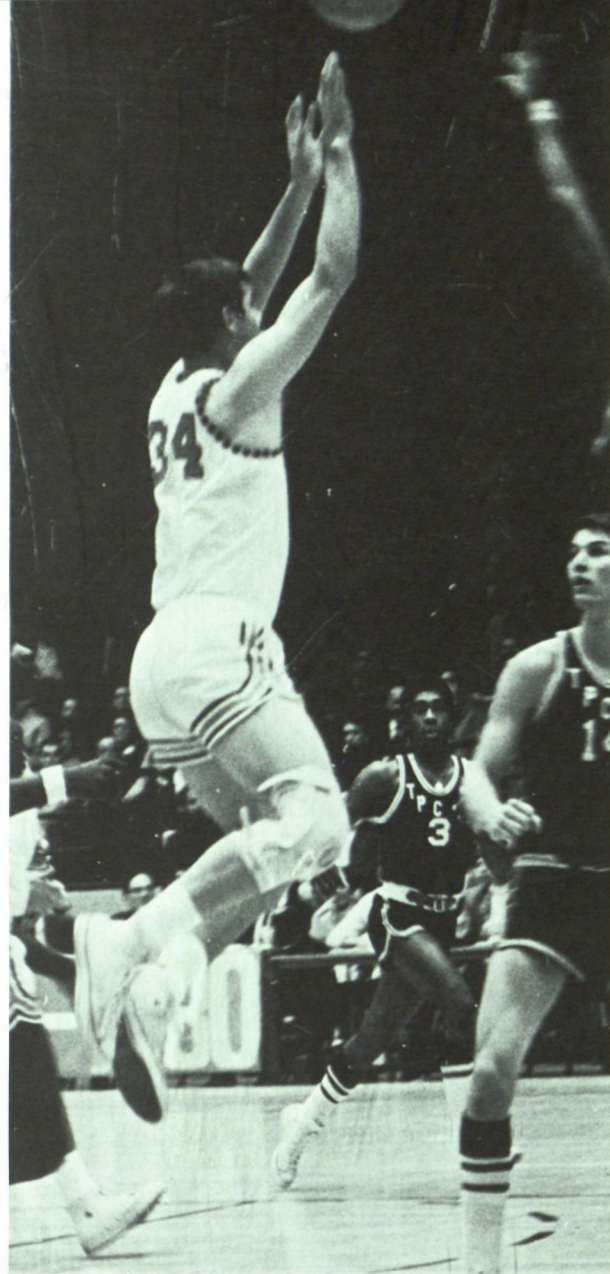
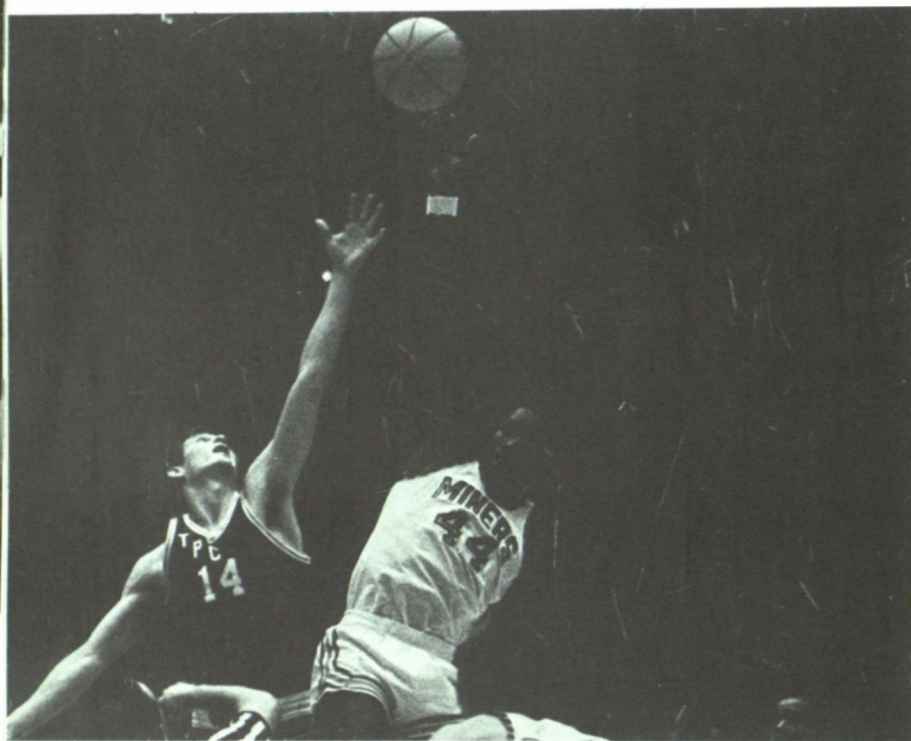






The Miners put away Southern Mississippi and won two games over Southern Colorado State. Ples Vann, 6-4, jumped like a 6-7 man. The team held its own against height, and even out rebounded some. But our play was sloppy and ragged—the team played only 30 minutes of good basketball. In five days the Miners would travel to Albuquerque and fifth ranked New Mexico. The team appeared to have jelled. They played strong against the Lobos leading most of the game. Within seven minutes of the great upset and possible national ranking, the team began to fade, while the Lobos came on strong to win 65-61. But the loss was narrow and we looked impressive. Back home the Miners took Eastern New Mexico and prepared to defend its Sun Carnival Tournament title. Nate Archibald scored 31 points in defeating Georgia Tech in the opening game. The Miners defeated Loyola of Chicago 97-70 for the championship, and looked toward New Mexico again. The Lobos came into the game eighth in the nation. But this was to be a complete reversal of the first game. The Miners trailed throughout the game and with six minutes left they were down 67-60. The defense clawed at the Lobos while the offense continued to shoot well. The final—U.T. El Paso 71, New Mexico 67. The screaming fans mobbed the Coliseum floor. Not since 1966 had there been a game like this. Those who remembered 1966 well, recalled a game with New Mexico where the Miners were down 20 points and fought back to win the game, and later the NCAA championship. But it is dangerous to let memories replace reality—the year is 1969, and the season not yet half over.

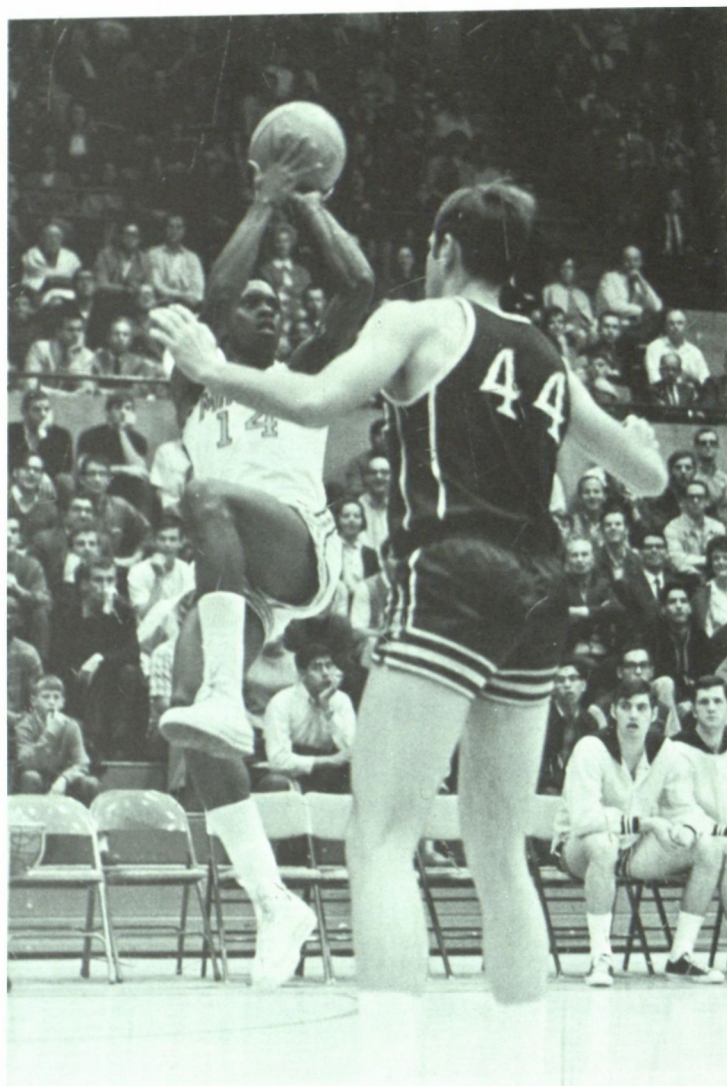
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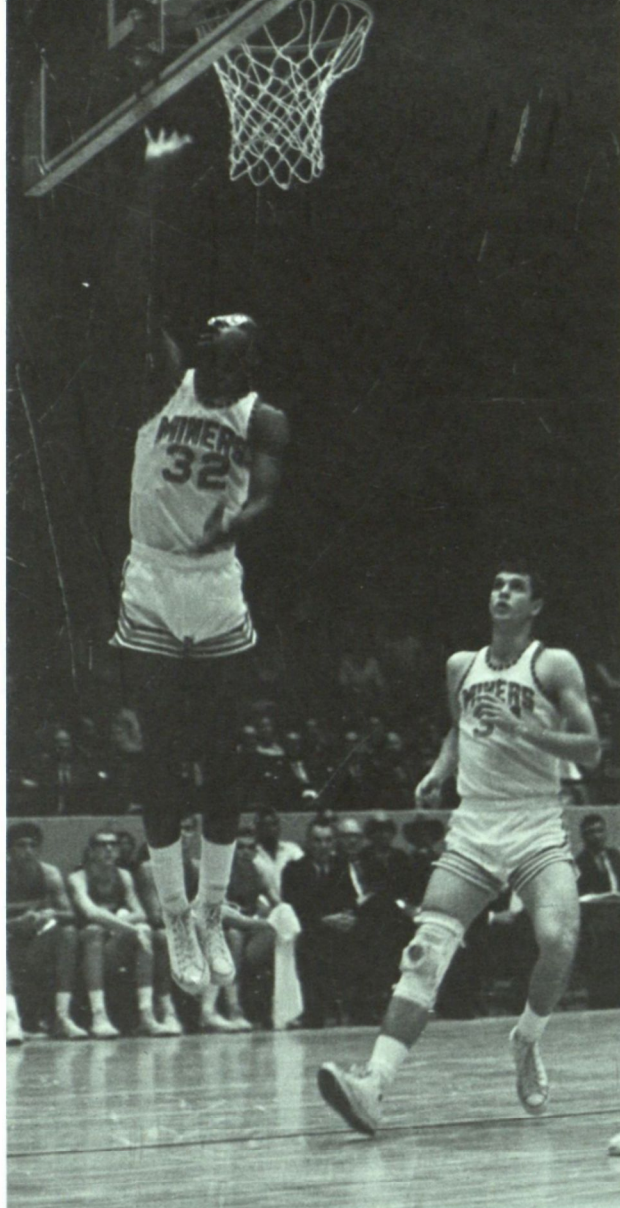
riding high until . . .

The Miners stood 8-2 as they left for the Trojan Invitational Tournament. The opening game against Tulsa was close. With three minutes left the score was tied, but in those last minutes Tulsa outscored the Miners 10-2 to win 81-73. Lack of height hurt U.T. El Paso. But Tulsa was climbing in national poles and once again the defeat was something less than a mere loss. The next night against Montana State the Miners rebounded from the loss to win 103-90. Nate Archibald began to look like an All-American, scoring 35 points. However, the defense was at its worst. The Miners came home to cream Tahoe Paradise College 109-63. The easy game allowed Haskins to clear the bench and give reserve players some needed experience. Archibald led the team to a 93-83 victory over Arizona State. He hit 12 of 13 field goals and eight of nine free throws for 32 points. Two nights later U.T. El Paso wiped out Pan American 100-53 with Archibald hitting for 30 points. The Miners were riding high. In four games they had averaged over 101 points per game. But the defense was not good. We ran with the ball and luckily the offense kept pulling us through. But Haskins predicted that if the defense didn't shape up, we would lose more than we won.





... disaster hits miners



Colorado State began disaster for the Miners. CSU pulled into a lead early but we came back in the second half. The game went down to the end, and CSU scored a last second free throw to win 64-63. The vision of 1966 shattered. Bobby Jo Hill hit a last second shot that beat CSU three years ago—just the opposite this time. New Mexico State came into the Coliseum seventh in the nation. A win over State would give us a good chance for a postseason tournament. In spite of poor shooting and Aggie height we kept close. Down by three with five minutes left, the Miners lost by 15. The same thing happened against Seattle and Arizona. Something within the team cracked in the closing minutes. The Miners came home from three road games and four straight losses. More than half of the 8,000 screaming fans who cheered the win over New Mexico were conspicuously absent from the Centenary game. But they missed one of the finest. Archibald and Switzer each scored 30 points in the 86-65 victory. Another game with New Mexico State and the last chance to salvage the season. The Miners fell apart and were as much as 30 points down. We pulled back together to outscore the Aggies in the second half but it was not enough, State won the third game of the series 78-62.



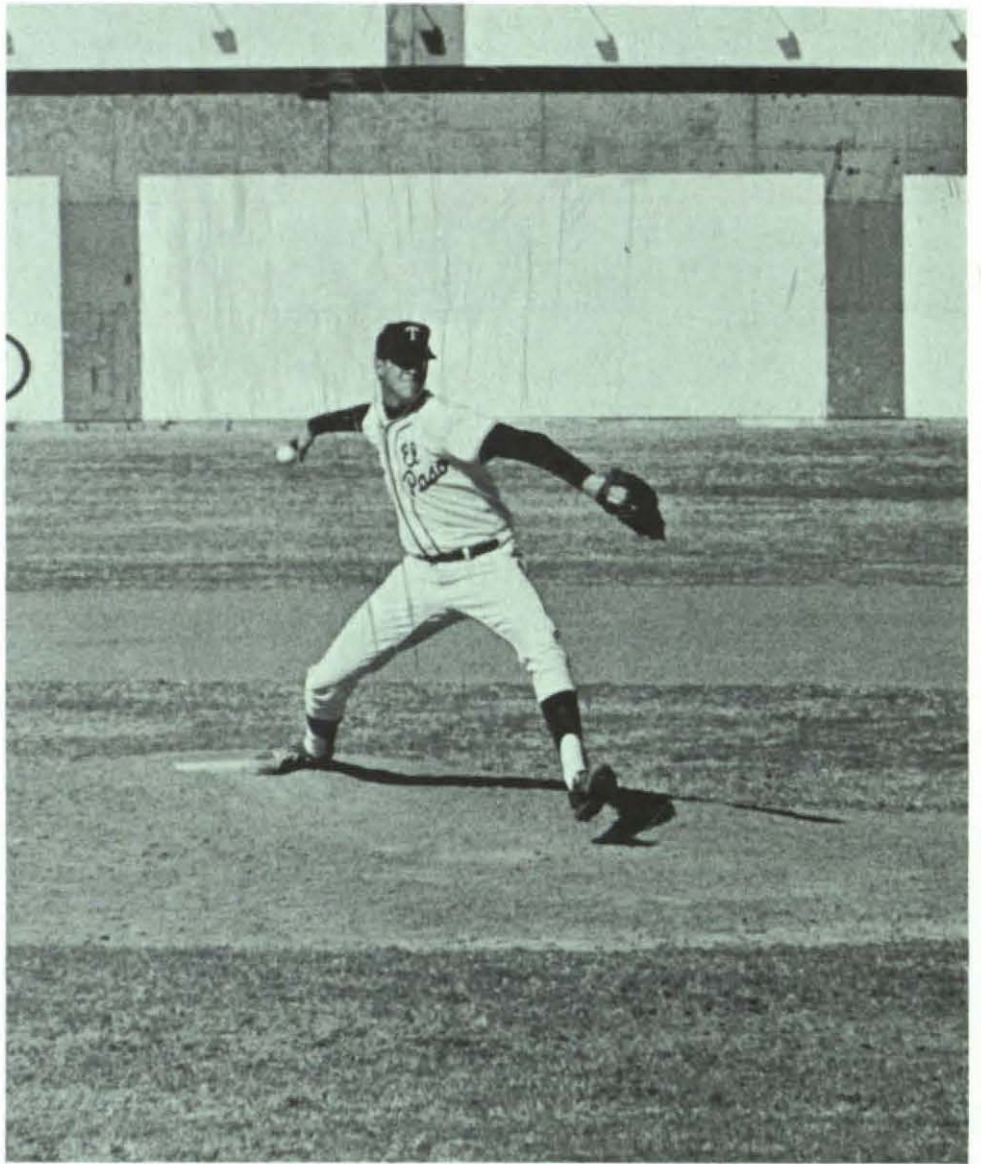


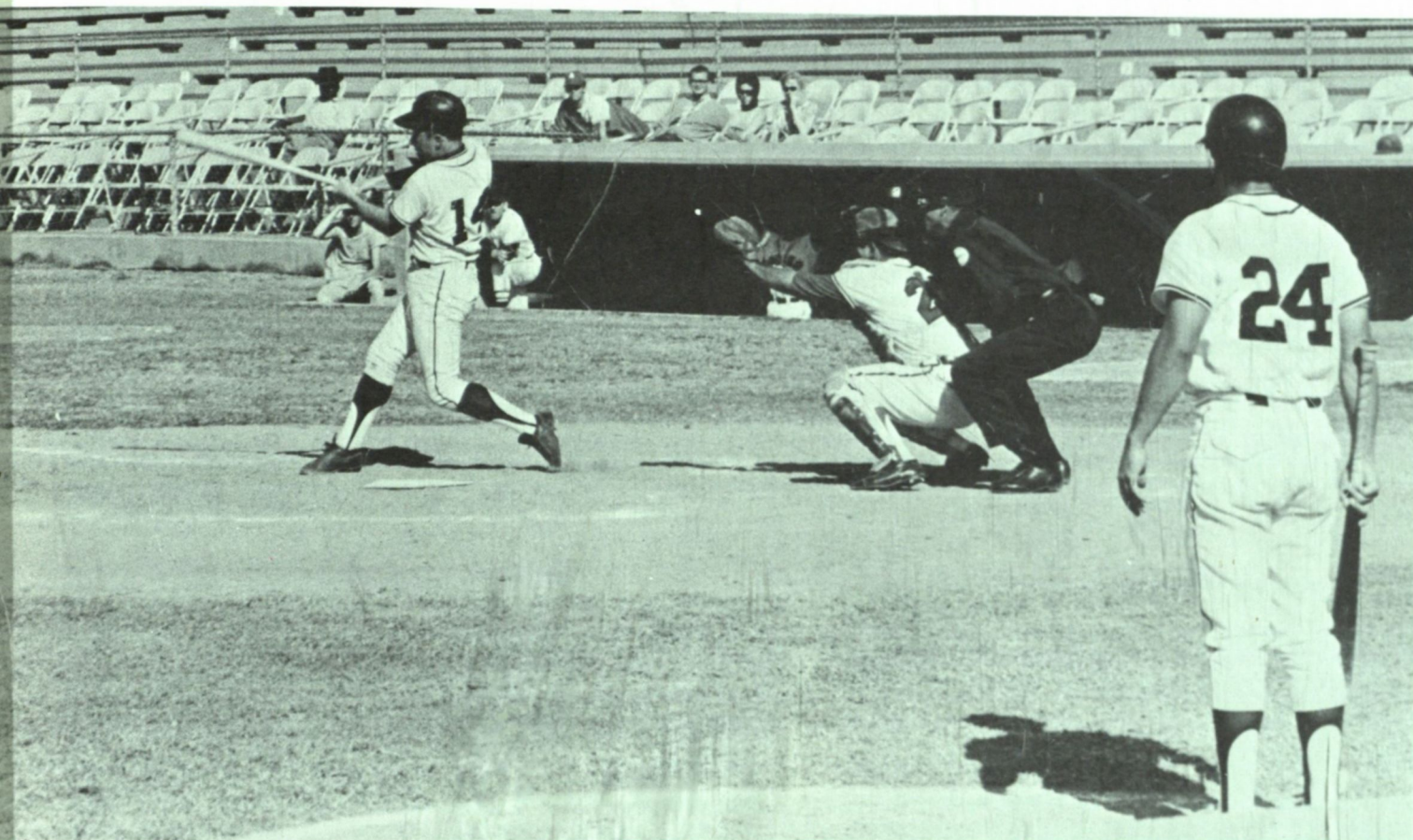
First Row: S. Samuels, W. Rothstein, W. Richards, H. McDonald, N. Archibald, K. John. Back Row: T. Marino, A. White, L. Stewart, T. Issac, B. Doyle, P. Vann.

BASKETBALL

	Miners	Opp.
Denver	81	63
New Mexico State	49	51
Southern Mississippi	92	71
Southern Colorado State	80	68
Southern Colorado State	94	81
New Mexico	61	65
Eastern New Mexico	74	62
Georgia Tech	75	71
Loyola of Chicago	97	70
New Mexico	71	67
Tulsa	73	81
Montana State	103	90
Tahoe Paradise	109	63
Arizona State	93	83
Pan American	100	53
Colorado State	63	64
New Mexico State	80	65
Seattle	74	86
Arizona	66	75
Centenary	86	65
New Mexico State	62	78
Southwest Louisiana	75	62
Seattle	88	82
Colorado State	78	58
Arizona State	82	95

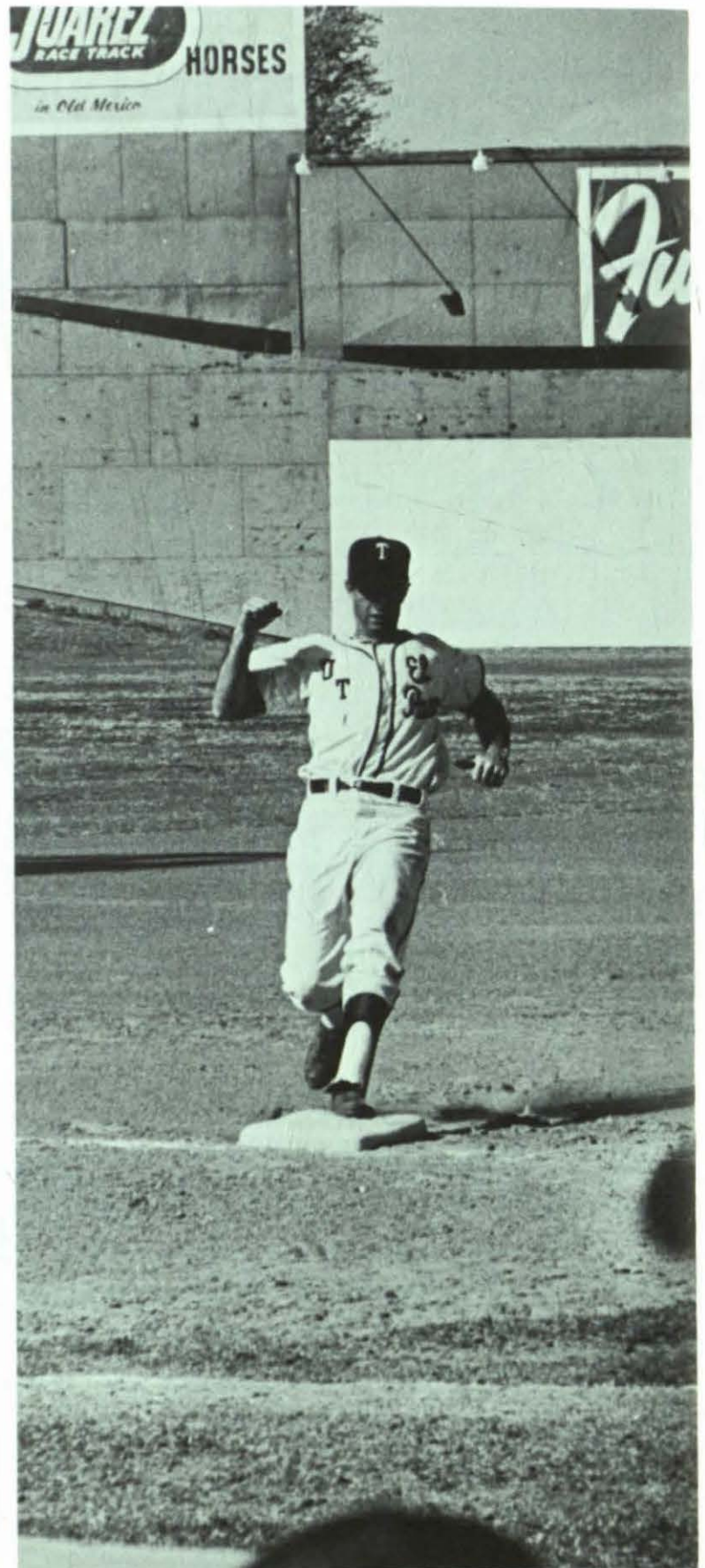
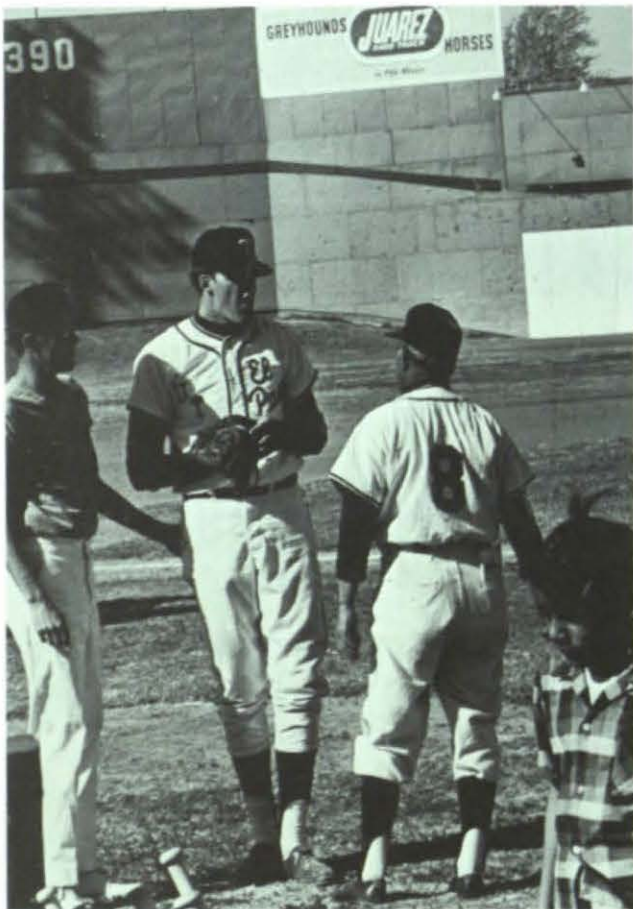






Baseball approached in an air of guarded optimism. The team was returning from a 18-18 season in 1968. Hitting suffered when Charlie West graduated but seven of nine starters were returning. Coach Andy Cohen said the hitting would come; it was pitching and defense that would bring success or failure. The team could be strong, but pre-conference opponents looked tough and the WAC was strong. The Miners compete in the Southern Division with New Mexico, Arizona, and Arizona State. The season, expanded to 50 games, looked long and hard, but the team looked forward to WAC competition. They might not win the championship, but baseball at U.T. El Paso was growing and promised to provide fans with excitement and action.

pitching, defense—
key to success





Front Row: J. Murphy, M. Bombarge, D. Blanco, Coach Andy Cohen, T. Carosko, J. Sandoval, L. Currie, R. Rush, Second Row: R. Aguirre, D. Wilson, D. Meyer, J. Luhan, D. Foster, R. Butler, B. Brown, D. Daughtery, Coach Druschwitz. Back Row: L. Hunt, P. Irwin, M. Ward, T. Witt, R. Hix, D. Jones, W. Diesselhorst, L. Smith.

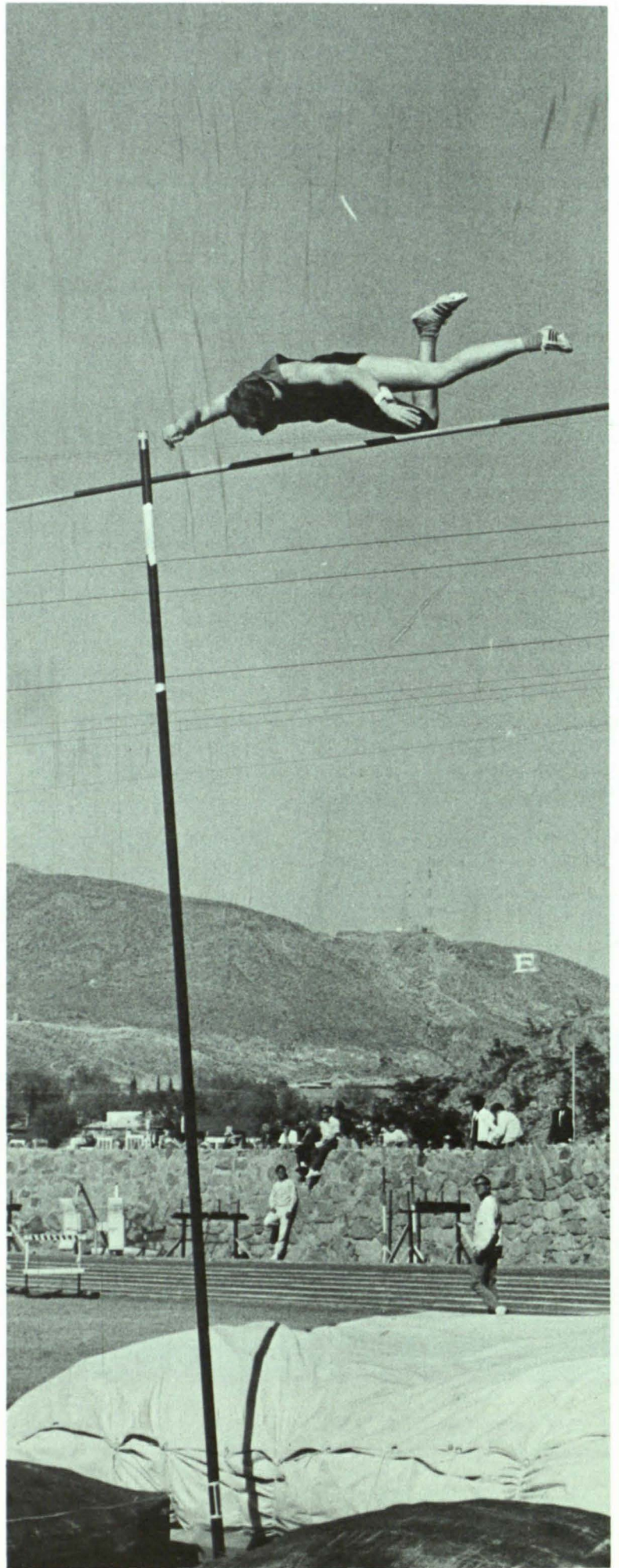
1968 BASEBALL

Miners	Opp.	Miners	Opp.
New Mexico	3 1 N. M. State	11	6
New Mexico	3 4 N. M. State	8	0
New Mexico	0 5 N. M. State	8	3
Albuquerque U.	3 5 South Dakota	5	4
Albuquerque U.	9 4 Albuquerque U.	9	4
Arizona	0 8 Albuquerque U.	4	2
Arizona	0 5 Albuquerque U.	2	1
Arizona	5 14 Grand Canyon	1	8
Texas Tech	0 2 Grand Canyon	3	5
Texas Tech	4 3 N. M. State	5	4
Colorado State	9 10 N. M. State	3	2
Colorado State	6 8 New Mexico	4	2
Southern Colorado	7 1 New Mexico	2	5
Southern Colorado	6 5 New Mexico	1	2
N. M. Highlands	7 6 Cochise	5	6
N. M. Highlands	7 8 Arizona State	2	6
N. M. Highlands	8 7 Arizona State	0	7
New Mexico State	15 2 Arizona State	0	5

1969 BASEBALL

Opponent	Opponent
Albuquerque U.	*Oklahoma University
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New Mexico State	Albuquerque University
*Texas Tech	Albuquerque University
*Texas Tech	New Mexico University
New Mexico State	*New Mexico University
Northern Arizona	Arizona State
*Northern Arizona	*Arizona State
Southern Illinois	Arizona University
Southern Illinois	*Arizona University
Colorado State	*New Mexico State
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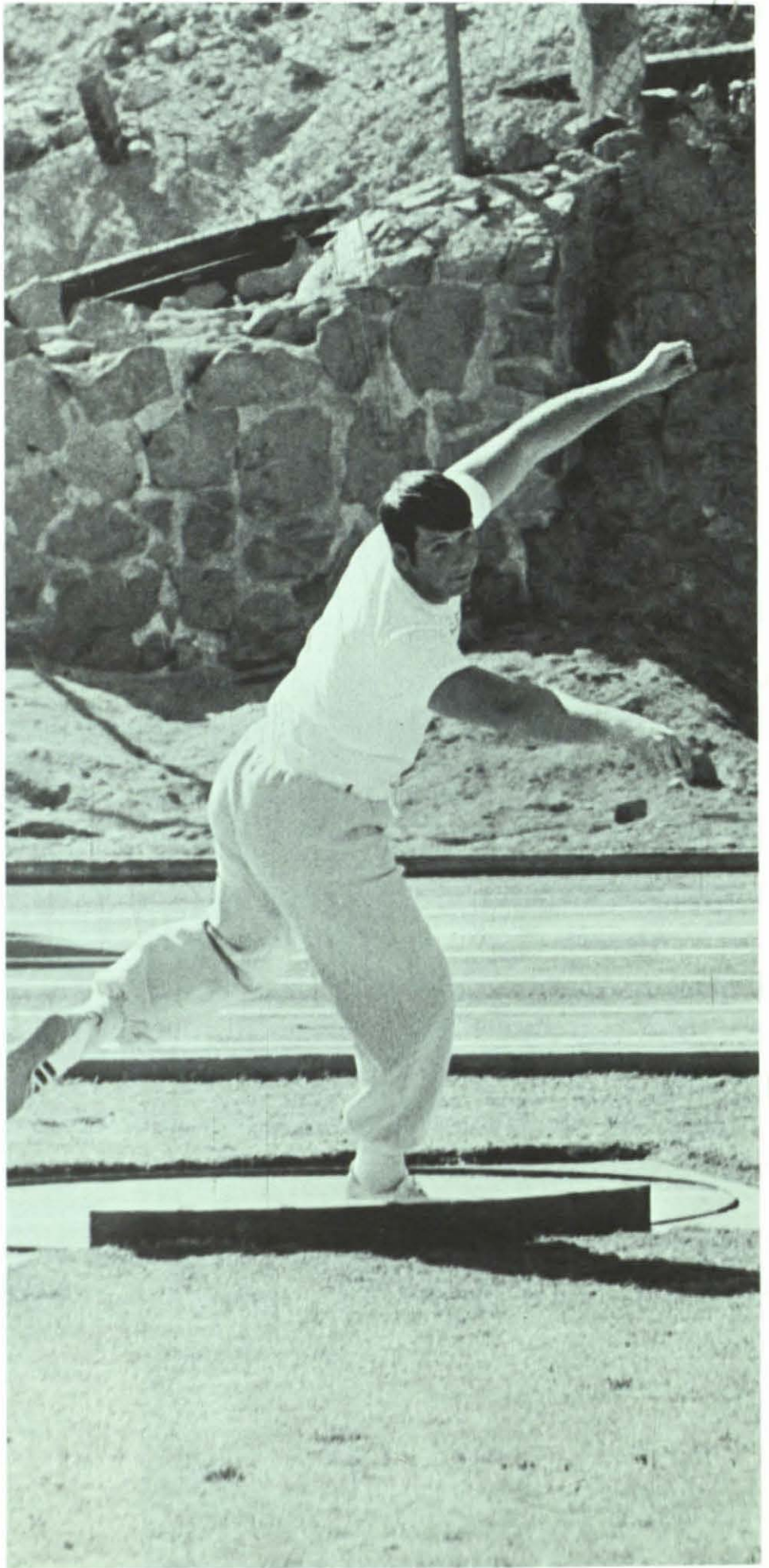
*doubleheader



Several years ago Wayne Vandenburg predicted his track team would take the 1968 NCAA championship. This seemed far fetched—no one could still believe the 1966 basketball team. But our track team was ranked nationally in the spring of 1968. They finished third in the NCAA Indoor Championships and placed high in the Outdoor meet. That spring Australian Kerry Pearce set a new two-mile World Record of 8:27:2. Tri-captains of the team were Kerry Pearce, Danny Tague, and Leslie Miller. Three team members competed in the 1968 Summer Olympics, although they did not represent the United States. Leslie Miller, ran in the 400 meter, and Gerald Wisdom competed in the long jump for the Bahamas. Mike Fray finished fourth in the 200 meter race for Jamaica. But representing U.T. El Paso, the team began the 1969 season and another try at the NCAA championship.

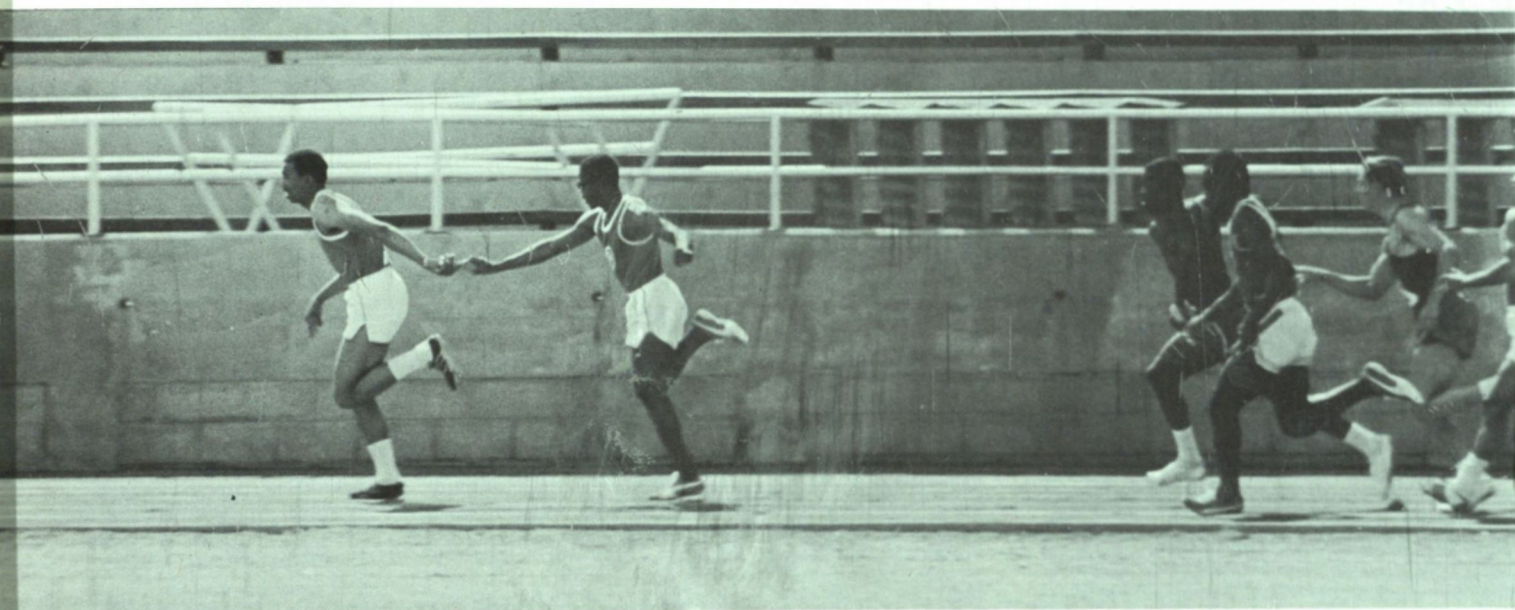
track fights for recognition





The team looked even better in 1969 than in 1968. They went to the WAC Indoor Meet in Albuquerque and walked off with the unofficial team title. No official title was given because several conference schools were not present. U.T. El Paso set three meet records. Danny Tague ran the 600 in 1:10; Pinto Bean jumped 15-8 in the pole vault, and Cris Fisher ran the 880 in 1:53.1. The WAC meet was important and the win impressive but the NCAA Indoor in Detroit and the Outdoor in Nashville were the big ones. If nothing happened, the team had a good chance to take the NCAA championship in one or both of the meets.

NCAA champions... maybe?



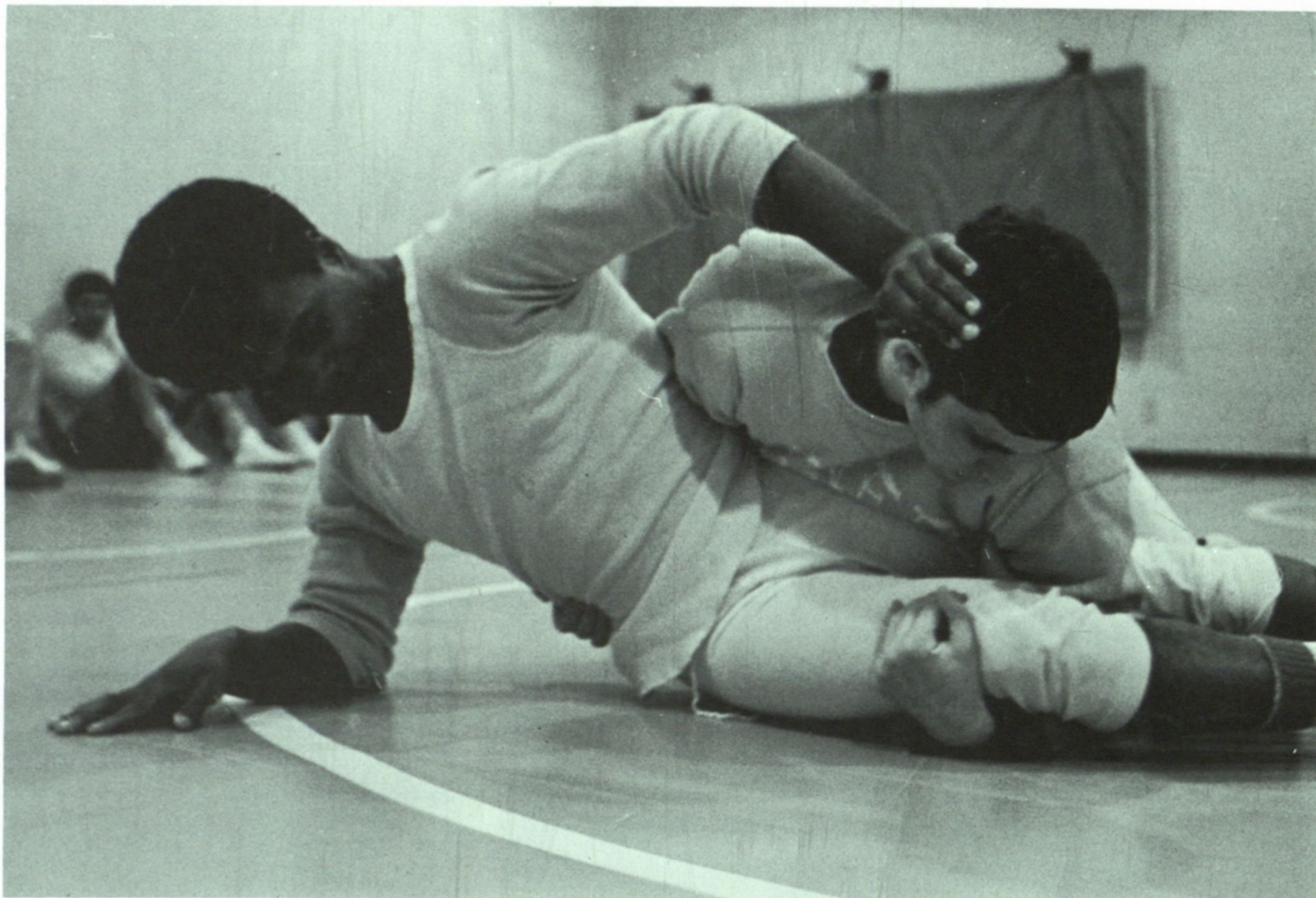


D. Tague, P. Heglar, V. Murphy, J. Gonzolas, H. Jackson, G. Mazzioti, B. Fischer. Second Row: Coach Wayne Vandenburg, M. Fray, J. Birkelbach, R. Hill, G. Jones, N. Jones, B. Springfield, R. Nrugilbower. Back Row: V. Monarie, S. Brown, S. Carter, F. Josephs, R. Thars, L. Miller.

cindermen set new records

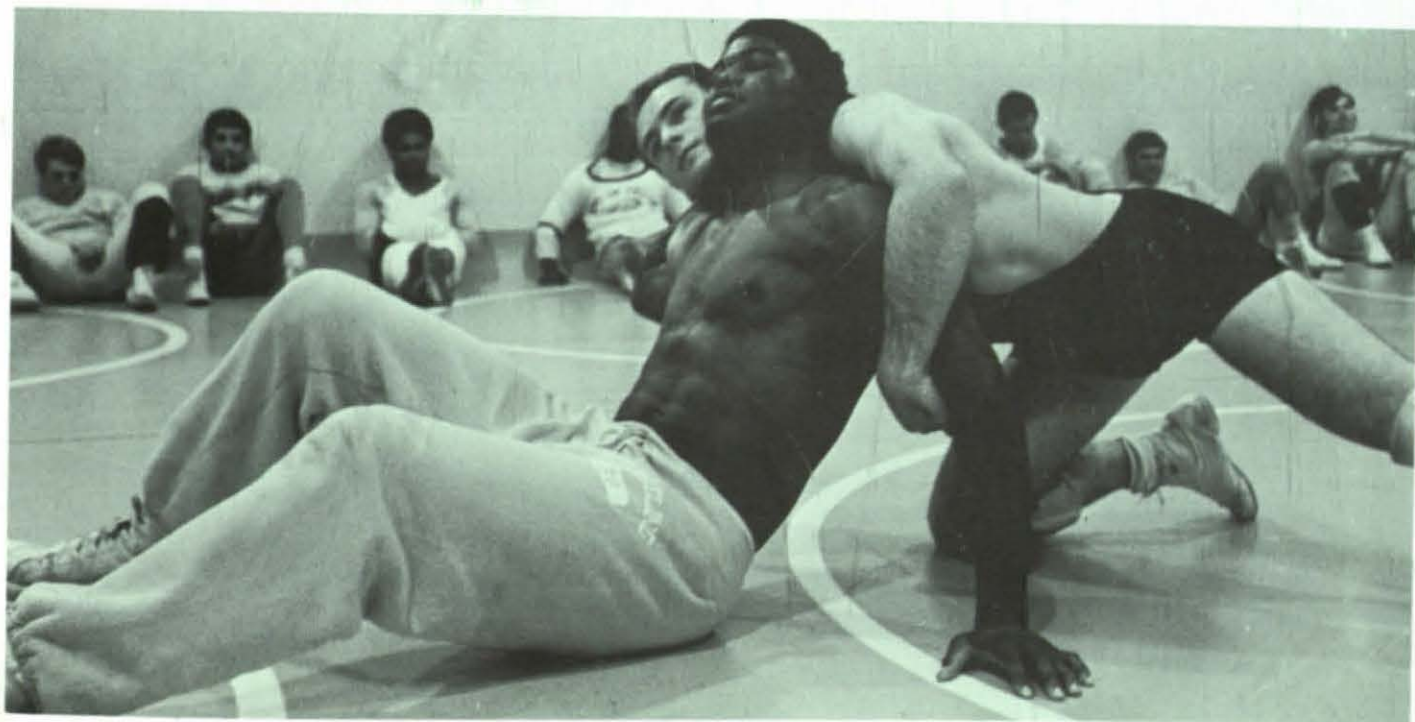




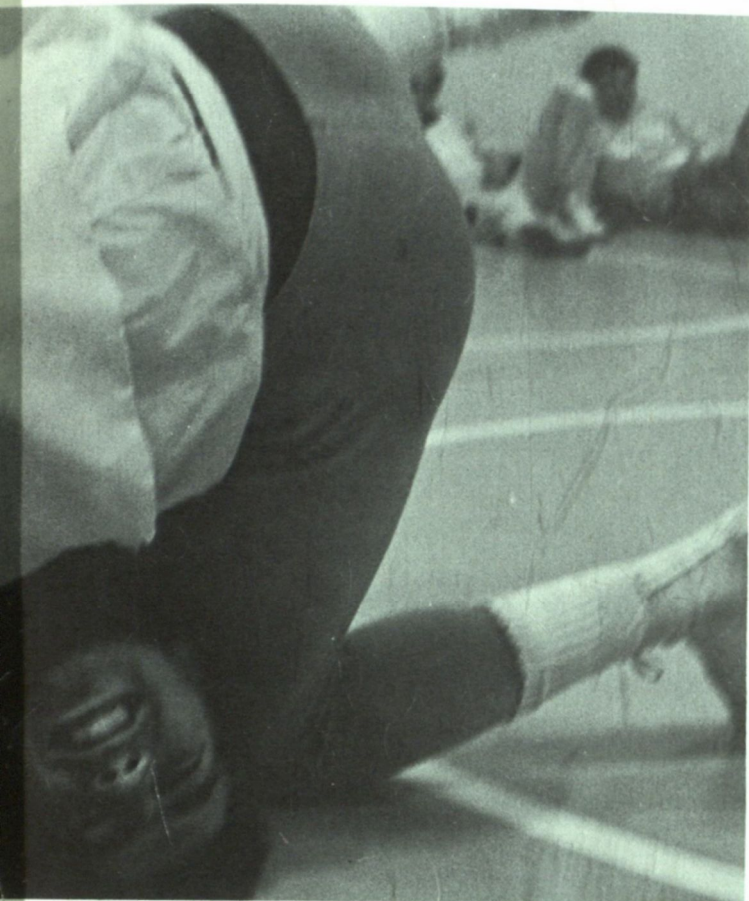


undefeated— a perfect season

The 1969 wrestling team went undefeated in eight dual matches and tied Southern Illinois for first place among eight teams in the New Mexico Invitational. U.T. Austin and U.T. El Paso are the only intercollegiate wrestling teams in Texas. The Miners could be great—but that takes money. Only three full scholarships could be afforded; in spite of this, over 40 men came out for wrestling. But not all 11 weight divisions were represented—we had no hope for taking the WAC championship. However, with only one junior and the rest sophomores and freshmen, Coach Bruno Rolak said that with luck and a little money, the team could be great the next two years—better even than the undefeated 1969 team.



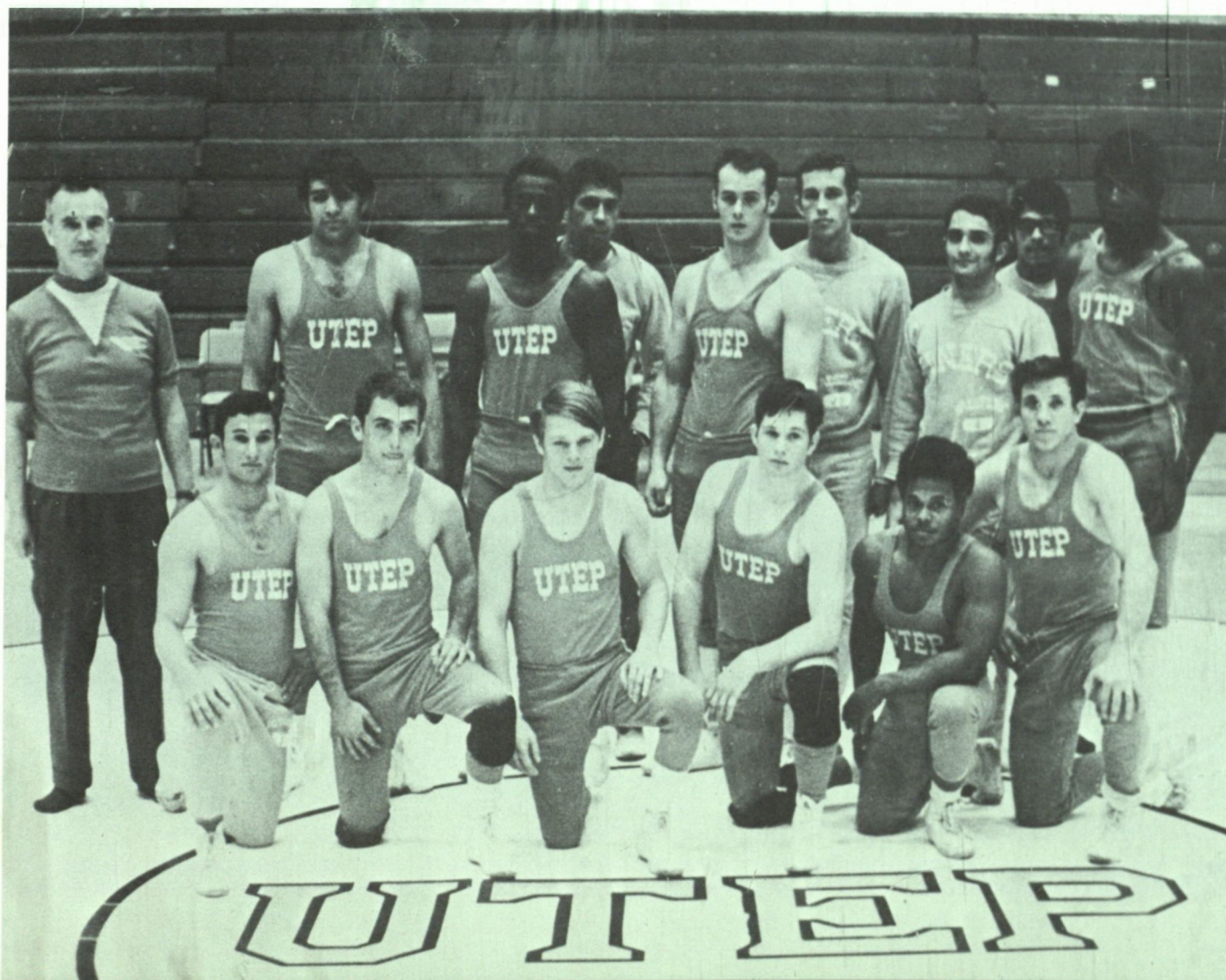




1969 WRESTLING

	Miners	Opp.
Ft. Bliss	36	2
Ft. Bliss	35	0
New Mexico State	25	6
Artesia		
New Mexico State	22	postponed 9
Ft. Lewis Colorado	34	3
Artesia	44	0
Arizona Western	18	11
Mesa College	24	11
New Mexico Invitational		tie—1st of 8 teams

First Row: Coach Rolak, J. Alvarez, A. Handy, S. Lujan, L. Wollschlager, D. Wadsworth, B. Yetter, S. Guerrero, D. Smith. Second Row: A. Alexander, R. Wiggs, E. Maze, K. Breheny, A. Evans, B. Beers.





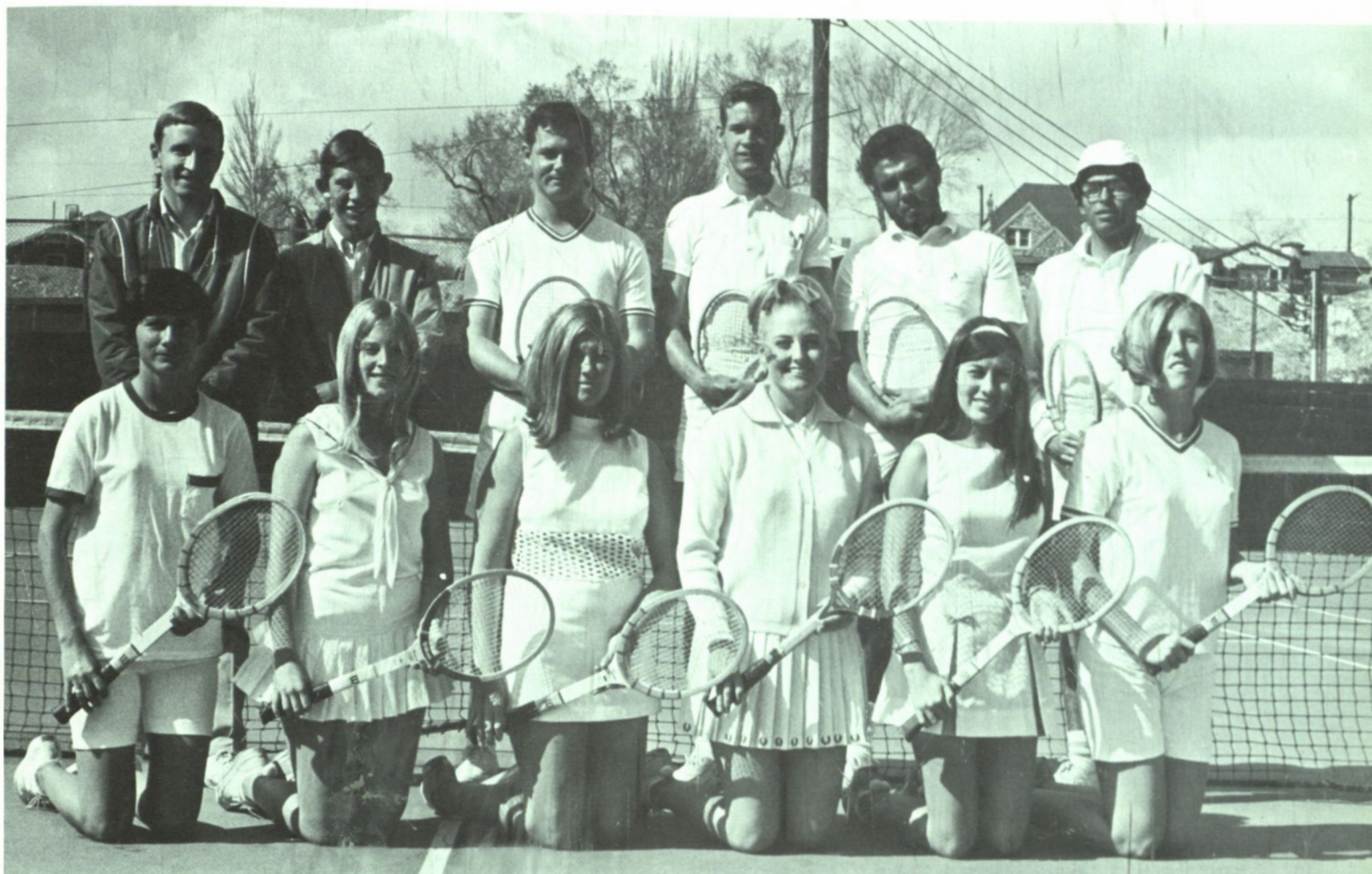
B. Beard, T. Beier, O. Wingfield, J. Hamilton, B. Bondi, G. Gonzalez, R. Leverich, R. Whittenburg.

golf

The golf program at U.T. El Paso has never been strong but the team has potential. Ronnie Leverich finished second in the Arizona Invitational in Tuscon. The team practices several times a week at the Ascarate Golf Course. Fred Adkins, the pro at Ascarate took over coaching duties and the team planned to compete in several intercollegiate tournaments with southwestern schools. Now that U.T. El Paso is in the WAC, the golf team will be competing for the conference championship.







Tennis at U.T. El Paso is struggling to get organized. The team lost its coach and without one to co-ordinate the tennis program into the athletic department, nothing could be done. Team members practiced at the El Paso Tennis Club and prepared for a few matches. Jackie Guadagnoli is nationally ranked and others on the team are good, but this talent is being wasted through lack of concern for the tennis team.

tennis struggles to organize

soccer strives to gain official status

U.T. El Paso's soccer team is not an official University athletic team, but it is growing in prestige. The team began three years ago but this was its first well organized unit. Members represented ten foreign countries. They have won four, lost one, tied two. The loss was to the German Air Force team, the best team at Fort Bliss. The German team had never been scored on and had never scored fewer than ten goals. But U.T. El Paso lost only by four goals to two. Later we tied the German team 2-2. The soccer team is pushing for official intercollegiate status. They have played New Mexico State and planned to have games with Arizona, New Mexico, and other major college teams.







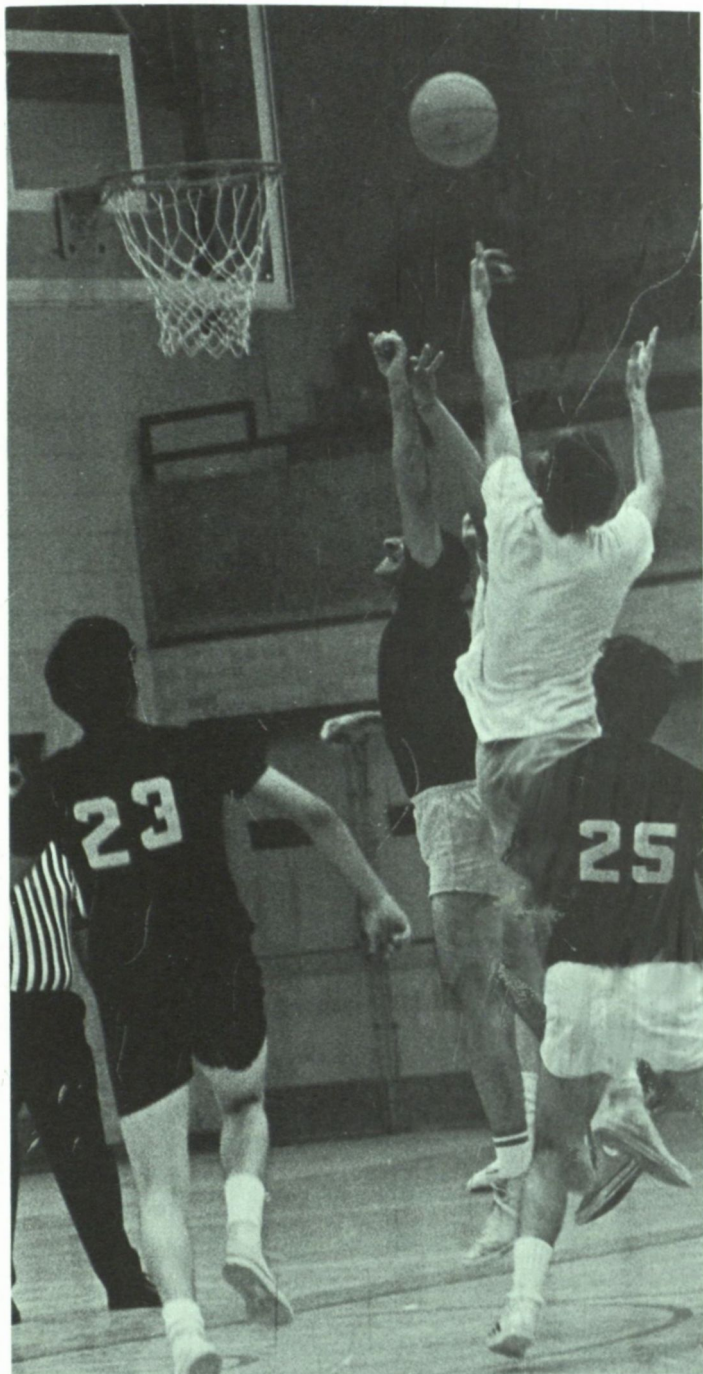
Men's Division

Circle K	168
SAE	165
PE Majors	165
Alpha Beta	160
TKE	158
Phi Tau	158

Women's Division

PE Majors	132
Tri Delta	107
Bell Hall	107
Hotel Dieu	103
Zetas	100
Kappa Delta	99





intramurals

The Intramural program at U.T. El Paso divides participating teams into two divisions, men and women. Each division is then further divided into Greek and Independent teams. Each division competes separately and then scores are compared to give the overall standings. The men compete in flag football, pool, tennis, handball, paddle ball, bowling, table tennis, free throw shooting, wrestling, basketball, softball, golf, track, and swimming. The women compete in volleyball, bowling, tennis, free throw shooting, basketball, softball, track, and swimming. The intramural activities provide recreation and competition for the average students on campus and many students take advantage of this opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves.

