

# OWLOOK . . .

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With their final 81-71 decision over TCU, the '61 Owl cage squad closed out the season with a 7-7 record in loop play, and fifth place in the conference standings. This was a surprising finish, and it speaks well for the team and its coach, John Frankie.

**NEXT YEAR'S** prospects look a little brighter than they did at this time last year. Returning will be starters Mike Maroney, who hit a career high of 28 against Tech, Olle Shipley, and Jim Fox. Promising help from the frosh ranks is 6' 9" Kendall Rhine, the Owlets' leading scorer, and Larry Phillips.

Frankie plans to use Rhine and Maroney in a double post offense, similar to the one employed in '60 when Maroney shared the post with David Craig.

**ON OTHER FRONTS,** pitching depth seems to be the biggest gap in Rice diamond hopes for this spring, and with two SWC singles champs in the lineup, Sammy Giammalva's netters should restore the tennis crown to the Blue and Gray.

Things are looking up.