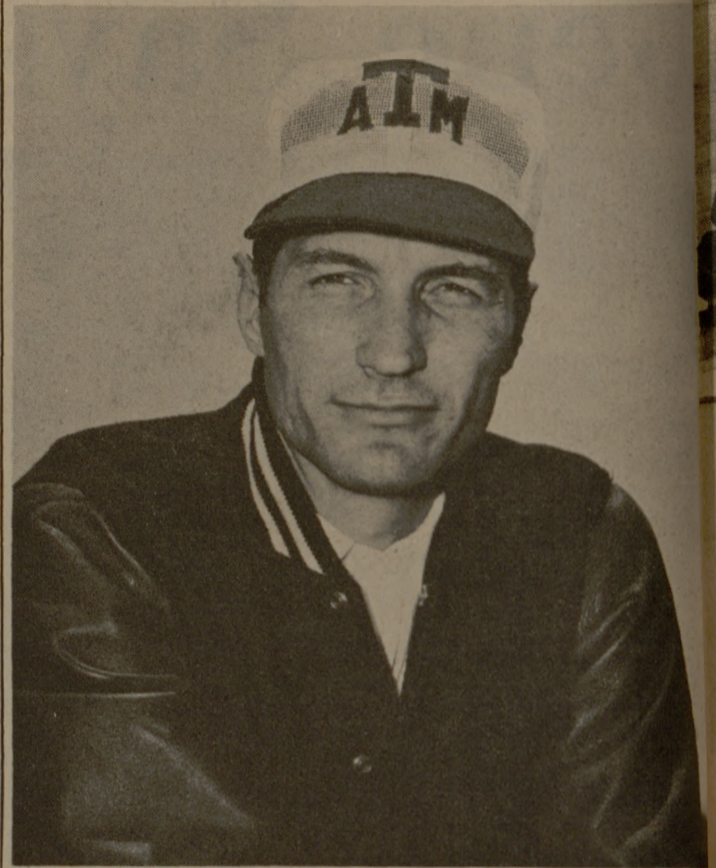


# Stallings Enters Third A&M Year



GENE STALLINGS  
Head Football Coach

Although he has only two seasons of head coaching behind him, Texas A&M's Gene Stallings already has established himself as one of the top football coaches in the nation.

Summoned back to his alma mater to rejuvenate the Aggies football program, Stallings' first two editions displayed continual improvement and the upcoming '67 club has its sight set on doing the same.

His first A&M club in 1965 won only three games but that included one of the nation's great upsets, a 14-7 win over Georgia Tech in Atlanta. His second club in 1966 posted a 4-5-1 mark and finished fourth in the Southwest Conference. It still figured in the championship race right down to the final weekend of play.

The Aggies' head man knows from experience, both as a player and coach, what is required to produce a winner. He was tri-captain of the undefeated Aggie team of 1949 and he helped build championship teams at Alabama where he served seven seasons as an aide on Coach Paul W. Bryant's staff. He was Bryant's assistant head coach when he accepted the Aggieland post in December, 1964.

Long hours of hard, dedicated work are what Stallings puts in as he continues to bring the Aggies up the football comeback trail.

Stallings, who was 32 last March 2, was born in 1936 at Paris, Texas, where he grew up to become an all-around sports star at Paris High. A natural leader, he captained football, basketball and golf teams in high school and was tri-captain of the Aggie club in 1956.

He was a three-year letterman and under Coach Bryant at A&M and won all-Southwest Conference recognition in his junior season.

Following his final varsity game at A&M, he was married to the former Ruth Ann Jack of Paris. They have four children.

He coached the A&M freshmen in the fall of 1957 and then moved with Bryant to Alabama where he spent the next seven seasons.

Stallings grew up wanting to be a coach and he was fortunate, indeed, in learning the game under two great ones, Raymond Berry at Paris High and Bryant at A&M. He evidently was an apt pupil and learned his grinding lessons well because when he became A&M's head coach Alabama's Bryant said, "He's the top young college coaching prospect in America."

Dedicated to Texas A&M, Stallings says, "It is easy for me to try to sell a boy on coming to A&M . . . for three reasons: First, it is a school where you can get an excellent education . . . second, it is a place where you will learn what loyalty means and . . . third, it is a place where a boy can play for a good football team."

Determined to win, Stallings leaves little to chance in his planning. All facets of his job are thoroughly organized so as not to overlook the smallest detail.

Last year Stallings led the Aggies through the season with the words, "Make something happen." This year's battle cry from Stallings is "The Aggies are back!"

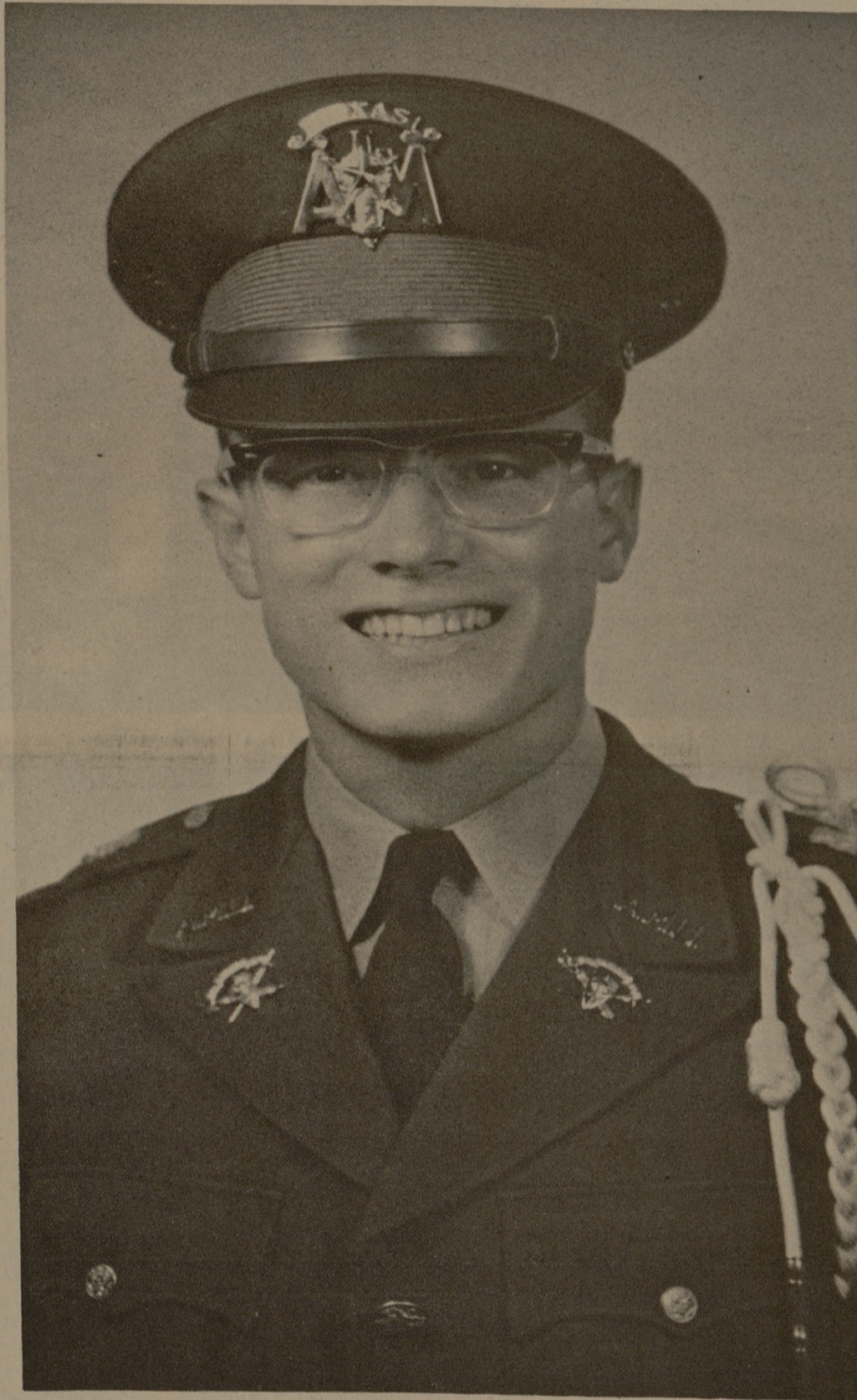


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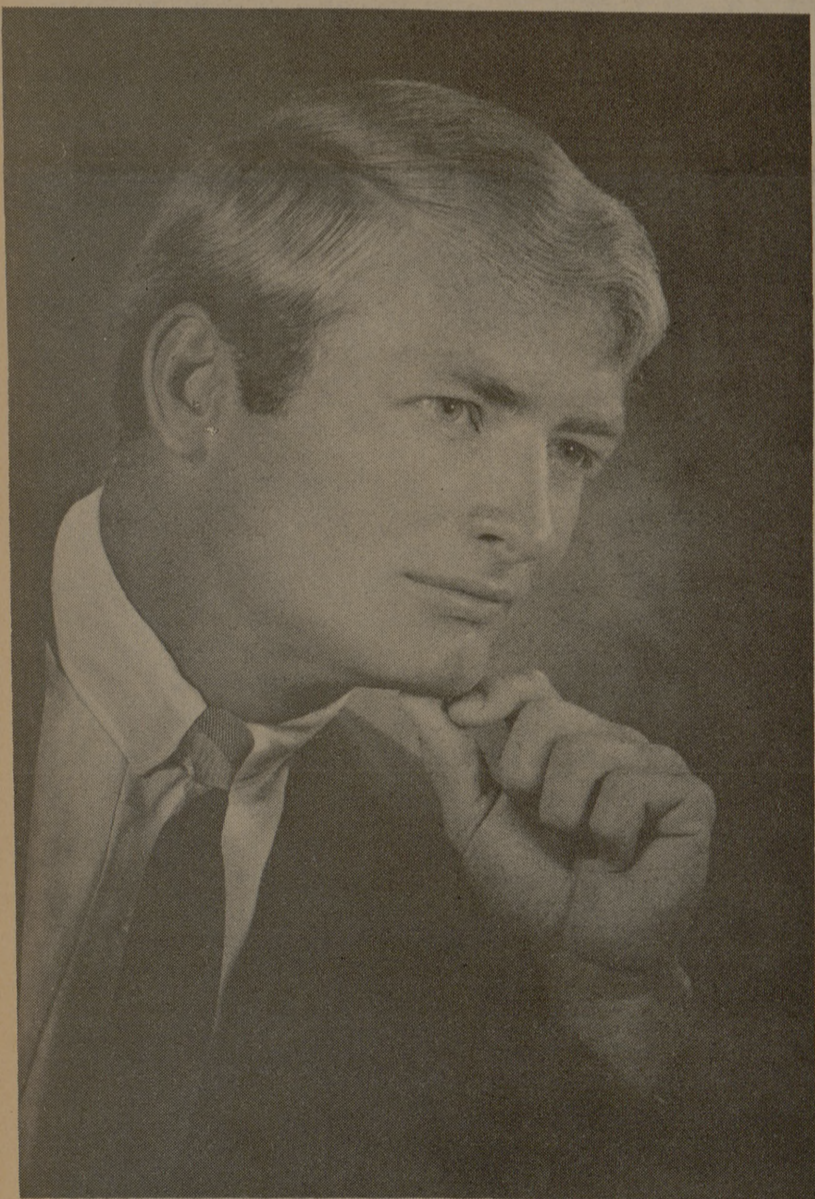
Coach Gene Stallings gives the Aggie football team a few last minute instructions before they take the field for one of last fall's games.



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