

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1965

## Spirit High As New Era Begins

The 'Make Something Happen' Aggies of new grid coach Gene Stallings will be short on material but long on guts and spirit as the 1965 season approaches. Only 12 seniors are among the 28 lettermen as the youthful Cadets return to the Bear Bryant

style of football which brought gridiron glory to A&M in the mid-50's.

Strong defense and a stout kicking game are the trump cards in the 1965 Aggie bid, which begins Sept. 18 against LSU in Baton Rouge.

The Cadets will run a Wing-T and split an end on offensive and will rely on a stunting 5-4 with variations on defense. Stallings has installed platoon football, with two teams of offensive and defensive specialists.

A third team unit will be trained to go both ways and can fill in wherever needed. Depth is one of the Aggie weak points this season because of the overall inexperience of the club.

Lack of size and quickness are other key problems, especially up front in the line. The Aggies may field one of the nation's lightest college teams, with a pre-season depth chart showing an offensive line average of 197 and five of seven starters weighing in at under 200. The defensive wall tentatively averages out at 210.

Fiery linebacker Joe Wellborn, split end Dude McLean, defensive

end Jerry Kashtik and halfback Jim Stabler appear to be the best bets for stardom. Others with strong promise include safety Jerry Nichols, linebacker Robert Cortetz, guard Tom Murr, defensive end Ed Breeding and halfback swifty Loyd Curington.

Curington, one of the stars on the 4-1 Fish team of two years ago, missed spring training because of mono-nucleosis but is expected to be able to go full steam this fall.

Several sophomores from the winless frosh club of last season are tabbed for starting roles and will have to develop early for A&M's rebuilding program to get off to a quick start.

Burly tackle Howard Van Loon, Cortez, and quarterback Harry Ledbetter have good shots at starting roles and fellow sophs Bill Sallee, Grady Allen and Rusty Harris are other comers.

One bright spot in the Maroon picture is punter Phil Scoggin,

who could be the top booter in the Southwest Conference. The Denison senior averaged 39.8 on 73 punts last season.

Placekicking chores will be handled by junior letterman Glynn Lindsey.

At the crucially important quarterback slot Stallings says, "It will be a two-man fight between Eddie McKaughan and Harry Ledbetter. Both are about average. We'll decide on one sometime before the opener and go with him until the other man beats him out."

At the end of spring training the first team backfield consisted of Ledbetter, halfbacks Stabler and Dan Westerfield and fullback Bubber Collins.

Lindsey, Nichols and Mike Phillips made up the defensive secondary while Cortez, Wellborn and 'rover' Ken Caffey held forth at the linebacking slots, one of the strongest Aggie positions.

Most likely players to be called on for two-way duty are Murr, Wellborn, McLean and tackles Jon Nilson and Ken Lamkin.

Captains will be appointed for each game with a post-season election slated for permanent captains.

What can Aggie fans expect in 1965?

"I would decline any predic-

tions," replies Stallings, "I've been away from the SWC too long and I don't know my enemies well enough. We intend to go out there and 'Make Something Happen,' and I don't think anyone is going to embarrass us too much."



**TOP CADET TACKLERS**

These two Aggie seniors, linebacker Joe Wellborn of Tomball and end Jerry Kashtik of Rio Hondo, are two of the top men on A&M's defensive unit as the 1965 season approaches. Both impressed new coach Gene Stallings during spring training.

### 1965 Aggie Schedule

DATE	GAME	PLACE
Sept. 18	LSU	There
Sept. 25	Ga. Tech	There
Oct. 2	Tex. Tech	There
Oct. 9	Houston	Here
Oct. 16	TCU	There
Oct. 23	Baylor	Here
Oct. 30	Arkansas	There
Nov. 6	SMU	Here
Nov. 13	Rice	There
Nov. 25	Texas	Here

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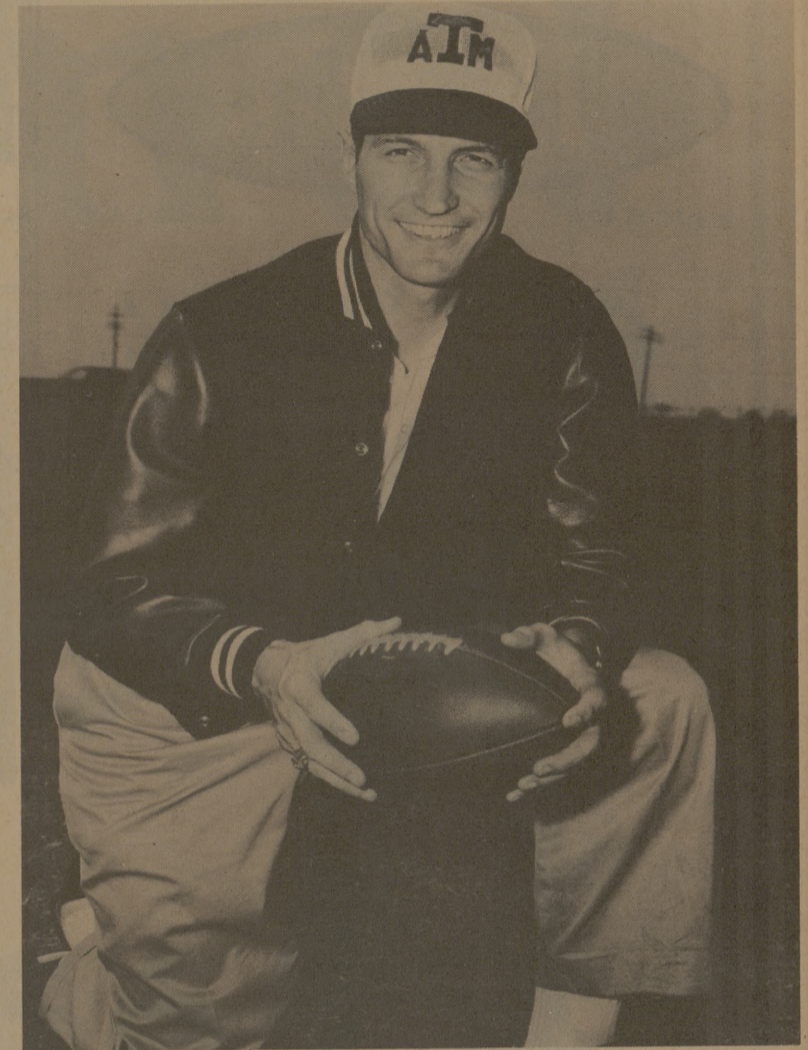
This section of the freshman edition is devoted to sports, an integral part of life at Aggieland.

Many of A&M's most famous traditions, including the 12th Man and the Aggie Bonfire revolve around sports events and it is on these occasions that the Aggie Band makes its presence fully felt.

A rundown on each Aggie team plus additional information on history, coaches, intramurals, and athletic clubs is included in this section.

### Fish Schedule

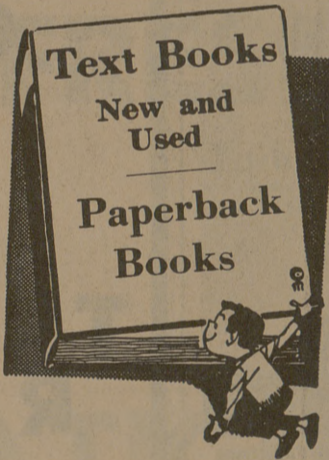
DATE	GAME	SITE
Oct. 7	TCU	Here
Oct. 21	Baylor	Here
Nov. 4	Rice	There
Nov. 13	Tex. Tech	Neutral
Nov. 20	Texas	There



**NEW AGGIE TOPKICK**

Gene Stallings, captain of the 1957 Aggie football squad, returned to A&M as head football coach in December. For the past seven seasons he has been an assistant coach under Bear Bryant at the University of Alabama.

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