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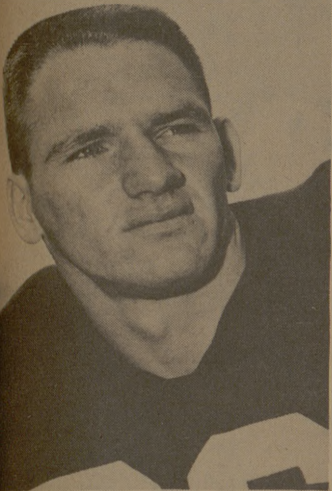
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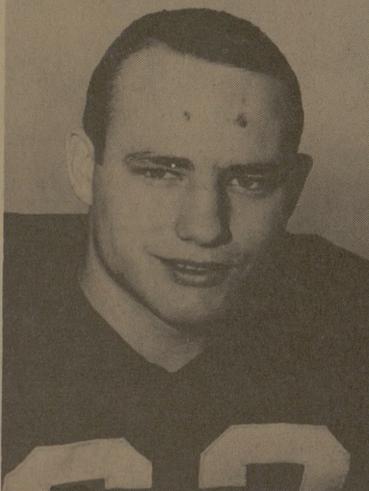
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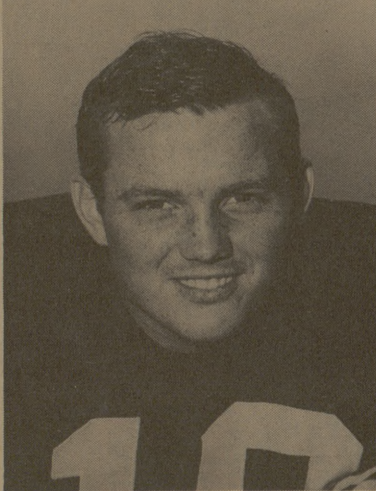
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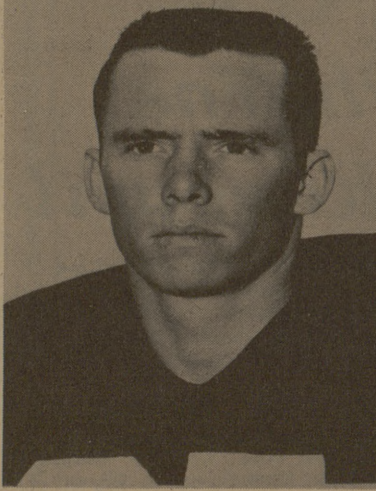
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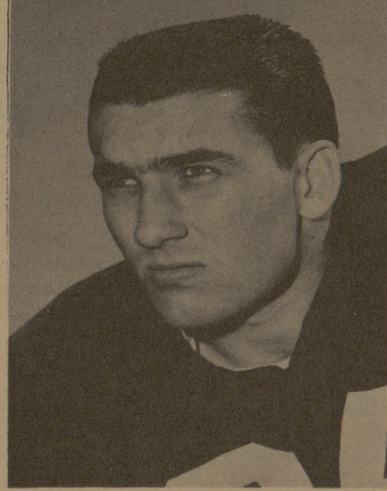
**CHARLES LAGRANGE**  
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**TED NELSON**  
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**JERRY KACHTIK**  
... Linebacker



**KEN (DUDE) McLEAN**  
... End

### Seniors Enter Final Game Well Prepared

For 12 Aggie gridders, Thursday's long-awaited game will also bring the close of their collegiate football careers. The 12 have been lauded throughout the 1965 season by both Head Coach Gene Stallings and their fellow players for their leadership both on and off the gridiron and for their dedication to the squad.

These 12 are the graduating seniors, the ones who wear maroon and white for the last time when they face the 40-acre squad on Kyle Field. They are:

Bubber Collins, Tom Murrah, Charles LaGrange, Ted Nelson, Jerry Kachtik, Duke McLean, John Nilson, Jerry Nichols, Phil Scoggin, Jim Stabler, Joe Wellborn and Rickey Whatley.

Collins in this year's number two fullback. Hailing from San Antonio, he compiled a 3.5-yard rushing average in 1964. In '65 he has been an asset as a blocking back and considers it an honor to be a member of the squad.

Tom Murrah, also from San Antonio, has been a standout at defensive guard this year and part of a line that has kept the Ags in many a ball game.

Another part of that line has been John Nilson. He plays at the tackle spot and has broken through on more than one occasion to harass opposing quarterbacks in their attempts to pass. Nilson is from El Campo.

Backing that defensive wall has been Joe Wellborn. It often seems that he is in on every tackle, and the Houston native has attained this recognition while playing with a broken thumb since the TCU game.

On one end of the defensive line is Jerry Kachtik. Playing his only year at defense, the Hondo product gained the comment from Gene Stallings that if he had 11 Kachtiks on the field, he could just set back and say, "Go get 'em, Kachtiks."

Holding down the safety posi-

tion has been Jerry Nichols. The San Augustine back sees effort as the big difference in the 1965 Aggies, and has proved himself a second-effort man on the receiving end of punts.

A specialist that has proven himself an able linebacker as well as one of the top punters in the nation, Phil Scoggin of Denison said of the TU game, "I'm sorry that it's the last game, but nothing could be a better finish than to beat them."

Ted Nelson's speciality is speed. Lots of it. He's used as a split end on offense and to dash in and block place kicks and punts on defense.

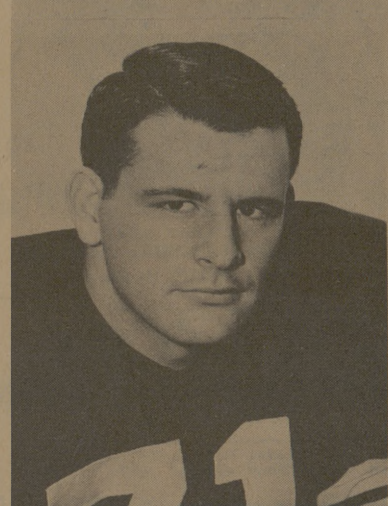
Backing Kachtik at defensive end is the general business of Rickey Whatley. The Port Lavaca griddler weighs in at 198 pounds and when he's on the gridiron it's all tiger. He's a two-year letterman.

Lending leadership and scoring punch to the offense has been Dallas native Jim Stabler. He's caught two touchdown passes, one against Texas Tech and the other against Rice, though his main claim-to-fame is his rugged rushing.

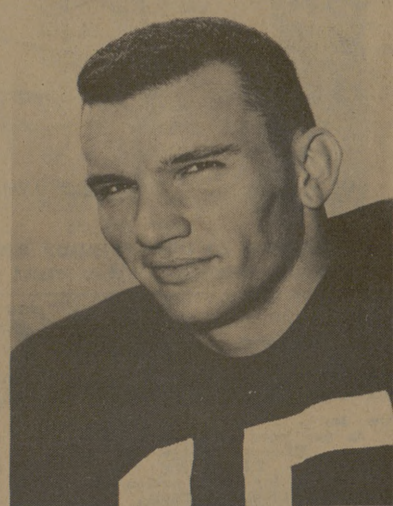
also two for two in the passing department, though his main claim-to-fame is his rugged rushing. In receiving he's second to McLean with 11 catches for 131 yards.

If one player on the 1965 Aggie team has caught the imagination of A&M Fans, it's Ken (Dude) McLean. The Dude has snagged 47 passes for 585 yards and scored a touchdown in the Georgia Tech upset. With the TU game left, he has already sacked all A&M receiving records.

Charles LaGrange has had a colorful career at A&M and in a couple of seasons ago. His business now is preventing the opposition from scoring from his preventing the opposition from scoring from his defensive half-



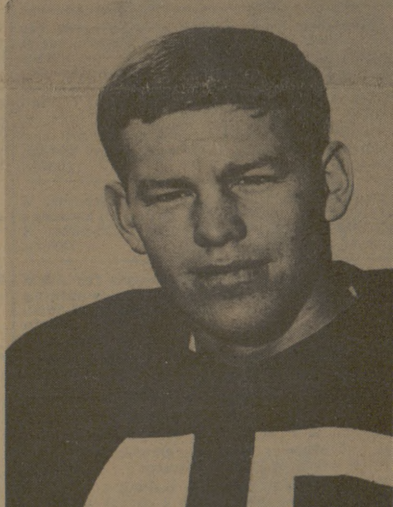
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... Tackle



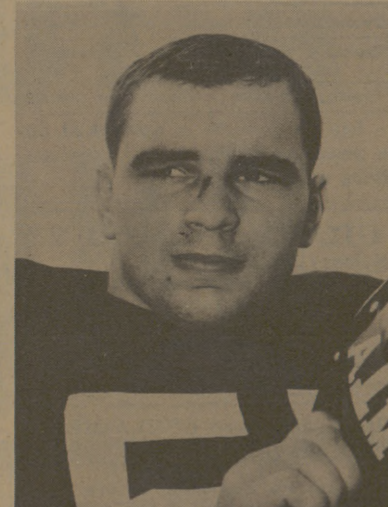
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... Safety



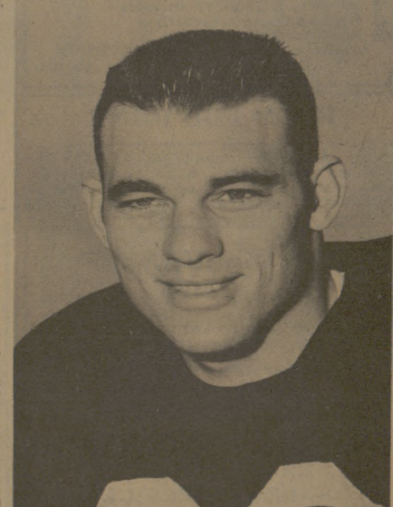
**PHIL SCOGGIN**  
... Punter



**JIM STABLER**  
... Halfback



**JOE WELLBORN**  
... Linebacker



**RICKEY WHATLEY**  
... End

### Aggies, Horns Renew Rivalry For 72nd Time

By GLENN DROMGOOLE  
Battalion Editor

One of the most cherished traditions of a tradition-minded school unfurls again Thursday when the Texas Aggies entertain Texas University for the 72nd time in the 72-game series of the age-old Southwest Conference rivals.

For the Aggies, however, the tradition hasn't been a happy one—especially for the past 25 years. During that period the Cadets have managed only two wins and a tie while watching TU up its margin to 49-17-5 for the matches which began in 1894.

The Aggies, under new leadership, hope to start chipping away at the bulky Longhorn advantage Thursday when Coach Gene Stallings puts his squad's 3-6 tally sheet on the line against TU mentor Darrell Royal's 5-4 slate.

Upsets have been as much of a rule as an exception during this heated rivalry, with Texas gaining the biggest one in 1940, 7-0, over an Aggie team that was riding a 19-game winning streak and had its sights on a second straight national championship and a Rose Bowl bid. That victory also ended the longest win skein in SWC history until Arkansas made it 20 consecutive triumphs against Rice this year.

A&M pulled off a big surprise in 1948 when they tied Texas 14-14 in Memorial Stadium, the first Aggie team to escape defeat on the Austin turf. A&M's record that year: 0-9-1.

A&M did it again in 1951 with a 22-21 victory that left Texas holding the bag instead of the SWC title. TU had a fantastic upset in 1938 when its winless eleven downed the Aggies 7-6, the only successful conversion made by the Austin school all season.

Texas came through with another spoiler in 1955 when they stopped the Aggies 21-6 in College Station, keeping the Aggies from a conference championship.

Then in 1963 on that same Kyle Field, A&M came oft-disputed inches away from kicking TU out of the top national spot in a game which the men from Aggieland scored A&M 13, TU 9, Referees 6.

So in a series where season records mean relatively nothing, this year's contest is even more perplexing. Picking a favorite for

Thursday's clash has left pigskin prognosticators scratching their heads in awe. Texas, picked by many this fall to regain its national championship, has fallen by the wayside until the Horns are only one step above the cellar with a 2-4 conference mark. Meanwhile the Aggies, the popular choice for the conference's basement, rest on the bottom with a 1-5 SWC record plus two non-league wins for what many experts consider an excellent showing. While TU has not lived up to its expectations, the Aggies have surpassed theirs. Still, the Sips have won five to the Cadets' three.

Neither history, season records nor anything else seems to matter much when A&M and Texas meet each other in their annual Thanksgiving Day battle. But the story bears retelling.

The Aggies started the whole thing off on the wrong foot back in 1894 when they bowed 38-0, and lost six more in a row, 48-0, 6-0, 5-0, 11-0, 17-0 and 32-0, before finally pulling to a 0-0 tie in 1902. The teams got together for a second meeting that year, with A&M gaining its first taste of victory, 11-0.

TU won the next four before a 0-0 tie again interrupted the string in 1907. Texas took the second game that year and added two more wins the next year before the Aggies stepped in with three straight triumphs in 1909-10, A&M's last back-to-back wins over the Horns.

A rather bloody affair followed the 1911 TU win in Houston, and the series was discontinued until 1915 when A&M won 13-0 to begin a 25-year period of alternating wins during which the Aggies were 11-12-2. Then came disastrous 1940 and Longhorn domination.

In the past 25 years, the Cadets have managed wins only in 1951 and 1956 and a tie in 1948.

On the silver anniversary of its 1940 win, TU holds the edge at College Station, 12-11-2; at Austin, 32-4-1; at San Antonio, 3-0-1. The two teams have played even in Dallas and Houston, 0-0-1 and 2-2 respectively.

But history can be forgotten for about three hours Thursday when A&M and TU match wits.

By LARRY JERDEN  
Battalion Sports Editor

There won't be any national or conference titles or bowl bids at stake Thursday when the Aggies tangle with the Longhorns, but the name of the game, "A&M-Texas," is enough to denote the show of action, prowess and sheer football courage that will be displayed on Kyle Field during the annual Turkey Day affair.

The Aggies, under the first-year leadership of Coach Gene Stallings, have compiled a 3-6 record with wins over Georgia Tech, Houston and Rice, while the Darrell Royal-led Steers are 5-4 for this season with victories over Tulane, Texas Tech, Indiana, Oklahoma and Baylor.

Both teams are young this year, with sophomores forming a larger part of the starting line-ups than usual, but the final game of the 1965 season will be the last stand for 12 Aggies and seven Sips seniors.

The Ags will be saying farewell to Bubber Collins, Jerry Kachtik, Charles LaGrange, Ken (Dude) McLean, Tom Murrah, Ted Nelson, John Nilson, Jerry Nichols, Phil Scoggins, Jim Stabler, Joe Wellborn and Rickey Whatley.

Making their final appearance in orange will be Marvin Kristynik, Phil Harris, Tom Stockton, Jack Howe, Tommy Nobis, Frank Bedrick and Pete Lammons.

One of the features of the game will be the meeting of the SWC's first and second place punters. David Conway, the nation's leader, boasts a 44.3 average on 46 punts while Scoggin of the Aggies has booted a mighty 80 punts with a 43.5 average. Even though the departing senior is "only number two," Stallings says:

"I'd much rather have Scoggin."

Another rather personal duel will be between the conference's number four and five passers. Harry Ledbetter of A&M and Kristynik will start for their respective teams at quarterback. Ledbetter has completed 71 of 157 passes this year for 797 yards while Kristynik has hit 63 of 127 for 853 yards. Both seem to have a knack for hitting opponent's receivers, since Ledbetter has had nine of his aeriels intercepted and Marvelous Marv has had eight picked off.

While the Horns aren't as potent as in recent years, they still have more than their share of standouts. Tommy Nobis, the 6-2, 230-pound guards who was consensus All-America last year, leads the defensive charge and is co-captain with Kristynik, the SWC's fifth place leader of total offense yardage.

Two seniors that should put on a good display of pass-catching are McLean and Lammons. Dude is in third spot on the conference charts with 47 receptions for 578 yards and one TD while Lammons has caught 24 for 347 yards and three TD's.

The only statistic that makes it to the board is the one called the score, and that's what decides ball games. In nine games this fall, TU has scored 210 points and allowed 136, while the Aggies have scored but 63 and allowed only 149. The Cadets, with a couple of notable exceptions, have kept their games to low scores. The Sips have had some higher game totals but Darrell Royal has said he expects a rugged, low-scoring game.

But it's Turkey Day, and that usually means throw out the whole season record in all its detail, start from scratch and watch the greatest game of the year.

### An Aggie Welcome

Today The Battalion presents its annual Bonfire Edition.

A chronicle of history, tradition and background of the Aggie Bonfire, this issue is dedicated to our guests and to those who have known the satisfaction of watching four days of hard work go up in smoke.

To our guests, we say welcome and we explain some of the little known facts about the Bonfire which signifies every Aggie's flaming love for his school and his burning desire to beat the hell outa TU.

We don't mind bragging about having the world's largest Bonfire, for indeed we are quite proud of it. But we want you to help us share this experience and to understand the sweat, time, frustration, danger and just plain guts that have gone into making the Aggie Bonfire what it is today.

Once again we welcome you to campus and hope your stay with us will be enjoyable. You will see Aggie spirit at its highest peak Thursday when the oldest rivalry in the Southwest Conference is renewed for the 72nd time.

As our guests, we invite you to examine this spirit of which we are so fond.

### Starting Lineups

A&M		TU	
WE—81 Dude McLean	WT—85 Ed Small	WT—50 Gene Bledsoe	WT—50 Gene Bledsoe
WT—62 Don Koehn	WG—64 Frank Bedrick	WG—64 Frank Bedrick	WG—64 Frank Bedrick
WG—63 Tom Murrah	C—55 Jack Howe	C—55 Jack Howe	C—55 Jack Howe
C—57 Jim Singleton	SG—51 Gary Kovar	SG—60 Tommy Nobis	SG—60 Tommy Nobis
SG—51 Gary Kovar	ST—84 Ed Breeding	ST—67 Howard Goad	ST—67 Howard Goad
ST—84 Ed Breeding	SE—87 Joe Weiss	SE—87 Pete Lammons	SE—87 Pete Lammons
SE—87 Joe Weiss	QB—14 Harry Ledbetter	QB—12 Marvin Kristynik	QB—12 Marvin Kristynik
QB—14 Harry Ledbetter	TB—39 Ken Caffey	TB—22 Linus Baer	TB—22 Linus Baer
TB—39 Ken Caffey	WB—35 Ronnie Lindsey	WB—42 Les Derrick	WB—42 Les Derrick
WB—35 Ronnie Lindsey	FB—40 Dan Schneider	FB—36 Tom Stockton	FB—36 Tom Stockton
FB—40 Dan Schneider			
DEFENSE		DEFENSE	
LE—37 Jerry Kachtik	LE—80 Barney Giles	LE—80 Barney Giles	LE—80 Barney Giles
LT—71 John Nilson	LT—64 Frank Bedrick	LT—64 Frank Bedrick	LT—64 Frank Bedrick
MG—69 Robert Barnett	LG—70 John Elliott	LG—70 John Elliott	LG—70 John Elliott
RT—52 Ken Lamkin	RG—73 Diron Talbert	RG—73 Diron Talbert	RG—73 Diron Talbert
RE—82 Tuffy Fletcher	RT—51 Bob Stanley	RT—51 Bob Stanley	RT—51 Bob Stanley
ROVER—42 Gary Kempf	RE—87 Pete Lammons	RE—87 Pete Lammons	RE—87 Pete Lammons
LLB—55 Joe Wellborn	LB—60 Tommy Nobis	LB—60 Tommy Nobis	LB—60 Tommy Nobis
RLB—50 Robert Cortez	LB—37 Fred Edwards	LB—37 Fred Edwards	LB—37 Fred Edwards
LHB—33 Jim Kauffman	LHB—44 Ronnie Ehrig	LHB—44 Ronnie Ehrig	LHB—44 Ronnie Ehrig
RHB—18 Charles LaGrange	RHB—25 Phil Harris	RHB—25 Phil Harris	RHB—25 Phil Harris
SAFETY—15 Jerry Nichols	SAFETY—18 Gary Moore	SAFETY—18 Gary Moore	SAFETY—18 Gary Moore

### BATT PICKS

GAME	DROMGOOLE	GARCIA	DeFRANK	JERDEN
A&M-TU	A&M 10-9	A&M 13-6	A&M 17-14	A&M 7-0
Baylor-Rice	Bay 40-6	Bay 13-6	Bay 27-0	Bay 21-3
SMU-TCU	TCU 35-17	TCU 13-6	SMU 35-33	TCU 42-40
Auburn-Alabama	Ala 14-7	Ala 13-6	Ala 19-14	Ala 17-6
Army-Navy	Navy 12-0	Navy 13-6	Navy 21-6	Army 7-3
Geo-GeoTech	GeoT 7-6	GeoT 13-6	GeoT 14-9	GeoT 8-2
Okla-Nebraska	Neb 27-7	Neb 13-6	Neb 38-7	Neb 40-2
Tenn-Vandy	Tenn 14-3	Tenn 13-6	Tenn 30-3	Tenn 12-2
Miss-MissSt	MST 20-19	Miss 13-6	Miss 13-0	Miss 4-3
VMI-UIP	VMI 7-0	VMI 13-6	VPI 6-0	VPI 7-0
Last Week	8-2	6-4	7-3	6-4
Season	52-28	52-28	57-23	51-29