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Index For A&M Sports

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

Many of Texas 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 Fightin' Texas Aggie Band makes its presence fully felt.

A rundown on each Aggie team plus traditional information is included in this section.

1966 Aggie Schedule

DATE	FOE, SITE
Sept. 17	Georgia Tech at Atlanta
Sept. 24	Tulane at New Orleans
Oct. 1	*Texas Tech at College Station
Oct. 8	LSU at Baton Rouge
Oct. 15	*TCU at College Station
Oct. 22	*Baylor at Waco
Oct. 29	*Arkansas at College Station
Nov. 5	*SMU at Dallas
Nov. 12	*Rice at Houston
Nov. 24	*Texas at Austin
	*Southwest Conference Games

Freshman Schedule

DATE	FOE, SITE
Oct. 5	TCU at Fort Worth
Oct. 20	Baylor at Waco
Nov. 3	Rice at College Station
Nov. 10	Texas Tech at Midland
Nov. 19	Texas at College Station

Ags Picked As Darkhorses



TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL CHIEF

Gene Stallings, who was summoned back to his alma mater in 1965 to direct the Texas Aggies up the comeback trail, will again direct the Aggies. Under Stallings' guidance, the Aggies posted a surprising 3-7 record in 1965. Born in Paris, Tex., March 2, 1935, he lettered in football, basketball and golf at Paris High School and served as captain of all three squads. At A&M, he played end three years under Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant, was all-Southwest Conference his junior season and tri-captain his senior year. He coached the A&M Fish and seven years at Alabama under Bryant before returning to his alma mater.

Gene Stallings approaches his second season as head coach of the Texas Aggies with a squad that should be better than the one that posted a 3-7 record in 1965.

No predictions are forthcoming out of Aggieland about the 1966 record, but experts have picked the Aggies as the dark horse of the Southwest Conference.

THERE ARE problems and uncertainties facing Stallings and his '66 squad as they prepare for a new season.

Replacing 14 lettermen, 11 of whom played a lot of football, is one of the prime problems. Admittedly, there is more overall talent among the 1966 candidates but, on the other hand, there is a woeful lack of experience.

Stallings' formula for producing winning football teams stresses a strong, aggressive defense and a sound kicking game. Those two phases of play were below par at the close of spring training.

With the departing 14 lettermen went a large measure of the defense and all of the punting. Linebacker Joe Welborn, tackle John Nilson, end Jerry Kachtik, guard Tom Murrah, halfback Jim Kauffman and safety Jerry Nichols were defensive regulars. Phil Scoggin did all of the punting, leading the SWC in that department and setting school records in the process.

AS MANY AS seven or eight sophomores could start on A&M's defensive unit. And, a track hurdler could wind up as the Aggie punter.

This isn't to say that the Aggie larder is completely bare of football talent. In transfer Maurice (Mo) Moorman, the Aggies have a potentially great tackle. But, the 6-5, 250-pounder has yet to prove himself in the battle arena because he hasn't played a down of varsity college football.

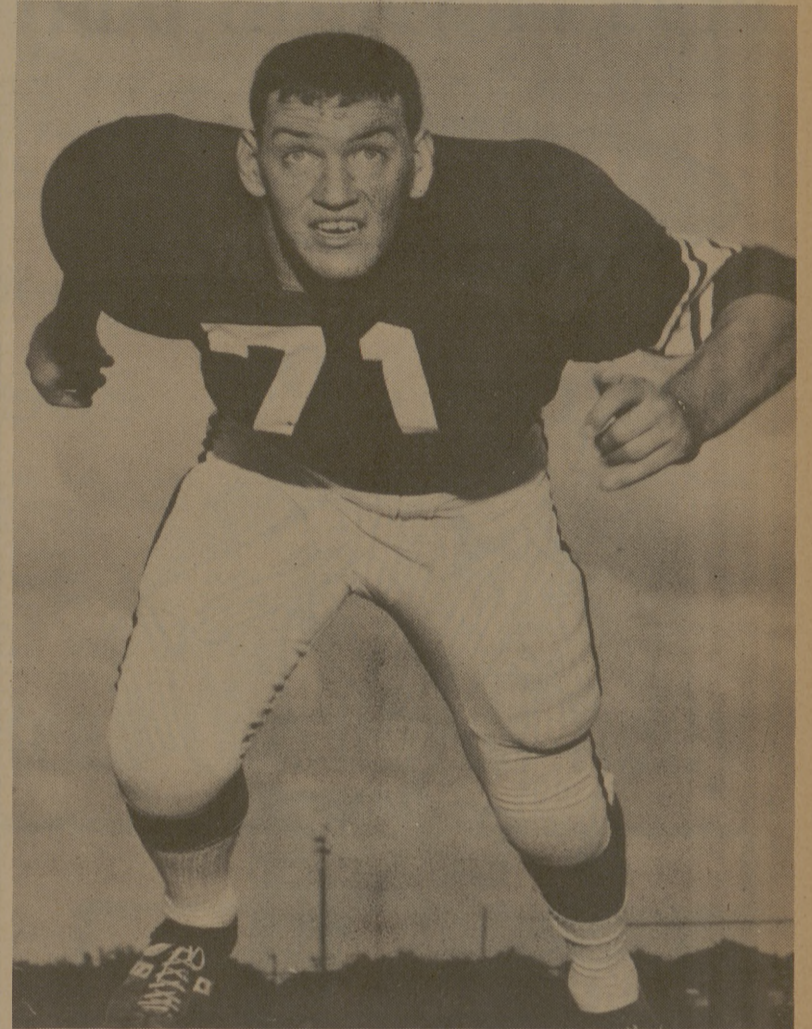
Too, there are several solid performers like guards Don Koehn and Gary Kovar, end Ed Breding, center Jim Singleton, halfback Bill Sallee, fullback Dan Schneider, linebacker Robert Cortez, defensive end Grady Allen and middle guard Ken Lamkin.

Others must come on strong during fall practice to provide A&M with a nucleus for a solid team.

Size, speed and depth are improved over 1965 but the Aggies, overall, still will be relatively small, slow and lacking in reserves.

CHIEF LOSSES — The Aggies lost 14 lettermen from the 1965 squad, 11 of whom started at one time or another. In addition, they lost punter Bill Scoggin who averaged 43.6 yards on 88 kicks

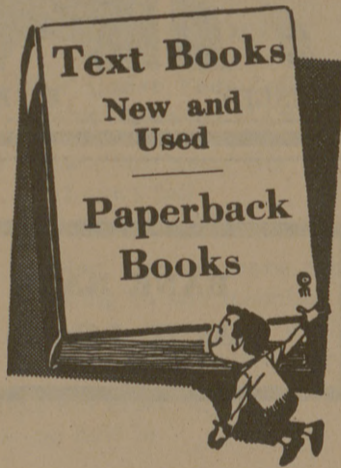
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TOP 1966 AGGIE PROSPECT

Even though Maurice (Mo) Moorman has never played a down of varsity football, he is picked by the Texas Football magazine for the all-Southwest Conference team. The 6-5, 250-pounder, transfer from Kentucky may be one of the few Texas Aggies to play both way. He will handle the strong tackle assignments on offense and either middle guard or linebacker on defense. Moorman played at St. Xavier High School in Louisville, Kentucky, where he made all-State and all-American. He played freshman football at the University of Kentucky before transferring to A&M.

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