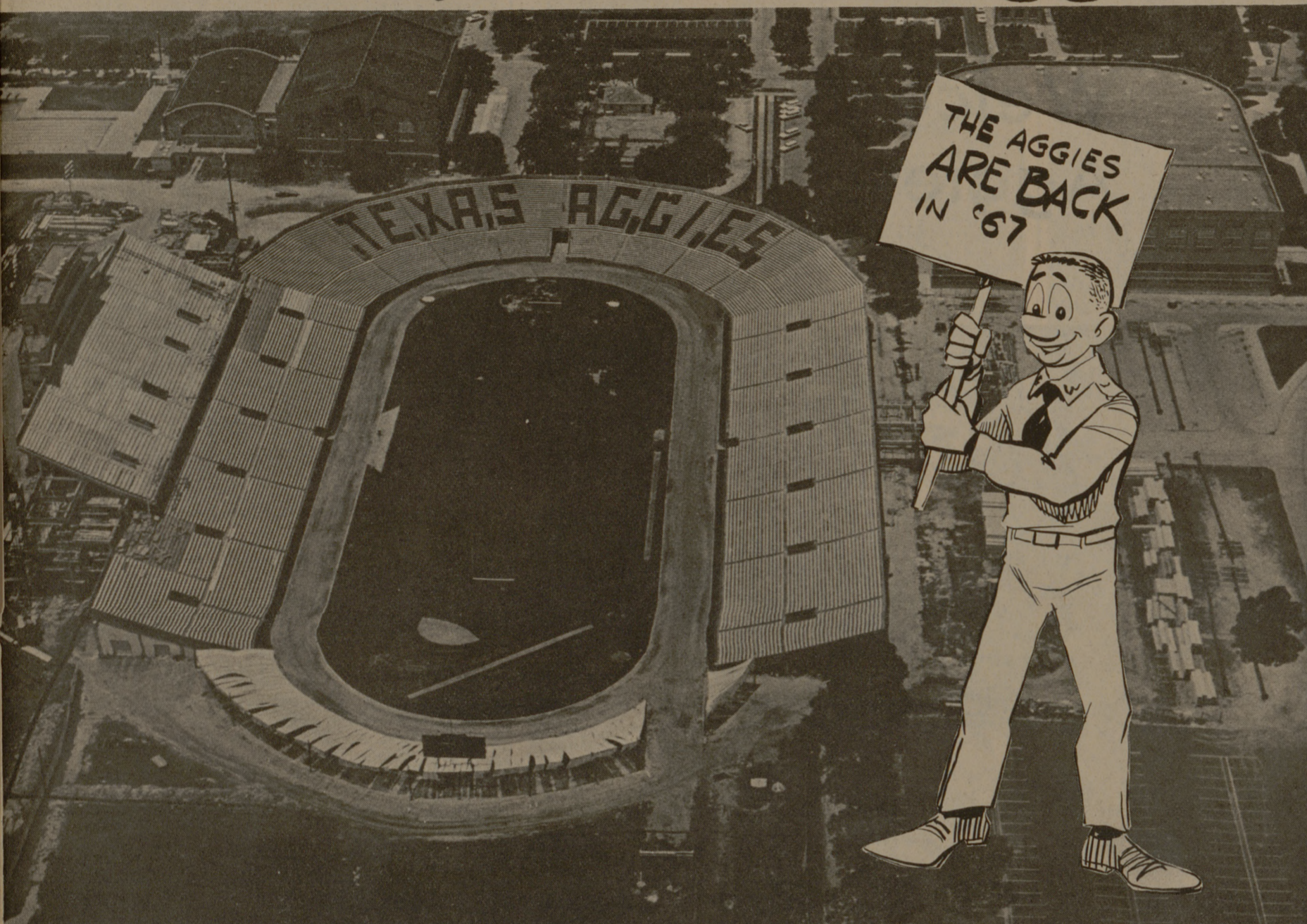


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Gene Says—'The Aggies Are Back!'



THE NEW LOOK OF KYLE FIELD, AND CADET SLOUCH WELCOME THE AGGIES TO AGGIELAND.

Continual improvement describes Gene Stallings' aim as head coach of the Texas Aggies and the 1967 edition, despite problems and uncertainties, should be better than the previous two that the young Texan produced at Aggie-land.

The 1966 club won 4, lost 5 and tied one and that's the best Aggie record since the identical reading of 4-5-1 in 1961 and the 8-3-0 mark of 1957. It was an improvement over the 3-7 record compiled by Stallings' first Aggie club in 1965.

One of the primary problems is finding replacements for the 19 players who concluded their eligibility last fall. Thirteen of those 19 earned three varsity letters at A&M and a lot of playing experience was lost through their departures.

The 1967 Aggies again will be young. There are only six seniors on the squad. Fifteen of the 21 returning lettermen are juniors and at least a dozen sophomores figure to be among the playing personnel.

The backfield shapes up as one of A&M's strong points while the line poses questions and uncertainties.

Graduation virtually wiped out the starting line, taking such key performers as split end Larry, tackles Ed Breeding and Jack Pyburn, guards Don Koehn and Gary Kovar and center Jim Singleton.

This necessitated a number of position changes during spring training as Stallings made his rebuilding plans. All-America tackle Maurice (Mo) Moorman moved over a couple of steps to fill a guard slot and defensive tackle Rolf Krueger slipped into Moorman's old position at tackle. Fullback Dan Schneider moved to the other tackle slot while a host of candidates bid for starting berths at center and the other guard position.

Only tight end Tom Buckman and split end Tommy Maxwell can be classified as returning starters at their 1966 positions and Maxwell, who missed the latter part of spring training because of an injury, has quite a battle before him if he is to dislodge sophomore Jimmy Adams from the split end post.

The Aggies can field an all-letterman backfield of either Edd Hargett or Charlie Riggs at quarterback, Bill Sallee at fullback, Wendell Houseley at tailback and Bob Long at wingback.

Sophomores to be reckoned with include tailbacks Ross Brupbacher, Arthur Cooley and Max Clark; fullbacks Larry Stegent and Bruce Kempf and wingbacks Barney Harris and Bill Seely.

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