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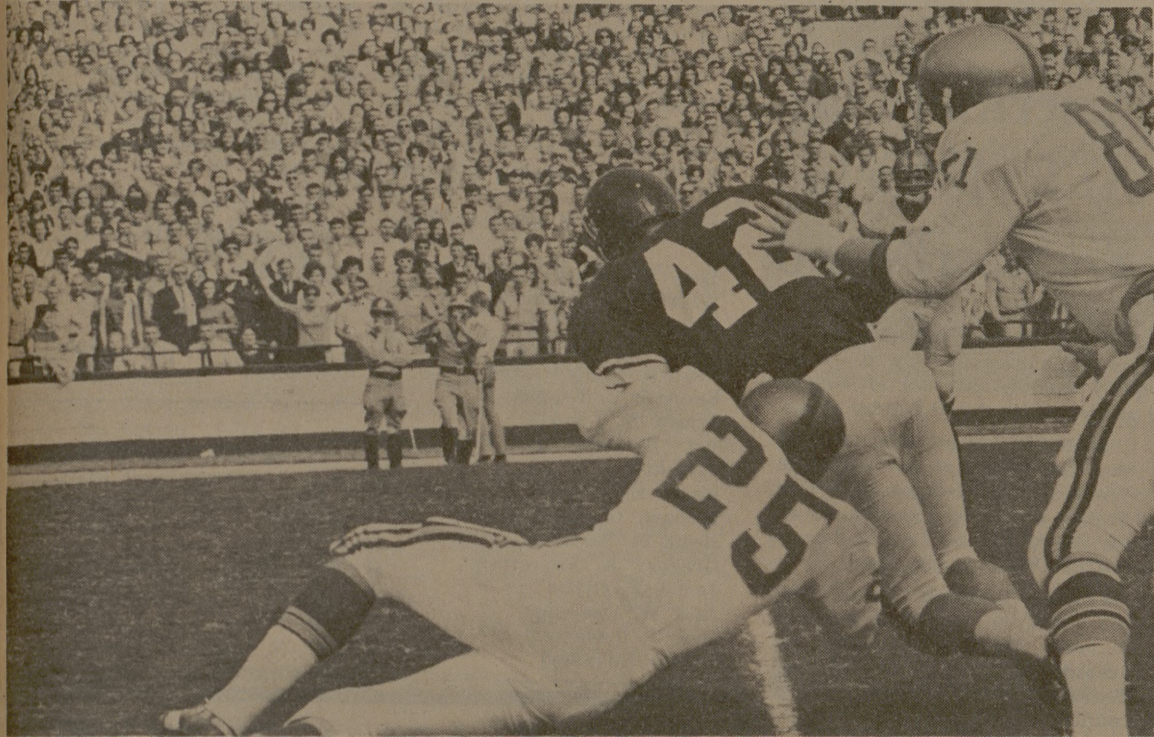
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## Aggies Beat Baylor, Lead SWC



FIRST AGGIE TOUCHDOWN

Aggie wingback Bob Long crosses Baylor goal line after catching a 13-yard Edd Hargett pass for the first A&M score. The play climaxed an 80-yard drive during the first quarter. Baylor defenders are Ridley Gibson (25) and Phil Russell.

### Alert Ag Defense Steals 6 Passes

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Three weeks ago, Aggie Coach Gene Stallings made a change. That change has helped the Maroon and White to first place in the Southwest Conference and maybe—to the Cotton Bowl.

The change, or better, the changed, helped lead the Aggies to their third straight victory Saturday afternoon, a 21-3 win over the Baylor Bears.

FOLLOWING the 19-18 loss to Florida State, Stallings decided to switch his defensive secondary around. Split end Tommy Maxwell was moved to safety. Regular safety Curley Hallman went to defensive halfback and sophomore Ross Bruppacher the promising offensive halfback from Lafayette, La., was moved to defensive halfback.

Since that maneuver, the Aggie opposition (Texas Tech, Texas Christian and Baylor), have found out how successful that change was.

In those three games, Hallman, Bruppacher and Maxwell have come up with six interceptions and another with an asterisk. That exception came in Saturday's game when Maxwell grabbed a Baylor pass just before the end of the first half.

IT WAS DISALLOWED as a "very questionable" interference call against the Aggies set the Bears up for their only score of the day (a 41-yard field goal). Even though that one didn't count, the half dozen others did.

The thievery of the rejuvenated secondary has also rubbed off on the linebacking crew. In that three game span, Billy Hobbs, Buster Adami and Ivan Jones have added five more pass grabs to make a grand total of 11 interceptions or an average of better than three a game.

It is mainly these interceptions that have kept the opposition from scoring a touchdown on the Aggies in their last eight quarters of play.

In fact, in these last three wins, it has been the Aggie defense's big plays that have jelled with the already high-gearred offense to give the Aggies a strong voice in the SWC race.

THERE HAS ALSO been a change in the Aggie offense. That change (Larry Stegent by name) rambled for 138 yards over the Kyle Field turf Saturday. The Houston St. Thomas product personally accounted for all the yardage of the Aggies' final drive and scored his fourth touchdown of the year.

Stallings changed Stegent to the tailback position after the

regular at that spot, Wendell Housley, was sidelined with shoulder injuries. The sophomore running back has proven Stallings' faith in him with 222 yards rushing in the last two ball games.

With all these changes and the unfortunate loss of All-America tackle Mo Moorman, one would expect a shaky showing from the Maroon and White. This is not the case! What the 37,720 fans saw Saturday was an efficient team effort throughout the ball game.

THE OTHER two Aggie scores came from the most potent scoring duo to hit Aggieland in many a year. The Edd Hargett-to-Bob Long duo gave the Aggies a 14-3 halftime lead.

Probably the most astounding play of the year happened with 46 seconds to go before the halftime intermission.

Hargett faced a fourth and two situation from the Baylor five-yard line. He took the snap and dropped back to pass and quickly found company in the persons of Baylor defenders David Anderson, Phil Russell and Joe Ward.

The Bear trio clamped on to the Aggie field general and invited him to fall to the turf. Hargett, however, had one more thing to do before he accepted the invitation. That one thing was a flip pass to Long who made a diving catch in the end zone.

As mentioned, Saturday's victory was a team effort that, coupled with Texas' defeat of Rice, put the Aggies in the SWC driver's seat.

WITH THREE tough games facing the Aggies (Arkansas, Rice and Texas), the emergence of a cohesive team effort couldn't have occurred at a better time. The Aggie route to a Cotton Bowl berth is a very plain one—win all three games.

Undoubtedly the Aggies have improved. But the next four weeks will make or break that improvement.

If the Aggies do make it to the Dallas New Year's classic, those changes will probably be looked on as a major contribution to the Aggie success. Of course, a little bit of that intangible called luck will also have something to do with the Aggies' fate.

Good luck or bad, a Madison Avenue slogan seems to best fit the Aggies' present situation. "A change for the better..." It is definite, the Maroon and White have made a change for the better, three wins better.

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A LONG AFTERNOON

Baylor Chief Assistant Coach Chuck Purvis looks dejected toward the field during latter stages of Saturday's game. Aggies won, 21-3.

### Texas Assembly '67 Favors Annual Legislative Sessions

Annual sessions for the Texas Legislature and strengthening of laws covering conflicts of interest for its members were endorsed here Sunday at the closing session of "Texas Assembly—1967."

The four-day meeting, attended by 80 top state government, business, labor and organizational leaders, also produced a recommendation that the state constitution be amended to eliminate "unnecessary and out-dated limitations on legislative procedures and powers."

Another recommendation called for an increase in legislative salaries as a means of attracting and retaining a greater number of qualified persons in the legislature.

"TEXAS ASSEMBLY—1967," jointly sponsored by Texas A&M and Columbia University's American Assembly, is one of 13 U. S. seminars exploring the same subject, "State Legislatures in American Politics."

Consensus among the participants was that the public image of the Texas Legislature is good and the quality of its membership is equal to the national average.

The Assembly proposed that the constitutional provisions for biennial sessions be changed to allow annual sessions, with consideration in even-numbered years given only to fiscal matters and emergency subjects presented by

the governor.

Sessions in odd-numbered years should deal with both fiscal matters and other legislation, the participants agreed. They also agreed that existing rules governing special sessions should be retained.

"THE ASSEMBLY recognizes the conflict of interest principle as a problem and urges strengthening of present disclosure and conflict of interest laws," the Assembly report stated.

The report also recommended that legislators be prohibited from appearing before state agencies in adversary proceedings for compensation or in any other manner stand to gain financially.

Additionally, the participants endorsed the current Texas policy against acceptance of contingent fees by lobbyists and urged a continuing enforcement of this policy.

Tying in with the recommendation that the constitution be amended to eliminate unnecessary and outdated limitations on legislative procedures and powers, the Assembly report stated:

"AGREEMENT ALSO prevails that an effective constitutional amendment should be proposed to achieve county home rule with clear provisions for local option."

The report noted, for example, that local units of government should be able to regulate the salaries of public officials where budget support comes from local sources, thus freeing the legislature from this responsibility.

While calling for higher legislative salaries, Assembly partici-

pants felt no substantial increase should be made in current qualifications for legislators.

"It (the Assembly) takes this view for several reasons, one of which relates to its respect for the right of the people to elect the legislators of their choice," the report stated.

ASSEMBLY participants urged the legislature to engage with "increasing effectiveness" in the arena of intergovernmental relations.

"State governments should be strengthened in such a way as to focus responsibility at the state level for implementing a more workable relationship between state and national governments, the report noted.

The Assembly also endorsed the proposition that state governments should exercise more initiative with respect to many local problems and should play a more effective cooperative role with the federal government in dealing with local problems.

Prior to preparing and adopting the report, "Texas Assembly—1967" participants conducted two-day panel discussions dealing into various aspects of the Texas Legislature and heard keynote addresses by Lt. Gov. Preston Smith and Speaker of the House Ben Barnes.

Smith issued a general warning against continued delegation of authority to the federal government and loss of legislative independence on the state level.

Barnes urged constitutional revision and emphasized the need for annual sessions.

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### Stegent Gains 138 Yards In Big Afternoon



STEGENT FINDS DAYLIGHT

Tailback Larry Stegent starts on a 7-yard first-period run around right end. Pursuing are David Anderson (86) and Jacky Allen (21).



UP AND OVER

Stegent starts to run over Baylor's Earl Maxfield (60) in second-quarter action. Coming in to help Maxfield is Don Ellis (69). Wendell Housley leads blocking at left.



CRUNCH!

All good things must come to an end. Here Stegent is stopped after a good gain by Baylor defenders, including Raul Ortiz (30), Gordon Utgard (41) and Greg Pipes (62).