

# Stallings Is Wary Of Tigers

By RICHARD CAMPBELL  
 Coach Gene Stallings was less than relaxed Monday at his weekly press conference as he talked about the Louisiana State game scrimmage he saw Saturday with a few members of his coaching staff.

"They are big and strong," Stallings said. "I wish that I hadn't gone now that I've seen them in action."

The Tigers are the first opponents which the 1969 edition of Stallings' Aggies will face next year in the unfriendly confines of Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge. There is always a capacity crowd of 68,000 for this game in the stadium and if Stallings sounded wary, he had reason enough.

The Aggie head mentor summed up Saturday's scrimmage as "the worst that we have had all spring, both offensively and defensively."

"Our quarterbacks were throwing in traffic, our pass routes were sloppy, and we were tackling badly," he continued. "No one really played well, maybe because the boys knew the coaching staff was leaving right after the scrimmage for Baton Rouge to watch LSU. I guess that maybe the coaching staff did a poor job of inspiring and motivating them."

The question of depth came up at the conference and Stallings displayed a touch of his guarded optimism while commenting on the squad's biggest problem of last year.

"Last year, we had one man backing up about four or five positions," he said. "This year we have more depth than we have had in the past. There are several men of equal ability at nearly every position except the defensive secondary and center."

"Mike Lord, Steve Luebbehusen, and Cliff Thomas are three fine linebackers," he said. "And James Dubcak and Wayne Wheat are real good sophs at defensive end, not even counting (Mike) DeNiro and (Jim) Piper, our starters from last year."

The senior leadership, according to Stallings, is also good on this team.

"Jack Kovar, Ross Brupbacher,

Buster Adami are all good leaders," he said. "And even Mike Caswell is a leader in his own quiet kind of way."

Stallings was also asked to comment on remarks made by members of A&M's Afro-American Society, one of which said that he discriminated against colored athletes.

"I have said before and I'll say it again, that anyone has the chance to make the football team at Texas A&M and earn a scholarship," Stallings said. "In fact, we try to leave open one or two scholarships for A&M students, regardless of color, so that they may come out for the team and earn them. We believe that this adds to the school's esprit-d'corps."

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## 'Mural Year Nears Close

F-1, coming from sixth place two weeks ago, took the corps championship in both tennis and golf to take the first place in Class A competition.

Although the softball playoffs have not been completed, this gave them 765 points to the second place total of 760 for G-1.

F-1 had a comparatively slow start in the fall but during the winter they were league champs in basketball and took second place in the wrestling tournament. They were runners-up in their league in four different sports.

G-1 was consistently near the top in the standings all year although they never won a corps championship. Twice they finished second in handball and tennis and they also finished third twice in basketball and bowling.

Third place overall has yet to be decided. If B-1 wins the corps championship in softball they will finish third, otherwise C-2 will take third with 745 points. C-2 has one corps championship to their credit for winning horse-shoes.

## GENE SPEAKS

Head Football Coach Gene Stallings tells his Monday press conference some of the problems he and his coaching staff face as the Aggies near the end of their spring drills climaxed May 17 with the Maroon-White game. (Photo by Mike Wright)



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## Aggie Golfers Capture Crown

For the sixth time in 10 years the Texas Aggie golfers clinched the Southwest Conference championship, as they squeezed past Texas Christian, 3 1/2-2 1/2 Friday.

This match with the Horned Frogs was the closest the Aggies came all year to losing a SWC dual match. They finished the season with a 33 1/2-8 1/2 record, topped only by their own 1961 mark of 34-8.

Texas, the defending champion, finished second with a 31-11 mark followed by Texas Tech at 23 1/2-18 1/2; Arkansas 23-19; Texas Christian 20-22; Baylor 16-26; Southern Methodist 15-27; and Rice 6-36.

The best news for the Aggies is that only one of the A&M linksters will lose his eligibility. Bill Wade, a senior from Freeport, who also played on the 1967 championship team and has two varsity letters, will graduate.

Juniors Reggie Majors, Eric Brand, Duke Butler, and Richard Ellis will all return next season as will freshmen Tommy Gilbert and Tommy Shelton.

The next action for the conference champs will begin Thursday, May 8 when they start competition in the Southwest Conference Meet in Waco. The golf competition will continue through Saturday until the individual SWC champion is decided.

## McCovey Named Player Of Month

CINCINNATI (AP)—Willie McCovey, the San Francisco Giants' power hitting first baseman, was named the National League's player-of-the-month for April Monday by a panel of baseball writers and broadcasters.

McCovey hit .315 during the month with eight home runs and 22 runs batted in. He was named on 37 of the 60 ballots.

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