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**A Tribute to
The Texas Killer**

The young man had everything in the world going for him, a degree, a wife, new job and the rest of his life to live and enjoy. But on October 29, 1969, Steve Hillhouse was buried in College Station.

Although standing only 5 feet 9 inches and weighing 165 pounds, he was known in Southwest Conference baseball circles as the "Texas Killer." Hillhouse had six varsity wins over the University of Texas with only a single loss.

Steve entered A&M in the fall of 1962 and started his freshman career with two wins over the University of Texas.

In the spring of 1964, he pitched the Aggies to the Southwest Conference Championship, winning seven and losing twice. He had a conference record of seven wins and a single loss. Out of 79 2/3 innings pitched, he allowed 67 hits and 32 runs. Of those runs only 15 were earned for an earned run average of 1.68. He issued 31 walks and whipped 51 batters.

For his sophomore performance, Steve was named "Sophomore Of The Year" and "Player Of The Year" for the Southwest Conference. Oh yes, he was also unanimous All-Southwest Conference. Later, the University of Minnesota beat him at the College World Series 7-4, on five unearned runs. The Gophers went on to win the national Championship at Omaha, Nebraska.

His junior year, Hillhouse posted a 6-3 record for the season and a 5-3 mark for conference. This was the only year that the Longhorns were able to turn the trick on the Aggie chuncker as they beat him on May 7, 1965. With the score tied at one all in the top of the eighth inning with two Horn's on the pads and with only one out, Steve was removed from the game. The next Texas batter doubled to credit the two runs to Hillhouse and the loss.

"It was an extremely hot and humid day and Steve was just completely exhausted," remembers Aggie coach Tom Chandler. But, Steve was again named to the All-Southwest Conference squad.

In his senior year, Steve more than made up for the 1965 loss. In the first game, he shut out the Longhorns 9-0 in what had to be one of the finest games he ever pitched. It ranked the first time in 199 games that the Longhorns had been shut out. Hillhouse gave up 5 hits and walked none—without a Longhorn ever reaching second base.

After the Aggies lost a couple of conference games, they went into the last two Texas games needing both to tie for the Conference crown. Hillhouse started the first game and won 9-5. The next day, Steve came in to pitch in the seventh inning and again beat Texas 8-6. The Aggies beat Texas all three games and Hillhouse was the winner in all three.

Some pitchers overpower their opponents, others use control. Hillhouse was controller deluxe. Hillhouse could always control his assets to perform his best when the game was crucial. He never lost his poise and confidence no matter what the situation was in the game.

The A&M-Texas rivalry on the athletic field is extremely competitive. Its competitive atmosphere has caused many good athletes to "choke up" from trying too hard to beat their opponents. Steve always seemed to "better his best" and perform far and beyond his physical capabilities in this intense rivalry.

Hillhouse was married to Miss Sylvia Mansfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mansfield, in the All-Faiths Chapel this September. On Monday, October 20, 1969, he was critically injured in a one car accident on the Kansas Turnpike at Lawrence, Kansas. Six days later, he died in a Lawrence hospital. Steve is buried in the College Station cemetery near the campus and Kyle Field where he was one of the most successful Aggie baseball players to ever wear maroon and white. Because of his heart and courage, he will never be forgotten by his teammates and opponents.

**Slugging Harmon Killebrew
Wins Most Valuable Award**

NEW YORK (AP) — Harmon Killebrew, a quiet baldish man who led the major leagues with 49 home runs and 140 runs batted in for the Minnesota Twins, was named Wednesday the Most Valuable Player in the American League for 1969.

The muscular Killebrew, who bounced back strong from an injury in the 1968 All-Star game that threatened to end his career, was a decisive winner over John "Boog" Powell of the pennant-winning Baltimore Orioles. Powell batted .304, hit 37 homers and knocked in 121 runs.

Killebrew, 33, received 16 of the first place votes by the 24-man committee of the Baseball Writers Association of America, two from each league city. The voting, completed before the beginning of the playoffs and thus restricted to performance in regular season games, was tabulated and announced by Jack Lang, secretary-treasurer of the

writers' group. Minnesota won the league's Western Division before losing to Baltimore in the playoffs.

Frank Robinson of Baltimore, who had won the MVP in the American League in 1964 and in the National League with Cincinnati in 1961, received the two remaining first-place votes. Robinson hit .308 with 32 homers and 100 RBI.

The writers mentioned 37 players in the balloting and 10 of the 12 clubs were represented. Only Chicago and Cleveland failed to draw a vote.

The point score, based on 14 for a first-place vote, nine for second, eight for third and so on down to one for tenth gave Killebrew 294 points, Powell 227 and Robinson 162.

Frank Howard, the Washington slugger who was runnerup with 48 homers, finished fourth with 115 points and Reggie Jack-

son, Oakland's home run king who threatened in mid-season to top both Babe Ruth and Lou Maris and wound up with 47 fifth with 110 points.

Denny McLain, last year's MVP unanimous winner, shared the 1969 Cy Young award with Mike Caruso of Baltimore, had the most strikeouts of any pitcher, 85, for the place.

Reached at his home in Astoria, Ore., Killebrew said he honored to receive the award which had eluded him in previous years.

"I've always felt this was No. 1 award, so I feel real good," said Killebrew over the phone. "Last year was I injured and was just really hoping I'd play a lot this year. I've felt it is difficult to pick one guy to win. It's great to win the award."

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Tech vs. Baylor	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech
TCU vs. Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Kan. vs. Okla.	Okla.	Okla.	Kansas	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.	Kan.
N. Dame vs. Ga. Tech	N. Dame	N. Dame	N. Dame	N. Dame	N. Dame	N. Dame	N. Dame
Ohio St. vs. Purdue	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.
Auburn vs. Ga.	Auburn	Ga.	Auburn	Ga.	Auburn	Ga.	Auburn
Miss. vs. Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.
Houston vs. N. C. St.	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Ala. vs. Miami (Fla.)	Ala.	Ala.	Miami	Ala.	Ala.	Ala.	Miami
Kan. St. vs. Neb.	Kan. St.	Kan. St.	Kan. St.	Kan. St.	Kan. St.	Kan. St.	Neb.
Last Week	10-2	9-3	8-4	9-3	9-3	8-4	6-6
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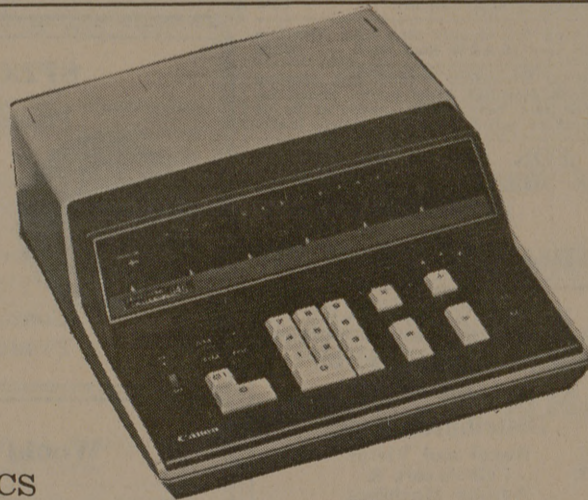
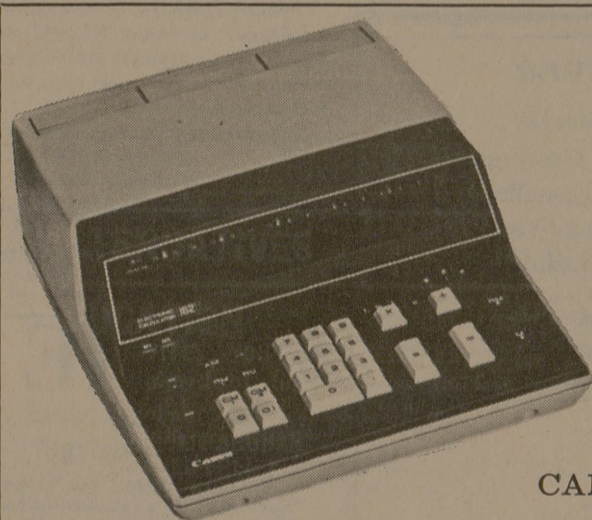
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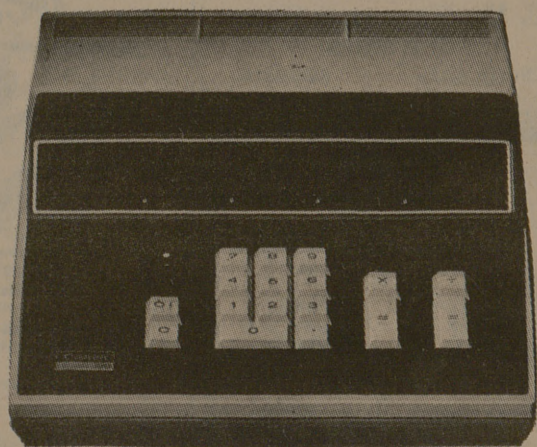
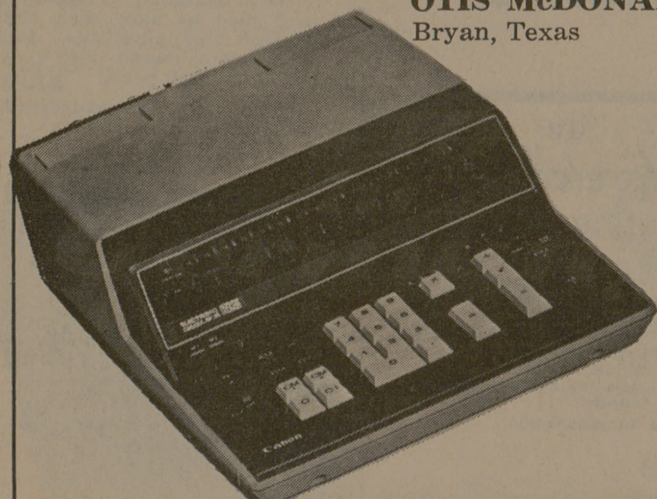
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