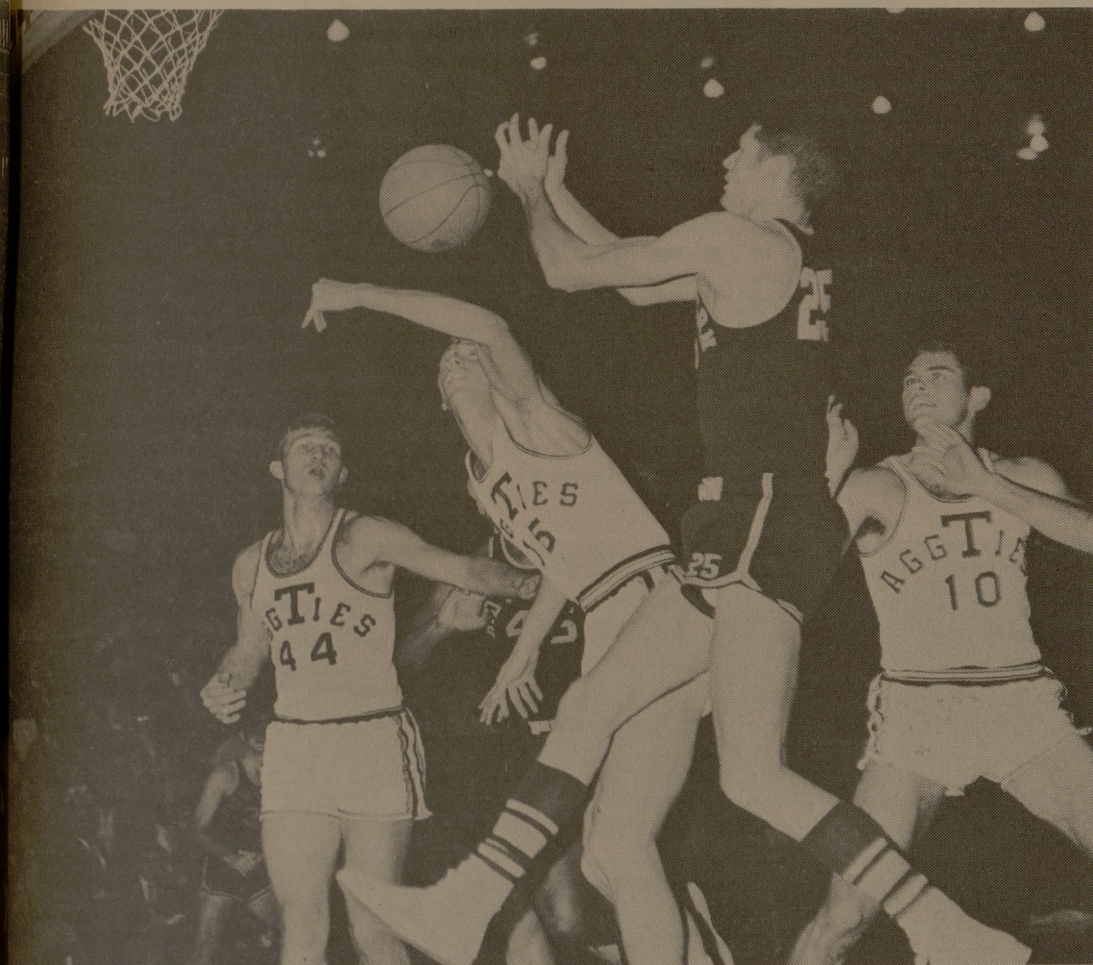


# Aggies Scalp Indians 109-80, For First Win



**BLOCKED SHOT**

Aggie sophomore Frank Fransworth goes up with Midwestern's Richard Owen to bat the ball away from the backboard. Aiding in the play are Jeff Watkins (44) and Bill Brown (10). Photo by Mike Wright)

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The Texas Aggies, sparked by an awesome performance by Steve Niles, ran roughshod over the Midwestern Indians, 109-80, before 2,818 fans last night in G. Rollie White.

Niles, a 7-0 junior postman, scored almost at will against the shorter Indians, who were 5-0 coming into the game, and finished the night with 31 points, his best ever in an A&M uniform. He also dragged down a game-leading 16 rebounds as the Aggies won the battle on the boards too, 59-42.

From the first layup of the game, the Aggies were off to the races to total their highest point production since they racked up a record 119 against Southern Methodist last season. Niles totally controlled the tempo of the game as he hit 19 of the Aggies' first 35 points and moved the Cadets from an early 4-4 tie to take command the rest of the way.

The Indians were not cold from the floor themselves but found that the Aggies were just a little warmer. A&M hit 39 of 81 shots for 48.1 per cent in the contest while Midwestern connected on 32 of 69 for 46.4 per cent. The Aggies wasted no time in racing out to a quick lead following the example of Niles and led by as many as 27 points, 43-16, in the first half.

The A&M scoring was split

pretty well among the squad as nine players got into the scoring column after Coach Shelby Metcalf emptied the benches in both the first and second halves.

Mike Heitmann also showed a hot hand by connecting on 8 of 15 from the field and eight of 10 from the charity stripe for 24 points. Bill Cooksey, Rick Duplantis, and reserve postman Byron Chandler all contributed 13 points apiece with Chandler also tacking on eight rebounds.

Metcalf pulled a mild surprise by starting junior Chuck Smith at the point position for the Aggies to give A&M a little more height outside. The result was that Smith could find his path clear to pass inside to Niles, who layed in bucket after bucket. The A&M ball-handling seemed to be better than in their first game with Northwestern La. State as they committed but nine turnovers, many by the subs, to 14 for the Indians.

The Aggies raced to a 59-38 halftime lead and started again where they left off when they returned for the second. Heitmann provided most of the fire-

works this round with Niles on the bench much of the second stanza and A&M shot to a 33 point lead, twice, with about 12 minutes left and coasted to their first win of the young season. Jeff Watkins hit a 15-foot jumper to put the Aggies over the century mark with 4:05 left.

Kenny Bryany seemed to be the only consistent Indian for the night as he hit eight of 15 from the field and finished as the top Midwestern scorer with 20.

In a preliminary game, the Aggie Fish downed a combination team of former Aggie basketball and football players, 98-59. Bob Gobin led the Fish with 20 and Billy Bob Barnett had 17 for the other team.

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change your job and life," said a slick advertising brochure, and so some two dozen girls, looking leggy in their boots and thigh-revealing skirts, showed up to have their lives changed.

The second floor office was crawling with girls. Not too many men, it seemed, were anxious to have their lives changed.

"I thought about trying to get Joe to change the name of the company to make it 'Mantle's Girls,'" said Mickey, the now retired home run star of the baseball Yankees. "But my wife wouldn't have stood for it."

The official opening was scheduled at 10 a.m. EST. Mickey was promptly on time. Namath, sleepy-eyed, dapper in a mod suit, wide blue tie and three-

quarter coat, slouched in at 11:25 a.m.

Mantle wasn't upset at the New York football Jets quarterback. It's Joe's show — I'm a has-been," he said modestly. He found considerable dissent.

"I came mainly to see Joe — I had read and heard so much about him but I am more impressed with Mickey," said Linda Grant, 23, a shapely blonde. "He seems so solid."

"He is so clean-cut. He is like an All-American boy," added Susan Hake, also 23.

Caryl Rosen, 24, a green-eyed brunette, said she was impressed by Mantle's affability.

"They took pictures of Mickey with a half-dozen girls," she said. "He made each one of us think he was posing with us alone."

## Aggies Name Tri-Captains

A trio of three-year starters—Ross Brupbacher, Larry Stegent and Buster Adami — Monday were elected captains of the 1969 Texas A&M football team.

The three seniors were named in ballototting of the entire football squad.

Brupbacher, from Lafayette, La., played tailback, fullback and defensive halfback as a sophomore; defensive halfback as a junior and tight end as a senior.

Stegent was a three-year starter at tailback where he was sophomore of the year and all-SWC as a sophomore and senior. Adami played linebacker all three seasons.

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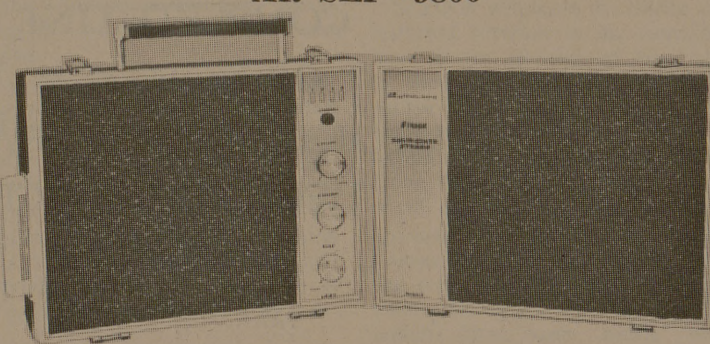
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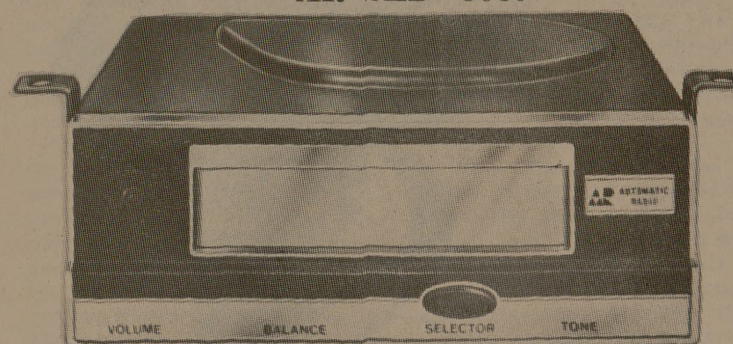
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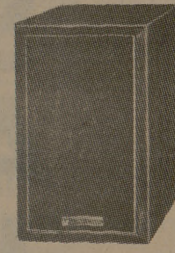
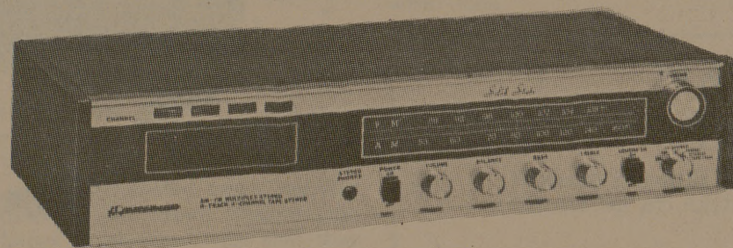
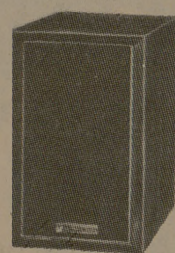


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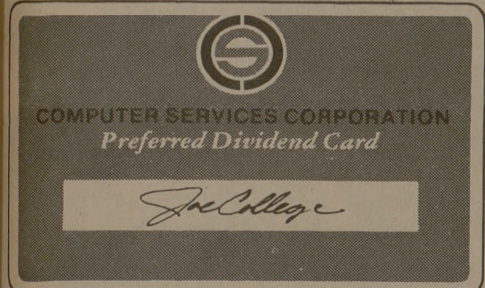
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