

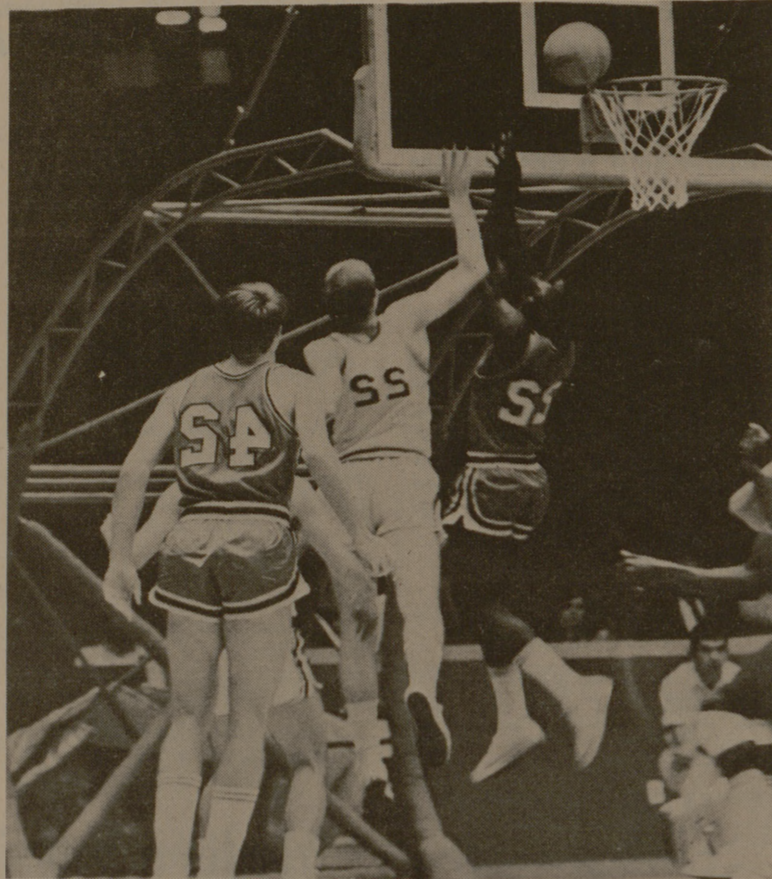
# Ags Bow In Bluebonnet, Face Colorado State Tonight

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**MIKE FOR TWO**  
 Mike Heitmann, an all-tournament pick, goes up for two points in the Aggies' 78-69 loss to Nebraska Saturday night in the Bluebonnet Classic in Houston. A&M plays Colorado State College at 8 tonight in G. Rollie White. (Photo by Mike Wright)

**Taylor Takes Job**  
 Loyd Taylor, offensive backfield coach for the Texas Aggies, has been named head football coach and athletic director at Tarleton State College in Stephenville. Taylor, whose appointment is effective Jan. 1, replaces Hobart Lytal, who resigned at the end of the season after three years as coach.

"I am delighted to be a part of Tarleton and anxious to get started," Taylor said. Tarleton's Texans are entering their first full competition in the Lone Star Conference. Tarleton's athletic council said Taylor was selected from a number of applicants and was highly recommended by several coaches, including A&M coach Gene Stallings. Stallings, who called Taylor "one of the outstanding young coaches in the state," served as consultant on improvements of the athletic facilities, including purchase of a new athletic dormitory.

By Richard Campbell  
 Battalion Sports Editor

It was the perfect setting, complete with a cheerleader floorshow, band, and all. But unfortunately, the Texas Aggies found the beautiful new Hofheinz Pavilion in Houston not to their liking as they dropped both of their games Friday and Saturday to finish fourth in the Bluebonnet Classic.

Sandwiched in between the festivities of the Classic itself were two Aggie defeats; a last-minute 68-66 Friday night loss to Kent State and a 78-69 thumping Saturday by the Nebraska Cornhuskers in the consolation playoff. A&M led in both games at halftime but couldn't seem to get rolling in the second half as they saw their season mark drop to 1-3 in preparation for their encounter tonight at 8 in G. Rollie White Coliseum against Colorado State College.

The taller Aggies won the battle against the small Ohio school? (enrollment 28,000) on the boards but couldn't get any scoring from

their inside men. Tom Lagodich of Kent, a 6-7 sharpshooter from outside, burned the net for 23 points including the tying bucket, 66-66, with two minutes left in the game. Although it was the first time that Kent had been tied since the first quarter, they didn't waste the opportunity. Mike Foote, a 6-0 guard, hit a 15-foot jumper with only four seconds left to snap the tie and send the Golden Flashes into the finals against the Houston Cougars, who had racked up the Cornhuskers 112-82 in the opener on Friday.

Saturday also found A&M on the downswing as they were out-rebounded for the first time this year by an aggressive Nebraska squad. Leroy Chalk responded to the call as he dragged down 17 rebounds by himself to only 20 in all by the Aggies. The Cadets led in this contest most of the way too, but the Cornhuskers grabbed the lead 63-61 in a go-tending call against Aggie postman Steve Niles and never looked back.

Later, Kent State forced the

Cougars into "doing things they didn't want to do," according to Houston coach Guy Lewis.

The Golden Flashes played outstanding defense and relied on the outside shooting of Lagodich to give the lackluster Cougars a real scare until the final eight minutes when Houston took command and went on to win 74-67. A&M's Mike Heitmann was named to the All-Class team for his performance in both contests.

The Aggies play their last game before the holidays begin tonight as they host the 1-4 Bears from Greeley, Colo. Saturday night the Bears played Rice in Houston and fell to the rejuvenated Owls 88-67. Gametime is 8 p.m. with a preliminary game between the Aggie Fish and Wharton Junior College set for 5:45 p.m.

## Ags' Adami Gets Kern Tips Award

Buster Adami, A&M's senior linebacker and a starter for the Aggies for three years, has been awarded the 1969 Kern Tips Memorial Trophy.

Academic and sports officials of the eight Southwest Conference schools were present at the Chapparral Country Club in Dallas to present the award to Adami,

a native of Freer, Tex.

The award, honoring the late Kern Tips, who was known as the "Voice of Southwest Conference Football," recognizes outstanding SWC football players who are seniors, are exceptional students, have displayed good character and sportsmanship. Humble started the award in 1968.

Adami is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant E. Adami of Freer and has a 3.2 grade point average on A&M's 4.0 system.



BUSTER ADAMI

## Eight Fish Make All-SWC

The Texas Aggie Fish dominated the 1969 Southwest Conference All-Freshman football team with eight members of the first team.

The team was selected by the freshman coaches and compiled by the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Aggies chosen were Buster Callaway, guard; Robert Gerasimowicz, center; Vance Kerbow, tailback; Boice Best, defensive tackle; Butch Kamps, defensive tackle; Grady Hoermann, line-backer; Brad Dusek, defensive halfback; and Robert Murski, defensive halfback.

Brad Dusek was elected the defensive player of the year.

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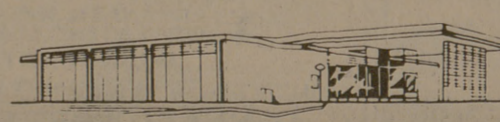
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