

opening basketball game. Too bad most of you didn't get to see it.

No one knows exactly who to blame on the lack of student attendance in Tuesday's contest against Wayland. It could be the fault of the Battalion by not getting any stories out before the holidays, but

Their sole purpose is to promote student participation for athletic events. This has not been done. I'm sure painting signs is beneath the dignity of these men of such high esteem, but at least the games could be announced in the dining halls. If just the people that lived on campus went to the games, G. Rollie White would be full.

games more colorful and entertaining. Beginning Friday, A&M will play some spirited music like "Sweet Georgia Brown" over the public

There will also be a good crop of recruits in for the game looking

The starters, instead of just being introduced, will be spotlighted with all other lights doused instead of the usual manner.

The most important part of an exciting basketball evening is the product out there on the court. For A&M, it could be one of the most outstanding teams ever to play in the coliseum. With the depth, shooting ability, quickness, defensive prowess and inborn talent, A&M has a chance to put 100 points on the board every game.

The entire team is exciting this year with co-captain Mario Brown leading the way. His nickname "Brother Rap" tells the story. His showmanship keeps the team loose and the fans buzzing with his act

Also back this season is Randy Knowles who makes everyone hold their breath when he tries one of his 35-foot jump shots. His tremendous rebounding ability will be a surprise for all this season.

JC transfer, Chuck Tone, from Grinnel, Iowa gives the Aggies great outside shooting strength with his softer jump from the corner. And of course there's Jeff Overhouse and Jerry Mercer underneath the bucket grabbing anything that comes in their direction to add even more

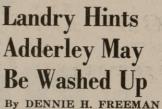
Another plus will be added Friday night when UTA comes into town for a game against the Aggies. The Mavericks are bringing their pom-pom girls to add a little spice during halftime with their musical

It's too bad that A&M has to import talent from visiting teams gotten. however. We have probably the finest band in the state and it seems that some of its members would like to form a little stage band group and entertain the crowd during breaks in the action.

there are surely some band members that go to the games anyway. And they'd sure make things more exciting when the Aggies win the

There are about 15,000 people with activity cards here which enables the holder to get in the games free. There is only one game per night this year due to freshman eligibility rules and the starting time has been moved back to 7:30 p.m. which will get you back home by 9:15.

It's free, entertaining, exciting and enjoyable, so let's get out and support those Ags during the remainder of the season. We'll let you know when the games are if you read the Batt and maybe the yell



Associated Press Sports Writer DALLAS (P) - Dallas Coach Tom Landry gave little encouragement Wednesday to cornerback Herb Adderley's plea to play

Asked if he thought Adderley would participate in the remaining three games on the defending National Football League champion's schedule, Landry said "I don't know if Adderley will get to play again."

The 12-year NFL veteran of four Super Bowls told The Associated Press, "It's obvious to me my future isn't with the Dallas Cowboys . . . this will be my last year.'

The 33-year-old Adderley, who played in two Super Bowls for Green Bay before he was traded to Dallas where he played in two more, said, "I know I have some play left in me . . . I can still go . . . I just want the chance."

Landry has inserted three-year man Charlie Waters in Adderley's cornerback post.

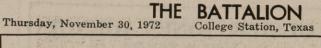
Adderley, who said he is on the last year of his contract, said, "I hate to go. It's been a tremendous experience here. I've met some beautiful people and that's what life is all about.

"I go to practice with a smile. I thank God I'm healthy. And I feel a certain sadness for all the great players who haven't played in the Super Bowl like Gayle Sayers, Sonny Jurgensen, Deacon Jones, Merlin Olsen, and Larry Wilson.'

Adderley said, "I feel very appreciative that the Cowboys thought I was good enough to make a trade for me three years ago. I could have gone to another team and been completely for-

"I think they want to go with youth at my cornerback position I'm a team man . . . I have to go along with a team situation . I'm a team man . . . and a winner."

He said, "I think I helped the Cowboys and I played the best football I can possibly play . . plan to go in and have a decent conversation about my situation at the end of the season. If there is any future left for me with Dallas, I would appreciate know-ing what the situation is . . .



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