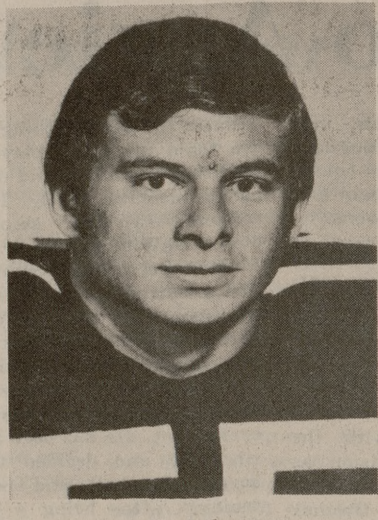
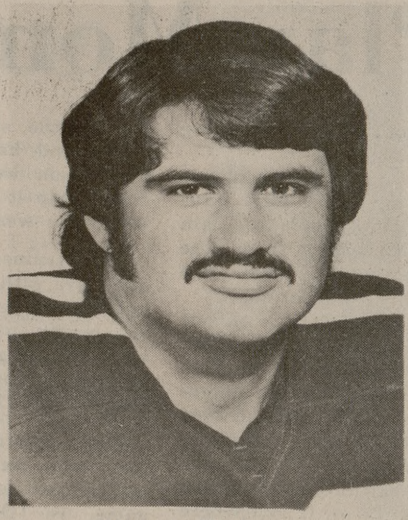


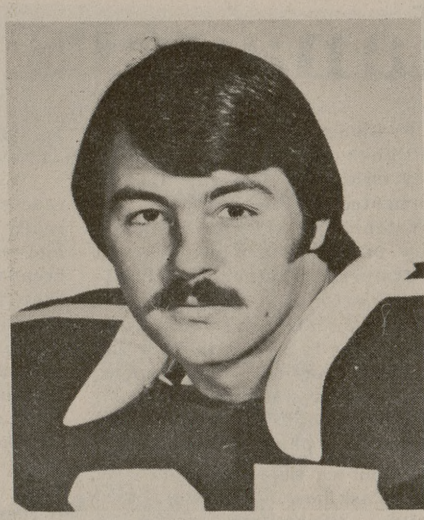
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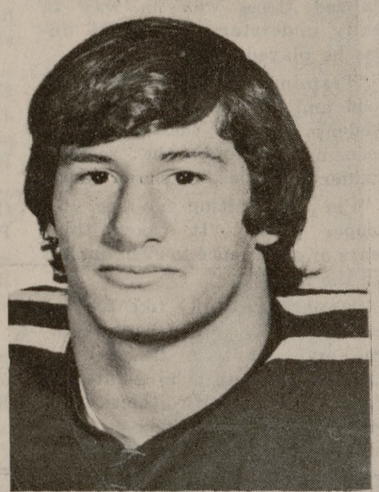


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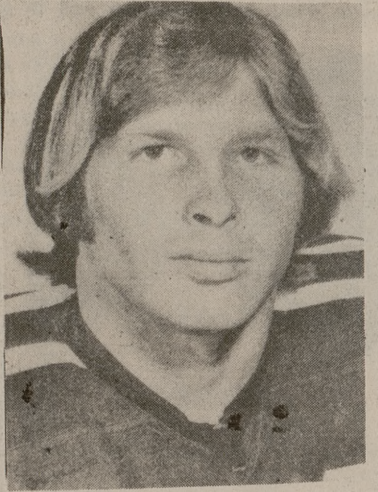


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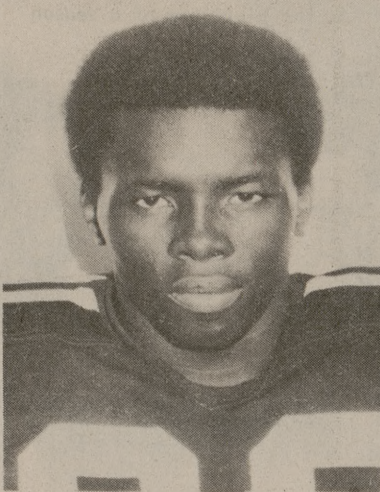
**NO. 1 DEFENSE** — The A&M defense, allowing a paltry 250.4 yards a game, has its work cut out when Texas' power machine marches onto Kyle Field leading the conference in offense with a hefty 427.2 yards per game average. Texas owns the No. 2 defense in the conference while the Aggies are the league's No. 2 offense.



Ed Simonini

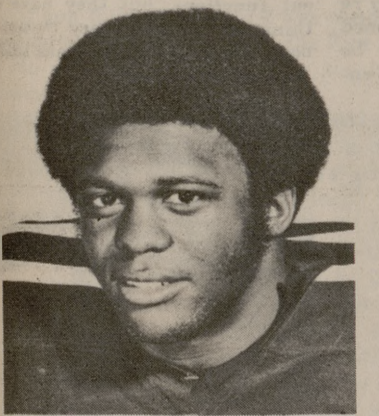


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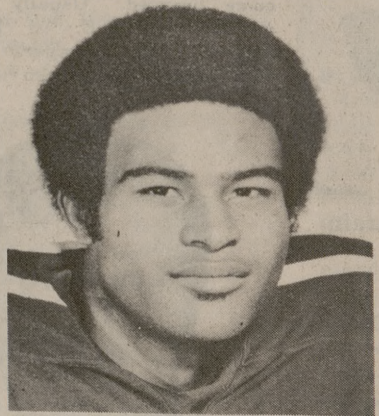


Lester Hayes

**NO. 1 DEFENSE** — Left to right the 1973 A&M defensive unit is, top row, linemen Don Long, Ted Lamp, Warren Trahan, and Paul Hulin, middle row, linebackers Ed Simonini, Kenny Stratton and Lester Hayes, bottom row, defensive backs Pat Thomas, James Daniels, Jackie Williams and Tim Gray.



Pat Thomas



James Daniels



Jackie Williams



Tim Gray

## Optimism in Store for A&M Basketball

### Play Opens Here Against Houston Baptist College Nov. 30

By BARRY DONNELLY  
For the 1973 version of the Aggie basketball team, the season will be one of optimism. The Aggies lost two valuable starters in Mario Brown and Jeff Overhouse, but there is much returning talent to take up the slack. There will be several returning players with considerable

playing time plus quality transfers and recruits.

The hubs of the team will be lettermen Mike Floyd and Randy Knowles. Floyd will be the court leader for the Aggies and Knowles will be counted on to provide the same outstanding scoring punch as last season. Cedric Joseph will be relied upon heavily to provide the solid postman play the Aggie's tandem post offense demands. Jerry Mercer, another returning letterman who started several games last year, teams with Joseph to give the Aggies two formidable post men.

The team will receive help from several other returnees. Webb Williams, Dale Donaldson, Charlie Jenkins, C. W. Guthrie and Joe Arciniega give the Aggies experience, and can be counted on to battle for starting positions.

The Aggies will need help from the redshirts, transfers and recruits, also. They expect to get it from several quality players. John Thornton, a 6-6 San Antonio Junior College transfer, will be counted on to step in and make a large contribution to the team.

Leroy Baerwald from New Braunfels and Mike Johnson from Austin High in Chicago, Ill., are two of the quality recruits the Aggies will have this season, and both could see considerable playing time. There are also other fine recruits and redshirts available for the upcoming season. Ray Roberts, Steve Chambers and 6-11 Bruce Ott are redshirts of whom the coaches expect great things.

The 1973 Southwest Conference race will be a close one with all of the teams in the league improved. There are fewer big name players in the conference this year, but the overall teams are stronger. The coaches feel that if all the pieces fall together for the Aggies, they will be right up there battling for the title with the best of the other teams.

So the 1973 season will be one of optimism. The team as always will be exciting to watch with

several returning players and a bunch of new quality talent. If all this comes together well, the Aggies will be a team hard to beat.

**1973-74 Basketball Schedule**  
Nov. 30, Houston Baptist College, College Station; Dec. 3, Southwest Texas State, College Station; Dec. 6, Tarleton State College, College Station; Dec. 10, Stephen F. Austin, College Station; Dec. 19, Virginia Commonwealth, Richmond, Va.; Dec. 21-22, Marshall Invitational, (George Washington, Northwestern, Marshall), Huntington, W. Va.; Dec. 28-29, Pan American Classic, (Pan American, Oklahoma Christian, Tulsa), Edinburg, Tex.; Jan. 4-5, Bluebonnet Classic, (Houston, Denver, Florida State), Houston, Tex.; Jan. 8, Southwestern, College Station; Jan. 15, \*SMU, College Station.  
Jan. 19, \*TCU, Fort Worth;

Jan. 22, \*Texas Tech, Lubbock; Jan. 26, \*Rice, College Station; Jan. 29, \*Texas, Austin; Feb. 2, \*Baylor, Waco; Feb. 5, \*Arkansas, College Station; Feb. 9, \*TCU, College Station; Feb. 12, \*SMU, Dallas; Feb. 16, \*Texas Tech, College Station; Feb. 19, \*Rice, Houston; Feb. 23, \*Texas, College Station; Feb. 26, \*Baylor, College Station; Mar. 2, \*Arkansas, Fayetteville.

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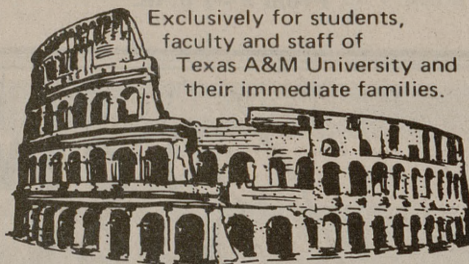
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