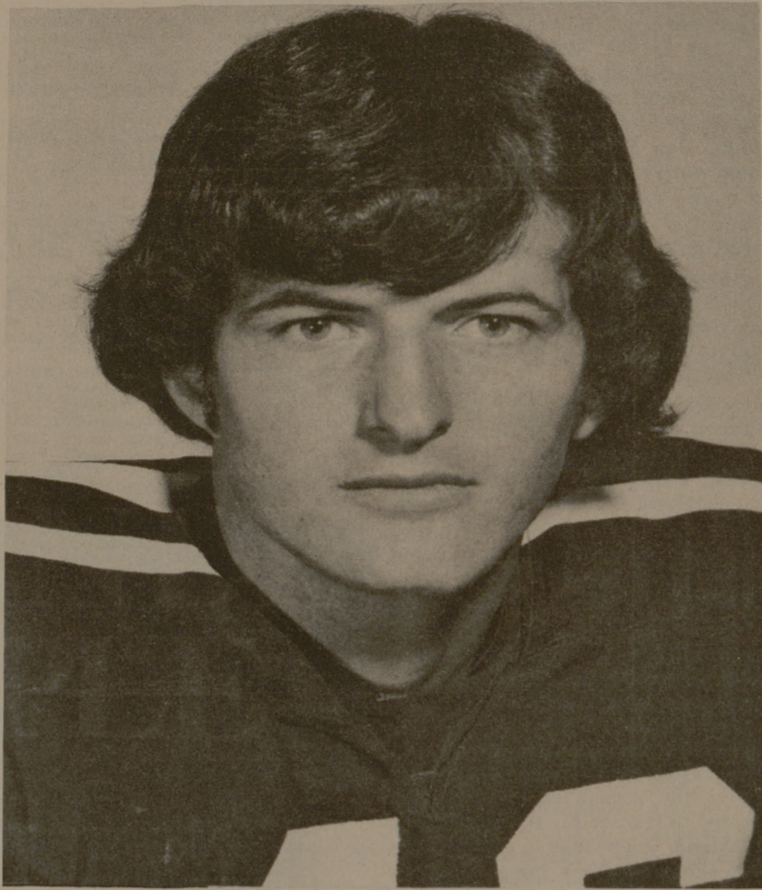


Larry Ellis receives Aggie Heart Award

Senior safety from Troup becomes ninth recipient



Larry Ellis

Larry Ellis, senior safety from Troup, received the coveted "Aggie Heart Award" Saturday night in the highlight presentation at Texas A&M's football honors program.

The award, based on such intangibles as desire, dedication and determination, is limited to a senior and the winner is determined by a vote of the entire football squad.

Ellis was a walk-on football candidate in the spring of his sophomore year and he stayed around to win three varsity letters. He was a starting safety the last two years.

A distinguished student in majoring in physical education, Ellis was Texas A&M's nominee for the Kern Tips award this year.

At the honors program in the 2,500-seat J. Earl Rudder Convention Center auditorium, coach Emory Bellard handed out squadman and letterman certificates and plaques to those winning post-season honors as all-SWC and all-America.

Also nominated for the award were Bud Trammel, Mike Brunton, Darrell Taliferro and Tim Trimmier.

"These seniors may have been small in numbers," said Bellard, "but it is obvious that over their four-year stay here, the cream has

risen to the top.

"The 1973 football team is a group that will be considered to be very successful before they leave here," he said. "And I'll personally promise you this; 1974 will be called the Year of the Aggies."

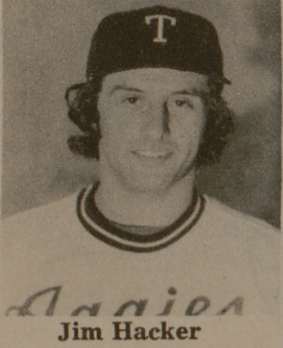
Two color films of the 1973 season were shown. The first consisted solely of a collection of Aggie miscues and bloopers on the football field, which some fans may have felt to have occurred all too often in 1973. The latter film put to rest any doubts that may have been raised by the first as it contained the highlights of last season and proved that the 1973 team was more impressive than many realize.

The Aggie band gave a performance and freshman offensive guard Billy Lemons entertained with a solo song.

Ellis is the ninth recipient of the "Aggie Heart Award". Others include Joe Wellborn, linebacker from Tomball in 1965; Dan West-erfield, defensive back from Crawford in 1966; Grady Allen, defensive end from Nacogdoches in 1967; Tom Buckman, end-tackle from Fort Worth in 1968; Jack Kovar, center from Houston in 1969; Winston Beam, defensive guard from Odessa in 1970; Joe Mac King, quarterback from Min-

cola in 1971 and Boice Best, defensive tackle from Houston in 1972. Also, in 1970, the late Ed DeNiro, defensive end from Youngstown, Ohio, was honored with a posthumous award.

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Baylor trips A&M, 71-62

By KEVIN COFFEY
Sports Editor

What can you say about a basketball team that died? That its opponent was sky high with revenge? That a freshman center decides to find himself in Southwest Conference basketball? That the seventh tallest man on the floor was the leading rebounder? All that and more happened to the Texas Aggies Saturday.

A regional television audience saw Baylor freshman Gary McGuire score a season high 25 points and 6-6 postman Charlie McKinney haul in 22 rebounds to lead the Bears to a 71-62 victory over the Aggies.

After the embarrassing performance, A&M coach Shelby

Metcalf admitted his team was out of the SWC title chase as their record fell to 2-4.

"There's no way that Tech will lose that many," said Metcalf. "I really doubt they'll lose three."

It was one of the Aggie shabbiest performances of the year. The Bears, inspired by the fight films of the A&M-BU brawls of 1969 and '71, controlled the game from start to finish.

A&M never led and managed to tie only once, 2-2. The Aggies showed some signs of life late in the first half, rallying from a 30-22 deficit to within two at 30-28. Baylor reeled off seven straight points, taking advantage of Aggie miscues. A&M went to sleep as Baylor scored on two easy lay-ups and a free shot.

The Aggies pulled within seven in the second half after trailing by as many as 18 but they were never back in the contest. Baylor controlled it all the way.

First year head coach Carroll Dawson was jubilant afterwards.

"We played well and controlled the tempo of the game all the way," Dawson said. "This was one of our finest performances."

Dawson said his team is usually unemotional but that they were up Saturday.

"We're always up against A&M," Dawson said. "I don't have two better friends in the conference than Shelby (Metcalf) and Jim (Culpepper). I guess I like to beat them more than anybody."

If the loss to Baylor wasn't enough to befall the Ags, the services of junior guard Mike Floyd are doubtful for tonight's game with Arkansas. The 5-10 playmaker pulled a muscle midway through the second half.

McGuire and McKinney out-rebounded the entire Aggie team, leading Baylor to board supremacy 45-31.

"Anytime we get beat like that on the boards, we didn't play well," said Metcalf. "They had our team scouted well and knew everybody's weaknesses."

Jerry Mercer kept the Aggies somewhat in the game, scoring 14 of his 18 points in the second half. Floyd hit 12, Randy Knowles 10 and Cedric Joseph eight. John Thornton scored 10 while holding the high scoring McKinney to 14.

Tonight the Aggies must regroup as the Arkansas Razorbacks visit G. Rollie White Coliseum at 7:30.

Last year A&M blitzed the

Hogs 108-82 on television. A&M lost in the hills, 84-73.

Arkansas, coached by Lanny Van Eman, is led by 6-11 post man Dean Tolson. Tolson is one of the SWC's leading scorers.

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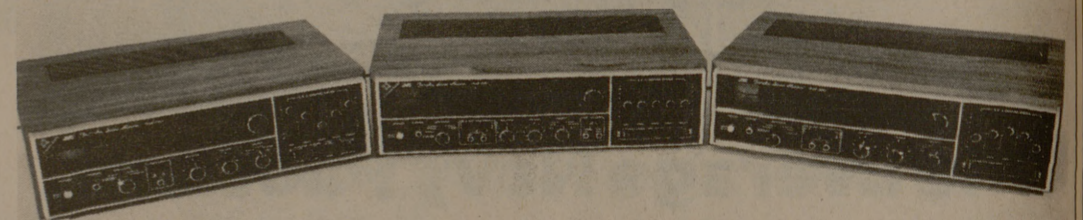
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