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# Risien's a high-rise

By D. D. GRUBBS  
As a building construction major, A&M's Cody Risien is interested in high-rise complexes. At 253, the junior one-letterman is one of the tallest players on the team.



Risien

working to become a complete football player.

Risien played his high school football at Cypress-Fairbanks where he earned three letters and was named all-District. Having come from a family that was already "all-Aggie" (his father and several cousins attended A&M), the choice of college wasn't too difficult. His younger brother Flint, a senior at Cy-Fair this year, is also an outstanding tackle and according to his big brother, will probably attend Texas A&M.

Before the 1977 season, much of the optimism around the Aggie camp was concerned with the offense. With the entire starting backfield returning, along with a very outstanding front line, it was a small wonder that enthusiasm would run high. Risien sees no reason for that to change.

"I'm pleased with our performance so far this season. We had a let-down against Michigan but that's over and we'll keep improving throughout the remainder of the season. We're always putting in some new things and if people haven't noticed our potential before, they will now."

One of the rare situations that the Aggie offense faces is that their fullback, George Woodard, outweighs anyone on the offensive line by more than 20 pounds. Does Risien ever worry about big George running over him?

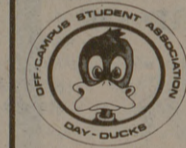
"It never ceases to amaze me how agile that guy is. He can fit through holes I never would have thought anyone his size could. George is a great athlete and it's a relief to know he's back there. I know he makes our job up front a lot easier."

During the season, there are very few occasions when Risien can consider his job "easy. With classes and football, there isn't much time left to relax.

"It takes a lot of self-discipline and sometimes you have to make sacrifices. There are times when you feel the pace take its toll and you have to work a little harder to get prepared for a game—both physically and mentally."

Every player hopes to make all-SWC or even all-America, but when Saturday finally rolls around after a week of preparation, Cody Risien has one goal in mind: to be the best player he can for four quarters of football.

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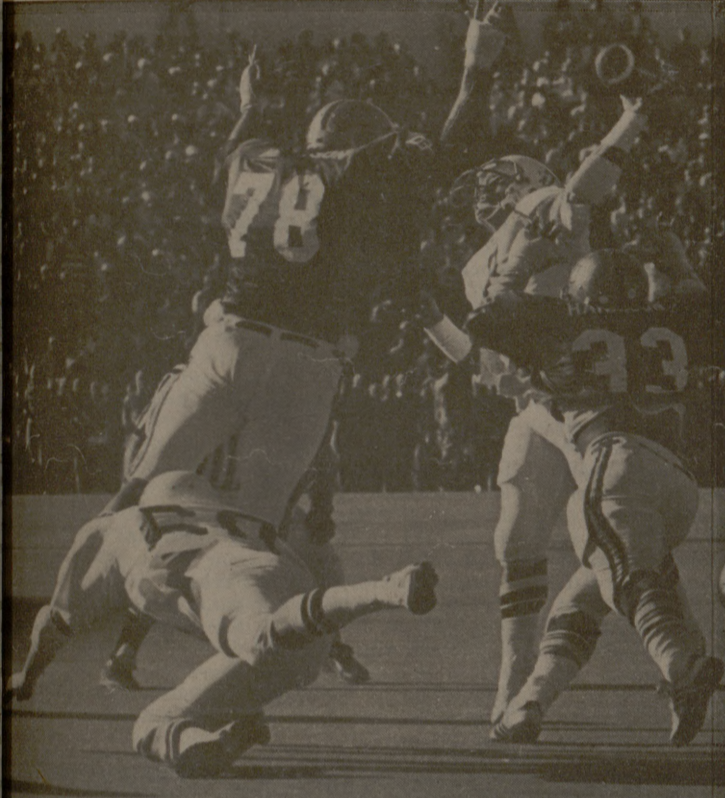
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Quarterback David Walker was under heavy pressure all afternoon. The senior from Sulphur, La. threw three touchdown passes, tying a school record. A&M defeated the Baylor Bears 38-31.

Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

## Top 20

United Press International

NEW YORK — The United Press International Board of Coaches top 20 teams after the first week of the college football season with place votes and record in parentheses.

Team	Record	Points
Michigan	(38-0)	416
Texas	(4-0)	378
Alabama	(5-1)	291
Southern Cal	(5-1)	258
Ohio St.	(5-1)	256
Oklahoma	(5-1)	230
Colorado	(5-0-1)	141
Arkansas	(4-1)	82
Iowa State	(5-1)	75
Notre Dame	(4-1)	63
Texas A&M	(4-1)	32
Pittsburgh	(4-1-1)	26
Texas Tech	(5-1)	14
California	(5-1)	13
Brigham Young	(4-1)	10
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