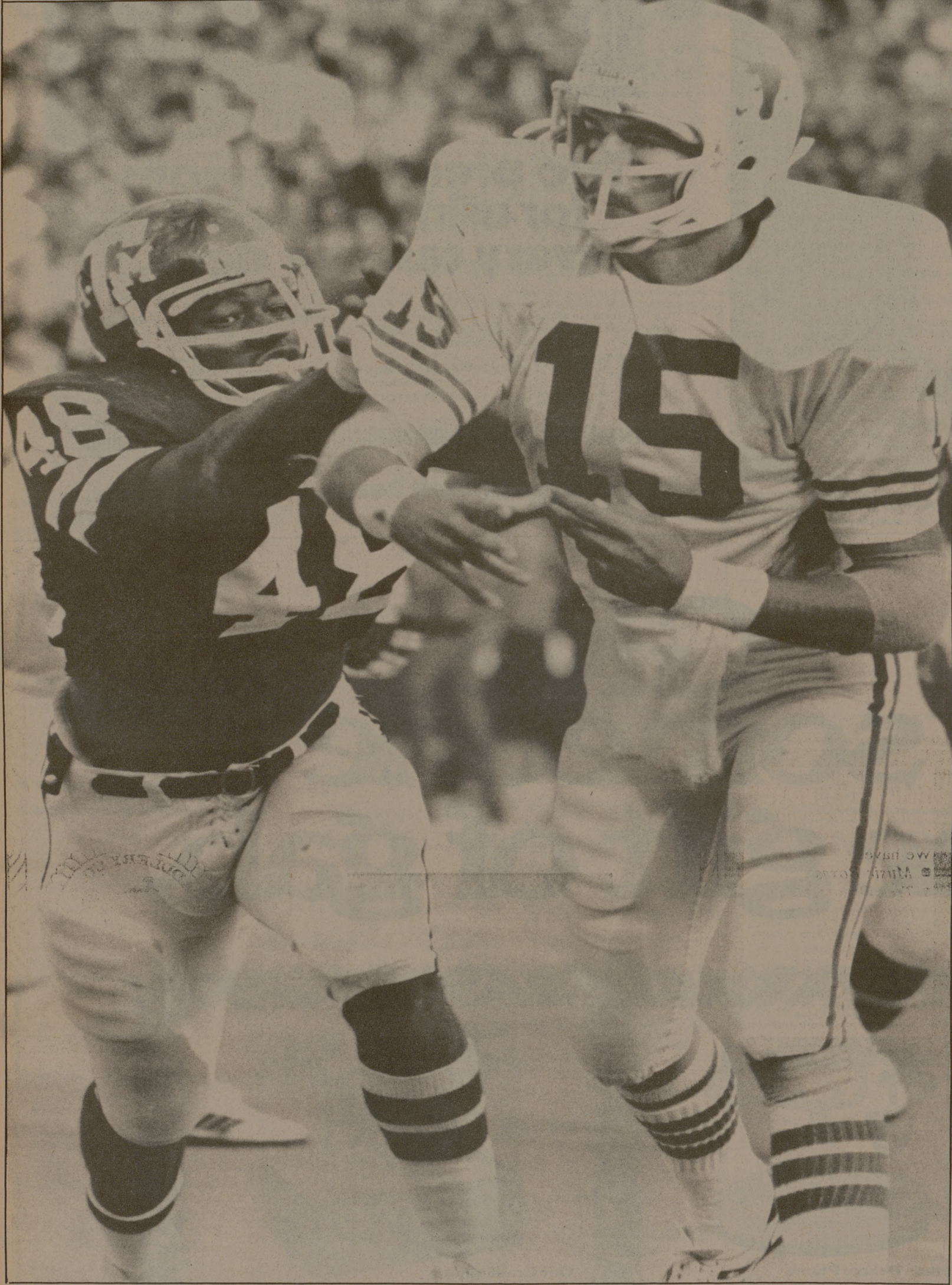


# Gig 'em! Annual Aggie-Longhorn football showdown sets stage for A&M's wildest weekend

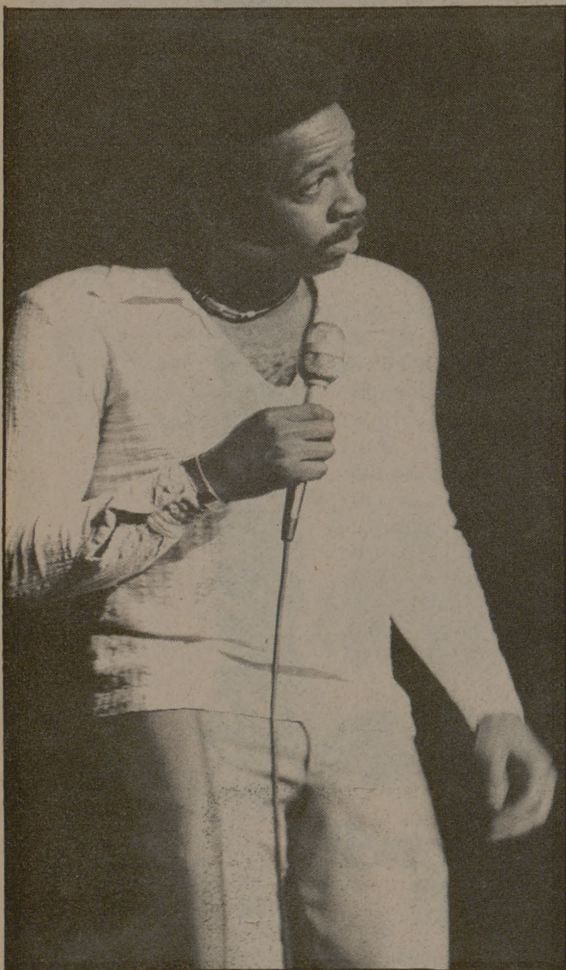


Aggie defensive tackle James Zachery, 48, closes in on Longhorn quarterback Rick McIvor, as the Texas A&M defense did many times during Saturday's contest.

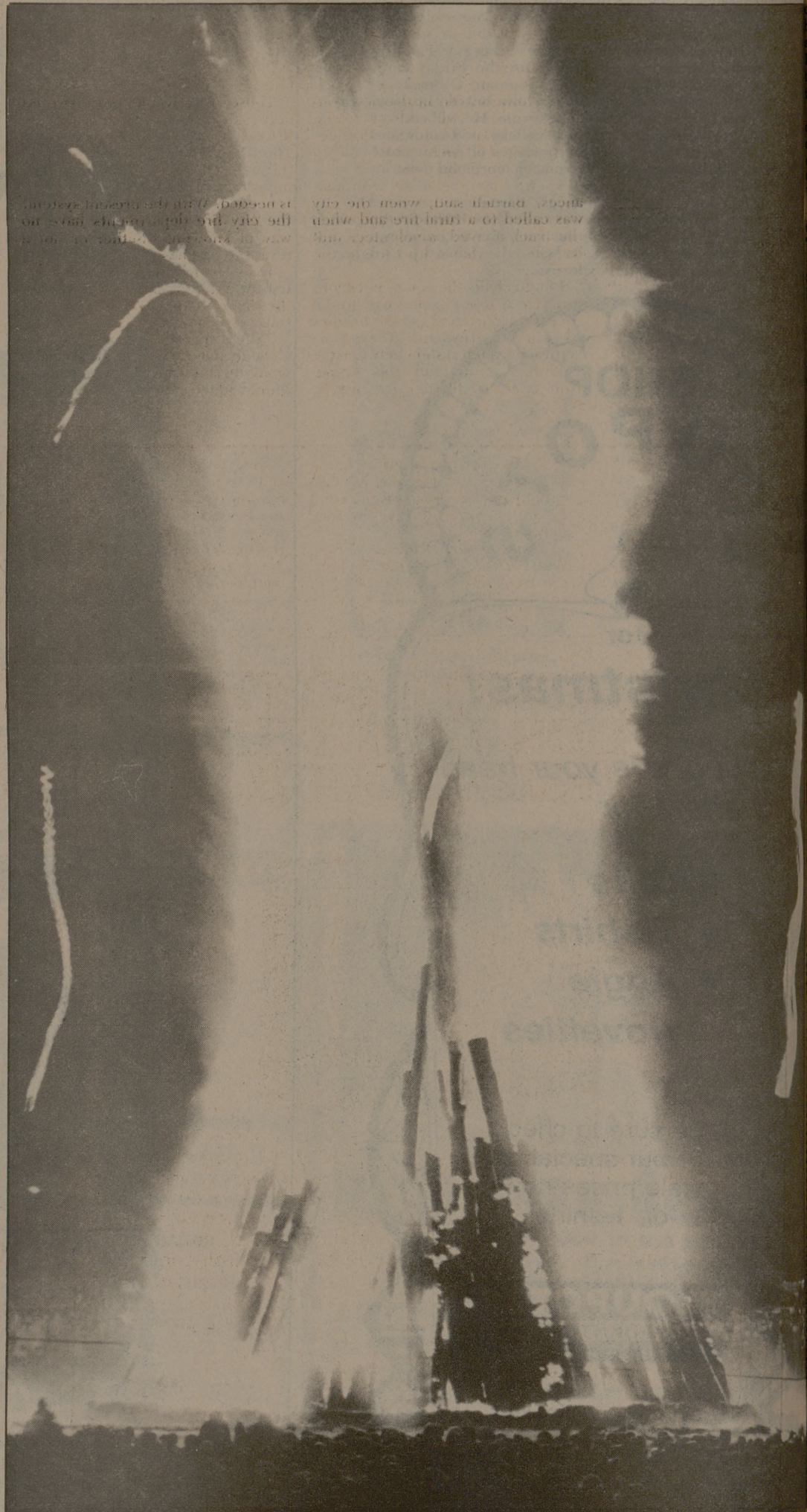
When the University of Texas Longhorns come to College Station every second year to do battle with Texas A&M's Aggies a mass insanity seizes the community. It is a weekend blended of youthful courage, almost-religious fanaticism and drunken hell-raising. It is the finest of college football, especially when the Aggies win as they did this year, 13-7.



Saturday's game held many a tense moment for Aggie coach Tom Wilson.



Comedian Ron Douglas, left, wowwed several thousand students as the warm-up act for the after-bonfire concert starring Pure Prairie League. Above right, Moses Hall residents whoop it up from the mule-drawn wagon they used to haul logs for the bonfire.



Flaming embers from the Aggie bonfire trace glowing lines across the College Station sky Friday night.

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