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United Press International DALLAS — All season long Bobby Collins downplayed the fact that he inherited a quality for the literative season football team that was expected to do well and consistently said he felt no more pressure than he had during any other season. "After all," Collins often said,

"we left a pretty good football team (at Southern Mississippi) to come here. We would have been expected to win there, too.

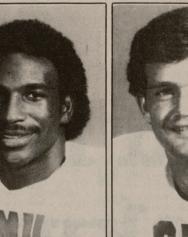
But Monday, having had a weekend to relax following his SMU Mustangs' final regular-season game, Collins admitted that a tremendous weight had

been lifted from his shoulders. "Absolutely," Collins said. "J think what happened is that I finally realized that there was, after all, pressure on me this year. After the Arkansas game some of the lid came off.

When the game was over and it all set in, I realized that that there was pressure on this team. But it was a fun year." Collins, whose Mustangs

posted a 10-0-1 regular season and will be the host team in the Cotton Bowl against Pittsburgh Jan. 1, was named UPI Southwest Conference coach of the year Monday.

In addition, the SMU offensive trio of Eric Dickerson, Craig James and Lance McIlhenny all repeated as members of the UPI did it in 1972 and 1973.



SWC's top offensive player all-SWC two straight years

all-SWC team. It is the first time in the 35-year balloting by UPI that three players from the same

son and that has not happened since Roosevelt Leaks of Texas

Eric Dickerson first team, Mustangs' Lance McIlhenny

backfield have been voted to the team two years in a row.

No quarterback has repeated on the all-conference team since Edd Hargett of Texas A&M did so in 1967 and 1968. Dickerson also was voted the league's outstanding offensive player of the year for the second straight sea-



"These honors are a compliment to the players and the coaching staff and I'm thrilled," Collins said.

Collins admitted there was a brief time last spring when he and his staff were not so sure things were going to work out as well as they eventually did.

"Of course we had not had a chance to see the players on the field when we came to SMU," said Collins. "We had seen them on film and we were excited about what we had seen. Then, when they went onto

the field in the spring, there was severe depression among the coaching staff. But we were putting in a whole new system with new terminology. It would have been virtually impossible for a



Craig James completes trio in SMU's all-SWC backfield

and they demonstrated against Tulane in our first ball game this year what they could do. At that time we felt we could do just about anything, that if we worked hard and prepared we could make a run at the Southwest

Along with Dickerson, James also picked as the all-SWC and McIlhenny, the league's punter. first-team offense consisted of running back Gary Anderson of Arkansas, wide receiver Gerald McNeil of Baylor, tight end Deron Miller of Rice, tackles Alfred Mohammed of Arkansas and Maceo Fifer of Houston, guards Steve Korte of Arkansas and Joe Beard of SMU and center Jay

Bequette of Arkansas. David Hardy of Texas A&M was chosen as the top place kicker in the conference

Billy Ray Smith of Arkansas was named defensive player of the year and joining him on the defensive line were Charles Benson of Baylor, Gabriel Rivera of Texas Tech, Richard Richardson of Arkansas and Earl Buckingham of Arkansas. Gary Moten of SMU and Weedy Harris of Houston were selected as the linebackers while Danny Walters of Arkansas

joined SMU's Russell Carter, Wes Hopkins and Blane Smith in the defensive backfield. James, in addition to making the team as a running back, was

Texas A&M freshman free safety Domingo Bryant and SMU defensive leader Anthony Beverley were named co-Newcomers of the Year, while Aggie senior quarterback Gary Kubiak made the second-team offense.



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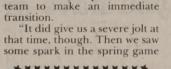
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pommel horse, second in rings and sixth in parallel bars; Hart-

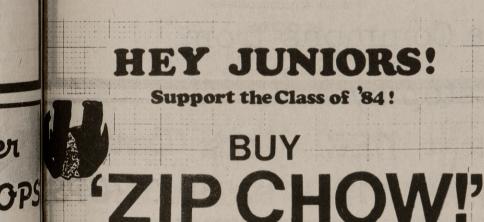
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Other Aggie performances nast o include Lauderdale, fifth, pom- mates. mel horse; Ray Moltz, fourth in

The Aggies won't compete again until Jan. 22, when they travel to Lubbock to take part in a tri-meet with Texas Tech and Fort Hays (Kansas) State. Texas Tech is the current Texas Gymed first in rings and team co, second in vault, and Cid nastics Conference champion.







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