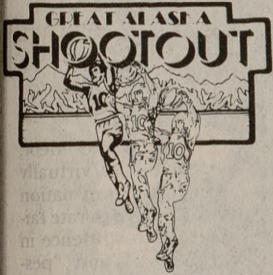


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## 1982 Great Alaska Shootout

### Aggies receive treat during five-day trip

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Aggie hospitality can be found everywhere — even in Anchorage, Alaska. Just ask the Texas A&M basketball team.

Coach Shelby Metcalf, his assistants and the Aggies started out the 1982-83 season with a strong dose of good treatment during their 5-day stay in Anchorage. Although the team lost its first two games to Clemson and Illinois by a total of five points in the eight team Great Alaska Shootout, the players won over the hearts of many former Texas A&M students living in the Anchorage area.

From the moment they arrived at Anchorage International Airport last Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. Alaska Standard Time (9:30 a.m. CST), the Aggies felt

right at home. That's because about 45 members of the South-central Alaska A&M Club greeted the players, team managers and coaches with banners, gifts and an eight-track tape player shouting out the Aggie War Hymn.

In addition, an Anchorage television station was on hand to film the club's welcome for the Aggies, who had spent the past eight-plus hours 30,000 feet in the air.

But the special treatment didn't end there. The Airport "howdy" was only a prelude to the Aggies' special treatment during their stay in Alaska.

While the greeting banners were moved to Buckner Fieldhouse on the grounds of the Fort Richardson Army installation, members of the South-central Alaska A&M Club made

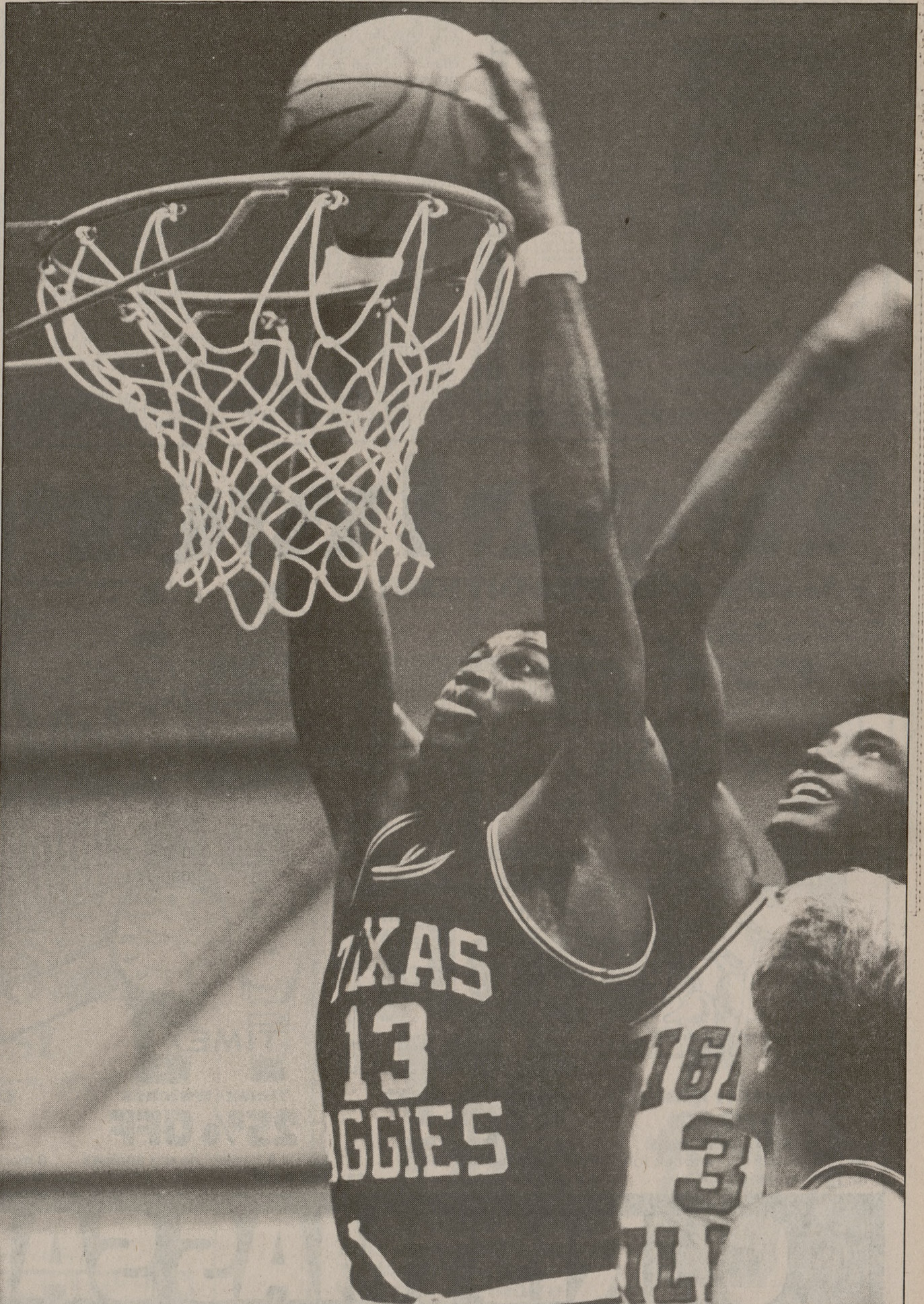
preparations to host the Texas A&M players, coaches and Aggie basketball Sports Information Director John Tishler.

Eighteen people in the club were chosen to host members of the Texas A&M party for Thanksgiving dinner and for several sightseeing trips. Then, to voice their support for the team, about 100 club members came to all three of the Aggies' games in the tournament to cheer the team on.

Picture this: The Aggie basketball players walk onto the floor of the Buckner Fieldhouse gym Friday night to face Clemson. Of the 3,700 spectators who fill the arena, perhaps 300 begin to cheer for the Aggies.

The Aggie club members sit in a group behind the Texas A&M bench, but for the most

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Claude Riley, the Aggies' senior forward, goes high into the air for a slam dunk as Illinois' Jay Daniels is completely powerless to stop the inevitable. Texas A&M lost to the Fighting Illinois 72-70 Saturday night in the Great

Alaska Shootout, but Riley's 24 points and 13 rebounds led the Aggies to an easy 93-65 victory over the Alaska Anchorage Seawolves Sunday.



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Aggie forward Roy Jones correct use of the Anchorage snow during the basketball team's five-day stay in Alaska for the Great Alaska Shootout,

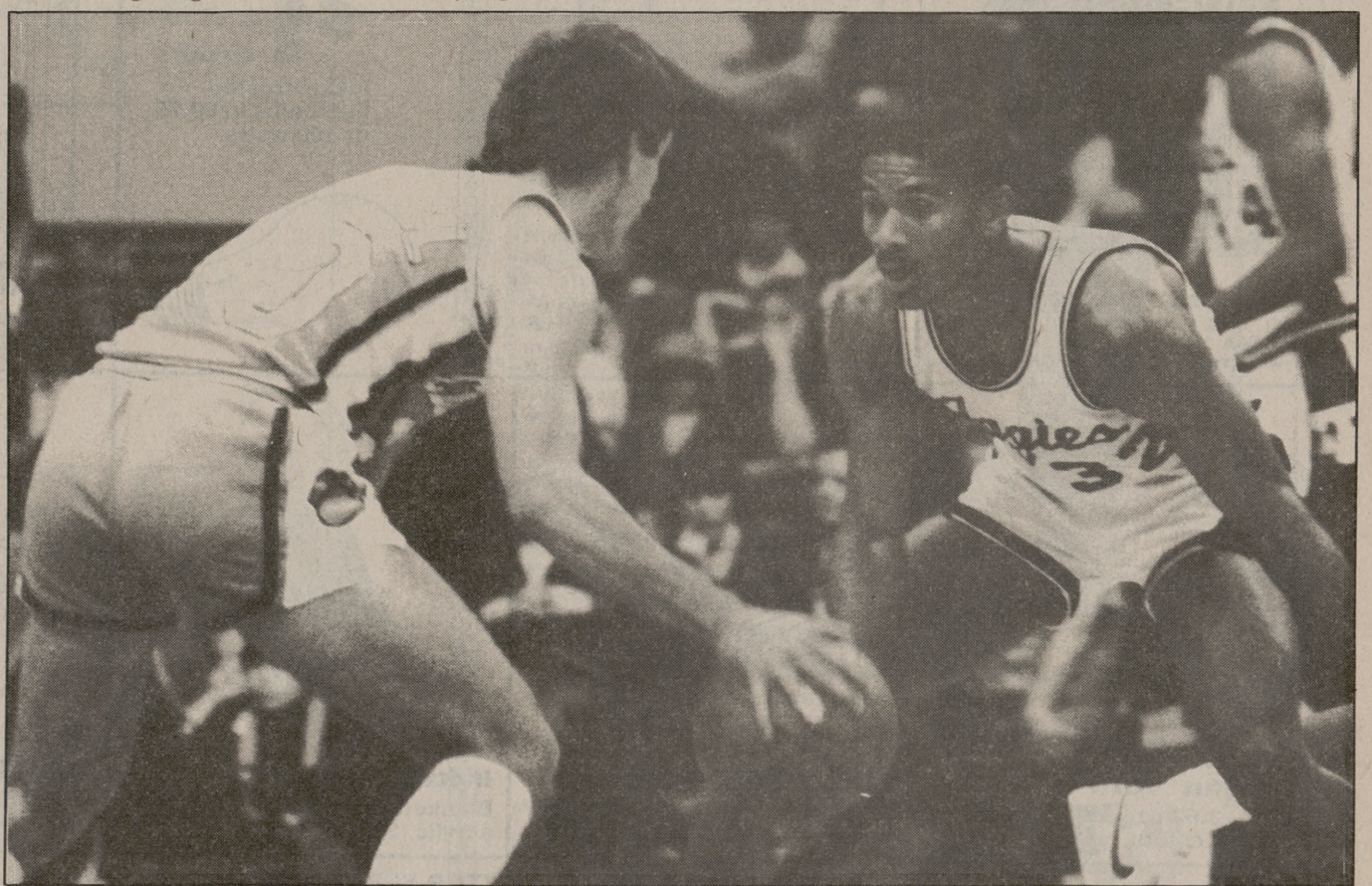
in which the team placed seventh. In this snowball fight, A&M team manager Johnny Cangelose seems to be getting more snow than he probably wants.



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As Aggie coaches Shelby Metcalf (left), John Thornton and Bob Vint watch the action, guard Reggie Roberts looks

for an open teammate during Texas A&M's loss to Illinois Saturday night in the 1982 Great Alaska Shootout.



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Clemson's Marc Campbell (20) attempts to move past the Aggies' Kenny Brown during the Tigers' 82-79 double-overtime victory Friday in Alaska. Brown, a freshman, led Texas A&M with 64 points during the

tournament and was chosen to the all-tourney team. Brown, who had 24 points against the Tigers, tossed in three 3-point shots during the second half to lead his teammates back from a 13-point halftime deficit.