

# Aggies

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part, they're quiet. Suddenly the group of 100 maroon-clad fans

begin to cheer when the Aggies trot onto the floor, as styrofoam "Gig 'em" thumbs and pom poms are thrust into the air.

A glance around the gym reveals several banners scattered throughout:

"Southcentral Alaska A&M Club says: Howdy Ags;" "Gig 'em Aggies;" "The biggest state welcomes the biggest spirit — Texas A&M;" "The Alaskan Twelfth Man is here;" E.T. loves the Ags."

Before the players have a chance to begin their pre-game drills, the Aggie club has already started cheering, complete with two makeshift yell leaders:

"A-G-G-I-E-S ... A-G-G-I-E-S ..."

Yes, people say there are Aggies everywhere. But in Alaska?

Tony Best, president of the Southcentral Alaska A&M club, says preparations for the Aggies' Shootout visit began during the summer. For Best and his fellow club members, the experience has been enjoyable.

"It's been very positive for us and the players from the time they got off the plane to all the sightseeing and the Thanksgiving dinner and everything," Best said. "A lot of the players didn't know what to expect because they've never been so far away from home. They didn't

know whether to expect igloos, dogsleds or what.

"For us, it's a rare treat and something that's really unique. It's not every club that gets to host the Ags away from home, especially when it's 4,000 miles away from campus."

Best, a 1972 graduate of Texas A&M, said the experience will help to build the 130-member club, which was organized April 21 at Aggie Muster.

"This was a good way for us to start the club going and to kick things off," Best said. "We just had decided that this year, we wanted to get a big Aggie crowd out there, and we did."

In 1978, when the Aggies finished fourth in the Shootout, only a handful of Aggie fans showed up for Texas A&M's three tournament games. In 1979, when Texas A&M placed seventh, they encountered the same situation.

Now that the Aggies have returned to College Station, which they did Monday afternoon, things won't be the same in Anchorage.

"We've been talking about the fact that when the guys leave, things will all be back to normal

and it'll be sort of a letdown — it'll be anticlimatic," Best said.

"But we've all enjoyed it. We'd like to keep them longer if we could."

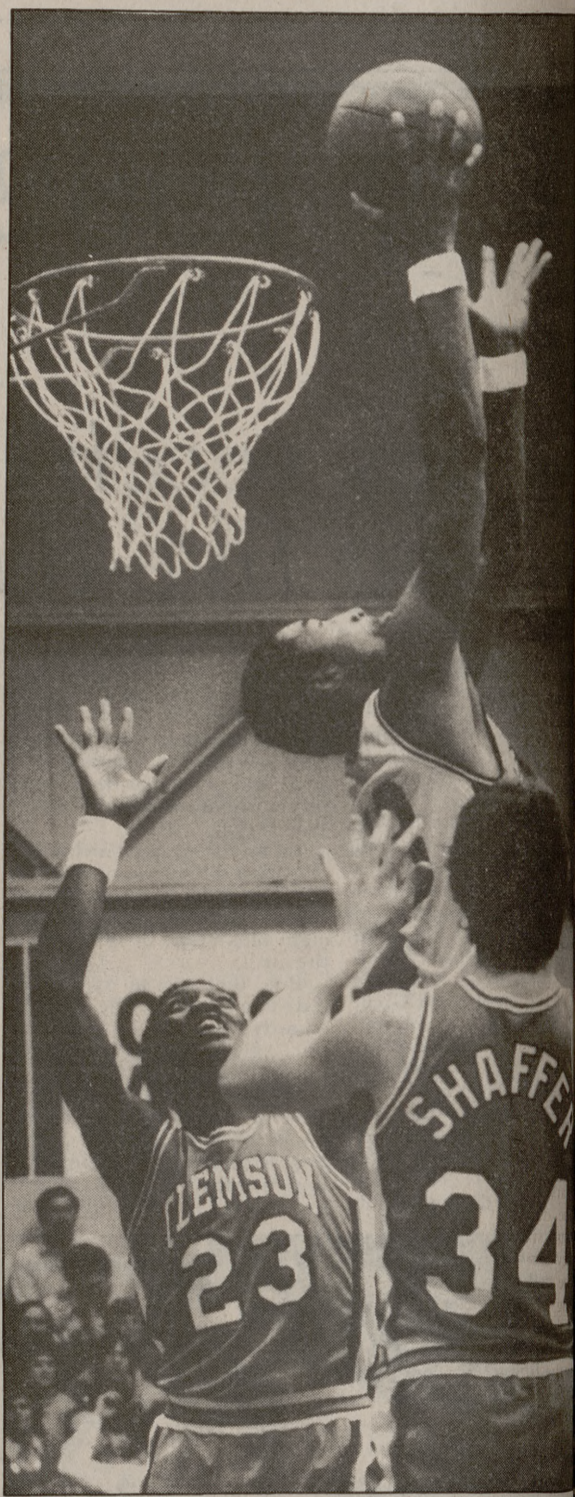
The Aggies, who return from the Shootout with a 1-2 record, will host Texas A&I Thursday night at 7:30 in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Freshman guard Kenny Brown leads the team in scoring with an average of 21.3 points a game, while forward Claude Riley is averaging 16.7 points a game.

Senior guard Tyren Naulls is averaging 10 points a game and junior Reggie Roberts has an average of 9.3. Freshman center Jimmie Gilbert is averaging six rebounds a game.

The Aggies are connecting on 52 percent of their field goals and 63.4 percent of their free throws through the first three games, and are averaging 39 rebounds a game.

Naulls has seven steals to lead the team, while Brown has five. In the assist department, Naulls has nine and Roberts has seven.

The Aggies are averaging 80.6 points a game and their opponents have scored an average of 73 points a game.



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With his back to the basket, the Aggies' Claude Riley sinks a two-pointer as Clemson's David Shaffer and Raymond Jones (23) watch. Clemson scored an 83-75 victory in two overtimes in the 2½-hour contest this weekend's Great Alaska Shootout in Anchorage.

## Spikers given bid, Ladies top UTSA

The Aggie women's volleyball team, which finished the season 32-12, Monday was awarded one of 14 at-large berths in the NCAA national tournament.

Texas A&M will play Arizona in Tuscon, Ariz., Saturday at 7:30 p.m., with the winner advancing to the regional round in Houston the following weekend. Arizona is ranked No. 12 in the nation.

The Aggie Ladies basketball team defeated the University of Texas-San Antonio 84-64 Monday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum to raise its record to 3-2 on the season.

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Sophomore Janet Daulton led Texas A&M with 22 points and seven rebounds, while Edgard had 13 points. Freshman Lisa Langston and sophomore Michell Tatum added 10 apiece.

The Aggie Ladies shot 48 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free-throw line while the Roadrunners managed only a 32 percent goal accuracy for the season.

Margaret Martinovich led UTSA with 17 points and four rebounds.

The Roadrunners are 2-10 this season, while Texas has defeated Southwestern, Mary's and UTSA for its last three victories. The Aggie Ladies lost to Tulane and Delta State.

Texas A&M will host UTSA Wednesday night at 7 in the coliseum.

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