

# The Battalion Sports

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Former Colt star featured in film

## Ameche still a success

by Milton Richman  
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NEW YORK — It's easy to visualize Alan "The Horse" Ameche cradling the ball up against his stomach and leaving his footprints all over those tacklers who had the misfortune of getting themselves caught in the kind of terrible stampede only he could create.

That was more than 20 years ago. He weighs the same today that he did then, 220, and looks as if he could still go out there and pick up that third and long yardage next Sunday.

The Baltimore Colts should be so lucky. They're not — they have absorbed four straight beatings so far this season.

What the Colts wouldn't give to find another player like Alan Ameche again, another great running back who ranks with the best they've ever had and who scored the winning touchdown for them in the 1958 sudden-death NFL championship against the New York Giants — a contest which has been called "the greatest game ever played."

When you ask the dark-haired, broad-

shouldered, 49-year-old Ameche what he thinks about the Colts' present ball club, he shakes his head sadly.

"I don't know how to answer that," he says with a smile.

Ameche, forced to retire when he was 27 because of a severed Achilles tendon, doesn't go to many football games anymore but watches them regularly on TV.

As a former player and a spectacularly successful businessman who became a millionaire through an Eastern fast-food chain called "Gino's," in which he and former teammate Gino Marchetti were partners, Ameche had more than a passing interest in the recent football strike.

"I think the players were completely out of line asking for a percentage," he says. "I'm happy the strike is settled — happy for everyone concerned. I think the players were foolish. That's just my opinion."

An all-America fullback at the University of Wisconsin, Ameche got his nickname from a Madison, Wis., sports writer who said he "worked like a horse" for the Badgers.

Back in 1954, he was the Heisman winner, and on Saturday Ameche will be fea-

ured in "The 1982 Heisman Trophy Award," Bud Greenspan's film which will be nationally telecast and precede the announcement of this year's winner at the Downton Athletic Club.

Ameche was one of the voters this year and doesn't mind saying whom he cast his ballot for.

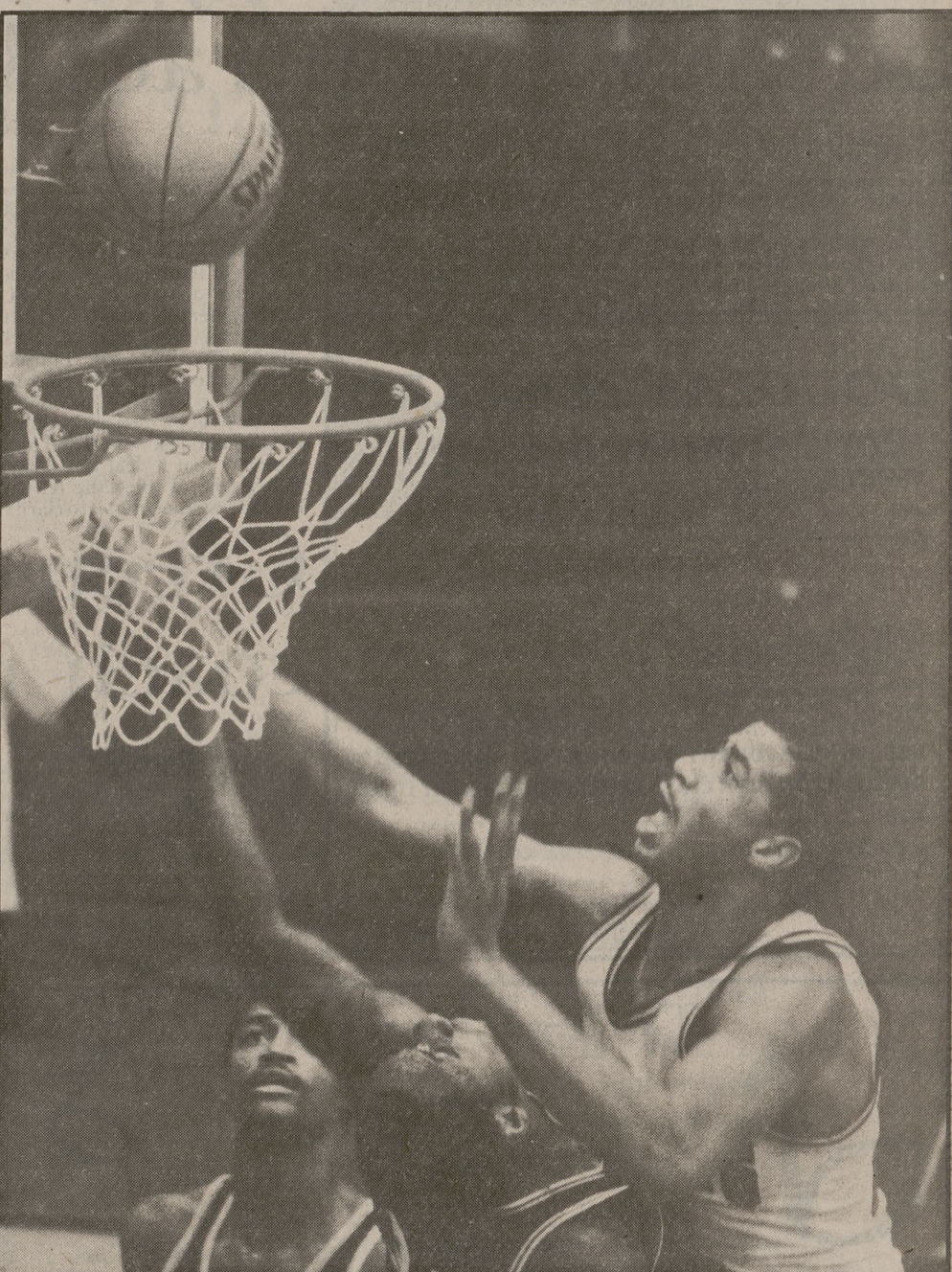
"Herschel Walker," he says. "I voted for him last year also. No matter who wins the award, I think he'll have a tremendous responsibility when he goes into professional football. He's going to have to prove he really was the best college player in the country. That won't be easy in the pros."

Ameche has some advice for whomever wins the trophy.

"He should put it on his shelf and forget about it. That's where mine is now," he says.

Ameche, who underwent triple bypass heart surgery in 1979, stays in touch with many of his old Baltimore teammates. With all the money he's made, he doesn't feel unique among former NFL players.

"One way or another, I think most of them turned out successfully," he says.



staff photo by David Fisher

### Freshman against freshman

Illinois forward Efrem Winters, one of the top freshman players in the nation, moves to the basket for a layup during the Fighting Illini's 72-70 victory over the Aggies this weekend at the Great

Alaska Shootout in Anchorage. Freshman center Jimmie Gilbert of Texas A&M provides an obstruction for the 6-9 Winters, but the freshman scores two of his 14 points for the evening.

## 'Twelfth Man kickoff team' plan announced by Sherrill

by John P. Lopez

**Battalion Staff**  
For years, being the Twelfth Man on the Aggie football team has been just another tradition on the Texas A&M campus. But a precedent-setting decision made by Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Jackie Sherrill may make that tradition a reality for 12 Aggies.

Sherrill told the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets at supper Tuesday that he has asked squadron leaders to pick out the best athletes in their outfits who want to be on a special "Twelfth Man kickoff team."

Those chosen will be timed, evaluated as tacklers and will go

through spring training with the football team working strictly on covering kickoffs. After spring training, Sherrill and his staff will pick the best 12 kickoff team members and invite them back for fall practice.

The Twelfth Man kickoff team will be the starting kickoff team at all home football games next year. Ten of the 12 kickoff team members will be starters along with the kicker, and the other two will be alternates.

The team cannot be taken to road games however, because only a limited number of team members can make road trips, Sherrill said.

"They'll have the opportu-

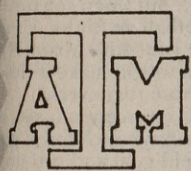
ity to play in 7 games since that's how many home games we have next year," Sherrill said Tuesday night. "All they'll do is practice with the kickoff team over and over so they should do pretty well. I think they'll just go down there (on coverage) like torpedoes. And it won't interfere with their studies or Corps work. They'll come in on Thursday or Friday every week and practice with us."

Sherrill said he decided to limit the kickoff team to Corps members only because the original Twelfth Man, E. King Gill, was a Corps member and because the Corps' support for the University has impressed him.

"After being with them on the bonfire and seeing their dedication, I was impressed with their attitude and devotion to the school," Sherrill said. "It's what the Twelfth Man is all about. They should do well."

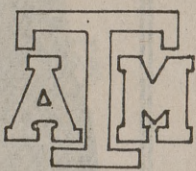
Members of the Corps were just as impressed with the opportunity to play under Sherrill.

"We all think it's a great idea," Corps Commander Mike Holmes said. "I've already had a lot of guys come up to me who will be fifth-year seniors and are wondering if they'll be eligible next year. It's letting us be like the original Twelfth Man."



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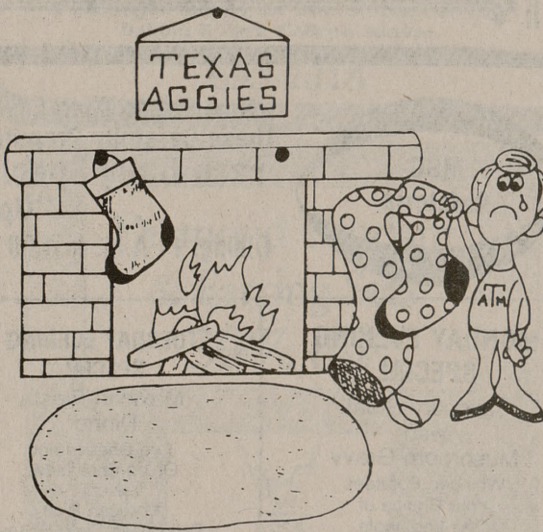
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## HOLIDAY CRIME: AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE

Christmas vacation is a time of unexpected surprises — some better than others. After finishing exams most of you will be leaving town for the holidays. This means that your apartment, mobile home, duplex, or house will be unattended for several weeks. With so many students away during the holidays some homes become prime targets for burglary. Although some apartment complexes provide security for their tenants, others do not. The types of security that do exist vary from one complex to another.

In order to protect your belongings from theft, you should begin immediately by taking steps to insure their safety. Renter's insurance is one type of protection for your personal property. Here are some additional security steps which might be taken.

1. Strong locks are the single best deterrent to break-ins. Use a rod to "double-lock" sliding glass doors or windows.
2. Do not leave hidden keys outside your home. If you can find them, so can an intruder.
3. Never leave notes indicating that you are away.
4. Keep an inventory of your valuable possessions, including serial numbers, brand names, and model numbers. Send a copy to parents or a relative in case your copy is destroyed. You might also take photographs of valuable items. This is good support for your insurance claims.
5. Engraving your Texas driver's license number on valuable items is a good idea. Operation ID, a program supported by the local police departments, enables people to protect their property by doing this. An engraver may be checked out from the University Police.
6. If possible, take all valuables with you — especially stereos, TVs, cameras, typewriters, and bikes.
7. You may wish to use an automatic (on-off) timer on a lamp. Timers can be purchased for as little as \$7.00.
8. Stop all deliveries including mail and newspapers.
9. If possible, ask a trusted friend to watch your home. Leave a number where you can be reached in case of an emergency.
10. Don't panic if your apartment has been entered. Contact the police and manager immediately. Do not "tidy up." Even the smallest detail might provide valuable information for the police.



We urge you to check with your apartment manager or property owner prior to the installations of any security device and for additional security steps.

We hope you have no unexpected surprises when you return to Aggieland. For brochures and other information on crime prevention, contact the police department, or come by the Off Campus Center located in Puryear Hall, across from the YMCA Building. Drop by or call between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 845-1741. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### OFF CAMPUS CALENDAR

**CHRISTMAS DANCE:** The second annual Christmas dance, sponsored by the off campus Aggies, will be held at the Ramada Inn, Thursday, December 2 from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. Tickets are available at Rudder Box Office at \$8.00 per couple.

**ROOMMATE SESSIONS:** The Off Campus Center is holding roommate sessions for students seeking roommates for the spring semester.

Monday, December 6	302 Rudder Tower	2:00 p.m.
Tues.-Fri., Dec. 7-10	404 Rudder Tower	2:00 p.m.
Monday, December 13	404 Rudder Tower	2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 14	302 Rudder Tower	2:00 p.m.

Sessions will also be held January 10-14, 17 and 18. For more information call 845-1741.

**OFF CAMPUS AGGIES:** First general meeting of the spring semester. Wednesday, January 19, in Rudder Tower.

### LET'S DANCE

As the Christmas season approaches, off campus students are getting in the holiday spirit. On Thursday, December 2 the Off Campus Aggies (OCA) will sponsor a Christmas dance. The event will be held at the Ramada Inn at 410 Texas Avenue South. A variety of music will be provided by a disc jockey. When not on the dance floor, students will be able to munch on finger sandwiches, cheese, and sausage hors d'oeuvres. Beverages will be available through a cash bar. The dress is semi-formal, and a photographer from University Studios will be on hand to take pictures. The dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. and continue until 12:00 a.m. For those interested in coming, tickets will be available at Rudder Box Office. The cost is \$8.00 per couple. For more information about the OCA Christmas dance, call Kristen Temte or Sheryl Rankin at 696-0728. Come join us in celebrating the Christmas Season!

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