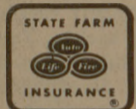


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## Corky is new and old football player

(Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles about the A&M football program done by a team of Journalism 204 students and submitted to The Battalion for publication.)

By WENDELL SCHRONK

The football program at A&M has a new head coach in Emory Bellard, and Bellard has a new and old player in Corky Sheffield.

Sheffield is a new player to Bellard, but an old player at A&M.

Sheffield was a graduate of Duncanville where he played high school ball. He came to A&M in the 1968-69 season as a freshman on a scholarship. He played varsity football the next season at a cornerback position.

After the 1969-70 season Sheffield gave his scholarship back to Gene Stallings, then head coach.

"I didn't like the system and the way Coach Stallings coached," Sheffield said. He explained Stallings didn't give the assistant coaches enough say. "I also feel he sometimes worked the team too hard during the week getting them ready for the game," he added.

"I was always treated fairly by Coach Stallings and still have respect for him. I feel that Stallings was respected by everyone connected with the team."

Sheffield said Bellard is a great coach and cannot be compared to Stallings because of their different styles. "Bellard

works with and for his associates on and off the field," Sheffield commented.

"Coach Bellard leaves the job of coaching the defense and offensive lines to his assistants and concentrates mainly on the offensive backs. Stallings was always working with each segment of the team and took supreme control. Also, Bellard isn't as much a strict advocate of discipline as Coach Stallings was."

Sheffield has one year of eligibility left and may add a tremendous boost to the Aggie team at his cornerback position. He said he felt the Wishbone formation will give the Aggie offense the lift it needs with Donnie Wigginton coaching the players who

will be running it. Sheffield said Wigginton is a great person and coach who has developed into a loyal Aggie.

"If the people at A&M could have seen Coach Wigginton at the basketball game between Texas and us, then they would know what type of coach he will be," he commented.

"I feel certain we can win all the games we play this season, but I will be disappointed if we don't win at least six," he added. "The new atmosphere and support that has been created will give our team the spark it has needed in the past. Coaches Wigginton and Bellard, along with the great players that already have signed will turn a losing team into the team everyone wants at A&M."

Sheffield said he felt lucky to be associated with this new Aggie team and he is glad he can work under the leadership of a coach like Bellard.

"You know Coach Bellard is in control," Sheffield said.

Next: O. D. Butler answers questions about A&M football.

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## Veriato-led Aggies entered in Houston golf tournament

Steve Veriato, 1971 Southwest Conference golf champion, will lead the Aggies in the 18th annual All-America Intercollegiate golf tournament which began Wednesday and lasts through Saturday in Houston.

More than 100 of the nation's top college golf stars representing 24 schools are entered in the meet held for the third year at Atascocita Country Club course.

"This is the greatest field we've ever had," says tournament director Dave Williams, veteran University of Houston golf coach who has directed his team to 12 NCAA championships.

"We have more quality teams and more individuals who could win this tournament than ever before," Williams added. "This is the Masters of college golf."

The other members representing A&M in the meet are Tommy Gilbert, Tommy Shelton, Bill Schmidt and Clay Dozier.

Defending champion Florida is back with another great team and is expected to make a good showing. The Gators are led by defending individual champion Andy North, Mike Killian, third in last year's meet and Gary Koch, winner of two college tournaments this spring.

NCAA team champion Texas,

second place Houston, Florida, fifth place Oklahoma State and seventh place Brigham Young give the meet five out of the nation's top seven teams from the 1971 NCAA tourney.

NCAA individual champion Ben Crenshaw of Texas, Walker Cup member Tom Kite, Jr. of Texas, the NCAA runner-up and Dave Shipley, BYU's fourth-place finisher add four of the best to the super field.

Each team will enter a five-man team and count the four low scores toward the team medal title.

Favorites for the team title this year include Florida, Texas, Houston, Oklahoma State, Oregon and BYU.

In addition to NCAA champion Crenshaw and defending All-America champion North, several conference winners will be in the field which includes Craig Griswold, Oregon, Pacific Eight; John Granger, North Texas, Missouri Valley; Danny Edwards, Oklahoma State, Big Eight; and Greg Harmon, New Mexico, Western Athletic.

Teams entered are A&M, Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Arizona State, Baylor, Brigham Young, Colorado, Florida, Florida State, Houston, Indiana, Louisiana State, New Mexico, New Mexico State, North Texas State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Rice, SMU, Texas, Texas Tech and TCU.

This will be the last scheduled meet for the Aggies before the Southwest Conference meet April 27-28 in Fayetteville.

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