THE BATTALION

Friday, September 28, 1973

times they miss classes due to was there.

games or meets. We use the tu-

torial program to try and com-

pensate for the dedication they

have to give to be a good athlete.

We don't tell them what courses

take." And help them he does.

No fewer than 11 students were

in for advice on everything from

hurt knees to where to stay dur-

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Coach "Bum" is just that, a

coach. He loves athletics and he

loves his athletes. He said, "We

(the coaches) like to think that

football or baseball or whatever

down to it, their education is

really number one. And that's

what our tutorial program is all

about." And that's what coach

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track coaches, swimming coaches, baseball coaches and then there is coach Max Bumgardner. He is a brain coach.



department, Bumgardner is relatively new at A&M. He came with coach Emory Bellard last year, having been head coach at San Angelo State for 19 years. Bumgardner's position places in his hands responsibility for some .00 athletes anytime they are not in practice. Somehow he manages to do it, and apparently, do it well.

Every athlete approached had nothing but praise for Bumgardner, with linebacker John Mc-Crumbly saying, "He really cares about us. If I have a problem, I can always go to coach Bum."

As "brain coach" Bumgardner oversees the athletic tutorial pro-

being voluntary. All athletes, however, are encouraged to participate, the degree of the encouragement, depending to a great extent on their GPR. Coach "Bum" utilizes as many as 30 paid tutors per semester to assist those athletes needing or requesting help. Using mostly grad students as tutors, he prepares those with undergraduate experience at A&M.

Bumgardner keeps close contact with members of the faculty as well as his athletes. He maintains progress charts on each student and makes sure they attend class as often as possible. He requests information from the faculty regarding poor performance by any athlete in order that they may receive any special help necessary. Bumgardner says "These guys spend up to six hours a day either in practice or discussions with coaches. Someing the one hour this reporter Bum is all about. Oct.6 1:00 PM **Texas Wo** A. J. FOYT

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courses. We just try to help athletes and that athletics comes

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Boston College at A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M
Iowa State at Arkansas	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa
Baylor at Colorado	Colo.	Colo.	Colo.	Colo.	Colo.	Colo.	Colo.
Houston at Memphis St.	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Rice at LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
Virginia Tech at SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	V. Tech	SMU	SMU	SMU
Texas Tech at Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Tech	Texas	Tech
TCU at Ohio State	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio
Oklahoma at So. Cal.	USC	OU	USC	USC	USC	OU	USC
Cardinals vs. Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys
Season Record	17-3	17-8	16-4	- 15-5	15-5	15-5	12-8
Last Week	7-3	7-3	8-2	5-5	8-2	6-4	5-5
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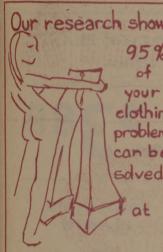
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