# gs begin spring training

By DAVID BOGGAN

as A&M head football coach ory Bellard sat back in his chair, ded on his pipe and spoke.

We're going to run the wishbone e," he said in answer to a on concerning the offensive gy the Aggies would employ in 78 season. A rumor had circusaying that the death of the ne in Aggieland was at hand.

But coach Bellard quickly dispelled termine

be our basic offense," the Aggie coach reiterated. There will be ceivers. In these cases we will move

Rice Owl second baseman appears to tag out A&M infielder Randy Woodruff — but he missed the tag, and Woodruff

was called safe. The Aggies swept the three game series

in the nation, displayed its

nday at Oak Village Racquet o in Bryan as they beat the Ag-

of the nine matches, that being a

set victory by junior Mike Moss won the first 7-6 but

on to lose the last two 6-1, 6-2 nity's Tony Giammalva.

the number one singles match, man Reid Freeman, the top sed 18-year old in the state, was

ned by Ben McKown of Trinity

6-1. The match was closer than core indicated however as eman made McKown work for

in a dual tennis match 9-0. inity was so dominating that the es were only able to win one set

me power against A&M

Trinity passes Aggies

by identical scores.

"Yer Out!" . . . Almost

Robin Baker 6-2, 6-2 and brother Moss and Schutz were beaten by

Dave Benson downing Jim Grubert John Benson and Giammalva by

In doubles action the Aggies of ity victory in the number three coach Richard Barker, did not fare doubles slot were Dave Benson and

any better. The number one team of Iskersky over Baker and Grubert

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Bellard said that this afternoon The wishbone offense is going to will have its advantages and disadvantages, as every formation does.

"Everything in football is a givetimes when we break from the wishbone and go with two wide re"The two wide receivers will place The two wide receivers will place additional stress on the defensive the other halfback over behind the perimeters. Of course, in this forfullback. That is a matter of 18 mation we will lose some of the inches right or left, depending on the situation. Now, you can call that will not be used as strictly a third an I-formation, it all depends on down play. It can be played at any

with Rice this weekend, tieing them for second place with

Arkansas. A&M travels to Waco this weekend to play the

conference-leading Baylor Bears.

scores of 6-2, 6-0. Closing the Trin-

Bellard, who masterminded the an assistant coach at the University of Texas, is confident that the wishbone will do the job for the Ag-

"Our attack will be built on the principles and philosophies of the wishbone offense. And the wishbone was drawn up to be used with two wide receivers as well as a fullhouse backfield," he said, and he

finest fullback in the country right

plagued with the weight problem that bothered him last season.

"George is still a little heavy, but his weight is coming down," the Aggie coach said. "From all the advice that I can get from doctors, I think that George is supposed to weigh somewhere in the 250-255 pound range. Hopefully he will be down to that by the Maroon and

be the finale of Bellard's seventh spring training program at A&M, which begins today at 4:30 p.m. Bel-

spring training at all positions," he said. "The whole idea of this spring training will be to get to the point where we can play with great intensity at all times. Intensity always de-

sity at all times. Intensity always determines how much you can achieve, game by game, day by day, play by play and all the time."

Last year, A&M had big problems defensively. Spring training is designed to remedy those problems. The Battalion will look at some of the changes Bellard will experiment with during the four weeks of spring training in tomorrow's report of the first day of training.

Perhaps one of the reasons that wishbone offense while he was still the rumors of the scrapping of the wishbone got started is the fact that A&M failed to acquire the highly recruited high school fullback, Milton Collins of Blooming Grove.

"I don't see what that has to do with it," Bellard said. "We have the

here, George Woodard. What are you going to do, just kick him out?" No, indeed, Woodard cannot be overlooked. But the big man from Van Vleck will be in his final season for the Aggies this year, as will his backup, Eddie Hardin. Finding a fullback is a problem of the future which Bellard said will be "taken up

at an appropriate time."

Meanwhile, Woodard is still

White game."
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program.
"It will be a very competitive



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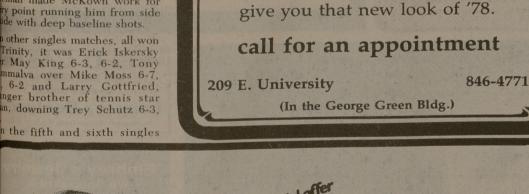
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