By MARY JO PRINCE

Athletes can not always release their classroom pressures on the practice fields. And when they carry their academic problems back to the dorm, someone is there with open ears and sound advice. This man is Dr. R. C. Potts, academic advisor to Texas A&M's athletes.

Potts is not new to students at Texas A&M. From 1935 to 1977, he was Associate Dean of Instruction in the College of Agriculture. In the fall of 1977, he assumed his present position, at the request of Athletic Director Emory Bellard.

As academic advisor, he responds to individual needs as they arise.

Athletes receive guidance in choosing majors, selecting classes and establishing study habits.

'My basic philosophy," Potts said. is to stress communications be-

speak to professors outside of class can only contribute to one's academic performance.

Stressing class attendance, he added, "Athletes who do poorly are the ones who miss class regularly." He feels thas is a basic cause of various academic problems.

Potts is especially concerned with freshmen, in that they must make big adjustments as they enter col-lege. He says that attitude problems can result when an athlete goes from star athlete status in high school to sitting on the bench in college. These attitude problems can result

in academic problems. Last fall, Potts advised a freshman athlete who wanted to quit football, as well as the University, due to the fact that he did not get to play in a

single game.
"I told him he may or may not get

tween students and their profes-sors." He said that special efforts to recalled. "If he did not, then he would need to make a living for himself and his family. Having a degree from a fine university like A&M could only be beneficial to him."

After receiving this sound and sincere advice, the freshman returned to Texas A&M and to the football

Potts gets agitated when people speak negatively of athletes' intelli-

'Athletes are not dumb," he said.

With the help of Max Bumgardner (resident athletic advisor), Potts informs athletes of the academic aids available to them. Tutors are provided for courses ranging from agronomy to zoology. Freshmen have required study halls two nights a week. The athletes know the help is

Residents of Woffard Cain Hall superb meals, recreational facilities, extra-large beds. But at the top of the Dr. R. C. Potts. He sees each athlete as an individual, and responds to the needs of each. His concern, enthusiasm and advice help provide important guidelines for their lives Batt Pix

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Supporters two-time heavyweight boxing

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The Ali supporters — a group of of Muhammad Ali hope to draft the about 10 people - plan to run an Ali-for-mayor advertisement Sept. champion as mayor of the city of 14, the day before the Louisville native seeks to regain the heavyweight door. Classified advertisements pub-boxing title. The ad would run in the lished this week ask fans of the Louisville Defender, a weekly former heavyweight champ to call a newspaper serving the city's black

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"So many people have that image of them. The athletes could not perform and excel in their sports if they were dumb." In his advisory capac ity, he strives to rid athletes of this negative image.

there simply for the asking.

The biggest benefit I receive is the pleasure of working with people" Potts said of his position. After a visit with him, one can tell he offers a helping hand and sincere concern to each athlete that walks through his

have access to many facilities list should be their academic advisor, when their athletic days are over

ment.

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Jimmy Connors, Tracy Austin, Chris Evert. The list is long of the tennis pros that were child prodigies in the tennis world. If a person starts later than four, he is considered a late bloomer.

By SALLY BLAND

Not so in the case of Texas A&M University freshman Pam Hill from Beaumont. Hill has a full scholarship to play tennis on the Texas A&M

"I started playing tennis when I was 12," Hill said. "Lessons were given by the Park and Recreations

Department during the summer."
Unlike today's tennis stars, Hill's parents were not "tennis parents. They didn't pressure their daughter

into playing.

"My dad, mom and brother knew how to play, so we had a foursome,"

Aggies' Hill not late bloomer Hill said. "We played for the enjoy-

> In the fall of Hill's sixth grade, she entered her first tournament and lost. She entered her second tournament a month later and lost again. Not a glamorous start for a budding tennis player.

Private lessons began and so did Hill's successful career

In junior high, Hill consistently won in the age groups ahead of her. She won district all three years in junior high. Hill's high school years extended her winning streak.

"I won district, regional and state 3-A singles all four years in high school," she said.

Hill also participated in volleyball and track. She excelled in these sports as well as tennis.

'I was all-state three years in volleyball and won second in the 880yard dash at the state track meet my.

freshman year," Hill said. Hill is playing on the Texas A&M women's volleyball team. She will concentrate on volleyball this fall and on tennis in the spring.

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During the summer months, Hill degree in business mans traveled all over the United States maybe play World Team playing in tennis tournaments.

Last year, Hill was rated 76th in also like to teach ten the nation and seventh in Texas in the 18-year-old age group.
"The results are not final yet, but

I'm probably rated second or third in do the best I can, whi the state for this year," Hill said. Hill has received many awards and honors in her short career. She was

the first recipient of the Henry H. Freund Friendship Memorial in Philadelphia, Pa. this past summer. Also, the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce named Hill the outstanding high school tennis player of the

But the award that stands out in her mind was winning second at the prestigious Texas Sectionals in San

"I was surprised and very happy to have placed second at that tournament," Hill said. "It's the most important tennis tournament in Texas. Hill is quiet, thoughtful and deliberate in her words and actions.

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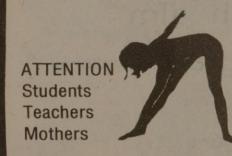
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