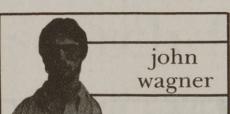
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the more reveport where's a sign outside a local pizza parlor cted 122 reads, "We support Tom Wilson and or \$3.6 MU." It sticks out like a sore thumb, a le court det testimonial to the madness that has eals had bone Texas A&M University athletics. In I drove past and read the message, I laugh. It seemed ironic that at the

ne wrong ty, my first reaction was to work up a er, so a phaendous anger toward regents chair-tim in Altz H.R. "Bum" Bright. He's a powerful ordered ked hard to earn the prestige, position power that he is now using. I am a omore in college, a person who has yet many prestige or power. I was not sure filed sur had any right to be angry at Bright. I be decle know him, have never even seen him son, and yet I was furious. I still am. she had n amsure that all Bright wants to do is win rough Cou ball games. He doesn't care who's hile "unax ling, as long as the Aggies are winning, and marriag light wants to relieve Wilson as head she had an and can find someone that will bring



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addropped first heard of the Schembechler offer edge, howen my father, and I was floored. Instinctions wrong the wrong the property of the pizza of the personnel needed to compete, both players and coaches, if it continues to treat Wilson and his staff like tinues to treat Wilson and his staff like they're not even around?

The man who seems forgotten in all the controversy and waiting that has sur-rounded the search for athletic director/ head coach is Wilson. He's a good football coach, a man who has handled the turmoil that apparently goes hand-in-hand with Aggie football with a refreshing frankness and maturity. While everything around him seemed to be going up in smoke, Wilson hung tough, a characteristic that his team showed many times in the past two years. It's not easy to be in limbo and still perform, and the fourth year head coach has been hanging by his fingernails for what must seem to

she lived atton, that's fine by me.

during that is so frustrating is the way the situath Hunt filwas handled. How can the University

him like an eternity.

I believe that Wilson should be given a chance to win. He is on the verge of what

one he had with Southern Mis-

he did not think that was the

could transpire to be his most successful sworth says it's not difficult to season ever. He has put together a team that is loaded with talent, one that could easily be ghorns are undefeated. Cotton Bowl-bound. Unfortunately, the decision is not mine to make. The scary part is, going to beat them this year," no one is really sure whose decision it is. I said Killingsworth, whose don't know if Bright will get rid of Wilson or Horned Frogs Tuesday night center LaSalle Thompson and a not. He claims that the decision will be up to the new athletic director, whoever that will be. What he's not saying is whether he is looking for an athletic director that wants to coach. Schembechler fit that description perfectly, as does the coach who most recently received an offer from Texas A&M, Jackie Sherrill of Pittsburgh.

Whether Sherrill accepts or not, however, the damage has been done. Our reputation, our recruiting and our morale have all been shot down in flames. The funny thing about the whole situation is that the winning universities, the ones that breed coaches like Schembechler and Sherrill, never conduct private business in the manner that Bright likes to do for Texas A&M. If he really wanted to improve the athletic program and return Texas A&M to the same circle of powers that includes schools like Michigan, Pittsburgh, and the University of Texas, he

would leave well enough alone.

I guess I support Tom Wilson and TAMU also.

knife in our back.

"I think moving to Dallas had

something to do with it," said Hitch. "But he has a nice con-tract. We don't think he stuck a

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MU finds winner in Collins

nited Press International LLAS — Bobby Collins is oaching winning footms. That is an advantage lins, because he stepped must-win situation

lins, who spent the last years as head coach of the sity of Southern Missistook the same job at them Methodist University eral lines z

carved out day, saying he recognized looks like: dallenge facing him.
said. The MU posted a 10-1 record in removed the said and the bulk of the talent produced that record will be the said. The Mustaness will see that the said the sa ns, he said ck. The Mustangs will go their second straight the spent nts in advan west Conference title and uncoverin be among those challengor the national crown. led to the brothers

dlike to be able to play that m," said Collins, 48, who area as yo da five-year contract and nen they we lakes the job left vacant ancient with Ron Meyer became the coach of the New England ed a deep ots. "But it has been my phihy to tell the media what e found the probably

of team we had. vefelt we should have been nally ranked team at hern Mississippi and we wed drawing could be when the people we have twe should be challenging the championship. I know

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that puts additional pressure on was worth more money than the

sissippi (\$60,000 a year), but that "But I hope we are very, very competitive.

chief reason Collins took the job. Collins served as an assistant coach at four different schools, including nine years at North Carolina State, before moving to Southern Mississippi. He has spent most of his life in small college towns and now must do battle not only with the opposing clubs but with all the other entertainment outlets in Dallas.

"College football is a unique game," said Collins, who had six winning teams in his seven years at Southern Mississippi and whose club was 9-1-1 in 1981. "I don't think we have to fight the

"We have the rivalry among our schools, we have our student body and if we put on a good show we will attract people to the games. That's our job."
Meyer left SMU Friday and

athletic director Bob Hitch said he planned to have a new coach within two or three days. But over the weekend Hitch's top three choices — Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, Dallas Cowboys assistant John Mackovic and Mississippi State coach Emory Bellard — turned him down.

Hitch said Collins' contract

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