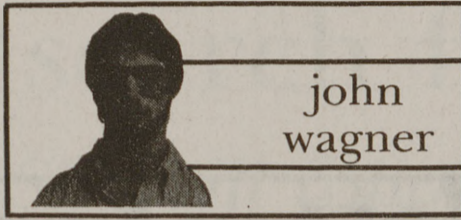


Secretive AD search efforts harmful to Wilson and A&M



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There's a sign outside a local pizza parlor that reads, "We support Tom Wilson and A&M." It sticks out like a sore thumb, a testimonial to the madness that has gripped Texas A&M University athletics. I drove past and read the message, I laughed. It seemed ironic that at the time Wilson most needs support, the pizza parlor of College Station are the ones to do it.

I first heard of the Schembechler offer to my father, and I was floored. Instinctively, my first reaction was to work up a tremendous anger toward regents chairman H.R. "Bum" Bright. He's a powerful former student, a person who has had hard to earn the prestige, position of power that he is now using. I am a former in college, a person who has yet to earn any prestige or power. I was not sure I had any right to be angry at Bright. I don't know him, have never even seen him, and yet I was furious. I still am.

could transpire to be his most successful season ever. He has put together a team that is loaded with talent, one that could easily be Cotton Bowl-bound. Unfortunately, the decision is not mine to make. The scary part is, no one is really sure whose decision it is. I don't know if Bright will get rid of Wilson or 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.

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No. 5 Longhorns dump Horned Frogs 105-89

United Press International
AUSTIN — Texas Christian University coach Jim Killingsworth says it's not difficult to figure why the Texas Longhorns are undefeated.

became Texas' 13th straight victim. "I can't remember when we played a team as good as Texas was tonight." The Longhorns, ranked 18th going into the game and fifth as of today's polls, rolled to a 105-89 victory behind 31 points from center LaSalle Thompson and a

combined 50 points from forwards Virdell Howland and Mike Wacker. "Every shot they put up went in and they were just unbelievable from the free throw line," said Killingsworth, whose team slipped to 7-3 for the year and 2-3 in SWC play.

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TAMU finds winner in Collins

United Press International
ALLAS — Bobby Collins is coaching winning football. That is an advantage Collins, because he stepped into a must-win situation today.

Collins, who spent the last two years as head coach of the University of Southern Mississippi, took the same job at Southern Methodist University today, saying he recognized the challenge facing him. Collins posted a 10-1 record in 1981 and the bulk of the talent produced that record will be back. The Mustangs will go into their second straight West Conference title and will be among those challenged for the national crown.

that puts additional pressure on us. "But I hope we are very, very competitive." 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 pros." "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.

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