

Sherrill

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The 38-year-old Sherrill said athletes' academic standards are a top priority in his program.

"Academic excellence is important," Sherrill said. "A lot of people talk about it. I don't talk about it — I get it done."

"There's no such thing as the athletic community ruling the academic community. They're both very important to each other."

Describing himself as a players' coach, Sherrill said his athletes must realize their roles.

"I believe that the players should play for themselves first," Sherrill said. "The story about 'playing one for the Gipper' isn't true."

Recruiting will play an important part in his program, Sherrill said.

"The thing I enjoy about recruiting is meeting the parents and knowing that one day, a mother will walk up to me, throw her arms around me, give me a kiss and say 'Thank you for what you've done for my son.'"

While most of the high school players he hopes to recruit for Texas A&M will be from within the state, he said, players from around the country will visit the University. However, Sherrill said he does not plan to recruit any of the Pittsburgh area players he had been interested in.

Sherrill added that he plans to have his coaching staff complete by this weekend.

"I will be bringing some coaches with me and I will be bringing some coaches in from other parts of the country," Sherrill said. "Finding coaches isn't difficult, but finding coaches that are best for A&M is all I'm concerned about."

Sherrill said he would interview the Texas A&M football coaches for positions on his staff. Two members of Sherrill's new staff, one of whom assisted him at Pittsburgh the past season, have been named. George Pugh, 27, will assume a coaching post with the Aggies, as will 1970 Texas A&M graduate Curley Hallman.

Pugh, whom Sherrill suspended for a month as a result of his participation in a Sugar Bowl ticket-scalping incident,

accompanied Sherrill to College Station.

Clemson University Head Coach Danny Ford announced Wednesday that Hallman, defensive backfield coach for the Tigers' national championship squad, will join Sherrill's staff.

Hallman had coached at Memphis State University before taking the post at Clemson in 1979.

Sherrill said that one of his top priorities is bringing R.C. Slocum, an assistant at USC, to Texas A&M to join his staff as defensive coordinator.

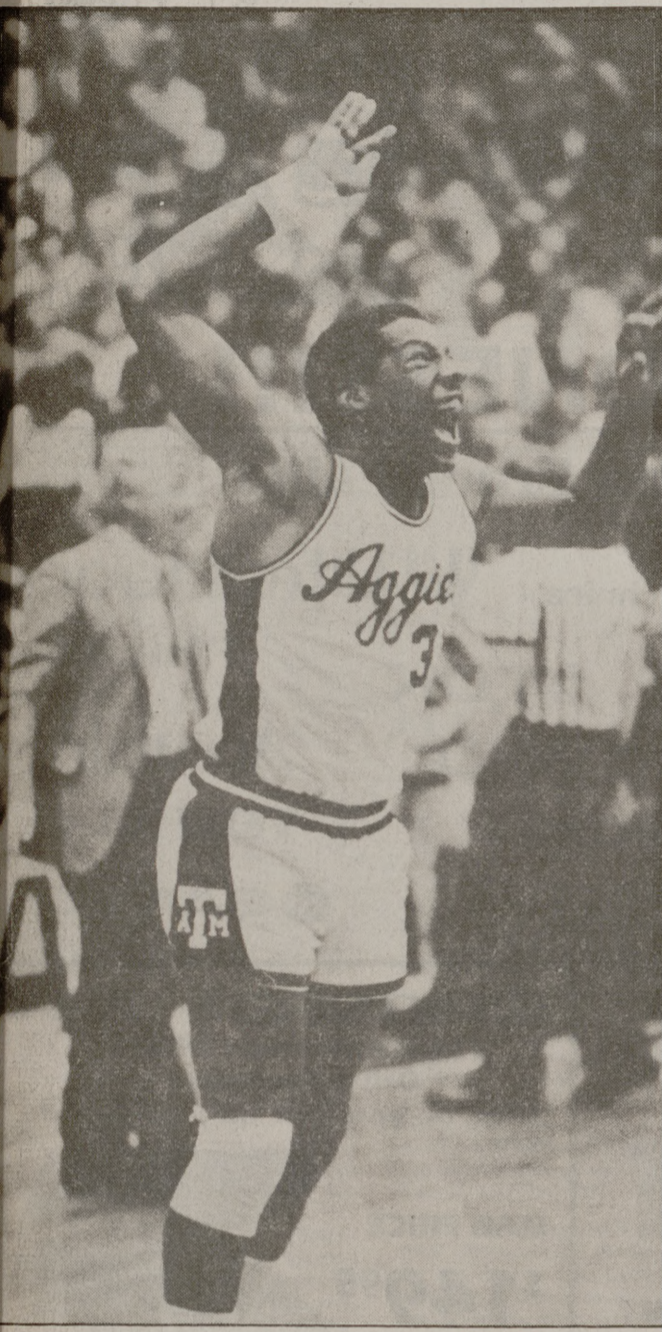


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Shout of victory

Forward Mike Thomas of the Texas A&M basketball team shows excitement after the Aggies' 47-46 win over the Baylor Bears ago in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Aggies, who defeated Mustangs 81-55 Tuesday night in Dallas, travel Saturday to Rice Owls at 7:30 p.m. Texas A&M is 10-4 for the season and 3-1 in Southwest Conference play, while Texas leads at 5-0.

Sherrill contract shows need for athlete funds

United Press International
HOUSTON — New Texas A&M athletic director and head coach Jackie Sherrill's reported \$3 million contract package is further justification for providing better financial benefits for college athletes, the director of the federally backed Center for Athlete Rights and Education in New York said.

"If universities can afford to pay millions of dollars to pay the salaries of coaches like Jackie Sherrill, why can't they afford to spend some of their revenue to guarantee athletes receive educations they are promised," Allen Sack said Wednesday.

"We are not in favor of cash payments to athletes, but we are in favor of a percentage of re-

venues from television going into a trust fund that would be earmarked for the educational needs of the scholarship athletes."

Sack's organization says the fund would go to athletes who are injured and cannot play or who run out of athletic eligibility before they finish their educa-

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