



Resting and watching

Steve Williford, a junior electrical engineer, takes a break during a basketball game being played on the third floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

staff photo by Eric Mitchell

## Thornton says Sherrill's staff will be a winning combination

by John Wagner

**Battalion Staff**  
New Head Coach and Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill is a competitor and a man who knows how to win, his associate athletic director told the Class of '83 Thursday night.

Charles Thornton told an audience of about 40 people that Sherrill has assembled a staff that can get the job done, not only in football, but in each of the sports Texas A&M University competes in.

"Our goal is to have an overall sports program that is good as any in the country," Thornton said. He said the process of building Texas A&M's nationwide reputation has already begun.

"We're going to build an all-purpose basketball arena in the near future. We have a commitment from the Board of Regents for a feasibility study, which I would expect to take six to nine months. The earliest we could have it completed would be two years," Thornton said. The arena would probably be located near the intramural fields, he added.

Thornton said that Sherrill, who was originally scheduled to speak at the class meeting, was on a recruiting trip. The quality that makes Sherrill such a fine recruiter, Thornton said, is his ability to be himself.

"I think Jackie is a good recruiter because he relates so well to young people," Thornton said. "You can sense that this man (Sherrill) means what he says. There's not a phony bone in his body, and that shows."

He said Sherrill's national reputation as a fine coach and recruiter will pay off, although he admitted that this year's recruiting effort will not be as good as in the years to come.

Thornton said he was aware of the controversy surrounding the hiring of Sherrill and his staff, but he said this controversy was unfounded for the most part.

"There are 10 to 15 football coaches in the country that make more money than Coach Sherrill, and even some basketball coaches that make as much as him," he said. Thornton said Sherrill's base salary and other benefits are not as unusual in college athletics as they may seem.

Thornton cautiously answered questions about next football season.

"I'm not going to predict that we'll go 8-3," he said. "But I think we're going to have a good team. We've got some good athletes here, and I think the football players are excited about next season."

Thornton said the Aggies would most likely use a pro-type offensive formation, because

that would fit Aggie best. He said quarterback Kubiak is a good passer, this formation he will have opportunity to throw.

Thornton drew a response from the audience he said: "I've been with the team in the Cotton last two years, and I was with the host team this year."

Thornton came to A&M from the University of Alabama, which he attended from 1978 to 1981 and lost to Texas in the game.

Thornton said he was given the job of associate athletic director under Sherrill because he gave him a chance to prove himself professionally.

## Tennis

Men to host HBU, SHS

The men's tennis team will play Houston Baptist University today in its second match of the spring season.

The Aggies play Sam Houston State University Saturday. Both matches begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Omar Smith Tennis Center at Texas A&M University.

"These teams are not that tough, but we need the playing experience," tennis Coach David Kent said.

"Sam Houston has a pretty good team but not as good as Houston Baptist," he said. "I still think we'll do well."

The Aggies, ranked 20th in the nation, won their first tournament of the season last weekend. They defeated

McClennan Community College, winning eight matches and losing one.

Brian Joelson, a junior, will play the number one match against HBU.

Freshman Kimmo Alms missed the McClennan match because of a pulled muscle, will be the Aggie ranked player against Saturday.

Brain Joelson and Pazurek will again be the number one doubles team.

Kent will continue to coach the team with his line. Southwest Conference tournament begins March 12.

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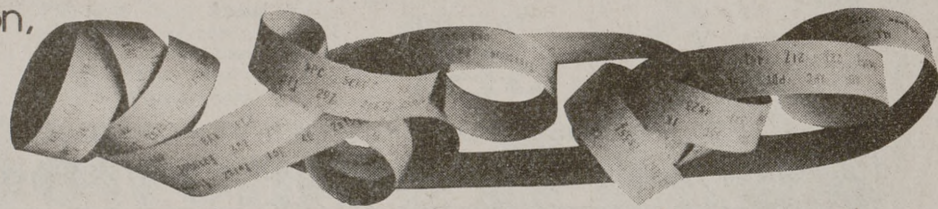
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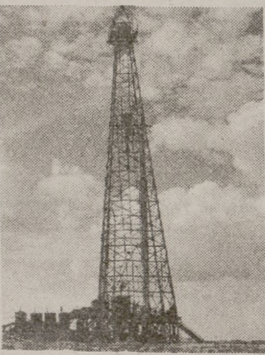
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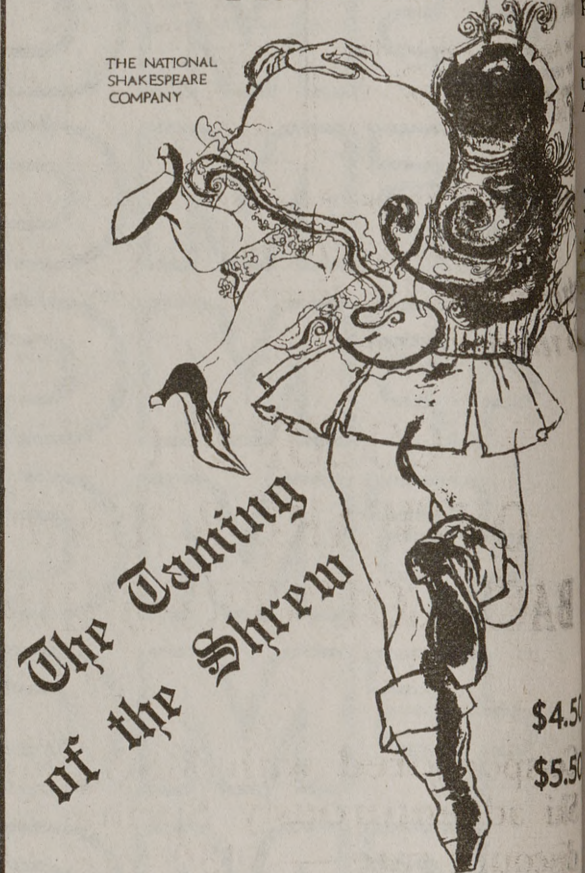
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by John W

The Texas A&M women's track team is competing in the Classic Saturday.

coach Charlie Thomas said the number of teams will make it an Aggie meet.

"This is the biggest meet in all years," Thomas said. "It is an open meet, university meet."

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Rugby wins Saturday

The Texas A&M team won the tournament, held in Austin, qualified for the first round of the national collegiate playoffs.

Texas A&M's Berger and Stegner scored goals in the victory over Southern University. The Stephen F. Austin team won the tournament 10-0.

Tim Cone and scored for the Blakely's two penalty kicks.

The Aggies are able to compete in the tournament, to be held April 18.

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