A&M assistant chosen

Davis accepts WTC head coach position

by Frank L. Christlieb

Barry Davis, assistant basketll coach at Texas A&M Uni-rsity since 1979, has accepted e head coaching position at estern Texas College in

president Don Newry said Monday night that avis, 28, had been selected er about 60 other applicants a unanimous vote by the nool's seven-member board of stees. Davis will remain at exas A&M until after the curnt recruiting season, which bes to wind to a close when the itial signing date arrives April

Davis played for Texas A&M nder Coach Shelby Metcalf uring the 1974-76 seasons, th the Aggies winning Southest Conference titles both ars. Davis made the all-SWC ms both years and was coptain as well as the team's most luable player in 1976.

After his college career, Davis as drafted by the Houston ockets, and later played for olland in the European Basetball League. After spending 77-79 as a graduate assistant ach for Metcalf, Davis became full-time assistant before the qualifications. 979-80 season.

Davis, who didn't arrive in



Barry Davis

til late Monday night, could not be reached for comment.

Newbury said that Davis had been contacted by WTC about the position "around the first of the month," and that he was one of six prospects interviewed for the job. The members of the board of trustees voiced support for Davis, Newbury said, and "were all impressed" with his

'His peer respect borders on unbelievable," llege Station from Snyder un- said. "I talked with dozens of people on and off (Davis') resume sheet, and there wasn't even the slightest negative comment about him. Coach Metcalf gave him the highest recom-

Davis becomes the Wester-

ners' third coach in the past four years, following Nolan Richardson and Larry Dunaway. Richardson led WTC to a 37-0 record and the national junior college title in 1979-80, and now coaches at the University of Tulsa.

Dunaway, who coached at WTC the past two seasons after leaving a similar post at San Marcos High School, resigned during the last week of this season. The Westerners had sub-.500 records both years after having won the national championship under Richardson.

Newbury said that Davis, who signed a contract with the college Monday, will not take over the coaching post immediately.

"We know that he has commitments to which he feels strongly at Texas A&M ... and that's to be worked out," Newbury said. "I feel that for a time, he can recruit for both schools.

The offer was 95 percent made about two weeks ago, but not until today was the contract signed. We feel very fortunate to have Coach Davis.

The list of applicants for the job included "people from all ranks outside of pro," Newbury said. Davis had applied for the WTC coaching position two years ago after Richardson took over at Tulsa, but Dunaway was

The search for the WTC coach began Feb. 26, Newbury said, when applications were first accepted. The WTC president said that since the March 15 application deadline, as many as A&M basketball final statistics and figures, 1981-82 season

PLAYER	G	MPG	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	REB-AVG	PF-D	A	то	BS	S	TP-AVG
Riley	31	36.4	193-428	.450	120-148	.811	317-10.2	79-3	37	68	15	20	506-16.3
Naulls	31	31.9	149-333	.447	77-115	.667	96-3.0	81-3	95	64	3	39	375-12.0
Roberts	31	30.9	154-317	.485	57-85	.670	82-2.6	105-10	87	72	3	69	365-11.7
Woods	31	26.8	130-243	.534	74-117	.632	241-7.7	119-11	22	33	45	42	334-10.7
Woodley	29	21.5	76-168	.452	45-59	.762	67-2.3	59-1	95	34	1	33	197-6.7
Lewis	28	22.5	51-114	.447	60-80	.750	53-1.8	55-1	94	53	1	26	162-5.7
Bluntson	25	13.6	48-101	.475	15-26	.576	66-2.6	38-0	3	22	13	5	111-4.4
Thomas	21	10.5	27-63	.428	9-20	.450	38-1.8	42-2	3	13	1	6	63-3.0
Cunningham	6	2.9	2-5	.400	4-7	.571	11-1.8	8-0	2	3	0	1	8-1.3
Sooter	3	3.6	5-6	.833	0-1	.000	1-0.3	2-0	0	2	0	1	10-3.3
Brown	3	2.8	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	4-1.3	0-0	2	3	0	0	2-0.6
Reed	2	1.7	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2-1.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0-0.0
Jones**	15	28.3	43-88	.488	20-35	.571	65-4.3	18-0	20	15	9	11	106-7.0
A&M TOTALS:			879-1873	.469	481-694	.693	1128-36.3	606-31	460	382	91	253	2239-72.2
OPP. TOTAL	S:		843-1728	.487	416-636	.654	1037-33.4	639-18	431	455	89	202	2102-67.8

** Jones injured 1-23; out season

15 inquiries have been made ab-

out the job.
WTC, which opened only 11 years ago, has won the national junior college championship twice. The Westerners have been involved in the National Junior College Association of America playoffs four times during the school's existence.

WTC's athletic groups compete in the 10-team Western Junior College Athletic Association, which includes these schools: Midland, Odessa, Howard, South Plains, Frank Phil-Clarendon, Amarillo, Hobbs, N.M., and Roswell, N.M. Military Institute.

Newbury said the school has high hopes for Davis, known best for his recruiting ability.

"We hope that it will be an

ter in the history of the university," Newbury said.

"None (of the applicants) has impressed me more than Barry Davis. It's been a refreshing and exciting search.

Metcalf said Monday night that the WTC coaching positon is a great opportunity for Davis.

'He wants head coaching experience, and it's a good job for him," Metcalf said. "Barry'll do an excellent job for them. It's a school with a good reputation

10 days ago and we agreed that cruit and someone who can

Barry could recruit for both schools until after the signing date. I think they decided on him before he decided to accept the position.'

Metcalf said he's in no hurry to find Davis' replacement.

"I've been talking to people, and I've had people call ... things like that (the opening) leak out," Metcalf said. "We have some ideas on what direction we're going to go. We're not in any hurry ... we're going to finish up

recruiting.
"Basically, what we'll be look-'I talked to (Newbury) about ing for is someone who can recoach defense, since that's what Davis did. Assistant coaches move on frequently, and I think he's very qualified for that job. "It's a shame he can't be play-

er/coach," Metcalf joked.

Metcalf said the fact that
Davis doesn't have a perfect record or a championship to du-plicate may be an advantage for

"I think that's a plus for Barry, because they'll be hungry again," Metcalf said. "It's always tough to follow a guy who's just had a perfect season, so I think he's getting there at a good

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