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Corrington signs also

## Aggies sign Bryan trio

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The Texas Aggies, bolstered by a covey of quarterback signees and several last-minute edges, pulled off one of their best recruiting efforts ever as signing day opened this morning.

The Aggies should sign five of the 19 members of the *Dallas Times Herald's* bluechip list. That list is voted on by SWC coaches, and a player must be named on four ballots to make the squad.

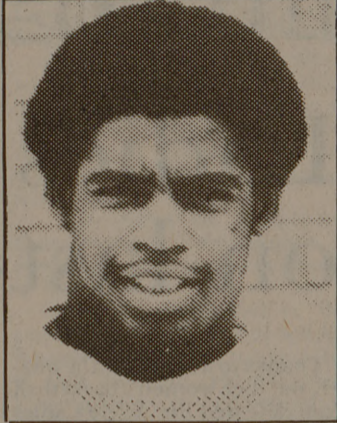
Texas A&M should also sign one of the Top 30 recruits as ranked by *Texas Football* and 19 of the Top 90.

As of 9:00 this morning, the Aggies had signed eight players, including the Bryan High trio of Rod Bernstine, Todd Howard and James Flowers. Texas A&M had also signed A&M Consolidated High's Kip Corrington.

All four players were highly sought recruits, and their signing with the Aggies represents a real sweep for Texas A&M. The other players who signed with Texas A&M before today's deadline include Terrence Woods, a wide receiver from Houston Sterling, Rod Saddler, a defensive end from Columbia High in Columbia, Ga., Jay Mulder, a defensive end from Conroe and Keith Woodside, a running back from Vidalia, La.



Bryan's Rod Bernstine signs with Texas A&M



Todd Howard of Bryan an Aggie signee also

Coach Jackie Sherrill also went after quarterbacks — and got them. Texas A&M is expected to sign five top-rated quarterbacks, including the No. 1 prospect, Craig Stump of Port Arthur Jefferson. Stump threw for 2,088 yards and 18 touchdowns during his senior season at Jefferson. He was a *Parade* High School all-American and a member of the National High School Coaches Association all-America team.

Along with Stump, the Aggies are expected to have already signed Houston Lamar's Paul Gasper, A&M Consolidated's Corrington, Eastland's Jay Hess,

and Hempstead's Johnny Holland. Corrington, an all-state selection at defensive back, could possibly be switched to make better use of his talents.

The signing of Louisiana all-stater Woodside, a 6-0, 195-pound halfback from Vidalia High, is an important one for the Aggies. Woodside has 4.5 speed, and rushed for 2,040 yards last season despite missing eight quarters of play. He was the leading rushing in the state, and was heavily recruited by several colleges, especially LSU.

Bernstine, Bryan High's all-state running back, was a late

commitment to Texas A&M. The 6-3, 220-pound running back was a second team all-stater and rushed for 1,004 yards on 168 carries last season.

Bernstine decided on the Aggies early, but a late recruiting effort by SMU almost changed his mind. He didn't commit until Tuesday.

Another blue-chip back Sherrill will sign is Tomball's Roger Vick, a 6-3, 210-pound rusher. Vick was the leading rusher in the Greater Houston area last fall with 1,465 yards.

Vick can also catch the ball. Last season he caught 10 passes for 91 yards, and four of those went for touchdowns.

The Aggies also should sign two excellent receiving prospects in wide receiver Greg Dillon from Klein and tight end Sylvester Morgan from Houston Yates to go along with Woods.

Morgan is a surprise entry into the Aggie camp, because of the hard rush Texas put on. The Longhorns were expected to sign Morgan, but couldn't.

Linemen Muller of Monroe and Howard of Bryan lead the way in defensive signees. Howard led 5A linemen in all-state voting, and Muller was also an all-state selection.

Howard was a late Aggie pledge, giving his verbal commitment late Thursday night.

The Aggies were expected to gather about 28 signatures on national letters-of-intent today.

## Owls, Hogs, expecting big out-of-state haul

United Press International ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Highland High School's Marc Scott, UPI's 1982 Class AAAA prep back of the year in New Mexico, says he will sign a national football letter-of-intent with Rice University.

"Playing the competition they do really got me up," said the 6-foot, 195-pound running back, who was the state's leading rusher, with 1,275 yards last season. "I always wanted to play someplace that was going to challenge me."

Rice, a member of the Southwest Conference, was winless last season.

In choosing Rice, Scott turned down a recruiting bid by the University of New Mexico.

Several other New Mexico prep stars, who turned down New Mexico in favor of other schools, are running back Mike Toliver and offensive tackle Steve Young, both of Albuquerque's Eldorado High School, and Artesia quarterback Scott Runyan.

Toliver said he probably will go to the Air Force Academy to which he was nominated by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and former Sen. Harrison Schmitt, R-N.M. "It was a hard decision," he said, "but even if I didn't play football I'd still have a scholarship."

Young said he was planning to go to New Mexico State, whose coaches "really impressed" him. "I think they can turn things around," said the 6-foot-4, 225-pounder, who also rejected a bid from Arizona.

Runyan, who led Artesia to two state titles, will matriculate at Wyoming, returning to the state where he lived before coming to New Mexico as a freshman at Artesia.

He said he was told he would play quarterback and see some playing time as a freshman. Runyan, who picked Wyoming over Utah, also visited New Mexico and Colorado State.

Also planning to play at NMSU is Carlsbad's Sam Roberson, a 5-foot-10, 160-pound wide receiver, and John McGough, a 6-foot-2, 195-pound lineman who played linebacker and tight end for the Cavemen.

In other SWC recruiting news, University of Arkansas officials are saying quite a few Texas athletes should sign with the Razorbacks today.

Reports indicate the Razorbacks fared well in recruiting after last season's 9-2-1 record, and Arkansas coaches have been recruiting several athletes from outside the Arkansas borders.

One out-of-state lineman

reported to be signing with Arkansas is Chris Bequette, a 6-2, 245-pound center from Crystal City, Mo. Bequette's father, George, and brother, Jay, both played with the Razorbacks.

Other linemen who should sign with Arkansas include Monroe Mitchell, a 6-5, 265-pounder from Liberty, and Jason Sutter, a 6-4, 230-pounder from Beatrice, Neb.

Four other out-of-state defensive players have indicated their intentions to possibly sign with Arkansas. They include Anthony Cherico, a 6-1, 220-pound defensive end from Shawnee Mission, Kan.; Joey Shields, a 6-1, 235-pound linebacker from Galeana Park; Clinton Wilson, a 6-3, 275-pound defensive lineman from Fort Worth South-west High, and Eric Whitted, a 6-2, 195-pound linebacker from Richardson Lake Highlands.

Offensive players heavily recruited by Arkansas coaches include Donnie Centers, a 6-0, 165-pound wide receiver from Longview; Marshall Foreman, a 5-10, 180-pound running back from Cypress-Fairbanks in Houston; Gregg McKinney, a 6-0, 180-pound running back from Van Alstyne, Texas, and Calvin Williams, a 6-5, 220-pound tight end from Greenville.

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