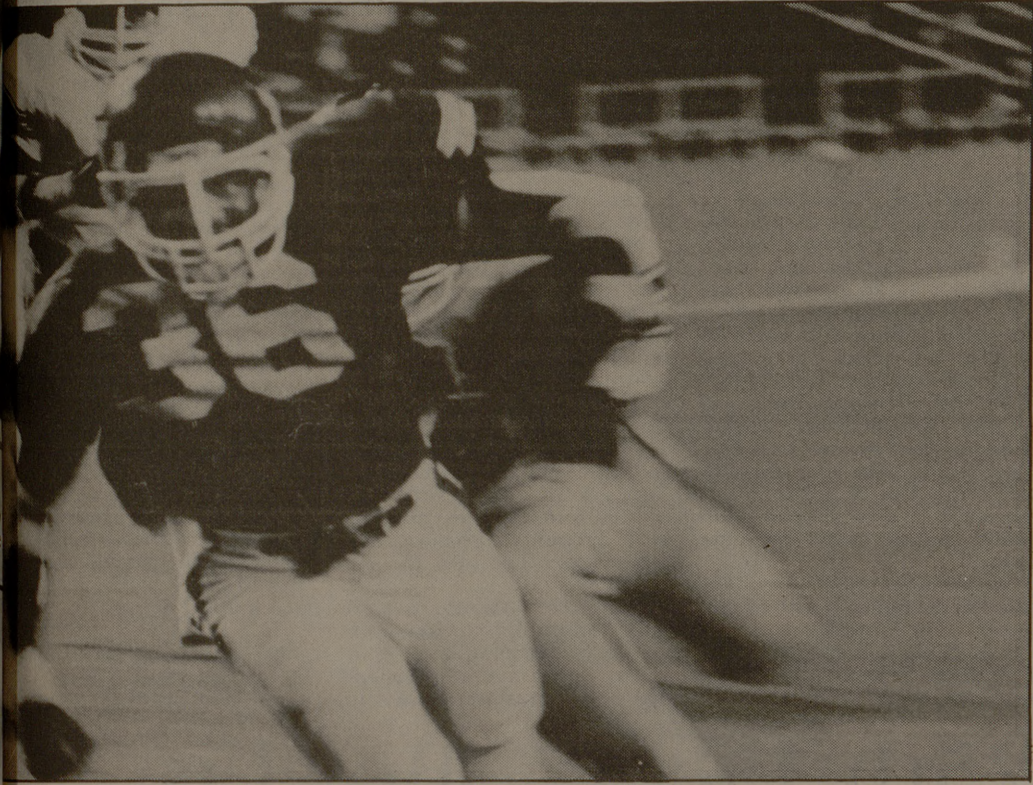


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## Aggs impress TCU coach Wacker



TCU's Kenneth Davis is one player that has helped the Horned Frogs give teams like Texas and SMU all they can handle, Jackie Sherrill said.

by John P. Lopez

**Battalion Staff**  
Surprise, surprise, surprise. Texas A&M's resurgence on the football field this year has turned a few heads in the South-west Conference.

In College Station, the Aggies' impressive play has made the Jackie Sherrill investment of two years ago apparently start to yield dividends. And it's made players confident, bowl representatives interested and Texas A&M fans happy.

But the person that has the Aggies on his mind more than just about anybody these days is TCU coach Jim Wacker. He'd just as soon play the old Aggies Saturday in Fort Worth.

You know, the team that every opponent in the SWC used to laugh at prior to kickoff and laugh at even more after the final gun. The team whose offense was miserable and whose defense was a cross between pathetic and ridiculous. The team that didn't have players like Kevin Murray on offense and Ray Childress on defense.

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said in a press conference Monday. "Don't let Childress play. He could hurt somebody. And I just wish Kevin Murray was still playing baseball. He's a great quarterback — a threat everytime he touches the ball."

But Wacker said Murray and Childress aren't the only players he was impressed with on the Aggie squad.

"We're going to find out if we can line up with them," he said. "They're a much bigger and stronger team than us so it's going to take an unbelievable effort on our part. We're going to have to play over our heads."

Perhaps, but Texas A&M head coach Jackie Sherrill said the Horned Frogs are a talented team that is capable of giving opponents fits. Just ask the

Texas Longhorns — the No. 2 team in the nation that had to come from behind last week to defeat TCU 20-14.

"TCU has been in every game they've played this year," Sherrill said. "And they always have played Texas A&M well."

"They have some talented players that have experience on defense — their secondary is good. And their outside linebackers (Gary Spann and Kyle Clifton) can run. Their defense has been able to chase the ball well."

Offensively, Sherrill said the biggest problem the Aggies will have is coping with the veer offense. He said that besides having two talented running backs in Kenneth Davis and Egypt Allen, the Horned Frogs

also have a good passing game.

"It can be hard to prepare for because they're an option football team that runs play-action passes," Sherrill said. "They never run straight drop-back passes."

**AGGIE NOTES:** Texas A&M head coach Sherrill said in his press conference Monday that the only bowl the Aggies could receive a bid to is the Independence Bowl. "It seems like we may be in the picture for the Independence Bowl. All the other bowl games are just about settled," he said. Sherrill also said he is still impressed with Kevin Murray's consistent play. "I'll take Kevin Murray's mistakes anytime, for what he does for us. He makes fewer mistakes than a lot of seniors. He can completely control the other team," Sherrill said. Freshman running back Keith Woodside will start his second game at half back for Texas A&M Saturday. Aggie offensive guard Randy Wylie, who sat out the Arkansas game, will start against the Horned Frogs.

## Bowl games

### SMU is upset, may only get bid for Sun Bowl; not Fiesta or Sugar Bowl

**United Press International**  
Although bids cannot officially be extended until Saturday, college football post-season bowl picture already has begun to develop and SMU athletic officials think the entire thing is completely out of focus.

SMU's athletic director, Bob Hinch, and Football Coach Bob Collins are terribly upset about a "gentleman's agreement" between officials of the Big Ten conference, the Fiesta Bowl and the Sugar Bowl that has apparently left the Mustangs, the team with the best record in the nation over the past three seasons, out of the Jan. 2 major bowl alignment.

SMU (8-1), No. 7 in the UPI coaches ratings, seems certain to finish second to second-ranked Texas in the Southwest Conference, thereby losing out on an opportunity to host the Cotton Bowl game. Since the Orange Bowl has already decided on Miami (Fla.) (10-1) to meet Big Eight champion Nebraska (11-0) and the Rose Bowl is set with Illinois, the Big Ten champion, meeting the Pacific 10 champion, probably Washington, the Mustangs seemed to be a logical choice for an at-large bid to

either the Sugar or Fiesta Bowls. That is until television executives entered the picture.

It seems officials of the Sugar Bowl would prefer either Michigan (8-2) or Ohio State (8-2) to face Auburn (9-1), the South-eastern Conference representative, rather than SMU because they are concerned about SMU's ability to attract a national television audience as well as attract fans to the game at New Orleans.

Meantime, the Fiesta Bowl, which is aired at the same time as the Cotton Bowl, does not want to have to share the Southwest Conference viewers with the Cotton Bowl. So, Fiesta Bowl officials will not take SMU, even though the Mustangs have compiled a 29-2-1 record over the last three seasons. Instead, Pittsburgh (8-2) will be named to face the loser of the Ohio State-Michigan game.

That leaves the Mustangs most likely headed for the Sun Bowl at El Paso to meet Alabama. Alabama athletic director and head coach Ray Perkins has already agreed to a Sun Bowl bid, according to published reports.

"I've been to the Liberty, Sun, Peach, Independence, Cotton,

Birmingham, Ala. The Mountaineers (8-2) are expected to draw the winner of Saturday's Tennessee-Kentucky game as their opponent.

"But if we beat Arkansas (next week) and don't get a major bowl bid, I will use whatever pull I have to fight for a playoff system. If the television networks get to dictate who goes where, then I think it is time for the playoffs."

Iowa, Florida, West Virginia, Boston College, Notre Dame and Missouri also appear to have wrapped up bowl bids.

Iowa athletic director Bump Elliot said Sunday night the chances of the No. 9 Hawkeyes playing in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., on Dec. 30 were "very, very good."

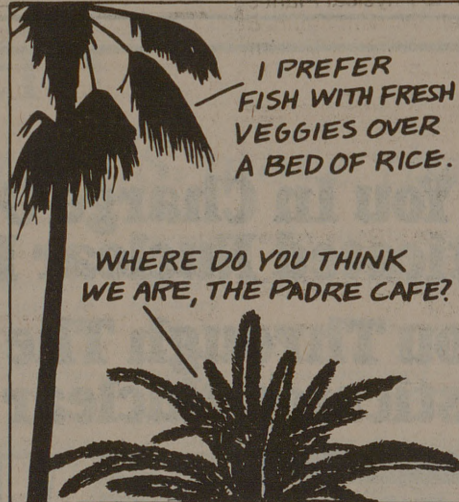
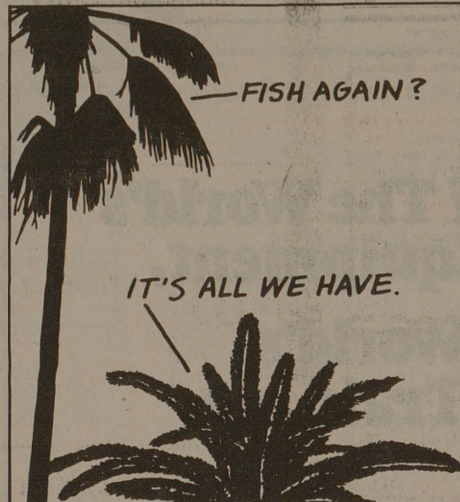
He emphasized the NCAA has strict regulations prohibiting bowl committees from extending official invitations before 5 p.m. on Saturday.

"But it is a reasonable assumption that we will be in this bowl," Elliot said.

No. 13 Florida also is expected to receive a Gator Bowl bid.

West Virginia appears headed for the Hall of Fame Classic Dec. 22 at Legion Field in

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