

Aggies replace jokes with talent

I have to graduate this summer and I'm madder than Eddie Chiles about it. Just as Aggie athletics, particularly football and basketball, are coming around, I'm going to be kicked out into the real world.

In the four years since I graduated high school, the Aggie football team has a combined record of 21-23-1, the basketball team is 63-45. Both teams are much too mired in mediocrity for a school that likes winners as much as Marcus Dupree likes quitting.

But Sherrill isn't the only coach doing some baby-sitting. Shelby Metcalf has some players which are also new to the land of maroon-and-white.

Leading scorer Todd Holloway is a first year Aggie. Add to him Winston Crite, Mike Clifford and Phil James along with sophomores Jimmy Gilbert, Kenny Brown, Doug Lee and Al Pulliam and you've got a team that could tame a few Cougars, butcher those Hogs and saddle some Ponies in two years. They might have a way to go yet, but all they need is the two years experience, and a little more depth.

There are problems with success and Jackie, Shelby and Co. will soon find that out. After they have won SWC championship after SWC championship, people will become accustomed to it, they will expect it, they will demand it. All Sherrill and Metcalf have to do is talk to Tom Landry.

Poor of head coaches, what problems they will have just for doing their jobs. Jackie and Shelby are going to create a bunch of success-spoiled Aggies.

This year's freshmen, the non-athletes, at Texas A&M will be the worst of the lot. By the time they graduate in 1988, whenever the Aggies are mentioned people will no longer think "joke," they will think "winner."

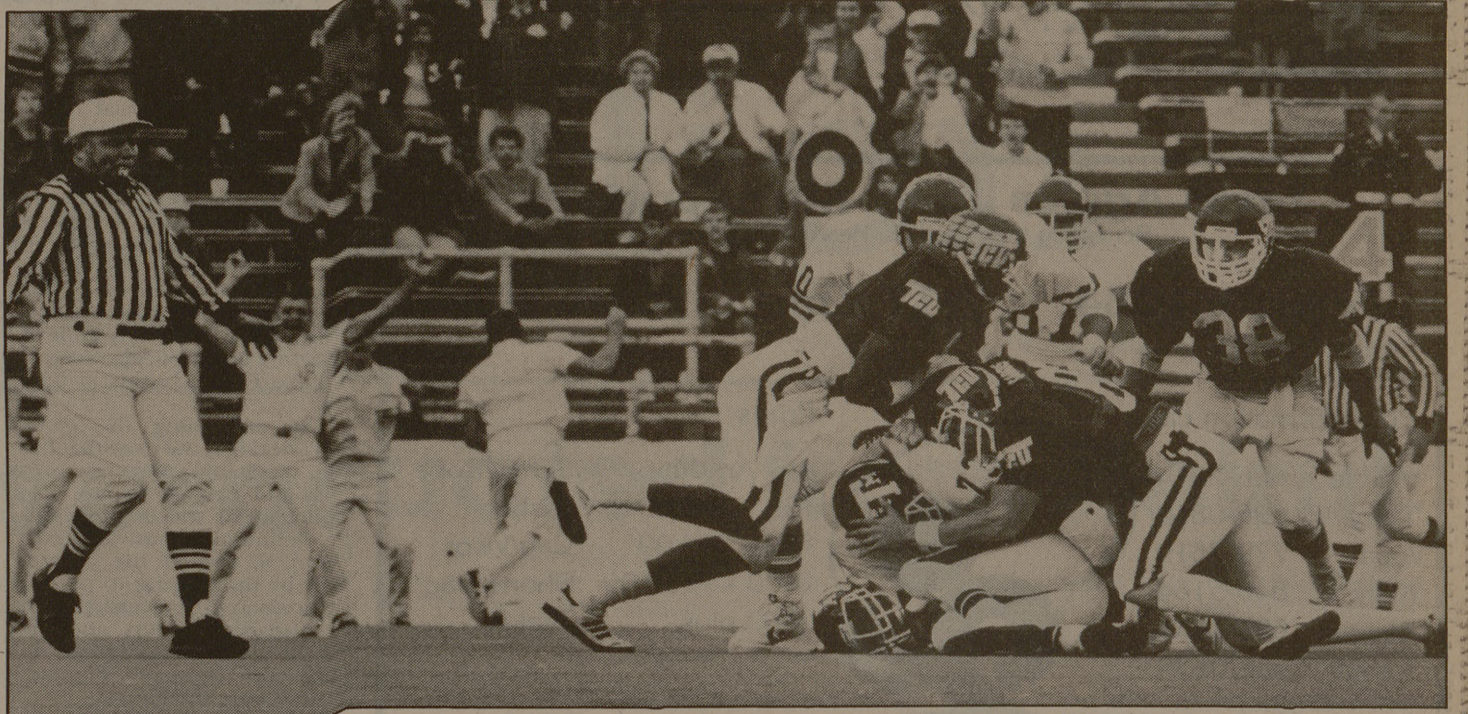
In four years, being an Aggie will be too easy, it will take all the fun out of it. People are going to forget what it's like to grin-and-bear an endless series of Aggie jokes told by loving relatives.

The poor freshmen students here, they just won't know what it is like to stay for yell practice for most of the football games. Or to have UT spit in the face of our blazing bonfire.

It's just not fair that "lowly" freshmen get to have all the fun while I have to graduate this summer. But then I suppose I could change by major, again. There's nothing wrong with a ninth year senior. Besides, I'm ready for the problems of success.

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By DONN FRIEDMAN

The young Aggies may trade youth for for something a little more substantial next year as experience and talent raise hopes of a promising season.

And this year's recruiting crop may bring more bluechippers. National signing date is Feb. 8 and the Aggies are hoping to sign many prospects.

Aggie Women fall to Arkansas 83-70

The Texas A&M women's basketball team fell 83-70 to the Arkansas Razorbacks at Barr Hill Arena Monday night.

During one stretch, the Aggies fought back from a 14-point deficit to a 30-all tie. But the Hogs charged back to lead 45-40 at the half.

For the first 8 minutes of the second half the Aggies held close, but then the Hogs changed defensive sets, putting 6'2" center Amanda Holley at the top of a 2-3 zone.

The Arkansas defensive change and the Aggies fatigue allowed the Hogs their fifth

straight victory, raising their season record to 11-9, 8-2 in Southwest Conference play.

Center Michell Tatum led the Aggies in the scoring department with 16 points, followed by Beth Young and Jenni Edgar with 15 and Lisa Langston with 14.

The Aggies had a good reason to be tired out; they have played four games in the last seven days.

"We just played so many games — it seems like we've been playing every other day," Coach Cherri Rapp said.

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