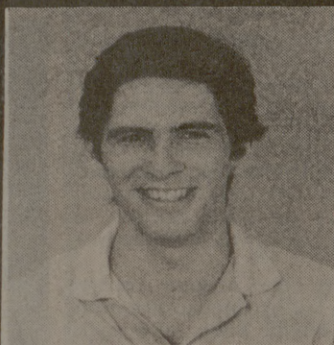


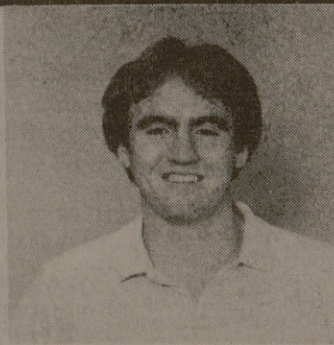
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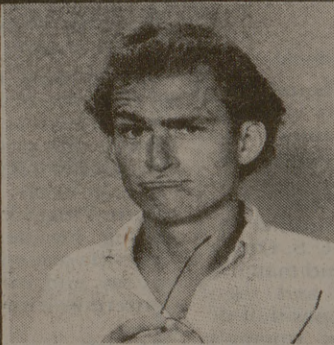
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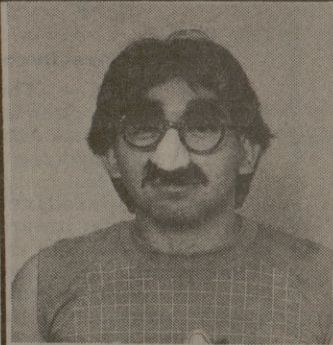
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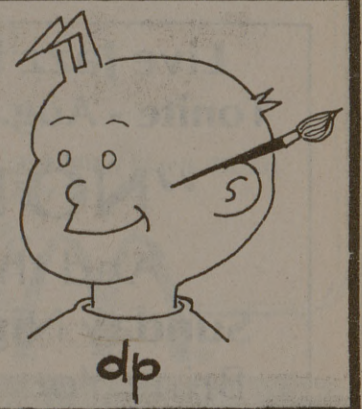
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## Johnson begins new A&M baseball era

By TAMARA BELL  
Sports Writer

Replacing Texas A&M Head Baseball Coach Tom Chandler provides a challenge for his successor — Mark Johnson.

Johnson took over the baseball program at the end of last season after Chandler announced his retirement after directing 26 successful seasons at A&M.

"Since June 10, I've been excited at the prospect of assuming the head coach position for this A&M team even though following in such a recognizable outstanding coach's foot-

steps will be difficult," Coach Mark Johnson said.

Although five starters will be returning, Johnson believes the combination of 11 new recruits and veterans Rob Swain at shortstop, first baseman Buddy Haney, and Steve Johnigan at catcher should equal another winning season.

"Because pitcher Sherman Corbett won't be back, there will be competition to fill that space. As the coach, I'm striving for that competition which will place the best player in each position. A strong nucleus is important for any team to perform

well and our team's nucleus remains the same," Johnson said.

A new coaching staff consisting of Jimmy Lawler, former head coach at UTEP, and Bill Hickey of Kansas State, assists Johnson in communicating the ideas and goals for the new season.

"Even though each of us are bringing different coaching techniques to this team, we're moving in the same direction toward a unified staff and team," Johnson said.

Only a few changes from the previous program will be incorporated into the game plan.

"Some approaches will differ, but

for the most part things will stay the same. After all, the team finished second in the conference and advanced to regionals. Why change a winning system?" he said.

In addition to playing each Southwest Conference team three times during the regular '85 season, the schedule also includes a three day tournament during springbreak at Pan American University in Edinburg.

Since A&M will play such teams as Michigan, Oklahoma and Kansas, the strengths and weaknesses of the Aggie squad will become evident and changes will be made accordingly.

Johnson believes his team is a def-

inite contender for the Southwest Conference championship.

"Last season this team was second in the conference and went to regional play in Oklahoma. Although some player changes have been made, I think they can repeat last season's performance," he said.

After 15 years of coaching, Johnson is satisfied with his present position as head coach for A&M baseball and now calls College Station home.

"My goal was to become a college baseball coach for a Division I team at a school that cares about the program and is supportive. I've found all that at A&M," Johnson said.

## Sherrill has open practice

The Texas A&M Sports Information Department announced that the Sept. 3 and Sept. 10 Aggie football practices will be open to all A&M students with their student I.D.

Both of these Mon. practices will begin at 7 p.m. These will be the only two practices open to students.

Coach Jackie Sherrill said he made the decision, "because I want to continue to develop closer ties between the football team and the student body, in the same manner as the Twelfth Man team. This is what makes A&M special."

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