

## Ags' Duke bides time between work and pla

## **By Pam Mooman** Reporter

It is a sunny afternoon at Olsen Field. A disgruntled opposing pitcher tries to concentrate while Aggie fans hurl taunts and insults at him.

Texas A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson shouts directions and enother Aggie baseball players wait in the dugout, wishing their teammate well and hoping they wil succeed when it is their turn.

This is how Andy Duke, a junior from Baytown, spends much of his

"Baseball takes up a lot of my time," Duke says. "Then again, that's a decision I made. I'm not trying to put it down."

Duke, a shortstop who also plays outfield and third base for the Aggie baseball team, gets up at 7:03 every morning in order to make it to class. On some days Duke finishes at 9

on some days Duke finishes at 9 a.m., and others at 1 p.m. "We're urged to take our classes early in the day," Duke says. "I have classes at 8 every morning." Then he goes to the practice field about 1:40 p.m. Practice officially begins at about 2:20 p.m. and starts with a warm-up lap. After the lap, the players loosen up.

the players loosen up. Johnson has a schedule posted of various skills such as defense, ground balls, bunts and flyballs the players will work on for about 10 minutes each minutes each.

Next the players break up into hitting groups of four or five players each. At the end of practice, they run more laps.

Practice can end anywhere from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Duke says some nights he does not get home until midnight.

"You come in (from practice) — you're tired," Duke says. "You have to force yourself to study.'

Duke says personal discipline must be exercised.

"You have to make a decision of what you're going to do," the bi-omedical science major says. "What do you want out of baseball? What do you want out of school?"

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Although Duke takes baseball and classes seriously, he does not let them dampen his spirits. "A philosophy I've taken up is have fun whatever you're doing," Duke says, smiling. "I try to enjoy ev-erything I do." Duke says he began playing sports

Duke says he began playing sports at a young age and played whatever was in season.

"From the time I was little, my brothers played," Duke says. "Dad pushed sports because of the good

he felt you could get out of it." Duke excelled more in baseball than football and began concentrat-ing on this sport while in high school.

Andy Duke

has an extremely strong arm."

Duke's abilities.

them.

oriented person." Scott Almy, Duke's former team-mate at A&M, also has praise for

"He's a top-rate athlete," Almy says. "He's a super hard worker. As far as the God-given gifts, he's got

But Duke does not take his career

or his abilities for granted. "I was really lucky having a school

like A&M want me," Duke says. "A

lot of people may want to come to A&M but are not playing the right

position at the right time.

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and study," Duke says.

City Church of Christ, w met Duke. Matthews, known Duke for a little years, says he is a very post

son. "He's just real uplitu good-humored," Matthe 'He's got a good attitude aby

Jessie Gibson, a senior science major, also met church. Gibson says Duke be around because he is a son

Hal Taylor, a senior s neering major, met Dukea and has known him for h half years.

"Andy's one of my fa pics," Taylor says. "I enjoy time with Andy because w lot of the same inter very positive outlook on people. We think alike; he's me to talk to and he's a fung

Taylor says Duke hata always uses whenever good happens. "Ya gotti Duke's pet phrase, Taylor Laughing, Taylor real impression of Duke. "When I first got here him strutting arund and

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Almy also has high p Duke's character.

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Duke says he is tired when he comes in from practice, therefore he Despite whatever di Duke's friends and team does not belong to any clubs or orgahave, they agree on one Duke's character - how a "You just want to put on sweats for others.

Duke says he does not have a lot of time for hobbies. He spends most of his time studying, with an occasional trip to the movies for fun.

One way Duke lets off tension is to walk around the mall and watch the people and window shop.

Duke does have some free time, and he stays involved in the Twin City Church of Christ as much as possible. Duke also has a girlfriend who he spends most of his free time with

Shelley Matthews, an elementary He assumed graduation would education major, attends the Twin

## Embattled ex-Terp coach Driese named new James Madison coa

end his baseball career, he says. "I never liked A&M until I was a (high school) junior," Duke says, laughing. "Then I liked it. I don't know why." Duke says he just enjoyed playing, and the scholarship offer he re-ceived was unexpected. "When good things happen for you when you're doing something you enjoy, it's even better," he says. Johnson has high praise for Duke, both as a person and as a player. "He was recruited out of Lee High School in Baytown," the coach

says. "I went and saw him play, and I liked what I saw. He runs well, and Johnson says he is glad Duke de-cided to come to A&M. "He's an extremely hard-working player," Johnson says. "He's a goal-oriented record or "

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lems," Taylor says.

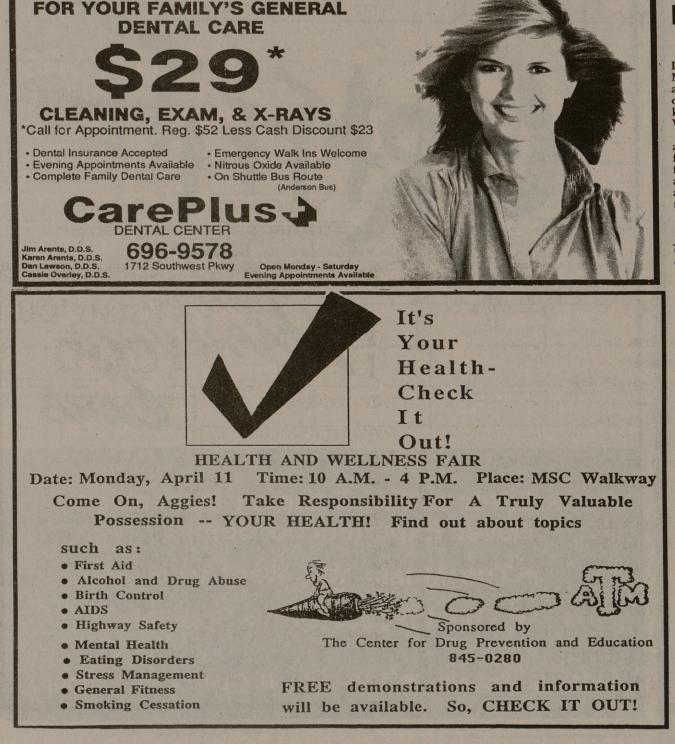
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Almy says, "He's a very anny says, he savera giving person. He cares an Taylor says, "He cares ple. He doesn't talk about he cares about you." Matthews adds, "He m feel special when you are become and an and a savera and a savera and a savera feel special when you are

because he makes you fe wants to be there with you

Duke carries these post utes onto the baseball field "Baseball is a funny g says. "Any team can

team on any given day. put it behind you."



HARRISONBURG, Va. (AP) -Lefty Driesell, who resigned as Maryland's basketball coach in the aftermath of the cocaine-induced death of Len Bias, was named basketball coach at James Madison Wednesday.

"I don't have anything to prove to anybody," Driesell told a news conference punctuated by loud cheers from several hundred students. "I'm a basketball coach. I've won games, and I've won them within the NCAA

Athletic Director Dean Ehlers and James Madison president Ronald Carrier said they believe the veteran of 26 basketball seasons was their best candidate, despite the 1986 Bias affair. "We certainly were aware of it," toward his retirement."

Ehlers said. "I think everybody in America was aware of it. I personally don't think that was the coach's responsibilty. A coach can only provide guidance. You can't be with them 24 hours a day."

Driesell said he missed coaching even though he enjoyed doing color commentary on televised basketball games

James Madison was 10-18 last season, 6-9 in the Colonial Athletic Conference.

Carrier said Driesell's five-year contract is worth \$65,000 a year and

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