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## Shoe rides off into the sunset a true champion

It was the grand finale for a guy named Shoe.

It was billed as the Legend's Last Ride, and it turned out to be a tribute to the greatest jockey of all time.

Bill Shoemaker, the winningest jockey of all time, rode his last horse race Saturday in California. The 58-year old jockey, who won 8,833 races in 40,350 starts, rode a seven-year old chestnut horse named Patchy Groundfog. The horse was a 3-5 favorite.

Shoemaker finished fourth.

So concluded one of the greatest sports careers in history — not on a muddy football field or in a jam-packed baseball stadium — but in a small racetrack called Santa Anita in Arcadia, Calif.

Shoemaker is a legend. Anyone who lands a spot on an American Express commercial cements that honor in my book. But Shoemaker is more than that. Much more.

He won his first race in 1949. In his resumé, Shoemaker can include four Kentucky Derby winners — Swaps (1955), Tomy Lee (1959), Lucky Debonair (1965) and Ferdinand (1986).

Saturday's fourth-place finish earned Shoemaker \$7,500, and it boosted his career purse earnings to \$123,375,524. Let's not downplay that figure.

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But through it all, Shoemaker was ever the champion. Even when he lost, he won. He was the sport's greatest warrior, and as he saw great jockeys come and go, Bill Shoemaker endured.

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## Making a pitch for honors in '90

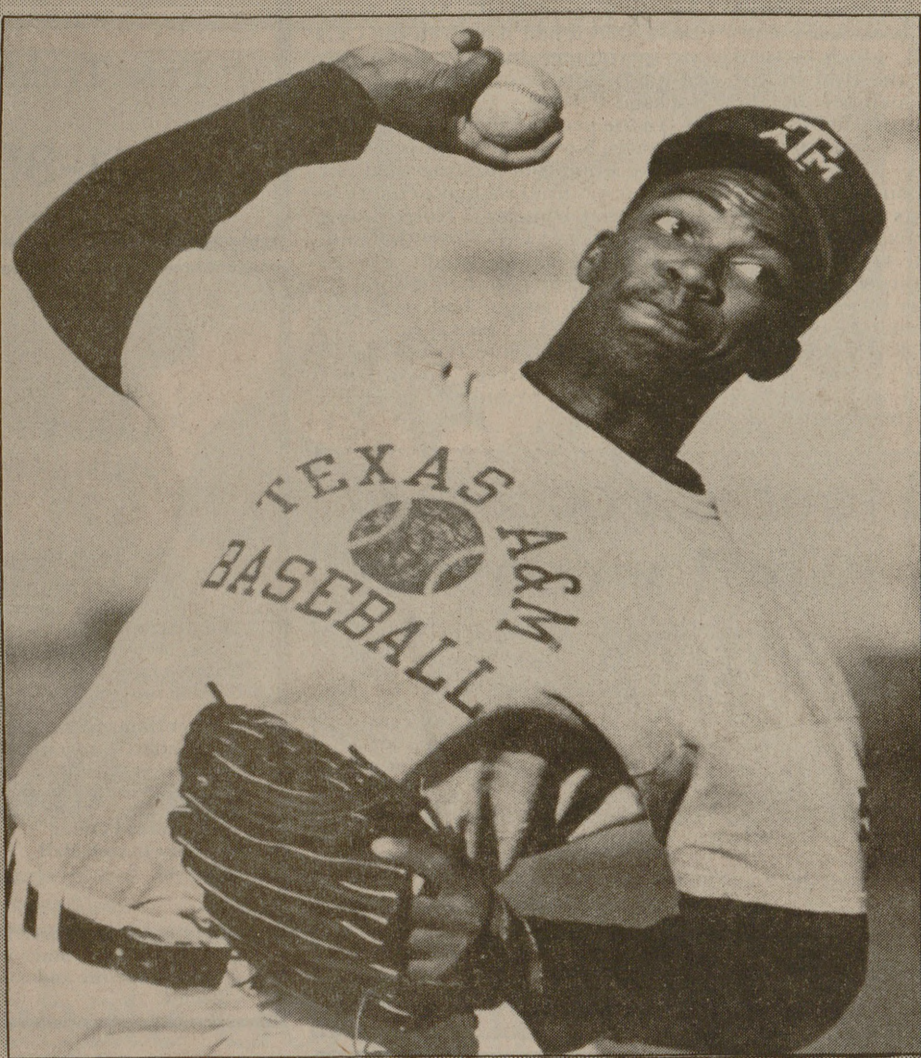


Photo by Jay Janner

A&M junior relief pitcher Steve Hughes returns to bolster a talented Aggie pitching staff in 1990. A captain this year, Hughes was 2-0 in 1989 with four saves and a 3.23 earned run average. The Aggies lost eight starters from last year's 58-7 squad, which was ranked No. 1 for half of the season and came one game away from the College World Series. Look for the special six-page preview of A&M's 1990 season in Wednesday's issue of The Battalion.

## Great horney toads! A&M, TCU collide

By VINCE SNYDER  
Of The Battalion Staff

After an explosive victory on Saturday, the Lady Aggies' basketball team will be searching for a repeat performance Tuesday night against Texas Christian at G. Rollie White Coliseum. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30.

This Southwest Conference matchup promises to be a fight to the finish, as A&M is looking to avenge a 55-51 loss to TCU earlier in Fort Worth.

The Lady Aggies own a 14-2 advantage in the series with TCU, but the Lady Frogs have won their last two meetings with the Lady Aggies.

Last year TCU posted their first-ever win over A&M, recording a 81-68 victory in Fort Worth.

Despite the Lady Frogs shooting 27.4 percent (17-of-62) from the floor earlier this

season against the Lady Aggies, TCU was able to notch their second win over A&M with a hard-fought battle between the two teams.

The Lady Aggies led 26-23 at halftime, and extended their lead to seven with a pair of baskets by Louise Madison and Yvonne Hill to open the second half.

A&M then hit a dry spell, remaining scoreless for 8:14, while TCU reeled off 12 unanswered points to take a 35-30 lead.

As time ran out, LaTanya Irving hit two free throws with 29 seconds left in the game. But TCU's Rachel Hesse matched Irving's effort with a pair of free throws with nine seconds remaining to give the Lady Frogs their victory.

"TCU has proven that they are a legitimate team," A&M Head Coach Lynn Hickey said. "They are playing consistently game after game. And we've got a lot to see Advance/Page 10

## Sitting pretty

### Verbal commitments indicating Ags in for banner recruiting year

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — If early signs are any indication, Texas A&M could end up with one of the top recruiting classes in the country.

The Aggies are almost certainly headed for the top class in the Southwest Conference. They have received commitments from four of the top 15 players in the state, including star quarterback Jeff Granger of Orangefield.

A&M has been so popular that Aggie coaches have promised all but three of their 25 available grants to players with two weekends still left in the recruiting period.

That's a big turnaround from last year's middle-of-the-pack class that included only 13 signees and five of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Top 100 performers.

"I'm as excited as I can be with the way things are going," said A&M coach R.C. Slocum. "All that was working against us last year is working for us this year," he said.

Slocum was forced last winter to recruit under the cloud of an ongoing National Collegiate Athletic Association investigation.

The NCAA dismissed "hush money" allegations by player George Smith against A&M last June. Smith accused head coach Jackie Sherrill of giving him money but later recanted the story. Sherrill resigned Dec. 12, 1988 and Slocum took over.

Slocum showed in his first season that he can succeed at the major college level, leading A&M to an 8-4 mark, one game better than Sherrill's last season.

Arkansas and Houston, the teams closest to A&M in the SWC standings, are programs in transition because of post-season coaching changes at both schools.

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## 8th Annual Run for the Arts

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- Time/Place:** G. Rollie White Coliseum; 9:00am - 1 mile; 9:30am - 5K
- Entry Fee:** \$9 if postmarked by 2/9 or by on-campus registration \$11 day of the race  
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c/o MSC OPAS  
Box J-1  
Texas A&M University  
College Station, Texas 77844
- Registration:** Will be available Mon.-Fri., 10am-4pm, in the MSC Feb. 5-16 & in Blocker Feb. 12-16
- Awards:** 5K - Trophies to first overall male and female and top three entrants in each age category  
1 mile - Trophies to first overall male and female and ribbons to next five males and five females
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Entry Form for Run for the Arts  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 2/17/90 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: M F Race: 5K 1 mile T-shirt: M L XL Student Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(parent or legal guardian must sign if entrant under age 18)  
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| <p>Thursday, February 8: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.<br/>Panel Discussion<br/>"Formulation of U.S. Foreign Aid"<br/>Dr. James T. Goodwin - Coordinator, International Agricultural Programs<br/>Texas A&amp;M University<br/>Patrick Breslin - Office of Learning and Dissemination, Inter-American Foundation<br/>Col. Charles Rex Weaver - Former U.S. Army Chief, Office of Military Cooperation, Beirut, Lebanon</p> | <p>Friday, February 9: 10:30-11:30 a.m.<br/>Address<br/>"Evaluation of Foreign Aid"<br/>Paul Coverdell - Director, U.S. Peace Corps</p>                                       |
| <p>Saturday, February 10: 10-11 a.m.<br/>Closing Address<br/>"The Future of Foreign Aid"<br/>Dr. Betty Unterberger - Professor of History, Texas A&amp;M University</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                               |

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