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**Readers be Ware:
Another column
on whatshisname**

OK. I know you're tired of reading about the University of Houston's ex-quarterback Andre Ware. So for the sake of not smearing Ware's name all over my column — I won't mention his name. I promise.

The reason I'm writing about *what's his name* is because he's gone, and there is a new king on the throne at UH for all to see.

David Klingler is the person who will be taking over the Run-and-Shoot offense that was abandoned by *you know who*. He has been waiting in the wings for three seasons and now it's finally his turn to show people what he can do.

But can he do what the last UH quarterback did?

I'm sure nobody is expecting him to win a Heisman Trophy or anything like that. At least, I'm not.

However, this 6-3, 207-pounder does have a pretty good throwing arm. And he did have all that time on the sidelines to watch how the Run-and-Shoot offense is executed by a master.

So maybe he'll do an OK job. Maybe. Klingler was redshirted as a freshman in 1987. He was on the third string in 1988 behind David Dacus and *the guy who caused all that wondering these last few months*. And he hasn't had too many opportunities to display his abilities as a true quarterback.

He did see a lot more playing time in See Snyder/Page 9

**Idaho's Davis, Crow discuss job
Davis**

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tonight, he said he hadn't decided on anything definite yet. He didn't elaborate, and I thought it best to leave it at that.

Cannon said the media's conflicting reports were only making the situation more confusing.

"If I woke up this morning and read the Eagle, I'd have thought it would be Bartow," he said. "Now it's supposedly Davis. John David gave me the impression that he hasn't made a final decision. Nothing's been decided, and at 10:45 my patience is wearing a little thin (on the coaching rumors)."

KRIV correctly reported that Davis, 31, drove to Memphis, Tenn., to board a plane and was en route to College Station. It later said that he could be named as the new Aggie coach as early as Wednesday.

Regardless of what coach was the top candidate, the timing of the announcement was the same in all the reports. All indications were that a press conference would be held Wednesday or Thursday.

"If things work out, we'll have a press conference (Wednesday)," Crow said Tuesday night.

Cannon said that as far as he knew, a press conference was not being planned for Wednesday.

Davis' Idaho team posted a 25-6 record this year before losing to Louisville in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

UAB issued a statement Tuesday saying Bartow had not been offered the job.

"I am not a candidate for the position," Bartow said. "I wish (Crow) the best in his search for a basketball coach."

Either Davis or Bartow would give A&M the big-name coach Crow wants to replace Thornton. The Aggies finished the season a disappointing 14-17, 7-10 in the Southwest Conference.

When former coach Shelby Metcalf was removed January 23, Crow stressed the importance for a new basketball coliseum to replace G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The A&M Board of Regents last week-end gave approval for funding of a new \$35 million special events center much like the University of Texas' Frank Erwin Center. The new arena would seat 14,500, and could be completed in as soon as three years.

Davis' name was the first that popped up in January as one which Crow was inter-



Photo by Jay Janner

A&M coach John Thornton may be forced out Wednesday.

ested in. It wasn't the last. Since then, other coaches have been named as possible candidates for the position, including former Arkansas and Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton,

Loyola Marymount's Paul Westhead, Oklahoma's Billy Tubbs, Georgia Tech's Bobby Cremins, Xavier's Pete Gillen and Tim Floyd of New Orleans.

Women's Final Four may outdraw men's in 1990

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The NCAA women's Final Four may outdraw the men's Final Four this year for the first time ever.

"It's never happened before, never even been close," NCAA spokesman Jim Wright said Tuesday.

More than 18,000 tickets have been sold for the women's Final Four, which gets underway with semifinals Friday and ends with the championship Sunday.

"They have not slowed to a stop yet," marketing director Allen Newton said.

The tournament is far from a sellout at the University of Tennessee's 25,000-seat Thompson-Boling Arena. But the ticket sales have already set a record for the event and exceeded sales for the men's Final Four at Denver's McNichols Arena.

The men's Final Four has been a sellout every year for the past decade, and this year is no exception. All 16,667 available seats have been sold for Saturday's semifinals and Monday night's championship game.

The big question is whether the people who have purchased tickets for the women's Final Four will turn out in Knoxville to see Virginia, Louisiana Tech, Auburn and Stanford.

Newton estimated 65 percent of the pre-sold tickets were bought by Tennessee fans. But the Lady Vols, the defending champs, were eliminated in the East regionals by Virginia.

"Generally speaking, people are going to show up at the men's final regardless of the teams," Wright said. "Women's finals haven't quite gotten to that point yet."

The 1987 women's Final Four in Austin, Texas, is a case in point. The semifinals drew a record 15,303 fans, but only 9,823 showed up to watch the championship game after local favorite Texas lost in the semis.

By comparison, the best attended men's game was the 1987 championship between Indiana and Syracuse at the Superdome in New Orleans. The turnstile count was 56,707, and 64,959 tickets were sold.

However, big crowds are nothing new for Thompson-Boling Arena.

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