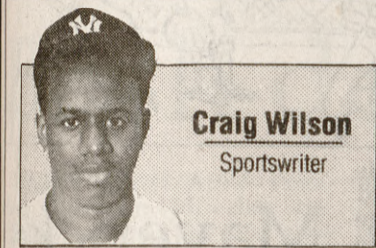


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## Davis jumped into shoes too big to fill

**Bobby Cremins, Gene Bartow, Kermit Davis Jr., Eddie Sutton, and Paul Westhead** were all originally considered for the Texas A&M basketball coaching position. A&M officials chose Kermit Davis Jr.

Well, Aggieland, Kermit can finally go back to Sesame Street. About a year and 13 violations after his celebrated hiring at Texas A&M University, Kermit Davis Jr. is gone.

Why, you ask? Because he tried to beat the system.

In an attempt to find another youthful coach like Tom Penders of Texas, John David Crow succeeded in getting a coach with two successful years at a junior college and two successful years at Idaho.

Where is Idaho? What conference are they in? Penders is from New York and coached successful teams at Fordham and Rhode Island before landing the UT job. He got to the Sweet 16 a few years back with an impressive win over Syracuse, but he also coached talented players because he knew how to recruit the inner-city dynamos, that power most major college programs.

Sure, Davis got back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances. But let's be honest with ourselves. Is

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## Aggies, UTA tune up today

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A&M will try to fine tune its skills one last time before opening South-west Conference play Friday.

The Texas A&M baseball team will face off against the University of Texas-Arlington today in a doubleheader beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Olsen Field.

The 17th-ranked Aggies are in the midst of a 17-game homestand. A&M is 7-3 so far in the first 10 games, and has a three-game series against Arkansas this weekend before hosting a twinbill against Texas Southern March 26.

UTA, 15-12 this season, won the Southland Conference title last season and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament. The Aggies swept the Mavericks last year in a three-game series.

A&M stole two of three games from the University of Arizona this past weekend to improve its record to 21-9 on the season.

Freshman lefthander Jeff Granger tossed a complete-game and allowed only one hit in the Aggies' 6-2 victory over the Wildcats in the final game of the series.

The Aggies won the Aggie Continental Classic last week for the third year in a row.

The Aggies were 5-1 in the four-day



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Travis Williams (32) and his Aggie teammates have scored 6.3 runs per game this season, giving ample reason for celebration. A&M (21-9) hosts UTA today in a 5:30 p.m. twinbill.

tournament, defeating the University of Washington and University of Illinois two times each before splitting with Kansas State University.

Dan Robinson earned Most Valuable Player honors in the tournament.

The senior outfielder hit 10-of-15

(.667) for the tournament to lead an All-Tournament team that also included A&M first baseman Conrad Colby and pitcher Ronnie Allen.

A&M coach Mark Johnson passed the 300-win milestone March 12 with a victory over Illinois.

## Tyson drops Ruddock in controversial bout

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mike Tyson, rocked in the sixth round, beat Razor Ruddock in the seventh round Monday night when referee Richard Steele stopped the fight after a flurry sent Ruddock to the ropes but did not drop him.

Ruddock turned his hands up and looked at Steele in disbelief that the fight was over, then bodyguards representing both camps piled into the ring and a melee broke out.

Chaos reigned for several seconds. Tyson knocked Ruddock down in the second round and again in the third. Ruddock, however, came on strong in the sixth and had Tyson in trouble late in the round with several hooks and a right hand.

In the seventh, action slowed until Tyson landed a six-punch combination with both hands that sent Ruddock back to the ropes and Steele stopped it at 2:22.

When order was restored in the ring and the time was announced, there were thunderous boos from the crowd of more than 15,000 in an outdoor arena.

Several minutes after Steele's shocking action, security men were still pitching people from the ring.

The last two punches that drove Ruddock into the ropes were a right hand and a left hook.

## Royals drop injured Bo

HAINES CITY, Fla. (AP) — Bo Jackson, one of the most recognized athletes in the world, was released by the

Kansas City Royals Monday after the team determined his injured hip would not allow him to play baseball this year.



The Royals will ask waivers on Jackson Tuesday morning and any team can claim him for \$1 in the waiver period that ends 2 p.m. EST Friday.

"This action is taken with deep regret," Royals General Manager Herk Robinson said. "The entire Royals organization is deeply appreciative to Bo for his contributions to the club. We wish him and his family the very best of health and success."

Dr. Steve Joyce, the Royals' team physician, said Jackson has a fracture-dislocation of his left hip. The injury, sustained in the Los Angeles Raiders' NFL playoff game on Jan. 13, has resulted in cartilage damage in the hip socket.

Robinson said the Royals would pay one-sixth of the \$2,375,000 contract Jackson agreed to in February. Jackson would have only made the full amount of his contract if he was on Kansas City's opening day roster.

"We felt this was the cleanest manner in which to handle this and was probably the most equitable to all involved," Robinson said in a news conference at the Royals' training complex.

"We got nearly \$2.5 million involved in a situation like this, finances do enter into a situation like this."

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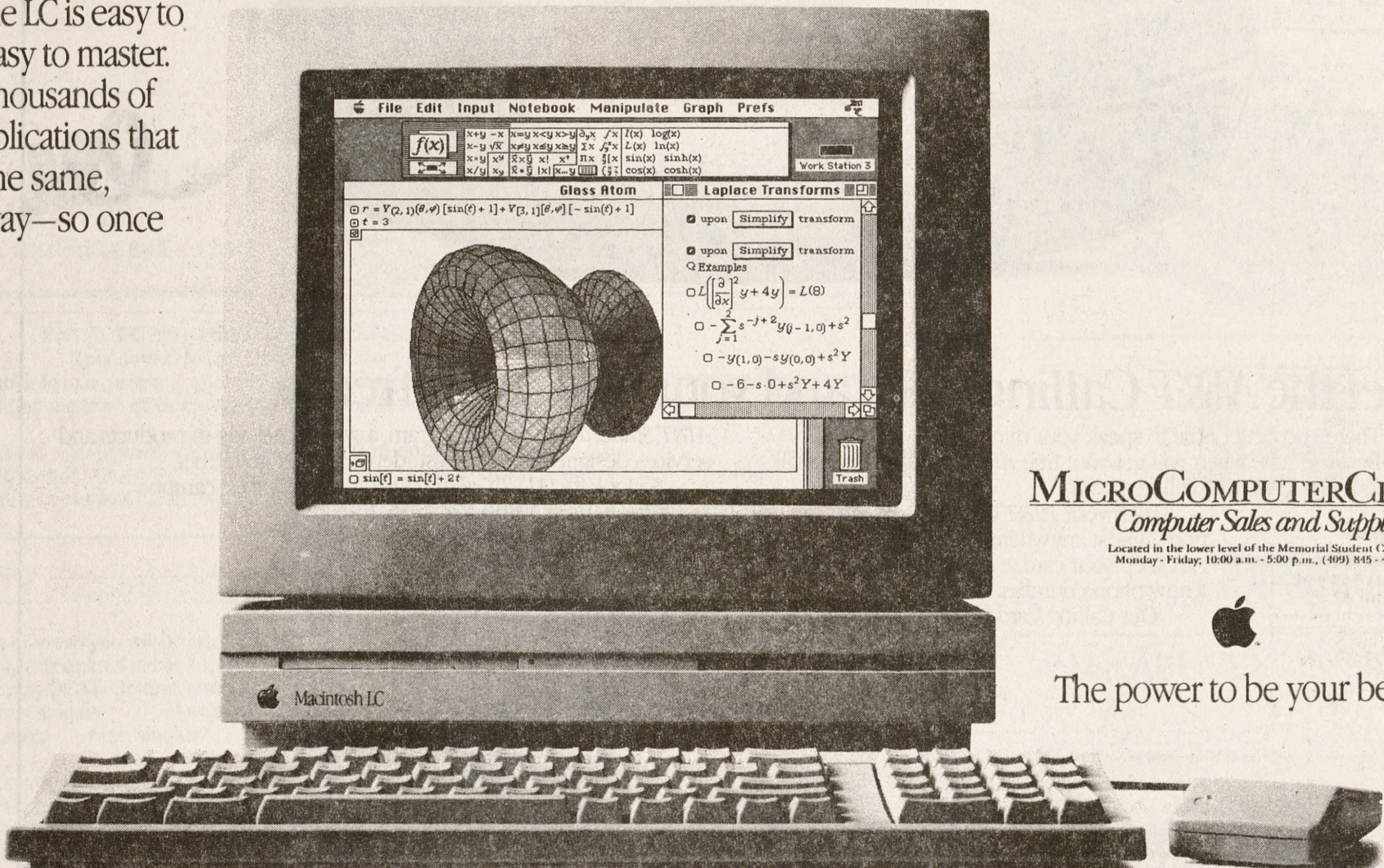
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