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BT's dream

Former A&M
All-American
achieving life's
aspirations

By Emily Pappenus
Special to The Battalion

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. - The hot Florida sun beat down on a stretch of baseball diamonds and batting cages, and on the back of former Texas A&M standout Brian Thomas.

"C'mon boys, this isn't nursery school," exclaimed Tommy Thompson, the general manager of the Port Charlotte Rangers. "We have a water break later!"

His words cut across the practice fields of the Texas Rangers' spring training complex, causing minor leaguers to scramble from the water cooler toward the fields.

The Port Charlotte Rangers are one of six teams in the Texas Rangers' minor league system that were practicing together at spring training. They were also the team that Brian Thomas found a place with during the 1993 baseball season.

Thomas, an All-American in 1993, was third in the Southwest Conference with a .383 batting average.

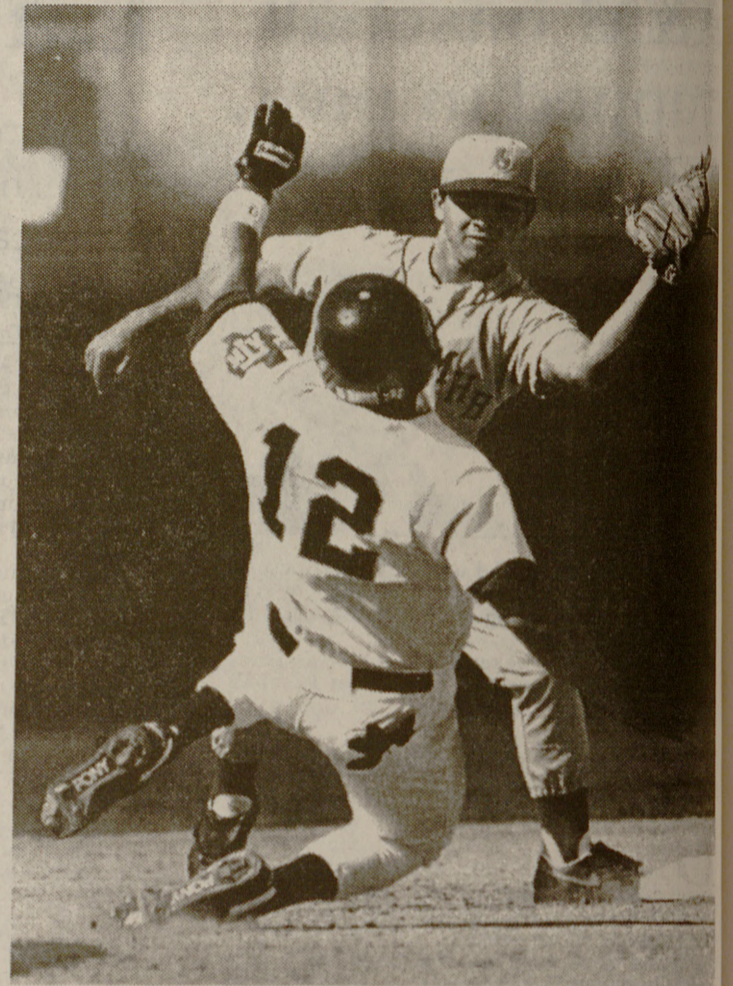
He injured his hand soon after starting with the Rangers, and finished the 1993 season with a .289 batting average.

Sandy Johnson, the Rangers' assistant manager of player personnel and scouting, said the baseball organization had watched Thomas while he was at A&M and saw some talent in the former Aggie centerfielder.

Thomas was picked in the 10th round of the 1993 draft.

Martin Scott, director of player personnel, said the Rangers have great expectations for Thomas this year.

"Because of his injury he will start in Port Charlotte, which is single A," Scott said. "But there is



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Former A&M Centerfielder Brian Thomas (12) slides safely into second during the first game of an A&M-Mary Hardin Baylor double header on Feb. 19, 1992.

an outside chance that he will make it to AA." "With his experience in college, and hitting .290 last year, he's the type of guy that can move up fast in the ranks."

Thomas seemed just as confident about the approaching season.

"At the end of this year I definitely hope to end up in AA," he said. "If I go in and play well I'll have a chance to go up there at the end of this year and hopefully

by next year for sure."

In fact, Thomas said this experience is like a dream come true for him.

"I've been playing ball since I was four," Thomas said. "I always grew up watching baseball on TV. The College World Series was a dream and last year that dream came true."

"Now the majors are my

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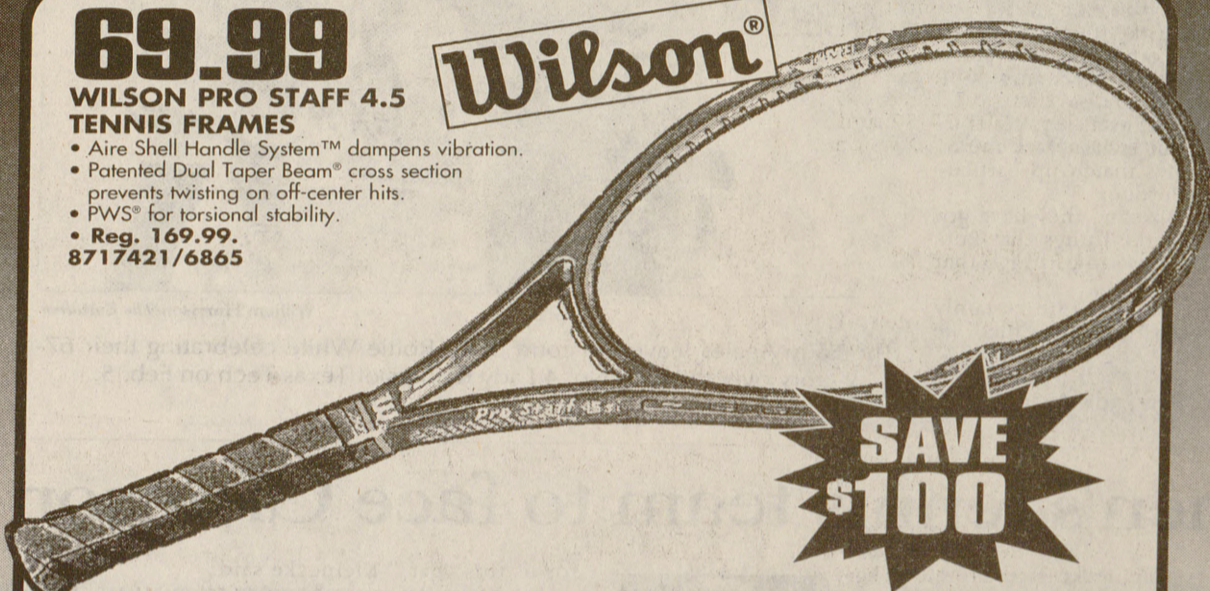
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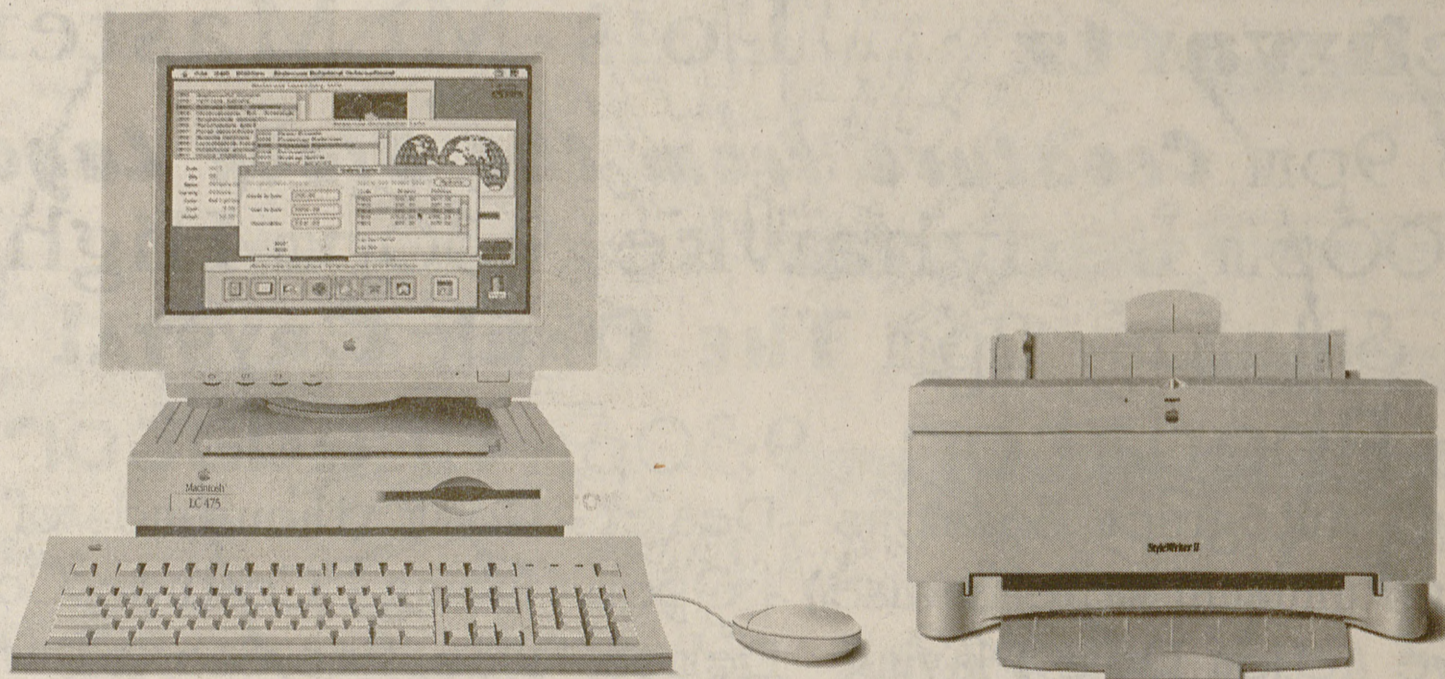
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