

# Sports

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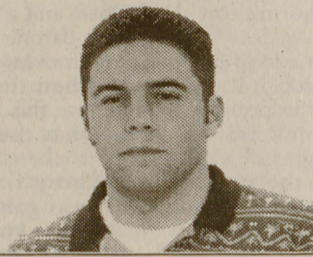
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## Jimmy Johnson's replacement can be found at A&M

Drew Diener

Sportswriter



In Jerry Jones' latest ploy to completely destroy the defending two-time world champion Dallas Cowboys, he has all but officially confirmed the hiring of a new head coach to replace Jimmy Johnson — a Battalion columnist of regional renown.

Sources wishing to remain anonymous for fear that they might be committed to a mental institution, said that they expect Jones to name the relatively unknown Drew Diener to the most prolific position in professional football.

Although Jones was unavailable for comment, persistent reporters from The Battalion were able to track down the busy Diener.

The Texas A&M sophomore explained that he faxed his resume to Valley Ranch shortly after Johnson announced his resignation Tuesday afternoon in a televised press conference.

"I was forced to prepare a résumé last week with summer job season upon us and what not," Diener said. "I have been applying for jobs for about the last week or so and I guess I was just plum lucky to be watching CNN when I was."

"Fortunately, I was also near a fax machine." Many readers may remember Diener, who in January declared himself eligible for the NFL Draft although he never played a down of collegiate football. Diener said that the opportunity to coach the Cowboys has forced him to renege on his candidacy.

"I still believe in my abilities to get out on the field and mix it up with the best of em'," Diener said. "However, I've got to take this

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## Aggies break three game slide

By Jose de Jesus Ortiz  
The Battalion

Hot dog, the Aggies won. It was Hot Dog Night at Olsen Field on Tuesday, and 1,733 hungry Aggies took advantage of 25 cent cokes, pop corn and hot dogs as A&M snapped a three-game losing streak.

John Codrington earned his first victory of the season by striking out seven batters in four innings as four A&M pitchers combined to throw a three-hit shutout to lead A&M over St. Olaf 3-0 to end a three game losing streak.

Codrington (1-3) said he realized St. Olaf, an NCAA Division III school, was not as good as the teams A&M (19-15) faces in the Southwest Conference, but he said the Aggies, after losing their sixth straight SWC game by dropping a three-game series against Rice last weekend, needed a win to get A&M on a roll.

"They are no Texas Longhorns or anything like that," he said. "But they still had some guys who can hit the ball."

Head coach Mark Johnson did not seem very pleased with the pitching, even though he said he was happy with it.

"I think the pitchers did alright," Johnson said. "Well, I think they did alright, and we'll leave it at that. But I think the key to the game is their pitcher did a good job."

The Aggies had seven hits and scored a run in the second, third and



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A&M shortstop Robert Harris (left) tags out St. Olaf runner Jud Sather after Sather was caught in run-down when trying to steal second base.

fourth inning, but Johnson said A&M could not handle St. Olaf's Josh Deckers' pitches.

"I told the team we did not adjust well to the pitcher," he said. "He pitched soft, and that was the last thing we needed to see today."

A&M right fielder Chad Allen paced the Aggies to their first after hitting a

slow roller to second.

Before the second baseman could release the ball, Allen was on first. Allen stole second and reached third as the catcher tried to throw him out. Allen went on to score on a sacrifice fly by Chad Alexander.

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## Aggie softball to play UTSA in new park

By Stewart Doreen  
The Battalion

The Texas A&M softball team will start play in their new home, The Lady Aggie Softball Complex (capacity 1750) after returning from an 18-4, three-week road trip.

The Aggies road swing included included a no-hitter by Kim Gonzalez

over the 18th-ranked University of Virginia and another tournament title at the Lady Seminole Invitational. The tournament win has the Lady Aggies excited about their play and their return home.

"We're more of a seasoned team because of the long trip," Head Softball Coach Bob Brock. "Their pretty excit-

ed about being at home and being on their new field."

The Aggies, who raised their record to 34-13, will play a double header against the University of Texas at San Antonio Lady Roadrunners at the new park located on Olsen Road across street from Olsen Field. The first game starts at 5 p.m.

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## A&M hoopsters receive awards for '93-'94 season

By Nick Georgandis  
The Battalion

A season full of shining accomplishments was recognized Tuesday night as the College Station Hilton hosted the 1994 Texas A&M Basketball Banquet.

Special tribute was offered to the five graduating seniors on the Aggie squad: Tony Barone, Jr., David Edwards, Chuck Henderson, Brett Murry and Michael Smith. The quintet was honored with a short video presentation on each player, a few words from head coach Tony Barone and a jewelry box engraved with the words: "Champions think championship thoughts."

Coach Barone and his assistants also handed out awards for outstanding achievement to several players. Edwards won two of the honors, the Lorraine & Breezy Breazeale Free Throw Proficiency Award and the "Coaches Award"—the equivalent of the team's most valuable player.

In his words about Edwards, Barone said his point guard for the last three seasons is one of the best players he's ever seen.

"(Edwards is) a true success story based on his devotion to a game he loves more than anything," Barone said.

"But to get a degree, that means much more than basketball itself."

Also receiving awards during the dinner were junior Corey Henderson as the recipient of the Daniel Scoates Garner Academic Extra Effort Award, Michael Smith as the "Most Improved" player and junior Tony McGinnis as "Mr. Defense".

Assistant coach Mitch Buonaguro gave the "Windex" award for rebounding to Murry, and praised his performance as a tenacious all-around player.

"Whenever we (coaches) would talk about the games, his name always came up as a guy we could count on," Buonaguro said.

# What is real life?

## Real life is eternal

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

-Romans 6:23

## Real life is freedom

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Jesus Christ, the law of the spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death."

-Romans 8:1-2

## Real life is Jesus

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry and he who believes in me will never be thirsty...This bread is my flesh, which I give for the life of the world."

-John 6:35,51

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