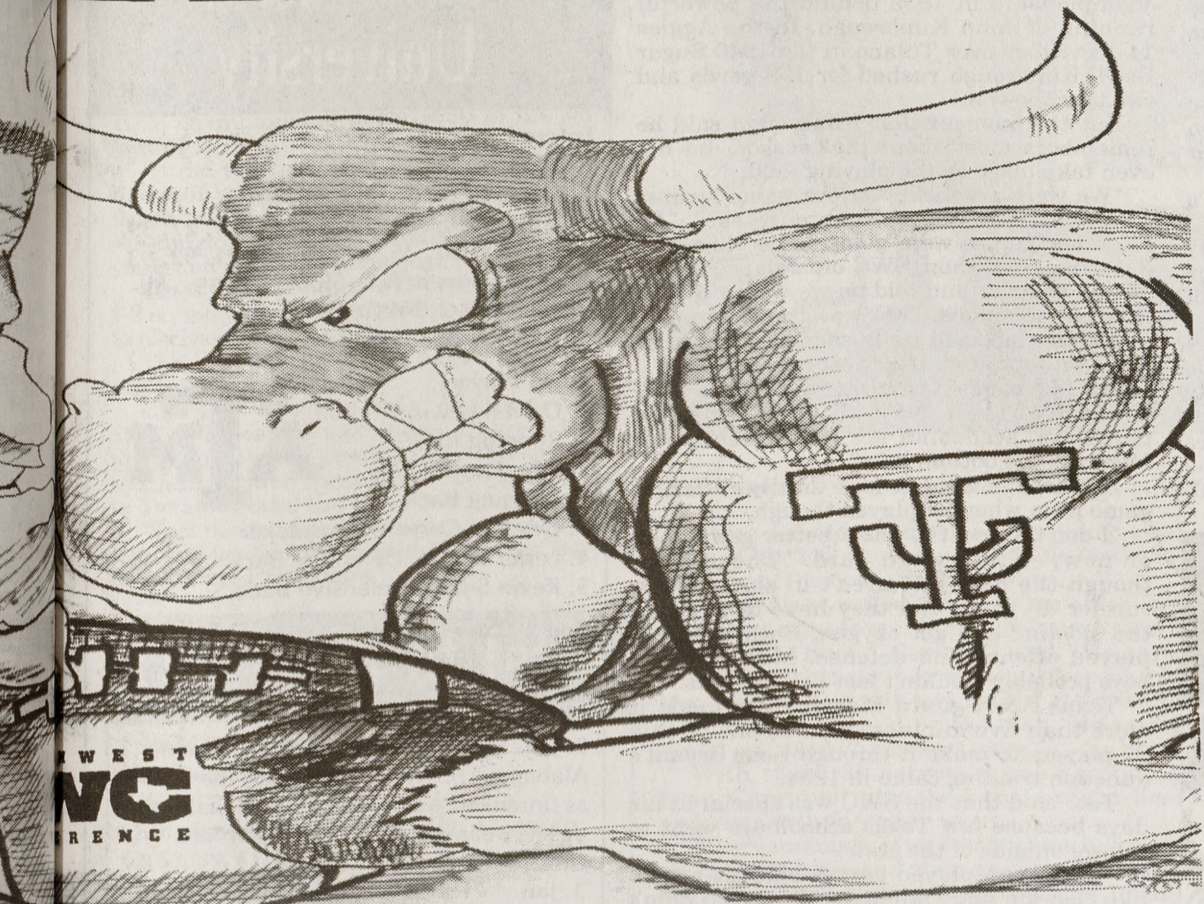


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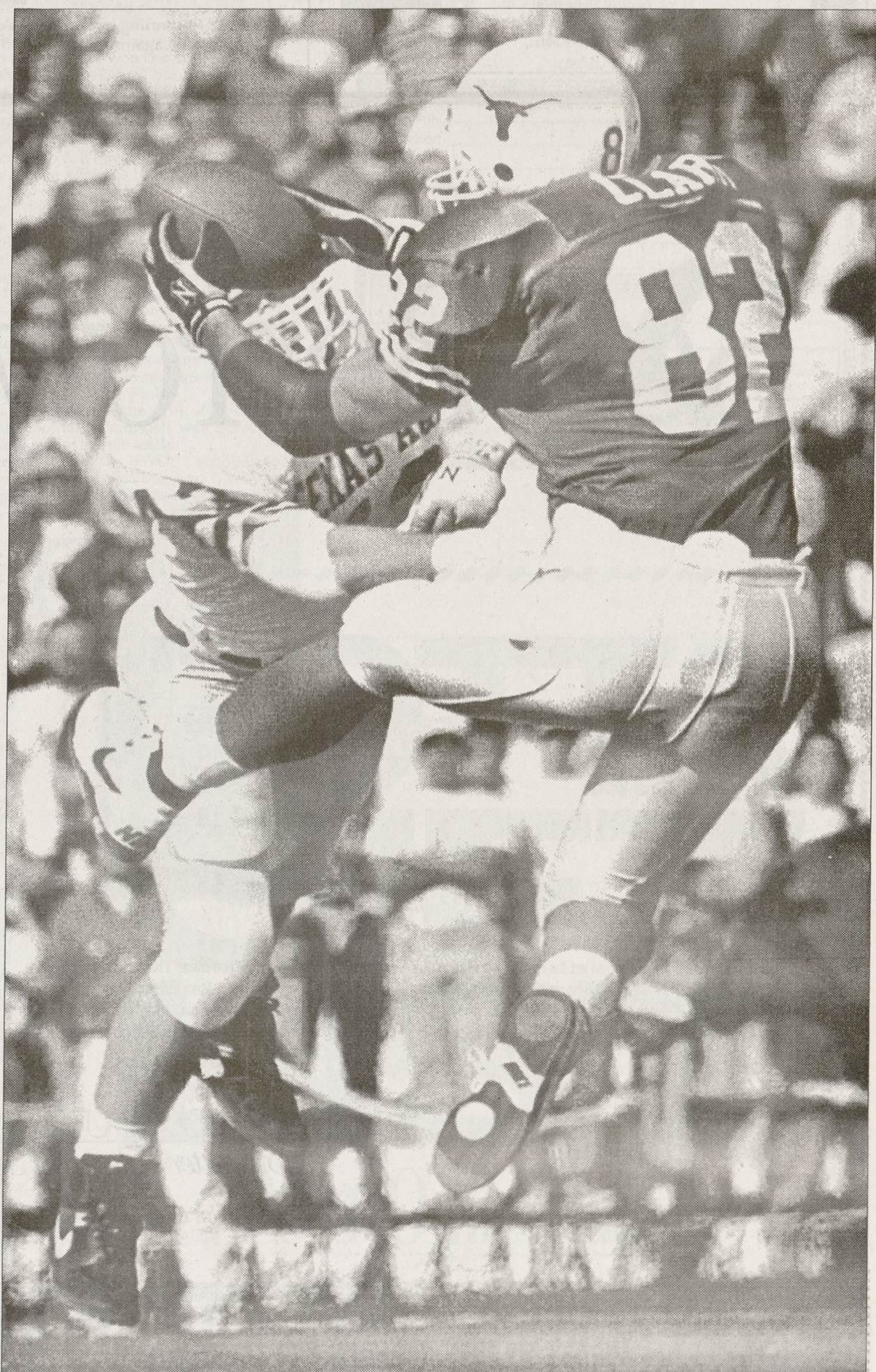
John Mitchell, head coach of the Aggie teams of that era, considered the most talented in Aggie history, Royal said his Texas Aggies never lacked any motivation to the annual showdown. "I never had to say a whole heck of a lot to get us fired up for the A&M game," Royal said. "A&M was going to be a tough one in those years, but our guys respected them a lot because they always played hard. You could never really bank on A&M or expect the game to be a breeze." In the recent years, under head coaches Tom Sherrill and R.C. Slocum, A&M has taken over as the rivalry's ruling power. Since 1984, the Aggies are 10-1 against Texas, with the only blemish being the 28-27 setback in 1990. The Aggie's recent success is something that gives current Aggie players to gain the upper hand over their rivals. A&M Outside Linebacker Keith Mitchell testified to this.

"Definitely, without any question, we look at the Texas game as the big one, our most important game of the year," Mitchell said. "Coach Slocum has one loss against them, and nobody wants to be a part of the team that's around when he gets his second. "I think that's why we've been able to beat them for a while now — every class of players wants to brag that they never lost to Texas." In the final season of the SWC, Crow thinks it is fitting that the league's two most successful schools will battle for the conference's last championship. "It's going to be another great game between two teams that have a history of playing great games," Crow said. "Big games have been something that has made the Texas-Texas A&M rivalry as fierce as it is. "That's why the rivalry ranks up there and maybe surpasses others like Auburn-Alabama, Florida-Florida State and big rivalries like that."



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 Director of A&M
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