

# SPORTS

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## sports GLANCE

### Evans named new A&M softball coach

Assistant athletic director for women Tina Cheatham announced Jo Evans will replace Bob Brock, who retired in May, as head coach of the Texas A&M softball team coach, on Friday.

Evans, who was the head softball coach with the University of Utah for the past seven seasons, is a two-time Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

"I have high hopes for the program at Texas A&M," Evans said. "I want to put the program in a position to be in the top 10 nationally and have the opportunity to bring another national championship to Texas A&M."

### Football two-a-days will resume today

After undergoing physicals and other orientation procedures Friday, the veteran Aggie football players joined the newcomers Saturday for the first full-team two-a-day workout of the season.

"I thought it was a good start," Coach R.C. Slocum said. "The majority of our players returned in good shape and there was a lot of enthusiasm."



SLOCUM

On Sunday the Aggies went through only one practice on the astroturf next to Kyle Field. They will return to two-a-day workouts on Monday.

### Lion's Club to hold basketball tournament

The third annual Milano Lions Club three-on-three basketball tournament will be held in the Milano Gym on Aug. 10-11.

The cost is \$30 for a three to four player team and the entries must be received by Aug. 7. Age and ability will be taken into account.

Proceeds will go to the Milano Lions Club for public service work. For more information call Edward Westbrook at (512) 455-2262.

### Astros hold on to defeat Giants, 7-6

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Hampton won his fourth straight decision over San Francisco and Jeff Bagwell doubled twice Sunday to lead the Houston Astros over the Giants 7-6.

Barry Bonds hit his 30th homer for the Giants, the fifth straight time he's reached the mark and sixth overall.

Hampton (8-7) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings, upping his record against San Francisco to 3-0 this season and 4-0 in his career. Houston won for the fifth time in seven games overall and for the 24th time

## Davis named to Nike All-Star team

The sophomore forward will play alongside other collegiate stars in Jones Cup competition in Taiwan

By Ross Hecox  
THE BATTALION

Like most talented recruits, Calvin Davis was probably told that basketball would take him places. But he most likely never thought one of those places would be Taipei, Taiwan.

However, the sophomore Aggie forward is headed to Taiwan after recently being named to the Nike All-Star team that will play for the Jones Cup Aug. 15-26. The Nike team will face professional teams from Korea, Canada, Japan, Australia, Saudi Arabia, India, South Africa and Slovakia.

Davis said he is thrilled about the opportunity to be part of the Nike team.

"This is a real big honor," Davis said. "I've always thought I would play for a team like this, but I didn't think it would be this early (in my career)."

A&M associate head coach Frank Haith said Davis' selection to the team is a true testament to his talent.

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— FRANK HAITH  
A&M associate head coach

"We're extremely excited for Calvin," Haith said. "For (him) to be elected to this team means he has some ability. Calvin is a name they called and asked for right away."

Davis, the only player on the team not from the East Coast, will play alongside the likes of Jameel Watkins of Georgetown, Jerry Braswell of Wake Forest and Jeff

Capel of Duke. The team will be coached by Wake Forest assistants Ernie Nester and Ricky Stokes.

"We have a lot of talent on our team," Davis said. "These are top-ranked guys. I'm looking forward to playing with all of them — especially Jeff Capel."

Haith said the Jones Cup is well respected and will give Davis the opportunity to improve his level of play.

"Anytime you can play against teams like this, you will have the opportunity to rise to the level of competition," Haith said. "There will be pro scouts there. The Jones Cup is very prestigious."

Last season, Davis was named to the Southwest Conference All-Freshman Team. He averaged 8.9 points and 5.5 rebounds a game, shooting 53.2 percent from the field and 71.2 percent from the free-throw line.

As a senior at Killeen

High School, Davis was a first team all-state pick.

"Calvin has done real well," Haith said. "He has been here all summer working hard. He's been getting bigger and stronger."

Haith said playing with new teammates and traveling to Taiwan will improve Davis as a person as well as a player.

"He's a quiet individual," Haith said. "For him to get out and have to spend time with these guys will help him get more confidence as a person. He's a wonderful kid and I'm sure he'll be able to adjust and adapt to the situation."

Haith also said Davis' experience will benefit Aggie basketball.

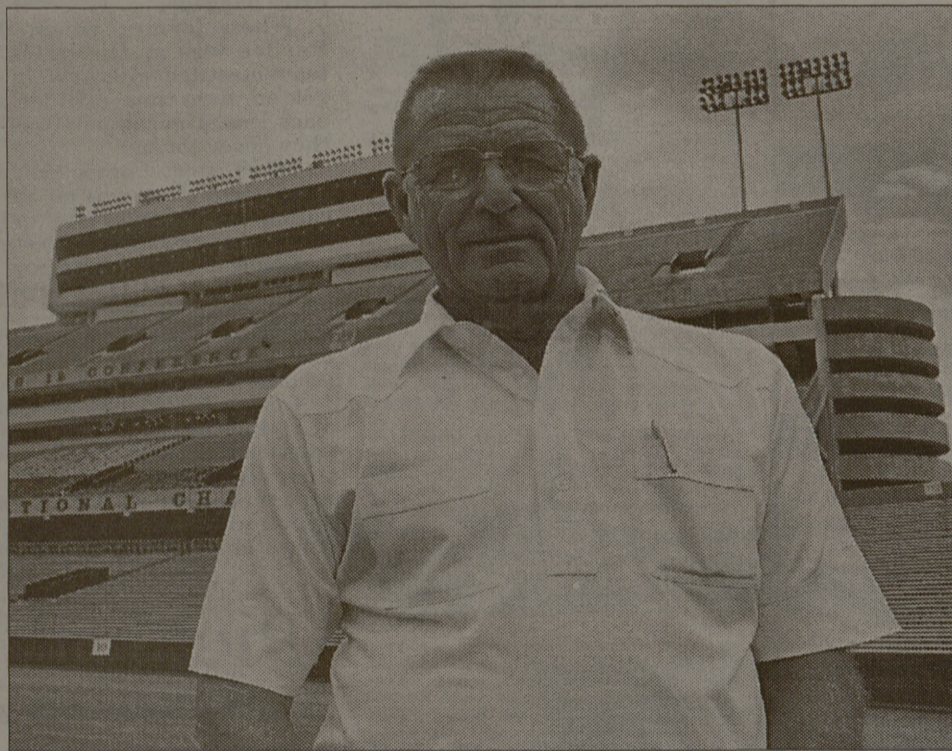
"It's a heck of an honor for (the A&M Basketball program)," Haith said. "It really shows that we do have guys in our program that are getting (national) exposure."



Calvin Davis drives in for a basket in a Dec. game against the University of Maryland-Baltimore.

## Kyle's Keeper

By Ray Hernandez  
THE BATTALION



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Billy Pickard, class of '56, is an integral part of the A&M athletic tradition with his role as overseer of the planning and maintenance of athletic facilities.

Over the course of 32 years working in the Texas A&M Athletic Department, current Associate Athletic Director of Facilities Billy Pickard has witnessed the winds of change affect not only the school's athletics, but the entire makeup of the University.

But it was not the admission of students outside the Corps of Cadets, the demise of the Southwest Conference or the school's dynamic growth over time that the 62-year-old Pickard believes most influenced the school.

He said the admission of women to the formerly all-male military institution was

the biggest change. "It was the best thing that ever happened to this school," Pickard said. "I love to see the school grow. The more prestige, the more recognition." Pickard's ties with the University go back to his days as a student trainer for the Aggie Football Team in the early 1950s. After graduating from A&M in 1956, he worked at Port Arthur High School as a history teacher and athletic trainer.

### CLIMBING THE AGGIE LADDER

Pickard returned to A&M to join the Athletic Department on Jan. 1, 1965 as head trainer.

Texas A&M Sports Information Director Alan Cannon said Pickard is invaluable to the A&M Athletic Department.

"There is not a more loyal person within the department than Billy Pickard," Cannon said. "So much of the work that he does goes unnoticed in the general public, yet everyone within athletics is aware of his contributions. He's the first one on campus every day — sometimes as early as 5 a.m."

In 1972, Pickard accepted the dual role of trainer and equipment manager before

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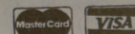
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Thursday	8:00pm - 8:45pm	9:00pm	Elks-BVCASA
Friday	8:00pm - 7:15pm	9:00pm	LVA-Elks
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