

DLine

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defensive scheme is already paying dividends for the Aggies.

"Right now we're playing much faster," Eggen said. "Knowing what they're supposed to do gives them the confidence to cut it loose and not have to think as much."

Sophomore Bryce Reed leads the charge in the weight room with a bench press of 465 pounds, and senior Marcus Jasmin weighed in with a squat of 670 pounds.

Redshirt freshman Chris Harrington is the fastest of the group, clocking in at 4.76 seconds in the 40-yard dash.

Redshirt freshmen Jorrie Adams, high school teammate Joseph "Red" Bryant, Jack and Harrington have all been impressive in spring drills and are already pushing for playing time. Bryant and Jack are listed as starters on the depth chart, supplanting veterans Marcus

Jasmin and David Ross.

"All the redshirts have a real good spirit about themselves," Eggen said. "They're trying to make this unit the best they can."

"No positions are secure, and the players have accepted that," Eggen said. "Our philosophy is to be able to be flexible. We're trying to put the best combination out there."

Eggen said he wants to have as many linemen in his rotation as possible, which is important with the number of teams in the Big 12 who rely heavily on passing the football.

Aggie head coach Dennis Franchione said it's imperative that the defense be able to throw fresh linemen into the mix to harass Big 12 quarterbacks.

"If we can put 10 guys out there, we will. If we can play 12, we'd like to," Franchione said.

The line's pride took a serious hit last season, and it's determined to live up to the precedent set by generations before them.

POSITION REPORT

DEFENSIVE LINE

RETURNING

- Johnny Jolly (JR)
Marcus Jasmin (SR)
Michael Montgomery (SR)
David Ross (JR)
Bryce Reed (JR)
Marques Thornton (SO)
Lawrence Hooper (JR)



Jolly

LOST

- Linnis Smith
Brian Patrick
Ju Parks
Thomas Carriger

NEWCOMERS

- Joseph Bryant
Jason Jack
Chris Harrington
Jorrie Adams
Chris Smith
Cyril Obiozor
William Morrissey



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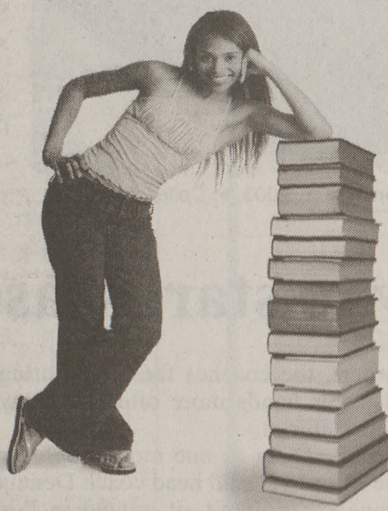
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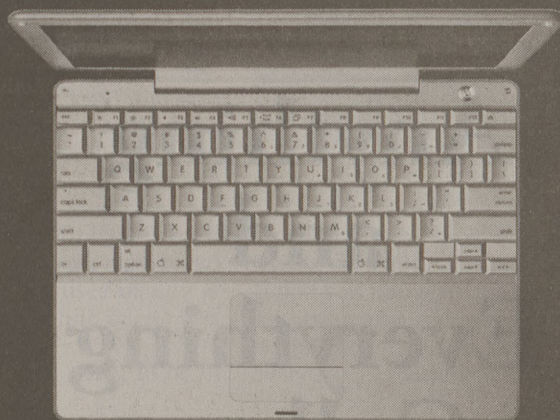
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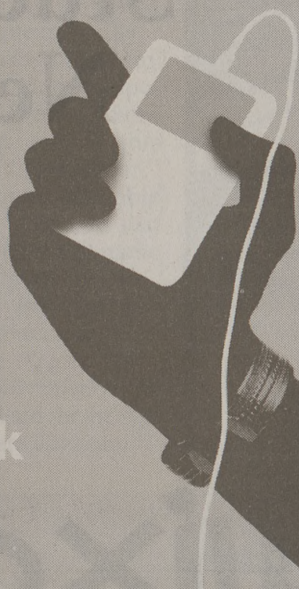
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