

Lady Ags make Big 12 debut

By Nicole Smith
THE BATTALION

This weekend the Lady Aggie Softball team will become the first team at A&M to compete in Big 12 conference play.

Earning a midseason record of 22-6, the Lady Aggies will play visitor in a three game series against Kansas University on March 30-31.

"Although this is our first Big 12 conference game, we really do not feel any pressure," A&M Softball Coach Bob Brock said. "In fact, if anything, we feel less pressure because we are no longer an independent team. This is very exciting for us not only because we are one of the two ranked teams in the Big 12, but we are also the first A&M team to play in the new conference."

For the most part, players and coaches feel lucky that their first conference game is against a team they have already met up with and beat earlier in the season.

In a tournament at the University of Texas-Arlington, the Lady Aggies beat Kansas 2-1. However, they still admit that they cannot take this team or the conference lightly.

"The Big 12 is one of the strongest conferences out there," freshman starting third-baseman Cami Tucker said. "There really isn't any reason why we shouldn't win the whole conference because we have what it takes, but at the same time we have to play our best."

Currently, Kansas has a 17-9 record.

"Overall they are a strong team that only has 11 players," Brock added. "They usually have very little mistakes and have an up-



Dave House, THE BATTALION

Lady Aggie catcher Beth Gerken pursues a foul ball in a recent game at the Aggie Softball Complex.

and-coming freshman pitcher who is working very well for them. Their only problem is that they don't always put the ball in play."

When asked what the Lady Aggies needed to improve on in order to do well in the Big 12, players and coaches commented on the fact that the team is still young and puts a lot of pressure on cer-

tain players. "Sometimes we put a lot of pressure on other people and rely on them to be consistent when it counts," Tucker said. "In order to improve as a team the rest of us need to step-up and handle some of the pressure that we often put on Erin and Kendall, our starting pitcher and shortstop."

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Many Texas and faculty mem advocating camp years; participi this weekend's U conference too steps to achieve this goal.

About 16 people from all areas of campus attended the two-day U-Act retreat, which promote d greater understanding among diverse organization and cultures.

Groups represent among others, the Student A National Org Women, Habita and several sororities.

Rajani Nair, a engineering major, range of persp