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Ladies fall to TSU 64-61

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The Aggie Ladies basketball team was upset last night in its first game of the Texas East Zone Tournament. Fifth-seeded Texas Southern University defeated the third-seeded Aggies 64-61 in Sam Houston Coliseum in Huntsville.

As they did in Monday's game against Sam Houston State, the Aggies got off to a sluggish start. Very few of their shots fell, and they were not able to get their share of rebounds.

Texas Southern is just faster than Aggie coach Wanda Bender said. "They were able to get down the court quicker and get inside for the rebounds."

Pat Werner kept the Aggies in the game during the first half. Werner scored 10 points for the Ladies in the first 20 minutes. But TSU's answer to Werner was in the form of

Deb Redo, who scored 12 first half points.

The aggressive play of Werner and Redo left both of them with three fouls as they went into the locker room for halftime. Unfortunately for the Aggies, Werner fouled out in the second half and Redo did not.

"Pat played a great game, she just got into foul trouble early," Bender said. "It might have been a different ball game if I could have left her in."

"I was very proud of our seniors, Denise Bettis and Karen Muskiet. They came in at the end of the first half and did a good job. They brought us back and we were down at halftime by only two points."

TSU led at halftime 30-28. At one point in the second half, TSU led by eight. Von Bunn quickly narrowed that margin with five straight baskets; however, she was not able to score a bucket that would have tied

the game in the final seconds.

"They really keyed on Von in the second half," the Aggie coach said. "After she got open for those first five shots, they really started defending her."

Bunn led the Aggies' scoring efforts with 18 points. Werner scored 12 points before her fifth foul and Sheree Christian added 11 points. The leading scorer for the game was TSU's Redo with 22.

One of the big edges TSU had in the game was their ability to out-rebound the Aggies. TSU had 55 rebounds while A&M had only 33.

Bender said that this loss greatly decreases the Aggies' chances of going to the state tournament in San Angelo.

"The very best we can come out of this tournament is in fifth place," Bender said. "I don't think that will be good enough to take us to the state tournament. You usually have to finish at least third in this tour-

namment to go to the state tournament."

The Aggies will play the winner of the University of Houston-Prairie View A&M game today at 3 p.m. If they win that game, the Aggies will play the winner of the Lamar-Rice game on Saturday.

Soccer's alive at A&M

By SEAN PETTY

Women's soccer is alive and "kicking" at Texas A&M.

Like many other activities on campus, most people do not know about the women's soccer team. They practice seven days a week. They have no scholarships or funds from the athletic department. In fact, most of the team never played soccer before coming to A&M.

With all this in mind, one would think that the women's soccer team is not very good. This is not true. The women have competed against some of the top teams in Texas and played well, if not won.

Their record was 5-2 last fall with their biggest accomplishment coming at a tournament in Austin. The women placed third out of 16 teams. They lost a heartbreaker to a Houston all-star team in double overtime. This effort gained them recognition in Texas Amateur Soccer, a statewide soccer publication.

The women's soccer program is young, yet it's steadily improving. The expansion and interest in soccer throughout the U.S. has helped the growth in the number of soccer players. A major contributor to the women's team at A&M is the PE soccer program. Ann LeMaifre said, "Many girls take soccer as an activity and become interested enough to come out and join the team."

LeMaifre, who is president of the women's soccer club, added, "We are beginning our third year this spring and the team has grown, along with the interest in soccer in the southwest."

Although the team is not supported by the athletic department, it does receive money from the Extramural Sports Association which is set up to help such clubs as men's

and women's soccer, rugby, lacrosse, etc. The team is allocated a certain amount of money from the association and uses it as it sees fit.

The women will travel to Indiana to compete in a tournament in April. The tournament will last five days and the women will take their own cars on the trip.

The women have several fund

raising projects throughout the year which helps them make such trips.

LeMaifre said that anyone can join the team if they are interested. The team practices and has its games at East Gate.

The women's next home game is Feb. 24 against the University of Texas. They will play on the practice fields at East Gate.

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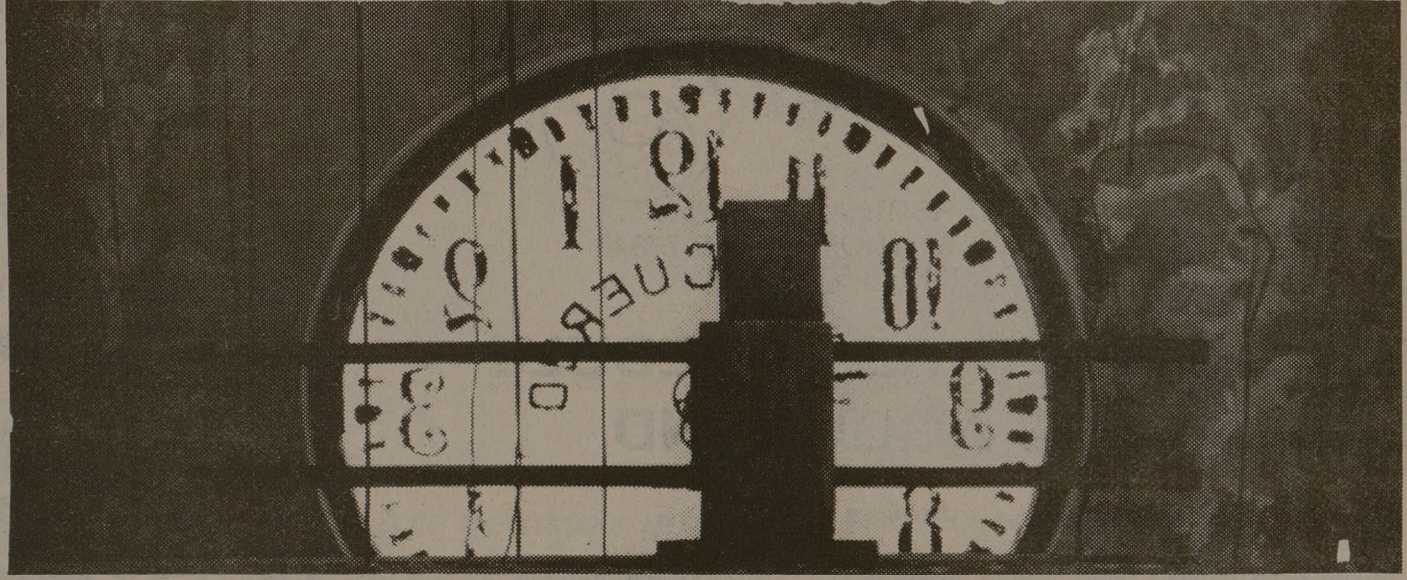
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