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Galloway believes he has real gems on the diamond

By KATHLEEN MCELROY

Sports Staff In the pre-season prospectus, the Texas A&M University women's softball coach says, "We don't wish to be just good, we want to be the

Now most coaches — no matter what sport — would have a hard time living up to that line. But softball coach Bill Galloway has no problem. His team is currently ranked fourth in the Association for Intercollegiate

in the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women softball poll and realistically does have a chance to be the best in the nation. The team was ranked second last week on the AIAW poll, but the Aggies dropped when they only won two of four games at the Texas Women's University softball tourna Women's University softball tournament last weekend.

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ame, ston "We didn't do as well as we had hoped to," Galloway said, but Texas A&M has done well for the spring season — so far the Aggies are 18-7 after finishing the fall with a 27-7

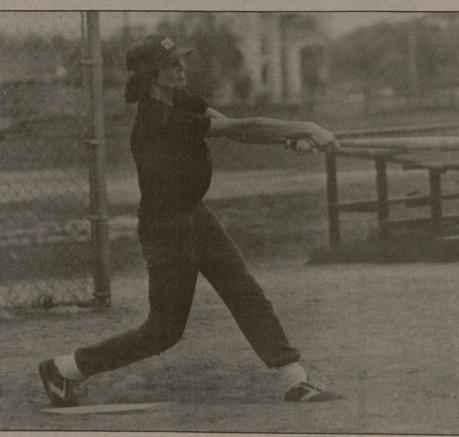
And until the TWU tournament, the pitching staff had posted six straight shutouts, a school record. "Our pitching staff is our main

strength," Galloway continued. "It's one of the areas I wanted to remedy when I got here. Galloway came to Texas A&M two years ago and immediately started

recruiting top players - of the 14 women on the team, only six are from the state and four of them are from the Houston area. Galloway earches nation-wide for his players. "I have a lot of connections in the country," he said, "and certain areas are just extremely strong. So you

naturally look in those areas." Surprisingly, one of the Aggies' top players, Shan McDonald, is ori-ginally from Canada.

Galloway said a good softball pitching staff has an earned run averge of about .75 — Texas A&M's staff ERA is .020. He added freshman pitcher Lori Stoll, from Lee's Sumnit, Mo., is an AIAW All- America



Glorian Motal, a member of the fourth-ranked Texas A&M Women's softball team, takes a

Galloway said. "We've been hitting real well. We're doing a much better job than last fall."

The team batting average is .215 which Galloway said doesn't seem that good, but he added, "We probably are as strong as any team.

Last year the Aggies finished 58-20, and placed fifth in the national post-season tournament. This year the team faces stiff regional competition from TWU, last year's national champions. But Galloway and his The Aggies are now also getting some good, consistent hitting to go with the pitching. "It's not bad the last few games," Aggies — who host the Southwest regionals this May — aren't scared. "They're as good as anybody in the country," he said. "But we are too."

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a A&M golf team will be participating in the Collegiate All-American meet

Coming off a tie for sixth place in the Morris Williams golf tournament in Austin last weekend, the Texas and the individual race.

swing during a recent practice. Staff photo by Lynn Blanco

THE BATTALION **Ruggers** take third in Midwest tourney

Playing in dismal weather, the Texas A&M rugby team was unable to capture the Mid-West Intercollegiate Invitational Rugby Tournament title, as the defending champs finished third in the weekend meet. When play began on the Universi-

ty of Missouri campus in Rolla, the Aggies looked tough, defeating Southwestern Missouri State University 16-15 and Luther College 9-

But during the semifinal match against the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the Texas A&M squad came up shorthanded, and was edged out 8-6.

The Aggies came back against Central Missouri State University, gaining the third place trophy by a score of 6-0 off a try by Buster Drues-sen. Ross Morgan kicked the conver-

Noted for their outstanding play during the tournament were backs Mike Frenzel and Bill Ballew, scrum half Ross Morgan, and prope Bill

Taute Unfortunately for the team, first side player Joe Bob Hunger chipped

a vertebra during a game and will be out for at least six weeks. The Texas A&M ruggers' record

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now stands at 6-3 for the season.

The team's next match will be April 12 at the Texas Rugby Union Championships. Texas A&M is the only college in the senior division of the Union

Matches in Austin April 19 and in College Station April 26 against Stephen F. Austin will round out the season for the extramural club.



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with a 866 total, followed by Oklahoma State with 872, Oral Roberts with 878, Wichita State and TCU 883. ed one e to ap The Aggies and the University of n Celto Texas finished with 885.

There were 23 teams entered in the competition. Texas A&M's David Ogrin lipped this week.

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Other Aggies participating in the tournament and their scores are: Richard Cromwell, 223; Brad Jones, 223; Steve Bowman, 226; Jay Kent, 231

The same five players will represent Texas A&M in the 72-hole meet





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