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## Van Brandt

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mmates, but, being a captain, you have to let the players know when they're not doing their jobs," Van



**Yvonne Van Brandt** 

Brandt said. "It can be tough to balance both needs."

However, she said that she gets along well with the players. "Having Kelli Kellen as my co-captain really helps," Van Brandt said.

It is that chemistry that has made the Lady Aggies gel as a playing unit, winning their last three matches of the season.

In the 14 years that I've been coaching women's volleyball, this

team is by far the most cohesive," Givens said. "Yvonne is the glue that holds this team together because of her position and skills.

Van Brandt, who celebrated her twenty-first birthday on Monday, attributes some of her patience to coaching a women's team this sum-

Van Brandt coached a group of high school seniors in a national tournament this summer

"I think (coaching) helped me see things from a different angle," she said. "Now I have a better feeling for what coach Givens sees. Playing all of the positions that I've played in my career makes it easier to understand how the other players think.

Van Brandt has been a starter since her sophomore season and played most of her freshman year, sharing a spot in the backcourt with Kellen. Earlier this season Givens shifted Van Brandt from setter to outside attacker

Although the move partially was made to give other players some practice at the setter spot, Givens said Van Brandt hit and blocked

"I liked getting the chance to attack," Van Brandt said. "It's fun to swing away.

Givens moved her back into the setting role last week, and he wants her there the rest of the season.

"She does so many things well, but we need her most in the setter's part" he said.

## Favre

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year passing, averaging over 200 yards per game, the Eagles have lost their last three games to Mississippi State, Auburn and TCU

USM coach Curley Hallman, a former assistant coach at A&M, is happy with Favre's performance.

"He's playing well," Hallman said.
"Brett has made a mistake here and there has here had been been here here."

there, but he's running for his life and still having a good year. With the pressure he's getting from pass rushes, it's amazing that he's any-where near those numbers.

'Our injuries, lack of depth, and the quality of our opponents have mismatched our line most of the time this year. Because of the mis-

've played well this season, but not well enough to win. No matter how well you play, if you don't win, nobody cares."

> -Brett Favre, So. Miss. QB

match, the pressure has fallen on

But Favre is not happy with his performance.

'I've played pretty well this season, but not well enough to win," Favre said. "No matter how well you play, if you don't win, nobody cares.

A&M coach R.C. Slocum has a slightly different view of Favre.

There aren't many teams we'll

play that will have a quarterback bet-ter than this guy," Slocum said. "He played very well against us as a true freshman two years ago. He's got quite a bit of experience under his belt since then.

Favre completed 20 of his 36 passes against TCU, but said the loss was upsetting.

"Completing 20 of 36 was good,

but we didn't win," Favre said. With the Eagles trailing, they had the ball on the TCU one-yard line. However. Favre's pass was intercepted and TCU went on to win.

"That interception may have been the biggest in my college career," he said. "If we had gotten even three points, we might have won."

For someone that Southern Mis-

sissippi has billed as a Heisman Trophy candidate, it's surprising that Favre doesn't pay much attention to his own statistics.

"It would be nice to have good stats, but the most important thing is the won-lost column," Favre said.

"I don't have good stats. I've already thrown four interceptions, and only three touchdowns (in 1989)."

Besides, sometimes people put too much emphasis on statistics. That could be a problem because too many factors tie in to them, Favre

"Anybody can drop back and complete a short pass," he said. "Re-ceivers can break loose and defenders can drop bad passes, so stats can

be decieving."

Favre believes that he can get the

Eagles back on the winning track.
"To improve, I've got to learn more about the defenses we'll face," he said. "I've been trying to force some passes. I've got to be a little more patient, and not rush or force throws. I've got players here who are capable of scoring on the ground.
"I need to learn how to use the

whole offense. Favre said that the A&M defense

will be tough.

"We'll have our hands full. We look at them on tape, and can't find any weaknesses," he said. "They're so good, I compare A&M to Au-burn, and we didn't do much against

"We'd like to establish a running game against A&M, but nobody else has been able to.

Regardless of their running success, the Eagles are going to rely on the passing attack, said Favre. "We're gonna throw anyway, but we'll try to be balanced."

Balance will be the key if Southern Mississippi wants to get back in the win column. If Favre keeps performing like the hype surrounding him suggests, it'll be one of the biggest favors he's given the Golden Ea-

## Astros' Reynolds retires

tros infielder Craig Reynolds, an All-Star selection in both the American and National Leagues, announced his retirement Wednesday.

Reynolds, 36, played for the As-

tros 11 seasons, participating in two, Western Division titles. He was an American League All-

Star with Seattle in 1978 before coming to the Astros the following season and earning a National League All-Star spot.

"I thought pretty seriously about it at the end of last season," Reynolds said. "Had the club not shown a real School star.

interest in wanting me back, I would have seriously considered retiring

Reynolds was hitting .203 prior to Wednesday night's game against At-'I'm not leaving the game feeling

like anybody owes me anything, Reynolds said. "I think it's just the opposite. If anybody owes anything it's me to say thanks to the organization, the city, and people that supported us.

Reynolds is a Houston native and former Houston Reagan High

## Tarpley gets starting nod as Mavs' forward

DALLAS (AP) — Roy Tarpley, the most valuable sixth man in the NBA two years ago, has been elevated to a starting power forward position by Dallas Mavericks' coach John MacLeod.

Sam Perkins, who is currently ne gotiating a new contract with the Mays, will be coming off the bench

in Tarpley's old role Tarpley missed 63 of Dallas' 82 regular season games last year because of knee surgery and a drug-related suspension. In his last five games after he was reinstated, Tarpley averaged 24 points and 13 re-

"Roy is ready to start playing full-time now," said MacLeod. "He has earned it.

The Mavs open training camp

Kevin Sullivan, Mavs' public relations director, said MacLeod de-cided to make the announcement before training camp so the players would know their roles going into the season.

If center James Donaldson hasn't recovered from major knee surgery, then Tarpley will play defensive center and move to power forward on

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