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Ags compete in SWC meet Writers handling Ag basketball with conviction

As the Assistant Sports Editor it's my job to keep track of the Texas A&M basketball teams, in addition to a

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on President B the legislature tpopulous Son oposals call for few other spring sports. With the exception of baseball that is, which the illustrious Mr. Lehmann so eloquently handles. As most are

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s would be team this year has nsive under ind household been painful for Aggies everywhere - including those of gents would n us who have taken it upon ourselves to

cover the team. As Aggies, Scott Wudel, Craig Wilson and I would love nothing better than for nk Kermit Davis Jr. and his squad to be found guilt-free of any wrongdoing and for them to win every game. But as sportswriters, we must heed the rule that nakes umpires and officials everywhere follow "We've got to call 'em like we see 'em. ure

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Oh sure, we could sugarcoat all the details of this and that and make everything sound peachy, but that would infringe on something that once it's lost - The First ortham was is hard to get back - our integrity and regulators our professionalism. ed insolvent

I, for one, believe that Davis can rebuild this program from the depths to which it has sunk. When a basketball team gets on a roll there's nothing more exciting to watch. Just try to sit still on press row when Brooks Thompson nails a three-pointer or after one of those Thompson-to-Rashone Lewis alley-oops.

But I also believe if Davis is guilty of a major infraction, then there shouldn't be any reason for him to stick around.

Such is the precarious tightrope that we cautiously navigate. On the one hand the Federal we fight within ourselves to be true to our school. On the other, we have to follow our instincts. As being somewhat in charge of Scott and Craig and what they write, I applaud their efforts to bring to the reader an honest approach to a difficult situation.

By Douglas Pils The Battalion

The Texas A&M men's and women's track and field teams travel to Fort Worth's Will Rogers Coliseum today for the Southwest Conference Indoor Track meet.

Highlighting this year's meet for the Ag-gies will be the final SWC performance by All-Americans and fellow Jamaicans Richard Bucknor and Howard Davis.

Bucknor is the only returnee from last year's squad who won a SWC indoor title as he attempts to defend his crown in the 55meter hurdles. He also will compete in 55meter dash.

Bucknor doesn't have any outdoor eligi-bility left, so his last meet will be the NCAA Indoor Championships on March 8-9. He leaves having earned four All-American citations in two years and with three school records. Those records are, the indoor 55-meter hurdles (7.18), the outdoor 110-meter hurdles (13.43) and as a member of the

400-meter relay team (38.53). Davis, who is also out of outdoor eligibil-ity, will run the 400-meter dash and the 1600-meter relay. Davis has earned five All-American citations in two years and is the school record holder in the indoor 400-meters (45.94) and as a member of the outdoor 1600-meter relay (3:00.91). Last year the A&M men's team finished

third behind Baylor and Arkansas, who won its 10th straight champioship. Arkan-sas again is favored to win the meet and Aggie head coach Ted Nelson said he hopes to compete for a top finish.

"Arkansas is the odd-on favorite to win the indoor champioship, as usual," Nelson





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Richard Bucknor, above and bottom left, and first-year head track and field coach Ted Nelson (top left)lead the A&M track squad this weekend in the SWC Indoor Championships in Ft. Worth.

said. "We have a chance to compete for a top three finish with Texas and Baylor. Our best event is probably the high hurdles, with Richard Bucknor, Greg Williams and Nic Pollard.

"Other good events for us should be the 400-meter dash with Howard Davis and the shotput with Steve Collier, Scott Paulsen and Teddy Reynolds."

Four Aggies already have meet NCAA qualifying marks for the championships in March. Bucknor is joined by shot putter Collier (59-5 3/4), pole vaulter Ricky Barker (17-1 1/2) and high jumper Lee Pool (7-0 1/2).

A&M was the last team besides the Razorbacks to win the SWC title.

Aggies set for 3-game matchup

By Steve O'Brien The Battalion

The Texas A&M baseball team, cur-rently ranked No. 14 by Baseball America, starts a three-game series against Northeast Louisiana today at Olsen Field

'Today's first pitch is set for 3 p.m. The Aggies (4-2) are coming off a 6-0 trouncing of Mary Hardin-Baylor Wednesday after a disappointing twogame split with Southwest Texas State

earlier in the week. Northeastern Louisiana was 3-1 enter-ing a Thursday night twinbill with Houston Baptist.

A&M pitcher Ronnie Allen (1-0) will take the mound today in his second ap-pearance of the season. In the Aggies' season opener, Allen pitched seven innings, allowing only two runs.

The teams square-off in a 1 p.m. dou-ble-header at Olsen Field Saturday. Jason Bullard (2-0) will open the twinbill for A&M and Jason Hutchins

will pitch the second game. Bullard carries a 2.16 ERA into Satur-day's game and Hutchins has a 5.40

So far, A&M's transfers have provided the bulk of the team's power, accounting for three of the team's four homers.

Brett Weinberger, a junior transfer from Glendale (Arizona) Junior College, was the suprise hero of Wednesday's game. He went three for four, blasting a two-run homer and a two-run triple.

Sophomore transfer Mike Hickey is hitting .357 with a triple and a homer. Junior transfer Conrad Colby is batting .300 with a homer and two doubles.

Today's game will be Schedule Poster Day with the first 1,000 fans receiving a 1991 A&M baseball schedule poster. Saturday's games will be Collector Card Day with the first 1,000 fans receiv-ing collector cards

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As of Thursday morning, a record 1,458 season tickets had been sold. Fewer than 50 remain.

Lady Ags try to keep hot streak alive

By Craig Wilson The Battalion

The Texas A&M Lady Aggie basketball team had a big pill to swallow last weekend.

After learning that junior forward Dena Russo would no longer play due to bad knees, the Ags could have laid down and died. But the Lady Ags did not, and are now riding a two-game winning streak after defeating the SMU Lady Mustangs, 84-77, **Tuesday** night.

Saturday, A&M (11-11, 6-6) will face the Southeastern Louisiana University Lady Lions (13-8) in a non-conference tilt at 7:30 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The pressure was on for junior forward Karey Janak Tuesday, who was forced into the starting lineup due to Russo's injury.

She responded with two key rebounds down the stretch to help secure A&M's victory over SMU. Senior forward Yvonne Hill continues to lead the Lady Ags in

scoring at 15.1 points per game. Junior guard Sheri Dillard is averaging just under double-figures at 9.9 points a contest.

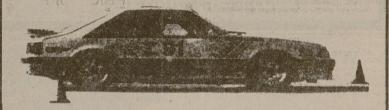
Dillard has had five consecutive 10-plus point games, and also leads the team in steals (45) and assists (70). Junior center Vanessa Edwards leads the Lady Ags in re-

bounding at 5.4 boards per outing. Against SMU Shawn Medlock was hot. The junior guard scored a career-high 16 points off the bench Tuesday night. Medlock is also one of the SWC's leading players at the free throw line, shooting 75.4 percent from the charity stripe.

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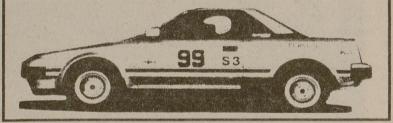
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