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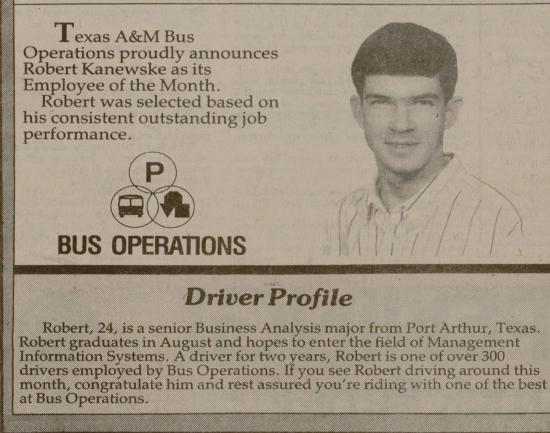
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## **Congratulations Robert**



## SWC swimming championships start today Aggie swimmers eye upset

#### **By Chris Whitley** The Battalion

The Texas A&M ladies' swim team has something to prove this weekend.

As the Lady Aggies prepare for the Southwest Conference championship meet, which starts today in Aus-tin, they are trying to show that they are the darkhorse in a conference of superior strength.

"It's possible that we could get fourth or fifth in our conference meet, and still be in the top twenty in the na-tion," assistant coach Jay Holmes said.

tion," assistant coach Jay Holmes said. The key to landing a spot in the top twenty, accord-ing to Holmes, is the relay events. "Relays make up a big part of the meet, and that's one of our strengths," Holmes said. He adds that four, or possibly five, A&M relay teams could qualify for the NCAA Championships in India-napolis in late March. The team leader for the Aggies heading into the

The team leader for the Aggies heading into the meet is fifth-year senior Courtney Searcy

Last year, Searcy qualified for the NCAA's in the 200-meter individual medley and was a part of the free-style relay that won Honorable Mention All-American

ast year.
"She is 'Miss Consistency'," Holmes said of Searcy.
"Any relay that has a shot of making NCAA cuts, Courtney's going to play a part in it." Searcy said she and the team feel prepared for the

meet. "I'm excited because it's my last year," Searcy said. "We (the team) are pretty pumped up. I think every-

one's excited to swim fast.

Junior Laura Greines, the A&M record-holder 200-meter breaststroke, also looks to do well

"She is a big part of our medley relays," Holme "She's the kind that can blow a medley relay

open." Other Aggies that are expected to shine in the include Kim Smith, a sophomore, who has a sdw cord in the 50-meter freestyle. Also, freshma be Dereska has filled a void in the butterfly events Sophomore Stephanie Maples, who also was m Honorable Mention-winning relay team a years contend in the freestyle along with freshmen Leporis and Tiffany Tredway. The ladies' team finished the dual meet season

4-6 record.

As geared up as the Aggies are, they realing Texas has a virtual lock on the conference trophy

the Frogs ing str South Texas will win it," Holmes said without hesiz "They're just very exceptional." The Longhorns are the defending national

pions and have held that title five out of the la

Holmes predicted that out of the rest of the factor of the

## A&M lady netters edge Owk

## Doubles lift Ags

### From Staff and Wire Reports

The 23rd-ranked Texas A&M women's tennis team needed to win two of three doubles matches to slip by Rice 5-4 Wednesday in a dual match at Omar Smith Tennis Cen-

The Lady Aggies improved their season record to 4-4 and 1-0 in Southwest Conference play, while Rice fell to 7-2 and 0-1.

Lynn Staley and Janine Burton-Durham clinched the match with a 7-6, 4-6, 6-2 victory in No. 1 doubles, and Cindy Churchwell and Tami Agassi won in No. 2 doubles 7-5, 6-3. The two wins provided A&M with the victory after the team split the six singles matches at three apiece

Lady Aggie head coach Bobby Kleinecke said the match was closer than he would have liked.

"This match was too close for comfort," Kleinecke said. "I'm extremely proud of our doubles teams, but we've got to have more guts in singles so we're not in this situation

again." All-American Lynn Staley won her No. 1 singles match over Katie Nederveld 6-4, 6-1. But the Aggies lost the Nos. 2-4 matches and relied on wins from freshmen in the five

and six spots. Jenny Graf won No. 5 singles over Abby Daniels 6-4, 6-1, but it was Anna Schlumpf who came from be-hind to defeat Betsy Nederveld 2-6, 6-2-6-2 6-2, 6-2

'Getting those types of wins in such a crucial situation is very grat-ifying, Kleinecke said. "We were struggling in singles, and they (Graf and Schlumpf) really came through



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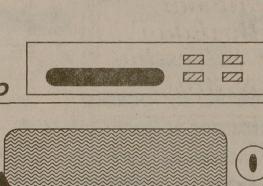
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"Anna had the big match. She fought back from a first-set loss and that's a tough thing to do for a freshman. It was an extremely gutsy efKARL STOLLEIS/The Battalo

Lady Aggie netter Tami Agassi returns a serve Wednesdayinh singles match against Rice's Candy Diepraam. Agassi los # match 5-7, 6-7, but helped win her doubles match.

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### Ladies, the men of Seduction are coming to College Station

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rhythm.

Rice shot better than 52 pt from the field, while A&M stru with a 42.8 percent field goz centage

The Aggies came up short boards again. Rice outrebut A&CM 42-26, including 17 off rebounds.

Shedrick Anderson lead scorers with 13 points despite in foul trou-ble throughout game.

Freddie Ricks finished his home game with 12 points kept the Aggies in the game eight first half points. "It hurts going out with i plus a loss to Rice," Ricks said

putting them down or any they are a better team than the

Ricks and Lynn Suber sid might have been trying to b make their last home append win.

The Aggies closest stati Owls came with 7:16 remain the opening half. A&M used an eight-point close the gap to 23-18 on a thony Ware rebound and Ware finished the night with points in 29 minutes off the points in 29 minutes off the bench.

The Owls pulled away for Aggie rally by running off straight points to end the is head into the locker room with 24 lead.

The Aggies opened the shalf quickly with an 8-2 run s as close as 40-32 before the woke up.

Rice used a barrage of lay pull away and quiet the 2,032 attendance.

A&M plays its final regulars SWC game this Saturday in Ho against the Cougars. The la

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