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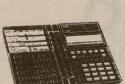
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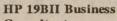
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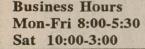




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Swimmers compete for Olympic team

The Battalion News Services

Texas A&M swimmers Robert Fleming and Laura Grimes will be in Indianapolis this week competing at the 1992 Phillips 66 National Swimming Championships.

The Championships, which serve as the U.S. Olympic Trials, run Sunday through Saturday at the IUPUI Natatorium on the campus of Indiana University with preliminary rounds beginning at 10 a.m. each day and finals beginning at 6 p.m.

In Flemming, the Aggies will be sending an experienced international swimmer who has enjoyed tremendous success at past national competitions.

After an incredible senior season at Houston's Waltrip High School, he captured three gold medals at the 1990 Junior Olympic Championships-West Course. Last summer, at the 1991 Olympic Festival, he earned a bronze medal as a member of the South's 4x200 freestyle relay team.

After redshirting during the 1991-92 season in preparation for these trials, Flemming is considered to have an outside shot at a relay spot. He will swim today in the men's 100-meter freestyle.

Robert's not a favorite, but he's been looking great in his workouts," said A&M assistant coach Jay Holmes. "Anything can happen up there, and it's possible that he can post an outstanding time and not make the team."

Grimes, a senior from San Antonio, will compete tomorrow in the women's 100-meter breast-stroke. As the Aggie women's lone senior, she was the heart and soul of a team that finished a surprising third at the Southwest Conference Championships. She finished her SWC career by winning the 100-breast in a conference record time of 1:01.98.

Grimes currently owns three of the top five 100-breast times in A&M school history. Holmes looks for her to swim well in an event that many consider to be the most competitive at these trials.

"Based on the SWC meet, she has to be considered capable of making the finals," he said. "Laura considers it an honor to be invited to the Olympic Trials, however, she's really shooting for the NCAA's later this month."

The top two finishers in each event will qualify for the 52-member team that will travel to Barcelona, Spain this summer.

A&M baseball improves in polls

The Battalion News Services

The Aggie baseball team broke the top 25 in Collegiate Baseball's poll and improved in Baseball America's poll after a successful weekend.

Both polls moved A&M up three spots this week. A&M is ranked No. 21 in Baseball American and 25th in Collegiate Base-

The Aggies moved to 12-5 for the season with two wins in last weekend's Oscar Mayer Baseball Classic in Minneapolis,

They recorded wins over Mississippi State and Florida State before losing to Minnesota on Sunday.

A&M resumes Southwest Conference play Friday when they begin a three-game series against Baylor at Olsen Field.

Johnson reestablishes presence in Coliseum

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a sore foot. The freshman, who had been averaging almost 17

points a game, would not return for the second half or for the next 11

Johnson, began practicing last week, said it will take a few days for him to get his game legs back under



"I'm glad to be back," Johnson said. "Six weeks is a long time to be out. I'm just a little bit out of

shape."

The forward said he had no intentions of trying to pick up where he left off before the injury.

"I just wanted to help my team

out," he said. "I wasn't looking to score 25, 30 points. I just wanted to go in there and help my team out as much as I could. Me, being a presence on the court, I was hoping it would help them out a little

A&M head coach Tony Barone said his goal was to give Johnson 20 minutes of playing time in order to help the player re-establish a rhythm.

"We were just hoping to put him into the puzzle," Barone said, so that he wouldn't have to do a lot of thinking, because he hasn't been in that position for quite a

Johnson was 5-for-8 from the floor and 4-for-7 from the free throw line in the game. He also pulled down three rebounds in addition to being the Aggies' intangible force in the middle before he fouled out in the final minutes of the game.

"He was the best inside player we had tonight," Barone said.

Wesley's FTs Ru fend off late Aggie rally

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first half. Baylor's Dennis Linds was the hot hand from the perim ter. He had five three-point and 20 of his career-high 27 poin

in the opening half.

"Lindsey hit some shots in the first half, and we weren't given him those shots," Barone said "But he took them and was wid open. We didn't do a good job d fensively with what we were to ing to do.

The Aggies had six players double figures, including Damo Johnson, who returned to action for the first time since a foot injursidelined him on Jan. 14. Johnson picked up 14 points and played! minutes.

However, the Aggies' shootin was a mere 40 percent from the floor compared to the Bears' percent from the floor.

With A&M playing their firs game at home after a four-gam road trip, and also having to pla four games in nine days, Baror said his young team might be su fering from fatigue.

'Our lack of physical strengt is an issue because we are s young," he said. "I think you' find most freshman who are pla ing at this time of the year tend lose something because their adrenaline saps them."

The Aggies have two games remaining in the regular season and one more home game on Wednesday against Texas Tech.

O'Brien

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This season, she leads the team in scoring with an average of 14.2 points per game and is first in rebounding with 7.2 per

After her record breaking performance on Sunday, Russo wasn't concerned with personal accomplishments.

People have been talking about it all this week, but it really never entered my mind," she said. "It's not something I'm real high on right now after losing this one in the the second half."

Dillard, on the other hand, is a 5-foot-9 guard who uses speed and timing to master her craft. She dribbles past opponents on

her way to the basket and creates turnovers on defense

She leads the Lady Aggies this year with 61 steals and is second on the team with 101 assists. Last season, she led the team with 96 assists. Whatever their styles, both

players brought the same enthusiasm to every game.
Russo and Dillard will not

end their regular season careers with a cakewalk on Wednesday. The Lady Aggies travel to Lubbock to face Texas Tech. The Red Raiders have already clinched the Southwest Conference championship with a record of 11-1 and are 21-4 overall.

The Aggies are currently in fifth place in SWC standing at 7-6 and are 15-11 overall.

As many accomplishments as the two players can claim and as many hours as they have practiced, a win on Wednesday may be too much to ask. The Red Raiders are deeply talented and have been gathering momentum all year.

But whatever happens against Texas Tech, Russo and Dillard and all the seniors can end their college careers on a positive note in the conference tournament that begins Mar 11. Behind the play of Dillard and Russo, the Lady Aggies have

made every game, even the losses, competitive this season. The Aggies are playing good enough for a tournament championship. It would be a nice way to end

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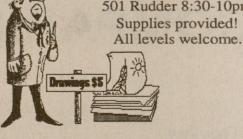


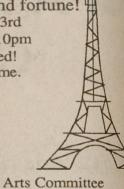
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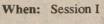
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