

Cross country hits the road to Houston Invitational



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The Lady Aggie cross country team takes off in last Saturday's Texas A&M Invitational on the A&M golf course.

By Jose de Jesus Ortiz

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The Texas A&M men's and women's cross country teams will be without their best runners today when they travel to the Texas National Golf Course in Willis to compete in the Cougar Open.

A&M's best runners have already qualified for the Southwest Conference Championships in Dallas next Saturday, and the final spots will be fought for by the remaining runners at the Cougar Open.

Last Saturday, both A&M teams finished seventh in the Charlie Thomas/ Texas A&M Invitational at A&M. Jerry Snider paced the Aggie men, finishing in 18th place for all men's runners - 121 of them. Michelle Truesda finished in 33rd place out of 124 women competitors.

Brian Piper, Christian Hendrickson, David Huck, James Menze and William Wright will race for the final men's spot. Beth Ladd, Stacy Ramsower and Valerie Jones are vying for the last women's spot.

A&M head cross country coach Ed Marcinkiewicz said that the team's performance in the meet was important, but that his main object will be to watch for the best individual Aggie finishers.

A&M will run against Louisiana State, Baylor, Texas Southern, North Texas, Texas Arlington, Houston and Rice, but Marcinkiewicz said team placement was not the main goal for the Aggies.

"This is not a team meet - this is for a few runners that will try to go to the Southwest Conference meet," he said. "I just want to determine the last spot (on both teams). I want to pick the last person."

While the men are unranked, the Texas A&M Lady Aggies are 8th-ranked in District IV, which is composed of schools from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and New Mexico.

A&M vs. Rice

A&M defenders look to stop Rice rushing in speedy Emanuel, newcomer Edmonds

By Matthew J. Rush

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This Saturday's football game between Texas A&M and Rice University will be two long streaks riding on its outcome.

Going into the game, the Aggies have posted 18 consecutive victories against Southwest Conference foes, while the Owls have not won a game against A&M in 13 years.

To help Rice's chances of ending the streak, senior quarterback Bert Emanuel will try to keep the A&M defense on its toes with his versatile running and passing ability. Emanuel is currently the SWC's third-

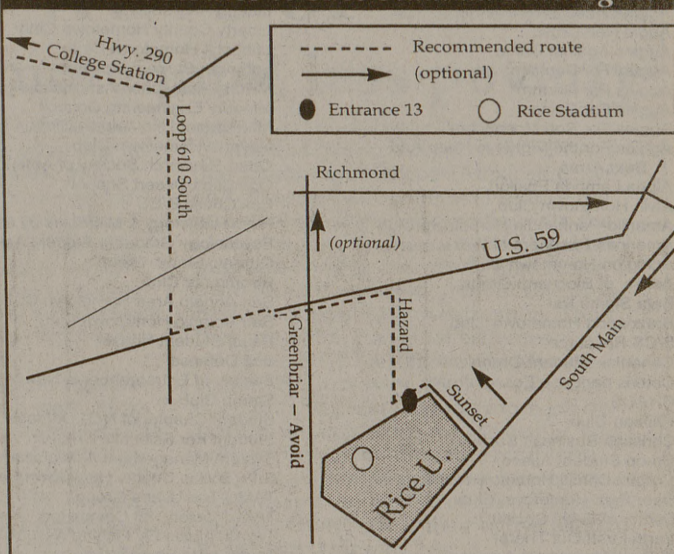
rated passer this year and was the conference's Quarterback of the Year in 1992.

Rice's running game features Emanuel and sophomore Yoncy Edmonds, who is replacing 1992 SWC co-offensive player of the year Trevor Cobb at tailback. The Owls average 187.4 yards per game in the air but is most dangerous when they establish the run, averaging 192.9 yards on the ground.

The Aggies will have to work hard to slow Emanuel, the fastest quarterback in the SWC, and will be playing in front of Rice's homecoming crowd.

But the Owls' quarterback will be **See Rice/Page 6**

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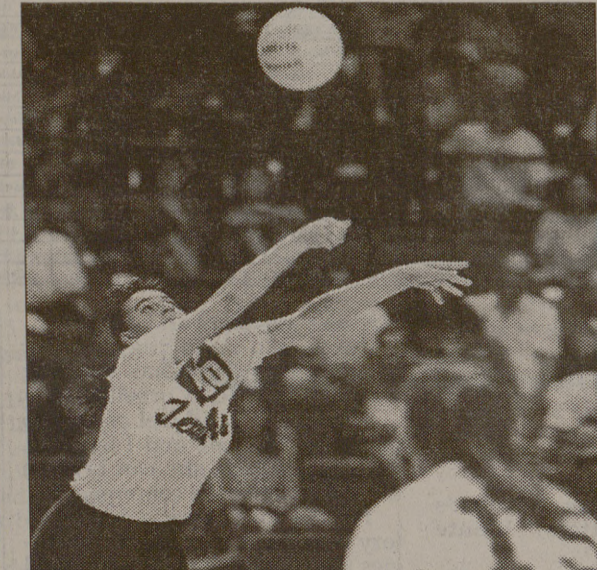


Due to heavy traffic anticipated for the A&M-Rice game in conjunction with A&M's Corps trip, please note the following travel recommendations for Saturday. Also, a \$3 shuttle will run out of Houston Metro's Edgewood, North Shepherd, and West Loop Park and Ride Services. For shuttle information call (713) 739-4022.

Wente sets Lady Aggies for rematch with Baylor

By Nick Georgandis

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Lady Aggie setter **Suzy Wente** (10) sets for junior outside hitter **Anna Klasing** (15) in A&M's September 22 home match against Texas Tech.

It happens dozens of times during a volleyball match: A player dives after the ball, sacrificing her body to make the saving dig. The setter rushes over and lofts the ball perfectly into position for a high-flying outside hitter to spike it down her opponent's throat.

After the play, the hitter is applauded for her power, the diving player for her agility, and the setter? She settles back into the relative anonymity of being a team player.

Sophomore setter **Suzy Wente** is the Lady Aggie volleyball team's ultimate team player and a very important reason why A&M enters Saturday's 7 p.m. match-up against Baylor with a 21-4 overall record, 5-1 in the Southwest Conference. Wente provides the vital link between the digs and the spikes for A&M night after night, but said she does not mind not being in the spotlight.

"The hitters have always gotten the praise, but I like my role on the team,"

Wente said. "I feel like the quarterback sometimes - everyone doesn't rush the quarterback every time he throws a touchdown pass."

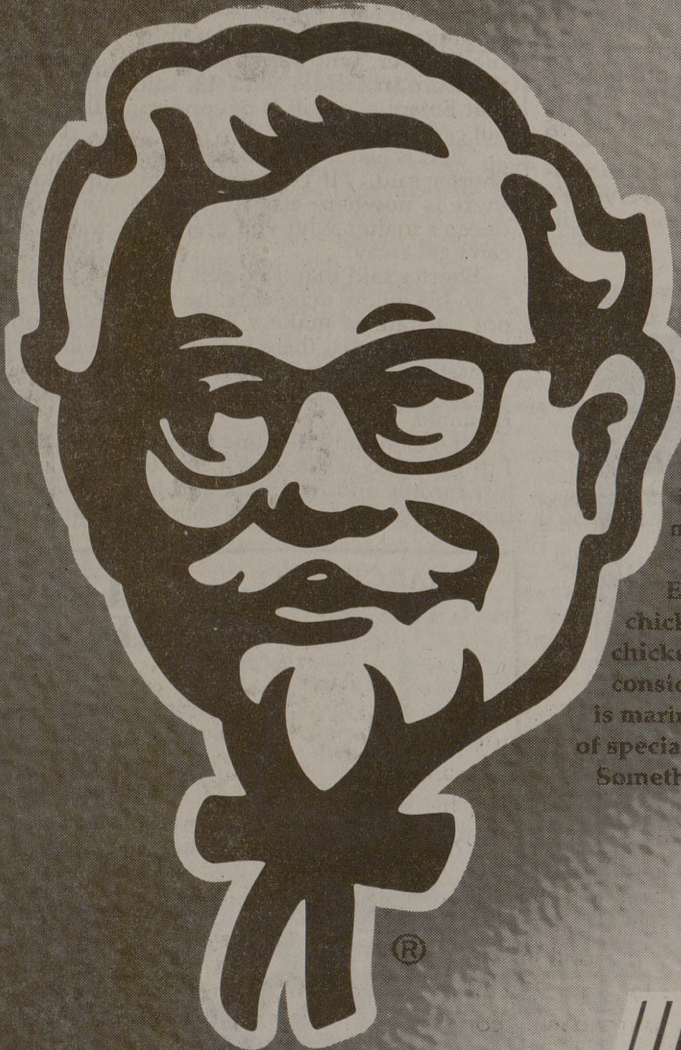
The Lady Aggies are riding a five-match winning streak after defeating Texas Tech in Lubbock Wednesday night by scores of 15-13, 15-13, 15-9. This will be the Lady Aggies' second meeting with the Lady Bears, having beaten them solidly three weeks ago in Waco - 15-1, 15-9, 15-12.

The Lady Bears are 17-6 (3-2 in SWC play) and have one of their leading players, sophomore setter **Cory Siverston** back from a broken finger for tonight's game.

Quietly, Wente is having one of the best seasons ever for an Aggie setter. She is the only player on the team to have played in every game of every match this season. Through Wednesday's game, Wente is ranked first in the SWC in assists per game and in total assists, and she is also tied for sixth in the conference in digs per game. Despite her success, Wente said she believes

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