

Rocket-gazing leaves viewers all shook up

My stomach is still in knots. My head is still throbbing, my hands are still shaking.

The Houston Rockets are undefeated, and if I see them play one more game, it could be my death.

I'll be the first to admit that I get way too involved in watching Rockets' games. My friends insist that we view them so they can mock me. They seem to find it funny when I repeatedly bang my head against the wall when the Rockets commit turnover after turnover.

But when the Rockets took on the Los Angeles Clippers last Saturday, I went out of control. After taking a 30-10 lead in the first quarter, the Rockets began to slack off, letting the Clippers pull to within four at the start of the final stanza.

I began to feel the Rockets were about to have a one in the loss column.

Me (slamming the door on my hand): That's it, they've lost it. They had a twenty point lead, and they blew it. They're the worst 12-0 team in the NBA.

Dennis (friend): Come on Dave, they haven't lost it yet.

Bret (leaving): Wait, I did not even go home for Thanksgiving.

Dad (father): Boy, get from the TV so we can watch them lose it. Where's my remote control?

Danny Manning hits a jumper from

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Lady Aggies trip Tigers

McClelland leads A&M to 87-49 win over TSU

By Nick Georgandis

THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M women's basketball team moved its record to 2-0 on the young season with a 87-49 rout of Texas Southern Tuesday night before a crowd of 600 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

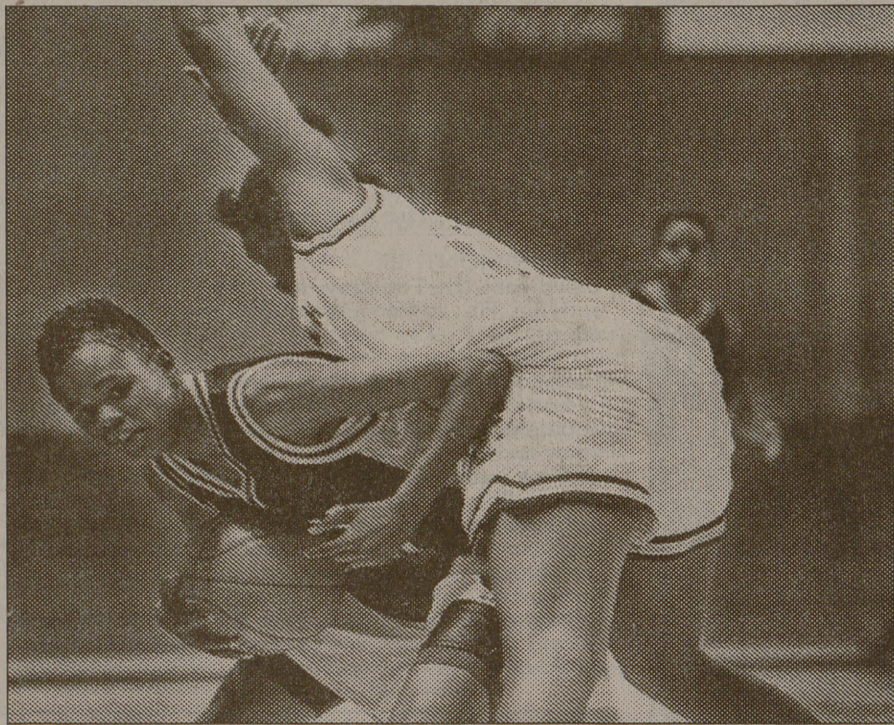
Sophomore center Martha McClelland led the Lady Aggies with a career high 20 points in only 21 minutes. McClelland also contributed five rebounds and two blocked shots, and she said was confident in her offensive ability throughout the game.

"Their post players were playing right behind me the whole game, which is right where I like them to play," McClelland said. "I felt like I could either turn around and shoot or easily kick it back out each time."

Also enjoying a big night for the Lady Aggies was sophomore guard Lisa Branch who hit for 18 points, including a career best four-of-five shooting from beyond the three point line.

In the second half, Branch hit three three-pointers on consecutive possessions to give A&M a 64-39 cushion. In addition to her scoring, Branch dished out six assists and

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Texas A&M senior forward Nikki Littles (right) takes an elbow to the backside during the Aggies' 87-49 victory over Texas Southern Tuesday night.

Aggies focusing on declawing Wildcats

By Matthew J. Rush

THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M men's basketball team (1-0) will travel north Wednesday night to face Kansas State (0-1) in Manhattan. The game can be seen on Home Sports Entertainment (channel 25).

The Wildcats, 19-14 a year ago, lost their home opener 74-60 to Southern Mississippi on Saturday and will look to get back to .500 against the Aggies.

Kansas State has, however, been very

successful at home throughout the years. They currently boast a string of 47 straight winning seasons at Bramlage Coliseum.

Texas A&M head coach Tony Barone said that playing away from home in a notoriously loud stadium will have little effect on the Aggies game plan.

"I'm comfortable with our kids on the road, so it should not be an issue," Barone said. "We just need to be sound fundamentally to do what it takes to win a ball game."

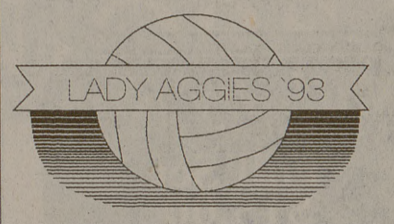
Wednesday's game will also feature

two of the nations best point guards square of against each other.

Anthony Beane was the 1993 Big Eight Newcomer of the Year and was recognized by Sports Illustrated as "Mr. Clutch." Beane is a candidate for the Frances Naismith Award, given annually to the top senior under six feet tall.

The Aggies counter with their own candidate, senior point guard David Edwards. The native of New York said that he is excited about playing a Big Eight

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Spikers ready for tournament

By David Winder

THE BATTALION

After posting a 26-7 regular season record, the Texas A&M women's volleyball team face the George Mason Patriots in the first round of the NCAA tournament at 7 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The appearance will be the Lady Aggies fifth in the tournament and their first since 1986.

"We played in the NIVC last year, but this is the big deal," senior middle blocker Amy Kisling said. "We're all really excited, it's going to be fun."

A&M tied for the number seven spot in the South region along with the University of Houston. The Lady Aggies finished their season with a sweep of Sam Houston St. after losing to Houston in the first round of the Southwest Conference tournament.

Senior middle blocker Kim Mitchell said the Aggies need to get regrouped.

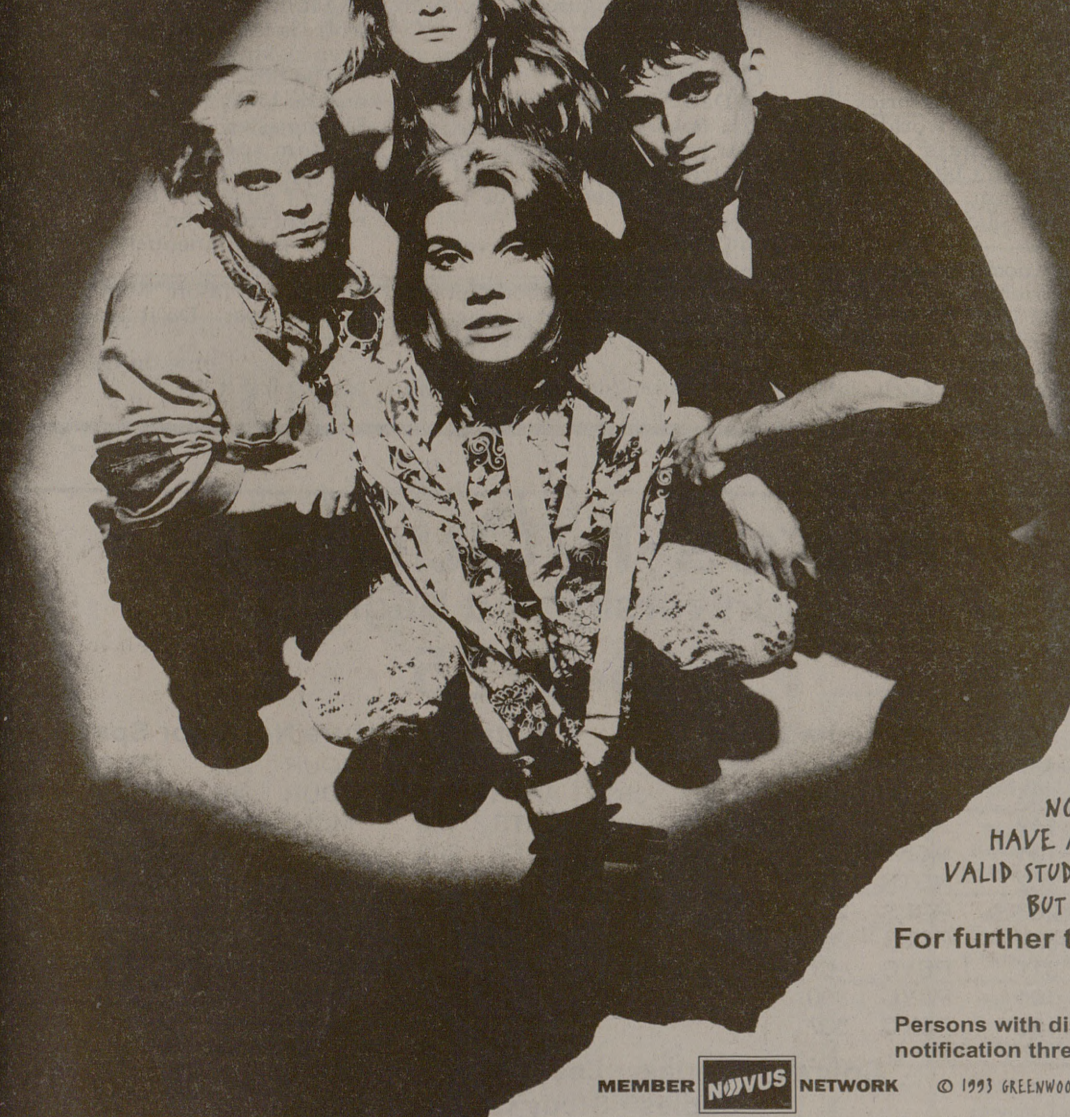
"I don't know if were playing the best volleyball we've ever played," middle blocker Kim Mitchell said. "Against Houston it was a very tough game, I think we played as best as we could it could have gone either way."

"I think everybody is going to be motivated and pretty pumped."

The Patriots will also be motivated as they are playing in their first NCAA tournament. Ranked number nine in the South region, George Mason is the nation's second leading

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