

Professional constraints hard to bear

Some great person once said, "No cheering from the press box."

Well, for all Aggies not fortunate enough to be journalism students, let me explain this important, little quote.

It has something to do with being unbiased. Reporters - no matter what you have been led to believe - strive to be unbiased. Actually, it's one of the basic tenets of journalism. But, sports writers have the hardest time trying to uphold this rule.

Being the professional that I am, this semester as a Battalion sports writer has been very difficult.

How can they expect me not to cheer?

Oh well, I chose to make the sacrifice and know I deal with it professionally. But Saturday, because I was serving my country as a member of the National Guard, I was not able to take my usual press seat at G. Rollie White.

My commitment to the Guard infringed on my commitment as sports writer genius. Ha, but not my commitment as an Aggie. I was finally going to openly cheer on the Aggies.

Thank God for cable televi-

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Jose de Jesus Ortiz Sportswriter

Lady Ags break into AP top 25

By Matthew J. Rush

THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M Lady Aggies basketball team has cracked the AP top 25 for the first time since women's voting began. "I'm proud that it's happened," Hickey said. "It was a goal we've waited and worked for, but now we must keep it in perspective."

The Lady Aggies (15-3, 7-0) were voted into the top 25 after a 67-64 upset victory over then 4th-ranked Texas Tech Lady Raiders.

Saturday's victory also capped a perfect 3-0 week which saw victories over conference foes Southern Methodist and Baylor University.

Senior forward Beth Burket said she is excited about the recognition, but agrees with Hickey that the team cannot lose focus.

"It's a great feeling, but we can't get consumed in it," Burket said. "We've got more to accomplish than just this."

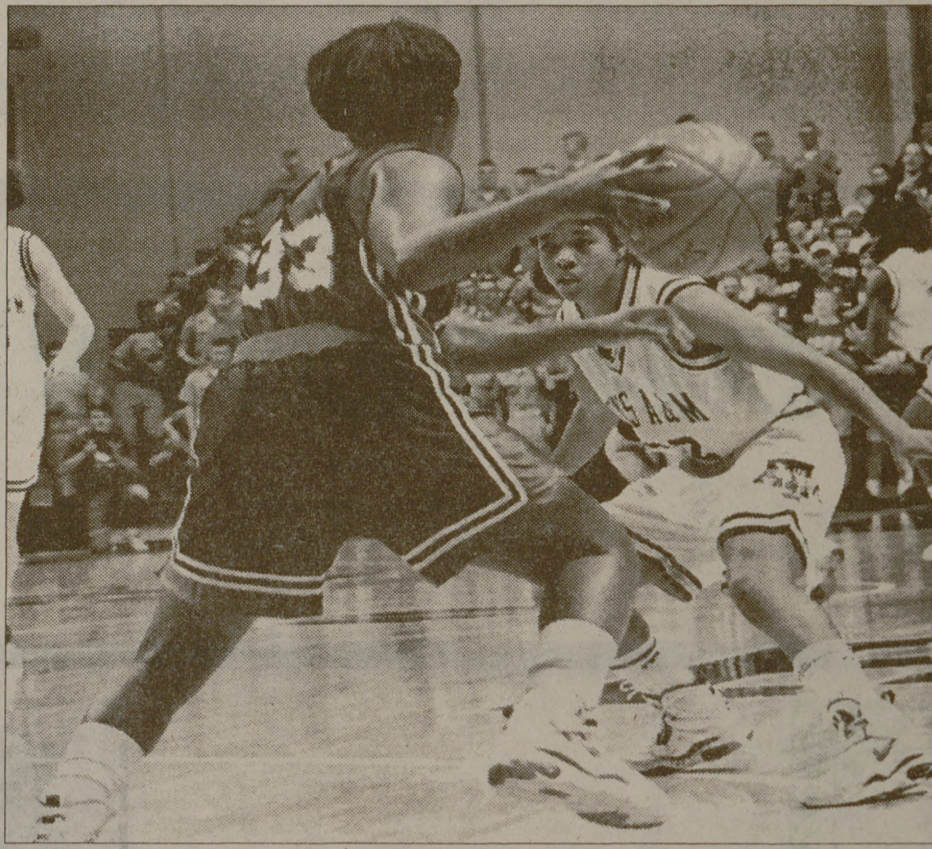
Burket said the team's success has come through the game-by-game approach the team has taken during their first 18 games.

"We're just taking this each step at a time," Burket said. "That is what has gotten us here and it will take that approach and focus to continue our success."

Hickey said that she doesn't feel any pressure now that the team is officially among the NCAA's elite.

"It's nice to be recognized, but it doesn't make or break the season," Hickey said. "The opportunity is something that we're definitely happy about."

Hickey, in her 10th season as A&M's head coach, said the team



A&M's Lisa Branch guards Texas Tech's LeKisha Wiley during Saturday's game.

William Harrison/The Battalion

still has goals to capture the Southwest Conference championship in school history and win 20 games.

Hickey also said both of the goals should lead A&M's to its first NCAA tournament bid in school history.

Hickey said that the toughest assignment for her coaching staff will be to keep the team focused for the eight remaining regular season games.

"The most important thing for us (the staff) is going to be bringing the girls back down to earth," Hickey said. "Right now we've got to get the team mentally and physically prepared for Texas."

The Lady Aggies will start the second half of their conference schedule on Wednesday when they travel to the University of Texas.

The Top 25 women's basketball teams as voted by a panel of women coaches, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts
1.	Penn State (62)	18-0	1,766
2.	Tennessee (9)	20-1	1,711
3.	North Carolina	19-1	1,605
4.	Southern Cal	16-1	1,541
5.	Colorado	16-3	1,459
6.	Connecticut	16-2	1,296
7.	Texas Tech	17-3	1,280
8.	Iowa	14-3	1,277
9.	Virginia	16-2	1,255
10.	Kansas	16-3	1,076
11.	Purdue	17-3	1,046
12.	Vanderbilt	17-5	1,033
13.	Louisiana Tech	17-3	970
14.	Stanford	15-5	845
15.	Washington	15-3	729
16.	Florida International	17-1	716
17.	Rutgers	14-3	557
18.	Seton Hall	17-3	476
19.	Auburn	16-5	408
20.	Alabama	16-5	388
21.	Boise State	17-3	355
22.	Montana	16-3	237
23.	Toledo	17-1	152
24.	Western Kentucky	15-5	144
25.	Texas A&M	15-3	125

Others receiving votes: Ohio St. 118; Southern Miss. 71; UNLV 45; N. Illinois 43; Florida 39; Mississippi 37; Texas 37.

Toledo hired as UCLA offensive coordinator

From staff and wire reports

Former Texas A&M coach Bob Toledo will join UCLA's coaching staff as the Bruin's offensive coordinator after being hired by Terry Donahue on Saturday.

Toledo was fired by Aggie head coach R.C. Slocum on Jan. 3. Georgia's Steve Ensminger replaced Toledo as offensive coordinator, and Gary Kubiak was promoted to quarterbacks coach.

Slocum, however, helped the former Aggie coach get his new position.

"R.C. recommended him (Toledo)," Bruin's head coach Donahue told the Los Angeles Times. "I probably would not have hired him, had not R.C. recommended him."

Toledo turned down a similar opportunity at

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A&M volleyball team nets exceptional recruiting class

From staff and wire reports

The Texas A&M Lady Aggie volleyball team had an exceptional recruiting class as three nationally recognized players signed letters of intent, said head volleyball coach Laurie Corbelli.

Kristie Smedsrud, a 6-1 outside hitter from La Mesa, Calif.; Cindy VanderWoude, a 6-0 middle blocker from Escondido, Calif.; and Jennifer Wells, a 6-0 middle blocker from Stockton, Calif., are some of the best players in the country, Corbelli said.

"This is an exceptional class," Corbelli said. "We lost four seniors, so it was important that we find athletes who we feel could make the transition to the college level and fill our needs."

"This is probably the

best all-around group have ever signed."

Smedsrud, a three-time All-CIF first-team selection and VanderWoude, a two-time All-CIF honoree,

team-mates on the San Diego Volleyball Club 17 Red team that captured the 1993 regional championship.

The team is a favorite for the junior championship title June. Smedsrud's 16-year-old under team won the national title in 1992.

"They have played against some of the best players in the country, their age group," Corbelli said, "and they have experienced success."



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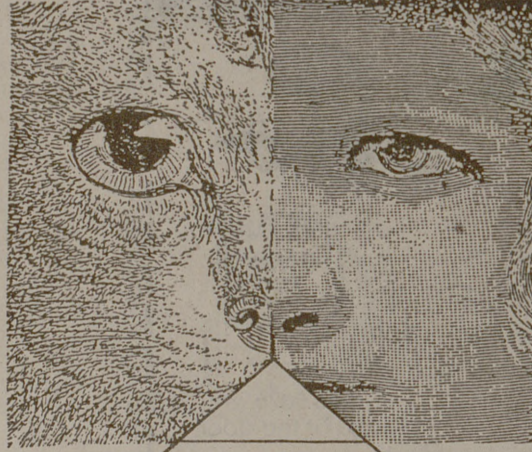
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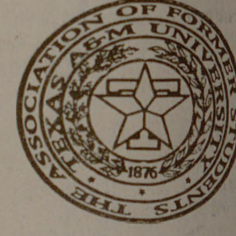
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