

# SPORTS

## Cash is what athletics is all about

Four play... No, this is not going to be about the age old practice that is traditionally done before love-making.



Drew Diener Sports writer

It's a pontification about possibilities for the four S W C schools left out in the cold from the Big Eight Conference's absorption of A&M, Texas, Texas Tech and Baylor.

Welcome aboard the BS Diener as we take a journey and explore the vast waters that harbor potential ports-of-call for Rice, Houston, SMU and TCU.

Get out your compass and protractor to help me map out what may await these four unfortunate schools.

Let's start with that pitiful program at Cougar High.

What in the name of the Phi Slamma Jamma happened to this once-prominent haven for athletic competition?

Gone are the glory days of 20-win seasons and NCAA tournament bids in basketball. 95-21 victories on the gridiron only occur in their opponent's favor these days.

Things are pretty hopeless at the University of Houston.

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## Earning some Respect

A&M shortstop plays to exceed expectations, to lead the No. 14 Lady Aggies to top

By Stewart Doreen THE BATTALION

Recognized as one of the best shortstops in collegiate softball, Texas A&M softball senior All-American Jennifer McFalls says she plans to lead the Lady Aggies to another successful season.

"It's a great honor to be considered among the top," McFalls adds, "and I'm excited about it."

McFalls has led the No. 14 Lady Aggies to an 8-6 record this season.

She has broken the A&M all-time career record for runs scored with 128 and in triples with 19.

She is also close to breaking several more records for doubles, total bases, RBI's, walks

and stolen bases.

The Lady Aggies won the Inter-Collegiate Classic in her hometown of Grand Prairie last weekend, and McFalls collected the Most Valuable Award.

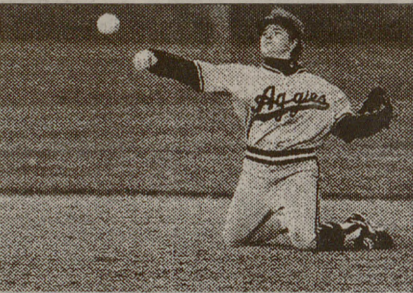
McFalls says she was happy to win the award and was excited to do it in front of her hometown crowd.

"It was really exciting for me. It was a great honor," she says. "I was more excited about winning the tournament, though."

She says she was not worried about awards and records but wants to help the team any way she can.

"We have 10 new players," she added. "It's almost a re-

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All-American shortstop Jennifer McFalls (above) fields a grounder against the University of Texas-Arlington during the Aggies doubleheader Wednesday night.

McFalls makes another play against the Lady Mavericks during A&M's nightcap with UTA.

## Outdoor Report

Fresh or salt: A&M has club to catch fancy

By Michael Glass Special to THE BATTALION

You can bet that if there are two or more people with same interest in a hobby, sport or recreation, then there has been an organization formed especially for it at Texas A&M.

So it is with the sport of fishing. In fact, there are two A&M groups open to anyone with an interest in fresh water or salt water fishing.

If bass fishing is your cup of tea, the newly formed Aggie Anglers is the club for you. The club formed in Fall '93 and now has about 90 members, ranging from the avid fisherman to the occasional relaxation seeker.

This group holds bass fishing tournaments on nearby lakes every two week.

Club president Jeff Shaeffer says the Aggie Anglers have scheduled seven inner-club tournaments for this semester.

A public tournament is also scheduled for April 9 at Lake Bryan in the hopes that it will increase local interest in the club.

The next Aggie Anglers tournament is Saturday at Houston Country Lake, located about 85 mile east of College Station. Other tournaments include: Lake Somerville on March 5 and 6, Lake Conroe on March 26, Lake

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