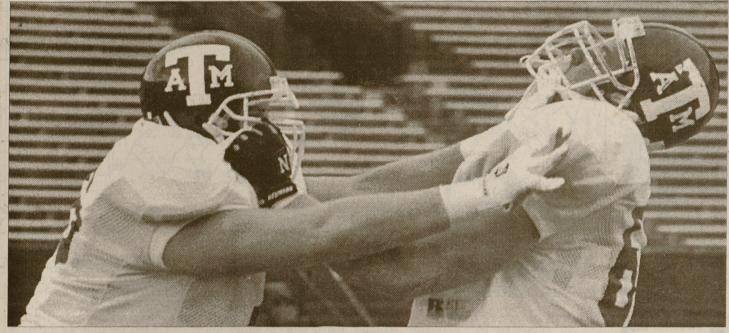
Battles of Spring



Chris Ruhman (left) and an unidentified lineman lock up during blocking practice of the first day of Spring Football.

Aggies begin spring football

By Drew Diener

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The Battalion practice as seven new coaches worked

with the Aggies. Among the new crop of coaches making their A&M debut were offensive coordinator Steve Ensminger and defensive coordinator Tommy Tu-

Ensminger replaced Bob Toledo,

New coaches, new faces offensive coordinator for three sea-Infamiliar faces were plentiful fill training camp with ing the first Spring football intensity, expectations

> now with UCLA, on Jan. 18 and Tuberville filled the spot vacated by Bob Davie, now with Notre Dame, one day

> Ensminger, who will also coach the quarterbacks, came to A&M from the University of Georgia where he was

While at Georgia, Esminger coached and helped develop standout quarterback Eric Zeier, a senior next season. Zeier currently holds 61 school and 11 Southeastern Conference passing

Texas A&M head football coach R.C. Slocum said Ensminger is considered by many coaches across the country as one of the best offensive minds in col-

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Lady Boilermakers burn A&M in 'Sweet Sixteen'

The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. Leslie Johnson scored 23 points and led Purdue's powerful inside game as the top-seeded Boilermakers rolled to an 82-56 victory over 13th-seeded Texas A&M in a NCAA West Regional semifinal Thurs-

Purdue (28-4) advanced

to Saturday night's regional final against the winner of the Stanford-Colorado matchup played later Thursday night.

The improbable tournament run by the unranked Lady Aggies (23-8), the only 13th seed to ever reach the Round of 16, came to an abrupt end as See Purdue/ Page 9



Men's tennis aces early season, to face Owls, Longhorns

By Nick Georgandis

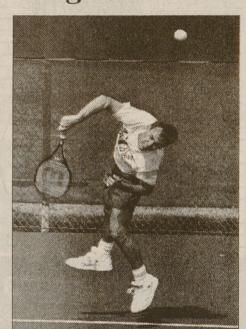
The Texas A&M men's tennis team has a dual purpose as they prepare to take on Rice University in a match this afternoon at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

First of all, the team will attempt to extend its perfect 14-0 start to the season, which has moved the team to 24th in the na-

Second, the Aggies will attempt to get their conference schedule off to a good start at home, before they travel to Austin tomorrow for a match against the sixth-ranked Texas Longhorns.

Despite the inevitable excitement about any Aggie-Longhorn sporting event, senior Bernardo Martinez said because of the timing of the match, the Owls cannot be overlooked.

'We've had a better year than they have, but that doesn't mean much," Martinez said. "This is conference play, and this is what See Weaver/ Page 8



Roger Hsieh/ The Battalion Mark Weaver leads the No. 27 Aggies against Rice today at 1:30 at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

Finally, something tor college that just got less expensive.



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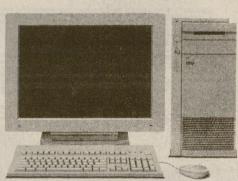
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