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Runner wants to end career in style

□ Shannon Etchberger will compete in Monday's SWC Championships.

By Tom Day THE BATTALION

> If only the most talented teams, players or individuals were victorious in sports, the whole point in playing them would be useless.

But talent alone, does-n't always win the big game, the important race or the competition — and that is what makes sports and A&M Cross Country runner Shannon Etchberg-

er so interesting.

Not as gifted a runner as most of her competition, Etchberger more than closes the gap with a

tenacious work ethic.
"A lot of people may have more talent than she does, but she makes up for that with her work habits," A&M Head Coach Greg Hinze said. "That's what separates her from people that get by on talent alone. Her work ethic

has made her successful."

That hard work can be

very time consuming. Etchberger and her teammates work out twice a day, getting up at 6:15 in the morning to train and

repeating the ritual later in the day around 5 p.m. That dedication has paid great dividends for Etchberger. The senior from LaPorte has finished in the top six in all five meets she has competed in this season, including run-ner-up finishes at the Vanderbilt Invitational and the the Texas A&M Invitational.

Hinze said although Etchberger has a low-key personality, her team-mates look to her for lead-

"She brings a lot to the team," Hinze said. "The rest of the girls look up to her because she's come a long way. She's a leader by example."

"I'm not too vocal," Etchberger said. "If I do what is expected and asked of me, people will see the success that comes with it and will follow that

Senior Shannon Etchberger stretches in front of Kyle Field before her afternor See ETCHBERGER, Page 14 run around campus Monday.

Old-timer's game cures baseball blues

With the end of the World Series only games away, I find myself in a state of depression — a state brought on by the end of the

baseball season. America's favorite pastime is my only pastime for a large part of the year, so I find myself wondering what I am going to do with my time now. After all, col-

lege baseball doesn't start for another four months. This weekend, while I savor the remaining games in the



will bring baseball to a close for another season, I will also be able to enjoy some baseball action closer to home.

World Series that

It's the traditional Aggie Base-

ball Oldtimer's Game, and it's one of my favorites to attend.

I love this game, first and foremost, because it's Aggie Baseball and it's a chance for me to see past and present Aggie baseball greats come together for a night of great baseball. Some of the players I have seen play before, while others are players

that I have only heard of.
It's a great opportunity to see

the players I've heard stories about, like "Big" John Byington, play the game. I also love this game because

it's free. Where else can you see major league players, former and present, play baseball free of charge. Major leaguers Chuck Knoblauch from the Minnesota Twins (my favorite team) and Scott Livingstone of the San Diego Padres are scheduled to

play on Saturday. I am also hoping to see greats from the past four seasons, who either were drafted or graduated, like Jeff Granger, Kelly Wunsch and Rob Trimble. These

were all players on the 1993 Ag gie baseball team that madeith the College World Series for the first time since 1964. They also hold the best record in school history at 53-11.

This game always gets me excited about the upcoming As gie baseball season, and it give me a chance to see what I can look forward to in the upcoming season.

It also makes the wait for the season to start seem a little shorter because I know that alter the Oldtimer's game, the A&M fall world series to conclude offseason workouts is not far behind. In no time, Aggie Baseball will be in full force.



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