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"I don't feel like I have the burden of leadership," White said. "There's Kristie (Smedsrud), Farah (Mensik), Stacy (Sykora) and Cindy (VanderWoude).

Junior middle blocker Kristie Smedsrud said both White's leadership and experience is what has helped the Lady Aggies reach three consecutive NCAA tournaments.

"In practice, she's the one to say, 'Lets's step it up, let's go,'" Smedsrud said.

Corbelli said White's variety of strengths are what she contributes most to the team.

"The intangibles include the consistency of her attack, her knowledge of the game, and her ability to cover the whole range of the net," she said.

White's hard work and leadby-example style has earned both respect and trust from her teammates.

"There's a lot of respect," Corbelli said. "I think they trust Page that every day that she shows up she's giving her very,

ing 21 goals, 10 assists and 52 total points to rank fourth in the region and ninth nationally in scoring.

Koop holds the all-time A&M record for both goals (38) and points scored (102)

Koop said she lists her fondest memory as a tie with Southern Methodist University during her first year on the team.

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year's freshman class.

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White admitted that in the past she didn't always give 100 percent but is committed to working hard in both practice and in the games.

"In the past, I might have let myself get away with some bad practices, but now I'm making myself go hard every single day,' White said.

As the Lady Aggies prepare to compete in the Big 12 against volpowerhouses the University of Nebraska and the University of Texas, White said she is excited about the new conference. Although she was previously worried about their chances, White said she now looks forward to the challenge.

"It's the most exciting challenge I've ever faced," White said. "It's just

thrill of being against the best." Regardless of what the Lady Aggies accomplish this season, White said she wants to be able to reflect back and know that she gave it her all.

"It's my senior season, so all that I'm thinking is no regrets," White said.

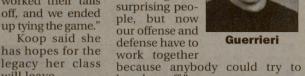
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of play under their belt.

The Aggies have nine returning seniors including forwards Kristen Koop and Yvette Okler; midfielders Allison Buckley, Tania Castillejos, Jamie Csizmadia and Kimery Duda.

"Our team is trying to focus play at SMU on on improving during every game," Koop game,' said. "It was easy being the underdog and surprising people, but now our offense and defense have to



knock us off.' Assistant Head Coach Kat Conner said the returning players will be the nucleus of the team, but the freshmen will play a vital part as well.

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'Our returning players definitely add a lot to the team," Conner said. "Even with our freshmen we can sub-in at certain positions and still keep the level of play at a very high level.'

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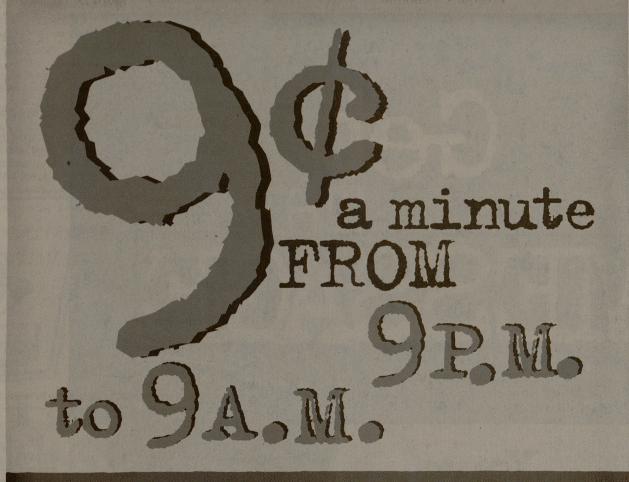
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