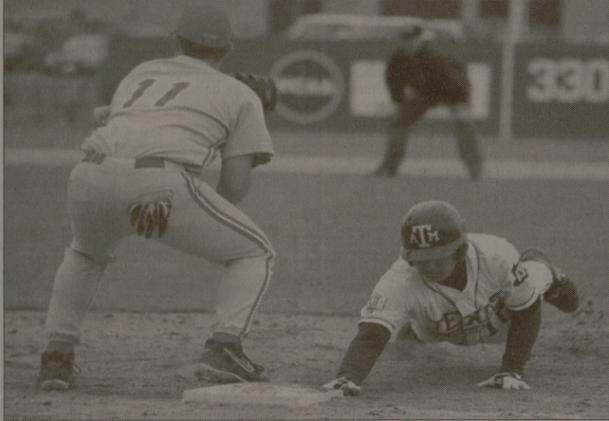


Aggies try to stay perfect against Ole' Miss

By CHRIS FERRELL
Staff writer

The Texas A&M Baseball Team will try to stay perfect on the season as they play host to the Ole' Miss Rebels this weekend at Olsen Field. While this season's team did not garner as much attention as some of A&M's past squads, Coach Mark Johnson said the team has done what it needs to win games. "I don't think we're great yet," Johnson said. "The teams we've played, I think we're better than. I think that we have lost games (in the past) against teams that we've been better than. We weren't able to win those games with teams that I thought were better. None the less, if you can pick up wins when you can I pretty happy about that, and this year's done that." The Aggies owe much of their success to the pitching staff which has come out of the gate strong. Senior righthander Ryan Rupe

was named the college player of the week after posting a 2-0 record in his two starts this season. He started the season by throwing a combined no-hitter and followed it up with a complete game shutout against Arkansas State last weekend. Opponents are batting .089 against him this season. Rupe is scheduled to start in Friday night's opener. In the second game of the series sophomore pitcher Casey Fossum is scheduled to get the start. Fossum has also started the season with a 2-0 record. Fossum has also appeared in two relief appearances for the Aggies this season. Junior transfer Matt Ward will get the nod in game three. He is also 2-0 on the season. Offensively, the Aggies have benefited from some big innings. Sophomore second baseman Sean Heaney has carried the biggest stick in the Aggie lineup so far with a team high 12 RBI. He has



Junior Eric Sobek dives back into first base against Dallas Baptist Tuesday. Also hit two home runs on his way to posting a .394 batting average. In the Aggies 10-9 comeback win over Dallas Baptist on Tuesday, it was Heaney's three-run blast which help put A&M back into the game.

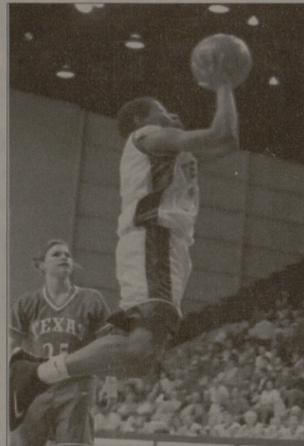
Women's basketball at home to face Tech

No. 6 Red Raiders 11-1 in Big 12 play

By PHILIP W. PETER
Staff writer

For the second consecutive Saturday the Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team (7-16, 3-10) will face the No. 6 team in the nation when they travel to Lubbock to take on the Texas Tech Lady Raiders (18-4, 11-1) at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Last Saturday, the Lady Raiders visited College Station and handed A&M its largest home loss of the season, 90-65, while forward Alicia Thompson showed why she is an All-America candidate. The 6-foot-1-inch senior was the game's lead-

shooting and 9 rebounds per game. But Thompson does not play alone. The Lady Raiders thrive on their depth. Of the 15 players on the roster, 10 are juniors and seniors. They start three juniors, a senior and a sophomore compared to A&M, who starts four sophomores and a junior. But Texas A&M Coach Candi Harvey said they will try to use their age, or lack thereof, to their advantage. "There is one senior on this team," Harvey said, "and juniors that contribute but don't play as many minutes as sophomores and freshmen. We'll just have to use that youthful enthusiasm. If we play as well as we did (against Texas Wednesday, an 86-68 A&M victory), I think we can compete up there." Against Texas, A&M sophomore Prissy Sharpe scored a career high 29 points in 34 minutes. However, due to foul trouble last week against the Lady Raiders, Sharpe was limited to 26 minutes. Sharpe fouled out with four minutes to play and junior point guard Kim Tarkington fouled out with one minute to play. Second-half foul trouble sent the Lady Raiders to the free-throw line 18 times and coincidentally, they out-scored A&M by eighteen in the half. Also working in the Lady Raiders' favor is the home-court advantage. In College Station, 1,637 fans came to watch the game. Texas Tech, however, averages 7,870 fans when playing in Lubbock. Harvey said she is not worried about the crowd, she enjoys it. "It's not a friendly environment," Harvey said. "It shouldn't be. That's what college basketball is all about. I just wish we had the same type of environment here."



Junior guard Kim Tarkington and the Aggies fell last week to Tech, 90-65.

ing scorer with 26 points on 10 for 13 field-goal shooting while only playing 19 minutes due to foul trouble. Thompson, who also had nine rebounds last week, averages 22 points on 55 percent field-goal

Track team heads to Houston Invitational

from staff and wire reports

After two straight weeks of division between the sprinters and distance runners, the Texas A&M Track and Field Team will be reunited and in full force when they travel to Houston on Saturday to compete in the Houston Invitational. Competing against the Aggies will be schools such as Silene Christian, North Texas, Jackson State, Texas Southern, Texas Tech and the University of Houston. The meet will be held at the indoor facility on the University of Houston campus, where three short weeks ago, the Aggies successfully qualified three athletes for the NCAA Championships and set two meet records and one school record. After a week filled with practice-altering weather, the Aggies will be heading to Houston to compete in what will be the final tune-up for the Big 12 Championships in Ames, Iowa, just one short week away. However, nothing has appeared to slow the progress of the Aggies during the indoor season, and with only two more weeks of opportunities to qualify for nationals, the past week of practice should be nothing more than a distant memory when it comes time for the meet to start.



Nelson

Texas A&M will be coming off of two straight weeks of excellent results against rather stiff competition, and will be riding the wave of success into Houston. The Aggies will be looking to improve on their results from the last Houston Invitational three weeks ago, which include overall team performances of second-place for the men and third for the women. Though they will be doing this with the overall intention of remaining healthy for the final meet. Senior Larry Wade will look to continue his unbeaten streak in the hurdles in the very place it started three weeks ago. On the women's side, senior Adrien Sawyer and her four qualifications to nationals (three automatic) will look to lead the Aggies to yet another impressive showing. As for the rest of the Texas A&M Track and Field Team, it will look to increase the number of participants competing in the NCAA Championships in addition to preparing for the Big 12 Championships, where the Aggies turned in a sub-par performance a year ago. However, this has proven to be a team with outstanding athletes and tremendous focus, and the results over the next two weeks should do nothing but reflect that. Texas A&M will conclude the indoor season at the Big 12 Championships next weekend, with the exception of the NCAA Championships, and will then begin preparing for the grueling outdoor season, which begins in early March.

Softball team hosts Aggie Invitational

By ROBERT HOLLIER
Staff writer

The Texas A&M Softball Team (7-1, 0-0) will look to increase its win totals when they host the Aggie Invitational Tournament this weekend. In this tournament, the teams will play each other twice. On Friday, the Aggies will play UTSA (6-2) at 4:30 p.m. and New Mexico State (5-8) at 6:45 p.m. On Saturday, A&M will play Penn State (0-0) at noon and again on Sunday at 11:15 a.m. The Aggies will play New Mexico again on Saturday at 6:45 p.m. and UTSA again on Sunday at 3:45 p.m. During this tournament, Aggie Coach Jo Evans said she will be looking for more consistent play from the team. "In the last tournament, we PLEASE SEE SOFTBALL ON PAGE 8.

The MSC Film Society of Texas A&M Presents

The Fifth Annual Texas Film Festival

February 18-22, 1998

Schedule of Events

- Friday, February 20**
4:00 Workshop: "Music in Film"
7:00 Night of Shorts II
- Lunch with Louie
- The List
- Dust and Other
- Particles of Attraction
- The Little Things
- Pu Ro Mi Su (The Promise)
- Secrets
10:00 Feature: *Made Men*
With additional short films:
- The Puzzle
- Fast Food
- Saturday, February 21**
1:00 Workshop: "Ethnicity in Film"
2:00 Children's Screening Room
- Happy New Year
- Partners in Crime
- Big Bucks for Buddha
3:00 Workshop: "The Work of Tarantino"
5:00 Director's Reception at Fox and Hound
7:00 Feature: *Just Friends*
With additional short films:
- Ah L'Amour
- Lily and Jim
10:00 Feature: *Nude with Oranges*
With additional short film:
El Artista
- Sunday, February 22**
2:00 Feature: *The New Gods*
With additional short film:
Six Months of Darkness,
Six Months of Light

Ticket Information

- Individual Tickets**
\$3.00
Festival Pass
\$20.00
provides access to all screenings, special receptions, workshops & hospitality room
Student Festival Pass
\$17.50
Same access as festival pass.
Available to anyone with valid student I.D.
Tickets can be purchased at the MSC Box Office (409)845-1234
Aggie Bucks Accepted

Persons with disabilities please call 845-1515 to inform us of your special needs. We request notification three(3) working days prior to the event to enable us to assist you to the best of our ability.

Made Possible in Part by the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Brazos Valley Arts Council.

Movie Poster Sale!!!!
MSC Hallway
Monday-Friday, February 16-20, 1998
9 a.m.-5p.m.
Benefitting the MSC Film Society and the 1998 Texas Film Festival



Norwest® PC Banking is here.
If your PC isn't too busy.

You've wanted it, you got it. Go on-line to balance your checkbook, transfer funds, even pay your bills. Works with Quicken® or Microsoft® Money software. For details, see your local Norwest banker or dial Norwest Phone Bank™ service at 1-800-224-7334.



To The Nth Degree®

Bryan/College Station

3000 Briarcrest 1801 Rock Prairie 200 Southwest Pkwy.
776-5402 776-3499 776-3424