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Applications for Summer and Fall Staff, Section Editors and Managing Editors are now available in Room 013 Reed McDonald Building.

There will be two informational meetings on Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Room 003 Reed McDonald.

General staff applications are due Wednesday, April 22 in Room 013 Reed McDonald by 5 p.m. (April 15 for editors).

All majors welcome. Experience not required. For more information, call 845-3313.

## oftball team breaks from Big 12 with SHSU

exas A&M hopes for repeat performance of earlier Bearkat doubleheader sweep

By ROBERT HOLLIER

The Texas A&M Softball Team (28-20-1, 4-6) will take a short break from its tough conference schedule when they travel to Huntsville to play a doubleheader against Sam Houston State this Tuesday.

Earlier in the year, the Aggies swept a doubleheader from SHSU at the Aggie Softball Complex, and A&M Coach Jo Evans expects her team to repeat the performance.

"We played them well earlier in the season," Evans said. "We have to go out and play them well, and I think we can beat them twice.

The Aggies have been on a roller-coaster ride the last three weeks. They were swept by No. 8 Nebraska in Lincoln and A&M took two games from No. 11 Missouri. Then the Aggies were

swept by No. 9 Texas.
"We just need more consistency and more aggressive play," Evans said.

The Aggies only managed seven hits and two runs against Longhorn pitching last weekend, and Evans and the team know that will not result in many victories.

That's not going to get it done," she said. "We were out-pitched and out-hit, and it's discouraging. We can play better.'

"We can't get discouraged," Evans added. 'When we scored our first run against them, we had perfect execution. We just need to do that more consistently Although Sam Houston will not provide the same competition as some of their Big 12 opponents, Evans and the Aggies know anything can

happen in this sport. "They have some quality players, and Shelly Blair is a good pitcher," Evans said. "They are very aggressive at the plate, and they can make some things happen.'

Senior catcher and team captain Marianne

We didn't get the hits when we needed

Evans believes the Aggies may just need a

McGuire agreed, adding the team needs to hit bet-

ter in the clutch if they want to score more runs.

them," McGuire said. "We aren't getting the hits,

"We just need a couple of breaks," Evans said. "We hit the ball hard against them (Texas),

but we hit them right at people. If we had hit the

ball in the right spots, you never know what

Next, the Aggies will travel to take on Oklahoma and Oklahoma State next weekend. Both series will be doubleheaders

# o Omar Smith Center lost to track and field

BRANDON BOLLOM/THE BATTALION

man **Ashley Lewis** and her Aggie teammates

ke on Sam Houston in a non-conference game.

reshman Shuon Madden experiences nd of perfect A&M record in Boulder



he No. 17 Texas A&M Men's

Tennis Team (12-4, 5-2)

will travel to Waco on Fri-

to take on No. 25 Baylor at

on Saturday for a 6 p.m.

tch against No. 39 Kansas.

metown Boy Makes Good

Cody Hubbell, a freshman

m A&M Consolidated High

hool, has won four of his last

ematches, including a three-

victory against North Caroli-

that clinched the dual match

Hubbell usually plays in the 6 slot for A&M, but has victo-

iri and No. 4 against Nebraska.

The Aggies will take on Kansas

turday night in what will be the

tmatch played at the Omar

With a victory over the Jay-

wks, A&M will have closed out slast season there in style, with perfect 9-0 record.

The Texas A&M Varsity Tennis

enter is set to open in June, and

playing No. 2 against Mis-

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is being billed as one of the top five outdoor tennis facilities in the nation. Its 12 courts will allow the



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men's and ly, and it should have room for approximately 1,500 fans. It is

already slated

to host next year's Big 12 Championships. The new center is located be hind the new Reed Arena on

West Campus It will replace the old Texas A&M tennis center named after Omar Smith.

**Rocky Mountain Low** 

In the Aggies' 5-2 loss to Colorado last Friday, freshman Shuon Madden saw his bid for a perfect season end in a straightset loss to the Buffaloes' Artur Rusiccki.

Madden, who has been named the Big 12 Player of the Week for the past two weeks, also lost in A&M's Sunday win against Nebraska, but he was playing in the No. 1 slot instead of his usual No. 3.

> - Al Lazarus is a sophomore journalism major.

# ggies wave goodbye Wade returns; Fobbs

and we didn't score.

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This Thursday, the decathletes and heptathletes will travel to California to compete in the Mt. SAC Multi-Competition, with the rest of the team traveling to Austin on Saturday, April 18, for a five-way meet.

#### Fallen Fobbs

The Texas A&M Track and Field Team is coming off their best all-around performance of the season this past weekend at the A&M Invitational.

The meet included the successful return of senior Larry Wade to the outdoor season, but also saw the Aggies suffer the loss of senior sprinter Billy Fobbs, who injured his hamstring in the 100-meter dash.

This further hindered the Aggies in their quest to return their 4x100meter relay team, which included Fobbs, to action in defense of their national championship of a year ago.

### **Freshmen Contributions**

of athletes on the Texas A&M Track and Field Team have really stepped up their performance, especially in the outdoor season.

Esther Eisenlauer is one of the top javelin throwers in the nation and has already qualified automatically for the NCAA Championships at the end of the season. Also in the javelin, Lauryn Miller and Jennifer Parker finished 2-3 this past weekend at the invitational

Meshell Trotter has been dominant in the throws all year, including the indoor season, and continues to impress in the hammer throw and the shot put. Megan Koonce burst onto the scene this past weekend winning the discus and finishing third in the hammer.

Kris Allen and Bashir Ramzy appear to be the next in a line of great Aggie hurdlers. Ramzy also competes in the jumps. Allen and Joel Nelson could be future A&M sprinters as well. These freshmen should continue to produce for years to come.

#### **Imported Goods**

Several athletes competing on the track and field team are from outside the United States and continue to make their presence felt. Freshman Eisenlauer is originally from Saarbrucken, Germany, and her family currently resides in Wadgassen, Germany.

Freshman Joel Nelson was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and currently calls Surrey, British Columbia, home.

He won the Canadian junior national championships in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes. He is currently up for consideration for the fourth leg of the 4x100-meter relay team.

Sophomore Jonan Lannefors was born in Vasterfarnebo, Sweden, and his family currently resides in Vasteras, Sweden. Lannefors is a mainstay of the Aggies' 1600-meter relay team and finished second in the 400-meter dash this past weekend.

– Michael Ferguson is a senior business management major.

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Tryouts will be Sunday, May 3
FMI: http://www.tamu.edu/aggie\_wranglers

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