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Junior Steven Truitt attempts the bunt during the Texas A&M Baseball Team's game against UNLV Monday at Olsen Field. The Aggies host Lamar University tonight at 7 p.m.

Aggies to host Lamar Cardinals

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The Battalion

Another test awaits the Aggies as they take on Lamar University at Olsen Baseball Field at 7 p.m. Monday. The sixth ranked Texas A&M Baseball Team is coming off an impressive tournament victory in which they have strung together five straight wins in the last three days. Even with the win last night off another pitcher's bat, coach Johnson says that it must be a game that is put behind. "These wins are great for the ball," he said. "But you have to put a sort of games behind you before the next game can catch you up if you're not ready." The Cardinals will definitely be expected to play as they bring their 21-8 record to Olsen Field, with the momentum of a se-



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ries win against Southwest Texas State University. Lamar has been a formidable squad this year as they have already knocked off Rice University then No. 1 ranked. The Cardinals will hurl in junior pitcher Brian Castillo, who holds a perfect record at 3-0. It will try to be a sweet homecoming for Castillo as the College Station native will try and shut down some of the heavy lumber the Aggies have produced all season. Leading the way once again for the Aggies is senior John Scheschuk. The first baseman has been belting opposing pitchers in lieu of his outstanding .400 batting average. Hitting just in front of Scheschuk has been sophomore Daylon Holt and his team leading 12 long balls. The season is not even half over and the All-American has already knocked in 45 runs and rounded 95 total bases. "Our hitting has been increasing in production with each game we play," junior third baseman Dell Lindsey said. "It gives our pitchers more room to work with when

they're out there." Tossing for the Aggies will be a new face in junior Derrick Adams. The right-hander has yet to see any game action in his career at A&M until now. "D.A.," as his teammates refer to him, has been the Jack Hailey of A&M Baseball. The last two years, Adams has been the recipient of the Marion Pugh Spirit Award. Although it will be a first for Adams, he knows that it will be a team effort to try and get the win. "You can never underestimate or overlook a non-conference opponent," he said. "Every victory is important when regionals come around." For the rest of the team, the feeling is mutual, and they will try and let their actions speak. "Lamar is a good team," second baseman Sean Heaney said. The junior, who just earned All-Tournament Honors, feels that they should roll past the Cardinals. "We plan on beating them and then turn our heads to Missouri for a strong weekend finish," he said.

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