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When: Wed., Nov. 10th
Time: 6:45 p.m. - Free Food 7:00 p.m. - General Meeting
Where: ENPH 202
Speaker: To Be Announced

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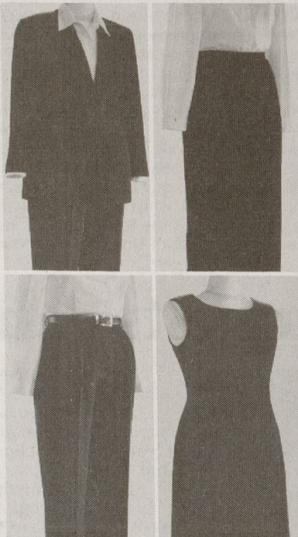
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SPORTS

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No. 11 Aggs prepare for first-round game

BY REECE FLOOD
The Battalion

The Texas A&M Soccer Team will play at the Aggie Soccer Complex for the last time this season tonight at 8.

The Aggies (15-4-1) will play the University of Montana Grizzlies (12-5-1) in the first round of the 1999 NCAA Women's College Cup. This will be Montana's first trip to NCAA postseason play, while the Aggies will participate for the fourth straight year — hosting a first-round game every time.

A&M senior midfielder Mandy Davidson said the team is prepared for tonight's matchup. "This is what you work for," she said. "Your whole season comes down to this one game and each game beyond that. So we need to just be pumped, and I think our team is definitely ready to take on whoever we meet."

A&M and Montana have met only once before, on Nov. 5, 1994. The Aggies were victorious in that meeting, 5-1.

The Aggies have not seen much from Montana and are not sure what to expect from the Grizzlies. A&M soccer coach G. Guerrieri said the Montana team is similar to that of Southern Methodist University.

"They're probably a lot like SMU in that they have good athletes, they're very dangerous, they're well-organized and they fight for their lives," he said.

A&M junior forward Nicky Thrasher said she is happy to face a team she has never played before and thinks it will be a nice change of pace.

"I think that's going to be the best part about it," she said. "It's nice to play a team that you're not too familiar with and they're not too familiar with you. Iowa State and Nebraska, when you play them three times a year, they know what your going to do every time you get the ball."

Guerrieri said the Aggies are excited about being a host team this year because playing a play-off game at home is a huge advantage for the team.

"It's kind of a three-level thing," he said. "First thing is to have the girls sleep in their own beds



A&M freshman defender Heather Ragsdale dribbles the ball against the University of Montana at the Aggie Soccer Complex on Oct. 31.

and have their families here and have their friends in front of them. To play in familiar surroundings is vital."

Guerrieri also pointed to the field itself. The Aggie Soccer Complex uses bermuda grass on the field, which can be cut short to allow the ball to roll faster — conforming to the Aggies' style of play. If the game were played in Montana, the team would have to play on a different surface and would have little time to get use to it.

"The third one is the Twelfth Man," Guerrieri

said. "We're hoping that they will come. Thrasher said she is happy A&M is the game and is hoping for success against the Grizzlies."

"I think we got lucky to get a home game," said. "And for this to be our last home game, we need to play our best, for not only us but crowd and everybody that comes out to see us because it's been great all year long."

The winner of this game will advance to the second round of the tournament, where it will play the University of Kentucky Sunday at noon.

15th-ranked volleyball team hosts Baylor

BY BREE HOLZ
The Battalion

After losing to the 13th-ranked University of Nebraska Cornhuskers Saturday, the 15th-ranked Texas A&M Volleyball Team (19-5 10-5 Big 12) will regroup to battle Highway 6 foe Baylor University tonight at 6 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Aggies will attempt to extend their home winning streak to 15 matches, a streak which dates back to last season.

The 23rd-ranked Bears defeated A&M earlier this season, 15-11, 6-15, 10-15, 15-6, 12-15, at the Ferrell

Center in Waco. Baylor also has upset two other highly-ranked Big 12 teams at home this season, 22nd-ranked University of Colorado and 12th-ranked University of Texas.

With the loss to Nebraska, the Aggies are tied for third place in the Big 12 Conference with Kansas State University.

The Bears currently are in a tie for fifth place with Colorado with a 9-5 conference record and an overall mark of 21-6. Texas and Ne-

braska remain tied for first place in the Big 12.

A&M leads the all-time series between the teams, 40-7. However, Baylor shocked the Aggies with a defeat on Oct. 30, 1998, also in Waco, 16-14, 15-13, 5-15, 5-15, 20-18.

The Bears return five starters from last season's squad which finished 1998 at 15-18. They concluded Big 12 play with a seventh-place finish, but failed to qualify for the NCAA tournament.

The Aggies are 18-0 when they post a better hitting percentage than their opponent this season. When the Aggies met Baylor earlier this season, they hit just .185

compared to Baylor's .224 percentage. Similarly, when the Aggies played against Nebraska Saturday, A&M hit a .200 while Nebraska posted a .200 percentage.

A&M coach Laurie Corbelle said when a team faces an opponent twice, it is best to make changes.

"It's difficult to play teams and execute the same plays," Corbelle said. "With four seniors on the court, we're very fortunate we can add something in a different way. Our players are flexible and have enough experience to make those changes."



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