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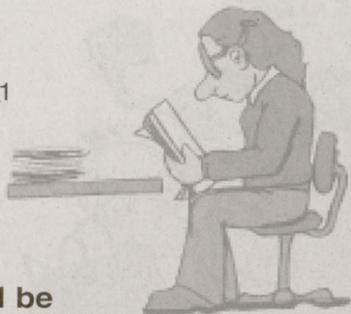
During the Winter semester break, the library will be closed on the following days:

December 24-25
December 31-January 1

A schedule of holiday and interim library hours can be obtained at the information desk in Evans Library or online at URL: <http://library.tamu.edu>

Access to the online catalog will be available at all times through the internet.

The Evans lobby will close for construction December 16 - January 14. Traffic will be rerouted through the Annex during that time.



No. 12 Ags reach Sweet Sixteen

BY BREE HOLZ
The Battalion

As Texas A&M volleyball coach Laurie Corbelli sat down for the post-game press conference, her first word was "Aloha!"

The Texas A&M Volleyball Team defeated the University of North Carolina Tarheels, 15-8, 15-4, 15-8, Friday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum to advance to the Sweet Sixteen round of the NCAA tournament in Hawaii.

"We had a really good game plan that the team was comfortable with, and we've seen some of the things North Carolina does," Corbelli said. "We were really, really pumped up to play."

The Aggies entered the match fired up and began the first game with a 6-0 run with kills from senior outside hitter Celia Howes, senior outside hitter Summer Strickland, and sophomore outside hitter Michelle Cole, which caused the Tarheels to call their first timeout of the match.

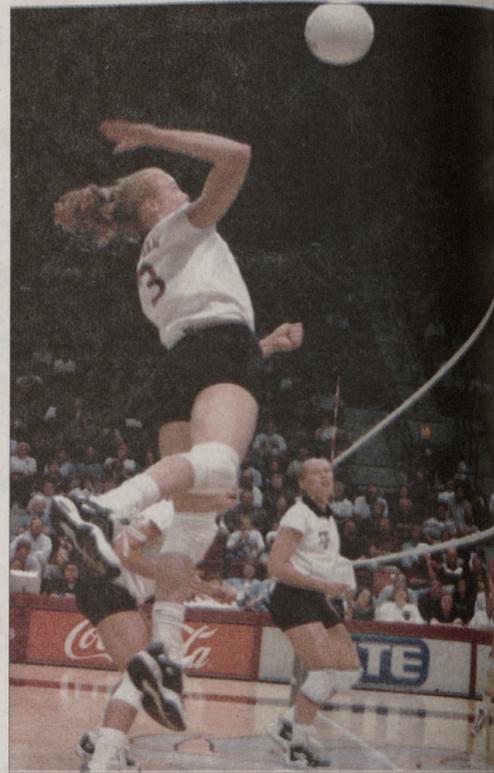
North Carolina began to chip away and cut the lead to 10-7 on a block. After an A&M timeout, Cole and senior middle blocker Amber Woolsey connected for a block and the Aggies regained momentum, as a Strickland kill put game one away.

Corbelli said North Carolina was focusing on Woolsey, which allowed Howes, Strickland and Cole to do damage at the outside hitter position.

"[North Carolina] had no choice but to go with Amber [Woolsey]," she said. "When that happened, [setter] Jenna [Moscovic] responded by opening up other hitters."

A&M and North Carolina matched each other in nearly every statistical category. Both teams recorded 27 digs and three total blocks, but the Aggies posted a .186 hitting percentage compared to North Carolina's .111 percentage.

Hitting errors plagued the Aggies early in game two, but senior middle blocker Lauri Leahy recorded two kills to start the Aggie attack. Strickland, Cole and Woolsey continued to dominate offensively, while Howes dug virtually every North Carolina attack attempt in the back row.



Summer Strickland hammers the ball through North Carolina during the second round match against the Tarheels Friday night.

"Even when we came up with some of our best swings, they had Celia Howes digging the ball and playing great defense," North Carolina volleyball coach Joe Sagula said.

Woolsey got the Aggies going in the third game with two kills, but North Carolina slowly began finding its rhythm.

However, solid hitting from Howes, Strickland and Woolsey allowed A&M an 11-8 lead. With the Aggies at match point, Woolsey served an ace to end the match and send A&M to Hawaii.

Woolsey led the Aggies with 16 kills, while Howes recorded a match-high 22 digs.

Though the win was a profound

victory for the Aggies, it was a full occasion for the four seniors who played their last home game at G. Rollie White.

"Before the last game it was like, 'Maybe we could screw up so we can play longer,'" Strickland said. "I lie is home to us. We've been here forever."

Howes said playing in such a raucous crowd was the way to end her career at A&M.

"Having our Twelve there, you want to make them proud," Howes said.

"That's what meant the time, and I just wanted to say bye to my fans."

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