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man forward Linsey Johnson and the Texas A&M soccer team will Texas Tech in Lubbock on Friday and Colorado in Boulder on Sunday.

2 record, the Texas A&M soccer team begins its 2001 Big 12 schedule on the road this weekend against Texas Tech and Colorado. The Aggies faced some of the

best teams from the West coast and have climbed to No. 7 in the Soccer America poll and No. 9 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll. A&M slipped one spot to No. 12 in the Soccer Buzz poll despite a close loss to No. 3 Portland and a win over No. 13 Washington this past weekend.

A&M, which finished sec-ond in the Big 12 last year with an 8-2 conference record, will start this year's conference schedule against two of the Big teams with a 4-14 record and a 2-8 Big 12 record.

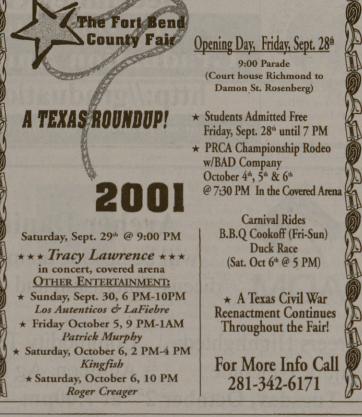
The Red Raiders and Buffaloes are struggling again this year, but head soccer coach G. Guerrieri said both teams cannot be overlooked.

"Any time that we play against teams that are familiar with us and we have to go on the road, it is always a difficult game, more difficult than it is maybe on paper," Guerrieri said.

Tonight, the Aggies play in Lubbock where they lost in 1999. That was the only time A&M has lost to Tech with the all-time record between the schools being 6-1 in the Aggies' favor.

"We know that it is a difficult environment," Guerrieri said.

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## Dr. J. Malon Southerland Vice President for Student Affairs

The Division of tudent Affairs

is hosting the Student Leader Reception 2001

in honor of

Chief Student Leaders of TAMU Recognized Student Organizations and

President and Mrs. Ray Bowen

on Saturday, September 29, 2001 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at his home 100 Throckmorton, College Station

The chief executive officer of each organization is invited to this event in recognition of all the students within their organizations who volunteer their time and effort to make Texas ALM a very special educational experience.

For further information please contact the Department of Student Activities



## Ags begin season at Auburn invitational

By MAYA THOMAS THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M Cross ountry team will travel to ourn, Ala., to participate in Auburn Invitational on

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the Auburn meet," Hartman said.

The cancellation of the Aztec Invitational due to the terrorist attacks meant the women's team missed the chance to defend their 2000 Aztec championship, and the men missed the chance to repeat winning top honors at the Aztec.

This week's meet in Auburn is a chance for the Aggies to put their feet to the test against some of the top teams from the region.

## Men's and women's tennis open fall slate country in which the combined By KEVIN ESPENLAUB

THE BATTALION

Four members of the Texas A&M men's and women's tennis teams will open their fall schedule Friday with a trip to San Diego, Calif., to compete in co-ed team action that will conclude with the champion being crowned Sunday afternoon.

The fall season consists of individual competition by the Aggie netters in which no team scores are compiled and only individual national rankings

scores will determine a team champion.

The Aggies will be joining the co-hosts, the University of San Diego and San Diego State University as well as 13 other teams, including the University of Arizona, Oklahoma State University, Southern Methodist University, and Texas Christian University and the University of South Alabama, last year's champion. Texas A&M won the inaugural tournament in 1999.

Representing the Aggies will

Head Coach Dave Hartman

eet of the season. After the ttec Invitational was canreled in San Diego and running the B-squad members at the