NEW THE BATTALI

## SPORTS THE BATTALION **Baylor rolling, A&M stumbling**

#### Page 7 • Tuesday, October 7, 2003

## Volleyball fans: Take a page from Nebraska's book

his past weekend in Lubbock didn't go quite as well as most Aggies id hoped. The Texas A&M ootball team gave up 59 points.

JEFF ALLEN

wthings have gone up to this

haps it's for the best that it

The Aggies will step out on

be volleyball this time.

uld've been orse had se last uple of sses toward e end zone ith less than

Wednesday, the Aggies get nother shot at the Red Raiders. ORD . THE BATTALION anted it's not Kyle Field and amaged many areas inday and Monday. lege Station and it is right at to Kyle Field at G. Rollie hite Coliseum. And given the

r crash

an area hospita woman driving the ered a broken leg. ns were traveling in on U.S. 183 nea when the driver miss an ice chest allen from a boat

ota collided headn oncoming Ford caught fire. Aonday evening iging counselors to help students

is about 20 miles Austin.

### vinner ction

tee wins

the hardwood at G. Rollie at 7 p.m. while looking at, in what typically is a best case scenario, about twice as many empty seats as full ones. So far, the

team has averaged an attendance of about 1,600, which is good for college volleyball. In fact, it is one of the best in the nation, and it looks even better when compared to Tech's 500 fans per

Aggies, however, tend to avoid comparing themselves to Red Raiders, usually setting their sights a bit higher. When it higher than the University of Nebraska. According to Nebraska's athletic Web site, the Huskers averaged 4,390 fans last year at Nebraska Coliseum, the second highest in the nation. Impressive, considering the gym's capacity is listed at close to 4,000. There was a time in

See Fans on page 9

leader Jonathan Lusk leads the crowd at G. Rollie White Coliseum in a yell uring the Texas A&M volleyball team's victory over Colorado on Sept. 24.

#### By True Brown THE BATTALION

against Colorado

BU confidence on rise after big win

It has been a long time since Baylor football fans have had this much reason to believe the Bears could notch a win over Texas A&M, something that has not happened since 1985.

A quick glance at both teams' schedules, however, gives the impression that the two teams are headed in different directions. Baylor lost its first two, then rattled off three straight wins, including a big one Saturday against Colorado. The Aggies, meanwhile, captured wins in their first two, but have since lost three straight.

The Bears' win allowed them to start Big 12 play 1-0 for the first time since joining

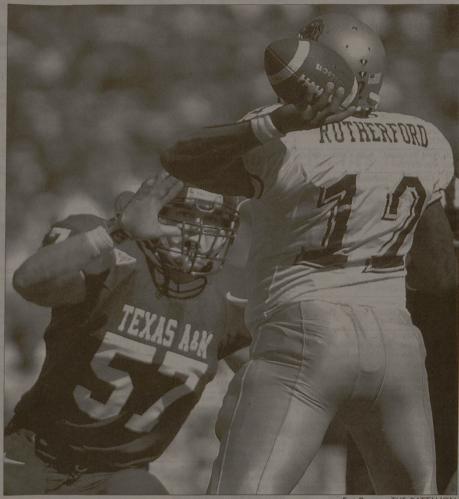
"Baylor is coming in with some momentum," said A&M coach Dennis Franchione during Monday's Big 12 media teleconfer-"(They have) a three-game winning streak and as much confidence as they've had in a long time. They're really playing pretty well

In Saturday's upset 42-30 win over Colorado, first-year coach Guy Morriss finally saw his offense and defense step up during the same game

Running back Rashad Armstrong rushed 37 times for 166 yards and two touchdowns, while quarterback Aaron Karas threw for 207 yards and three touchdowns during his 18-for-28 performance. Armstrong's performance gave him his third straight 100yard outing against a conference team.

Baylor's defense stood strong as well. Safety Derrick Cash had eight tackles, a pass breakup and caused a fumble that was returned for a touchdown to give Baylor a 28-23 lead in the third quarter.

"We were glad to get the win," Morriss said. "We've got to get back in and get back to work. That's the nature of the beast because you're back out there seven days later. We've got to keep building on that win from Saturday."



Texas A&M linebacker Scott Stickane, shown here trying to sack Pittsburgh quarterback Rod Rutherford on Sept. 27, and the Aggie defense could have their hands full with a confident Baylor team.

As a result, Baylor is in the midst of its first three-game winning streak since 1996. Morriss, however, downplayed the thought that A&M's confidence level makes the Aggies a prime contender for an upset. "I don't know the frame of mind of Texas

A&M," Morriss said. "The only thing I can be concerned with is the state of mind of our team and what we have to do. I think our kids' confidence level is growing. I think that they are understanding how to win ball games and what it takes to get it done. This was not a fluke.

Meanwhile, A&M will enter Saturday's game coming off an embarrassing 59-28 loss FILE PHOTO . THE BATTALIO

to Texas Tech. The Red Raiders repeatedly picked apart A&M's defense and tallied 669 yards of offense. Tech quarterback B.J. Symons set a Big 12 record with eight touchdown passes.

Franchione may have his hands full trying to revive his team's confidence before the match-up against Baylor.

"It depends on how you handle it," Franchione said. "The leaders on the team have to handle it the right way, and the best thing to do is put it behind us, go forward and be focused for the next game. This is where leadership comes in. It's easy to lead when things are going well. The real leaders

#### n election yrov, the acting

sident by Kremlin leclared the winne iticized presidential day.

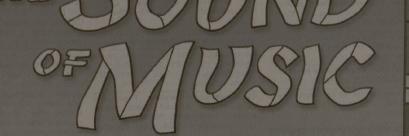
SIA hechnya oye Grozny

EO. ARM AZE. ated Press; ESRI AP

to Rossiya state side his home i village Monday, Kadyro an enormous bur nsibility for the or the people who

bel Web site om, quoted Aslan the separatis d president of 997 who is now Russian authori st, as calling the minal action by forces" that was

lure." ween rebels and as lighter during Russian war llery taking the f, a pro-Moscow hechen adminis onday. One soled and eight attacks on army in armored pernit a mine near nut, killing one nding four. hts advocates airness of a vote ar and said the eavily tilted in ov, whose perervice is widely sed of kidnap-



#### TICKETS: 845-1234 or www.MSCOPAS.org

Wednesday and Thursday, October 8 and 9 at 7:30 PM **Rudder Auditorium** 

**TAMU Faculty and Staff Discount** sponsored by TIAA-CREF. The discount is redeemable at MSC Box Office only. (The box office is located in the lobby of RudderTower.)

Broadway Series Sponsor: Central Excelent



enlighten entertain inspire

Organ Donor Card

buy tickets, be inspired

# perstition killed

### people last year\*

Do you secretly fear that in an emergency, doctors will not save your life just to get your organs? Misunderstandings bout organ donation are costing people their lives—in fact, 6,483 people died last year while waiting for a transplant. Get a brochure in the Memorial Student Center or health center and get the facts about organ donation. Don't let your fears about organ donation keep you from signing a donor card and talking to your family. from signing a donor card and talking to your family.

Come talk to us at the MSC or Blocker Building on October 14 from 9am--3pm.

TELL YOUR FAMILY