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A&M opens at home with Friday double header to kick off Aggie Classic

SOFTBALL

Head coach Jo Evans: Opening Day feeling 'never grows old'

By Milkyas Gashaw

▷ The No. 23 Texas A&M softball team (3-2, 0-0 SEC) will host the annual Aggie Classic this weekend at the Aggie Softball Complex. This will be the home opener for the Aggies, who began their season last weekend in Los Angeles participating in the So-Cal Classic, going 3-2.

The Aggies will begin play with a double header Friday beginning at 3 p.m. against Penn State and 5:15 p.m. against Eastern Michigan.

Head coach Jo Evans said she is always excited about Opening Day at home.

"I love game day, and what's even better is Opening Day," Evans said. "It's your home field and there's nothing else like it. It's great because we practice on the [Aggie Softball Complex] field every day, and then you show up on game day and the field is immaculate, the lines are drawn and there's people in the stands. All of a sudden, it doesn't just feel like your field, it feels like game day. The feeling never grows old."

The Aggies have invited Penn State out of the Big 10, Eastern Michigan from the Mid-American Conference and Missouri State out of the Missouri Valley Conference.

Of these three clubs, Eastern Michigan held the worst record from the previous season by finishing sixth in the MVC with a 13-37 record in head



Sarah Lane — THE BATTALION

The Aggie softball team will open its home schedule at 3 p.m. Friday against Penn State.

coach Melissa Gentile's first season at the helm.

Penn State's lineup is similar to the Aggies in that there are many freshmen making heavy contributions to the lineup, with freshman catcher Alyssa VanDerveer hitting a solo home run last week against Georgia Tech.

For the Aggies, freshman third baseman Tori Vidales hit a grand slam against San Diego State to propel them to victory. Junior Cali Lanphear is pleased with the progress that the Aggie freshmen are making so far.

"We had a tough loss against UCLA," Lanphear said. "We're young and they weren't. They had a senior

All-American pitcher, but it was good to rebound the next day and get a win. It helped us grow and prove ourselves."

The Aggies fell in the final game against Purdue on Sunday 1-0 in what turned out to be a pitcher's duel. Senior ace Rachel Fox is pleased with the way the players on the mound are performing.

"Our pitching out of the bullpen has been exceptional," Fox said. "Sometimes you're going to get roughed up at this level, and you need relievers that can come in and perform. We're going to continue to get better and better and I'm really excited to see how our staff will improve."

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BATTASKS

If you could have any Valentine's Day date, who would it be?



"I feel like I am obligated to say my girlfriend at this point — so I'll go with that."

Peter McCaughn, computer science freshman



"I'll be cliché and go my mother. I don't get to spend a lot of time with her just because she lives kind of far away. So if I could go and see her I would."

Garrett Cole, sociology freshman

BATTLE OF THE BANDS



Photos by Allison Bradshaw — THE BATTALION

(Top) Nathan Wells, rhythm guitarist and vocalist for Ottoman Turks, performs at the MSC Battle of the Bands Thursday with band members Paul Hinojo, Will Latham and Joshua Walker. (Below) The musical duo two, composed of Graham Thompson and Tara Schickedanz, performs Thursday.



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TALENT SHOW CONTINUED

make this event more successful than the previous development project, the SGA golf tournament.

Wimberly said the talent show will be judged by a campus celebrity-filled panel.

"We have two amazing swimmers judging, one of whom is an olympian," Wimberly said. "Then we have the director of student activities, Russel Thompson, and then we have Keith Swim, who is a management professor at Mays Business School, and then we also have Ryan Trantham, the MSC president. So we really do have a great group of judges."

Jeff Claybrook, SGA communication executive vice president and political science senior, said the show holds a lot of opportunity for development.

"We have other similar events on campus but none that are open really to all students like this one is," Claybrook said. "We have a lot of talented individuals on campus, and this is a great opportunity for students to come out and see and support their fellow Aggies."

"Aggies got Talent" will premiere from 8-10 p.m. Saturday in Rudder Theatre. Seating will begin at 7 p.m. and tickets will be sold at the door for \$7 or \$5 for presale in MSC Box Office.