



Vanessa Peña — THE BATTALION

Nick Banks at bat against Arkansas Sunday, leads the team with a .407 batting average.

BASEBALL CONTINUED

Grayson Long will get the start for A&M. The last outing for Long was a little rough against Arkansas, as he worked five innings, scattering six hits and five earned runs in the win to move to 8-0. Jared Poche will start on the hill for the Tigers. Game time is set for 6:35 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN.

Ryan Hendrix will get the nod for A&M on Friday night. In his first career start, Hendrix went 4 1/3 innings, allowing

three runs on eight hits while striking out five Razorbacks in the process. LSU will send Alex Lange to the hill. First pitch will be thrown on the SEC Network at 7:05 p.m.

For A&M, Sunday's starter has not yet been announced, though Matt Kent normally assumes the duties. Game three of the series will begin at 1:05 p.m. and will air on ESPN. LSU is 22-5 at home this season, while A&M is 5-1 on the road this season.

Alumni Center to hold retirement send-off celebration for Reveille VIII

By Lindsey Gawlik

Texas A&M will host a celebration for the retirement of Reveille VIII April 29.

The celebration will begin at 4 p.m. at the Clayton Williams Jr. Alumni Center and will be open to the public. Guests will be allowed to take photos with Reveille VIII, who has served as the A&M mascot for seven years.

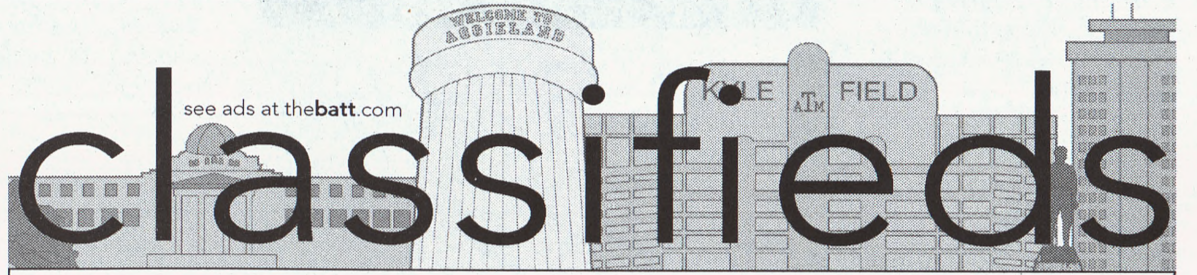
Remarks by university officials will be made at 4:30 p.m., and the ceremony will conclude with a "mix and mingle" for guests from 5-6 p.m. according to a university release.

Reveille IX was chosen earlier this semester and will assume her role May 9 at the Corps of Cadets "Final Review" Ceremony. At this time Reveille VIII will officially retire to the Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center operated by Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, where she will continue to receive special care.



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