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The most memorable day of an Aggie's Life

Over 80 students receive their Aggie Ring

By Mylasia Miklas, '20

On November 2, Texas A&M University at Galveston hosted Aggie Ring day for 86 students in the Aggie Special Event Center (ASEC). Dozens of relatives and friends gathered to join in commemorating the academic accomplishments of these students.

Ring day was welcomed by congratulatory

words of Michael Fossum, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Texas A&M University at Galveston, and Taylor Kemp, the Student Specialist for Texas A&M University at Galveston campus. Ring Day festiv-

ities was also accompanied by a Fightin' Texas Aggie Yell Practice to not only celebrate the distribution of Aggie Rings, but to also give visitors a look into the other traditions of Texas A&M.

Since 1889, Aggies have proudly worn their rings to remind them of their time spent here at Texas A&M.

However, receiving an Aggie Ring is no easy task. In order to be eligible, a student must complete a total of 90 credit hours and maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA. During the ceremony, Taylor Kemp explained why the Aggie Ring is so special. Stating that "Those who have earned the right to wear the Aggie ring have cleared some of the toughest requirements in the country. Making it one of the

most treasured items an Aggie can possess."

If you believe you are eligible for your Aggie Ring, be sure to check your overall hours and GPA on howdy. The next Aggie Ring Day is scheduled for April 12, 2019, however payments will be due between January 7 to February 13, 2019. To learn more about ordering your Aggie Ring, please visit <https://www.aggienetwork.com/ring/eligibility/> for more information.



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Aggies helping Aggies; TAMUG Food Pantry is now open to all

By Mylasia Miklas, '20

The Texas A&M University at Galveston Food Pantry is now open for all students, faculty, and staff. The Food Pantry commemorated the grand opening celebration with a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 5 in Atlantic Hall.

The TAMUG Food Pantry was inspired by an idea from Todd Sutherland, the Vice President of Student Affairs. Through the hard work of faculty and staff, such as Marlee Williams, Taylor Kemp, the

Student Development Specialist, and Dr. Joann Digeorgio-Lutz, the Head of the Department of Liberal Studies, the TAMUG Food Pantry was born.

The Maritime Studies (MAST) Honors Seminar and Service Learning Class is a class that connects the students to the community through service projects. Dr. Digeorgio-Lutz, the professor that teaches the service learning class, wanted to focus the service project efforts on food inse-

curity in Galveston County. Laney Funk, a marine fisheries major and student of the class, suggested the TAMUG Food Pantry as the focal point for this semester. The class teamed up with Marlee Williams to get the TAMUG Food Pantry initiated. "They have done a tremendous job in really getting it up and running," Williams stated.

Before the opening, the students worked hard to gather donations for the pantry. The students held a drive allow-

ing the Maritime Academy students to donate can goods to replace demerits. This event collected over 1000 cans for the Food Pantry.

Those who need access to the TAMUG Food Pantry

must visit the front desk of Atlantic Hall to request and submit the form. Once the form is submitted, the individual is able to collect provisions for up to a week.



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(left to right) Marlee Williams, Jordan Lynch '20, Laney Funk '19, Jessica Quillen, '19

TAMUG student creates non-profit to aid in natural disaster relief

By John Vandewater, '21

Nick Lamb, a senior maritime studies student at Texas A&M University at Galveston, has recently co-founded a non-profit organization for natural disaster relief: 50 Star Search and Rescue. (50 Star SAR)

50 Star SAR was formed out of the aftermath of Hurricane Florence in September 2018 and is based right out of our back yard in Houston, Texas. Since its inception, the organization has traveled to South Carolina in response to Hurricane Florence and most recently to Florida to meet the

needs of the coastal communities severely affected by Hurricane Michael. For Lamb, a Southeast Texas native, the spark to come up with a partnership to help those affected by these tragedies comes from his love for the coast and the ocean. When asked about his motivation for all this, Lamb said "I just want to save lives and help people."

In that respect, he and the other members of 50 Star SAR have succeeded. During Hurricanes Flor-

ence and Michael, the organization worked hand in hand with other nationally known organizations such as The Cajun Navy and Lowe's to assist countless families



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by conducting hundreds of high-water rescues, thousands of recovery operations, several animal rescues, high water transportation, and coordinating over two tons of logistical support. "These numbers are staggering given the short amount of time this organization has existed," Lamb stated.

Additionally, Lamb also personally heads up the search and rescue team and is a board member for the organization.

When speaking to him about the responsibility of these positions and juggling them with being a student Lamb said "We still have guys down there in Florida helping people and I want to be there with them, I wish I was there."

More information on 50 Star Search and Rescue can be found at their website, www.50Star.org or on Facebook at 50StarSAR. Any donations can be made via PayPal on either of these sites and are used solely for recovery and rescue operations.



Photo: Mylasia Miklas, Nautilus Staff

Former TAMUG student creates The Mountain Ocean Project to improve the health of Galveston Island

By Mylasia Miklas, '20

The amount of plastic making its way into the Earth's oceans and waterways are increasing at an alarming rate. A recent study published by World Economic Forum projected that by the year 2025 there will

be more plastic than fish.

Although the statistics are alarming, it is important, more than ever, to advocate for the health of the ocean. While this is no easy task, Austen Anderson, a former stu-

dent of Texas A&M University at Galveston, is hoping to combat the struggles of ocean pollution through his environmental organization, the Mountain Ocean Project (M.O.P).

M.O.P was created two years ago

through Anderson's strong love for the ocean. "I just care about the ocean too much," Anderson said. "So I have to do my part."

The Mountain Ocean Project focuses on organizing beach clean ups in

order to combat the overwhelming amount of plastic pollution found here in Galveston County. Anderson mainly focuses clean up efforts here on Pelican Island. "I usually do clean ups on Pelican Island

because there is so much trash," Anderson stated. "It all collects here and no one cares about it."

Anderson also hopes to use this organization as a way to launch his own innovations to help eliminate the use of single-use plastics. While beach clean

ups are helpful, they do not help combat the amount of plastic still being produced in today's society. Anderson believes the best solution is to slowly reduce the amount of plastics used. "Plastic is a resource but people think of it more as a convenience," Anderson explained.

If you are interested in volunteering or want learning more information about the Mountain Ocean Project please visit www.Mountainoceanproject.org for additional details.

“I just care about the ocean too much...”

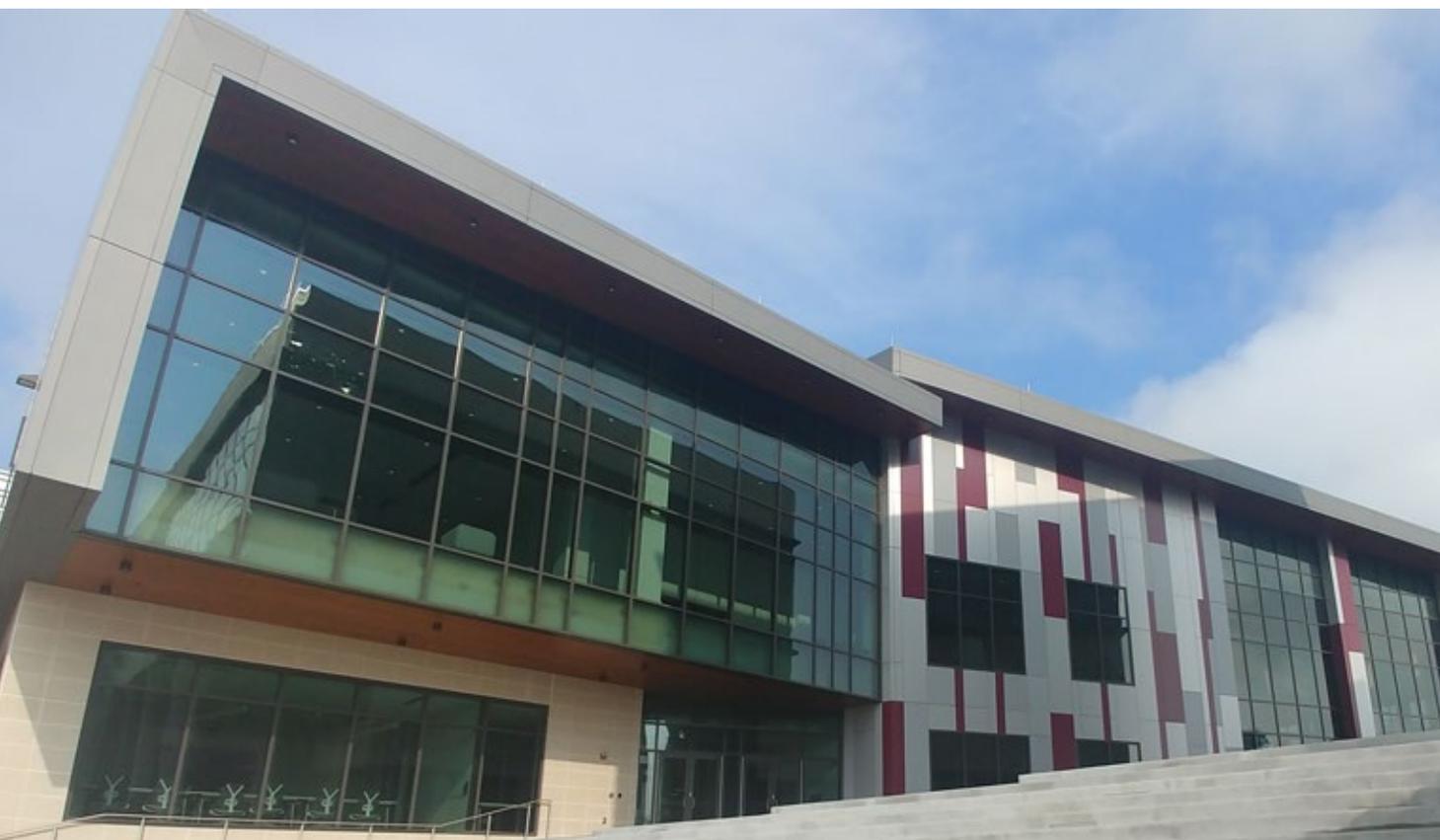
Upcoming Events

1. November 13th: Casino Night from 6:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m in ASEC
2. November 15th: TAMU College of Veterinary Medicine Informational Session from 3:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m
3. November 17th, TAMUG Lacrosse vs. UH, from 2:00 p.m at Cesar Chaves HS

ASEC dedication

By Mylasia Miklas, '20

A dedication ceremony was held for the opening of the Aggie Special Event Center (ASEC) on October 19. The ceremony featured Michael K. Young, President of Texas A&M University, Col. Michael Fossum, Chief Operating Officer of Texas A&M University at Galveston, and other university officials.



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A visit to the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum and Education Center

By Virginia Limon, '21

Did you know offshore oil rigs are like their own little city? They have sleeping, eating, and working quarters. They employ staff from all walks of life typically in the count of 100+. Many people have seen at least one of the various movies about oil drilling so we are all familiar with the rough-necks we see. However, oil rigs are

such much more than that. Many may think that although they are a marine biology, marine transportation, or maritime administration major that they would have no business in the oil industry, but they would be wrong. Open your mind and take a look.

The Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Mu-

seum is a retired jack-up drilling rig retrofitted to be a three story beacon of education located across the Galveston Channel. It can be seen from Shell Beach on the south side of campus. Museum guests come through the gift shop onto a long gangway to board the museum. After a short video, visitors can tour the

museum at their leisure or with an audio guide.

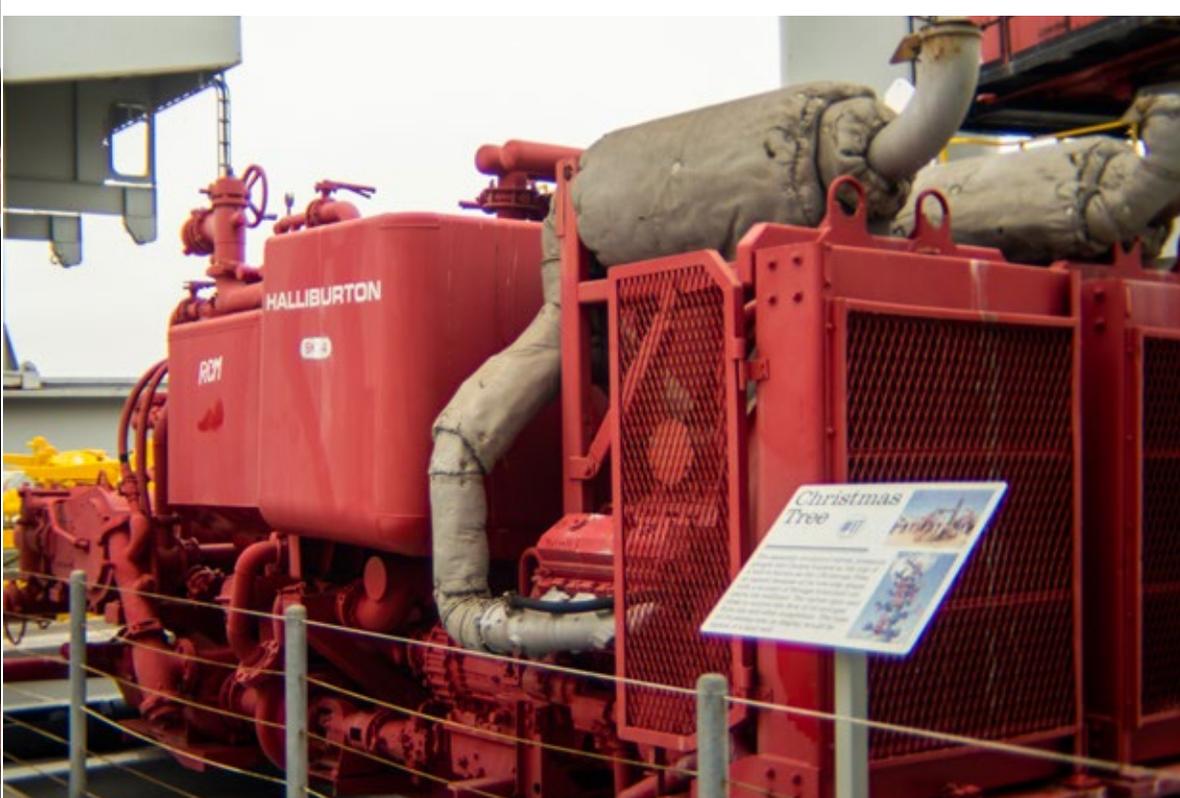
The museum includes three floors of interactive displays and intriguing models to educate the public of

the story of offshore oil rigs. It covers many aspects of the unique orchestra comprised of various companies and thousands of people that come together to give Texas its black life blood. Scale models of production platforms show visitors the various types of oil rigs already in place in the oceans of the world. Real drill bits, remotely-operated vehicles (ROVs), Christmas trees (not the green holiday kind),

“Off-shore oil rigs are like their own little city”

and replicas allow a glimpse into a whole other world that the general public would otherwise never be aware of. Videos and exhibits elucidate many of the aspects of the offshore oil realm including drilling, geology, well servicing, production, and seismic work.

The Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. with ticket sales ceasing at 4 p.m. No matter your major or field of study, it is worth a trip to take a peek into an extraordinary world you would never have known you could be a part of.



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Christmas tree presented at Ocean Star museum



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The Devil of Hell's kitchen is back for a new exciting season

By Matthew Renton, '20

I'll be upfront about this before I go on with the rest of the review: I am a major fan of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. I don't love everything it has done (I thought *The Defenders* was total crap and *Thor*:

The Dark World was unwatchable) and I don't believe that being a fan impedes my ability to review the show, but I will admit to having a bias that I believe my readers should be aware of when reading this review.

The main question on everybody's mind after the end of *The Defenders* was "how in the hell did Matt survive a building falling on his head?" And the answer to that question is simple: he just did. Very

little explanation is given; indeed, very little is connected to *The Defenders* at all. While some may view this as poor storytelling or world-building, I see it as a breath of fresh air. The only information you need to know from *The Defenders* in order to jump straight into *Daredevil* season 3 is that a building fell on Matt. If Matt had been beaten a little more badly at the end of season 2, it would be entirely possible to skip *The Defenders* and jump straight into the new season.

Jumping into the season, the heavy themes become clear, including the loss of faith, the ability of those in power to deceive, and the question of doing the right thing in morally gray areas. Thankfully, these themes are rarely discussed in pure dialogue,

as the writers have chosen to show the characters acting these themes out within the story, saving the show from becoming a philosophy lecture.

Alongside these heavy themes are the action scenes *Daredevil* has become well-known for. Once again, the directors have tried to top the now-famous hallway fight from season 1 as they did with the stairwell sequence from season 2, which I (unpopularly, I imagine) believe they succeeded in doing this time.

This season also introduces a new villain, who has an episode with about 20 minutes of backstory dedicated to them that, quite frankly, gave me goosebumps.

However, another established character is given almost an entire episode of backstory that

dragged the otherwise fast pace of the show to a snail's crawl, not ruining the show, but certainly killing the momentum of the build-up to a fantastic climax.

Having said this, all of the returning cast certainly brought their A-game to the show (Vincent D'Onofrio was stellar as *The Kingpin*, as usual) even in spite of some of the flaws in the writing. Overall, I thought *Daredevil* season 3 did a great job of washing the sour taste of *The Defenders* out of my mouth. Though not quite as tight as the first season, season 3 was a thrilling ride filled with complex themes, brilliant action sequences, and some incredible character development, though not without its flaws, especially in slower episodes that appear to be just fillers.

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We are the Aggies, the Aggies are we? Does this apply to international students?

By Alinoe Roussie, '22

International students have been a part of the Texas A&M University's programs for almost as long as the campuses have existed, but their integration with the other students was and still is not very apparent. From the initial fear of the unknown to unintended isolation from the University itself, foreign students can have a hard time socializing which is a key element of university education.

Integration is jeopardized even before the school

year begins. As freshmen, the New Student Conference (NSC) already isolates foreigners from their future peers. The International Student Services (ISS) mandates international students to choose the last NSC scheduled, which is two days before salt camp. This not only limits contact with American/A&M culture and values, but it does so all through the first semester, if not during all of college education because course selection is heavily

peer influenced.

Texas A&M University has a long history of graduating international students. Beginning with the first international student graduating in 1889, followed by other international students becoming heads of state in countries such as Bolivia and Panama. Overall, the success of international students has led to A&M having the interest of a global audience.

Although the records look great, encasing interna-

tional students together and brute forcing traditions onto them hasn't been an effective way for this school to share its values. What the ISS could do is first to truly understand how profoundly radical the change in educational system is. Adaptation to the latter is what will occupy students minds the most and socializing won't be a priority. Except socializing is an important factor during tertiary education and therefore the ISS should facilitate this aspect

as much as possible. The ISS should try to incorporate those students as much as possible through different means like encouraging an even allocation of international students to pre-existing NSC dates or mandatory Salt camp. The ISS could also give them the opportunity to meet fellow international students thanks to specific ethnic societies.

Internationals could become more confident and comfortable in any situation, alone or with

a group of friends. Knowing they have the opportunity to meet people who share more than just a degree with them creates emotional stability which benefits both the student's college education and maturity.

I represent one of 120 nationalities at this university and though I believe it should matter when I meet new people, I should also be able to identify as a sea aggie and like most foreigners, I don't.

Data overload; When useless College Station emails takes over your Tamu inbox

By Emely Cruz, '22

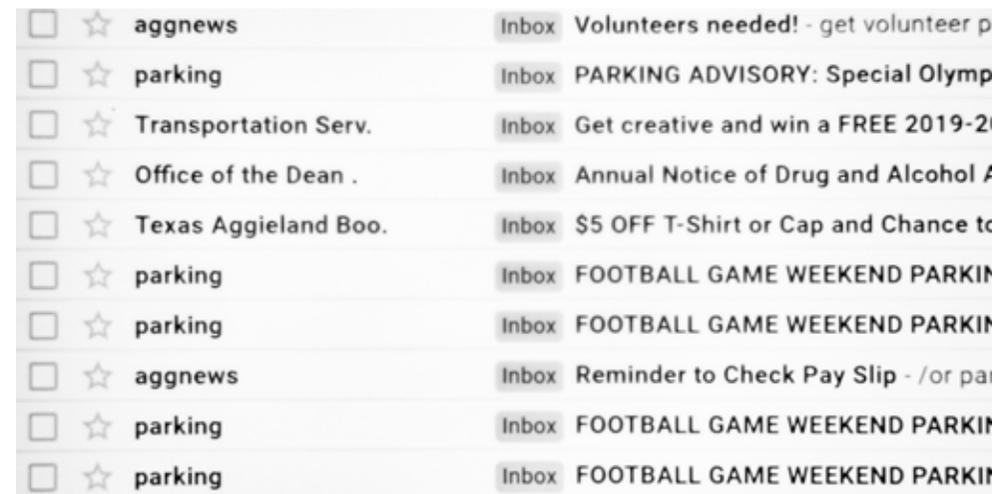
The faculty and staff on campus constantly hold students accountable for not checking their school emails. They fail to realize that the majority of students school email addresses are basically an abyss. Everything that gets sent to our school emails is very likely to remain unseen. This is due to the large amount of random emails sent from college station. More than 3/4 's of the emails I receive do not apply to me. There are so many that I lose the stamina to fish through to see if anything is

important.

For example, the clutter in my email caused me to miss a note about an assignment I submitted on ecampus. My lab assistant was trying to inform me that my file was corrupted and I needed to re submit the assignment. In the midst of all the weeks emails, I wasn't able to respond or even read the important email from my instructor which caused me to lose credit on my assignment. Unfortunately, this is not the only instance of this happening. I also missed an

email from my advisor over scheduling a meeting which resulted in me having to take the last available time slot. This became a problem since I had previously made plans to work on a project at that time.

However, the problem is not only about the quantity of emails sent, it is also about the content. At the start of the semester many students struggled to differentiate between the emails directed towards College Station and Galveston students. This resulted in multiple problems,



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that could have been easily avoided. For starters, some students attended the wrong New Student Conference (NSC) and others accidentally purchased

College Station reminder emails for parking lot spots that only concerns main campus

parking passes designated for College Station students. In order to prevent problems like this

the TAMU offices should make clear in order to keep students from making such large mistakes.

Volleyball teams competed in the 2018 College Classic Tournament this past October

By Faith Murphy, '20

The Texas A&M University at Galveston Men's Volleyball team competed in the 2018 College Classic Tournament on October 27th. Although they may not have come home with a win, the team performed better than previous years.

Throughout the tournament, the men's team played against skilled teams such as: Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University-College Station, and SNVC volleyball, a Texas A&M University alumni volleyball club.

During the Texas Tech game, the men's team was very close to pull-

ing out a win. Going back and forth from 25-26 keeping each other within one point until the Texas Tech team ended the game 30-28, with the TAMUG men's team taking the back seat.

With an unfortunate loss to Texas Tech, team began the next match with A&M, where there were many great passes on our side of the court. The team was able to set up many kills performed by Will Neuse but, unfortunately, in the end that was not enough to pull out a win. Some other key players throughout the tournament were Andrew Randidg with many aces,

Gerald Lancaster with many kills and digs, and Nathan Pierce, the teams Libero, was able to get up many perfect passes to help the team compete.

While the tournament did not bring as much success as initially hoped, Jesus Duran, the head coach of the TAMUG Men's Volleyball team, said "The team this year is looking great. By far, being the best team we have had. The guys have grown so much and are eager to learn and play. I look forward to keep practicing and preparing for the Southern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (SIVA)."



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(left to right) Briana Obregon, a middle blocker, and Faith Murphy, an outside hitter, compete against Rice University. The Women's Volleyball team also came back empty-handed in the College Classic Tournament.

TAMUG Men's Soccer team wraps up season with a loss against St. Edwards University

By Emely Cruz, '22

The Texas A&M University at Galveston Men's Soccer team concluded their 2018 season with an unfortunate loss against St. Edward's University on October 19. Although the final score of the game may have resulted in a 2 to 3 loss, the Men's Soccer team was able to place third in the Texas Collegiate Soccer League under the Eastern Conference.

Throughout

the final game, the crowd could sense the growing tension between the players and referees as the referees continued to make calls that were considered controversial by some. Bryan Candelaria, the Vice President of the Men's Soccer team, believed some of the calls made were unnecessary. "I think there were a decent amount of calls made



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(Right) Wyatt Burchett, Midfielder, dribbled ball down the field

against us that were too soft for what they actually are," explained Candelaria. Despite the circumstances the boys focused on the game, and continuously fought to get the opposing team out of the penalty box.

Overall, the team gave their best and pushed through the circumstances making two corner kick goals. Although the men's

team ultimately lost, they left the field with optimism and ambition for the next season.

The fall season presented its overall challenges to the team; most of which were out of the teams control. Galveston was plagued with large amounts of unexpected rain which caused team practices to be canceled. Without practices, the team was unable to build a cohesive bond. Despite these

setbacks, the team went into every game with a positive outlook.

While this season was not as successful as the team had hoped, Candelaria always tries to remind his team that winning is not everything. "I always try to remind the guys that it's important to win, but it's also important to have fun," stated Candelaria.