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Former coach heads
into uncertain future
wiser from experience

By Douglas Pils
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Even as the Texas A&M basketball team buried itself in the Southwest Conference cellar, head coach Kermit Davis Jr. remained upbeat.

Davis, who has spent the last five days in Arkansas with his family, now is trying to adapt to life off the basketball court. He takes with him the same attitude that carried him through his tumultuous tenure.

He's begun to look at his forced resignation last week in a positive light, and he's focusing on the good that will come from his stay at A&M.

"The main thing is that you've got to learn from past experiences," Davis said from his College Station home Wednesday. "I know it sounds corny, but it's true — things happen for the best. You've got to live like things happen for a purpose and you can't live by yesterday.

"You've just got to live for today and the things that you're trying to accomplish."

First on Davis' list of things to accomplish is clearing his name before the NCAA's infractions committee.

It wasn't supposed to be like this for Davis, who came to A&M March 28, 1990. He had guided the University of Idaho to back-to-back 25-6 seasons and consecutive NCAA Tournament bids.

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Thompson considers possible transfer

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Texas A&M basketball player Brooks Thompson said Wednesday he doesn't know where he will be playing basketball next season.

The sophomore guard, who finished the turbulent 1990-91 season as Texas A&M's leading scorer, said he is considering transferring to another school next fall to continue his collegiate career.

Thompson finished his second season averaging more than 14 points and almost six assists per game.

He is waiting for the results of a pending NCAA investigation into the Aggie basketball program that will determine the program's future. Thompson is weighing his options and looking

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into opportunities to play at other schools.

"I'm not sure what I'm going to do," Thompson said. "I'm going to find out whether I want to transfer or not. I've just got to evaluate all the situations, and then see what happens."

Thompson said the uncertainty of the basketball program and his role in it has been a constant thorn in his side.

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going on, and then just evaluate the situation at the end of the year."

This is not the first time Thompson has had second thoughts about his future in an Aggie uniform.

He considered transferring following his freshman season after the departures of coaches Shelby Metcalf and John Thornton.

But Kermit Davis Jr. and his assistant Billy Kennedy convinced Thompson to stay at A&M.

"I called them and told them that I

was interested in leaving," Thompson explained. "They didn't feel the same way.

"They told me what they wanted to get done and what they were going to get done, and I believed them."

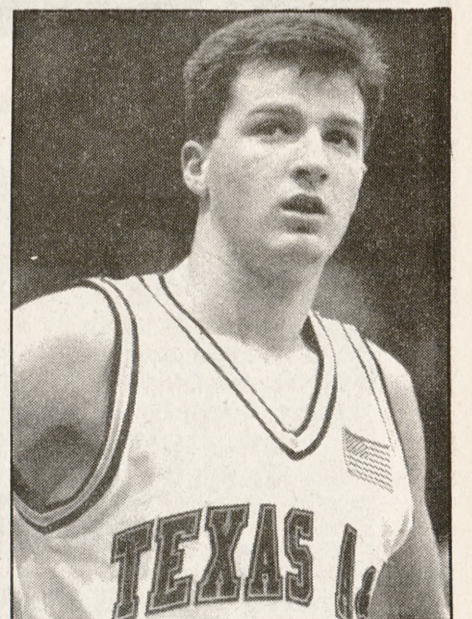
Though Davis won't be around to see Thompson play next season, he still thinks it is in the player's best interest not to leave the school.

"I think Brooks has every reason to stay at A&M," Davis said Wednesday. "He loves the University, he loves going to school at Texas A&M and he's got great ties here.

"He's a player that's made a very good name for himself in the Southwest Conference. He'll be an all-league type player here next year."

Thompson said he was surprised to hear about the recent troubles Davis

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