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## Nolan Ryan's career suffers disjointed end

Unfortunately, it winds up like this. The baseball gods, as they had so often, did not smile on Nolan Ryan.

Like his legendary fastball, Ryan's final appearance was gone in a whiff of smoke. No explanation. No comprehension.

Just the pop of his elbow signified that after a 27-year mecca of success, his body was too tired, too worn-out to take the constant pressures of pitching.

The official injury was classified as a tear of the ulnar collateral ligament in the right elbow. What does that mean?

It means Nolan's legendary heater will forever be on ice. No more good morning, good afternoon, good evening strikeouts.

Perplexed looks from the opposing dugouts will be replaced by smiles because Ryan's right arm will never again whip the ball towards home plate at a high velocity complemented by his nasty curveball.

Incredible. Big Tex's career is over and the last memory will be of him trudging off the field the victim of another painful injury.

Of all teams for Ryan to end his career against, it had to be the Seattle Mariners. The irony is unbelievable.

Ryan was pitching in a dome, on artificial turf. They were probably serving imitation hot dogs in the



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## A&M players lose NCAA appeal

By Michael Plumer

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The NCAA Eligibility Committee denied Texas A&M's appeal on Thursday to reinstate two football players who were suspended for receiving payments from a booster for work they had not performed.

Junior running back Greg Hill had been suspended

for five games while junior linebacker Jessie Cox was ordered to sit out the whole season for his involvement in the scheme by the NCAA on September 10.

A&M had originally recommended Hill's suspension to be set at four games. He would have been eligible for the Aggies' October 2 game at Texas Tech. Had Cox's appeal been successful, he would have been eligible for the Aggies' October 9 contest against Baylor in College

Station.

Texas A&M appealed the suspensions on the basis that the games the players were forced to miss is excessive in regard to precedents set with penalties given to other football programs in similar situations.

Max Williams, faculty athletics representative at the University of Mississippi, said the facts presented by

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Lady Aggie junior outside hitter Karen Richards (5) returns a dig in A&M's victory against Texas Tech Wednesday. A&M plays this weekend at the Southern Premiere tournament in San Marcos.

## Lady Aggies roll into Premiere

Jose de Jesus Ortiz

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With a 9-3 record, Texas A&M women's volleyball is off to its best start since 1986. That year the team made the NCAA playoffs, but they have not made it since.

Today the Lady Aggies travel to San Marcos to compete against Alabama, Arkansas, Stephen F. Austin and Southwest Texas State in

the Southern Premiere tournament this weekend.

And if everything goes as Head Coach Laurie Corbelli plans, A&M should come back with three more wins. Corbelli said A&M's main competition should come from tournament

host Southwest Texas.

"Statistically, on paper and after watching films of their games, Southwest Texas should

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## Barone sponsors "Hoops For House"

From Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M men's basketball team will participate in the "Hoops for the House" free throw shooting contest to benefit Scotty's House, a shelter for abused children.

The contest will take place Saturday at Sam's Club and will last from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Teams will have each participant shoot 100 free throws, with pledges taken for each successful score. The average number made by each team determines the contributors' donations.

Hot dogs and drinks will be available and unsolicited donations will also be accepted.

A&M coach Tony Barone said he wanted his team involved to help the community by doing what they do best.

"In this contest, they are using their skills for the benefit of others," Barone said.

"Scotty's house provides a neutral location where child victims can go to be interviewed and receive treatment. It is a tremendous group of people who are making their mark in the community."

For more information or to make a pledge or donation, call 823-6902.

## A&M harriers run into rebuilding year

By Jose de Jesus Ortiz

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The rebuilding Texas A&M men's and women's cross-country teams will confront seven teams at the Rice Invitational this Saturday, as the team looks to overcome youth and inexperience against a strong Rice host team.

A&M cross-country coach Ed Marcinkiewicz said he expected to finish behind the Southwest Conference rival Rice Owls, which feature a men's team that is ranked fourth in the NCAA District 6 and a women's team

which is ranked third.

With only one upperclassman, junior Beth Ladd, Marcinkiewicz said his Lady Aggies will play a spoiler role this year.

He said he expects Ladd, freshman Michelle Truesdale and the sophomore Sangalang triplets, April, Cecille and Belle to pace A&M's women.

Youth will also serve the men's team as redshirt junior Jeff Christner is the sole upperclassman on the team.

Christner, sophomore Albert Hernandez - who transferred from Northwestern Louisiana

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