

Winner takes Charge



The Lady Aggies' Kim Gonzalez leads her team and the nation in winning ways

By Kristine Ramirez
The Battalion

A coach's persistence and a little luck helped lead Texas A&M softball pitcher Kim Gonzalez to Texas A&M University.

The senior from Roseville, Calif. transferred to Texas A&M from Sacramento City College last year.

She earned a 33-11 record and lead the nation in victories in 1993.

Gonzalez said she took a trip to Florida and visited Florida Southern University while a sophomore at Sacramento City.

She said she liked it a lot and verbally committed to transfer there.

During the summer, Gonzalez said Tim Kiernan, her coach at Sacramento City, told her that Texas A&M head coach Bob Brock was in town and he wanted to talk to her. She said she did not want to talk to him because she already committed to Florida Southern.

Gonzalez said Kiernan loved A&M and always wanted one of his players to be an Aggie.

She said Brock called her but she did not want to attend A&M.

Kiernan again asked her to meet with Brock and she told him, "No." Gonzalez eventually met with Brock the next day and, before she the meeting was over, had signed to attend A&M.

Gonzalez said she was happy about her decision as was her parents.

She is closer to home and A&M is a Division I school opposed to Florida Southern a Division II school.

"My dad was excited," she said. "My parents wanted me to come to A&M. I made the right decision coming here."

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A&M baseball travels to Tech, hopes to extend winning streak

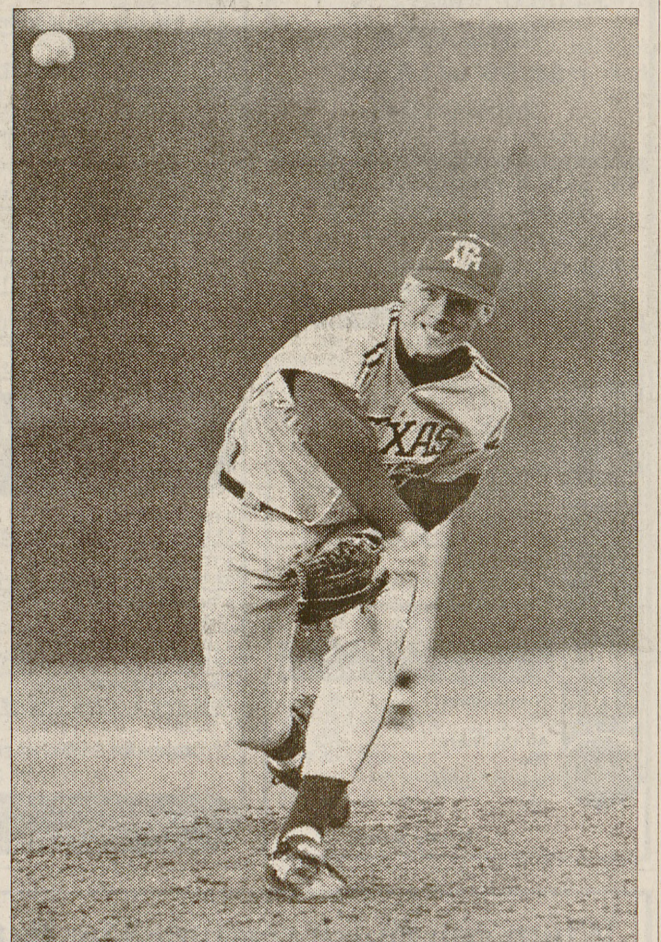
By Nick Georgandis
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The Texas A&M baseball team goes into today's opening game of a three-game series with Texas Tech on a hot streak in which the Aggies have won five consecutive games and eight of their last nine.

Keeping that streak alive will be much more difficult for the Aggies as they take on the Southwest Conference co-leaders.

"If we don't do that (win the series against Texas Tech), then some miracle is going to have to happen . . . for us to have a chance (to make the tournament)."

— Mark Johnson
Aggie head baseball coach



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Ryan Rupe (36) pitches during the University of Texas-San Antonio series at the beginning of the season. A&M is 26-16 overall, and 2-7 in conference play.

runs a game during their winning streak.

Johnson said that while the team is not running on all cylinders, he feels confident in the team's chances this weekend.

"I don't think we are really as totally hooked in as well as I'd like, but we're getting close to it," Johnson said. "We've got our hands full, but we've also got some momentum."

A&M is 2-7 and in sixth place in the conference.

The Aggies are scheduled to host this year's SWC tournament, but if the Aggies fail to qualify for the tournament, that honor would go ironically to Texas Tech.

A&M track to host final home meet

By Stewart Doreen
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The Texas A&M track and field teams will take their last step before next week's Southwest Conference Championships when they compete in the Texas A&M Invitational, their final home meet, Saturday at the Anderson Track Complex.

The men, who are undefeated in scored meets at 21-0, are looking to improve their perfect record.

The Aggies will be bolstered by the return of NCAA qualifier Danny McCray, who will return after missing some meets due to spring football.

"We'd like to go into the SWC meet undefeated," said head track coach Ted Nelson. "Confidence wise it would help."

The field events will start at noon and the running events kick off at 5:30 p.m.

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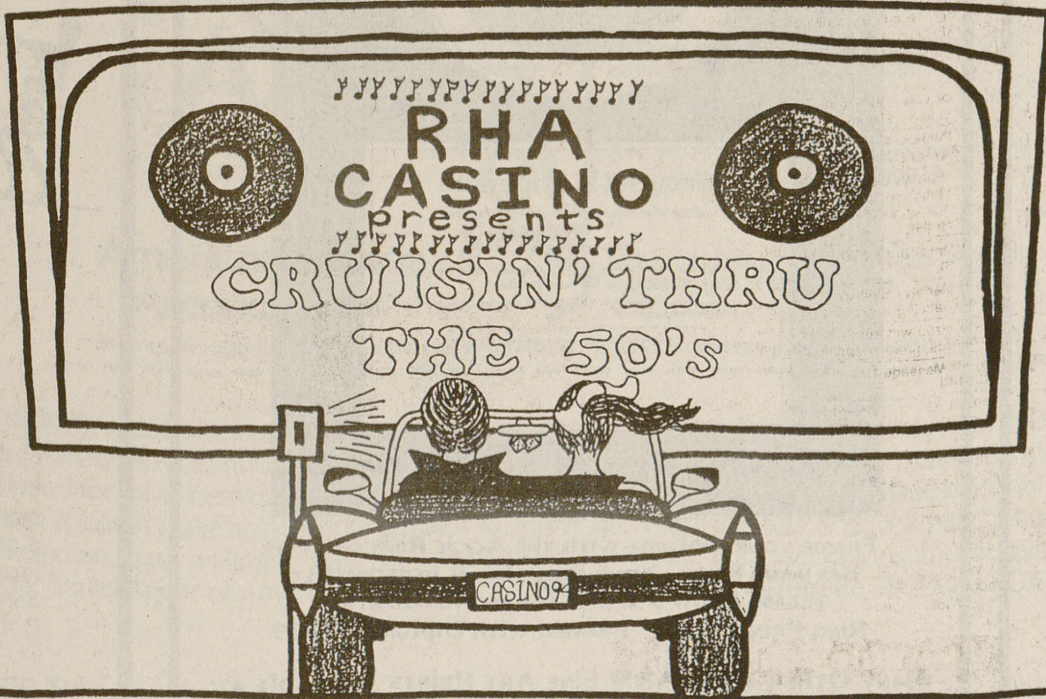
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