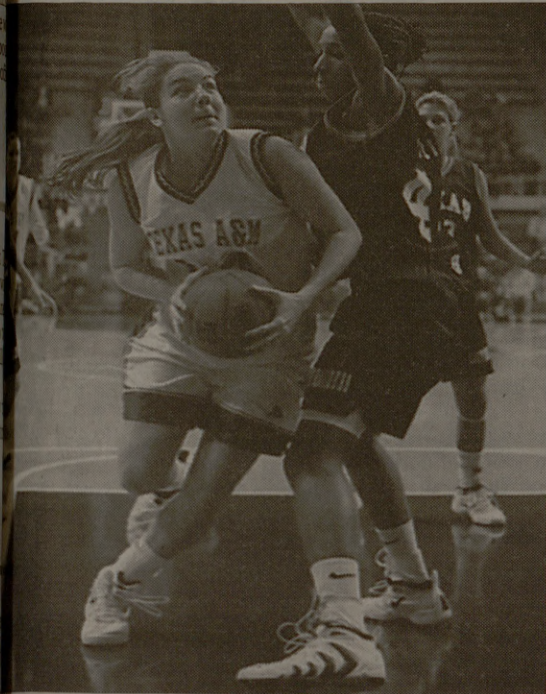


## Women's team falls to No. 7 Texas Tech, 90-65

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ROBERT MCKAY, THE BATTALION  
Kera Alexander drives to the basket in the loss to Tech.

The Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team lost to the No. 7 Texas Tech Red Raiders 90-65 Sunday afternoon at G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Aggies (6-16, 2-10) kept the game close for the first 30 minutes, but eventually Tech's superior depth wore the team down.

Texas Tech led by as many as 13 in the first half, but a three-pointer at the buzzer by junior point guard Kim Tarkington cut the lead to six before the two teams went into halftime with Tech leading 44-37.

The Aggies continued to stay within striking distance until late in the second half. A layup by sophomore forward Kera Alexander with 7:24 left in the game made the score 67-58 in favor of Tech. Tech responded with a 20-1 run during the next five minutes to put the game out of reach.

Texas Tech Coach Marsha Sharp said she was worried about having to play in College Station.

"We're really pleased to be able to get away from here with a win. We had a lot of respect for A&M and knew we would have to come down here and really play, and obviously that was the case today," Sharp said.

Tech was led in the second half by a strong performance from All-American senior forward Alicia Thompson. Because of foul trouble, Thompson was only able to play four minutes in the first half and was held to six points. In the second half, Thompson came

back with a vengeance, scoring 20 points, including seven during the 20-1 Tech run that put the game away.

Sharp said Thompson's hot hand and Tech's depth were the keys to the victory.

"In the second half, we had a really great go-to player in Alicia. She really did a good job of coming in and really making good decisions and putting the game away for us," Sharp said. "I thought something that was equally important for us today was the fact that when she (Thompson) as not in the game, and when (junior center Angie) Braziel also had those fouls, that we had some players that really stepped up and made some good plays."

Thompson led all scorers with 26 points. Five Tech players scored in double figures including Thompson, junior guard Rene Hanebutt with 14, junior forward Cara Gibbs with 14, junior center Angie Braziel with 11 and junior point guard Julie Lake with 10.

Texas A&M Coach Candi Harvey said she was impressed with Texas Tech's team.

"That is the best Texas Tech team that we have played since I have been here," Harvey said. "That is certainly no slight on the other Tech teams that we have played, but as far as being a complete team on

both ends of the floor, they are simply outstanding." Despite the loss, Harvey said she saw reasons to be encouraged by A&M's performance.

"I thought our effort was good, much better than it was the other night at Oklahoma State. We were a good team at times tonight, but we weren't consistent enough to play what I think has a great opportunity to be a Final Four team," Harvey said.

Alexander said that despite the disappointing season, no one on her team is quitting.

"Our season is not over," Alexander said. "We have four more games left and we're not going to quit. We're going to do everything we can to win those games. And there's the Big 12 tournament, anybody can win it. Last year Kansas State went in there, and no one expected them to win it, so we have to believe in ourselves."

Alexander led the Aggies in scoring with 20 points. Four Aggies scored in double figures including Alexander, sophomore forward Prissy Sharpe with 13, sophomore center Jennifer Burrows with 11 and freshman point guard Brandy Jones with 10.

The Aggies' next game will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at G. Rollie, when they take on the University of Texas.

**"We have four more games left and we're not going to quit."**

—Kera Alexander  
Sophomore Forward

## Track team racking up NCAA qualifications



the measurement tool used for qualification purposes as well as school and meet records. Hand-held times are therefore invalid and assumed to have human error.

With aspirations of traveling to Reno, Nev., and obtaining many qualifications and records, the Texas A&M Track and Field Team received rather disappointing news upon its arrival to the meet — there was a malfunction in the automatic timing device and all races had to be timed using handheld stopwatches, throwing out the possibility of sending more athletes to the National Championships and officially breaking any records.

Senior Larry Wade's time of 7.10 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles, which brought him a first-place finish, would have automatically qualified him for Nationals and set a Texas A&M record, had it not been for the malfunction. Junior Desmond Powell, who finished just behind Wade in the 55-meter hurdles, would have also qualified with a time of 7.30.

**Would You Say A Plethora Of Qualifications ...**

Before the meets in Reno and Colorado Springs, Texas A&M Track and Field Coach Ted Nelson mentioned there should be fast times and good results due to the high elevation. However, no one could have imagined the success the Aggies enjoyed the past two weekends. Texas A&M qualified 12 more athletes for the NCAA Championships, including four automatic qualifications.

Senior Adrien Sawyer continued her impressive indoor season by automatically qualifying in both the long jump and the 55-meter hurdles. In Reno, Sawyer jumped 20 feet, 10.75 inches on her way to the automatic qualification. She followed that up this past weekend in Colorado Springs by automatically qualifying in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 7.59. She also qualified provisionally in the triple jump in Reno with her first-place jump of 42 feet, 6 inches, as did junior Detrich Clariett with her jump of 42-0.50. Sophomore Chimika Carter's time of 7.70 in the 55-meter hurdles last weekend was also good enough to automatically qualify her for Nationals.

After the disappointment of the faulty timing device

in Reno, senior Larry Wade responded by running the 55-meter hurdles in an automatic-qualifying time of 7.08.

This time not only obtained Wade a first-place finish, but also is the fastest time run in the nation this season. Junior Desmond Powell also responded well, provisionally qualifying in the 55-meter hurdles with his time of 7.37.

Juniors Mike Price and Toya Jones provisionally qualified in the 55-meter dash with times of 6.25 seconds and 6.27, respectively, at the Colorado Springs Sprint Classic last weekend. Price also added a provisional qualification in the 200-meter dash with his time of 21.07 seconds, the seventh-fastest time in the nation this season.

Sophomore Richard McDonald originally obtained his provisional qualification in the pole vault in Reno with a jump of 17 feet, 1.5 inches, but increased that mark to 17-6.50 in Colorado Springs. Junior Mike Lowrance rounded out the crew of Aggie qualifiers, provisionally qualifying in the shot put with a distance of 59 feet, 11.75 inches.

—Michael Ferguson is a senior business analysis major

The Texas A&M Track and Field Team has been flying high these past two weekends with trips to Reno, Nev., and Colorado Springs, Colo.

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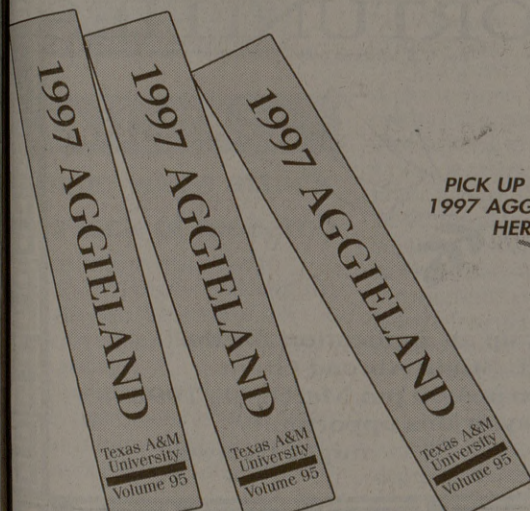
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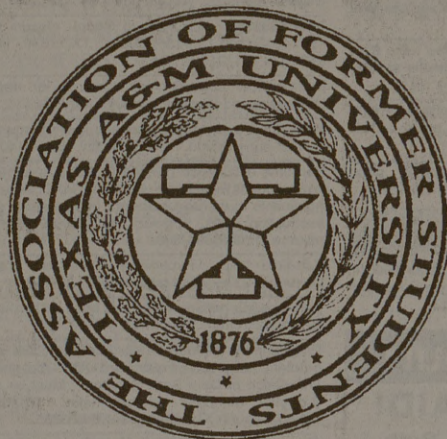
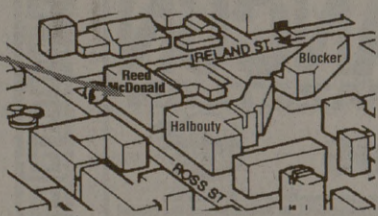
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