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Alexander, who averaged 14.3 points a game. The team will need to find some frontcourt play to fill the role left by graduating seniors Kim Tarkington and Kerrie Patterson. Also graduating is forward Brenda Beard, who saw limited playing time this year due to injury.

The 1999-2000 season should also con-

tinue to see the emergence of Gillom's first recruiting class, as freshmen LaToya Rose and Celeria Washington will see more playing time after making strides this year.

Gillom has tailored her recruiting to the Aggies' needs in the early signing period, by signing the 6-foot-3 Classen twins from San Antonio Churchill to give the Aggies size in the middle, a three-point shooter in Meg Banahan of Oxford, Miss., and a future floor leader in point guard Tression Mason of Dallas.

AGGIES

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the paint for the Aggies. Despite constant double and triple-teaming, Jones finished the year as the Big 12 leader in field-goal percentage and was named to the All-Big 12 underrated team.

Freshman Joe White had

a productive season, ranking in the top five in scoring and blocks among Big 12 freshmen and was honored on the All-Big 12 freshman team.

While the 1998-99 season will not go down as one of the best in school history, it should set the tone for Watkins' plans for the future as a postseason team in seasons to come.



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Aggie first baseman John Scheschuk reacts to a University of Texas-San Antonio home run against the University of Texas at Olsen Field Feb. 26. Scheschuk went 1-4 with one home run against the University of Texas-San Antonio Tuesday.

Ninth-inning comeback not enough versus UTSA

Aggies' nine-game winning streak ends

BY DOUG SHILLING
The Battalion

For the fourth-ranked Texas A&M Baseball Team, two days made a world of difference Tuesday.

Sunday afternoon, the ninth inning was the Aggies' best friend as Stephen Truitt hit a two-out, two-run home run to defeat the Oklahoma State University Cowboys.

Tuesday night, the ninth inning was the Aggies' downfall as they wasted a five-run rally in the top of the ninth to lose to the University of Texas-San Antonio Roadrunners 10-9.

The Aggies trailed 4-3 going into the eighth inning but tied the game on junior third baseman Dell Lindsey's home run to left center. The Roadrunners responded, touching up pitchers Courtney Weller and Casey Fossum (3-2) for three runs in the bottom of the inning.

Trailing by three going into the ninth inning, the Aggies looked to provide some of the comeback magic they had in the OSU game.

Shortstop Steve Scarborough started off the inning by drawing a walk. Stephen Truitt followed with a walk after Chad Hudson

grounded into a fielder's choice. Two batters later, sophomore right fielder Daylan Holt drilled in Chad Hudson to cut the lead to 7-5. After senior John Scheschuk walked to load the bases, Lindsey once again came to the plate. Once again, he delivered, slugging a two-out, bases-clearing home run to right field, giving the Aggies a lead at 8-7.

The Aggies tacked on an insurance run when junior second baseman Sean Heaney singled to left.

The Aggies did not have time to savor their comeback as the Roadrunners came back with two runs in the bottom of the ninth.

Fossum walked the first batter to start the inning. A single and two straight errors by Lindsey plated two runners. UTSA and loaded the bases with no outs. Fossum then hit runner Jeff Juarez to bring in the winning run.

In two-thirds of an inning of work, Fossum gave up three four runs, two of which earned, two walks and a hit man. Eric Montoya (3-4) got the win for the Roadrunners by giving up the big ninth inning to the Aggies.

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