

Senior forward Kera Alexander dribbles the ball against Kansas State University last Saturday at Reed Arena. The Aggies went 4-4 over the semester break

Texas A&M women's basketball team start off fast, finishes slow over semester bre

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While most Texas A&M University students were enjoying the semester break celebrating the holidays at home and ringing in the new year with friends and family, there was one group of students

hard at work. The Texas A&M women's basketball team battled its way through a successful non-conference schedule in preparation for Big 12 Conference play. During the holidays, the Aggies won four of the

eight games they played.

A&M began the break by pulling out a 72-70 victory over TAMU-Corpus Christi at Reed Arena before traveling north and sweeping the University of Illinois-Chicago and Chicago State University 68-50 and 82-48, respectively.

On Jan. 3, the Aggies lost their first game of the new year, 60-57 at Rice University, bringing their non-conference record to 8-2.

Two days later, the Aggies traveled to Waco for their fourth consecutive game on the road, and their first conference game against Baylor University.

Senior forward Prissy Sharpe clinched a victory for the Aggies after making a three-point play in

62-59 win.
With 27 seconds left in the game and the score tied at 59, Sharpe went up strong for a baseline shot and was fouled as the ball went in the basket. She then proceeded to sink the free throw for the final point of the game.

"To win our first conference game is great," senior forward Kera Alexander said. "We overcame a lot. We may not have played our best, but this is

The Aggies returned home to take on Oklahoma State University in a game featuring a Reed Arena record 34 turnovers by the Aggies.

After trailing 27-23 at halftime, the first five minutes of the second half passed before the Aggies scored again. After that, A&M only managed to score five more field goals in the second half, giving OSU the win 61-42.

"I was stunned, everybody was," A&M basketball coach Peggie Gillom said. "It was just an ugly game." After the disappointing loss, the Aggies trav-eled to Norman, Oklahoma to face the University

The Aggies experienced a scoring drought and only managed to shoot 20.7 percent of their field

the closing seconds of the game, giving the team a 62-59 win.

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Game, giving the team a goals which lead to a 87-59 OU victor.

A&M returned home and lost a class Kansas State University, 67-62. The Wi most of the game, but the Aggies shot 51 in the second half and managed to cut i 60-59 with 48 seconds remaining before

cats pulled away. The Aggies were missing one of the odham Cl as Sharpe was being treated in an arealons for fina

ter suffering a slight case of pneumonia ate "When you lose a player the caliber you have a hole in your front line that is Clinton's fill," Kansas State Coach Deb Patter ke the hot You lose rebounds and inside present showed some good character without he

this afternoon. Although the Aggies lost the last the they seem to be making progress. The proved its shooting percentage from 35.0 against OSU and 32.8 percent against 0 to 45.3 against KSU.

They are also expecting to regain the 1 the humo Sharpe on the court for tonight's road nattle nervoi Aggies are heading for the Rockies tople buy." Pleas versity of Colorado at 8 p.m. where the find their second Big 12 victory of the sell

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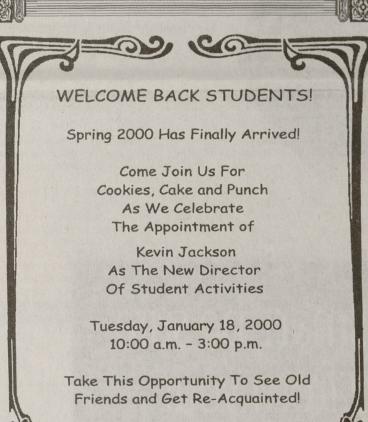
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