

Take me out to All-University Brawl Night

What the yell leaders should have yelled at All-University night was "Beat the Hell Outta Each Other."



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Internal rivalry and fighting once again marred the event whose original purpose was to help preserve the Aggie Spirit. Instead of celebrating being a part of Texas A&M, most attending Monday night were only worried about what dorm's flag they were going to attempt to steal. Last year the fighting started at All-U night and continued a couple of weeks later at Midnight Yell. They always say, "If it happens once it's a tradition." So since it's now traditional, why fight the fighting? Why not organize it? Instead of having fights breaking out all over campus it could be Westlemania on Kyle Field. Every reg and non-reg dorm would be represented by its three best wrestlers who would then battle it out in three rings set in the north endzone. Everyone could put their aggression into rooting their dorm onto victory instead of getting bludgeoned trying to steal dorm trinkets. Just think in 1994 All-University Night could be like this ...

Chancellor William Mobley: Thank you Coach Slocum. Now for

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A&M coaches pleased with Groff's hiring

By William Harrison

The Battalion

Texas A&M athletic director Wally Groff, who was appointed Tuesday, received praise and positive response from A&M's coaches after his hiring was announced.

"I couldn't be happier and I couldn't concur more with the selection that they made in Wally Groff - he's an outstanding choice," A&M head football coach R.C. Slocum said.

"I am very pleased that the university after researching a number of candidates around the country came to the realization that we had a guy here that has worked for 20 years in this department.

He knows the ins and outs of it, has been a loyal worker and is very qualified for this job."

A&M basketball coach Tony Barone said he supported the decision based on Groff's work habits and what Groff had done for the athletic department as interim athletic director.

"It's an absolutely tremendous decision," Barone said. "Anytime that you have any dealings in the athletic department, what you find out is there is a guy always behind the scenes, who has an integral affect in what goes on. Wally was that guy."

"He is not looking to be in the limelight or anything like that."

A&M women's associate athletic director and basketball coach Lynn Hickey said Groff was the correct choice for



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Southwest Conference commissioner Steve Hatchell (far left) looks on as A&M president William Mobley (center) congratulates new athletic director Wally Groff on his hiring Tuesday.

A&M. "I was on the (selection) committee, so I had the opportunity to see all the information that came in," Hickey said. "The

more that we looked at the (reference) materials that came in, it was clear that Wally was the best choice even with all the people on the outside.

"Transition-wise, losing someone like John David (Crow, the previous athletic director) and to be able to keep things going with Wally is just a good thing."

With season opener just three days away, Slocum says team is ready for LSU

By Matthew J. Rush

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The Texas A&M football team's season opener against Louisiana State is only three days away and head coach R.C. Slocum said he is upbeat and ready to get the 1993 football season underway.

Slocum described his team's attitude as excited and portrayed the team as much more prepared for the 1993 season

than they were for the 1992 year.

"We've had similar workouts as last year," Slocum said. "This year, I am much more at ease because we are better prepared at the quarterback position. We're definitely better off than last year."

Slocum did not express similar sentiments about a marquee position on the other side of the ball.

"We've got substantially more questions about the defense than last year,"

Slocum said. "The big question is who will emerge as the big-play linebacker."

Senior Steve Solari was counted on to take over for the departed Marcus Buckley but he has been slowed by a hamstring injury that has Slocum worried.

"Steve is going to take it day by day," Slocum said. "I am concerned with his hamstring and I would say he is questionable for Saturday's game."

As for the Saturday contest, Slocum

said LSU and their enthusiasm usually presents a tough challenge for the season opener, but it's one the Aggies are ready to tackle.

"It's a big game for both teams," Slocum said. "LSU is always fired up, regardless of who they're playing. They've got a new coach and a new system and we don't know what they're going to

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