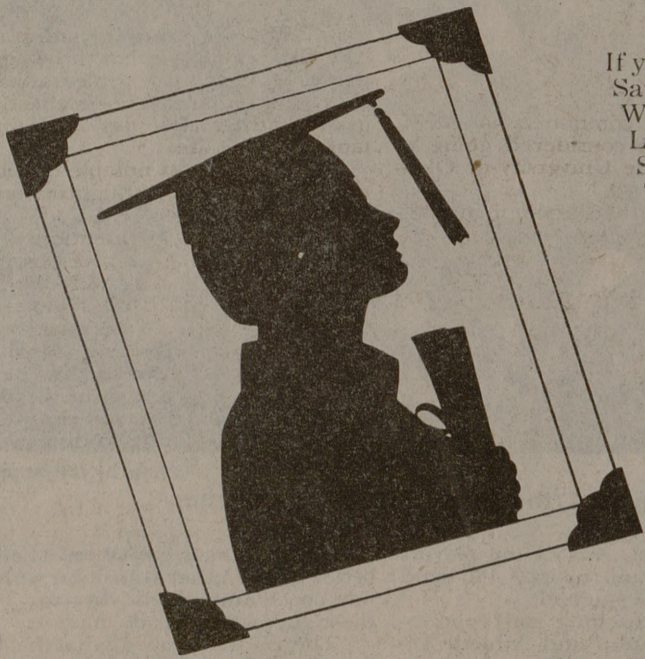


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Football

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The starting quarterback job belongs to Lance Pavlas.

"Pavlas was by far the best prospect we had in spring practices," Slocum said. "He is everything you'd want in a quarterback for A&M. He's had some tough going so far, but I feel he'll be a good player."

"Lance is just about ripe to be a good quarterback, and he's our man. The only thing he lacks is confidence, and he's getting that," Slocum said.

Pavlas came to A&M from Tomball High School, where he led the football team to two state finals and passed for almost 5,000 yards.

At A&M, he has not yet produced the same kind of results, starting in only three games, two of which were losses.

He showed flashes of his potential in 1987's game against Washington with a touchdown pass that sparked the team to a 29-12 victory.

Also, Pavlas recharged the Aggie offense, which stalled early against Notre Dame in the 1988 Cotton Bowl. The Aggies won this game 35-10.

Pavlas also showed poise and character in last year's 30-10 loss to Alabama.

He is typically a passing quarterback, not a running quarterback like Bucky Richardson. But Pavlas did show he could scramble and run well in the Alabama game, gaining two needed first downs this way.

The status of Richardson, last year's starter and the offensive Most Valuable Player of the 1988 Cotton Bowl, will sit out a year to recover from a knee injury.

"Richardson hasn't recovered from knee surgery, and will be red-shirted," Slocum said. "This will give him an extra year of eligibility to regain his health."

Recent reports indicate that Richardson is recovering more quickly than expected, and is at "75 percent" normal health. Slocum said he would take a wait and see attitude.

"Performance is what counts," Toledo said, "because potential doesn't win games. Pavlas has the ability."

Chris Osgood, the backup quarterback, was A&M's leading passer last season and has played well in preseason scrimmages.

"Osgood has the ability, but needs to be more consistent," Toledo said. Waiting in the wings is freshman quarterback Paul Johnson, who could be red-shirted this year.

Johnson was rated the top quarterback in the state from the 1988 recruiting class by Dave Campbell, editor of Texas Football and sports editor of the *Waco Tribune Herald*.

Toledo said the strength of the offense is at running back.

Starting tailback Darren Lewis, who rushed for 1,692 yards in 1988 as a sophomore and finished second in the nation in rushing behind Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State.

Lewis accomplished this despite the fact that he missed one entire game and half of another, and played the season with a nagging toe injury.

This year, Lewis is expected by sports writers and coaches throughout the country to make a strong run for the Heisman.

He will have national television coverage for at least three games and regional coverage in several others to showcase his talent.

Starting at fullback is Robert Wilson, who is described by Athlon's Southwest Football magazine as "235 pounds of punishing power."

1989 Aggie football schedule

Team	Date
LSU (ESPN)	Sept. 2, 5:30 p.m.
at Washington (ABC)	Sept. 9, 2:30 p.m.
at TCU	Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.
S. MISSISSIPPI	Sept. 30, 6 p.m.
at Texas Tech (Raycom)	Oct. 7, 12 noon
HOUSTON	Oct. 14, 2 p.m.
at Baylor	Oct. 21, 1 p.m.
at Rice	Oct. 28, 2 p.m.
SMU	Nov. 4, 2 p.m.
ARKANSAS (CBS)	Nov. 24, 1:30 p.m.
TEXAS	Dec. 2, 2 p.m.

Wilson rushed for 425 yards and scored a freshman record 10 touchdowns. Another publication said Wilson is as good at fullback as Lewis is at tailback.

Although the Aggies, have one of the best running attacks in the nation, Toledo said, the passing game will also be featured prominently.

"The receivers are really good, and we have to get them the football. They definitely have a lot of speed."

"We've got some good receivers who haven't been able to show their talent because we haven't thrown the ball," Toledo said.

"I think Mike Jones at tight end will impress a lot of people. Our other receivers, Percy Waddle, Cornelius Patterson, Gary Oliver and Shane Garrett will also catch a lot of passes and make it exciting."

"We have to throw the ball a lot down field, and sometimes throw it deep."

"Ideally, from my standpoint, we'll throw the ball 40 percent of the time. But I realize at A&M we have a great running attack. We'll do what we can to win."

Slocum said that if opposing defenses start gaining up on the running backs, "we'll throw the ball 40 times a game to get them off our players."

"Sometimes we might throw 40 times in one week and only 10 the next."

The offensive line is manned by 6-foot-7, 280-pound senior Richmond Webb and 6-foot-4, 280-pound sophomore Keith Alex.

Also, 6-foot-4, 260-pound junior Mike Arthur; 6-foot-4, 300-pound senior Darren Grudt and perhaps best of all, 6-foot-7 300-pound junior Matt McCall.

These are the players who open up holes for the running backs and protect the quarterbacks.

A big part of A&M's success the last few seasons, the coaches agree, can be attributed to the dominating Aggie offensive line.

"We've got a quality offensive line," Toledo said, "and when the linemen do a great job, the rest of the players have success."

"When you have big old guys who block out the sun, it opens up a lot of holes, but we've also got to be able to pass block."

The defense, which has been among the nation's best under the direction of Slocum, should carry on A&M's tradition of excellence this year.

Aaron Wallace, a fifth-year senior and candidate for the Butkus Award for outstanding defensive play, returns at outside linebacker.

Wallace, along with former team member John Roper, formed the "Blitz Brothers," and gave opposing defenses plenty to worry about.

Roper is now playing for the Chicago Bears. But Wallace, who is only five tackles short of the all-time A&M record, will be a key player and the only returning starter from last year's linebacking corps.

Joining Wallace at linebacker are James Webb, Trent Lewis, Coryatt, John Cooper, Seth D., William Thomas and Jeroy Robinson.

"The first thing we have to get our best players on the field," said Defensive Coordinator B. Davis.

"For this reason, we moved Horton from running back to safety. Larry is a really good player with the ability to come up and play the plays. I feel like he can be a time player on defense for A&M."

"Our strength is speed, and the focal point. We may not be as strong as some other defenses, but we're as fast as any team."

"Another strength is that our secondary is talented and deep."

"We have a great tradition of defense, and we're proud of the results. I hope we'll have some over of the tradition."

"We've got some good players that just haven't played yet. We're thin as we've been in my four years here."

"The cupboard isn't bare here, and we'll recruit better. But year, if we lose some key guys, we could fall off a cliff."

Davis said his biggest concern was the team stay healthy.

"The other thing is that to have good defense, you have to have good front seven. We have a lot of some unproven guys come through for us."

He mentioned some players that will make a big contribution to the team.

"Pat Henry, at noseguard, is great in practice this spring. I had to give an award for that. He improved, he'd get it. He is the biggest surprise."

"Also, John Cooper at inside linebacker. He came in here as a safety, and runs really fast. He should have a good year."

Jeroy Robinson (at outside linebacker) has all the physical tools to have a big year."

Davis also said he expects Trent Lewis, an inside linebacker from Huntsville, to come out of the shadows and have a big impact.

"Hopefully, we'll have the turnaround as three years ago," Davis said. "We lost Johnny Hillman, Ray Childress and Domingo Brown."

"Back then, you'd never hear of Adam Bob, Basil Jackson or Dan Batiste, but they really came strong for the team."

Davis said a big part of the defense will be to "put as much pressure as possible on the quarterback and see how many times he can get himself up off the ground."

"We'll be the same wide open, reckless style of defense as always."

Slocum said, having a successful season depends on a team effort, "not just a bunch of individuals there."

"Awards like the Heisman and All-America come from on field contributions to the team. That's what we don't believe in putting a shield that kind of stuff on players' backs for individual performances."

The Aggies' grit and determination will be tested in the season opener when they go against Louisiana State University at Kyle Field.

LSU has outscored A&M 78-24 the past three years. Last year, the Tigers shut out the Aggies 27-0.

The conference is changing, but as long as Slocum has his way, A&M will always be a contender.

"We will challenge for the conference championship every year," Slocum said.

"Some years we'll win it, and some years we'll come up short. But every year we'll be one of the teams fighting for it."

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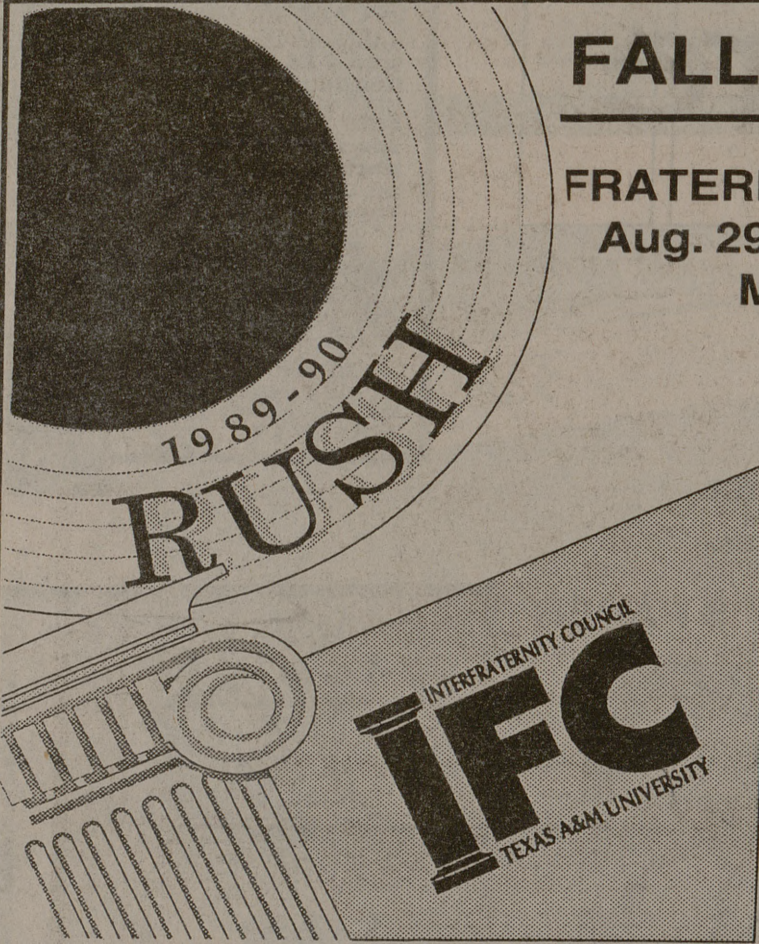
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Intramural sports offer 28 fall events for all athletic enthusiasts

By Alan Lehmann

Of The Battalion Staff

Want to make new friends and play your favorite sport at the same time?

The Texas A&M Intramurals Department can help.

According to the Department of Recreational Sports calendar, students and faculty will be able to participate in 28 intramural sports this fall.

Although some sports such as flag football and volleyball are exclusively team sports, individuals can participate in tennis, pickleball and many more.

Tom Reber, associate director of intramural-recreational sports, said that all sports except wrestling are open to women.

In most sports, teams or singles can compete in one of three classifications: Class A is for extremely skilled players, Class B is for moderately skilled players, Class C is for novices and Class D, which is available only in softball, volleyball, flag football and basketball, is intended purely for recreation.

Some sports also have a co-rec division in which teams are made up of half men and half women.

Anyone wanting to play a team sport, and not having a team, can take advantage of the free agent program.

A free agent may fill out a form in the Recreational Sports Office, located in 159 Read Building.

While there are no new sports this fall, co-rec 2-pitch softball will be offered during the fall semester instead of the spring.

Reber said that women participate in co-rec softball more than any other sport.

The co-rec program was shifted closer to the beginning of school so that women will participate and stay involved in the intramural program throughout the year.

To sign up for a sport, go by 159 Read and fill out an entry form. Most single sports are free, but team sports cost between \$15 and \$30 per team.

Reber said that the fee goes to cover equipment costs and the cost of student officials.

Students can earn extra money by officiating intramural sports. Reber said that hours are flexible and there is no minimum hours requirement.

Reber said that between 350 and 400 students will be needed to officiate this year. Any student interested in officiating should go by 159 Read.

Intramural sports are a great way to meet new friends and get involved in an extra-curricular activity.

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