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Watch what you wish for...

LSU's appearance at Kyle Field on September 14 of this year will mark the beginning of R.C. Slocum's third season as head coach at Aggieland. Slocum has compiled an impressive 17-7-1 record here and has directed A&M to the most lopsided bowl victory in history against BYU last year. Even so, the annual complaints have already begun to circulate. Slocum is too conservative. Slocum lost to Texas when he should have gone for the tie. Slocum should have used Lance, or he should have used Bucky. Slocum plays wimpy non-conference games and combs his hair funny. He hasn't gone to the Cotton Bowl three years in a row like Jackie. Crucify him! Crucify him!

It's time for all the anal-retentive armchair quarterbacks to sit down, shut up and take an enlightening look at A&M football history:

In 1929 D.X. Bible left A&M football after 11 years, five Southwest Conference championships and 70 victories to only 19 losses. His successor, Madison Bell, managed only a 24-21-3 record, with no championships.

Homer Norton won three SWC championships from 1934 to 1947 and the National Championship in 1939. Harry Stiteler and Raymond George both followed him as head coach, compiling a glorious record of 20-35-6, with only two winning seasons between them.

The legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant called A&M the toughest place in the world to coach football. After four years of alumni pressure, the Bear

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Cain not just for athletes anymore

New NCAA rule requires changes in occupancy

By David Leahy
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Cain Hall will never be the same. Beginning this fall, 35-40 of its residents will not be athletes, a first for the 16-year old athletic dormitory.

This comes as a result of an NCAA rule adopted on January 10, 1991, at the 85th NCAA Convention. Bylaw 16.5.2.2 of the NCAA manual states:

"The institution may not house student-athletes in athletics dormitories or athletics blocks within institutional dormitories on those days when institutional dormitories are open to the general student body."

The effective date of this rule is August 1, 1996, meaning Division I member institutions have five years to comply with the legislation.

"I'm not real excited about the rule," said TCU head football coach, Jim Wacker. "With an athletic dorm, you have better control of the athletes because they're in one central location. You're also able to better monitor grades. I hope it changes."

The NCAA's objective is to integrate the student-athletes "more completely" into the student body. The rationale behind the rule is "to enable student-athletes to experience every facet of college life similar to students in general."

Opinions concerning the rule seem evenly balanced among SWC football coaches.

"I think it's a good rule," said Rice coach Fred Goldsmith. "I've coached at schools that have had them (athletic dorms) and not had them, and found more problems at the schools that had them."

"Anytime anything goes wrong, morale problems are created, and we wind up forcing rules on the athletes that other



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Cain Hall, Texas A&M's athletic dormitory, will open its doors to non-athletes this fall semester in accordance with new NCAA regulations designed to integrate athletes into the student body.

students don't have to abide," Goldsmith said.

Texas Tech does not have an athletic dorm, but even so, the rule does not please Head Coach Spike Dykes.

"I don't like it. The NCAA is acting like the federal government," Dykes said. "I don't believe in taking everything away from a certain group of people just because the rest of the people don't have it."

Texas A&M Head Coach R.C. Slocum agreed with Dykes.

"I don't agree with the rule. Each school is a different situation," Slocum said. "The NCAA shouldn't legislate where athletes live. Let every school

house their own students and athletes the way they want to."

Like Texas Tech, SMU does not have an athletic dorm, but first-year coach Tom Rossley sees the rule in a different light.

"I think it's a good rule," said Rossley. "I think the athletes spend too much time with football, and should spend more time with the student body."

"The rule is in the best interest of the athletes," he said.

Although the rule has already been adopted, "it is still up in the air," said Dr. Steve Crews, director of Cain Hall. With five years still remaining before the rule goes into full effect, the dissenters hope for a change.

Texas recruit flunks exams

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Longhorn football recruit James Thornton of McKinney, who failed to meet the minimum requirement on entrance exams, may enroll at the University of Kansas, it was reported Wednesday.

"My heart is telling me to stay with Texas, but it's probably best to go to Kansas," Thornton told the Austin American-Statesman on Tuesday.

Thornton said he scored 690 on his third attempt on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. He needed 700 to be eligible at Texas.

The Southwest Conference adopted a rule, effective this fall, under which member schools cannot accept athletes who fail to meet NCAA eligibility requirements for freshmen, including a score of 700 on the SAT.

Ag netters win first round at Jr. Davis Cup

POUGHKEEPSIE, New York — Texas A&M's Doug Brown (Deer Park HS) and Scott Phillips (Franklin HS) notched first-round wins at the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Junior Davis Cup Tournament at the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club.

Brown, a senior at A&M, upset the tournament's No. 4 seed Chris Henderson of the Northeastern Region 7-5, 6-4, while Phillips, a junior at A&M, knocked off Tim McNaney of the Southwestern Region 6-1, 6-1.

Brown will face local favorite George Banta of Poughkeepsie in the second round, and Phillips will take on Mark Kramer of Florida on Friday. Starting times for the matches have not been announced.

Brown and Phillips will team up for the doubles competition which begins on Friday at 12:00 noon (EST).

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