

Miami's Tuberville to continue 'Wrecking Crew' tradition

## Slocum selects new defensive chief

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Texas A&M head football coach R.C. Slocum wasted little time looking for a replacement at defensive coordinator, snatching Tommy Tuberville the highly touted defensive coordinator from the University of Miami Hurricanes on Monday.

Tuberville will replace Bob Davie after the former A&M assistant coach took the defensive co-

ordinator position at Notre Dame last week.

Tuberville has coached at Miami since 1986, serving under Jimmy Johnson and Dennis Erickson as the Hurricanes won three National Championships.

Slocum said Tuberville would coach inside linebackers as well as perform his coordinator duties, and added that the reasons for selecting Tuberville were obvious.

"Tommy is an outstanding defensive coach," Slocum said. "He

has developed great defenses at Miami and knows what it takes to win national championships.

"He has worked with some of the top coaches in the business and he'll do an outstanding job here at Texas A&M."

Tuberville said he was looking forward to coming to College Station.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to head up the 'Wrecking Crew' and to work with an outstanding coach like R.C. Slocum,"

Tuberville said.

During Tuberville's tenure, the Hurricane's defense finished the season ranked in the Top 20, and participated in a Jan. 1 bowl every year.

Tuberville said he believes he can have similar success at A&M.

"The ingredients are in place here at Texas A&M to win a national championship and I want to be a part of bringing that championship to Aggieland," he said.

Tuberville added that he would

pursue a defensive philosophy similar to what Aggie fans have become accustomed to.

"The 'Wrecking Crew' philosophy is exactly what I've always felt comfortable with," he said. "I love to force the action on the defensive side of the ball instead of reacting to what the offense throws at us."

Tuberville's defense finished this season ranked fourth in the country in total defense, allowing 256 yards per game.

### Play for pay? Student-athletes earn allowances

In this day and age of multi-million dollar college football, many critics have expressed the opinion that college players should be paid.

**MARK SMITH**  
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Because of NCAA rules, athletes cannot hold jobs during the season, and they cannot receive any spending money from their schools.

"You can't even wash your clothes sometimes," said Steve Solari, former outside linebacker for Texas A&M. "You can't enjoy the college life. Football is a way out for some guys who aren't as fortunate. Without any money, you can't go to a movie or grab a bite to eat."

College presidents argue, however, that athletes are given scholarships that can add up to about \$100,000 for a four year collegiate career. This, they say, is payment enough for the athletes' on-the-field efforts.

Which side is right? Big-time colleges and universities make millions of dollars each season from their football programs. Huge amounts of television and gate revenue allow these colleges to subsidize their other not-so-profitable sport programs.

The football athletes who play

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## A&M basketball suffers winter blues, breaks toward SWC goal

By Nick Georgandis

THE BATTALION



Kyle Burnett/The Battalion

Texas A&M point guard Lisa Branch drives past Texas guard Angie Ogletree.

The Texas A&M men's and women's basketball teams opened their Southwest Conference seasons with stunning victories after struggling against non-conference opponents during the semester break.

The men's team recorded their biggest win in recent memory when they defeated SWC preseason favorite Texas 85-84 on Jan. 12 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The win for A&M came after splitting six tumultuous non-conference games. The low point in the non-conference schedule was a home loss to Northwestern, 67-48, on Dec. 18, where the Aggies had only 11 points at halftime. This surprising let-down came 10 days after the Aggies' tremendous win against the University of Nevada-Las Vegas before 6,331 fans, the largest home crowd of the year.

After a tough road loss at Seton Hall, the Aggies rebounded in grand fashion, knocking off Loyola Marymount and South Alabama for consecutive road victories.

The win over ULM was highlighted by a brilliant 26 point, 11 rebound effort by junior forward Damon Johnson.

A loss at Northern Illinois set up the big emotional boost from the win over the arch-rival Longhorns.

Men's head basketball coach Tony Barone said he was pleased with the progress the team made over the semester break.

"We've improved as a team and we are playing with some real intensity," Barone said.

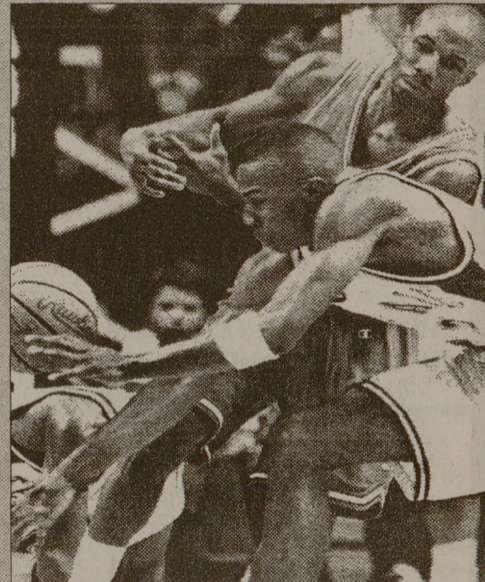
"Intensity is our starting point because we have a very fine margin for error."

On Jan. 11, Texas' Lady Longhorns came calling to G. Rollie and were upset by A&M 75-74.

The win was A&M's first victory at home over Texas since 1978, but head basketball coach Lynn Hickey said she believes the exciting win will make the rest of the Aggies' conference schedule even tougher.

"We were so high (against Texas)," Hickey said. "We were rockin' and rollin'."

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Aggie forward Tony McGinnis scrambles for a loose ball as Texas' B.J. Tyler looks on.

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