

**Battalion's BASKETBALL COACH WATCH**

**TV's Bellamy will give 12th Man spirit over-coach VJ can bring excitement and hip flavor to Texas A&M basketball**

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Texas A&M truly desires a successful basketball program, it must do what has been done in years — hire a coach who is not afraid to put on the every now and then a while how to play the game. Bringing memories yesterday of the legendary Bill Russell who in his days with the Boston Celtics had dual responsibilities as a player and coach, Bill Bellamy stepped into the scene in the annual Rock and Jock basketball game doing just that.



Bellamy

Although Bellamy's remaining eligibility may be in question, anyone who has seen him play the game certainly knows he can handle the rock up to the challenge.

As a coach, Bellamy has taken on the role of a mentor to his heralded Bricklayers who are always potent competitors. When it comes to recruiting, he does it better.

One of the star-studded line-ups at Bellamy has coached and

played with in MTV's annual grudge match include the likes of Reggie Miller, Tim Hardaway, Gary Payton, Flea, Yasmine Bleeth, Method Man from Wu-Tang Clan, Pamela Lee, Jonathan Taylor-Thomas, Queen Latifah and even Superman Dean Cain.

If the games should ever get out of hand or become a boring blowout, entertainment is never too far away. With previous half-time headline performers such as Hanson, crowds are sure to remain glued to their seats in fear of missing the always uplifting "MMM-Bop," or even the possibility of having a picture taken with the child superstars.

Furthermore, what could be a greater incentive for winning the Big 12 Conference Championship than taking a team trip to the MTV Beach House for a little rest and relaxation following the grueling season?

While there, the team may even have the possibility of participating in a rap session with Puff Daddy and Mase or shooting an episode of the always-popular dance show "The Grind."

Championships are one thing, but the possibility of getting to test Matt Pinfield's music knowledge is a reward all its own.

The bottom line is Bill Bellamy has the skills and capabilities to take this program to the top, and if that fails, at least he has the connections to have fun while attempting to reach the ultimate destination.

—Michael Ferguson is a senior business management major.

**AGGIES**

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It is easy to believe that players would become dejected and lose their confidence in a season that had not seen back-to-back wins since December 3. But even late in February after a sound 25 point thrashing at the hands of Texas Tech, the Aggies were excited about their improvement and still in love with basketball.

But a lot of that has to do with a coach who sticks by her players and believes in them when no one else does.

And to her credit, Harvey always remembered that a year older makes a year wiser.

But what salvaged a "B" for the coaches was the 25 point win over the University of Texas in the conference tournament.

It was Harvey's fifth win over Texas, the most ever by an Aggie coach.

Grade: B-

Overall:

Coming into the 1997-98 season, the Aggies, one of the youngest teams in the Big 12 Conference, were looking to improve on the previous year's 9-18 record.

Although they fell to 9-19, they showed improvement in conference play by winning one more game than the year before.

This team, however, was not as bad as its record would indicate. Barring some obvious blow-out losses, it showed the ability to compete with some of the nation's powerhouse teams, although, more often than not, it failed to play 40 minutes of basketball.

Their grade is based not on results, but on improvement and more importantly, perseverance. Rarely, did the Aggies lie down and accept defeat.

Individually, even when down by a large margin, the players buckled down and concentrated on the task at hand without losing sight of the overall goal of nightly improvement.

OVERALL GRADE: C-



Harvey

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