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## Slocum's Out

Offensive asst.	1972	Defensive asst. (1973-1980)	
Defensive coordinator (1979-1980)	1973		
	1979	Defensive coordinator (1982-1988)	
Named asst. head coach (1985-1988)	1982		
Beginning of "Wrecking Crew" defense	1985	Named head coach in December	
Aggies win the Holiday Bowl, 65-14 against BYU	1988		
	1990	First in the Southwest Conference	
First in the SWC with a 12-0 record	1991	Slocum named SWC Coach of the Year	
Slocum named SWC Coach of the Year, finalist for National Coach of the Year	1992	Aggies leave the field with a perfect SWC Conference season, 7-0	
	1993		
Aggs were 10-0-1 for the season		Team finishes 6-6	
A&M ineligible for post season play because of NCAA sanctions	1994	For the first time in the Big 12, Aggies are not invited to a bowl game	
	1996		
Big 12 South winners			
	1997	Big 12 Champions	
	1998		
Aggies defeat UT after the 1999 Aggie Bonfire Collapse	1999		
	2002	Sept. 1: Athletic Director Wally Groff announces his retirement, effective Dec. 31	
Nov. 6: A&M President Robert M. Gates announces his "full support" for Slocum, Gates also says staffing decisions would be made by the future athletic director		Dec. 2: Gates asks Slocum to step down as head coach	

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Texas A&M President Dr. Robert M. Gates asked R.C. Slocum to step down as head football coach on Monday, ending speculation about the future of the coach who suffered through only the second season in his 14-year tenure without a winning record.

The Aggies finished the regular season Friday with a 50-20 loss to the University of Texas in Austin, ending the season with a 6-6 record.

Slocum reportedly asked about his status in the program Monday in a conversation with Gates and was told of the president's decision.

"I think (Gates) simply got into a conversation with the coach today and I think R.C. wanted to know where he stood," Texas A&M Board of Regents Chairman Earl Nye told The Associated Press (AP). "Bob Gates is too honorable a person not to tell the truth."

Gates released a statement Nov. 6 saying he supported Slocum, and that a new athletic director who is yet to be hired

"will make decisions with respect to the programs and coaches under his or her purview." The athletic director position remains unfilled after outgoing director Wally Groff announced his resignation, effective Dec. 31.

Groff said he had no information regarding Slocum's dismissal.

"I am not in the loop on this," Groff said in a phone conversation from his home late Monday.

An athletic director search committee consisting of A&M faculty and coaches, including head volleyball coach Laurie Corbelli, was formed and members have yet to make a recommendation to Gates regarding the position.

"I really respect Dr. Gates for taking that off the hands of the new AD," Corbelli said. "Hopefully the changes going on right now will help the program to flourish."

Slocum has coached at A&M for all but one year since 1972, when he was named the offensive ends coach under head

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## Slocum's reassignment draws reactions from students, staff

By Kevin Espenlaub  
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The biggest sports question on campus was answered Monday afternoon when Texas A&M President Dr. Robert M. Gates dismissed head football coach R.C. Slocum.

The decision was met with the mixed reviews Slocum has heard all season: some Aggies applauded the move; others mourned the end of a 30-season career that carried A&M to a Big 12 Championship and back.

The announcement came after A&M finished its regular season with a 6-6 record and on the heels of a 50-20 defeat at the hands of the University of Texas on Friday.

"I will be sorry to see him go," said history professor Harold Livesay. "It was probably inevitable when the team continues to lose to Texas, but it will be difficult to replace him with a new coach that can do as much for the academics of his players and this University as Slocum has done."

Slocum was also popular with his fellow coaches on campus.

"I really respect Coach Slocum," said A&M head volleyball coach Laurie Corbelli. "When I had recruits in, he was always the first one to talk to them and introduce himself and let them know that they are

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R.C. Slocum congratulates University of Texas head coach Mack Brown after the Longhorns' 50-20 win over the Aggies (top).

Slocum and the Aggie football team wait to take the field prior to the first quarter at Royal Memorial Stadium in Austin (middle).

Aggie fans hold up a sign on third deck at Kyle Field during the Oklahoma Sooners game (bottom).

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## A&M architecture students reveal nursing home design

By Esther Robards-Forbes  
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Students in professor George Mann's third year architectural design studio unveiled their ideas Monday for a five-acre park and apartment addition to a Brenham nursing home.

The Kruse Memorial Lutheran Village is one of the largest continuous care facilities in the state. With little more than a month to design and model their plans, Mann's 17 students analyzed what was missing from the community and used designs that maximized Kruse's available five acres.

"We wanted to create a living environment for the citizens of the Brenham area that eases the transition into a retirement living situation while maintaining the celebration of life," Mann said.

Among the models on display Monday night, miniature trees were placed between auditoriums,

general stores, covered parking and cottage-style homes. The project, titled the "Independent Living Addition," focused on providing living space for newly retired residents.

"We wanted to remind (the residents) of their old neighborhood but give them the security of the retirement community," said junior architecture major Laura Langford.

Though the Kruse community has no current plans to develop the five-acre tract, Mann said the project's object was to give students experience and offer development plans to the Brenham facility. Students submitted floor plans, three dimensional models and cost estimates, researched the needs of the elderly and interviewed nursing home residents.

"I drove the class very hard, but they learned teamwork and communication," Mann said. "This is what architects do. If they can do this, they can do the real thing."

Ken Johnson, a junior architecture major, said he found that interaction between residents in a retirement community is an important factor most senior citizens.

"Studies have shown that the more active (the residents) are physically and socially the healthier they stay," Johnson said.

DyAnn Lauzon, executive director for the Memorial Village, asked students to consider the options for the community's five acres in mid-October.

"Each group treated us like we were their real clients. If this is the caliber of students that A&M is producing, then we are in good shape. We are in good hands for the future," Lauzon said.

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## Supreme Court hears race case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court re-entered the debate over affirmative action Monday, agreeing to decide if minorities can be given a boost to get into universities.

The court will decide by next June if race can be used in college admissions, an issue that the justices have dealt with only once before, in a cloudy 1978 ruling that led to more confusion.

The justices will consider whether white applicants to the University of Michigan and its law school were unconstitu-

tionally turned down because of their race.

The cases give the court an opportunity to ban affirmative action in higher education or say how much weight universities may assign to an applicant's race. The stakes are high because many public and private colleges have race-conscious admissions policies.

In other action Monday the court:

— Said it will consider a Texas case over whether states can punish homosexuals for

having sex, a case that tests the constitutionality of sodomy laws in 13 states.

— Agreed to decide if inmates have constitutional rights to jailhouse visits from young relatives and others, in a case that could have far-reaching implications for prisons around the country.

— Turned down an effort to block specialty car license plates in Louisiana with the slogan

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## Poultry Science degree online

By Melissa Sullivan  
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The poultry science department will accept applications this spring for the world's first online master of poultry science, set to begin Fall 2003.

The degree was designed for students with other commitments, such as a career or a family, or live too far away from campus to attend traditional classes, said Dr. Alan Sams, head of the poultry science department.

"Poultry science is a very large industry across the whole country and the world," Sams said. "People want to further their education and improve their job qualifications."

The program offers courses such as nutrition, food safety, physiology, and animal waste management, he said. Though it's hard to estimate how many people are interested in the program, he said 20 to 30 students by the fall would be a good first year.

"It is not the size of a business MBA program,

but we expect a mixture of students who want to further their education," Sams said.

Four courses will be offered next fall, said

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**First online Master of Poultry Science to be offered at Texas A&M:**

- Will begin Fall 2003
- Four courses will be offered
- Instead of performing research, students will be able to complete an internship to satisfy degree requirements

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