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Degree

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Liz Hirschler, distance education coordinator for the poultry science department. Hirschler said she anticipates students to take an average of three to six hours this fall toward the degree.
"A&M recognizes Texas as one of the fastest growing states and as part of Vision 2020 will offer expanding technologies such as distance education," she said.

The master's degree is considered a professional degree and does not require research, Sams said. Instead, a student may complete an internship, an easier task for someone who is already employed in the poultry field, he said.
A student may watch the lecture at the same time it happens on campus via the internet or TTV, a program that allows students to watch the lecture on television while it is occurring. Students can participate in the discussions, or watch it after and discuss the lecture in a chat

room, Sams said. This allows for continued classroom interaction between a student and his peers, no matter how far away the student is from Texas A&M.
Sams said all types of multimedia will be used to improve the learning environment, including animations and video clips.
"This is by no means a lesser quality education," he said.
Only two agricultural degrees from A&M are available by distance education: a doctoral degree in agricultural education and a master's of agriculture, Sams said.

Slocum

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coach Emory Bellard. He became head coach after Jackie Sherrill left the team in 1988.
"I have spent 30 years of my life here and have deep feelings for Aggeland," Slocum said in a press release following the decision. "I will cherish the memories of my many relationships over the years with the students and former students of this University."
Slocum has three years remaining on a seven-year extension he signed with A&M in 1999. His base salary of \$300,000, combined with endorsement deals, a home allowance, vehicles and television and radio revenues, brings his yearly income to about \$1 million. Because Gates asked Slocum to step down, the coach is still entitled to compensation during the remainder of his contract.
"The University has a contract with Coach Slocum and we honor contracts," said Cynthia Lawson, director of University Relations.
Gates asked Slocum to assume the role of Special Adviser to the President, but a difference in contract status or salary was not addressed.
"Coach Slocum is one of

the most respected and admired members of the Aggie family," Gates said in his release. "He has much still to offer the University he has served so long with rare integrity and skill."
Nothing was released on who might be replacing Slocum or when a decision would be announced.
The team is waiting for word on whether it will play in a bowl game this season.
"I believe the understanding is (Slocum) would coach through any bowl," Nye said. "If you name somebody new tomorrow, it would make sense for (Slocum) to take them out (on the field) and leave the new coach to recruit."
The Aggies suffered their first losing conference record since 1984 by finishing 3-5 in the Big 12 this season.
"We had a season where we lost several close games that could have gone either way," Slocum said. "No one was more disappointed than me with our record."
The Aggies have failed to finish in the nation's Top 25 in the past three seasons and have compiled a 21-15 record over the period.
Slocum informed his players of his dismissal in a prescheduled team meeting at 4 p.m. Monday, Assistant Athletic Director of Media

Relations Alan Cannon said. Cannon said the coach told his players, "it is not the bad things that happen to you but how you respond to them that matters."
The meeting was originally scheduled to encourage the players to focus on their studies with finals approaching, Cannon said.
"I'm disappointed," A&M senior linebacker Brian Gamble told The AP. "He's a great guy and a great football coach and I hate to see that happen to him. The guy has been a father figure for me for four, almost five years. To see him go is really disheartening."
A&M's recruiting class for next season has been rated as one of the top in the nation and Slocum is encouraging these players to follow through with their commitments.
"We have quite a number of young men who have committed to come play at Texas A&M next season," Slocum said. "Some recruiting services have them currently rated as the number one recruiting class in the country. I hope that these young men will honor their commitments and join the Aggie family. Texas A&M is a special place."
True Brown and Dallas Shipp contributed to this article.

Reaction

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important to Texas A&M."
While coaches and faculty appeared to support Slocum, students, both current and former, were more skeptical of his future use to the football program.
Former student Chet Taylor said as the leader of A&M's team for 14 seasons Slocum should bear the responsibility for A&M's wins and losses.
"I was a big A&M fan in the 1980s and there is no reason for this team to be going .500 on the season," Taylor said.

Gates released a statement Nov. 6 and said a new athletic director, who has yet to be appointed, would "make decisions with respect to the programs and coaches under his or her purview."
In the same statement, Gates said Slocum had his full support.
"I think it's kind of strange that (Gates) would say one thing and then do another," said Ben Posson, a junior construction science major.
Taylor said Gates was probably under pressure from alumni and donors to make a decision after the loss to Texas.
"I think as president, he can do whatever he wants to do," Taylor said. "I don't think it was necessarily bad that he made the decision even after releasing that statement."

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The last college higher education case at the high court involved Allan Bakke, a white man rejected for admission to a California medical school while minorities with lower test scores got in through a special program. The court on a 5-4 vote outlawed racial quotas. Justice Lewis Powell wrote separately that schools could still consider race so long as they did not use quotas.

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Because of the rapid increase in the population of older than 65, awareness of elderly community's needs become more important ever, she said.
"It is really great to see young people trying to understand the needs of the elderly," Lauzon said.

Race
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