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Tim Fitzpatrick Resigns as Director of Islander Athletics
Scott Lazenby to serve as Interim AD through 2011-2012 seasons

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Tim Fitzpatrick has resigned as director of Athletics at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi effective Friday, Sept. 2, to become athletic director at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Since Fitzpatrick became director of Athletics in 2009, Islander teams have won Southland Conference championships in women’s cross country, men’s tennis, and softball, and made two NCAA tournament appearances. He has been instrumental in the revitalization of Islander baseball, which last season won a record 37 games, and was active in recruiting men’s basketball coach Willis Wilson. In addition, student athletes have excelled in the classroom, with a total of 117 being named to the Southland Conference Honor roll over the last two years.

During Fitzpatrick’s tenure, the University continued to construct athletic facilities that are among the best in the Southland Conference. The Thomas J. Henry Tennis Center provides a top-notch venue to host major tournaments and attract talented student athletes. Islander athletes now have a first-rate strength and conditioning facility that provides them with the opportunity for specialized training unique to their respective sports, and construction of the track and field and soccer complex on the Momentum campus is expected to begin in January 2012.

Scott Lazenby, senior associate athletic director, will assume the role of director of athletics on an interim basis through the 2011-2012 academic year. Lazenby joined the Islander staff in 2008, and oversees the University’s compliance with all NCAA and Southland Conference rules and regulations, and assists with the oversight of Islander sports programs.

“While we are sorry to see Tim go, we are extremely fortunate that Scott has agreed to step in and assist with a seamless transition for our athletic programs,” said University President

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Flavius Killebrew. “Islander Athletics is a strong and thriving program and I am confident that we will continue to experience significant growth and success as we move through this transition.”

Before joining Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Lazenby served as the assistant athletic director for compliance at Texas State University in San Marcos for seven years. Previously Lazenby, who earned both his bachelor's of science and master's degrees in Sport Management from Texas A&M University, spent two years at College Station as a compliance assistant and an advisor in the athletic academic offices.

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