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## DEMON DOWN

### Stubblefield out as men's basketball head coach

FILE—Head coach Tony Stubblefield hangs his head after the team suffered a 90-76 loss to UConn Jan. 31, 2023, at Wintrust Arena, in Chicago.

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In a whirlwind of developments for DePaul Athletics in the past week, Vice President and Athletic Director DeWayne Peevy took center stage by announcing the dismissal of Tony Stubblefield from his position as head coach of the men's basketball program.

"When we made this hire [of Stubblefield], we did so intending to play basketball late into March," Peevy said of the timing of his decision. "That goal hasn't changed, and I am not backing down from that. After evaluating the current

state of our men's basketball program, I decided to make a change in the head coaching position. A midseason change is not a decision I took lightly and like our fans, I get frustrated when our results don't match our expectations."

The mid-season firing of Stubblefield was unexpected, particularly given that the last time DePaul took such a step was in 2010 with Jerry Wainwright, who was dismissed 15 games into his fifth season. Stubblefield, on the other hand, was let go 18 games into his third season.

The decision to cut ties with Stubblefield was a surprise for senior guard Jalen Terry, who has a close relationship with

Stubblefield dating back to their time together at Oregon.

"First it was kind of shocking to me and we [the team] just got closer together and stuck together," Terry said. "He's a coach I had for about three years and he recruited me to Oregon. I guess you got to be ready for change."

The thought of firing Stubblefield wasn't in consideration until after the Jan. 17 Providence game, where the team was blown out in front of its home crowd, 100-62. Peevy approached the decision with deliberation, as he didn't make a final call until Monday morning.

Once the decision was made official,

Peevy appointed Matt Brady, special assistant to the head coach as the interim for the rest of the season.

"For me, it was pretty simple because of the 12 years of head coaching experience that allowed the rest of the staff to be stable and stay in their same roles without a lot of change for our student athletes," Peevy said of why he chose Brady. "Bringing an outside person in was something I didn't want to do. Fortunately for us, we had a person with 12 years combined of head coaching experience outside of the numerous years of

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## Treatment Not Trauma: Mayor Johnson's mental health investments

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FILE—Mayor Brandon Johnson speaks to a crowd of voters at UIC Credit One Arena in Chicago, Ill. March 30, 2024. Johnson allotted \$66 million of the city budget to mental health services.

Chicago's former mayor Rahm Emanuel shuttered half the City's public mental health clinics in 2011. Former mayor Lori Lightfoot promised funds to reopen these clinics but instead funneled money into privately run mental health organizations.

Six closed clinics and false promises left Chicago's residents without readily accessible mental health resources. Four of the closed clinics were in Chicago's South Side neighborhoods.

As Mayor Brandon Johnson took office last April, the community organizer and former teacher vowed to reopen these clinics and establish the Treatment Not Trauma program as a strategy to aid further Chicagoans facing mental health issues and crises.

### Treatment Not Trauma

Treatment Not Trauma not only seeks to reopen mental health clinics shuttered by previous administrations but advocates for a 24/7 mental health crisis hotline that

would deploy mental health specialists, instead of police officers, to those battling a mental health crisis.

Treatment Not Trauma was first introduced in the City Council by the 33rd Ward Ald. Rossana Rodríguez Sánchez in 2020, but was rejected by then-mayor Lori Lightfoot, who instead opted for a co-responder model, which sends both police and mental health professionals to respond to mental health crises.

Molly Brown, a DePaul psychology professor, explains the threats that sending police to mental health emergencies poses.

"We've seen tragedies locally and nationally where people facing mental health crises are being harmed and murdered by the police officers who aren't equipped or trained to address people facing mental health distress," Brown said.

People with untreated mental illness are 16 times more likely to be killed during a police encounter, according to PBS. Brown believes that taking police out of

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