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Houston man set to die for double slaying

LIVINGSTON (AP) — Prison inmate Jaime Elizalde Jr. readily admits his presence at a Houston cantina was a violation of his parole, but he insists he had nothing to do with the shooting deaths of two men there that night. A Harris County jury, however, decided Elizalde was the gunman and should be put to death for the 1994 slayings of Juan Saenz Guajardo, 29, and Marcos Sanchez Vasquez, 33. He's set for lethal injection today at the Huntsville Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Elizalde's execution would be the second this year in the state. Three more inmates have death dates in February. "I was in the wrong place at the wrong time," Elizalde, 34, said in a recent interview on death row outside Livingston. "I know it sounds like a cliché, but it's the truth. The two men got killed, but I had nothing to do with it."

NATION

Ur in! Nebraska school sends text acceptances

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — High school students aren't waiting for the mail each day to find out if they've been accepted at Creighton University — they're looking at their cell phones. Since November, 700 students — or 44 percent — of those admitted to Creighton have been notified through a text message. The school added the option on application forms last fall. The university is trying to respond to the needs of its students, said Mary Chase, director of admissions and scholarships at Creighton. "Students are so interested in having instant information," she said. Opting for the text message allows students to know the university's decision up to a week earlier. She said text messages are sent to students within 24 hours of the admission committee's decisions, whereas letters can take several days to draft and then arrive in the mail.

WORLD

Mexican arrested in border tunnel case

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A Mexican citizen was arrested on drug charges in the investigation into the longest tunnel ever found underneath the U.S.-Mexico border, U.S. officials said Monday. The suspect was taken into custody Saturday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents. He awaited arraignment Monday on a charge of conspiracy to import more than a ton of marijuana, which carries a mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison. The 2,400-foot tunnel runs from a warehouse near the airport in Tijuana to a warehouse in San Diego. It was unclear how long it had been in operation, but more than two tons of marijuana were found inside. Authorities said the passage was 5 feet high and ran as deep as 90 feet below the surface. It had a concrete floor, lights along one of the hard soil walls, a groundwater pump, and pipes that circulated fresh air. The man under arrest, Carlos Cardenas Calvillo, worked at the U.S. warehouse, which had been leased for the stated purpose of distributing produce, authorities said. Cardenas said he knew of the tunnel and knew that the warehouse was a front for drug deals, immigration authorities said.

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Bush will address nation tonight

President's approval rating could hinge on this speech

By MICHELLE CASADY
STAFF WRITER

Much speculation has been circulating about the topics of discussion President Bush will include in his State of the Union address today at 8 p.m.

In a radio address on Saturday, Bush said he would discuss the economy, energy and health care.

President Bush will go into the speech with a job approval rating of 43 percent, according to a Gallup Poll from Jan. 24.

Professor of political science Clarke Cochran said nothing seems

out of the ordinary for this State of the Union address.

"It's not unusual for over a dozen drafts of the speech to be written and re-written. Also the economy is always a big topic in the State of the Union address," he said. "In most cases, the State of the Union address will give the president a temporary bump up in job approval ratings."

If the policies Bush outlines in his address do not improve the condition of peoples' lives, then it will not improve his popularity or approval rating, Cochran said.

When compared to the job ap-

proval ratings of other presidents during times of "scandal," Bush's 43 percent is lower than some, but is not the lowest.

According to Gallup polls in January 1974, Nixon's job approval rating was 27 percent after the uncovering of the "Watergate scandal."

In January 1987, with the "Iran-contra scandal" still in the news, Reagan had a job approval rating of 52 percent.

Former President Clinton's job approval rating during the "Monica Lewinsky scandal" in January 1998

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Crafting the speech a long process

By JENNIFER LOVEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

efficiency from President Bush's White House.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State of the Union address takes months to produce, leaves almost no White House desk untouched and tests the patience of presidential aides pressured by nearly every interest group around to include a pet project or passion.

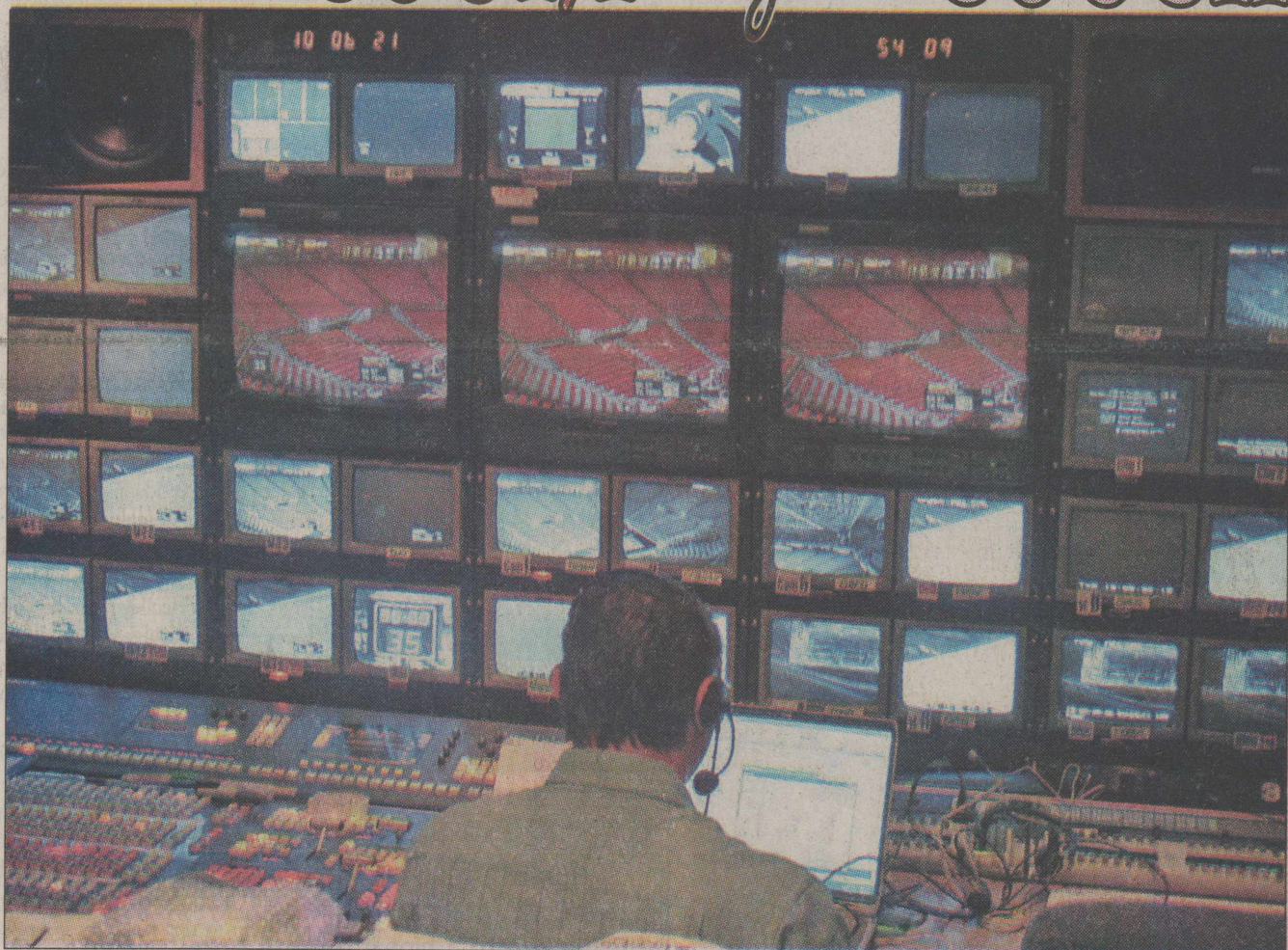
But when it comes to the biggest speech of the year, you can count on orderly, corporate-like

Bush himself is quick to spot any unsanctioned, last-minute alteration in the text. More often than not, he accurately identifies the staffer who demanded that the speechwriters include it, and then orders the offending item scrubbed.

Unlike predecessor Bill Clinton, this president is hardly one to be caught scribbling in the

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From the COURT to your COUCH



JEREMY SMITH/The Daily Toreador

PAUL BYCKOWSKI, A freelance TV director from Houston, prepares for the ESPN broadcast of the Texas Tech vs. Oklahoma State basketball game Saturday. The monitors each show a different view of the game for Byckowski to choose from.

By JEREMY SMITH
SPORTS WRITER

Not many people finish watching a sporting event on TV and say, "Wow, that was a flawless live production!"

Most people do not think twice about what it takes to produce a live sporting event, but there is great amount of work involved in airing a live game on TV.

Todd Wall, a freelance camera operator for more than 15 years, knows there is much more to the job than most people know.

"They see all the lights and action and think, 'That's a neat job,'" Wall said. "But what most people don't see is the amount of time and preparation that goes into putting

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Regents prepare to seek out new Tech chancellor

By KATIE KINNEY
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech board of regents met Monday to discuss the resignation of Dr. David Smith as Tech chancellor.

The board unanimously approved Smith's decision to resign from chancellorship of Tech, in which he will receive more than \$700,000, an amount he would have been paid if he had stayed in office until August 2007.

Board Chairman Rick Francis said the board appreciated Smith's decade of service to the university and the role he has played in the university.

The board will begin appointing a search committee to look for new candidates for chancellorship.

"Regents Frank Miller, Robert Black and Windy Sitton will be heading up the committee to look for new chancellor," Francis said. "The committee will be between 10 to 15 members made up of students, faculty, staff, alumni and university leaders."

The goal of the search committee, Francis said, is to identify the best candidate for this university system.

According to a press release, Smith has been chancellor since May 2002 and was president of the Tech Health Sciences Center for six years.

In the time that Smith has been chancellor, Smith has increased enrollment and brought the budget for the university to almost \$1 billion. He also started the academic and research fundraising initiative, "Path to Preeminence," to increase academic achievement.

Smith released news of his resignation Jan. 25, and his resignation will become official Feb. 28.

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New video shows kidnapped journalist Carroll weeping

By NADIA ABOU EL-MAGD
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CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Al-Jazeera aired a new videotape Monday of kidnapped U.S. journalist Jill Carroll, showing her wearing an Islamic veil and weeping as she purportedly appealed for the release of female Iraqi prisoners.

The video is dated Saturday, two days after the U.S. military released five Iraqi women detainees. U.S. officials said the release had nothing to do with the kidnappers' demands.

The video had no sound, but the Al-Jazeera newscaster said Carroll appealed to the U.S. military and the Iraqi Interior Ministry to free all women in their prisons and said this "would help in winning her release."

The U.S. military released five Iraqi women last Thursday and were believed to be hold-

ing several more. It was unclear how many women were held by Iraqi authorities.

If the date is correct, it would be the first sighting of Carroll since a Jan. 20 deadline her captors set in an earlier video, threatening to kill her if all Iraqi women weren't released from U.S. and Iraqi prisons. The deadline passed with no word on her fate amid widespread calls from Iraqi and Islamic leaders for her to be freed.

At one point, Carroll's cracking voice can be heard from behind the newscaster's voice. All that can be heard is Carroll saying, "...hope for the families..." Al-Jazeera did not report that the video set any deadline or include any threats.

The name of the group that has claimed responsibility for Carroll's abduction, the Revenge Brigades, appeared in the top left

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THE 'GUN' SHOW



VANESSA VELA/The Daily Toreador

HYPNOTIST TOM DELUCA, left, speaks to a hypnotized volunteer, Pokey Samaniego, a senior exercise and sports sciences major from Sonora, as Samaniego and other volunteers pose as body builders while under hypnosis at Friday night's Rec All Nighter at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

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Getting pumped up for Jesus: People trading diet, exercise for 'Body by God' program

By DANIELLE NOVY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

While the separation of church and state may be an ongoing struggle, religion and health are merging into a single entity for the recent surge of Americans who are following faith-based diets or fitness plans.

Body by God and The Light Weigh are two such programs, each linking healthy lifestyles and nutrition with passages straight out of the Bible—and many people are simply eating it up.

The book "Body by God," by Ben Lerner, soared to the No. 2 ranking on The Wall Street Journal's Bestsellers List and No. 13 on The New York Times Bestsellers, according to the Web site www.thebodybygod.com.

Rick Nash, director of the Body by God program, said the program has been successful because it is not just another gimmick, but rather because it based on solid information.

"The principles Dr. Ben (Lerner) teaches are not unique or patentable, they are just the best information out there," Nash said. "Dr. Ben's passion is to get the health message out."

Nash said Lerner's Body by God program, which combines time management and the "un-diet" among

other elements, is based on the idea of "using one's body the way God intended it to work.

"We believe Jesus is Prince of Peace," he said. "He came to give us life and so we would live life abundantly."

Nash said this belief is the inspiration behind Body by God and fuels its followers to change their whole lives rather than merely embracing short-term ambitions.

"It's just extremely shortsighted to only think about what you are going to look like in a bikini," he said. "We honor God by treating our bodies right; it's extra inspiration to eat better."

Those who follow the Body by God fitness plan eat foods selected from a specific food guide tailed for the "un-diet" plan which focuses on avoiding processed "foods by man."

Another program that tossed out dieting books and replaced them with the Bible is Suzanne Fowler's The Light Weigh, a 12-week program meshing prayer with moderate portions.

Fowler said it was God's inspiration that helped her to end a struggle with weight, which she said began at a young age.

"The focus of the Light Weigh is not on getting thin, it is on obedi-

ence," she said of the program she started in 1998. "Our program doesn't give people a diet plan. We really focus on attaining peace with food."

The Light Weigh's participants meet in small groups and spend about 15 minutes in Bible study before watching a short video, she said. The program is constructed for busy people who want to change.

Fowler said she believes the reason people overeat is misunderstood; they are eating to fill a void.

"There is this void in the heart that God has given everyone," she said. "He created this void and only He will fill this void perfectly."

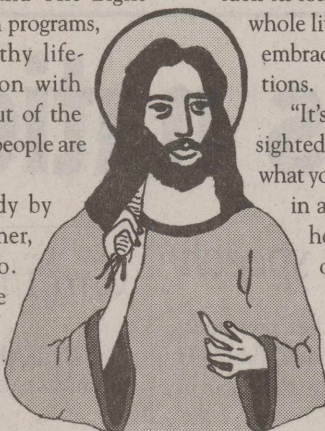
She said once someone has God in their hearts and the void is filled, they will be able to make peace with food.

"The Light Way has transformed my own life," Fowler said. "I have lost 50 lbs and kept it off."

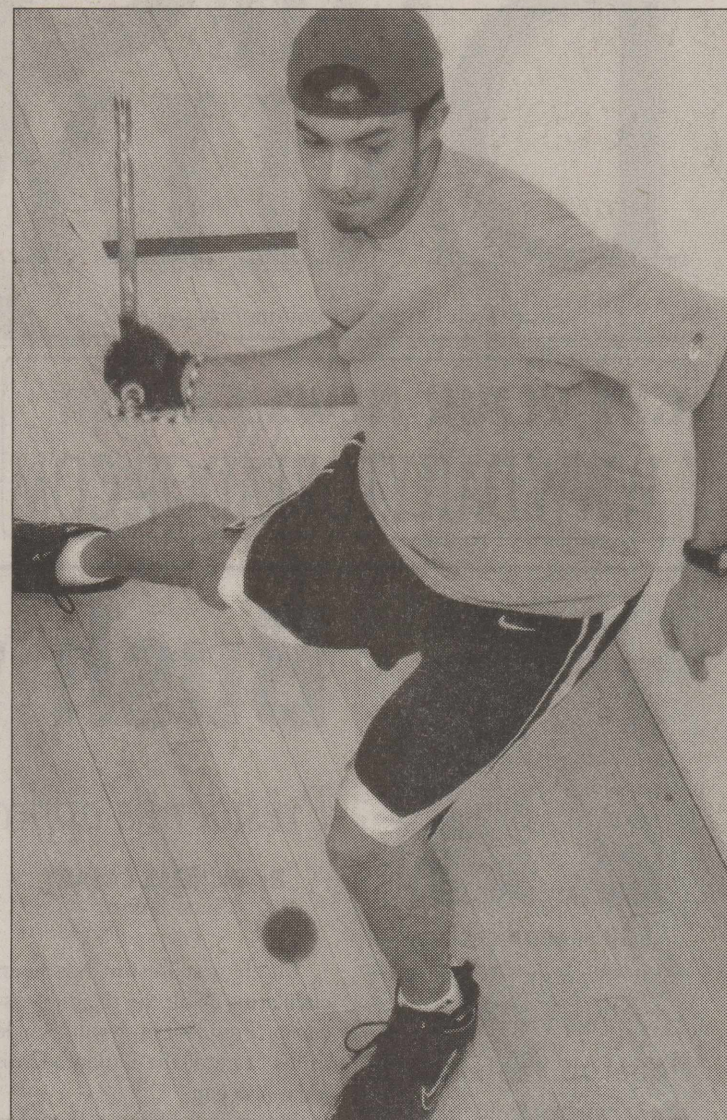
Carmen Roman-Shriver, an associate professor in Texas Tech's nutrition program, said she is in favor of many tools, including religion, which help someone succeed in a balanced and adequate diet plan.

"Many people have very strong religious and cultural beliefs, and if these programs would work for them, then I don't see any problems with that," she said.

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RACQUET UP



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

CHRIS FLORES, A junior technical writing major from Austin, competes in the racquetball competition during the Rec Center All-Nighter Friday evening at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Approval

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was at 58 percent.

Jeffrey Edwards, associate professor of economics, said our economy is currently in a state of growth.

"We're on a growth path in our business cycle right now. Period," Edwards said. "Our economy is growing robustly and unemployment is very low."

Bush said in his radio broadcast that he would more specifically discuss the tax cuts he had made previously and ask Congress to make them permanent.

"One thing people don't like to hear is that trickle-down economics works," Edwards said.

He said it is a misconception to think the tax cuts already in place only benefit the rich. Edwards also said if Congress does not decide to make the tax cuts permanent, then they risk slowing down the current state of economic growth.

In an Associated Press story, Senator Edward Kennedy was quoted saying, "Doesn't the president know that real wage rates are actually falling? That minimum wage workers are actually sinking deeper and deeper into poverty? That saving for college or a home has become an impossible dream for many Americans? That with the cost of energy so high many families can't afford to heat their homes with winter?"

Edwards said he disagrees with Kennedy's position.

"For him to say that our economy is not growing is false. I don't credit Congress with being economically savvy, but it would definitely not be a wise choice for them to not make these tax cuts permanent," Edwards said.

Correction: In the Jan. 19 story, "Patterson-UTI exec Nelson's trial set for May, assets to be auctioned," Jonathan Nelson was erroneously identified as a Mr. Patterson. Nelson is the man who has been charged with embezzling more than \$70 million from the Snyder-based company. The Daily Toreador regrets the error.

As far as Bush's plan to discuss energy and energy alternatives in his address, associate professor of electrical engineering Timothy Dallas said many Americans probably do not understand the current energy situation.

"The relatively high prices we are seeing on gasoline are not out of line considering the instability in the Middle East," Dallas said.

As the price of fossil fuels continues to increase, the United States' interest in alternative fuel sources will grow, he said.

"I think Bush will probably discuss solar energy, hydrogen power and certainly wind energy," Dallas said.

Wind energy farms have been growing in popularity in the Lubbock area.

"Energy use and the demand for oil is extremely high," Edwards said. "To be successful Bush needs to get it through people's heads that what the future holds relative to these high prices is ambiguous."

The address will broadcast on ABC, CBS, NBC and PBS.

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APPROVAL RATINGS

Many presidents have had low approval ratings in their second term.

Table with 2 columns: President, Approval Rating. Richard Nixon: Watergate - 27 percent; Ronald Reagan: Iran Contra Scandal - 52 percent; Bill Clinton: Monica Lewinsky - 58 percent; George W. Bush: Iraq War - 43 percent.

Source: Gallup Polls

72 miners rescued after safe rooms protected them from fire

ESTERHAZY, Saskatchewan (AP) — Rescuers retrieved all 72 central Canadian potash miners who were trapped underground by a fire and survived until Monday by using oxygen, food and water stored in subterranean emergency chambers.

The rescued miners were all in good health.

They were trapped early Sunday when a fire started in polyethylene piping more than a half-mile underground, filling the tunnels with toxic smoke and prompting the miners to take refuge in the sealed emergency rooms.

Thirty-two miners were brought to the surface at about 3:30 a.m., said Mosaic Co., which owns the mine. Another 35 emerged a few hours later, followed by the remaining

five. No serious injuries were reported.

"They are glad to be on the surface," said Brian Hagan, director of health and safety for Dynatech Corp., the contractor that employed some of the miners. "They protected themselves and that is what they are trained to do."

Mosaic spokesman Marshall Hamilton said it was not clear how the fire started. The miners reported smoke and quickly headed for the refuge rooms, which can be as large as 50 feet by 150 feet and have an internal supply of oxygen that lasts up to 36 hours, along with food, water, chairs and beds.

Within two hours, rescue teams were mobilized, each going into the mine for a few hours at a time.

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Students dissatisfied with scholarship processes; officials vow improvement

By **HEATHER BLACK**
STAFF WRITER

It is about this time of year at Texas Tech in which the scholarship frenzy begins. Students are rushing to complete their scholarship applications along with their daily homework and jobs in hopes of receiving some financial help from the university.

Tech is giving \$13 million in scholarships this year, not including athletic scholarships, ranging from academic achievement to a financial need basis. Some students are dissatisfied with the scholarship process, both in applying and the amounts received.

Bryan Lincolns, a sophomore petroleum land management major from Midland, said the amounts are good, but the process is too difficult.

"I feel I receive a fair amount in scholarships," he said. "However the hassle and paperwork it takes in going from building to building makes the process difficult."

Mary Saathoff, senior director of Corporations, Foundations and Scholarships for Institutional Advancement, said they are working to ease the problem.

"The university has gone to a generic application, which is due online by Feb. 1st. In addition, there are colleges that have their own paper applications," she said. "We definitely want to move to where it is all streamlined and online."

The process for the generic scholarship application consists of going to the Web site <http://www.fina.ttu.edu> and clicking on Online Application for Current TTU Students. From there, students are required to enter extracurricular activities, community service, employment and internships, academic recognition,

and essays stating special financial need circumstances and educational and career goals.

Students applying for scholarships for a certain department must click on a link designating additional questions for that department. Students also are required to attain a letter of recommendation from a faculty member in their degree area when applying.

Students who are interested in need-based scholarships must fill out a 2006-07 Federal Application for Student Financial Aid to receive funds.

Blake Leslie, a sophomore wildlife management major from San Antonio, said he is not happy with the way funds are allocated.

"My only problem with it is people are receiving scholarships that may not need it," he said. "They are using details such as being a minority to attain money. I could have received scholarships for being part Native American, but turned it down because I don't need it as much as others may."

Of the students who applied for the federal financial aid and need-based scholarships in 2004, 62 percent had unmet financial need. Institutional Advancement states Tech's scholarship endowments do not match up to that of other schools such as University of Texas at Austin or Texas A&M. They receive much larger scholarship endowments, which is why funds need to be raised.

"There are not enough scholarship funds," Saathoff said. "So does everyone who has financial need or academic achievement receive scholarships? Absolutely not. That's why we are trying to raise these funds."

The SGA scholarship campaign is a student-driven campaign in which

donors are given the opportunity to purchase a brick, which will be placed on a sidewalk to be made between the Administration building and Memorial Circle. Donors can pledge \$1,000, \$10,000 for the leadership level and \$100,000 for the excellence level.

Students at Tech have the ability to earn merit-based scholarships in which incoming freshmen have the opportunity to obtain money based on academic achievements including being in the top 10 percent of their high school class, and high SAT or ACT scores. This program has been successful in raising SAT and ACT scores and entering freshmen credentials.

Students who have met other standards besides academics also can receive scholarships. Merit opportunity scholarships award money to first-generation college students, Mentor Tech members and hardship cases. This creates money for a more diverse group of students.

The main campus is not the only one trying to alleviate students' financial woes. The Health Sciences Center School of Nursing randomly gave out \$25,000 in scholarships Jan. 23 according to a news release given by the Office of Communications and Marketing. The scholarships were presented based on random drawings and faculty nominations. The donors of the money given for scholarships also were present to meet students and faculty.

"This event provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet the scholarship donors and say thank you for supporting nursing education," said Alexia Green, dean of the School of Nursing.

Scholarships will continue to be a pressing concern for Tech, and actions are being taken by Institutional Advancement to improve every aspect of it.

"There is no greater funding priority at Texas Tech University than scholarships," Saathoff said.

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— MARY SAATHOFF
Senior Director
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Speech

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margins while riding in his limo to the Capitol to deliver the speech.

"There is never any of that last-minute activity," said Matthew Scully, a Bush speechwriter from the 2000 election campaign until August 2004.

When Bush goes before a joint session of Congress and a national television audience tonight for his fifth State of the Union, what he says will largely dictate his and the Republican Party's 2006 agenda. His proposals will have the added heft of helping drive the debate in this fall's congressional campaign.

Adding to the decision-making to-do list, the address is delivered less than a week before the president's budget request for 2007 goes to Congress.

The address is Washington's most covered rhetorical real estate, and emotions can run hot. The stakes are so high that White House counselor Dan Bartlett said he waits as long as possible to tell the disappointed many that their suggestions likely won't make it into the speech. Otherwise, he said, "sometimes

you won't get the same level of output" from them afterward.

"Every word matters enormously," said Michael Waldman, a veteran of four State of the Union addresses as Clinton's chief speechwriter. "There's a lot of interest in the commas, in the dashes. From Cabinet secretaries to assistants, everyone is involved."

Still, Bartlett said the process has calmed from the hectic early years after five go-rounds. "There's a little bit of a routine to it now," he said.

With just a day to go, this year's speech has gone through at least two dozen drafts. On Monday, Bush had what is likely to be his last practice session with the remarks in the White House's Family Theater.

Preparation actually begins in early fall, when the White House's domestic, economic and foreign policy directors start canvassing for ideas on the agenda for the next year.

Intense lobbying ensues from across the federal bureaucracy, Capitol Hill and a thick web of advocacy groups — all hoping for a presidential embrace of their policy goal or at least a passing mention of their issue.

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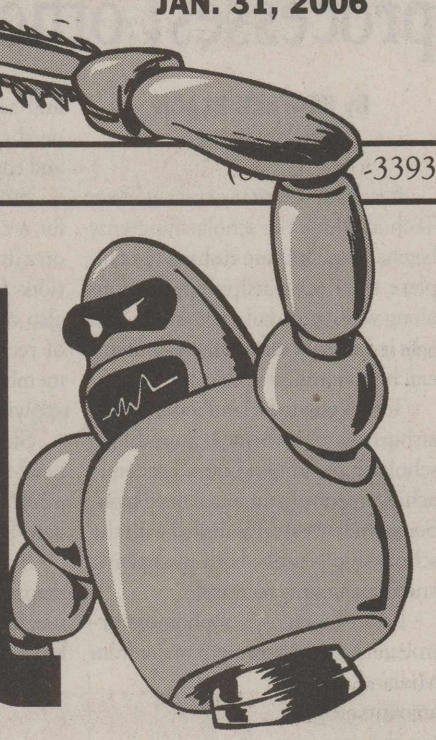
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"Mr. Speaker, Vice President Cheney, members of Congress, distinguished citizens, my fellow Americans. I've heard your voice. I'm ready to listen. The president's job is to lead. Not to be led. I've been surrounded with these old men for too damn long, and it's gotten me exactly nowhere.

"First of all. We're leaving Iraq. End of the year. I know that's what you want. It's what the party, although they'd never tell you this, wants. And deep down, it's what I want. So there we are. I know it's been in your minds a lot. Thought I'd clear that up. We're still gonna hunt Osama, don't worry, but Mom, Dad, relax. The boys're coming home.

"Second, being president also means protecting liberty. We've got three branches for a reason. I talk a big game about freedom, so it's time to practice some at home. Next time we have to tap you, we're going to get the courts to approve it. No more pimping around our Internet companies to the Justice Department.

"And when I say, 'We do not torture,' this time, I'm going to actually mean it. It's not American. That means all torture. Anywhere. Anyway.

"Now, onto the other stuff: Look, remember a few days ago where I said 'The best way to solve the deficit is to grow the economy, not run up your taxes?' Forget it. That was a line. You knew it. I knew it. The boys in the corporate suite have been sending us that one for years.

"But c'mon. It's time for me to actually be conservative. I know many of you don't like Clinton, but he left us with a \$236 billion surplus, which I've turned into a \$400 billion deficit. The Congressional Budget Office, don't worry, it's nonpartisan, was projecting projected surpluses for years and years. But then I slashed taxes for the top boys and started shooting

Jason Rhode



money done the drain. Yeah. Now the CBO's showing if the tax cuts aren't repealed, get this, gang, we're going to have deficits for about a decade, if not longer. If the tax cuts expire in 2010, it'll be only \$47 billion. If they keep on truckin', it'll hit a projected \$334 billion. That's a big tax bill, folks.

"Spending will have risen 30.5 percent during my term if I hold the same course. Deficits about 2 percent of the GDP is the tax cuts stay where they are. Yeah. I meant well. But I admit it. I screwed up. Sorry.

"You're going to be hearing that word a lot outta me. The buck stops here, they say. Well, the bucks are literally gonna stop here. Flowing out of the Treasury. I mean...

"It's been five years of spending like Paris Hilton on a bender, and where's it gotten us? 'Seriously, you guys've gotta keep the fire on my boots. The federal workforce is still about 2.7 million people. That's the same as it was at the beginning of the second Clinton term. I haven't vetoed a single bill. It actually kind of turned into a game of chicken. I was wondering if any of you were gonna call me on it. Looks like not.

"Fact is, there's a lot of you out there that should have been asking yourselves, why the heck am I supporting him when I've got an income below six figures? You've been taking a lot of shots to the face and it's time I put a stop to that. Y'all are my base, and I'll be damned if I let the Big Wheels run things the way they've been run. Everybody pays the same amount of taxes.

"Speaking of everyone paying the same, let me talk about gas prices. I know all of you are upset about that. Don't blame you. No sir. Did you know that yesterday,

Exxon Mobil posted the biggest annual profit for any U.S. company? Yup. Fourth-quarter 27 percent surge in profits. Most lucrative year for an American corporation. Ever. Their profits shot up about 40 percent. Guess how much their tax bill went up? 14 percent. That's out of a trough of revenue totaling \$371 billion, profits of \$36.13 billion. \$371 billion's more than the GDP of Indonesia. And they're the world's fourth-largest country.

"This is the best economy ever for oil. And Exxon's not alone.

"But y'know what? 'To hell with them. Soak 'em. Y'all put me in office. You deserve better.

"I'm gonna get out more. I'm going to make a speech that doesn't take place on a military base or in front of a crowd that's had to sign a loyalty oath.

All of you out there who think I'm a great man — I'm not going to let you down. Remember that senior adviser of mine, who told Ron Suskind that guys like Ron were from the now-defunct, the reality-based community? Yeah. That guy who said, 'We're an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality. We're history's actor's, and you, all of you, will be left to just study what we do.' Well, he's gone. I never really did like all that Kool-Aid stuff. A bit too voodoo for me.

"You're going to hear a lot of this out of me. Democracy's not a victory march. It's compromise. Especially with reality. Believe it or not.

"Many of you know I'm a baseball fan. There's an old proverb in there I'm fond of: 'Baseball is like church. Many attend but few understand.' I'm tryin', like all of you, to understand.

"Goodnight, and may God bless the United States of America."

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President inspires optimism

All eyes will be on President George W. Bush when he gives his annual State of the Union address tonight. He has said he will offer a more optimistic speech to help boost the morale of the country. Personally, I think we need more than just optimism.

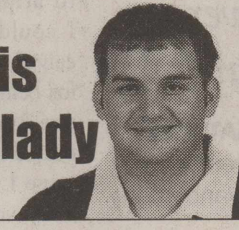
The president will discuss a wide array of issues and is likely to focus on the economy and national security. The State of the Union speech is more serious than President Bush's usual speeches around the country that end with a question-and-answer session. This time, thankfully, we will be able to read and hear about real issues in the aftermath of the speech, not whether or not he has seen "Brokeback Mountain," as the media centered on after his recent speech at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan.

There are much more important issues that need to be addressed than the president's opinion on gay cowboys. President Bush needs to give a bold and courageous

speech to restore the optimism of the American people. Many things are weighing heavily on the minds of Americans. The president must reassure the undecided and uncertain that he has a clear plan for victory in the global war on terror. The latest tapes from Bin Laden and Al-Zawahiri threatening more attacks, the recent elections victory of the terrorist group Hamas in Palestine threatening to derail the Middle East peace process and the threat of an Iranian nuclear weapons program are all things the president must address in his speech.

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Travis Lovelady



this time last year.

The president needs to talk about how he plans to secure our borders. The border between the United States and Mexico is a high-way for terrorists and illegal drugs, not to mention the devastating impact illegal immigration has on our economy. President Bush needs to talk about the necessity of the NSA programs in our security, and he needs to outline exactly when an American citizen is being spied upon and what actions cause them to be subject to the surveillance.

As always, he needs to remind the troops that we do support them and the amazing job they are doing to bring freedom to Afghanistan and Iraq regardless of what radicals like Los Angeles Times liberal columnist Joel Stein said when he confessed, "I don't support the troops... I'm not for the war. And being against the war and saying you support the troops is one of the wussiest (sic) positions the pacifists have ever taken." President Bush must reassure the troops that the vast majority of Americans do support them.

The economy must be another issue the President should speak about. He needs to remind the American people that the economy is continuing to grow, 4.1 percent last quarter, and that unemployment is now down to 4.9 percent. Bush needs to talk about how our economic growth fueled by his tax cuts created a 22 percent surge in federal revenue during the past two years.

But he also needs to address how he plans to curb government spending which went up by 8 percent in 2005 and is set to increase by 9 percent in 2006. Something must be done to prohibit or at least limit pork barrel spending. We need to follow the lead of Senator John McCain who is calling for a roll call vote on every special spend-

ing item. There were more than 15,000 of these just in the last year that carried a price tag of 27 billion dollars.

The president needs to come up with a plan to deal with the energy crisis. We need to begin using our own oil and coal reserves. There is oil of the coasts of Florida and California that can be drilled but environmentalists have stopped any plans for that being done because we all know that it is more dangerous to transport oil for a few miles from an offshore rig to the coast than it is to transport oil from 10,000 miles away to the same coast.

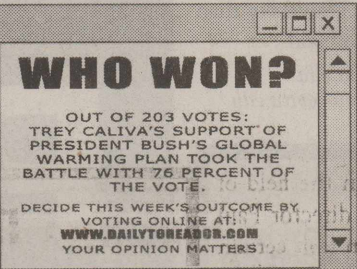
We also need to start drilling in the vast oilfields of Alaska, but that has not happened either because the caribou would almost certainly become extinct if they had to look at an oil well. We need to get over our fear of nuclear power and build more nuclear power plants. Contrary to popular belief a coal-fueled power plant actually emits more radiation than a nuclear power plant.

We also need to increase our production of ethanol, which would also help the hurting agriculture industry. Allowing the oil companies to build new refineries would also go a long way towards easing the pain on our pocketbooks at the pump.

Right now, most of our oil refineries lie near the gulf coast, which is the most dangerous place that they could be located. But the environmentalists have done everything in their power to keep us from building new refineries anywhere else and then you have a situation like what happened with hurricane Katrina. As long as we continue to rely on Middle Eastern oil, we will continue to have problems with that part of the world that will affect the lives of Americans.

Whatever President Bush talks about tonight he must reiterate one point that no American should ever forget. Despite all of our problems, the United States of America is still the best place to live in the world, especially those of us blessed enough to live in the great state of Texas.

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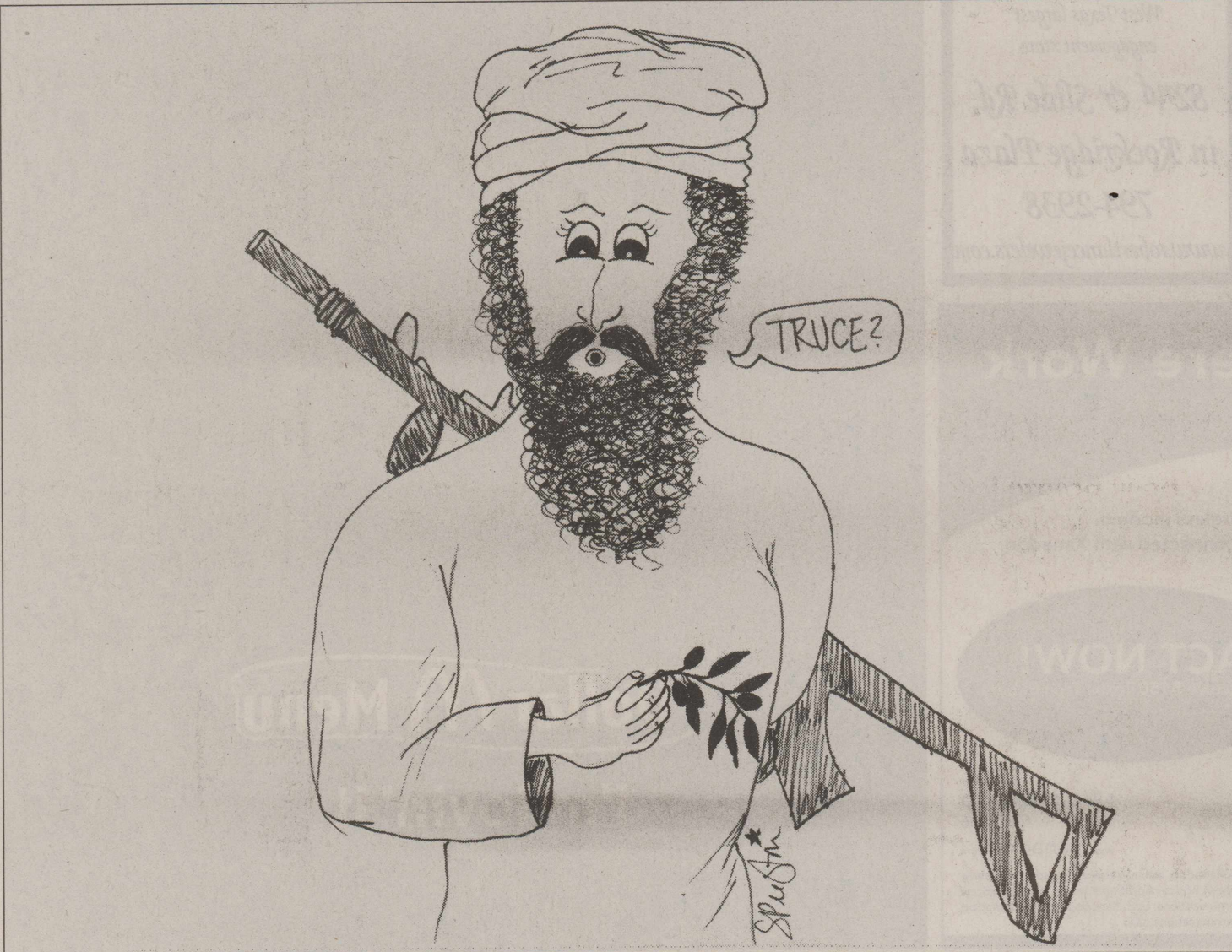
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Longtime SUB director retiring as his vision becomes complete

After a long run perfecting the 'living room at Texas Tech,' Tom Shubert prepares to move forward

By **ANDREW WOOD**
STAFF WRITER

Some people see the Student Union Building as a place to pass through, others see it for the modern look. Some people know the place was managed by a man who put students first.

After 29 years at Texas Tech, Tom Shubert, managing director at the Student Union Building, is retiring.

Students and colleagues came to a reception at the SUB's ballroom Monday to say goodbye and congratulate him for his accomplishments.

Kelli Stumbo, former Student Government Association president, met Shubert during her first day at Tech. Stumbo said she noticed his passion for students.

"He always put students first," she said. "This building will live on forever, we will remember you."

SGA President Nathan Nash said the building's renovations are a testimony to his vision and leadership.

"This facility, running as effectively as it has, is a tribute to you and your work," Nash said to Shubert. "I appreciate the way you've really developed relationships with the students."

Shubert worked closely with the SGA, Nash said, and his leadership earned him their Will Rogers Award in 2000.

Michael Shonrock, vice president for Student Affairs, said Shubert's work goes beyond the renovations.

Shubert's interest in the student body was one of his greatest characteristics, Shonrock said, and he has touched peoples' lives "generation after generation."

"Tom's passion for students has been throughout his career and at Texas Tech University," Shonrock said.

Although Shubert had a great interest in helping students, Shonrock said he is amazed at his leadership. The SUB's \$45 million renovation is one way Shubert's vision has become a reality, he said.

"It's re-establishing the 'living room' at Texas Tech," Shonrock said, indicating that the SUB has become a popular place for students to eat, pass through or relax.

Shubert said he is pleased with the growing number of people who pass through the building every day.

"Sixteen-thousand people pass through in this place," Shubert said. "I can't imagine where I'd be coming close to seeing that many people."

Shubert said others around him should get just as much credit for the changes in recent years. Shubert said he just was "a small part of it."

When he first became director in 1985, the building's construction

almost was finished, he said. Now he is retiring, and the building's new look almost is complete.

Shubert began as night manager of the SUB, then known as the University Center. Two years later, he was assistant director and eventually became director in 1985.

Joe MacLean, director of recreational sports, will replace Shubert and will serve as the SUB's interim director. MacLean said he only will oversee the final stages of renovation, and does not plan to change anything Shubert has done.

While serving as interim director, MacLean will continue on with his responsibilities at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. MacLean said time management would be a key element with his two responsibilities.

"It'll be quite a different transition," he said. "I guess I'm looking forward to learning about operation."

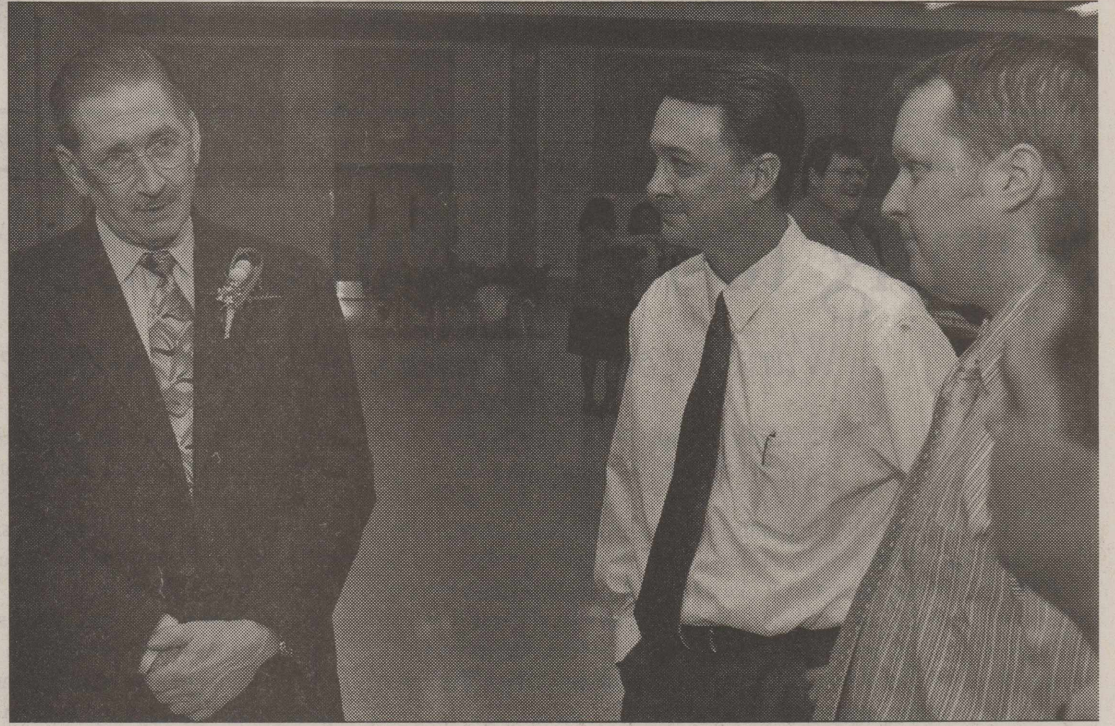
MacLean said he is on the search committee trying to find Shubert's official replacement, and does not intend to be full-time director.

Today is Shubert's final day as managing director. Shonrock said Shubert will return to Tech on March 1 to work part-time in the Student Affairs Office, where he will be a focus on long-term master planning.

Shubert said he looks forward to his new role in Student Affairs.

"It's going to be interesting to take on a task and not deal with 100 other things," he said.

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TOM SHUBERT, LEFT, director of the Student Union Building, speaks with Sean Childers, center, assistant director of Hospitality Business Services, and Mike Betzold, manager of administrative operations at Shubert's retirement ceremony Monday afternoon in the SUB Ballroom.

Diabetes still a prime health concern; personal testimonies prompt local organization to help raise money for research

By **LAURA BURRUS**
STAFF WRITER

Pennies and dollars might seem like pocket change, but for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, pocket change can help find a cure for diabetes.

The fraternity, Sigma Nu, is raising money to donate to the foundation by hosting its first annual Skate Night.

Andrew Crain, the president of Sigma Nu, said all of the donations would go straight to the foundation.

"The money we are collecting will all go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation," he said. "We weren't allowed to put that on Tech Announce, but all the money will benefit the foundation."

According to the foundation's Web site, about 80 cents from every dollar goes directly to research and education for diabetes.

According to the site, www.jdrf.org, there are two types of diabetes.

Type 1 Diabetes is found in people of all ages. With Type 1 Diabetes, the pancreas does not produce enough insulin for the body. A person with Type 1 Diabetes usually has to have several injections of insulin a day.

According to the site, Type 2 Diabetes usually occurs in people who are older than 40 years old; however, it is becoming more common to find it in children, as well. With Type 2 Diabetes, the pancreas still produces insulin, but the body cannot use it properly. There are several different ways of treating Type 2 Diabetes, including exercise, monitoring of blood glucose and sometimes medication.

Crain, a junior finance and economics major, said that while he does not know of any cases of diabetes in his fraternity, he wants to make others aware of it.

Shaun Neidigh, from Mansfield, said he believes the fraternity is doing a great thing by helping the foundation.

"I think it's pretty amazing," he said.

"I don't think anyone on campus has done something like this before. I think it's a really great thing we are doing."

When the fraternity decided to partner with the foundation, Neidigh said the members had the chance to hear personal testimonies from children with diabetes.

"We got to see pictures and hear personal testimonies of what little kids with diabetes go through," he said. "It was just horrible."

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TYPE 1 DIABETES

Symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes

- Extreme thirst
 - Frequent urination
 - Sudden vision changes
 - Increased appetite
 - Sudden weight loss
 - Heavy breathing
- Source: www.jdrf.org

Production

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the show on the air."

Freelance operators work through their own private production companies, but are often subcontracted by networks such as ESPN and Fox Sports for their broadcasts.

A crew of 20 to 35 people arrives at the venue seven to eight hours before the game starts. Awaiting them is a production studio on wheels, which includes a satellite truck that sends the signal back to the studio and a production trailer containing all the equipment needed to produce the show.

The trucks are driven in from all around the country, depending on which network is broadcasting the game. Once the trucks arrive, the work begins for the crew. Each person is responsible for preparing their areas, which may range from unpacking and setting up the trucks, to setting up cameras, running cable or preparing the audio.

Audio engineers must get audio to the on-camera announcers, make sure the home and visiting team radio stations have audio, wire press conference rooms, plug into the venue audio and ensure that all the camera operators and the production crew can hear all that is going on.

The entire process requires cables that run from the production truck to a variety of areas in the venue.

"A lot of people think we just set up microphones, which we do, but there is more than just that," said Gray Hampton, an audio engineer from Arlington.

Inside the production truck, the crew is busy communicating with the studio, normally located in another city. Crew members also are preparing all the statistical information for the game: Season highlight clips and interviews that run during the televised production are edited and put together on site before the game begins.

Once everything is set up and tested, the crew members meet back at the trailer for a final pre-game meeting to review the major points of the production. An hour and a half before game time, everyone involved is in place, preparing for the beginning of the pre-game show.

During the game, the production trailer serves as the nervous center for the production. Each camera is linked to multiple monitors in the trailer. Tape editors record what the cameras shoot then prepare a replay or highlight for use later in the broadcast.

The director, producer, statistics person and audio engineers work non-stop during the game.

The director must carefully choreograph what is happening at the game, as well as what is going on back at the network studio. He is responsible for airing the correct commercials at the correct time, breaking away from action when the studio wants to show clips of another live game in progress and managing the controlled chaos of a live production.

Despite many changes and technological advances in the field of television, freelance director Paul Byckowski of Houston feels certain that live sports productions will be around for years to come. He has been in the business for more than 25 years and directs an average of 150 games a year.

"They have tried different ways of doing it, but this way works the best," he said. "There are just some things that machines can't do as well as people and this job is one of them."

A full-time freelance director can make about \$60,000 a year, but must be willing to work 10-12 hours a day, with two days off a month.

Wall sums it up best. "Sometimes this job makes a better hobby than a career. If you are young and single, it wouldn't be too bad," he said. "But don't expect to have much free time."

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Spring temperatures don't mean spring fever — yet

Warm weather continues to conjure mixed reactions among students, professionals respond

By **ABBY STONE**
FEATURES WRITER

The spring-like weather is putting a break on some student's minds, while others are still bitter from a snow-free Christmas.

While the forecast doesn't look like it is going to change anytime soon, students said spring fever isn't hitting them too early — yet.

KLBK-TV chief meteorologist Carlos Gonzales said this winter originally was forecasted to be a mild one. Highs that were supposed to be in the lower 50s have been settling around the 60s and 70s.

"It is nothing extraordinary or strange or anything like that," he said. "It is just a part of the cycle that we go through."

Gonzales said cooler conditions in an area of the Pacific Ocean are driving warmer and dryer weather to most of Texas.

"It is obviously a warm one, and we actually expect it to remain somewhat a warm one," he said.

Andrea Gilmore, a junior from Arlington, said she is "not a fan" of the warm winter because she loves bundling up in the many sweaters and jackets she brings back to school after Christmas.

"It's probably my last winter here," she said. "So, I want a good winter."

Ben Slayden, a sophomore from Stephenville, said he hates cold weather and loves that this winter has been so warm. He loves the outdoors, but has

no desire to enjoy them when it is chilly out.

"Whenever it is cold, all I want to do is sit in my room all day," he said.

Last year during one of the big snows, Slayden said, he didn't make it to class for a whole week. Going to class everyday is a more attainable goal when it is not cold outside.

The only negative effect of the spring-like conditions, he said, is they are making him think Spring Break is closer than it is.

"This warm weather is getting me so siked up for it," Slayden said.

Christina Freitag, a junior from Austin, said the warm winter is not directly affecting her mood towards school, but she said she was a little disappointed during Christmas time. Having spent many Christmases in Minnesota, she missed not having a white Christmas, but has accepted Texas for what it has to offer.

"I come to enjoy being able to wear shorts on Christmas day," she said.

Stephen Cook, director of the psychology clinic, said people from the south may enjoy the warm weather during these winter months, while people from the north miss it. Many people's feelings on the weather have to do with where they come from and what they are accustomed to enjoying.

This associate professor of psychology said he doesn't believe that weather has any real connection to the lazy state known as "spring fever," but rather it is the work load that people tend to tire from and need a break from by

the end of the semester.

Cook said the only research he has seen on people's moods changing because of weather, was in a study that showed extremely hot weather making people more aggressive.

This warm winter is not extreme enough to make people angry, he said, but rather it is making them want to participate in more outdoor leisure activities.

"(Warm weather) makes people more interested in being outside," he said.

Meanwhile, the forecast looks the same now, as it will around "spring fever" and spring break. Thursday, perhaps a groundhog will shed some light on future warm temperatures.

Lubbock's dry conditions are related to these warm conditions, Gonzales said, in the fact that they will continue to stay dry as the temperature stays high. All of the moisture that Lubbock is lacking is hanging out on the other side of the Rocky Mountains.

Gonzales said because these warmer and colder seasons happen in cycles, people who miss their cold Lubbock winters need to hold on.

"Don't be surprised if you experience the opposite effects next year," he said.

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Let them entertain you . . .

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — Michael Jackson offered a brief glimpse of himself during a visit to a friend in the northern German city of Hamburg. Police confirmed that Jackson had been in Hamburg since Thursday. He was staying with the family of Wolfgang Schleiter, a music manager.

BERLIN (AP) — Daniel Barenboim has been released from a Berlin hospital and will set off for a U.S. tour as planned later this week. Barenboim was hospitalized Friday night before a special concert marking the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth. The 63-year-old conductor was released Sunday, the capital's Staatsoper announced Monday.

CHICAGO (AP) — Three members of the rock band Live were aboard a United Airlines Express plane that made an emergency landing at O'Hare International Airport after reports of smoke in the plane's cabin. Passengers who arrived at Harrisburg International Airport said they were not told the nature of the problem that forced the landing.

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Bryan Adams is helping raise money for victims of the South Asian earthquake that killed 87,000 people and left millions homeless. His concert Sunday night was billed as the first by a major Western pop musician in Pakistan since the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jenna Elfman says the career-driven lawyer of her new romantic sitcom "Courting Alex" wasn't deliberately created to be the polar opposite of the free-spirited yoga teacher of her previous romantic sitcom, "Dharma & Greg." "Courting Alex," which won its time period when it premiered Jan. 23, airs Mondays at 9:30 p.m. on CBS.



By **JEREMY REYNOLDS**
SENIOR FEATURES WRITER

The last great war for the United States ended 60 years ago. With the last remaining survivors of the Holocaust fading away, one has to wonder how future generations will remember the unforgettable.

Andrea Pappas, an art history professor from Santa Clara University, said people's memories would not be forged through a written record, but a stroke of a paintbrush.

"Art is how we carry our memories from one generation to the next," she said.

Pappas is doing a two-day residency at Texas Tech and will give a speech at 7:15 p.m. today on the influence of the Holocaust on art.

Joe Arredondo, director for Landmark Arts, said she came to Lubbock after a gallery board decision.

"She'll be able to show various pieces from artists of the time," Arredondo said. "We're expecting to fill the room."

Pappas said her lecture would be the broad overview of the topic, which has she been studying for 15 years — since her dissertation. Her interest in post-Holocaust art started after she went

to the National Gallery and started comparing an artist's drawings to his actual paintings. She said someone usually can see similarities in the two, but with this artist, the two were completely different. Believes the difference had to do with his knowledge of the war.

"People in America who read Jewish newspapers had a better idea of what was happening overseas during the time," Pappas said.

Some of the Jewish artists overseas painted at the risk of their lives, she said.

"People in the camps wanted to document their experience, but they had obstacles to overcome," Pappas said.

Among these obstacles was securing the necessary tools just to put something down on paper. Pens and pencils were hard to come by, she said. People wanted to bear witness to the events, which is part of the reason why they painted.

After the war, she said many Jewish artists painted images from their time in the camps not as a way of documenting anything, but as a way of reaffirming their identities. These paintings usually consisted of metaphors like railroad tracks and suitcases that symbolized their time in the camp.

"Children of the survivors are still doing their art," Pappas said. "They particularly feel pressure to do this."

This is the second time in the last four months Pappas has delivered the speech at a university.

"It seems to be a real popular topic," she said.

The responses are always different depending on the community she is speaking in, but she said there are always many questions at the end of the night.

"People will talk about their own experiences of dealing with their memories," Pappas said.

Studying the artwork of people who have dealt with tragedy is particularly important, Pappas said. She said she has a friend who studies the artwork that has come out of lynching, and there are other people who study the work inspired by the Vietnam conflict.

"We can look at how our culture handles these events, and hopefully, people will see that art is more than some pretty thing you hang on your wall," Pappas said.

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Filibuster attempt fails; Alito expected to be confirmed today

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Monday all but guaranteed Samuel Alito's confirmation as the nation's 110th Supreme Court justice, shutting down a last-minute attempt by liberals to block the conservative judge's nomination with a filibuster.

Republican and Democratic senators, on a 72-25 vote, agreed to end their debate, setting up a Tuesday morning vote on Alito's confirmation to replace retiring moderate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"I am pleased that a strong, bipartisan majority in the Senate decisively rejected attempts to obstruct and filibuster an up-or-down vote on Judge Sam Alito's nomination," President Bush said.

With at least 57 votes committed to Alito — 53 Republicans and four Democrats — approval by majority vote in the 100-member Senate seemed assured.

A bloc of Democrats, led by Massachusetts Sens. Edward Kennedy and John Kerry, unsuccessfully tried over the weekend and Monday to persuade other senators to use a vote-delaying

filibuster to stop Alito, a 15-year veteran of the U.S. Appeals Court and a former lawyer for the Reagan administration.

"It is the only way we can stop a confirmation that we feel certain will cause irreversible damage to our country," said Kerry, the Democrats' 2004 presidential nominee.

O'Connor has been a swing vote on abortion rights, affirmative action, the death penalty and other contentious issues.

Alito's supporters needed 60 votes to block the filibuster, and they were joined by 13 Democrats who have announced they will vote against confirming his nomination.

"I believe that Judge Alito's nomination, if approved by the Senate, would tilt that court in a direction that will restrict personal freedoms, strengthen the role of government and corporations in our lives, and allow the expansion of power of the presidency," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., who announced he would oppose Alito after voting to end debate.

Jury selected for Enron trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury of Houston-area residents was selected Monday for the trial of former Enron Corp. chiefs Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling, accused of orchestrating the massive fraud that came to symbolize an era of corporate scandals.

A court clerk swore in the 12 jurors and four alternates, and U.S. District Judge Sim Lake instructed them not to talk about the case during their service. He also ordered them not to read, listen to or watch news reports about the trial.

Lay, the Enron founder, said he was pleased with the panel: "My fate is in their hands, and we'll get on to making the case for my innocence."

Daniel Petrocelli, the head lawyer for Skilling, said he believed the jurors would listen with open minds and understand that "this is a court of law, not a court of public opinion."

Eight women and four men were selected as jurors in the trial, while two women and two men were chosen as alternate jurors. They were all picked after just

one day of jury selection in Houston federal court.

Further details about the jurors' backgrounds were not immediately available because their jury questionnaires, filled out weeks ago, have not been made public, and the judge conducted individual questioning of potential jurors on Monday at the bench.

Opening statements were scheduled Tuesday morning in the trial — perhaps the premier criminal case to emerge from corporate scandals that began when Enron went under in 2001. Earlier in the day, the judge had told a pool of almost 100 potential jurors: "I can assure you this will be one of the most interesting and important cases ever tried."

The first prosecution witness was expected to be Mark Koenig, former head of Enron's investor relations department, who worked with Lay and Skilling on quarterly conference calls with analysts. He pleaded guilty in August 2004 to aiding and abetting securities fraud. Earlier this month he revised his plea agreement, attributing to Skilling a statement that Koenig originally said he himself made on a 2001 call.

Carroll

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corner of the video.

Armed men abducted Carroll, a 28-year-old freelance reporter for *The Christian Science Monitor*, on Jan. 7 in Baghdad.

On Jan. 17, Al-Jazeera aired a video released by the Revenge Brigades showing Carroll — her head bare, and her long straight brown hair parted in the middle — and setting the Jan. 20 deadline.

That tape also was aired without sound. Al-Jazeera editors said their policy was to air such videos

without audio because the voice was too upsetting for viewers and that the newscasters report the videos' content.

In a statement, the *Monitor* again appealed for her release.

"Anyone with a heart will feel distressed that an innocent woman like Jill Carroll would be treated in the manner shown in the latest video aired by Al-Jazeera," the statement said. "We add our voice to those of Arabs around the world, and especially to those in Iraq, who have condemned this act of kidnapping. We ask that she be returned to the protection of her family immediately."

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Al-Zawahri calls President Bush 'butcher' in first video since Pakistan airstrike

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Al-Qaida No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahri said in a videotape aired Monday that President Bush was a "butcher" and a "failure" because of a deadly U.S. airstrike in Pakistan targeting the bin Laden deputy, and he threatened a new attack on the United States.

Al-Zawahri, shown in the video wearing white robes and a white turban, said a Jan. 13 airstrike in the eastern village of Damadola

killed "innocents," and he said the United States had ignored an offer from al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden for a truce.

"Butcher of Washington, you are not only defeated and a liar, but also a failure. You are a curse on your own nation and you have brought and will bring them only catastrophes and tragedies," he said, referring to Bush. "Bush, do you know where I am? I am among the Muslim masses."

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Raiders' still winless in Lawrence, suffer third-worst loss under Knight

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Freshman Brandon Rush had his third double-double with 24 points and 11 rebounds and the surging Kansas Jayhawks overwhelmed Texas Tech 86-52 Monday night. The 6-foot-6 Rush keyed an 18-2 run in the first half against the Red Raiders (11-10, 3-4 Big 12), then scored seven points on three consecutive crowd-pleasing plays early in the second. It was the third loss of 30 or more points this season for the Red Raiders, who are 1-9 away from home. Since their overtime loss to Missouri on Jan. 16, the Jayhawks (14-6, 5-2) have won four in a row. They've shot at least 50 percent in five straight games. Kansas outrebounded the visitors 55-28 and got second shot after second shot off offensive boards. Damell Jackson and Sasha Kaun each had 10 points for Kansas, which led by as many as 35 before coach Bill Self began pouring his reserves onto the floor with about 5 minutes to go.

Rush, the Big 12's highest-scoring freshman, had five points, a steal and two assists during the 18-2 run at the end of the first half. The Jayhawks went into intermission with a 43-25 lead after Jamrus Jackson canned a 3-pointer at the buzzer for Texas Tech off a nifty inbounds play with nine-tenths of a second left. Jackson, the Big 12's second-leading scorer, had 17 points. Before the buzzer-beating 3 at the end of the half, he was just 2-for-8 with two blown lay-ups. But Jackson finally heated up in the second half and got six points in an 8-0 streak that trimmed Kansas' lead to 56-40 with 12:48 left. After a Kansas timeout, Rush hit a 3-pointer, pounded home a reverse dunk and then brought a roar from the crowd with a reverse layup off an assist from Mario Chalmers. Jackson hit two buckets and Jeff Hawkins drilled a 3-pointer, putting the Jayhawks on top 70-40. Dior Lowhorn had 12 points for Texas Tech and Martin Zeno had nine.

Astros get visit from Clemens at mini-camp

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens made an unexpected appearance at the start of Houston Astros minicamp on Monday, pitching batting practice to some of the team's minor-league prospects, including his son, Koby. Clemens, 43, still hasn't decided whether he'll play a 23rd season. He led the majors with a 1.87 ERA last year, but was plagued by back and hamstring problems late in the season. He limped off the field after just two innings in Game 1 of the World Series. Clemens said Monday his back and hamstring were healed, but he has doubts whether he could last another full season. "There will be a week I get up and I feel like I can do it again and then the next week, I don't want to get out in the outfield and start running those poles and doing those things," Clemens said. "If last year's World Series was it for me, I'm more than happy. I know we didn't reach our ultimate goal, but it was a lot of fun. I have a lot to think about." Clemens, a free agent, wasn't offered salary arbitration by the Astros and cannot re-sign with them until May 1. But Monday, Clemens took

the mound at Minute Maid Park, wearing a black Astros shirt and matching cap as he worked up a sweat pitching for about 20 minutes. "My body feels great, arm feels good," Clemens said. "I just need the conditioning with my legs. When I have a little extra-long session here, like I was able to throw BP and simulate a couple of hitters, it helps a lot." Clemens said he didn't overexert himself during Monday's workout, throwing only a handful of game-level fastballs. He was still sore afterward. "Two split-fingers hurt my elbow like you wouldn't believe, and I've got a heartbeat in the back of my shoulder right now," Clemens said. Clemens planned to throw again Tuesday and Wednesday. Clemens said his focus now is the World Baseball Classic, not the upcoming regular season. Clemens is on the U.S. roster and said Monday he hopes to tell manager Buck Martinez within 12 days if he can pitch effectively. If he can't, he won't play. "If I'm going to be active, I want to make a good showing," he said. "It's not an exhibition game, it's the real deal. It's not spring training, where I

can get out there and I start getting hammered around, they just leave me out there to get my pitch count in." Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan, a power pitcher like Clemens who retired at 46, expects Clemens to play this season. Ryan now works in the Astros' front office and chatted with Clemens before Monday's workout. "I don't expect him not to pitch because of the competitor he is," said Ryan. "If he can physically do it, I think he'll do it. That's his life." When Clemens signed with the Astros in January 2004, he also signed a personal services contract that would keep him with the team in some capacity for 10 years after he retires. Clemens said he showed up Monday mainly to work with the Astros' prospects, a hint of what he'll do after he's finished playing. "This is my home, whether I play here or not, no matter what, I'm going to come back and work for these kids and be around the organization," Clemens said. "I'll go out and shake hands and see everybody here, but I want to work with the kids behind the scenes in the minor leagues. Right now, that's the only deal I've got."

21-year old Iraq veteran ready to start college football career

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — While other students planned to play college football, Timmy Bailey signed with a different recruiter — Uncle Sam. Now, after serving a year in Iraq, the 21-year-old private in the U.S. Army National Guard is back home. And remarkably, four years after Bailey graduated from a tiny high school in the rural Mississippi Delta, the soon-to-be sophomore has attracted more attention from college coaches than ever. "It's maturity — I'm not your average recruit," Bailey said. "I can talk better with the coaches on a one-on-one basis, and they love it." Bailey is expected to sign a binding national letter-of-intent to play linebacker at Mississippi State tomorrow, the first day of the national signing period, and finally begin the college football career that for years had been on hold. "It's an amazing story, and he's an amazing kid who's not a kid anymore — he's an amazing man," said Jeff Horn, his coach at Riverside High School in

Avon, Miss. "He's got a lot of positives going on in his life. He's done his time in Iraq, and now is his time to move forward," he said. Bailey was a star tight end and line-backer from the nearby town of Glen Allan (pop. 1,118) who was preparing for his senior season in 2001 when he came to a startling decision. Two days after turning 17 — and unbeknownst to his coach — Bailey volunteered for the Army National Guard. "At the time, coach Horn didn't know I was going to join, and he really didn't want me to join," Bailey said. Bailey led the team that season with nearly 900 yards receiving, Horn said. But he still couldn't get the attention of the big-name college recruiters. "I didn't get a lot of recognition out of high school. That kind of hurt me," Bailey said. "But coach Horn always said, 'Keep your head up because you're going to get there one day.'"

Only Southern Mississippi and in-state schools from divisions I-AA and II offered scholarships, Horn said. "He was full-speed whether he was blocking, making tackles, catching — he never stopped," he said. Bailey, 6-foot-3, 237 pounds, completed basic training in 2002 and enrolled in Mississippi Delta Community College the next year, leading the team in tackles in 2003 and drawing the attention of several Division I-A schools. But shortly before the start of his sophomore season in August 2004, he learned his unit — the Hernando, Miss.-based Troop A 98th Cavalry — was being activated for duty in Iraq. Bailey reported with his unit to the Guard's training site south of Hattiesburg, then spent roughly a year in the war-torn country driving trucks. "Basically, I was in harm's way," Bailey said. "It was more IEDs [improvised explosive devices]. There weren't too many crazy people that would shoot you. They liked to blow up people. That made

me even more scared. "You can lose a limb, an arm or leg, at any given moment [but] you can't think about that. If something happens, you've got to use your training and react, and hope for the best." He returned safely to his home state on Dec. 28 and found out three Southeastern Conference schools — Mississippi, Mississippi State and Alabama — were recruiting him. "Most people had their slots already filled, and here I come out of nowhere," Bailey said. Bailey picked Mississippi State because he said coach Sylvester Croom offered him a scholarship before his deployment. He will have four years to exhaust his three remaining seasons of eligibility, and is looking forward to resuming the playing career that at times seemed lost. "You take it one day at a time [and] you thank God for what you have that day," Bailey said. "Now I have a chance to do something I love."

All the hype around Duke isn't exactly "Awesome baby!"

The Jay Langley was 1999. Duke guard Trajan Langdon dribbled down the floor as the clock ran down. Before he could put up the game winning shot, Langdon fell to the floor as the buzzer sounded.

But then came the 1991 East Regional Final. Most college basketball fans remember it as the greatest college basketball game in history. It was Duke against Kentucky. Christian Laettner hit a tum around jumper in overtime to send the Blue Devils to the Final Four and to an eventual national championship.

The game was over. Connecticut point-guard Khalid El-Amin looked into the camera and proclaimed, "We shocked the world!" The 1999 NCAA National Championship will go down as the greatest sports moment in my life for two reasons. The first being that I love Connecticut basketball. The second being that I hate Duke basketball. I do not believe in conspiracy theories. I actually think Lee Harvey Oswald shot JFK. But I do believe there is an overwhelming amount of butt kissing from the national media and NCAA officials towards the Duke program.

Last week I was watching a Duke versus Virginia Tech game. In the second half, Virginia Tech's Deron Washington kicked Duke player Lee Melchionni square in the face. Washington was thrown out of the game and has since been suspended. The NCAA has a rule that if any player is thrown out of a game for fighting, he must sit out at least the next game. The rule is just. It seems like a good rule unless you consider that it does not apply to Duke players. If Melchionni had kicked Washington, would the resulting punishment have been different? I believe so.

To what do I attribute the above outlandish claim that Duke player's are allowed to get away with kicking players from opposing teams? Let me bring you back to the 1991 NCAA tournament. In the second round of the tournament, Connecticut center Rod Sellers threw Duke's Christian Laettner into the floor. Duke won the game so Sellers was suspended for Connecticut's first two games the following season. Even as a Connecticut fan, I still say the ruling was fair. There is no place for fighting in college basketball.

I am not trying to say that Duke does not have a great program. Krzyzewski is a great coach, but isn't it easier to recruit kids when every single game is on ESPN? Don't get me wrong, I want to see Duke vs. Maryland or North Carolina. What I don't want to see is Duke beat Southwest North Dakota State A&M by 60 points and then hear Dick Vitale say how "Awesome baby," the Dukies are. For each of the last 11 seasons, Duke has made more free throws than their opponents have taken. If this was to happen one or two seasons, I could credit this to Duke having a really aggressive squad. But for it to happen 11 consecutive seasons makes me scratch my head and wonder if maybe the men in stripes have a vested interest in how far Duke goes in March Madness.

New faces starting to catch attention of coaches around Big 12

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — At a time of year when the best players are beginning to separate themselves from the pack, some unfamiliar faces are making big noise in the Big 12. It's not that Colorado, Kansas State and Texas A&M have never had outstanding teams or standout players. It's just that schools like Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Oklahoma State have become accustomed to dominating most player-of

the year balloting the past few seasons. Now they're getting some competition. Drawing rave notices at Colorado, a senior-dominated team, is sophomore Richard Roby. After averaging 16 points as a freshman, Roby has been the Buffaloes' leading scorer during a five-game winning streak, averaging almost 26 points in a span that has lifted Colorado to within half a game of Texas in the

conference race. Roby is also the only player in the Big 12 with two 30-point efforts this season. "I think he's improved in all areas of his game," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said Monday during the Big 12's weekly conference call. "He's always been a good scorer. He has quick hands and he has good defensive instincts. He's the big reason Colorado is doing so well." Kansas State junior Cartier Martin is also drawing accolades. A 6-8 swingman, Martin had 24 points last week against Colorado, the fourth time in the last five games he has led the Wildcats in scoring. Overall since Jan. 1, he's averaging 19.4 points and 7.1 rebounds while shooting

50 percent from 3-point range. At Texas A&M, junior guard Aice Law has scored in double digits in all but one game this season. He has 127 points in his last six games. "He has very good quickness. He's one of those guys who can shoot the mid-range jump shot and also take it all the way to the basket," said Sutton. "If you leave him alone out there, he can hit some treys." Said Baylor coach Scott Drew, "He's improved every year. We were hoping he would level off. But obviously he hasn't. What impresses us with him so much is he's able to create a lot of that on his own. He can shoot the 3 and finishes very well around the basket."

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