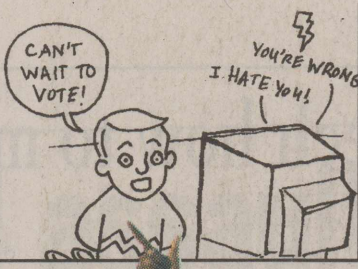
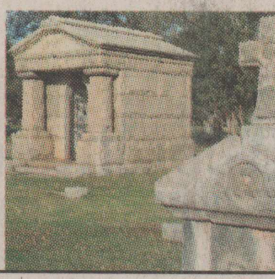


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Fed help sought for 10 flood-damaged counties

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry requested federal disaster assistance from President Bush on Tuesday for 10 southeast Texas counties pounded by storms and flooding.

Such a declaration would clear the way for federal grants and other government help to repair damage from the severe weather, which began Oct. 15.

Several hundred homes have been damaged by the flooding, according to a state review. Last week, Perry designated nine counties as part of a state disaster area. They are: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto and Tyler counties.

NATION

Teen shot by police stun gun dies

JERSEYVILLE, Ill. (AP) — A teenager carrying a Bible and shouting "I want Jesus" was shot twice with a police stun gun and later died at a St. Louis hospital, authorities said. In a statement obtained Tuesday by *The Associated Press*, police in Jerseyville, about 40 miles north of St. Louis, said 17-year-old Roger Holyfield would not acknowledge officers who approached him and he continued yelling, "I want Jesus."

WORLD

Bush cautious on N. Korea nuke turnabout

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a surprise turnabout, North Korea agreed Tuesday to return to six-nation disarmament talks just three weeks after rattling the world by conducting an atomic bomb test. The breakthrough came after pressure from China and a U.S. offer to discuss financial penalties already in place. President Bush cautiously welcomed the deal and thanked the Chinese for brokering it. But he said the agreement wouldn't sidetrack U.S. efforts to enforce sanctions adopted by the U.N. Security Council to punish Pyongyang for its Oct. 9 nuclear test.

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White House, Kerry exchange accusations

By JENNIFER LOVEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House and Sen. John Kerry traded their harshest accusations since the 2004 presidential race on Tuesday, with President Bush accusing the Democrat of troop-bashing and Kerry calling the president's men hacks who are "willing to lie."

The war of words, tough even for this hard-fought campaign season, came after Kerry told a group of California students on Monday that those unable to navigate the country's education system "get stuck in Iraq."

The two parties are searching for any edge amid indications Democrats could take back the House and possibly win control of the Senate

in next week's midterm elections. Though neither Bush nor Kerry is on any ballot, the bitterness with which they fought each other as 2004 rivals spilled over as both campaign hard for their parties in a race shaped in large measure by public doubts about the Iraq war.

White House press secretary Tony Snow was asked about Kerry's comment at his regular briefing with reporters, and had clearly come prepared with a lengthy attack. He said the quote "fits a pattern" of negative remarks about U.S. soldiers from the decorated Vietnam veteran and suggested that whether Democratic candidates — particularly those running on their military service backgrounds — agree with their 2004 standard-bearer

should be a campaign litmus test.

Bush, campaigning later in Georgia, said Kerry's statement was "insulting and it is shameful."

"The members of the United States military are plenty smart and they are plenty brave and the senator from Massachusetts owes them an apology," Bush said during an appearance for a former GOP congressman, Mac Collins, who is trying to oust Democratic Rep. Jim Marshall. There were boos at the mention of Kerry's name and cheers at Bush's call for an apology.

Kerry, who is considering another run for the White House in 2008, angrily fired back.

At a hastily arranged news conference

in Seattle, Kerry said: "I apologize to no one for my criticism of the president and of his broken policy."

Kerry said the comment in question was "a botched joke about the president and the president's people, not about the troops ... and they know that's what I was talking about."

It came during a campaign rally for California Democratic gubernatorial candidate Phil Angelides. Kerry opened his speech at Pasadena City College with several one-liners, saying at one point that Bush had lived in Texas but now "lives in a state of denial."

He then said: "You know, education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do

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CAITLIN PROBANDT, A freshman journalism major from Miles, and Shylo Adams, a freshman public relations major from Florence, hand candy to Demetre, age 8, during Safe Treat at Chitwood residence hall Tuesday night.

SUGARY SWEETS, SAFETREATS

Residence halls open up to let children trick-or-treat in safe environment

By DANIELLE NOVY
LA VIDA EDITOR

Although trick-or-treating has become a staple of Halloween festivities as much as the ritual of wearing costumes or carving pumpkins, the dangers of roaming around darkened streets on the night of Oct. 31 have been keeping some concerned families on the sidelines.

In order to bridge the gap between safety and fun, Texas Tech's Department of Housing and Residence Life once again brought the Safe Treat program to the campus from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Sharen Black, senior business assistant for Housing and Residence Life, said for more than 10 years Tech residence halls have opened their doors to Hub City children on Halloween night to offer them a safe haven for trick-or-treating.

"This way, they (parents) can be assured that when children trick-or-treat, they will get treats that are safe for them," she said. "They know they're in a safe environment."

Black said community advisers disperse candy to students living in the

residence halls; in turn, the residents then hand out the sweet snacks to the trick-or-treaters who come knocking.

"It's a way for Texas Tech to give back to the community," she said. "It's also fun for residents."

Black said between 400 and 500 children usually turn up for Safe Treat.

"It's just very easy for parents to bring their children here," she said.

To add convenience to the program, a busing system was implemented for the evening to cart students from one residence hall to the next, Black said. While all Tech residence halls were involved in Safe Treat, she said many children started off the evening at the Chitwood/Weymouth residence complex.

Chitwood's lobby was decorated with posters depicting ghouls, goblins and other creatures of the same vein. Booths offering candy apples, face painting and games also helped to turn the lobby into a virtual "Halloweentown."

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Harris' trial begins for 2004 murder

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

A capital murder trial began Tuesday for a Lubbock woman accused of murdering a 7-11 employee during a string of robberies in August 2004.

Victoria Harris was charged with the murder of Patricia Ann Garcia after Harris and then boyfriend, Raymon Jackson, 20, robbed three different stores in one night. Harris is believed to be the get-away driver during the homicide.

Jackson currently is facing a life sentence for shooting Garcia in the throat during the robbery.

During the trial, representatives from the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office and the defense attorney questioned several people, including Jackson and Lubbock Police investigator Doug Sutton.

The entire courtroom was silent when Jackson entered to take the stand.

District Attorney Matt Powell was the first to interview Jackson.

During the questioning, Jackson admitted to serving a life sentence for the murder of Garcia. He said he was Harris' boyfriend at the time of the robberies and she was the get-away driver that night.

Powell interrogated Jackson about the three robberies and the specific details that might give the jury an idea of what happened the night Garcia was murdered.

Jackson said he and Harris were broke, living with family just to get by. He admitted to stealing two shotguns, one of which was used in the homicide. Jackson admitted he and Harris would steal money from Harris' grandmother while they were living with her.

Powell then began questioning Jackson concerning the first robbery at a 7-11 on 34th Street and Frankford Avenue.

Through Powell's questioning, Jackson said they went to the store with intent to rob and also brought along Harris' 12-year-old cousin. Jackson said he and Harris' 12-year-old cousin

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Gender issues at Tech: The College of Engineering

By ANNA SCHUMANN
STAFF WRITER

Discrimination based upon religion, sexuality, race or gender is a problem many people experience in their lifetime. Some students at Texas Tech say they feel prejudices against them in the classroom because of their gender.

According to Tech's Department of Institutional Research and Information Management Web site, 45.6 percent of Tech's total enrollment in Fall 2005 was female. According to the same site, the female enrollment in the College of Engineering in Fall 2005 was 10.7 percent.

Some female students claim the small percentage of female

enrollment in the college can lead to discrimination.

Sarah Chowdhury, a senior industrial engineering major from Dallas, said she has been told by some men that because she is a female, she cannot be good at engineering.

"Many women experience negative attitudes toward them in engineering," she said.

Because of this discrimination, Chowdhury said she tries harder to succeed.

"Usually it makes me like, 'I'll show you,'" she said. "But that could really hurt someone's self esteem."

She said she believes feelings of inadequacy can sometimes lead to women not asking for help when they need it.

"Sometimes girls get intimidated asking guys for help," she

said.

Chowdhury is the president of the Society of Women Engineers. According to the Center for Campus Life's Web site, the purpose of the organization is to "stimulate women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders, expand the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life (and) demonstrate the value of diversity."

Fabiola Galvan, a junior mechanical engineering major from Lubbock and secretary of the Society of Women Engineers, said discrimination is not a problem for her.

"I really don't focus on discrimination that much," she said. "I

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Lubbock police blotter

By PAUL ROBERTS
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Oct. 21
Lubbock police received a report of a burglary of contents inside a vehicle in the 5400 block of Lehigh Street. A victim reported an unknown suspect broke into the victim's red 2000 Chevrolet pickup and stole a set of golf clubs worth \$1,000, along with a pair of golf shoes, a golf bag, a garage opener and an insurance card.

Oct. 22
Lubbock police received a report of a suspect failing to leave proper information after a traffic accident at the intersection of East 19th Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. According to reports, an unknown vehicle struck a vapor light pole at the intersection and fled. Police did not collect any evidence or locate any suspects.

Lubbock police received a report of reckless driving in the 6600 block of Frankford Avenue. According to reports, a victim said a reckless driver was driving toward her and forced her to switch lanes into oncoming traffic. The victim said she feared for her life. Police did not locate any suspects.

Oct. 23
Lubbock police received a report of a burglary in the 2200 block of Mac Davis Lane. According to reports, three victims living together reported an unknown suspect broke into their residence and stole several items. The victims reported a blue backpack with several books worth \$300 was stolen,

along with a Sony "Vaio" laptop, a Playstation 2 video console, \$200 worth of DVD movies, \$400 worth of Playstation video games, an Xbox 360 video game console and \$500 worth of Xbox video games.

Oct. 24
Lubbock police received a report of an aggravated sexual assault in the 2200 block of Erskine Street. According to reports, a female victim stated a suspect picked her up and drove her to a dark dirt road and sexually assaulted her. The suspect then dropped the victim off in the 400 block of Avenue Q. The suspect has not been located at this time.

Lubbock police received a report of criminal mischief in the 300 block of 77th Street. Police said a victim reported someone pushed over his motorcycle. According to the victim, his daughter and her husband were arguing, and the husband left. When he went outside to leave the residence, he observed his motorcycle had been pushed into the side of his car, causing \$500 worth of damage to his silver 2005 Buick Century.

Lubbock police received a report of an aggravated assault in the 8200 block of University Avenue. Police reports state three individuals were involved in an argument with a suspect. The suspect entered his vehicle and began to drive towards the three victims, who were standing in the parking lot. No one was hit, and the suspect fled.

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'Apprentice' winner tells Tech how to make the cut

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Students will have two chances to listen to Randal Pinkett at Texas Tech today. Pinkett gained national fame as the season four winner of the television show "The Apprentice."

Pinkett will speak at the November Chief Executives' Roundtable hosted by the Rawls College of Business at 11:30 a.m. at the Merket Alumni Center and at 2:00 p.m. in Room LH202 of the Business Administration building.

He came last year to speak at the business college and received such a good reaction that he was invited once again, said Robert Shindell, director of the Rawls College of Business Career Management Center.

"He was here last year and students just loved him," he said. "Back by popular demand, so here

he is."
While he may have received national attention for his success on "The Apprentice," it is not his only achievement.

Pinkett is the co-founder, CEO and president of BCT Partners, a "multi-million dollar management, technology and policy consulting firm based in Newark, New Jersey," according to Pinkett's Web site.

He was also the first black student to receive a Rhodes Scholarship at Rutgers University.

Beyond these achievements, Pinkett holds five academic degrees and gives back to the community, Shindell said, but he is still a normal person.

"He's just a normal guy," he said. "He's brilliant and smart."

Pinkett will speak to business students about leadership during his presentations, said Randi Rives, public relations/alumni relations coordinator of the Rawls College

of Business.
"It gives our students the chance to see people who have real-world experience," she said. "He'll have a very good message to give."

Pinkett is just one in a list of visible figures who have come to speak at the business college in the past, she said.

Past speakers include Winston Churchill III, grandson of former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill; Brad Anderson, CEO of Best Buy; and Lynn Brewer, former Enron executive.

The guests are chosen to speak at the Chief Executives' Roundtable, which is a program that takes participants' fees to raise money for business student scholarships and to bring in individuals like Pinkett to the students.

Sometimes, the business college looks for individuals on who it feels would be beneficial for the students to listen to, Rives said.

Pinkett's contribution to students at Tech will involve his insight into business in the real world and one of his favorite quotes, "To whom much is given, much is expected," Shindell said.

"Looking at his life, you see that and how one might want to live their life," he said.

Pinkett is appealing to college students for several reasons, he said.

The reasons include the real-life insight he can give students concerning business, the various academic degrees and experiences he has had and his time on "The Apprentice," he said.

Beyond speaking at college campuses and other forums, Pinkett is the published author of four books and 20 papers and articles, according to his Web site.

"He has appeal at both ends of the spectrum," he said.

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Rumsfeld endorses plan to expand size of Iraqi security forces

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Tuesday endorsed a proposal to spend at least \$1 billion to expand the size and accelerate the training and equipping of Iraqi security forces.

While the plan still must get final approval from the White House and the money would have to be approved by Congress, Rumsfeld's support underscores the Bush administration's effort to shift more of the burden of Iraq's security to that country's forces.

"I'm very comfortable with the increases they've proposed and the accelerations in achievement of some of their targets," Rumsfeld told reporters at the Pentagon, noting that the Iraqi government and Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, both recommended expanding Iraqi forces.

"Now it's simply a matter of our pressing forward and getting our portion of the funding from the Congress and working to see that it's executed," Rumsfeld said. He did not say how much extra U.S. money would be required.

So far, the U.S. government has

spent roughly \$10 billion on developing the Iraqi security forces, according to the latest report released by the Pentagon special inspector general who audits U.S. work in Iraq. One official, speaking on condition of anonymity, described the proposed extra money as more than \$1 billion, but would not offer specifics.

Rumsfeld "approved going forward" with the proposal, which is intended to be part of an add-on to the 2007 budget, according to Pentagon press secretary Eric Ruff. It will next be submitted to the White House and other government agencies for their review, Ruff said.

The defense secretary's move comes at a time when the Bush administration has been pressing Iraqi officials to agree to benchmarks with which progress in the war-torn country can be measured. The effort has produced strains with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who has resisted being portrayed as beholden to Washington.

Rumsfeld did not cite a dollar figure or reveal how many extra Iraqi forces would be developed, beyond the 325,000 target that U.S. officials say they expect to reach before

year's end.

Two defense officials said Tuesday that the expected increase was far fewer than 100,000, and one official suggested it might be about 30,000. Those officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

CBS News reported on Monday that Casey had recommended expanding the Iraqi security forces by as much as 100,000.

Rumsfeld said the final decision on expanding the Iraqi security forces would be announced in Baghdad.

Asked whether such an increase would mean that U.S. troops would have to stay in Iraq longer to train the extra forces, Rumsfeld said he doubted it. Nor would it necessarily require a higher number of U.S. trainers, he said.

U.S. government approval is required for any plan to expand the size of the Iraqi forces because it could not be accomplished without additional U.S. funds and the provision of U.S. trainers and U.S.-acquired equipment.

Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri, the top Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, said expanding the Iraqi security forces likely means it will take more than the 12 to 18 months Casey has estimated it will take to get the Iraqis fully in control of their own security.

Engineering

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guss I just look past it."
Travis Turnbull, a junior mechanical engineering major from Alamogordo, N.M., said he has seen positive differences between men and women in his engineering classes.

"Their determination's a lot higher," he said. "I don't think I've seen professors give them a hard time, but they do live to a higher standard."

Seth Berry, a junior mechanical engineering major from Austin, said he thinks women may do better in engineering because of discrimination against them, though he said he never has witnessed any.

"Women are willing to work harder," he said. "They're in it because they're actually interested in it, not because they feel they have to."

Berry said he has no problem asking women in his classes for help.

"You go to people for help you know and study with," he said. "I'll go to women as soon as I'll go to a guy in any class."

Jeffrey Woldstad, associate dean of undergraduate studies for the College of Engineering, said he has never seen any recent gender discrimination within the college, but that he would like to be notified of any problems.

"We are very open to any complaints," she said. "We've taken action before."

Based on his experience, he said females do not perform worse than males in engineering.

"Most of our female students do as well as our male students," he said. "The retention is better for females than males. Not dramatically better, but it is better."

He said he can credit the higher rates of female retention to organizations such as the Society of Women Engineers.

"There are a lot of support groups for women," he said. "I would attribute a lot of our retention to SWE."

Woldstad said since women are in the minority in the college, they receive special academic treatment.

"In terms of academics, nothing's different," he said. "There's no preferential treatment."

In reference to the low female enrollment of the college, Woldstad said he hopes it changes.

"We would really like many more women in our college," he said. "We'd like a more diverse population."

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your homework and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well. If you don't, you get stuck in Iraq."

That, Kerry said, was meant as a reference to Bush, not troops. Kerry said it is the president who owes U.S. soldiers an apology — for "a Katrina foreign policy" that misled the country into war in Iraq, failed to adequately study and plan for

the aftermath, has not properly equipped troops and has expanded the terrorist threat.

"I'm sick and tired of a bunch of despicable Republicans who will not debate real policy, who won't take responsibility for their own mistakes, standing up and trying to make other people the butt of those mistakes," he said. "It disgusts me that a bunch of these Republican hacks who've never worn the uniform of our country are willing to lie about those who did."

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Sexual assault on the rise in Lubbock

By LIZ BOYD
STAFF WRITER

A growing number of sexual assault cases have plagued the Hub City this year.

In 2006 there was a 19 percent increase in sexual assault cases in Lubbock and surrounding areas, according to the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center's statistics. In 2005, the center assisted 338 victims of sexual assault.

The center is a nonprofit United Way agency that serves victims of sexual assault and helps educate the community of Lubbock and the surrounding areas about rape prevention.

"Sexual assault happens at least once every single day," said Valarie Burelsmith-Conner, coordinator for the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center.

The youngest survivor of sexual assault the center has treated was 16 weeks old, and the oldest was 97 years old.

"Our staff is almost entirely volunteers," Burelsmith-Conner said. "Also, many of our volunteers are Texas Tech students."

Burelsmith-Conner said the center aims to be an advocate for anyone who has been sexually as-

saulted and inform the community about the seriousness of sexual assault crimes.

The center wants to stress the importance of not blaming victims of sexual assault, and Burelsmith-Conner said she urges the community to support people who have been assaulted.

"One of the most common things people do is blame the victim," Burelsmith-Conner said. "It is not anyone's fault for being raped."

According to the center's statistics, more than 30 percent of victims of sexual assault are between the ages of 18 and 25.

Burelsmith-Conner said college students are at a high risk of being sexually assaulted, and she said many assailants are acquaintances of the victim.

More than 18 percent of assailants are acquaintances of the victim, 16 percent are friends, around 14 percent of assailants are relatives of the victim and 17 percent are total strangers, according to the center's statistics.

Burelsmith-Conner said the center works with the Lubbock and Tech police departments, as well as Lubbock hospitals.

The center is immediately called by police or hospital personnel upon the discovery of a sexual assault, Burelsmith-Conner said.

If you are sexually assaulted, Burelsmith-Conner said, it is a good idea to contact the police.

However, Burelsmith-Conner said the center welcomes victims who do not want police involvement.

"We are here to help," Burelsmith-Conner said. "If someone doesn't feel comfortable calling the police, and that person just wants someone to talk to, our crisis hot lines are open 24 hours a day."

Treva Hill, a Lubbock Rape Crisis Center volunteer, said she believes her job is important, challenging and rewarding.

Hill said she has been a volunteer since 1998.

The most challenging part of being a volunteer, Hill said, is worrying about victims after a case is evaluated.

"I have a hard time wondering and worrying about victims," Hill said. "I always want to know that a person is OK, and that has been very difficult throughout my years as a volunteer."

Hill said she believes it is im-

portant to educate the community about sexual assault crimes.

"Sexual assault is a crime that keeps being swept under the carpet," Hill said. "No one wants to talk about it when it happens, but it's so important to reveal assailants and have them prosecuted."

Hill said the most rewarding part about volunteering is when an assailant is convicted and sentenced.

"I cannot tell you how gratifying it is to testify in a case where the assailant is convicted," Hill said. "When you look over and see how grateful the family of the victim is, it's just unexplainable."

Burelsmith-Conner said she welcomes Tech students to learn more about the center through community education and prevention programs.

"We speak at Tech often about sexual assault prevention and education," Burelsmith-Conner said, "and I urge anyone who is interested to become a volunteer."

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or have any questions about sexual assault, Burelsmith-Conner said to call the center at 763-RAPE.

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Sexual Assault Statistics

Fifty-nine percent of sexual assaults are reported from the hospital emergency room.

More than 27 percent of sexual assaults occur between the hours of midnight and 7 a.m.

More than 30 percent of sexual assault victims are between the ages of 18 and 25. Twenty-six percent are between the ages of 13 and 17. More than 13 percent are under the age of six.

More than 50 percent of sexual assaults occur outside of the victim's home, and around 17 percent of these occur in the assailant's home.

Source:

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Murder

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entered the store wearing a hood and bandana and armed with a shotgun.

When asked if the 12-year-old cousin was armed, Jackson replied, "Yes. He had a B-B gun."

Jackson said Harris was waiting for him at a nearby apartment complex behind the store.

Powell then asked if Harris had any objection to the robbing when Jackson came back.

"Did she say 'we have to stop this?'" Powell said. "Did she say 'we have to stop and go home?'"

Jackson's reply to both answers was a simple: "No, sir."

During the second robbery at 19th Street and Lola Avenue was when Garcia was murdered.

Jackson said Harris parked down the street in a church parking lot while Jackson attempted the robbery. He said he approached the store from the back alley and did not go in until a vehicle left the parking lot.

That is when the shooting took place. Jackson said he heard the gun go off, but never saw Garcia fall to the ground.

Jackson said it was not until the next day when he found out Garcia died from his shot, but he never called the police.

Jackson continued his explanation of the night with details of the third robbery at an EZ Mart at 50th Street and Chicago Avenue.

During the three robberies combined, Jackson said they stole around \$100 and cigarettes.

The next person to take the stand during the trial was Doug Sutton of the Lubbock Police Department.

He answered questions concerning an interview with Harris before she was a murder suspect. He said he became the lead investigator of the case and through several tips linked Harris to the homicide.

When police first interviewed Harris, they were searching for answers concerning Jackson only, and did not think Harris was a suspect.

However, through the investigation, police gained enough probable cause and arrested Harris.

After Harris was arrested, she confessed to the robberies and that she knew Jackson had killed the store clerk, but never called police.

The trial will continue Tuesday morning and is expected to last through the week. If convicted, Harris could face life in prison.

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Iraqi prime minister wins U.S. approval to lift two blockades

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Exploiting GOP vulnerability in the Nov. 7 elections, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki flexed his political muscle Tuesday and won U.S. agreement to lift military blockades on Sadr City and another Shiite

enclave where an American soldier was abducted.

U.S. forces, who had set up the checkpoints in Baghdad last week as part of an unsuccessful search for the soldier, drove away in Humvees and armored personnel carriers at the 5

p.m. deadline set by al-Maliki. Iraqi troops, who had manned the checkpoints with the Americans, loaded coils of razor wire and red traffic cones onto pickup trucks.

Their departure set off celebrations among civilians and armed men in Sadr City, the sprawling Shiite district controlled by the Mahdi Army militia loyal to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Small groups of men and children danced in circles chanting slogans praising and declaring victory for al-Sadr, whose political support is crucial to the prime minister's governing coalition.

The prime minister's challenge to U.S. conduct of the war was the latest in a series of acts designed to force the American hand and test Washington's readiness to give him a greater say in securing the world's

most violent capital.

Al-Maliki finds himself in a maze of conflicting political pressures. After the Bush administration unveiled a plan last week for Iraq's government to adopt timelines for progress, especially in curbing violence, al-Maliki accused Washington of infringing on national sovereignty. There was no doubt he was talking tough to show both the Americans and his political base that he would not be pushed around.

The prime minister has further said that he feels stanching bloodshed might be better handled by Iraqi forces, although his argument does not wash given the present state of his military. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld endorsed a proposal Tuesday to spend at least \$1 billion to expand the size and accelerate the training and equipping of Iraqi

security forces, underscoring the Bush administration's effort to shift more of the burden away from U.S. troops.

Sen. Jack Reed, a member of the Armed Services Committee, said al-Maliki was yielding to sectarian pressure and undermining U.S. efforts to curb attacks.

"Today, the critical issue in Iraq is whether the Maliki government can muster the political will to confront those who use violence to destabilize Iraq," Reed, a Rhode Island Democrat, said in a statement.

Safe Treat

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By the time the sky faded into darkness, Chitwood's lobby was already packed with eager children armed with the shared goal of acquiring as much candy as their baskets would allow.

Becky Garcia, a mother of two who arrived at the Safe Treat festivities with her children in tow, said her family made the Tech Safe Treat program a cornerstone of every Halloween.

"We come here every year," she said with a smile. "It's nice staying inside."

Garcia said another positive aspect of taking her children to Tech

for their annual dose of trick-or-treating is the sense of safety she feels while being inside a warm building among students and volunteers.

While standing in the lobby of Chitwood watching a student volunteer delicately draw a picture on her daughter's face, Nicki Ramirez said Safe Treat has been an important part of her family's Halloween ritual every year.

She said while her four children love coming to the Tech campus to load up on treats and sweets, she appreciates the safety the residence halls provide.

"My favorite part is the picture they take of the kids in Horn/Knapp," Ramirez said. "They mail the picture to your house."

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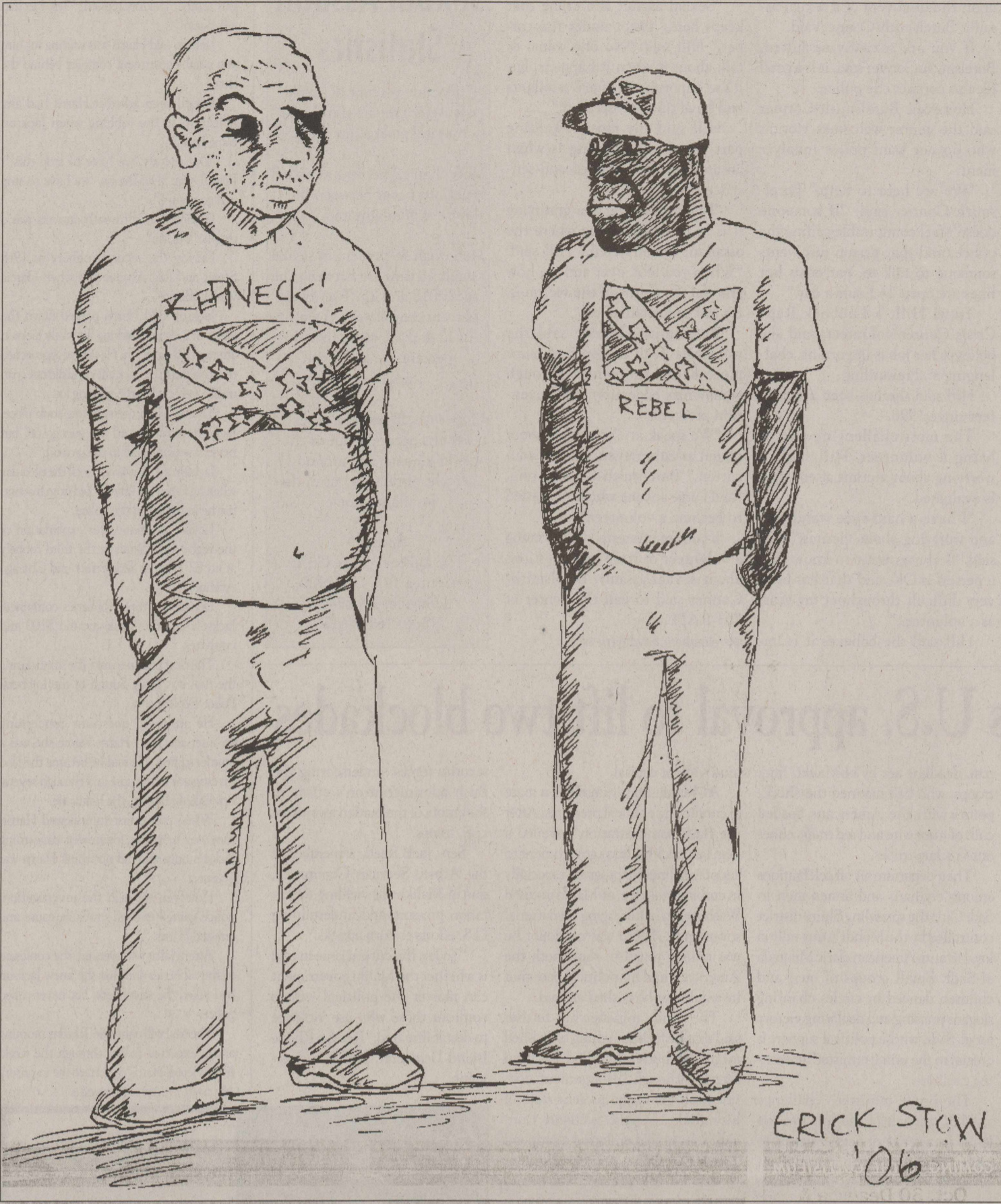
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Happy All Saints' Day

With Tuesday being Halloween, I am jumping to the conclusion that the majority of the people reading this column are in one of two possible states. One, they are too drunk to remember what they did last night. And so don't remember that while their intended costume was Batman, they ended up leaving the party as a super hero that could best be described as vaguely resembling Captain Underpants.

Or, they were in some type of "sugar-induced hyperfrenzy" and actually did not get to sleep until 6 a.m. and are very, very tired. Regardless, I am jumping to the conclusion that the majority of the student body is in no mood for anything that could take effort to understand. I assure you that, as always, my column will not, in any way whatsoever, contain anything even remotely clever or witty.

Instead, with it being All Saints' Day, I thought it fitting to introduce you to some of the lesser known saints whose lives we are celebrating (believe it or not, I did actual research):

Christina the Astonishing — St. Christina was born into a peasant family and was quickly orphaned. At the age of 21, she suffered a seizure and was declared deceased. During her funeral, she miraculously recovered and levitated to the roof of the church. Afterward, she claimed that she was able to "smell the sin" inside others and would do many things to avoid coming into contact with people. Those things included climbing trees and buildings, as well as simple levitation. It is also claimed that she was unable to sustain injury (similar to Bruce Willis's character in "Unbreakable"), including the ability to withstand extreme heat and cold. St. Christina is a patron saint of mental illness.

Roch — St. Roch was born with a red cross on his chest and was orphaned at age 20. He became a traveling minister to the sick, and at one point was inflected with the bubonic plague. Roch went into the forest to die alone, but instead befriended a dog. The dog stole food from his master's table, and nursed Roch back to health. He then traveled to southern France, where he was arrested as a spy and died in prison after five years. Roch is the patron saint of many things including tile-makers, falsely accused people, dogs, epidemics, several diseases and knee problems.

Maurice — St. Maurice was an officer in the Roman Legion. His men, numbering as many as 6,600, were attacked and massacred by other Roman soldiers after refusing to participate in pagan sacrifices before battle. He is one of the 10 patron saints of gout.

Fiacre — St. Fiacre was raised in a Seventh Century Irish monastery, but decided that he would prefer a life of isolation. He became a hermit, living in a cave in France. He asked the local bishop for land

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to plant a garden, and was told he could have any land that he could clear that day. He walked around the perimeter of the land he wanted, and it was miraculously cleared and entrenched. It was also claimed that he was able to heal sores by merely touching them. He is the patron saint of venereal disease, taxi drivers, and hemorrhoids — making him, dare I say it, the Preparation Saint.

Vitus — St. Vitus was the son of a Sicilian Senator and was converted to Christianity by his tutor and nurse. He was arrested by his father and scourged. After escaping, he went to Rome, where he performed an exorcism on the emperor's son. He refused to sacrifice to a pagan god afterward, and was arrested again. Vitus was thrown to the lions, but the lions would not attack him, so he was thrown in boiling oil alongside a rooster (I assume the chicken was seasoned with 11 herbs and spices). Because of his association with the rooster, he is the patron saint for those who oversleep.

Simeon the Stylite — St. Simeon entered a monastery around age 16. Once there, he started a ritual of extreme fasting for lent, going so far as to bind himself in a homemade girdle that would make it uncomfortable for him to eat. He was asked to leave the monastery, and subsequently barricaded himself in a hut for three years. After that, he wandered through the desert in search of solitary confinement, but pilgrims continued to seek him out to ask for advice. He then decided he would live at the top of a pillar he had found, which at first was approximately 10 feet high, but was later extended to more than 65 feet. He spent 37 years on top of his pillar before dying. For all those that wonder how Simeon used the bathroom, I guess that would be a miracle worthy of beatification.

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Confederate compromise

The damn thing has survived 140 years beyond the Civil War. It has even outlived Jim Crow. It's a multi-million dollar industry, with bumper stickers, T-shirts and hats to its name. What is it?

It's the Confederate Flag.

The practical application is this: if a symbol such as the Confederate Flag, that has completely different meanings to equally fanatical groups, can have a compromise reached concerning its public use, don't you think our legislators can compromise on issues severely affecting us in the here and now (Social Security, immigration, school funding)?

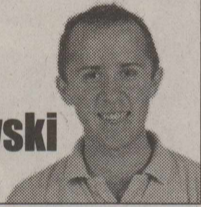
By telling the Confederate Flag's story, I want you to remember that when you get down to the bare bones of it, politics is about the art of compromise. Our founding fathers understood that; and unfortunately today's lame duck Congresses (in Austin and in Washington, D.C.) do not.

Now, let me tell you this flag's lengthy story.

Twentieth-century popular culture glorified the Confederacy. In official acts of defiance to the 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education ruling, Southern states began incorporating the Confederate Flag into use as state flags.

The Georgia House of Representatives, by a 179-1 vote, integrated the Confederate Flag into its state flag in 1956. South Carolina, in 1962, raised the Confederate Flag over its State House in Columbia. To protest federally forced integration of the University of Alabama, Gov. George Wallace ordered the Confederate Flag

Matt Wisniewski



flown from the Alabama state capitol in 1962.

For many white Southerners, "the flag had also symbolized defiance and segregation at a time when they felt under siege again by the federal government and by Northerners who wanted to change the South's way of life."

The band Lynyrd Skynyrd employed the Confederate Flag as its stage background in many of its concerts. "The Dukes of Hazard" included it on the roof of Bo and Luke's car, the General Lee.

However, lying relatively dormant for two decades was black resentment to the Confederate Flag. This hatred reared its ugly head in the mid 1980s, when people began to question its popular usage.

In 1987, the NAACP launched a campaign to lower Confederate Flags from Southern capitols. The 1991 NAACP Confederate Flag Resolution referred to it as an "abhorrence to all Americans and decent people" and an "odious blight upon the universe."

Flag supporters did not roll over. The South did rise again.

The mid 1990s saw the reemergence of white Southern politics and values. There were Arkansas and Tennessee natives as president

and vice president, a Mississippian was senate majority leader, and a Georgian was speaker of the house. This new environment, coupled with black Southerners' unfavorable attitude toward the Confederate Flag, created clashes between flag supporters and dissenters. But this time, the bickering did not last long.

A compromise was reached. The end result was not an erasing or embracing of the Confederate Flag, rather a coming to terms with the past.

Many Southern cities and states began reexamining the flag, recognizing that this is less of a fight over history than an opportunity for reconciliation in the here and now for all citizens.

Until July 2002, the city seal of Montgomery, Ala., carried the phrase "Cradle of the Confederacy" with the Confederate Flag in the background — a motto the city adopted just at the outset of the civil rights movement in 1952. Rather than removing the slogan, city leaders added the phrase "Birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement."

Promoting Black Southern History need not to undo White Southern history. As to how she felt about the change, a retired white school teacher, who designed the new phrase, said "We have to live together. So what's wrong with a little compromise."

A small interracial group of Georgia legislators produced a new design intended to recognize the Confederate Flag's historical significance while minimizing its prominence.

Tyrone Brooks, a legislator who

previously called the flag the "Georgia Swastika," said, "What I finally had to acknowledge was that Confederate history is a part of our history. We cannot erase it, and it needs to be preserved for history's sake."

Discussion and debate over the Confederate Flag controversy requires avoiding romanticizing the South or demonizing it. A coming to terms with history, that neither embraces nor erases it, produces the desired outcome.

Our culture has begun to break a trend where the meaning of the war was told through ideological polarized groups.

It is my hope that future generations of Southerners will embody the words of Jefferson Davis, who said in his last public speech, "The past is dead; let it bury its dead, its hopes and aspirations; before you lies the future. Let me beseech you to lay aside all rancor, all bitter sectional feeling, and to take your places in the ranks of those who will bring about a consummation devoutly to be wished—a reunited country."

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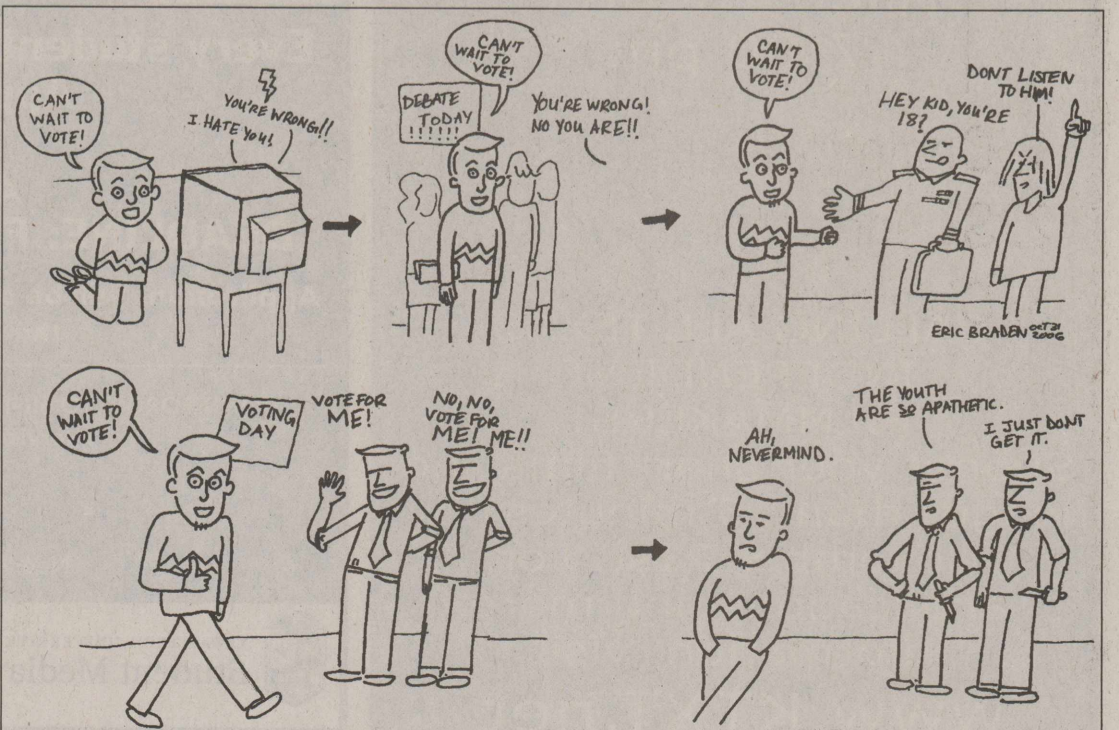
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THE SAINTLY LIFE

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

At dusk on Tuesday, bedsheets and grocery-store zombies ruled the neighborhood streets of Lubbock, but for Catholic students at Texas Tech, Halloween is the first of three days to celebrate and remember past souls.

Alban Gremmels said every year on Nov. 1, All Saints' Day, she attends mass at her church to remember saints.

All Saints' Day is a day for churches to remember both God and saints, according to <http://www.holidayinsights.com>.

Gremmels, a junior nursing major from Keller, said All Saints' Day separates Catholicism from other religions.

"I think Catholics pay more attention and pray more to the saints than people in other religions," she said.

All Saints' Day, which follows Halloween, is thought to be a day where

the good spirits come out, and people need to pray for them, Gremmels said. Halloween is the day the bad or evil spirits are thought to come out.

"I think the day shows not that Catholics value the saints more, but they have a different opinion of them," she said. "All Saints' Day is just another day of obligation. It's one of those days that Catholics observe but other religions don't."

Gremmels said there are various days during the year in which people of the Catholic religion are required to pray for a certain saint. All Saints' Day has been considered a day in which someone can pray to a saint he or she did not pray to during the course of the year, Gremmel said.

"If you didn't observe them then, you can observe them now," she said.

Leticia McCoy, a junior creative writing major from Levelland, said she celebrates All Saints' Day by returning home and having dinner with her family. She said relatives and friends gather

for the dinner and talk about whoever has died during the year.

"It's not a sad day; it's a day of celebrating because we know they are in a better place," McCoy said. "They're in heaven with Jesus."

McCoy said when she was younger she celebrated Mass on All Saints' Day.

"I now just go home, and we celebrate and remember our ancestors," she said. "This is a huge day for Catholics."

McCoy said people are not required to celebrate Mass on the day, but it is a time of obligated worship.

Annaliese Gerhardt, a sophomore pre-med major from Beaumont, said the day is meant to celebrate the various saints. There are roughly 10,000 different saints someone can worship, according to <http://www.holidayinsights.com>.

She said she attended a Catholic high school, and her teachers would devote an entire day for remembering



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A STATUE STANDS in a Lubbock graveyard.

the saints.

"We would talk about them and the history of the day in our classes," she said.

Carlos Gutierrez, a freshman marketing major from El Paso, said his family has never spent much time paying

attention to All Saints' Day. He said he does not go to Mass on the day, and he does not plan on going today. Still, Gutierrez said his family spends time together on "el Dia de los Muertos," or the Day of the Dead, a holiday that stretches through the first two days of

November.

"We light a candle and prepare a picture of the person dead or dying and the Mass is dedicated to them," Gutierrez said. "The day is more a tradition than anything else."

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Lubbock State School seeks volunteers

By KATIE HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

With the holiday season drawing near, many people are spending increased time with their friends and families. Still, the Lubbock State School is always in need of volunteers and visitors — and the wintry season is no exception.

Stacy Bodenstedt, director of community relations at Lubbock State School, said most of the residents at the institution do not have families and appreciate just a moment of someone's time to talk with them.

The Lubbock State School campus is a 226-acre, 24-hour facility with 15 homes housing approximately 320 individuals diagnosed as "mentally retarded"; the residents live on the property and are cared for, Bodenstedt said.

"We help them and teach them independent living skills and how to be independent not only at home, but in the community as well," she said. "Depending on their progress of their skill levels, we can place

them into community housing.

"There is also a woman that came to us in the 1970s from the Denton State School and basically graduated from the program and has been living on her own in the Lubbock community ever since," she said. "She now works and helps out with things like Habitat for Humanity and Special Olympics."

Bodenstedt said residents range from 18 years to roughly 90 years old, and the average age is 42.

"We are always in continuous need for groups of individuals to come in and assist with various events," she said.

According to the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, <http://www.dads.state.tx.us>, there are opportunities for individual and group volunteers. Individuals can assist as arts and

crafts assistants, clerical assistants, celebration helpers, fundraising aids, music assistants and special friends, and they can even do internships. Groups can assist with parties and special events, fundraising, making decorations for events, planting and landscaping and assisting with recreational activities.

"We are actually really looking for someone right now to help out in the community relations office as well," Bodenstedt said. "During the second week of December, we are going to need people to help wrap

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 On November 14th, come spend the evening learning the steps to construct loaves of naturally leaven bread. This workshop will cover how to start your own yeast culture, ingredients, and steps to bake artisan bread in Dutch ovens. The workshop will be held from 6-8 pm in the Outdoor Pursuits Center. Limit: 8 participants Cost \$5. Call 742.2949 to register!

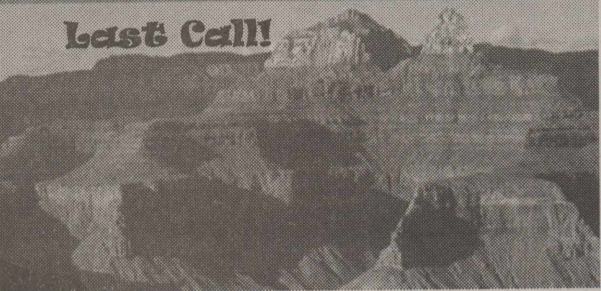
Feeling Stressed Out?
 Are you feeling stressed out with tests and finals right around the corner? Why not try a massage? We offer several different massage packages and gift certificates! Call 742.3828 for details!

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 The Outdoor Pursuits is offering ski and snowboard rental packages for Winter Break! We have brand new snowboards and shaped skis! The quality of gear and price cannot be beat here in town or at the slopes. Come check us out today! Ski packages start at \$60, snowboard packages start at \$90.

Prizes, prizes, prizes!!
 Have you been playing Xcape bingo? There are still many great prizes to be won, and don't forget it is now easier to win! And, remember Fitness Jam is right around the corner on Dec. 7th and playing Xcape Bingo gives you a chance to win even BIGGER prizes (up to \$100 value!) that will be announced at Fitness Jam!

Sports Ticker...
 Recent Sport Clubs results:
W. Rugby: Arkansas Iron Maidens 30, TTU 0; Wyoming 10, TTU 0
W. Lacrosse: TTU 11, Austin Col. 1; TAMU 15, TTU 1; TTU 6, SMU 4
W. Volleyball: 2nd at SIVA Tournament (Lubbock)
Tennis: 2nd at Regional Tournament (Lubbock)
Bowling: 3rd at Regional Tournament (Wichita, Kansas)

OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTER
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Last Call!



Nov. 18-26 Are you ready for a trip of a lifetime? Come spend a week in a remote side canyon in the bottom of the Grand Canyon. We will volunteer for days to remove the exotic salt cedars from the small side canyons. This is a strenuous and rewarding trip! Mix service and fun!

SIGN-UP DEADLINE	DEPARTS	RE-TURNS	PRICE	SKILL LEVEL	FITNESS LEVEL
Nov. 2	7am	5pm	\$180	intermediate	moderate

Gear Swap!
 Join us November 11th from 8 to Noon for an opportunity to clean out your gear closet. Individuals will be selling used skis, snowboards, tents, backpacks, sleeping bags, stoves and a few watercrafts. We encourage you to bring any gear that you would like to sell to other community members. Come early for the best selection.

Sport Clubs Spotlight
Texas Tech Club Rugby Upsets OU
 By Alex Goff
 *with permission from goffonrugby.com Magazine

Texas Tech, recently promoted to DI, upset the University of Oklahoma in Norman this weekend 31-19.

A strong Texas Tech pack held OU in check much of the day and TT's backs were more than up to the task of finishing off their chances.

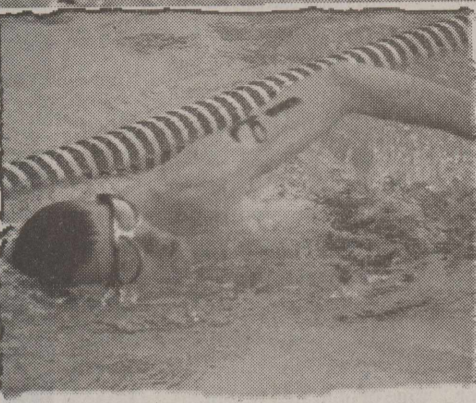
OU was careless with the ball and their mistakes were punished severely.

Win Clayton Payne scored twice as did former USA U19 center Drew West, while wing Nelson Aguilar added another to go with flyhalf Joey Bardwell's three conversions.

OU got a critical score from No. 8 Eric Meyers to make it 12-5 but the Sooners didn't see more points until much too late. Meyers got another and scrumhalf Mike Gammache's try made it 24-19 for Texas Tech, but a late TT try put it away.

Texas Tech moves on to play Colorado and New Mexico in November.

Aquatic Center **Can you swim the distance?**




TIME CHANGE! ATTENTION SWIMMERS!
November 4th 8am - 10:00am
 Due to the football game, the TIME HAS CHANGED FOR 3,000M SWIM. Instead of 10-11:45 AM on Saturday, Nov. 4th, it will be held from 8-10 AM on the same date. Don't miss out on the annual 3000M swim! And, don't worry, we will even count your laps!

FITNESS/WELLNESS **DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR XCAPE BINGO CARD STAMPED!**

NUTRITION MONDAY: Frustrated with your eating habits? Come join us for Nutrition Monday on November 6th from 4-6 pm and learn about Eating on the Go and Holiday Eating. It's a FREE event and you can get your Xcape Bingo card stamped. The event will take place outside of the Fit/Well office.

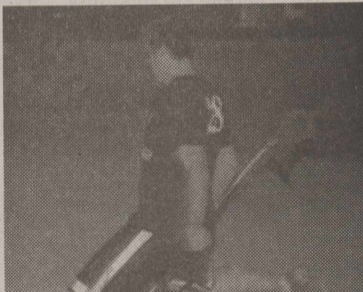
NOV. 6-10 **TECH CAN SHARE DRIVE**



Make a difference and hop aboard Tech's canned food drive the week of **Nov. 6-10**. Bring two canned goods to ANY fitness class (RaiderX or X2) and you will get a FREE stamp on your Bingo card!

INTRAMURALS

Outdoor Soccer Playoffs Begin This Sunday! The Intramural Outdoor Soccer regular season comes to an end tonight and schedules for the playoffs will be available Thursday Nov. 2nd. These schedules can be viewed on the web (www.recsports.ttu.edu) under the Intramural heading and schedules/brackets page or can be picked up in SRC room 203. The playoff season starts this Sunday, Nov. 5th. Have fun and good luck!

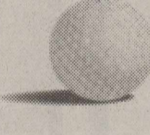


Swim Meet **Attention Swimmers! Mark your Calendars!**

Nov 9th - 6:30 pm

The Rec Sports Special Events Department will be hosting a Swim Meet on Thursday, November 9th in the SRC Aquatic Center. The meet's check-in is at 6:00 pm and the swimming will begin at 6:30 pm sharp! The events scheduled are: 200yd medley relay; 50yd/100yd free, 100yd IM; 50yd breaststroke; 50yd butterfly; 50yd backstroke; & 200yd free relay. A team can consist of up to 12 swimmers; however, an individual can only swim in three events including relays. Team points will be awarded on a 7-5-3 scale. For more information contact Jorge Juarez at 742.3351. If you would like to swim but do not have a team, don't worry, Rec Sports can help! Come by room 203 in the Student Rec Center!

On Par! Get on the greens on Sunday, Nov. 5th with the Intramural Golf Singles Tournament held at Stone Gate Golf Course! The cost is only \$25 per player which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, range ball and lunch. Sign up in the Intramural office to reserve your tee time!



COMING SOON!

6th Annual Winter Slam Basketball

Saturday, December 2nd

Space is limited, so be sure to register before Thursday, Nov. 30th, 5pm in SRC Room 203.



LOOKING FOR A JOB? JOIN THE REC TEAM! We will be holding recruitment sessions in November & December so you can learn exactly what a "red shirt" is! Recruitment sessions are the first step in the hiring process. Interviews will take place on December 7th, 2006 and you can schedule your interview at a recruitment session. **Recruitment sessions will be held at 4pm on the following dates:** November 10, 17th | December 1st

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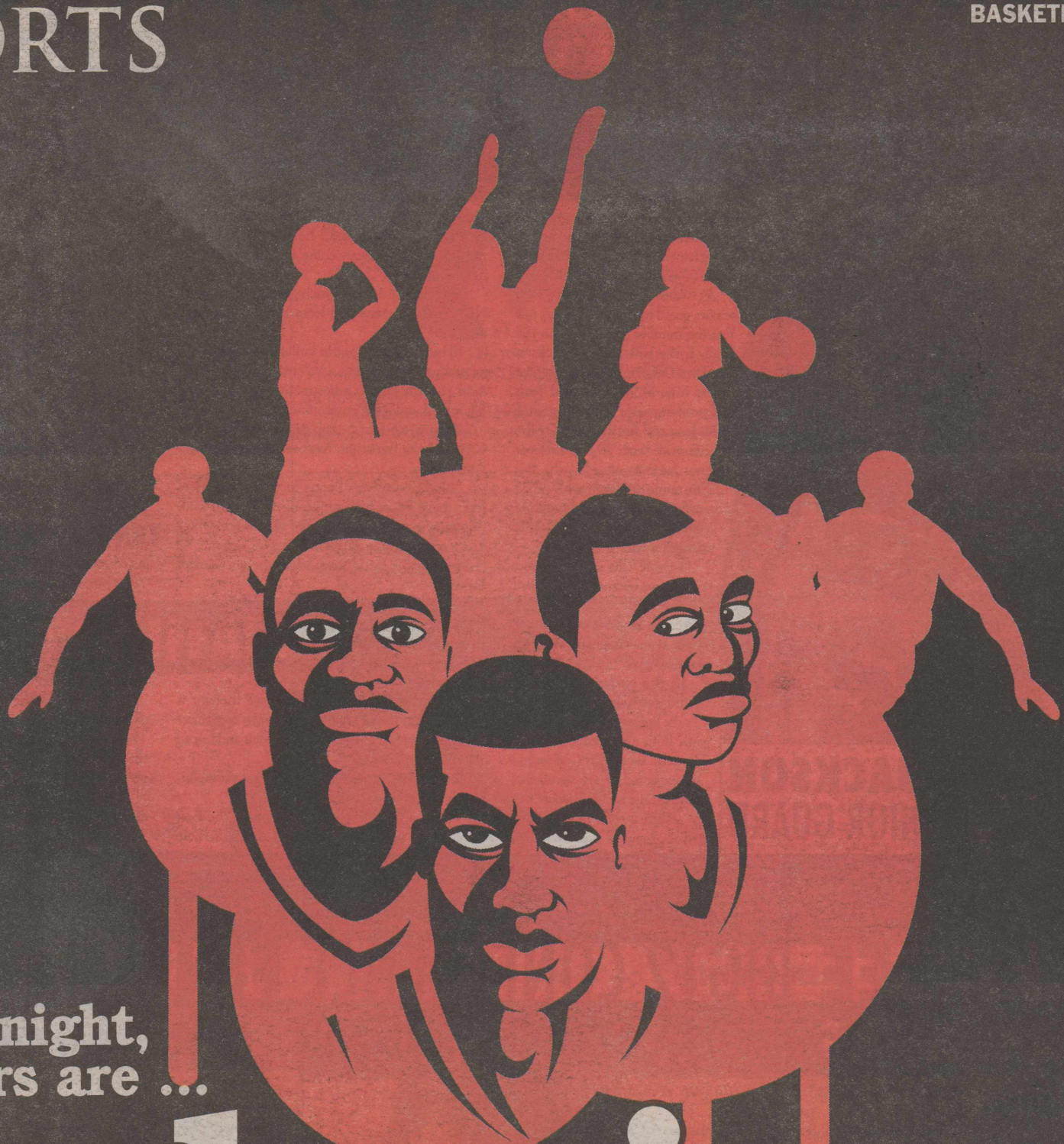
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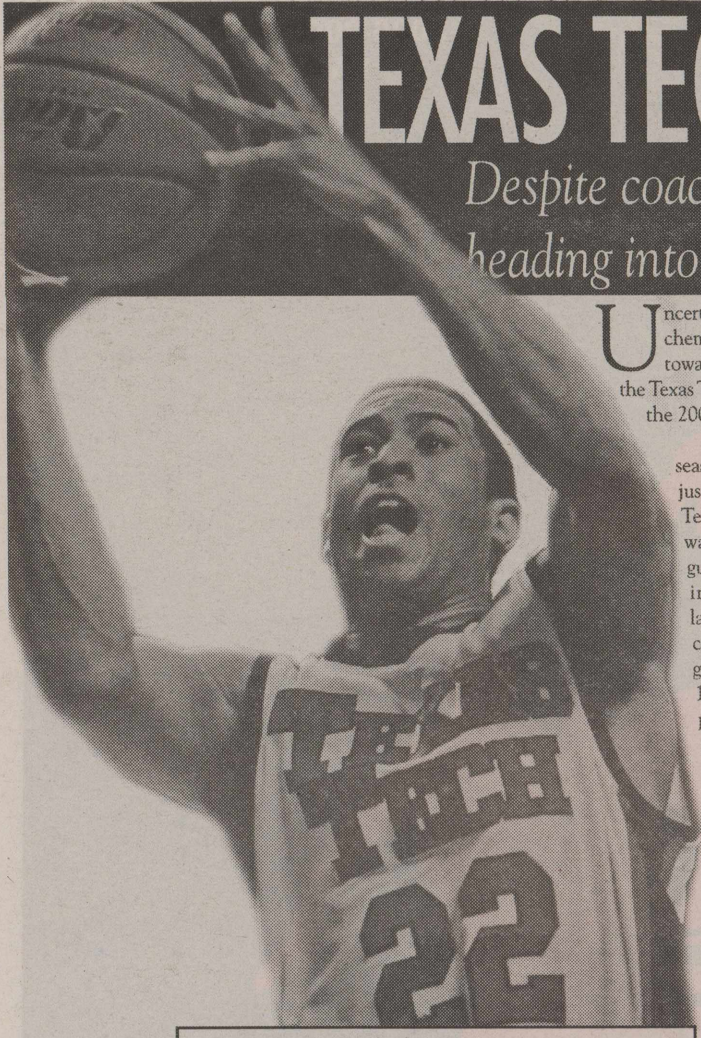
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JARRIUS JACKSON
SENIOR GUARD

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

COVER STORY **2**

Despite coaching record, many questions heading into season unanswered

<<STORY BY JAY LANGLEY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Uncertainty about playing time and team chemistry and coach Bob Knight's run toward history will be two themes for the Texas Tech men's basketball team during the 2006-07 season.

At times during the 2005-06 season, guard Jarius Jackson was not just the number one option on the Tech basketball team — Jackson was the only option. The senior guard from Monroe, La., led Tech in scoring in 26 of 32 games last year and finished first in the conference with 20.5 points per game. Jackson also led the Big 12 in minutes played with 38.38 per game. Jackson said he should get help this year with a deeply talented squad.

"I think this is the deepest team I have been on since I have been here," he said. "But I think there will be a lot of questions about team chemistry with all the new guys."

In the backcourt Jackson should get help from transfers Charlie Burgess and Benny Valentine. Both men transferred from Howard Community College and are expected to see significant playing time for the Raiders.

With a total of nine new players, Jackson said there is a

lot of uncertainty heading into the new season.

"I know that the people that came in might be a little inexperienced," he said. "But I think the JUCO players can come in right away and help us out a lot."

Valentine, a 5-foot-7-inch guard from Omaha, Neb., said the transition from Howard has been difficult.

"The higher you get in college basketball, it's a faster pace of the game," Valentine said. "For the most part the biggest adjustment is adapting to a big school and a big environment."

Burgess, a 6-foot-6-inch guard from New York City, said the transition has been easier having a familiar face on the court.

"I have been with Benny for a year but I feel like I have know him a lot longer," Burgess said. "Coming in with someone who I knew and who I had a comfort zone with made it a lot easier."

Burgess said he thinks of Valentine as a younger brother.

"There is definitely a friendly competition to see who's going to score more points or who's going to get more playing time," Burgess said.

Burgess was one of the reasons, Valentine said, he decided to come to Tech.

"We talked about it a lot and we thought it would be fun to play two more seasons together," Valentine said. "He committed to Tech and talked me into committing."

Burgess said he came to Tech to play a competitive brand of basketball.

"I get a chance to play in one of the best conferences in history," he said. "I also get to help

make history. How many players can say they get to make history? Coach Knight's going to get the record."

The record, for Knight, is all-time coaching victories. The coach needs 11 more wins to pass Dean Smith for first on the all-time list with 880 career victories.

"It's not something we talk about or even think about," Jackson said.

But Burgess said the record is definitely in the back of his mind.

"If you really think about it, it's going to be exciting knowing that when he gets the record we are going to be standing there beside him," Burgess said. "When they talk about Coach Knight passing Dean Smith during the 2006-07 season, I'll know I was part of that team."

Jackson said another thing the players do not think about are individual accolades. Jackson was voted to the 2006-07 Preseason All-Big 12 First Team by conference coaches.

"It's an honor for me," he said. "But it's only the preseason. We haven't even played a game yet so I don't really think about it too much."

Jackson said his focus is on the team and finishing first in the Big 12.

"I know it's a long season," he said. "But every day we just have to remain focused on our goal. This is our last go around, not only for me but for the other seniors. So it's really important for us to go out on top."

The Raiders open the season Nov. 11 against Sam Houston State at the United Spirit Arena. jaymie.langley@ttu.edu

2005-06 record: 15-17 (6-10)

Key players: Jarius Jackson (20.5 ppg., 4.1 rpg.), Martin Zeno (13.5 ppg., 5.3 rpg.)

The 2005-06 season marked the first time since 1970-71 that a Bob Knight coached team finished with a losing record. With Jackson, who led the Big 12 in scoring last season, the Red Raiders should easily eclipse the 11 win mark

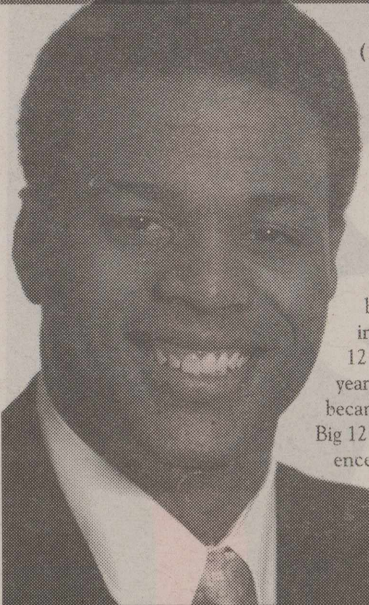
that Knight needs to pass Dean Smith as the all-time winningest coach in basketball history. Knight also welcomes a conference record nine newcomers to his roster including Big 12 Preseason Newcomer of the Year Charlie Burgess.

Best-case scenario: Second-round loss in NCAA tournament

Worst-case scenario: NIT Elite 8

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KANSAS JAYHAWKS



BRANDON RUSH
GUARD

2005-06 record: 25-8 (13-3)

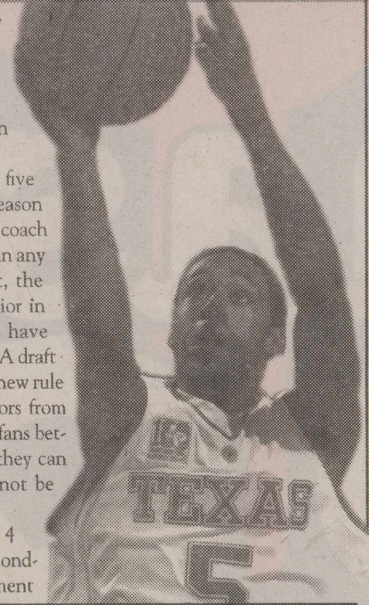
Key players: Brandon Rush (13.5 ppg., 5.9 rpg), Julian Wright (8.5 ppg., 4.6 rpg.)

The Jayhawks boast what might be the nation's best sophomore combination in Rush and Wright. In 2005-06 Rush became the first freshman in history in to earn All-Big 12 First Team honors. This year the two second year players became the first teammates in Big 12 history to be voted conference Co-Preseason Players of the Year.

Best-case scenario: National Champion

Worst-case scenario: Sweet 16

TEXAS LONGHORNS



A.J. ABRAMS
GUARD

2005-06 record: 30-7 (13-3)

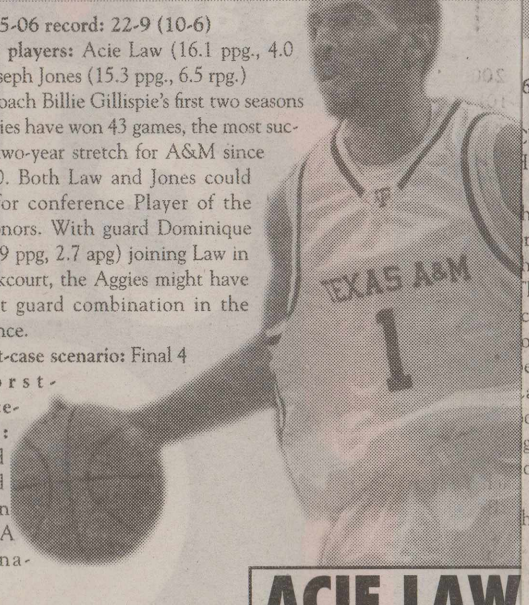
Key players: A.J. Abrams (6.4 ppg, 3.0 apg.), Kevin Durant (Montrose Christian School, Suitland, Md.)

Most teams who lose all five starters from the previous season would be in trouble. But Texas coach Rick Barnes reloads better than any coach in the Big 12. Durant, the second rated high school senior in the country in 2005, would have been a top five pick in the NBA draft if the league had not passed a new rule prohibiting high school seniors from entering the draft. Longhorn fans better appreciate Durant while they can because the swingman will not be around for too long.

Best-case scenario: Final 4

Worst-case scenario: Second-round loss in NCAA tournament

TEXAS A&M AGGIES



ACIE LAW
GUARD

2005-06 record: 22-9 (10-6)

Key players: Acie Law (16.1 ppg., 4.0 apg), Joseph Jones (15.3 ppg., 6.5 rpg.)

In coach Billie Gillispie's first two seasons the Aggies have won 43 games, the most successful two-year stretch for A&M since 1979-80. Both Law and Jones could battle for conference Player of the Year honors. With guard Dominique Kirk (6.9 ppg, 2.7 apg) joining Law in the backcourt, the Aggies might have the best guard combination in the conference.

Best-case scenario: Final 4

Worst-case scenario: Second-round loss in NCAA tournament

THE BIG 12 CONFERENCE

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- KANSAS ST.
- BAYLOR
- COLORADO
- OKLAHOMA
- IOWA ST.
- MISSOURI
- NEBRASKA

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OKLA. ST. COWBOYS

2005-06 record: 17-16 (6-10)

Key players: James On Curry (13.5 ppg., 4.0 apg.), Mario Boggan (14.8 ppg., 5.7 rpg.)

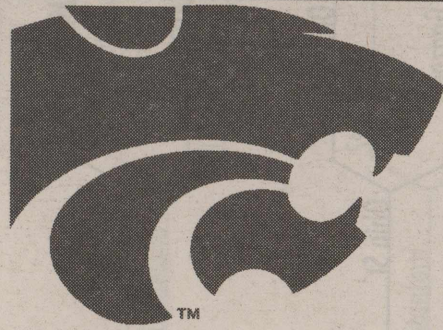
Of the Cowboys' 16 losses last season, 10 were decided in the game's final possession. Curry brings much needed experience to the Cowboy lineup having played a key role in the teams Final Four run in 2004. At 6-feet-7 inches, Boggan is a little undersized for a center, but the athletic senior led the team in both points per game and rebounds per game last season.

Best-case scenario: Elite 8

Worst-case scenario: First-round loss in NCAA tournament

JAMESON CURRY
GUARD

KANSAS ST. WILDCATS



2005-06 record: 15-13 (6-10)

Key players: Cartier Martin (18.0 ppg., 6.6 rpg.), David Hoskins (13.1 ppg., 4.6 rpg.)

On another team Martin's statistics would have garnered him national attention. In his senior year the swingman from Houston is again going to be overshadowed, this time by new head coach Bob Huggins. Huggins was brought in to try to lead the Wildcats to their first NCAA tournament since 1996. Despite being surrounded by controversy while at Cincinnati, Huggins led the Bearcats to 14 straight NCAA tournament appearances before being fired in 2005.

Best-case scenario: Second-round loss in NCAA tournament

Worst-case scenario: NIT Sweet 16

BAYLOR BEARS

2005-06 record: 4-13 (4-12)

Key players: Aaron Bruce (13.1 ppg., 3.2 apg.), Curtis Jerrells (13.5 ppg., 3.3 apg.)

Because of NCAA penalties the Bears were banned from non-conference play in 2005-06. This season will mark the first under coach Scott Drew that the Bears are eligible to have a full roster of scholarship players. Of the 11 players the Bears will have on the 2006-07 roster, eight will be freshmen or sophomores. Bruce, a 6-foot-3-inch guard from Horsham, Australia, might be the best international player in the Big 12.

Best-case scenario: NIT Championship

Worst-case scenario: Second-round loss in NIT

AARON BRUCE
GUARD

COLORADO BUFFALOES

2005-06 record: 20-10 (9-7)

Key players: Richard Roby (17.0 ppg., 5.5 rpg.), Marcus Hall (8.7 ppg., 4.1 apg.)

The Buffaloes only have two seniors on scholarship for the 2006-07 season. But in Roby, Colorado has one of the best all-around players in the Big 12. Roby was projected as a first-round pick in last year's NBA draft but opted to return for his senior season. Colorado needs new comers Xavier Silas and Jeremy Williams to contribute immediately. In close games Colorado could be in trouble because the Buffaloes leading returning free-throw shooter is Roby at only 73.6 percent in 2005-06.

Best-case scenario: NIT Elite 8

Worst-case scenario: First-round loss in NIT

RICHARD ROBY, GUARD

OKLAHOMA SOONERS

2005-06 record: 20-9 (11-5)

Key players: Michael Neal (12.4 ppg., 2.6 rpg.), David Godbold (5.7 ppg., 3.2 rpg.)

The Sooners have made 25 consecutive postseasons, the longest such streak in Division I basketball. Neal is a legitimate threat and has unlimited range on his jump shot. But Oklahoma needs someone on the roster to step up and help Neal put the ball in the basket. Oklahoma's second leading scorer from a year ago is Nate Carter who only scored 6.0 points per game and played just 16.7 minutes per game.

Best-case scenario: Second-round loss in NIT

Worst-case scenario: no postseason appearance

MICHAEL NEAL, GUARD

IOWA ST. CYCLONES

2005-06 record: 16-14 (6-10)

Key players: Rahshon Clark (13.1 ppg., 5.5 rpg.), Jiri Lubalek (8.6 ppg., 3.9 rpg.)

Junior forward Clark is the only scholarship player on the Cyclones with more than one year of experience. The Cyclones only have three scholarship guards on their roster so any injuries would be detrimental to the team.

Lack of experience at the point guard position, and a tough non-conference schedule with games against Ohio State, Iowa, Minnesota and Northern Iowa will make coach Greg McDermott's first season at Iowa State a long one.

Best-case scenario: A win against one of the top five teams in the conference

Worst-case scenario: Last place finish in the Big 12



MISSOURI TIGERS

2005-06 record: 12-16 (5-11)

Key players: Marshall Brown (9.6 ppg., 4.8 rpg.), Jason Horton (4.9 ppg., 4.5 apg.)

The question for Mike Brown's squad heading into the 2006-07 season is whether or not the basketball team can compile more victories than the Missouri football team. Horton is the only Tiger to play more than 30 minutes per game last season. The good news for Tiger fans is that Anderson knows how to turn around a program. In his first season at UAB in 2002-03 he led the Blazers to the teams best one-year improvement and led UAB to four consecutive postseason appearances.

Best-case scenario: More wins than the Missouri football team

Worst-case scenario: A last place finish in the Big 12

MARSHALL BROWN
FORWARD

NEBRASKA HUSKERS

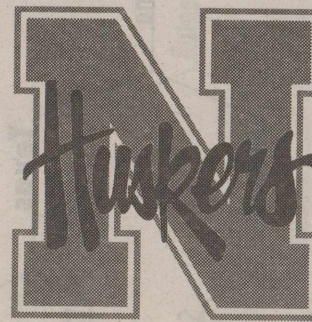
2005-06 record: 19-14 (7-9)

Key players: Jamel White (8.7 ppg., 3.1 rpg.), Charles Robinson Jr. (4.4 ppg., 0.9 rpg.)

Nebraska might be the most inexperienced team in the Big 12. Only three returning players had more than 10 minutes per game played last season. In total the Cornhuskers return fewer than 20 points per game and fewer than 10 rebounds per game from last years 19-win team. The one positive for the Nebraska basketball team is that the Cornhuskers are only one of four Big 12 teams to return two players with above an 80 percent free throw shooting percentage.

Best-case scenario: Finishing above another team in the Big 12

Worst-case scenario: Only having one player average in double-figures in scoring

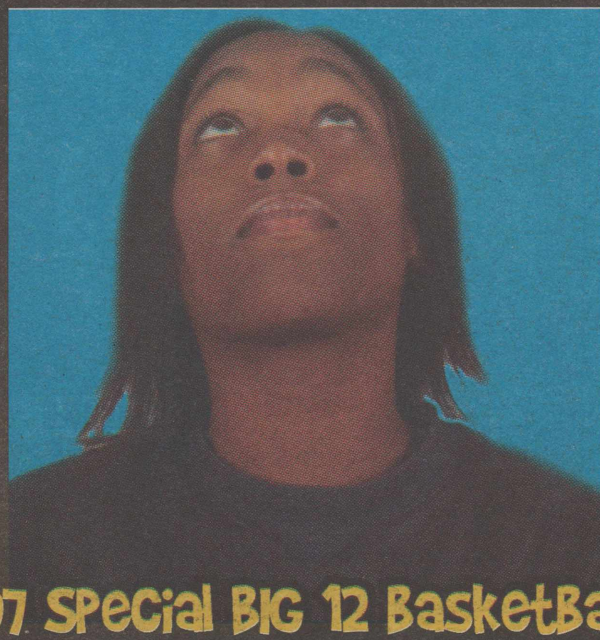
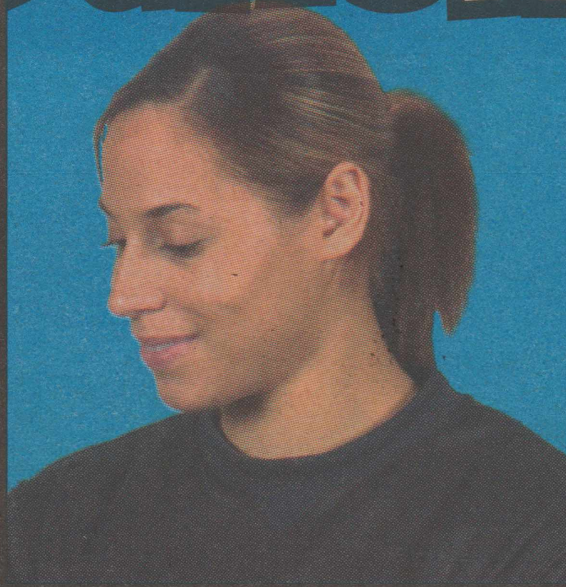


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The Curry Bunch



2006-2007 Special BIG 12 Basketball Section

TEXAS TECH LADY RAIDERS

Four returning seniors to lead Curry's bunch

<<STORY BY STEPHEN MONAHAN
SPORTS EDITOR



CHESLEY DABBS FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR GUARD

2005-06 record: 15-14 (9-7)
Key players: G Chesley Dabbs (04-05 12.2 ppg, 3.6 rpg), F Alesha Robertson (12.5 ppg, 6.7 rpg)
Returning standout Dabbs sat out the 05-06 season with a knee injury. Complementing Dabbs will be new coach Kristy Curry and seniors Alesha Robertson, Erin Myrick and Brooke Baughman.
Best-case scenario: Field of 32 in NCAA tournament
Worst-case scenario: Failing to make the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year

It's no longer all about Marsha, Marsha, Marsha — this is Curry's bunch.

Before the 2005-06 season, former Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp had 16-consecutive NCAA Tournament berths, including seven Sweet Sixteen and three Elite Eight appearances and one National Championship. But that streak ended after her team fell to Missouri 85-71 in the Big 12 Tournament last season and the Lady Raiders finished the 05-06 campaign with a 15-14 record.

After the loss to Missouri, the tears fell and a 24-year relationship with Texas Tech athletics formally ended with Sharp retiring at season's end.

By the end of March of this year, a new chapter in Lady Raider basketball officially began with the hiring of former Purdue coach Kristy Curry. Now with a new pair of shoes on the feet of the Lady Raiders, coach Curry is ready to lace up and get Tech back to the NCAA tournament.

"Oh my goodness, you know what, all I can do is just have my own shoes," Curry said about replacing coach Sharp. "I tell coach (Sharp) all the time 'I've got hers over here beside me and my own, and I'm going to take care of both sets.'"

Not only has Sharp left, but Tech's all-time assists leader in point guard Erin Grant and three-year starting center LaToya Davis, who led Tech with 18.9 points per game last season, have departed from the team as well.

Despite the experience that left after last season, Tech gets a much needed boost as fifth-year senior Chesley Dabbs returns to the lineup after tearing her anterior cruciate ligament and meniscus in her left knee before the start of last season.

Complementing Dabbs on the court are seniors Alesha Robertson, Brooke Baughman and Patrice Griffin, whose vocals will be a focal point for producing team chemistry, coach Curry said.

"They understand that what you put into this is what you'll get back," Curry said. "I have no worries. They will make our jobs as coaches much easier. I have all the faith and confidence in the world in those four. It's a great situation to walk in and have four senior leaders like those kids."

Curry said she is impressed by the positive atmosphere her upperclassmen provide for coaches and the rest of the team.

"It's not what you say, but how you say it," Curry said. "I can tell you that Brooke and Chesley and Alesha on the perimeter, not only do they know what to say, but they know how to say it and I think that's the difference again. I've not been here and I don't know, but I can tell you that they'll be great leaders."

That leadership role will need to permeate down to the younger players, including the three freshman — heralded guard Jordan Murphree of Brock, Raquel Christian of Midland and forward Natalie Thomas of Kerrville, in order for the team to be stabilized throughout the season.

Others returning starters for the Lady Raiders are junior center Erin Myrick who started 26 of 28 games last season and sophomore guard Tiny Henderson who started 16 games as a freshman.

Dabbs, who averaged 12.3 points per game her junior year, said her and the other seniors will miss the absence of leadership that Grant and Davis

provided, but that this group of seniors will need to adopt its own leadership style — their vocals being a major part of that.

"We're in a whole new system," Dabbs said of Curry's coaching philosophy. "It's kind of like we're freshmen again, and having to come in and learn all of these new plays, if we can pick it up as quick as possible and try to help the other girls, that's going to help a lot. I think that's why we've been so vocal because us four seniors, we've bonded and we know each others' style."

Robertson, who averages 12.5 points per game in three seasons at guard, said she is confident about where the team is headed and hopes the newcomers will contribute to the up-tempo style of play that both Sharp, and now Curry, implement in their schemes.

"I don't really have one that's impressed me just because these coaches are going to recruit anybody that's not going to impress me," Robertson said of the incoming freshmen. "Each one has their strength and each strength is amazing. I just think that we're gaining a lot of chemistry with the new players."

Curry said the lack of success the Lady Raiders experienced last season could have a positive effect on the outcome of the upcoming campaign — a hunch perhaps from the new face of the Lady Raiders?

"It's a brand new year, it's a brand new team," Curry said. "All we can do is be ourselves. I wasn't here and didn't experience it, but I can tell you that these four (seniors) are better for what they went through last year."

While the conference will pose a big obstacle for Tech with Oklahoma returning all five starters from last year's team, Curry said her worries are concentrated on Texas-San Antonio Nov. 10 at the United Spirit Arena — the season opener for the Lady Raiders.

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TOP THREE BIG 12 CONFERENCE FINISHERS

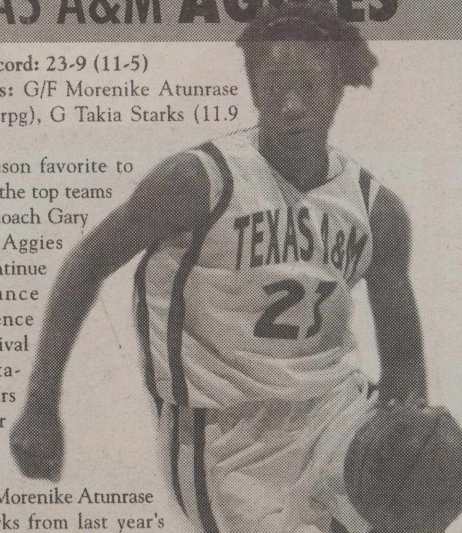
OKLAHOMA SOONERS



COURTNEY PARIS CENTER

2005-06 record: 31-5 (16-0)
Key players: C Courtney Paris (21.9 ppg, 15.0 rpg), F Leah Rush (10.1 ppg, 5.3 rpg)
The defending Big 12 Champions are one of the most stacked teams in the Big 12, returning nine of 11 players from last season's team including all five starters. With sophomore center Courtney Paris, who became the first player in NCAA history to record 700 points, 500 rebounds and 100 blocks in a season, returning to the lineup alongside twin sister, Ashley, and forward Leah Rush to patrol the frontcourt and the three-guard set of Britney Brown, Erin Higgins and Chelsi Welch controlling the backcourt, the Sooners are primed for a successful season. With a 16-0 record in Big 12 play last season, the Sooners should continue that streak en route to a possible National Championship.
Best-case scenario: National Championship
Worst-case scenario: Big 12 Championship

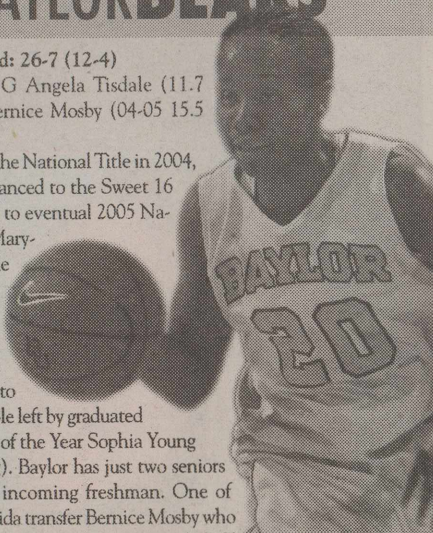
TEXAS A&M AGGIES



MORENIKE ATUNRASE GUARD/FORWARD

2005-06 record: 23-9 (11-5)
Key players: G/F Morenike Atunrase (14.0 ppg, 4.1 rpg), G Takia Starks (11.9 ppg, 2.8 rpg)
As a preseason favorite to finish as one of the top teams in the Big 12, coach Gary Blair and the Aggies will look to continue their dominance in the conference since Blair's arrival in College Station three years ago. With four returning starters, including leading scorers Morenike Atunrase and Takia Starks from last year's team, the Aggies should have no trouble paving the way to a Big 12 Championship — with the exception of the Sooners standing in their way. Guard A'Quonesia Franklin and center LaToya Micheaux will help anchor the Aggies both offensively and defensively so look for Blair and the Aggies to make some noise and shake up the Big 12 standings.
Best-case scenario: Final Four appearance
Worst-case scenario: Failing to make the NCAA tournament

BAYLOR BEARS



ANGELA TISDALE GUARD

2005-06 record: 26-7 (12-4)
Key players: G Angela Tisdale (11.7 ppg, 2.9 rpg), F Bernice Mosby (04-05 15.5 ppg, 8.6 rpg)
After winning the National Title in 2004, the Lady Bears advanced to the Sweet 16 last season, but lost to eventual 2005 National Champion Maryland. In order to vie for another run at a national title, coach Kim Mulky and the Lady Bears will need someone to replace the huge hole left by graduated 2005 Big 12 Player of the Year Sophia Young (22.3 ppg, 10.0 rpg). Baylor has just two seniors returning and six incoming freshman. One of those seniors is Florida transfer Bernice Mosby who scored more than 1,100 points in just two and a half seasons with the Gators. In 2004, Mosby averaged 15.5 ppg and 8.6 rpg before transferring to Baylor. Mosby sat out last season because of NCAA transfer policy and will need the help of guard Angela Tisdale, senior LaToya Wyatt and the six freshmen to fill the gaps left by the departure of four starters.
Best-case scenario: Field of 32 in the NCAA tournament
Worst-case scenario: Failing to make the NCAA tournament

THE BIG 12 CONFERENCE

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- NEBRASKA
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- TEXAS
- COLORADO
- OKLAHOMA ST.
- KANSAS

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KANSAS ST. WILDCATS

2005-06 record: 24-10 (8-8)

Key players: G/F Claire Coggins (13.5 ppg, 3.1 rpg), G Kimberly Dietz (10.5 ppg, 2.9 rpg)

Coach Deb Patterson enters her 11th season with leading scorers Claire Coggins and Kimberly Dietz returning to a lineup which has just two seniors, one of whom is Coggins. With a WNIT Championship under her belt — the first women's basketball championship in K-State history — the Wildcats look to capitalize on their success, but will have a tough time climbing the Big 12 standings. Last season's

postseason berth in the WNIT was the fifth-straight for the Wildcats, but broke a four-year streak of appearing in the NCAA tournament. Forward Marlies Gipson started all 34 games for K-State last year and will need to help her team continue their postseason success in recent years.

Best-case scenario: Appearance in the NCAA Tournament

Worst-case scenario: Appearance in the WNIT



CLAIRE COGGINS
GUARD/FORWARD

MISSOURI TIGERS

2005-06 record: 21-10 (10-6)

Key players: F Carlynn Savant (10.0 ppg, 5.9 rpg), G Tiffany Brooks (8.9 ppg, 3.5 rpg)

Missouri returns three seniors to the starting lineup in forwards Carlynn Savant and EeTisha Riddle and guard Tiffany Brooks to a Lady Tiger team who lost to Virginia Tech in the first round of the NCAA tournament. What the Tigers will miss are the 17.2 ppg from LaToya Bond and 13.1 ppg from C'stelle N'Garsanet who both were drafted by WNBA teams after the 2005-06 season. Coach Cindy Stein has turned around a Missouri program since arriving in Columbia in 1998. Before Stein arrived, Missouri posted an 11-18 record, but Stein's offensive-based style has helped the Lady Tigers post five-straight postseason berths, which ties the school record. Missouri will need the mentoring ability of Stein and the leadership of the three returning starters to help pave the way to another run at an NCAA tournament berth.

Best-case scenario: Making the field of 32 in the NCAA tournament

Worst-case scenario: Berth in the WNIT



NEBRASKA HUSKERS

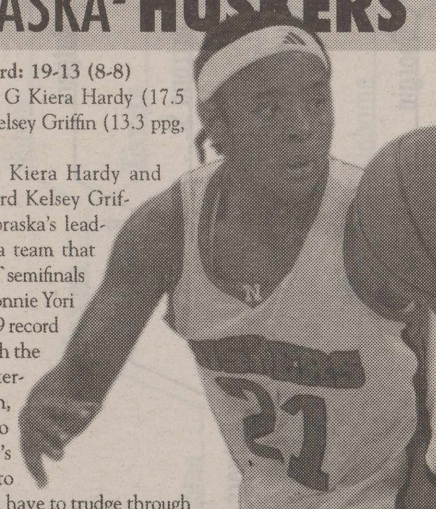
2005-06 record: 19-13 (8-8)

Key players: G Kiera Hardy (17.5 ppg, 3.1 rpg), F Kelsey Griffin (13.3 ppg, 6.0 rpg)

Senior guard Kiera Hardy and sophomore forward Kelsey Griffin return as Nebraska's leading scorers from a team that reached the WNIT semifinals in 2005. Coach Connie Yori has accrued a 63-59 record in four seasons with the Cornhuskers. Entering her fifth season, Yori will look to extend Nebraska's postseason streak to four years, but will have to trudge through a talent-packed Big 12 Conference with Oklahoma, Texas A&M and Baylor leading the way. Seniors Ashley Ford, Chelsea Aubry (6.2 ppg, 4.4 rpg) and Jelena Spiric, who missed last season with a knee injury, will need to help mentor the younger talent on the team.

Best-case scenario: Berth in the NCAA tournament

Worst-case scenario: Failing to finish at least .500 in the Big 12



KIERA HARDY
GUARD

IOWA ST. CYCLONES

2005-06 record: 18-13 (7-9)

Key players: G Lyndsey Medders (16.5 ppg, 3.6 rpg), G/F Meghan Ronhovde (9.5 ppg, 7.3 rpg)

Iowa State is poised enough to make a run toward a spot atop the Big 12 standings with four returning starters, including guard Lyndsey Medders who averaged more than 16 points per game last season. Also returning are forwards Nicky Wieben and Meghan Ronhovde and guard Heather Ezell who combined for nearly 30 points per game in 2005. With the knowledge that head coach Bill Fennelly brings to the table for the Cyclone and 10 underclassmen, the returning starters need to mentor the inexperienced athletes if Iowa State wants to contend for a Big 12 Championship and its 10th postseason berth under Fennelly — who also is vying for his 400th career win this upcoming season.

Best-case scenario: Berth in the NCAA tournament

Worst-case scenario: Berth in the WNIT



TEXAS LONGHORNS

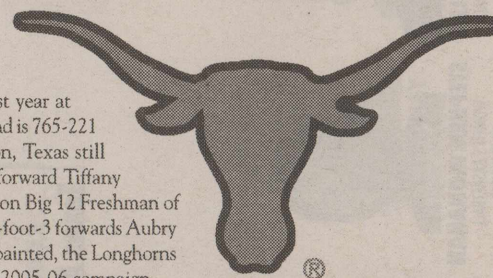
2005-06 record: 13-15 (7-9)

Key players: F Tiffany Jackson (14.3 ppg, 8.7 rpg), G Erika Arriaran (11.5 ppg, 3.1 rpg)

Tenured coach Jody Conradt enters her 31st year at the helm of Texas' women's basketball program and is 765-221 over that span. After underachieving last season, Texas still boasts one of the best players in the Big 12 in forward Tiffany Jackson. With guards Erika Arriaran and preseason Big 12 Freshman of the Year Brittainey Raven in the backcourt and 6-foot-3 forwards Aubry Cook and Ashley Lindsey helping Jackson in the paint, the Longhorns should be able to rebound from a disappointing 2005-06 campaign.

Best-case scenario: Making the NCAA tournament

Worst-case scenario: Bid in the NIT



COLORADO BUFFALOES

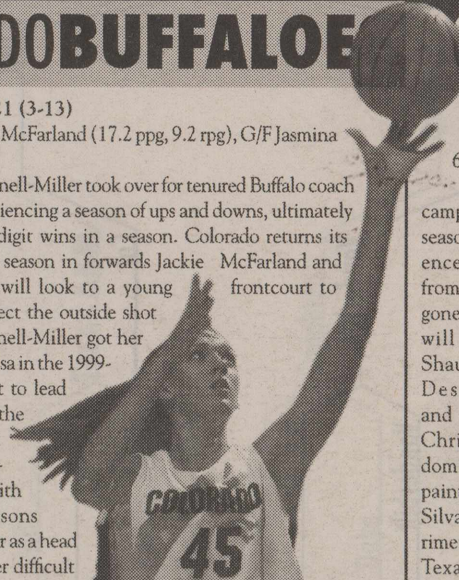
2005-06 record: 9-21 (3-13)

Key players: F Jackie McFarland (17.2 ppg, 9.2 rpg), G/F Jasmina Ilic (14.8 ppg, 3.3 rpg)

Coach Kathy McConnell-Miller took over for tenured Buffalo coach Ceal Barry in 2005, experiencing a season of ups and downs, ultimately failing to record double-digit wins in a season. Colorado returns its top-two scorers from last season in forwards Jackie McFarland and senior Jasmina Ilic and will look to a young frontcourt to run the offense and protect the outside shot from opponents. McConnell-Miller got her start as a head coach at Tulsa in the 1999-2000 season. She has yet to lead her squad to a berth in the NCAA tournament, but has two WNIT appearances under her belt. With just three winning seasons ever for McConnell-Miller as a head coach, it could be another difficult season for Colorado.

Best-case scenario: Obtaining a .500 record or better

Worst-case scenario: Being at the bottom of the Big 12 standings at season's end



JACKIE MCFARLAND
FORWARD

2005-06 record: 6-22 (0-16)

Key players: F Shaunte Smith (10.8 ppg, 6.7 rpg), G Brisa Silva (7.6 ppg, 2.0 rpg)

The Cowgirls had a disappointing Big 12 campaign in coach Kurt Budke's inaugural season by not recording a win in conference play. With the leading scorer from last season, Whitney Pegram, gone from the lineup, OSU will rely on forwards Shaunte Smith and Destanie Sykes and 6-foot-5 center Christian Hood to dominate inside the paint and guards Brisa Silva and Taylor Hardeman on the perimeter. With conference foes Oklahoma, Texas A&M, Baylor, Kansas State, Iowa State and Nebraska returning with winning records from last season, it could be another year of growing pains for Budke and the Cowgirls.

Best-case scenario: Finishing the season with at least a .500 record.

Worst-case scenario: Finishing the season winless.



SHAUNTE SMITH
FORWARD

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

2005-06 record: 17-13 (5-11)

Key players: G Ivana Catic (7.7 ppg, 2.4 rpg), G Taylor McIntosh (4.5 ppg, 5.0 rpg)

Kansas loses its top-three scorers from last season in Crystal Kemp (18.6 ppg), Erica Hallman (14.2 ppg) and Kaylee Brown (11.2 ppg) and now must rely on returning starters Ivana Catic, Taylor McIntosh and seniors Shaquana Mosley and Sharita Smith to pick up the slack. Coach Bonnie Henrickson enters her third season at the helm of the Jayhawk team but has just a .500 overall record (29-29) since stepping in as coach; however, she helped Kansas amass its first winning season in six years. The Jayhawks will introduce seven freshman to its lineup and will need the returning starters and upperclassmen, including Jamie Boyd, to extend its streak of winning seasons to two.

Best-case scenario: A few wins in the Big 12

Worst-case scenario: Winning most of its non-conference games then slumping in Big 12 play — just like last season



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