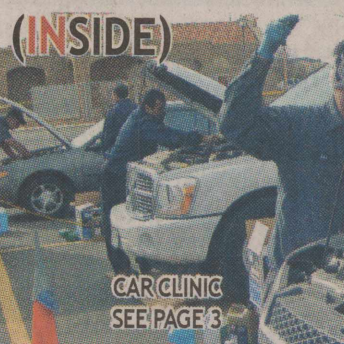


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Austin mayor pleads no contest to assault

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin Mayor Will Wynn has pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor assault charge stemming from a 2006 incident. Wynn was ordered by Travis County Justice of the Peace Judge Herb Evans to pay \$68 in court costs and perform 20 hours of community service or receive private counseling. If he complies by May 2, the charge will be dismissed.

NATION

Homeland Security to require more screening

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Homeland Security Department will soon require advance information on private flights to the United States to prevent a terrorist from smuggling a nuclear bomb into the country. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Wednesday that the new regulations could eventually be expanded to include radiation scans at points in Europe and Asia for private planes flying to the U.S. Private aircraft have not undergone the intense screening given to U.S.-bound cargo and commercial flights.

WORLD

Iraq prime minister wants officials executed

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Iraqi government is refusing to execute the Saddam Hussein henchman and cousin known as "Chemical Ali" unless the death sentences of two other Saddam-era officials also are approved. The dispute pits the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki against the three-member presidential council, which moved last week to block the two other executions in what was seen as a possible attempt to appease minority Sunni Arabs.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began
SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Chavez: Venezuela doesn't seek war

By IAN JAMES
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez charged Wednesday that Colombia and its allies in Washington are responsible for the intensifying crisis in this region — and said perpetual conflict with the United States is inevitable.

"It must be said: They, the empire and its lackeys, are war. We are peace. We are the path to peace," Chavez said in a televised speech,

his first since Colombia alleged that documents found in a leftist rebel's computer show the Venezuelan leader has been supporting Colombian guerrillas for years.

Chavez, who ordered 10 battalions of troops to reinforce Venezuela's border with Colombia after Colombian troops entered Ecuador on Saturday to attack a rebel hideout, spoke as diplomats struggled to defuse the crisis.

In Washington, the Organization of American States approved a compromise resolution drafted

jointly by Ecuador and Colombia that declared the raid a violation of Ecuador's sovereignty. It also called for OAS Secretary-General Jose Miguel Insulza to lead a delegation to both countries in hopes of helping them calm tensions.

The United States was the only nation in the OAS to offer Colombia unqualified support. Many other countries worried openly about the attack inside Ecuador, despite Colombia's complaints that Venezuela and Ecuador have both provided refuge to leftist Colom-

bian guerrillas.

Chavez, a leftist who has long called the conservative Colombian President Alvaro Uribe a U.S. stooge, has warned Colombia that Venezuela would respond militarily to any violation of its border. Venezuela's justice minister ramped up the threat Tuesday by declaring that war "has already begun."

Chavez said Wednesday that Colombia's "warlike government" follows U.S. dictates and that conflict of some sort with the U.S. cannot be avoided.

"While we want freedom, they want to keep us in chains... We want a fatherland; they want a colony. How can a confrontation be avoided? It's inevitable," he said.

Ecuador says it sent 3,200 soldiers to its own border with Colombia on Monday.

Uribe has said he will not allow Colombia to be drawn into war, although the attack on the camp inside Ecuador reflected the frustration of his government over the ability of rebels to take refuge across poorly patrolled borders.

shell out the shelter

City council considers new shelter budget

By MAGGIE KIELY
 STAFF WRITER

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Plans for a new Lubbock Animal Shelter are being subject to change to avoid what the chairman of the Lubbock Animal Service Advisory Committee calls "borderline inhumane conditions" at the current shelter.

Larry Phillippe, chairman of the Lubbock Animal Service Advisory

Committee, said the approved budget for the new animal shelter is \$3.4 million. He said the architecture company responsible for designing the shelter informed city officials Tuesday that building a new shelter capable of holding as many animals as the current shelter would

cost \$5.5 million.

Building animal shelters is a lot different from other construction projects, he said, which is part of the reason the project costs exceed the budget. Special requirements for a shelter include using certain types of steel, making sure proper air ventilation is installed and using special odor-resistant coatings on the floors.

Phillippe said he does not believe building a new shelter the same size as the current one would be adequate.

"Our recommendation is that we don't build anything that would hold less capacity than 300 dogs and 150 cats," he said.

Shaun Byrd, supervisor of the Lubbock Animal Shelter, said he agrees the new shelter needs more holding room. He said the current shelter contains 70 dog pins, and capacity depends on the size of the breeds placed in the shelter.

"As of yesterday, I had 141 dogs, and that's not capacity," Byrd said. "I can fit probably three large dogs per pin, and by large, I'm talking Labradors, pit bulls. Smaller dogs, we could probably go five comfortably."

Byrd said he wants to see a new shelter built so the animals will be healthier and more comfortable.



STRAY DOGS WAIT in the Lubbock Animal Shelter Wednesday afternoon.

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Clinton says wins make it a new race

By DAVID ESPO
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton declared Wednesday that her primary victories in Ohio, Texas and Rhode Island had reordered the Democratic presidential race in her favor. A resilient Barack Obama countered with fresh pledges of support from superdelegates and said his lead remained intact.

One day after his worst showing in a month, Obama blamed negative attacks by the former first lady for his defeats and quickly made good on a promise to sharpen his criticism of her.

But there was no disputing he had missed a chance to drive her from the race. Or that in contrast to the Republicans, who have settled on Arizona Sen. John McCain as their nominee, the Democrats face the prospect of a potentially divisive campaign lasting deep into spring.

"I'm concerned about unity. That's the major reason I've stayed out of this," said Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, who is neutral. "The longer this campaign goes on, the more difficult it will be to unify and heal."

Returns from Texas caucuses showed Obama reclaiming some of the ground in the delegate competition that he lost Tuesday night as Clinton's victories piled up. Overall, she showed a gain of 12 delegates for the contests on the ballot, according to The Associated Press count, with another dozen to be awarded. In all 370 were at stake.

In addition, Obama gained endorsements from superdelegates in Georgia, Vermont, Ohio, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Clinton picked up two superdelegates during the day but lost one, for a gain of one.

Obama's overall delegate lead stood at 1,566 to 1,462 as the rivals looked ahead to the final dozen contests on the calendar. It takes 2,025 to win the nomination.

That left weeks for public campaigning, millions more to be spent on television ads, plenty of private cajoling of party leaders, the superdelegates who attend the convention but are not chosen in primaries or caucuses.

About 350 of them remain uncommitted, enough to swing the nomination in the unlikely event they decide to line up behind one candidate or the other.

McCain gets Bush endorsement, weight of GOP behind him

By LIZ SIDOTI
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — John McCain got a White House embrace from President Bush on Wednesday, along with the party perks that go with sewing up the Republican nomination. The endorsement has baggage, though, reminding voters of the drawn-out Iraq war and the nation's economic woes under an unpopular GOP president.

Bush, who defeated McCain in a bitter 2000 primary campaign before winning the presidency, said the Arizona senator's "incredible courage and strength of character and perseverance" carried him to the nomination this time.

Those characteristics, Bush said, are what the nation needs in a president: "somebody that

can handle the tough decisions, somebody who won't flinch in the face of danger."

The words held special resonance as the president who ordered the Iraq invasion five years ago stood outside the White House alongside one of the war's most resolute supporters. Neither man mentioned Iraq, though Bush said McCain would be "sitting in there behind that desk making decisions on war and peace."

Even that mention was coupled with Bush's lighter statement that "I'm going to be in Crawford with my feet up."

"I'm very honored and humbled," McCain said as he accepted Bush's endorsement.

Bush's praise of McCain as the party's next standard-bearer came a day after the senator sealed the GOP nomination by

gaining the required 1,191 delegates. Republicans won't officially nominate McCain until early September at the party's national convention in St. Paul, Minn.

Hoping to spoil the GOP party, Democrats wasted no time in tagging McCain's candidacy as a continuation of the Bush presidency.

"John McCain just doesn't get it," said Howard Dean, the Democratic Party chairman. "All he offers is four more years of the failed Bush economy, an endless war in Iraq and shameless hypocrisy on ethics reform. The fact is, the American people want change, not another out-of-touch Bush Republican, and Democrats welcome the opportunity to draw this contrast for voters."

Republicans claimed strength in unity. GOP House and Senate leaders emerged

from a meeting with Bush later to give McCain a plug of their own.

"I think our party is completely unified behind Senator McCain," Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Republican leader, said, dismissing continued fissures in the GOP's base over McCain's candidacy. "Time heals all wounds," House Minority Leader John Boehner added of disgruntled conservatives. "They'll be coming home. Just give them a little time."

With the nomination sealed, Bush endorsing him and Republicans in Congress lending their hands, McCain was essentially laying claim to the entire force of the Republican Party apparatus — from fundraising lists and get-out-the-vote programs to Cabinet officials and the power of the presidency itself — as he and the party set in motion a general election campaign to keep a Republican in the White House.

Students chosen to lead Tech media

By **MAGGIE KIELY**
STAFF WRITER

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The Texas Tech Student Media Committee met Wednesday evening to choose student leaders for both *The Daily Toreador* and KTXT-FM radio.

For the second year in a row, Michelle Casady, a junior journalism major from Alvin, was chosen to lead the Tech student newspaper.

"This job is not just a job, it's who I am," Casady said. "I couldn't be

Because Casady will be doing an internship during the summer, the summer editor position was open.

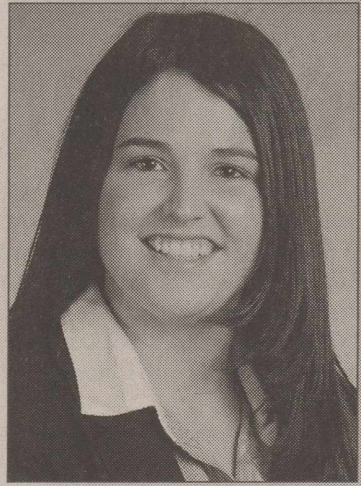
Adam Coleman, a sophomore journalism major from Houston, was chosen as the summer editor after applying for *The DT* editor position.

"It will probably be a stretch, but I want to make it as close as possible to the fall paper," Coleman said. "I

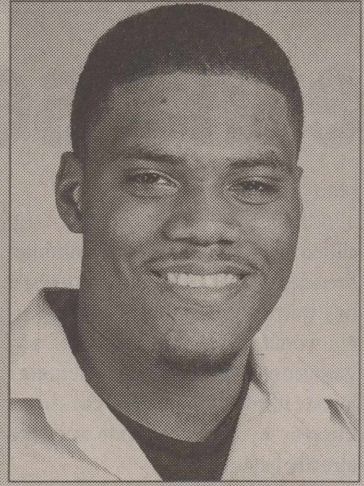
position because he believes the radio station is in need of a little change.

"I want to bring it out more, let more people know about KTXT," Porter said. "My goal is, I want everyone on campus to listen to KTXT at least once."

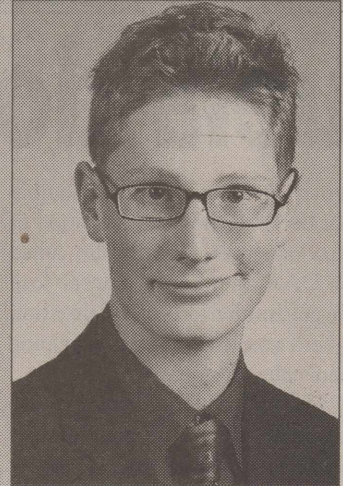
To do this, Porter said he plans to increase promotions and presence on campus. Porter said he also wants to work toward eliminating the stigma often involved with radio employees.



CASADY



COLEMAN



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happier doing anything else." Upon becoming editor in May 2007, Casady said her goal was to transition the paper from a sports-oriented paper to a news-oriented paper.

"I've done my best to make it a news-based paper — a newspaper if you will," Casady said. "The effect of that is, sometimes, I feel that other sections of the paper are not as strong as they potentially could be."

One section Casady said she plans on working to improve is the features, or La Vida, section.

"I feel like the features section has the potential to be the most-read section of the newspaper," she said. "Features are supposed to be stories about the student body. We need to focus more on writing stories that can truly engage and affect our readers."

Casady's second term as editor will begin in August 2008 and last through May 2009.

want it to matter as much as the fall paper."

As a sports writer, Coleman said he would strive to keep news the focus of the bi-weekly summer paper. To familiarize himself with other sections of the paper than sports, Coleman said he plans to study them.

"I want to understand what's good and not let sports influence me," he said. "A story about student tuition is more important than Tech beating UT."

Coleman is the first black editor at *The Daily Toreador* since the 1970s.

"It's such an honor, I really don't have too much to say," he said. "Although it is an honor, I will not dwell on it for a long time as I know I have a lot of work to do."

Chosen to take over for the university's radio station, KTXT-FM, is Blake Porter, a junior geology major from Frisco.

Porter said he applied for the

"I know that the campus at large sees KTXT as kind of an elitist organization," he said. "I want to shatter that completely by getting out of the tower."

Dennis Patterson, chairman of the Student Media Committee, said the committee is comprised of faculty from different departments and students appointed by the Student Government Association.

"I want students to have the best product they can," he said. "Everybody we choose shows the ability and passion for what they're going to do."

In choosing editors for student media, he said experience was key. He said it was not his place to determine the role of the media.

"What I care about is the students that run the newspaper don't feel interfered with," he said, "that they do journalism the way they feel it should be done."

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Former AT&T CEO speaks with Chancellor Kent Hance

By **JON VANDERLAAN**
STAFF WRITER

The former CEO of AT&T visited with Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance's class Wednesday in the Human Sciences building.

Edward Whitacre, a Tech alumnus, spoke to Hance's strength-based senior seminar course during an interview by the chancellor.

Hance and Whitacre talked about Whitacre's ascent in the telecommunications industry in a light-hearted interview that had the crowd laughing at times.

"If a guy from Ennis can make it, any guy from anywhere can make it," Whitacre said after the interview.

Whitacre began the interview by describing his first job at Southwestern Bell in 1963. He went on to have

several job titles with the company in the next five years, and he joined the Army for six months during the Vietnam War.

Even though he was a CEO, Whitacre said he was not the smartest person even in his high school, and based on that, he said students should realize they never know what is going to happen on their career path.

Whitacre also served on the Tech Board of Regents after turning down an offer to work on the Board of Regents for the University of Texas.

Hance said this is the second time Whitacre has visited the class to talk about his career, and he wanted his students to take note of two things: Whitacre's persistence in his career and the fact that he never gave up.

Whitacre said he began his career

in Southwestern Bell as a student engineer when he was still in college. After 25 years with the company, he was promoted to president, and two years later, promoted to CEO.

He also said he helped invent the modular telephone jack, which allowed people to plug their telephones into the wall instead of connecting the wires to the network without a jack.

Whitacre was CEO during then-SBC's acquisitions of Pacific Telesis, SNET, Ameritech and BellSouth, and he helped negotiate with Yahoo! CEO Jerry Yang to forge a partnership between the two companies.

He said he likes coming to Tech, and he comes to talk to the students to give something back to the university.

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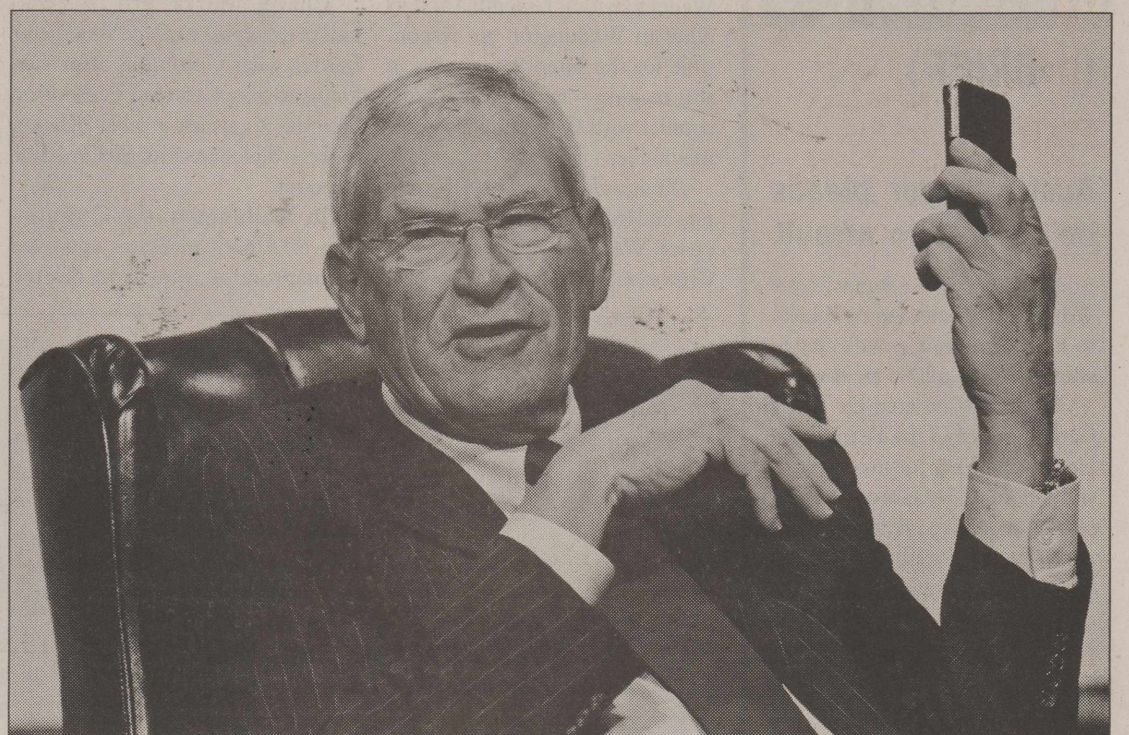


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AT&T CHAIRMAN EMERITUS Ed Whitacre shows off his iPhone Wednesday afternoon in a lecture hall located in the Human Science building during his informal interview with Chancellor Kent Hance. Hance invited Whitacre to speak to his IS 4100 class.

OPEC to maintain current production

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC on Wednesday accused the U.S. of economic "mismanagement" that it said is pushing oil prices to new record highs and rebuffed calls to boost output, laying the blame on the Bush administration.

Oil prices surged for the first time past \$104 a barrel after the OPEC announcement and the release of a U.S. government report showing a surprise drop in crude oil stockpiles.

The 13-nation Organization of

Petroleum Exporting Countries said it would maintain current production levels because crude supplies are plentiful and demand is expected to weaken in the second quarter.

OPEC President Chakib Khelil told reporters the global market is being affected by what he called "the mismanagement of the U.S. economy," and that America's problems were a key factor in the cartel's decision to hold off on any action.

"If the prices are high, definitely they are not due to a lack of crude. They are due to what's happening in the U.S.," Khelil said. "There is sufficient supply. There's plenty of oil there."

Khelil's comments came one day after U.S. President George W. Bush lashed out at the organization, warning Tuesday: "I think it's a mistake to have your biggest customers' economies slowing down as a result of higher energy prices."

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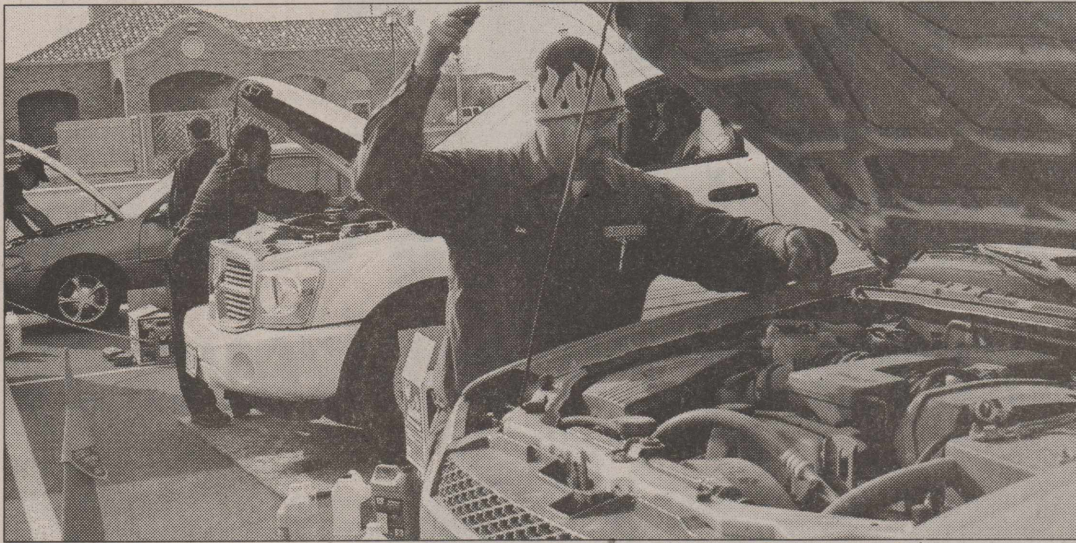


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LEE SCHOOLCRAFT, A Scott's Complete Car Care mechanic, checks the oil on a student's vehicle Wednesday afternoon in the parking lot west of the Law School. Traffic and Parking sponsored a car clinic to give students a chance to get their cars checked before the week of Spring Break.

Texas Tech Hospitality Services offers new incentives to student employees

By LILIANA GONZALEZ
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech Hospitality Services is offering student employees two dining bucks per hour worked as part of a new pilot program to recruit student workers and to retain current ones.

Sam Bennett, director of Hospitality Services at Tech, said the program, which has been implemented for the past four weeks, is a pilot program that will be tested for a year and a half to help increase the hiring of students and to retain them.

Bennett said students need to fill out an application to be considered for the program, which currently has 22 students enrolled.

The program doubles the dining bucks with the amount of hours students work.

Students are able to earn up to 500 dining bucks a semester for 250 hours of work, Bennett said, depending on how many hours they work.

He said he is excited to see how the new pilot program will develop and to see the results.

Bennett said there are several reasons why some students do not want to work with hospitality services.

"The Lubbock economy is so strong that many students work in department stores at the mall and off campus," he said, "as well as various (others) who do not want to

work, and some who don't have to because they have income."

Danny Kraft, employment recruiter for Hospitality Services, agrees that the Lubbock unemployment rate is low and that it is difficult to find quality employees who could work consistently.

"We are extremely short-staffed, and that puts pressure on the people working and causes them to feel overwhelmed."

— BECKY GRUBBS
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Since new projects are emerging and expanding in Hospitality Services, Kraft said, it needs more people to work, and that has been another reason to add the incentives, to attract more student workers.

He said the department offers flexible schedules and scholarships

for students who have worked for more than a year.

"The greatest thing about where we work is that everyone in this department is very nice," he said. "All the managers are your friends and will help you. It is real laid back."

Becky Grubbs, a sophomore human development and family studies major from Carrollton, works in Sam's Place at Murray Residence Hall and said it is undesirable to work with a short staff.

"There is a really bad cycle going on," Grubbs said. "We are extremely short-staffed, and that puts pressure on the people working and causes them to feel overwhelmed, which causes them to quit and us to continue to be short-staffed."

She said a reason why students might not work with the university's Hospitality Services is because they find it humiliating.

"You are often working with students who are very ungrateful and rude," Grubbs said. "They think your job is easier than it is and look down on you."

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Rice wins Palestinian pledge to restart talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — The moderate Palestinian leadership agreed under heavy U.S. pressure Wednesday to resume peace talks with Israel, dropping a demand that Israel first reach a truce with Islamic Hamas militants acting as spoilers.

The announcement gave Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice a modest accomplishment for a brief troubleshooting mission. It left open the question of how both sides will eventually confront Hamas militants in charge of the 1.4 million Palestinians — nearly half the population — living in the sealed-off Gaza Strip.

"The peace process is a strategic choice and we have the intention of resuming the peace process," Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said. He did not say when talks would restart, but U.S. and

other officials predicted it would be in about a week.

Rice said Abbas had assured her he will return to talks. Doing so is a political risk for Abbas, who had broken off negotiations last weekend to protest an especially deadly Israeli military incursion into Gaza. More than 120 Palestinians were killed, along with three Israelis, over a week of heightened violence.

If Israeli-Palestinian talks resume as pledged it will essentially restore the precarious balance in place since President Bush announced last fall that the two sides would resume full negotiations for the first time in seven years. The talks are supposed to frame a deal for a Palestinian state this year.

Israeli and West Bank Palestinian negotiators had been meeting regularly, and keeping their discussions secret, before Abbas pulled

out. The talks had produced nothing in public, and were undermined on the one hand by continued Israeli housing activity on land the Palestinians claim and on the other by the inability of Palestinian security forces to control militants.

Earlier Wednesday, Abbas had said he would not restart negotiations until Israel declared a truce in Hamas-controlled Gaza.

Although he holds no authority in Gaza since Hamas' violent takeover there last June, a Gaza truce could benefit Abbas. Israeli military action is so unpopular in both territories, and across the Arab world, that it undermines Abbas' authority and makes it politically difficult for him to negotiate with Israel.

Israel and the United States fear that negotiations for a cease-fire would give Hamas a political legitimacy it does not deserve.

"A Streetcar Named Desire" comes to Tech

The Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance will present "A Streetcar Named Desire" at 8 p.m. today at the Maedgen Theatre on campus.

The theatre department summarized the 1948 Pulitzer Prize-winning play, written by Tennessee Williams, as a classic of American drama.

"The play is about Blanche DuBois, a woman whose life has been undermined by her romantic illusions, leading her to reject the realities of life with which she is faced and consistently ignores," said Richard Privitt, the audience relations specialist for the Department of Theatre and Dance. "The pressure brought to bear upon her by her sister Stella, with whom she goes to live in New Orleans, intensified by Stella's earthy young husband Stanley, leads to a revelation of her tragic self-delusion and, in the end, to madness."

Privitt is in charge of promotions

and marketing, box office and house management operations. He wants the public to come see the newly renovated theatre and its updated technical elements, which will be employed in this classic play.

"Due to its complex nature, 'A Streetcar Named Desire' is not performed very often," Privitt said, "so this is a perfect opportunity to see a faithful production of it."

Privitt and the department are hoping for a large turnout at the show.

"I'm estimating over 1,000 attendees to this production by Tech students, faculty and the general public," Privitt said.

"A Streetcar Named Desire"

will be shown at 8 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

There are a limited number of free tickets available to any Tech student with a valid ID one hour before each performance at the door. Once those tickets are gone, students may sign up for Student Rush, in which they will be seated in any empty seat just prior to the curtain. Students also may purchase tickets for \$5 each with a valid ID to ensure they have a seat for any performance. Individual tickets to the public are \$12.

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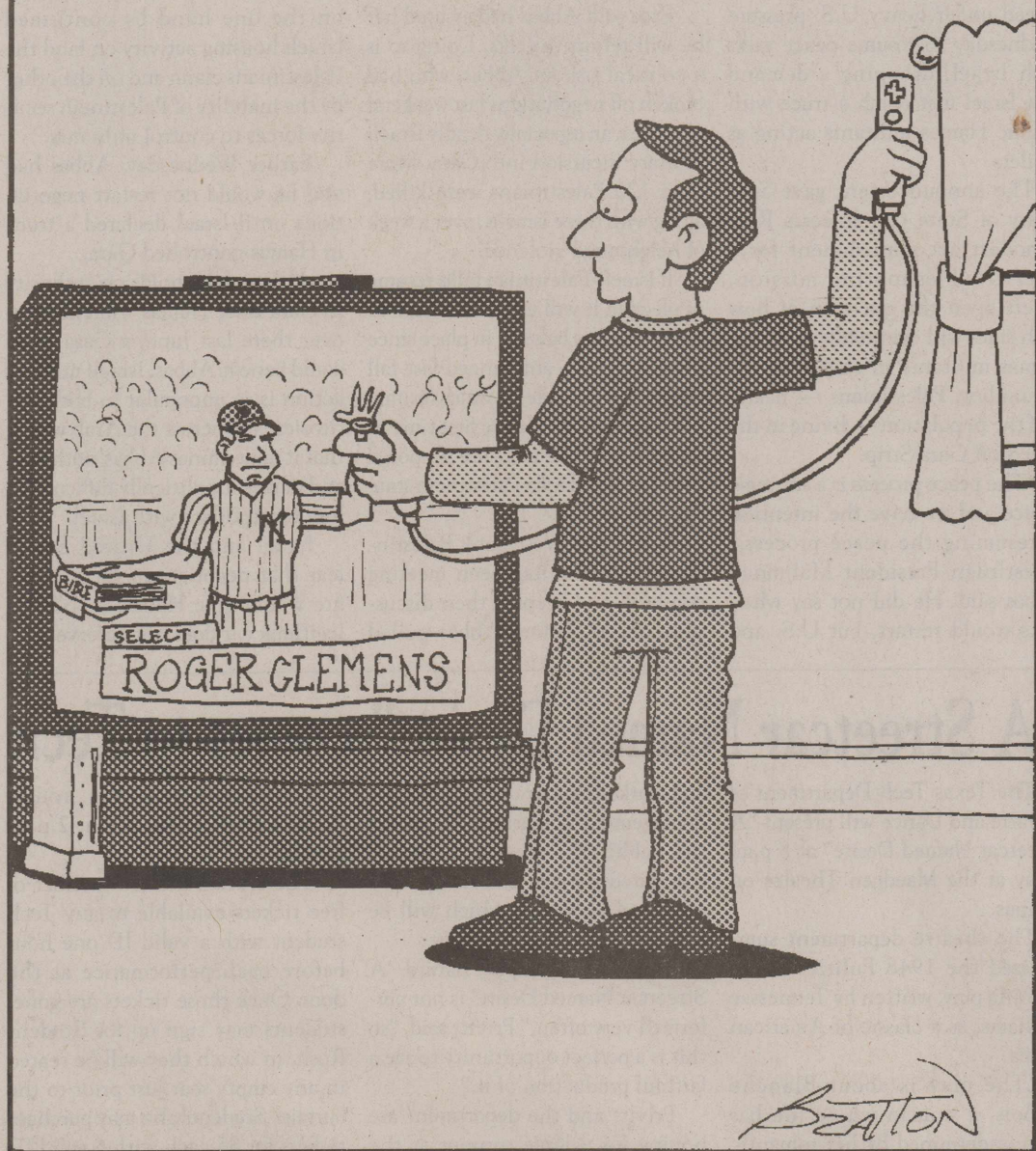
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Feminist backs Clinton, sparks more controversy

Juliet Azarani



Feminist Gloria Steinem is no stranger to controversy, and her recent call to arms on behalf of Sen. Hillary Clinton has provoked angry reactions, prompting Clinton to distance herself from the controversial comments.

The article "Stumping for Clinton; Steinem Says McCain's POW Cred Is Overrated," by Niall Stanage of *The New York Observer* reported Sunday that while speaking at a rally in Austin in support of Clinton, Steinem degraded and criticized the significance of Sen. John McCain's five and one-half years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. Steinem suggested if McCain were a woman, his war record would be handled differently by the media, in an attempt to highlight what she feels is a gender bias concerning media coverage of Clinton's campaign.

"Suppose John McCain had been Joan McCain, and Joan McCain had got captured, shot down and been a POW for eight years?" Steinem asked, then going on to suggest what the media would ask of 'Joan McCain,' "What did you do wrong to get captured? What terrible things did you do while you were there as a captive for eight years?"

Steinem then went on to say, in reference to John McCain's time as a POW, "I mean, hello? This is supposed to be a qualification to be

president? I don't think so."

According to www.johnmccain.com, the Republican candidate's official Web Site, John McCain was taken as a prisoner of war in October 1967, which led to years of torture, solitary confinement and the denial of necessary medical attention by the North Vietnamese.

While Steinem's remarks were meant to highlight what she feels is an unfair amount of criticism on the part of the media directed toward Clinton's campaign coverage, Stanage's *New York Observer* article suggests Steinem's comments spoke more to her belief that the media and those involved with politics revere military service too highly.

Regardless of Steinem's inten-

tions, she may have gone too far with her comments about McCain's military experience as being overrated and laughable to be considered as worthy presidential qualifications. It may not be a prerequisite for a would-be president to have military experience or to have undergone years of imprisonment by a warring country, but I think even non-John McCain supporters can agree his time as a POW has given him a unique perspective on the world.

Does that mean he would make better foreign policy decisions than Clinton or Barack Obama?

Not necessarily, but with the country stuck in a war nostalgic of Vietnam, McCain's ties to the military and his years as a POW seem to offer a sense of security during uncertain times. While McCain's military service is something to be honored and respected, to side mildly with Steinem, I would not regard his experiences as a POW as my sole basis for voting or not voting for him. That would be like voting for Clinton strictly because she is a woman, or voting for Obama strictly because he is black.

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Quran does not support women's equality

On Feb. 20, Jane Colmer-Hamood, a biology professor at the Texas Tech Health Science Center, gave a lecture on "Women and Islam."

Colmer-Hamood, whom I found to be a kind, amiable and articulate woman, nevertheless made some startling and counter-intuitive claims about how nice Islam is to women and everyone else.

The pervasive oppression of women in the Islamic world is really a cultural phenomenon and has nothing to do with Islam. The very fact she felt this lecture was necessary to begin with might lead one to suspect the contrary.

I have to admit, I am not an Islamic scholar. My bachelor's and master's degrees both are in biology. I have never been part of a Muslim family, nor have I lived in a predominately Muslim nation.

But I do have one unique qualification that allows me to evaluate and comment on the myriad statements about Islam made by Colmer-Hamood — I can read.

So I picked up my trusty Quran. The version I have is translated by Mohammed Marmaduke Pickthall and is particularly popular among English-speaking Muslims. I then checked out some of her claims.

According to Colmer-Hamood, a woman is considered "different than, but equal to men."

Au contraire, according to the Quran, the chief holy book of Islam. According to Sura 4:34, "Men are in charge of women, because Allah made the one of them to excel the other... So good women are the obedient..." And how about this wholesome advice, "Your women are a tilth [field] for you to cultivate, so go to your tilth as ye will..." (2:223).

Jason Hoskin



The good professor said, a man must be punished for rape according to the Quran. This may be so, but first the man must be found guilty of the crime. Not an easy thing to do in Islam since, for a man to be convicted of rape, four witnesses must be produced to testify against him, said Islamic scholar Robert Spencer.

Even the most bumbling and inept rapist can probably succeed in refraining from raping his victim in public. This precedent was set during an incident in which the prophet Mohammed's favorite wife, Aishah, was accused of adultery.

Rather than confront the charges, Mohammed asked his wife's accusers, "Why did they not produce four witnesses? Since they produce not witnesses, they verily are liars in the sight of Allah" (24:13).

Women can inherit property under Islam, Colmer-Hamood said. But according to the Quran, "Allah thus directs you as regards your children's inheritance: to the male, a portion equal to that of two females" (4:11).

Colmer-Hamood's claim regarding inheritance is, at best, a half-truth — pardon the pun. Though Colmer-Hamood focused her lecture mainly on the treatment of women, she would no doubt claim Islam is a religion of peace.

I'm afraid the Quran is going to have to call B.S. on this one too. According to the infamous "Verse of the Sword," Muslims must, "Slay the idolaters wherever ye find them, and

take them (captive), and besiege them, and prepare for them each ambush. But if they repent and establish worship and pay the (poor due), then leave their way free. Lo! Allah is Forgiving, Merciful" (9:5).

And the list of such quotes goes on and on. So how do otherwise good people convince themselves they can be decent and moral and still believe in the literal word of the Quran?

Well first, they would accuse people like me of taking these verses out of context. According to this argument, we might expect to find the "Verse of the Sword" immediately followed by "Ah-ha, I'm just kidding. I really want you guys to pet fluffy bunnies and go put COEXIST bumper stickers on your VW Beetles."

Or maybe they would claim all these quotes are really mistranslations, that it is impossible to get an accurate translation from the original Arabic. Certainly there are problems in translations, but if this is literally true, all the academic departments studying cultures whose languages are not English, would have to shut down, since their task is allegedly impossible to fulfill.

Further, we could not communicate with anyone who is not a native English speaker, because there is no way to really understand what they are saying, since they may not be properly translating their thoughts into English. Or possibly they would claim that people like me are not qualified to interpret the Quran.

But would my having a doctorate in theology somehow change these quotes? Perhaps Islam proponents would cite passages that are at odds with the quotes I have provided, though interestingly, Colmer-Hamood did not do this.

They apparently have no compunc-

tion with using a text that frequently contradicts itself as a moral guide, leaving the individual believer to decide which quote suits their purpose.

They might also claim there is no single "right" way to interpret the Quran, that each person's interpretation is entirely subjective, except when they present the interpretations they favor.

In other words, they claim as an objective fact, that objectivity with regard to a religious text is impossible.

My favorite argument, which was actually given by Colmer-Hamood, is that horrible, oppressive statements also can be found in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. Children will use a similar defense when confronted with wrongdoing by their parents.

"What's wrong with me taking a cookie before dinner, since Johnny does it too?" The fact that children sometimes carry this method of argument into adulthood does nothing to diminish its fallaciousness.

Finally, by far the easiest "argument" to make is to simply to call critics and skeptics like me hopelessly racist and xenophobic. This frees people who are otherwise of good will from confronting the harsh reality that their belief system, if followed consistently, would and does lead to a path of oppression, violence and intolerance.

The Quran is what it is, regardless of how much one might wish to the contrary. The sooner these problematic passages are confronted for what they are, the more hope we have of seeing a movement arise to reform these doctrines, or much better yet, a weaning from this and other religious doctrines altogether.

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Liberal, Conservative war amplifies minority views

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(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, S.C. — "They must find it difficult ... Those who have taken authority as the truth, rather than truth as the authority." - G. Massey, Egyptologist

We are all absolutely insane. Even worse, our insanity is neither discouraged nor inherited. Rather, it is a glorified, self-perpetuating sickness that feeds off our illusory, political allegiances, while only benefiting the architects of the facade.

Due to the convincing and seemingly opposed megaliths of "conservatism" and "liberalism," our society has segregated itself with an arbitrary fissure that divides "us" from "them."

Conservatives fancy themselves as being the gallant protectors of religious piety, and thus attach their political views with a holy, crusading fervor. This is upheld in spite of their rampant divorce rates and the blatant hypocrisy of their clergy, but who else is to reach those "godless" liberals?

Liberals crown themselves as the champions of "progressiveness," and disdain the "barbarous" conservatives' apathy towards the delicate ecosystem. They even convey this outrage by planting little bumper stickers on their pollutant-spewing vehicles, tel-

ling the world to preserve our pure air and just listen to Al "Jesus" Gore. After all, he has pie charts!

Conservatives marvel at the liberals' lack of support when it comes to the government's national security measures, and call them "unpatriotic" until someone they love gets unjustly snatched in an "extraordinary rendition" snafu.

Liberals respond to such questioning of their patriotism by emotionally calling the conservatives "fascist," while gleefully inviting Uncle Sam to take over their schools, family values and gun cabinets.

Conservatives stand in stupefied horror whenever the words "socialized health care" enter their brains, which conjures mental images of the Soviet Red Army marching into grandpa's hospital room to callously rip away his bedpan. Who cares if our emergency services are already "socialized?" This is war.

Liberals staunchly uphold "Roe vs. Wade" in the name of women's rights, while all along admitting they have no clue when human life really begins in a pregnancy. But the movement is too important to wait for science to catch up.

Our society is being compartmentalized by an elite few so that they can benefit from power and wealth, while the truth is devalued. Their greatest feat has been in marketing "group think" as not just an admitted illness, but a coveted one.

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"The air exchange will decrease the smell, it will get the diseases out — the more fresh air we bring will eliminate the smell," he said. "This shelter here was built back in the '50s and '60s, so we are way behind on technology."

Byrd said the new building, which would be constructed in McAllister Park, will attract more adopters.

"It will be easier to find and a better attraction for people to want to go out there and see, because it will be new, and hopefully it won't smell," he said.

While Byrd said he believes the shelter may improve the stray animal situation in Lubbock, he does not believe the change will be dramatic.

Phillippe said to curb the stray animal and dog attack problem in Lubbock, more animal enforcement is needed before a new shelter is built.

"We're going to recommend that they add at least two new positions just for street control," he said. "We can't keep ignoring that; we can't wait for a new shelter."

Floyd Price, Lubbock city councilman for District 2, said he also believes the animal shelter is understaffed, and something needs to be done before the shelter is complete.

"Since the attacks, we've got a crisis situation with animals running wild and running loose, and we've got that under control not only with the animal shelter, but we need more animal control officers," Price said.

Phillippe said for the first time since city officials started working on the project, his committee was

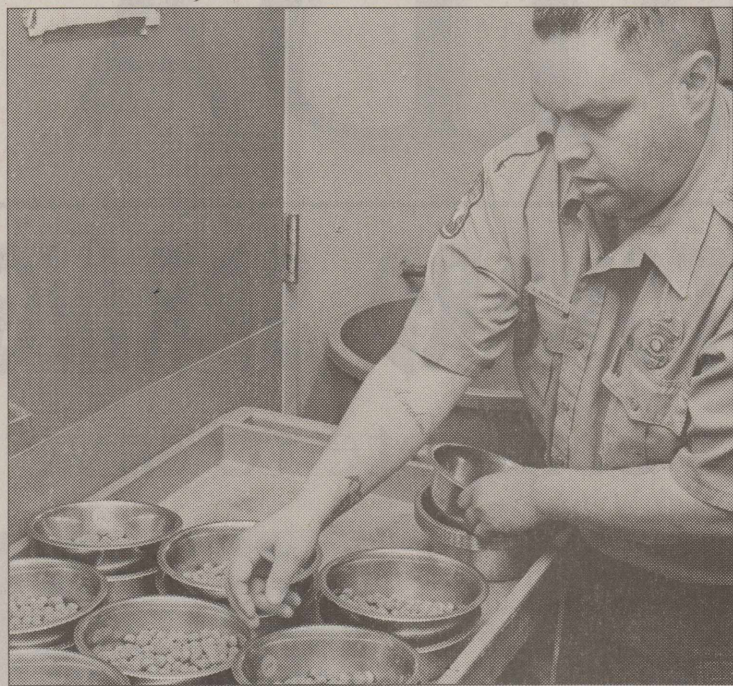


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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Adam Marquez prepares bowls of food for animals at the Lubbock Animal Shelter Wednesday.

asked for input on Tuesday.

"The city manager's office decided to have it driven internally and did not involve Animal Service Advisory Committee until now," he said. "Now, all of the sudden, they want the Animal Service Advisory Committee involved. I think they're doing that because they know the sentiment of the people right now."

After speaking with many concerned residents, Phillippe said it was obvious to him the majority of Lubbock residents are not happy with the way the animal situation has been handled.

Kevin Overstreet, director of Lubbock Animal Services, said he does not believe city officials are taking action only because of the recent dog attacks.

"This has been in the planning phases for some time now," Overstreet said. "Though we have had

a lot of media coverage on attacks, I don't think this has made things move quicker."

Originally, he said the new shelter was planned to break ground in January. He attributed the cause of the delay to planning that goes into building an animal shelter.

Price said he does see a need to increase the budget in order "to have a shelter that is compatible

to what we want it to do."

He said he does not know where the funds would come from or if taxes would increase.

"There may be some areas where we have some money set aside," he said. "I want it to have enough room and have a good adoption facility. I want it to be a state-of-the-art facility so that when people come there, they will feel like they are in a place where animals are taken care of."

Linda DeLeon, councilwoman for District 1, said she believes the animal shelter plan costs should stay in the confines of the original \$3.4 million budget and will not vote to support a budget increase.

"They, and especially Todd Klein, sort of want to build a Taj Mahal for animals," DeLeon said. "It's going to cause a tax increase, and I'm not going to support a tax increase to build a better animal shelter."

Klein, councilman for District 3, said DeLeon's statement was "laughable."

"I want something far from a Taj Mahal," Klein said. "What I do want, however, is a safe, efficient and operationally capable — in terms of capacity — facility that will help address the issue of recent animal attacks."

Klein said he does not believe personal politics should play a part

in the decision making of a critical project.

While DeLeon said she does think it is important to build a new animal shelter, she does not believe the building needs all the high-quality materials other council members want to include.

"If a metal building is good enough for children," she said, explaining the elementary school in her neighborhood is made of metal, "then why is not good enough for cats and dogs?"

Phillippe said the next step toward building the animal shelter

will be receiving new estimates on March 25 from the project architects. The estimates will include the costs of adding additional holding space. After that, his committee will make a formal recommendation to City Council members.

"I feel personally that there a lot of issues that we need to address to our city, but they're not critical. I think this is," he said. "It would be nice if we could have 10 or 15 more soccer fields, but that doesn't affect public health."

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Stride Gum uses T-shirt Swap to freshen the mouths of students

Sweat stain and all, the swap was on. For those whose eyes were drawn to the giant blue stretch H3 outside the Student Union Building Wednesday afternoon, gum was being chewed, music was being played, and T-shirts were being traded. This was all part of Stride Gum's effort to promote fresh-breathing college students.

The event, called the "T-shirt Swap," drew hundreds of students to trade

their old, stinky, sweat-stained, non-fitting T-shirts for new Stride promo T-shirts or a selection of traded classic T-shirts.

One student said the experiment was the equivalent of a regenerative method for her. "I gave up my favorite old T-shirt from high school," said Laci Pettis, a freshman psychology major from Fort Worth. "I just needed a

change and a new fresh (T-shirt)." Stride Gum representatives said the promotion was going great.

"So kids can take an old shirt they don't want anymore and trade up," said Drew Lierheimer, a Stride representative. "I mean, why shop when you can swap?"

One student with an inside view of the action as he passed out gum and new T-shirts to the swappers, said the experience surprisingly

was exhilarating.

"It's like giving candy to babies; college kids like gum," said Ryan Madrid, a junior international business major from Hamilton. "It is fun, heck yeah, free gum, swapping (T-shirts), everything college kids love."

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RACING TOWARD SPRING BREAK

Students compete to save wallets

By JORDAN EICHER
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As two students won wings to their Spring Break destinations, the others were left behind when they failed to keep up with the Amazing Spring Break Race.

The event, hosted by a group of Texas Tech affiliates, sent 11 teams of two on a scavenger-hunt-like race around the campus. The teams received clues at the event's check-in that would send them to individual challenges that were required to complete the race. Those who participated said the event was worth the effort, even if they didn't come out on top.

"We didn't get first, but we didn't do too bad," said Keven Bayer, a sophomore architecture and business major from the Woodlands. "They definitely didn't make it easy, but it was well organized, and I enjoyed it a lot."

Bayer competed with his girlfriend, Sarah McCartha, a junior business ma-

yor from the Woodlands. They agreed they pushed each other to do better.

"I'm not quite as fast as him; it was tough," McCartha said. "But it was well worth it."

Amanda Eldrege, health educator for Student Health Services, said she definitely believed the event helped get an important message out to participants.

"We like to provide education and prevention tools to students, but we like to do it in a fun way," she said. "It's so hard to get health and wellness out to the students; this is a good outlet."

The first place winners were Cody Crew and Jonathan Merritt, with a time of one hour, 30 minutes and 15 seconds. They were unavailable to comment, but each won a \$50 gift card for American Airlines.

"It is, by far, one of our favorite events of the year," Eldrege said. "Fun to put on, and fun to watch the students participate."

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"It was tough. But it was well worth it."

— SARAH MCCARTHA
JUNIOR FROM THE WOODLANDS

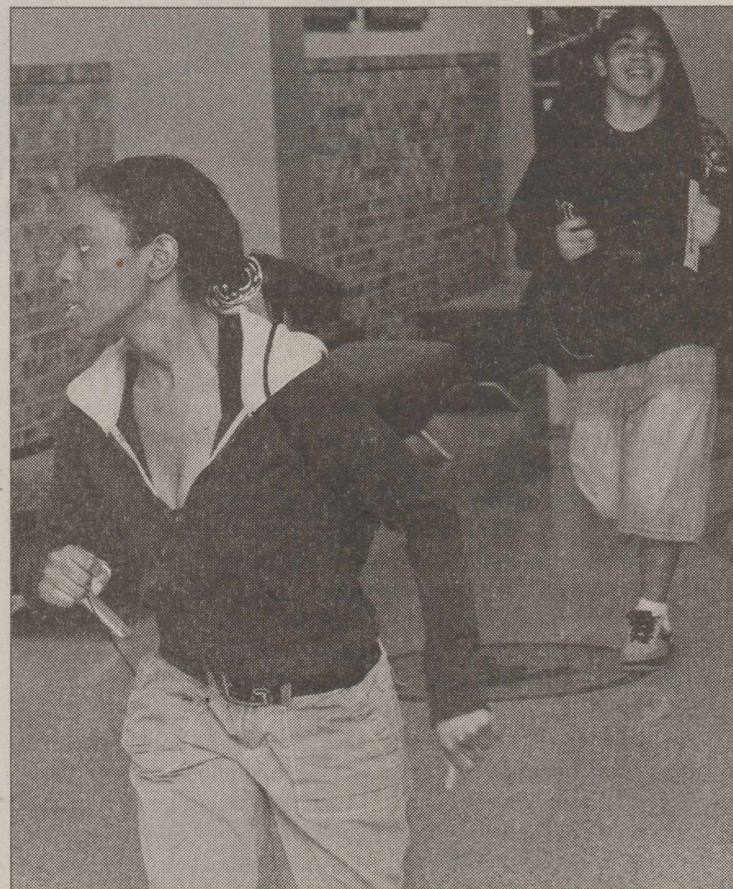


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JODWIGHTA BIRCH, A freshman computer science major from Houston, races with her teammate Carlos Lozano, a freshman a computer science major from Austin, Wednesday in the Student Union Building.

Chesney leads Academy of Country Music Awards nominees with 11

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Kenny Chesney received a leading 11 Academy of Country Music nominations Tuesday, including entertainer of the year and top male vocalist.

Rodney Atkins followed with six nominations, including top male vocalist. Brad Paisley, Big & Rich and Sugarland all got four apiece.

Chesney also is up for song and

video of the year for "Don't Blink" and vocal event for "Find Out Who Your Friends Are" with Tracy Lawrence and Tim McGraw.

Chesney received double nominations for artist and producer for "Shift Work" with George Strait, as well as for "Don't Blink" for single of the year and "Just Who I Am: Poets & Pirates" for album of the year.

If Chesney gets entertainer of the year, the most coveted trophy, it would be his fourth straight win, tying him with Garth Brooks.

"I just try to be the kinda artist I wanted to see when I was coming up," Chesney said. "To me, if you remember who you are, sing songs that speak to that and pay attention to the fans, that's all I can hope for. Seeing those people every night, I don't think I could do anything less."

This year, for the first time, fans will choose the winner of the entertainer category, with voting to begin May 5.

The show will be held in Las Vegas on May 18 and carried live on CBS at 8 p.m. EDT.

Carrie Underwood and Paisley announced the nominations at the

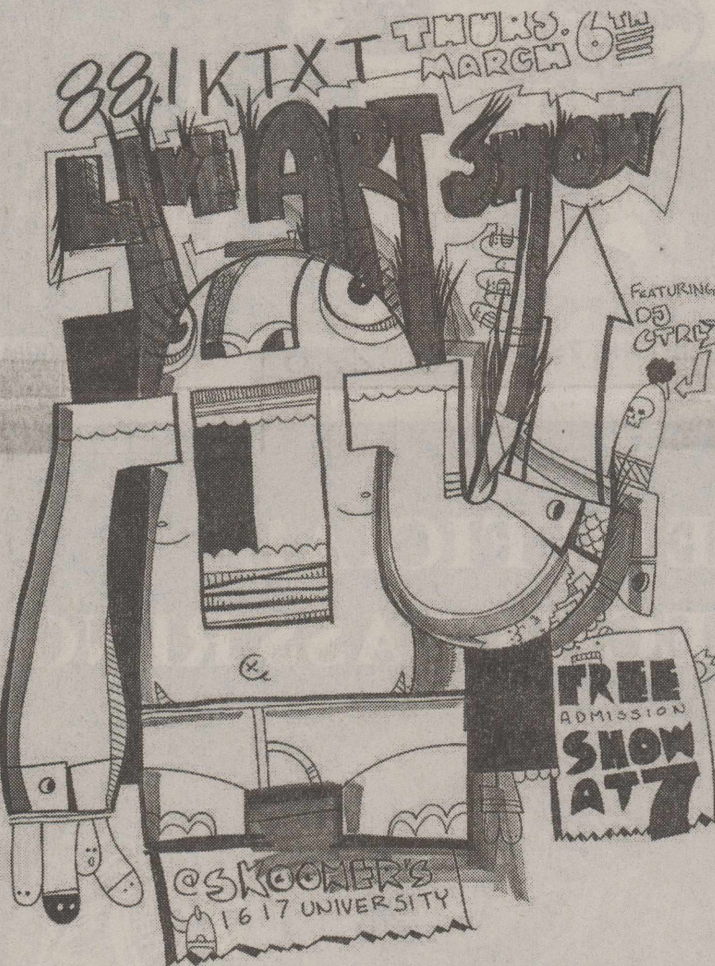
Country Music Hall of Fame.

Atkins' nominations include song of the year and video of the year for "Watching You" and album of the year for "If You're Going through Hell," which he also co-produced.

The singer, who has had four straight No. 1 singles, won best new male vocalist at last year's ACMs.

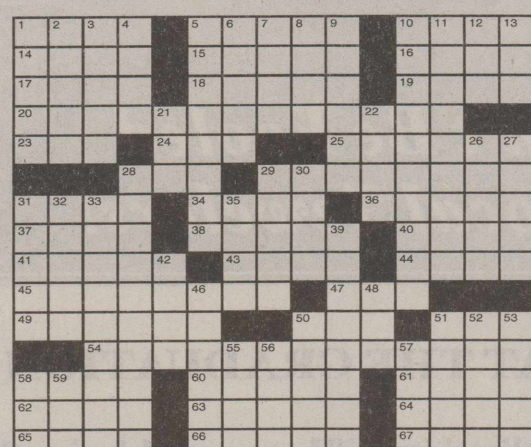
"It's amazing to have your name mentioned with these guys like George Strait, Kenny Chesney, Brad Paisley. It's going to take awhile to sink in," Atkins remarked. "It's nice to be noticed, kind of like getting to step into the big leagues. It's what you always hope for."

Paisley is nominated for male vocalist, album of the year for "5th Gear," video of the year for "Online," and entertainer of the year.



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Tech promotes several football assistant coaches, hires two former players

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech football has shaken up its coaching staff.

The Red Raiders have moved Lincoln Riley's coaching duties from wide receivers to inside receivers. This move helps the Red Raiders replace Dana Holgorsen, who left for an offensive coordinator job at Houston. Dennis Simmons will take Riley's place in coaching the wide receivers. Simmons was an assistant athletic director and chief of staff for the

Red Raiders, a job which Dave Emerick will take.

Other moves include former player Clay McGuire becoming the new special team assistant coach. In 2007, McGuire was a graduate assistant-offense. Another former player, Brandon Jones, will move from video graduate assistant to a graduate assistant-offense. Ty Linder, who was on the roster in 2007, takes Jones' job.

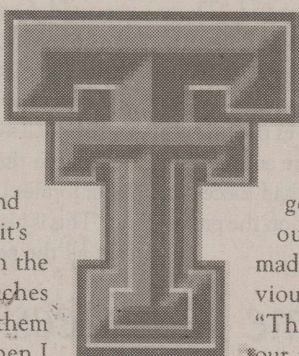
One of the more notable moves for the Red Raiders may be the return of Antonio Huffman. The former Tech cornerback was named

the new manager of player personnel.

"It's always good to come back home," Huffman said. "Like I said before, Lubbock is my second home. I was originally born and raised in Atlanta, so it's good to get back with the staff. All of the coaches around here, most of them anyway, were here when I played here."

In a press release, Tech coach

Mike Leach said he is excited about the changes and glad to welcome back some of his former players.



"We are fortunate to have good people within our program, which made these coaches obvious choices," he said. "These coaches know our program, have been around it a long time and

throughout their careers here. I also am proud to have former players join our staff. Antonio and Ty will be great additions to the program, as both were model student-athletes during their careers."

Huffman was a district manager for a Chrysler dealership before taking his new position.

The former defensive back said he looks forward to reconnecting with familiar faces on the Red Raider staff and hopes he can help current players as well.

"I was always the type of guy that all of the guys looked up to," Huff-

man said. "It feels good to actually get on the coaching staff and be with these guys. I know there are a lot of guys here that I played with and things like that. Just getting to know the new guys now. The corners, they're like 'Hey man, I heard you're coming back, glad to hear it, a lot of us play corner,' so guys like that are like, 'If I can borrow you, watch some film, I'm like 'Whatever I can do to help.'"

Spring practice for the Red Raiders begins March 26 and ends April 21.

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Slaptastic: Tech softball players use batting style to their advantage

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

In their first year together, Devin Zaragoza and Leah Legler present a solid top of the order for the Red Raider softball team this season.

As the two lead-off hitters for Tech (3-14), with Legler leading off and Zaragoza following, they have combined for 38 hits and 17 of the team's 35 runs scored.

Tech coach Teresa Wilson said having a senior hitter like Zaragoza — who recently had an eight-game hitting streak snapped — who can read defenses and then execute on those reads, helps a great deal.

Throw in a quick sophomore in Legler, and it creates a relationship that only two other positions on the field share, Wilson said.

"It's vital," Wilson said. "I've been very, very fortunate over the years to have good people in lead off and two hole positions because they really are a tandem. They work together very much the same way a pitcher and a catcher do. It's critical in that spot, to at the very least have someone who can advance a lead-off hitter."

Wilson said Zaragoza's ability to maneuver the shortstop and second baseman while at bat opens up gaps on a consistent basis.

"A shortstop has to commit to either covering the base for a steal, or covering the five, six hole for a slapper," Wilson said. "They can't do both. If the shortstop doesn't cover second, then the second baseman has to do that. Then that leaves the first base line open for a bunt opportunity. Devin does a great job of reading what the defense is doing, and either using that to advance Leah, and, as is the

case many times this year, using it to move the ball so we have two runners on base."

Zaragoza said having a base runner such as Legler allows her to get creative at the plate.

"I just give all the credit to Leah," she said. "I mean when she gets on, she makes my job easier, because all my job is to move her. When she's on, it opens up so many

“When I first got here my freshman year, they turned me into a slapper, so it was my first year.”

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things for me to do, so it's fun." Legler leads the team with a .386 batting average, 12 runs and four steals, which Zaragoza said is a testament to her increasing level of maturity.

"She's just a quick learner, and she's a very good athlete," Zaragoza said. "A year under her belt and four years under mine, it's fun that we put that together, and we talk about everything."

Zaragoza said former Tech slap-

per Ashley Parker, who graduated after 2007, helped her become a better all-around hitter.

With Parker leading off last season, Zaragoza was second on the team with 29 runs and third on the team with 42 hits, while Parker led the team with a .379 batting average, 66 hits and 40 runs to go along with 24 stolen bases.

"When I first got here my freshman year, they actually turned me into a slapper, so it was my first year," Zaragoza said. "I had no clue what to do. (Parker) had been doing it pretty much all her life. She had helped me to read pitches, to read defense, and pretty much everything."

Senior pitcher Sarah Losleben said the team relies on Zaragoza and Legler as much as they rely on each other.

"Their ability to start our lineup off, they give such great momentum, and they feed off of each other so well that they really set the tone for our team," Losleben said. "They're phenomenal; they set the tone every time. There's no doubt in any of our girls' minds that Leah is up to play and Devin is following, and they're gonna make something happen for us to start it off."

Tech hits the field Friday against North Dakota State at noon and Campbell at 2 p.m. in Palo Alto, Calif., before finishing the tournament against Stanford, College of Charleston and North Dakota State.

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Lawmaker urges FBI to drop Clemens probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Democratic congressman asked the FBI on Wednesday to drop its investigation of Roger Clemens because the pitching great had suffered enough from the probe into steroid use.

Rep. Anthony Weiner, a candidate for New York mayor in 2009, said the FBI is too busy with more important crimes to spend time trying to determine if the ex-Yankees pitcher lied to Congress about taking performance enhancing substances.

"Roger Clemens has been shamed. I think the public record is replete with examples of how he did not likely tell the truth. What is the public benefit of continuing with an FBI investigation?" Weiner said.

Weiner also suggested his fellow lawmakers had gone far enough with inquiries into steroids use by professional athletes and should let professional sports league handle the matter.

"The real incentive to clean up this mess is not a governmental one," said Weiner, a Mets fan whose district includes parts of Queens and Brooklyn.

The FBI took over the Clemens case after Congress asked the Justice Department to look into Clemens' testimony at a Feb. 5 deposition and a Feb. 13 hearing. Weiner is not a member of the House Oversight and Government Committee, which heard from Clemens.

Clemens testified he never used steroids or human growth hormone; his former trainer testified he injected Clemens with such substances at least 16 times from 1998 to 2001.

If investigators conclude Clemens lied on critical details, he could face charges of perjury, making false statements or obstruction of justice.

In a letter to Attorney General Michael Mukasey, Weiner wrote: "Whether or not Roger Clemens may have committed perjury should not compete with real national security threats for the FBI's time, attention and resources."

There was no immediate comment from the Justice Department on Wednesday.

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2008 National College Baseball Hall of Fame class announced

By **BEN MAKI**
SPORTS EDITOR

The National College Baseball Hall of Fame announced its 2008 induction class Wednesday at the National Ranching Heritage Center. This is the third class for this hall of fame.

Some of the notable names include former Ohio State pitcher Steve Arlin, former Texas pitchers Burt Hooton and Greg Swindell, and former Texas coach William "Billy" Disch.

The rest of the class comprises former Arizona State pitchers Eddie Bane and Floyd Bannister, former Holy Cross pitcher and coach at

Seton Hall Owen Carroll, former Miami pitcher Neal Heaton, former shortstop and coach at Florida State Dick Howser, former LSU pitcher Ben McDonald, former Pasadena Junior College and UCLA infielder Jackie Robinson and former Oklahoma State and New Mexico State coach Gary Ward.

Disch, Robinson and Carroll were inducted as a part of the Vintage class — a designation for players who played or coached before 1947, before the College World Series and All-American teams were established, said Mike Gustafson, co-chair of the National College Baseball Hall of Fame.

He said though Robinson hit .097

during his time at UCLA, he was inducted because of the overall impact he had on the game of baseball.

This class has mainly hurlers in it, and Gustafson said the voters may have recognized less hitters on the list this year.

"Sixty-seven voters went pitcher heavy, maybe all the hitter names got taken in '06 and '07," he said. "Those classes leaned more towards the hitter side. I guess they played catchup this year."

Bane said he believes the hall is a great way to display the accomplishments of players who had success in college, but maybe not on the professional level.

"I think what's neat about it is they are honoring guys for what they did in college, because not all of us went out and had great big league careers," he said. "I know some of the guys they put in did — Fred Lynn and some of the guys that went in before. Some of us were meant to be really good college players, and after that we did the best we could. I was fortunate enough to play in the big leagues. I wasn't a star in the big leagues. This is a big honor, and I'm really happy with it."

Swindell said he is happy he will be heading in the 2008 class with some other former Longhorns.

"This is just an unbelievable thing that all the people in Lubbock have

put together, and anytime you can go into a shrine like a hall of fame is special. Getting to go in this year with Burt is going to be a lot of fun. I admire him for everything he did preceding us or myself. Coach Disch, I never knew him, but it's pretty cool knowing that three (former Texas players and coaches) are going in this year."

Arlin said the hall of fame is important because it highlights the accomplishments of a system he said he believes is the new minor league system.

"It's a real wonderful thing they are doing for college baseball. It's really taken over in the last 10 to 15 years. It's taken the place of a lot of minor

league systems for the professional team. I don't think there's anywhere else that kids coming out of college are going to get the proper training for fundamentals. To honor the people that have spent all their time doing it — the coaches, the players who've had some tremendous years in college — this is a wonderful thing they're doing."

The National College Baseball Hall of Fame is headquartered in Lubbock, but Gustafson said the College Baseball Foundation, the organization that runs the hall, have not been able to get a building to house the hall of fame yet.

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2008 Hall of Fame Inductees Brief Biographies

Steve Arlin, Pitcher, Ohio State, 1965-66

Arlin helped lead Ohio State to back-to-back appearances at the College World Series in 1965 and 1966. He is one of only two pitchers named to the College World Series All-Time team. In the 1965 CWS, facing elimination against Washington State, Arlin struck out a CWS-record 20 batters in a 15-inning, 1-0 victory by Ohio State. His 15 innings pitched that game is still a CWS record.

Arlin had a two-year record of 24-3 with the Buckeyes and held OSU marks for victories and strikeouts (294) until 1999, and his .889 win percentage is the best in school history.

Eddie Bane, Pitcher, Arizona State, 1971-73

In his first year, Bane led the ASU pitching staff with 130 strikeouts and a 2.18 ERA. He followed that with 213 strikeouts and a 0.99 ERA in 1972, and 192 strikeouts in 1973, when he was selected as the Sporting News Player of the Year. Bane is ASU's all-time strikeouts

leader with 505 and third in career pitching victories with 40. His ERA (1.64) is fourth all-time at ASU, and he was the author of the only perfect game ever thrown by an Arizona State pitcher.

Floyd Bannister, Pitcher, Arizona State, 1974-76

The Lefty Gomez Plate Award winner and The Sporting News Player of the Year winner as Outstanding Amateur Baseball Player of the Year in 1976, Bannister was the No. 1 draft choice of the Houston Astros and the first man picked in the 1976 MLB Draft. He was an All-American in 1975 and 1976, as well as an All-WAC selection both years. Bannister shares the ASU and NCAA record for the most victories in a season with 19, in 1976.

He compiled 38 career victories as the No. 1 starter for Arizona State across two full varsity seasons. He led the nation in strikeouts with 217 in 1975 and 213 in 1976. He tossed 29 career complete games.

Owen Carroll, Pitcher/Coach, College of the Holy Cross/Seton Hall University, 1921-25/1948-72

Carroll (1902-75) led Holy Cross to three league championships in a four-year career that saw him compile a 50-2 record as a pitcher while recording 16 shutouts. Carroll captained the Crusaders to an 18-0 record in 1924. Seton Hall plays baseball and soccer at Owen Carroll Field. Carroll was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1977.

William J. "Billy" Disch, Coach, Sacred Heart College/St. Edward's University/University of Texas, 1898-99/1900-1910/1911-39

Disch (1874-1953) laid the foundation for one of the winningest programs in all of college sports. His UT record was 513-180 (.740), with 20 Southwest Conference championships in 29 seasons, while sending 23 Longhorns onto Major League rosters. In honor of Disch and his successor, the late Bibb Falk, the Longhorns' home stadium is named Disch-Falk Field. Disch became a charter member of the ABCA Hall of Fame in 1966.

Neal Heaton, Pitcher, University of Miami, 1979-81

"The Heater" holds almost all of Miami's pitching records, including victories in a season and career — with 18 and 42, respectively — and strikeouts in a game, season and career — 23, 172 and 381, respectively. In three years, Heaton twice was named an All-American, by ABCA in 1980 and by consensus in 1981, and in 1981 he was drafted by the Cleveland Indians. Heaton is the first Hurricane to play in a big league all-star game and was inducted into the UM Hall of Fame in 1992.

Burt Hooton, Pitcher, Texas, 1969-71

Hooton logged a 35-3 mark at Texas from 1969 to 1971. He still owns the school career records for ERA (1.14), opponent batting average (.158) and strikeouts per nine innings (11.94). Hooton earned First-Team All-Southwest Conference and All-American honors all three years in Austin.

Hooton is responsible for two of Texas' most memorable pitching performances, crafting a seven-inning no-hitter in an 8-0 win over Sam Houston State on Feb. 26, 1971, and a 13-inning one-hitter in a 1-0 win against Texas Tech on March 19, 1971. In the shutout over the Red Raiders, he fanned 19 batters in those 13 innings.

Dick Howser, Shortstop/Coach, Florida State, 1956-58

The first All-American in Florida State history, was named All-Region in 1957 and 1958, and he earned All-America recognition from the ABCA both of those years.

In 1956, Howser's .422 batting average set a Florida State season mark.

Florida State now plays its home games at Mike Martin Field at Dick Howser Stadium.

Ben McDonald, Pitcher, LSU, 1987-89

McDonald capped his 1989 season by receiving the Golden Spikes Award, given by the United States Baseball Federation to the nation's most outstanding amateur player. McDonald was named National Player of the Year by Baseball America, The Sporting News and Collegiate Baseball, and he was awarded the R.E. "Bob" Smith Award as college player of the year.

McDonald, who set an LSU career mark with 373 strikeouts, established Southeastern Conference standards for single-season strikeouts (202), innings pitched (152.1) and consecutive scoreless innings (44.2). He finished his LSU career with a 29-14 record and a 3.24 ERA.

Jack Roosevelt Robinson, Infielder, Pasadena Junior College/UCLA, 1937-38/1940

Robinson (1919-72) was the starting shortstop for the Bruins in 1940 and became arguably the most important figure ever in baseball. Robinson started at shortstop as a freshman and sophomore at Pasadena Junior College. His sophomore year, he hit .417, scored 43 runs and stole 25 bases in 24 games, earning regional MVP honors.

At UCLA, Robinson became the school's first four-sport letterman, also gaining fame in football, basketball and track. He had four hits and stole four bases, including home plate once, in his baseball debut for the Bruins, but ended up posting a .097 batting

average for the season. Robinson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962 and UCLA's home baseball field is named Jackie Robinson Stadium.

Greg Swindell, Pitcher, Texas, 1984-86

Swindell is one of only six players in history to be named a three-time First-Team All-American by the same organization (Baseball America, 1984-86). The others were Wake Forest's Charles Teague (ABCA, 1947, 49-50); Longhorns Burt Hooton (ABCA, 1969-71) and Brooks Kieschnick (ABCA, 1991-93); Oklahoma State's Robin Ventura (Baseball America, 1986-88); and Georgia Tech's Jason Varitek (ABCA, Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball, 1992-94).

Gary Ward, Coach, Oklahoma State/New Mexico State, 1978-96/2001-02

Gary Ward was Oklahoma State's coach from 1978 through 1996 and guided Cowboys to an unprecedented 16 straight conference titles, 17 NCAA regional appearances and 10 trips to the College World Series. Seven of OSU's CWS appearances (1981-87) were in consecutive years, an NCAA record.

He compiled a record of 953-313-1 in 19 seasons in Stillwater, Okla., before retiring prior to the 1997 campaign.

Ward came out of retirement and was the head coach for two seasons at his alma mater, New Mexico State, in 2001 and 2002, leading the Aggies to the Sun Belt Tournament championship and an NCAA appearance in 2002. Ward's career record of 1,022-361-1 (.739) is 13th best all-time in win percentage and 24th in the NCAA record books in wins.

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Tech sweeps mid-week series against Central Arkansas with 8-3 victory

By **BEN MAKI**
SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech completed a mid-week sweep of Central Arkansas, winning 8-3 by virtue of solid pitching and timely hitting.

The Red Raiders (5-5) were in the midst of pitching duel, leading 3-2 in a game in which both teams had a combined six hits through six innings. Then Tech used the long fly for a second straight game against the Bears (5-5) to put the game out of reach. Tech hit two two-run home runs as a part of a five-run seventh inning.

The seventh inning started with a single by Chris Hall. He was knocked in via an RBI single by designated hitter Jason Seefeld, who then was brought around by the first four-bagger of the inning by outfielder Roger Kieschnick. Tanner Rindels finished the scoring in the inning for the Red Raiders (5-5) with the other home run.

"We scored some little runs and big runs," Tech coach Larry Hays said. "The way the wind was blowing today, it wasn't a good offensive day, and so we scored some little runs. Then, Roger went ahead and got one the way the wind was blowing. I think it had gone through the wind, and then Rindels hit a ball well, so we showed a little bounce."

Kieschnick led the way for Tech, as he went 3-for-5 with five RBIs in the game. He now stands at 20 RBIs on the season, more than halfway to his 2007 season total of 36. Also, he was one hit short of the cycle for the second time this season, missing just a triple Wednesday.

"He's a talented player," Hays said. "I won't say if it's a surprise or not. You get where you expect it. He's worked hard and done all the things you need to do, and I hope he stays hot for a long time."

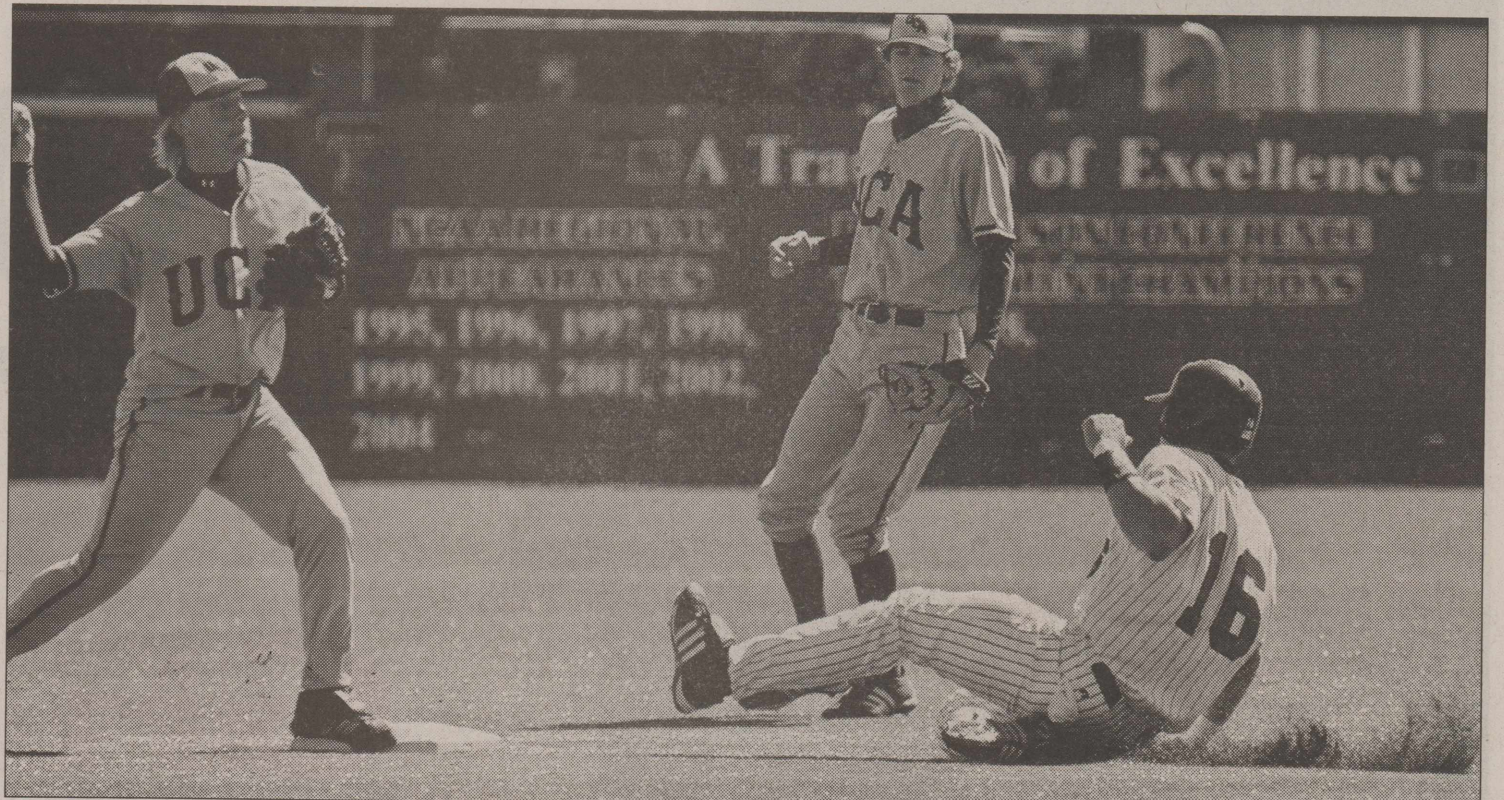
Kieschnick said his success this year can be attributed to the players hitting in front of him.

"You really got to give it to Chris Hall, Joey (Kenworthy) and (Seefeld)," he said. "I mean, those guys get on base. What more could you ask for? You get two on with one out. It's the best scenario every time at bat."

Tech pitcher Russ Fomea (1-1) gave up one run on two hits in five innings of work. He entered the game having thrown 4.1 innings, and had given up five earned runs in that span.

"I came into New Mexico," Fomea said. "I had trouble keeping the ball down, and I just told myself I was going to keep the ball down and out of the zone. I kept to that plan and it worked out."

After giving up a run early in the



TEXAS TECH CATCHER Juan Rodriguez is forced out at second by UCA shortstop Graham Martin Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

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sixth inning, Tech reliever Brian Cloud settled down to strike out three and only give up one hit in his 1.2 innings of work.

James Leverton, Jordan Stern and Zach Stewart finished the game on the

ground for Tech, with only Stewart giving up a run.

UCA starter James Parsons lasted one inning, giving up two runs off one hit and a walk. Reece Cross, Matt Humphrey and Jeremy Brewer pitched the

remaining eight innings with Humphrey giving up the five-run seventh inning.

Chris Richburg, who did not start Wednesday, fractured his left fibula Tuesday in the bottom of the fifth inning, when going back to second base on

a pickoff move. Tech sports information director Blayne Beal said Richburg will be out approximately six weeks.

Tech is scheduled to begin its four-game weekend series with Illinois at 4 p.m. Friday at Dan Law Field.

Aikman, others wonder if Favre is really gone for good

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Troy Aikman says it's a sure thing: Brett Favre will have second thoughts about hanging up his helmet.

The Hall of Fame quarterback knows how hard it is to walk away from the NFL and never look back. Even after a series of concussions led Aikman to retire from the Dallas Cowboys after the 2000 season, he was tempted to come back two years later.

"I was ready to go and had talked with my wife and everything about

it," Aikman told The Associated Press by phone.

Aikman figures Favre will feel the same pull the closer the 2008 season gets. And he wouldn't be surprised if Favre changes his mind and sends heir apparent Aaron Rodgers back to the bench.

"You want to walk out on top," said Aikman, now an analyst for Fox Sports. "But at the same time, you're walking away from something you really enjoy."

Favre told the Green Bay Packers

he was retiring Tuesday, but hasn't addressed the media beyond a brief voice mail to ESPN's Chris Mortensen, citing fatigue as the main reason.

Aikman is looking forward to hearing the three-time MVP fully explain his decision. He wonders if Favre will give himself any wiggle room, similar to Michael Jordan's famous assertion that he was "99.9 percent" sure he was done playing after retiring from the Chicago Bulls in 1999. Jordan, of course, came back to play for the Washington Wizards.

Joey Harrington released by Falcons

Joey Harrington is the latest victim of the Atlanta Falcons' purge.

The third overall pick in the 2002 draft by Detroit, the quarterback who started 10 of Atlanta's games last season was cut Wednesday. Running back Warrick Dunn was released Monday by Atlanta, which last month cut tight end Alge Crumpler, offensive tackle Wayne Gandy and quarterback Byron Leftwich.

The move leaves Atlanta, 4-12

last season, with only two quarterbacks on the roster: Chris Redman, who has been re-signed to a two-year deal, and D.J. Shockley, who missed all of last season with a knee injury. They are likely to pick a quarterback in April's draft, perhaps Boston College's Matt Ryan, with the third pick.

Harrington, who was traded from Detroit to Miami and released by the Dolphins, was the primary replacement for Michael Vick, who is serving 23 months in prison for his involve-

ment in dogfighting.

A more renowned quarterback than Harrington, Brett Favre, scheduled a news conference for Thursday to discuss his retirement. The Packers announced Tuesday that the 38-year-old star is retiring.

Oakland, which has been on a spending spree, agreed to terms with wide receiver Javon Walker, who had been released by Denver, and former San Francisco offensive tackle Kwame Harris.

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