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Tech law professor pursues complaint

By Michael Castellon/Staff Reporter

A former associate dean of Texas Tech's School of Law has filed a gender-based discrimination complaint against the university, citing a hostile and discriminatory work environment, retaliation from the university by the unlawful withholding of back salary and alleged discriminatory comments made by an upper-level university administrator.

According to a U.S. Department of Labor complaint of discrimination dated Sept. 18, 2002, Tech law professor and former Associate Dean of Law Daisy Floyd cites "substantial differences in the application of subjective criteria to men and women or to minority and non-minority employees ..." and "the failure to respond appropriately to an allegation of a

stated intent to discriminate against women made by the president of Texas Tech University."

Mark Perlmutter, Floyd's attorney, said in coming forward with these allegations, his client hopes to address system-wide discrimination at the university.

"The most significant objective we have is to improve the culture of Texas Tech that entails discrimination and bigotry," he said.

The complaints stem in part from Floyd's allegation of a mishandled dean search procedure that was implemented following the resignation of School of Law Dean Frank Newton in November 2001.

In addition, Floyd's complaint alleges discriminatory comments were made by Tech President David Schmidly to Newton in refer-

ence to the hiring of a female dean.

According to a notarized affidavit signed by Newton, dated Oct. 17, 2001, "As I left the meeting and President Schmidly and I were walking out of his office he commented, in an aside, that he was enthusiastic about finding a top-notch dean. The conclusion of the statement disparaged women, and I was startled."

Schmidly denies making the statement to Newton.

"I categorically deny that I would ever take the position that I would never hire a woman as a dean at the law school," Schmidly said. "Daisy Floyd, by Frank's own admission, was never even discussed in the meeting. There is no way I ever used any derogatory term about Daisy Floyd."

Schmidly said his record champions diversity, citing recent appointments.

"If you look at my track record, no one has worked harder to diversify this university," Schmidly said. "I've appointed a woman vice president, I've offered the provost position first of all to a woman who I recruited intensely, who declined the position because of family reasons; I hired a Hispanic vice president, and I led the recruiting effort to hire an African-American as executive associate athletic director. I helped the vice president for enrollment management hire a female African-American director of admissions at Texas Tech."

According to his affidavit, Newton later writes, "I am haunted by the possibility that I misheard or misunderstood the aside."

According to his affidavit, Newton immediately returned to his office and advised Floyd of the alleged comment.

Schmidly said Newton should have clarified the allegations with him before he advised Floyd of the alleged comment.

"If he was confused or had doubts about what I had said, why didn't he come back in and clarify them?" Schmidly said. "The only role I had in the interim dean of law search was to ratify the recommendation of the provost. You won't find any record of anything that will substantiate anything other than that."

Sonia Sanderson, Newton's assistant at the Beaumont Foundation of America, said New-

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SGA to address event overflow

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association will be meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union Senate Room to discuss several topics including Drowsy Driving Awareness Week, Student Health Services and issues concerning overcrowded athletics events.

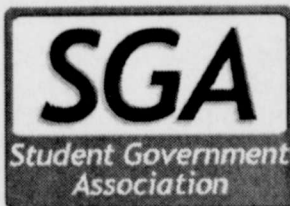
According to the one resolution on the agenda, the University Life Committee is attempting to officially

establish the second week of November as Drowsy Driving Awareness Week, instead of the single day of awareness in the past.

Senator and chairman of University Life committee Michael Burns said the committee is launching the first full week of Drowsy Driving Awareness, which has previously been held on a single day.

Resolution 38.12 asks the SGA to

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GREAT BALES OF COTTON



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

HOANG SY KHANH, A representative from Gatexco2020 in Hanoi, Vietnam, and Khanh Cong Le, who is a language specialist at the Texas Tech Vietnam Center, observe the cotton being sent for processing in the gin during a tour of Buster's Cotton Gin in Ropesville on Wednesday morning.

U.S. revises final draft of resolution

By Edith Lederer/Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The United States took a final revision of its Iraq resolution to the Security Council on Wednesday in hopes of winning approval after eight weeks of tumultuous negotiations with wary allies concerned it could trigger a new war against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

The draft has changed significantly since it was first introduced last month, but U.S. officials said the bottom line remains the same: tough new weapons inspections coupled with a threat of "serious consequences" if Iraq

fails to comply.

While the revised draft offers major concessions to critics, it still frees the Bush administration to take military action against Iraq without a second resolution.

In an attempt to meet French and Russian concerns, the new U.S. draft gives Saddam "a final opportunity" to comply with U.N. inspectors, holds out the possibility of lifting sanctions against Iraq, and adds a reaffirmation of Iraq's sovereignty.

But it remains to be seen whether the latest draft, written with British

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Results change face of nation's politics

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

The Republicans made a clean sweep of Texas offices Tuesday, as well as regaining control of the U.S. Senate and retaining control of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Republicans won 21 of the 34 contested Senate seats, giving them 51 and the Democrats 47, according to CNN. One seat is still not decided; the Louisiana race, which boasted nine candidates, will not be decided until Dec. 7. Louisiana state law calls for a runoff between the top two vote get-

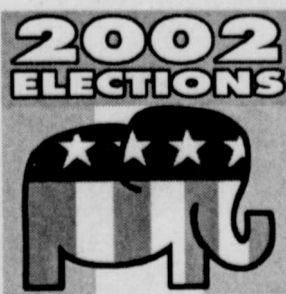
ters if one candidate does not get more than half of the votes. Democrat incumbent Mary Landrieu, who received 46 percent of the vote, will face

off against Republican Suzanne Terrell, who received 27 percent.

The South Dakota race between incumbent Democrat Tim Johnson and Republican Jim Thune was called Wednesday afternoon because

of the closeness. Johnson has 50 percent of the votes, compared to Thune's

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Grant brings Vietnamese visitors to Lubbock

By Jacqueline Marshall/Staff Reporter

A pilot program exporting U.S. cotton to Vietnam has received a \$100,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to bring Vietnamese representatives to Lubbock to promote the textile and garment industry, said Shelly Harp, associate professor in the College of Human Science.

Nine Vietnamese men and women have come to Lubbock this week to attend a cotton school, which will teach them about Texas cotton and the differences in cotton qualities.

The Vietnamese representatives toured Buster's Cotton Gin on

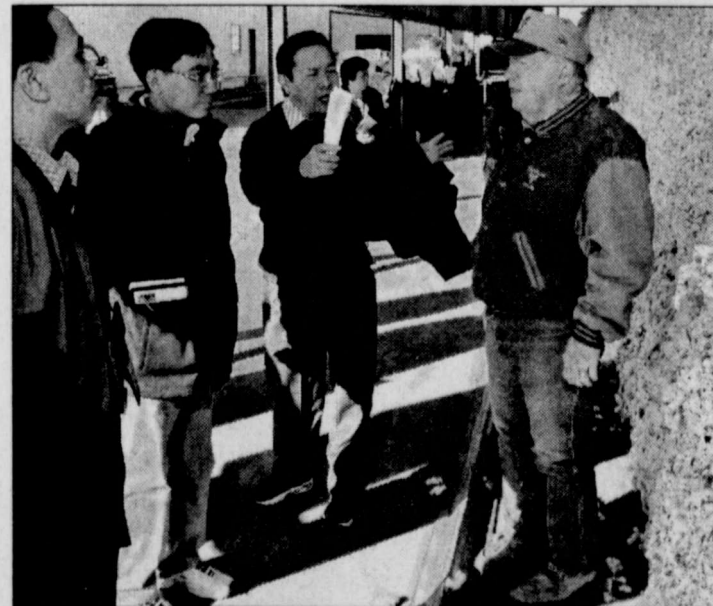
Wednesday to begin learning about cotton on a hands-on basis after having a few lectures from the previous days.

The tour began with an introduction by Buster's Cotton Gin owner Daniel Taylor. Taylor spoke about the gin, telling the guests the amounts of cotton his gin produced.

"Cotton is the cornerstone of Texas agriculture," said Taylor.

Taylor said this program with Vietnam could increase cotton sales. The United States has an overstock of cotton because of new export and import regulations. He said the United States produces about 15 million bales annually but only uses

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JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

DANIEL TAYLOR, OWNER and operator of Buster's Cotton Gin in Ropesville, explains to the Vietnam "cotton students" about the module of cotton being processed in the Cotton Gin, while Khanh cong Le, who is a language specialist at the Texas Tech Vietnam Center, translates.

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The Rundown



Arrests made in alleged \$25 million drug scheme

HOUSTON (AP) — One of two Houston men arrested for allegedly plotting to exchange drugs for \$25 million worth of weapons that would have ultimately been delivered to a Colombian terrorist group appeared in federal court Wednesday.

Uwe Jensen, a white haired 66-year-old man dressed in a green jail jumpsuit with his left wrist shackled to a wrist chain, made his initial appearance in Houston federal court hours after Attorney General John Ashcroft unsealed a criminal complaint against him and three other men.

Jensen and the three other men have been charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and conspiracy to provide material support and resources to a foreign terrorist organization, charges that could carry up to life in prison, Ashcroft said.

"This investigation establishes the undeniable link between illegal narcotics trafficking organizations and international terrorism," U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas Michael Shelby said in a statement. "We cannot avoid the conclusion that drugs are the currency of terror."

Ashcroft said the investigation by the FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration ensures "narco-terrorists from South America to Southeast Asia are less able to threaten American lives and American security."

Jensen, who described himself as Danish but an American citizen to U.S. Magistrate Judge Marcia Crone Wednesday, was told by the judge he would be held until at least Friday when a bond and probable cause hearing is scheduled.

Jensen was arrested in Houston on Tuesday. The three other men, including his boss, Houston resident Carlos Ali Romero Varela, 43, were arrested in San Jose, Costa Rica.

The men were in Costa Rica to finalize a transaction which would have traded cocaine and cash for five containers of weapons, the Justice Department said. The weapons included anti-aircraft missiles and rocket propelled grenade launchers. The weapons were to be delivered to the Colombian United Self Defense Forces, known as the AUC.

Fed cuts key interest rate by a half-point

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve, worried about the sputtering economy, cut a key interest rate by a half-point on Wednesday, marking its first rate reduction this year.

After a closed-door meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee, the Fed's top policy-setting group, voted 12-0 to lower its target for the federal funds rate to 1.25 percent. The funds rate is the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans and is the Fed's main lever for influencing the economy.

"Today's additional monetary easing should prove helpful as the economy works its way through this current soft spot," the Fed said in a statement.

A rate cut had been widely expected, but many analysts believed it would be only a smaller quarter-point move. In its statement, the central bank emphasized concerns about the economic recovery amid rising worries about how a possible war with Iraq would affect consumer and business confidence.

"Incoming economic data have tended to confirm that greater uncertainty, in part attributable to heightened geopolitical risks, is currently inhibiting spending, production and employment," the Fed said.

Commercial banks' prime lending rate moves in lockstep with the funds rate. As a result of the Fed's decision, many banks were expected to announce a similar half-point reduction, lowering the prime rate to 4.25 percent, which would be its lowest rate since May 1959.

By lowering short-term interest rates, Fed policy-makers hope to motivate consumers to spend more and businesses to ramp up investment, something that would boost economic growth.

Some private economists question whether Wednesday's rate cut will have the desired impact given that the Fed has kept borrowing costs at very low levels all year long. But other analysts believe the rate reduction will at least bolster consumer and business confidence as well as help lift spirits on Wall Street.

French train fire kills 12, injures at least nine

NANCY, France (AP) — A fire broke out on an overnight express train Wednesday, filling a sleeper car with smoke and killing 12 passengers, officials said. Five Americans, all members of the same family, were among the dead, the U.S. Embassy said.

At least nine other passengers were injured, none seriously.

The train, carrying 150 passengers and bound from Paris to Munich, Germany, was passing through the eastern French city of Nancy when the blaze started about three hours into the journey, the French rail authority SNCF said.

A train conductor alerted authorities to the fire at about 2:15 a.m. when he saw smoke pouring from a car as the train passed the Nancy station. Flames shot up into the air and thick black smoke billowed out of the car's windows.

An official with the sleeping car's owner, Deutsche Bahn, Germany's national railroad, said the fire started in an attendant's cubicle in the sleeping car and spread from there. The attendant alerted the steward and they pulled the emergency brake to stop the train.

Local officials initially blamed the fire on an electrical short-circuit, but French rail officials later said that the cause was still under investigation.

Among the dead Americans were an 8-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl, authorities said. Three German men, a Russian man and woman, a Hungarian man and a Greek woman also were killed.

"We believe that the people who regrettably died were asphyxiated in their sleep," Deutsche Bahn marketing chief Hans-Gustav Koch told German TV reporters.

Richard Lankford, spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Paris, refused to release the American victims' names, pending notification of their relatives.

Survivors described panic inside the train. Screaming passengers escaped the burning car by breaking windows and climbing out; those in other cars grabbed their things and ran out the doors.

Firefighters rushed to the train, which stopped about 875 yards outside the Nancy station. All the dead were inside the charred sleeping car, said regional official Jean-Francois Cordet.

What do you think of Tuesday's elections?

"I was really surprised that the Republicans dominated and that no Democrats made it; overall I'm disappointed with Rick Perry winning."

Kenny Hogan
senior exercise sports science major from San Antonio



"I expected it and was surprised that (Republicans) waxed them; I had a big smile on my face this morning."

Chris Hebert
senior psychology major from Austin



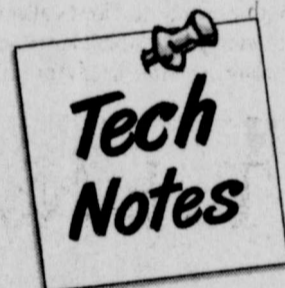
"I was very disappointed. I thought Ron Kirk had a better chance of winning than his opponent."

Kimberly Warren
sophomore pre-law major from Frankston



"I think that it is cool that the Republicans pretty much took it away."

Julie Allen
senior German and mechanical engineering major from San Angelo



Applications for seniors who want to be a guest coach at the Tech vs. Texas football game Nov. 16 are available today in the SGA office, 230 Student Union. Only seniors who will graduate in May are eligible. The decision will be made Nov. 14. For more information call the SGA office at (806) 742-3631.

The Spirit of Sharing program to assist Lubbock area families in need during the holidays has begun. For ways to donate and volunteer opportunities visit or contact the Center for Campus Life in 228 Student Union or (806) 742-3621. The program ends Dec. 12.

A psychotherapy lecture will take place at 3:30 p.m. today in 301 Psychology. Bruce Wampold from the University of Wisconsin will be the speaker. The title of his lecture is "Placebos, Placebo Effects, and Psychotherapy: A Cultural Explanation for the Benefits of Psychological Treatments."

The Clint and Siva Chambers Lectures on the Great Plains will feature Elliott West at 7 p.m. Fri-

day at the International Cultural Center. West's speech is titled "The Great Plains: America's Pathway."

Rowdy Raider Rally will be at noon Friday in front of the Student Union building, weather permitting. Inclement weather will move the event indoors. Z102-FM's Kit Carson and NewChannel 11's Emily Jones will be host the pep rally. Free hot dogs and sodas will be available along with giveaways from local restaurants and night clubs. A special performance will be made by Omega Delta Phi's step group.

The Department of History will present "The Great Plains: America's Pathway" at 7 p.m. Friday at the International Cultural Center, located on 601 Indiana Ave.

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NOVEMBER 4 THROUGH DECEMBER 12

HSC offers opiate detoxification program

By Matthew Massie Staff Reporter

According to a survey done by the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, it is estimated that nearly 9.3 million Americans reported having abused prescription drugs for non-medical purposes.

It also is estimated more than one million Americans abuse hard opiates such as heroin, morphine and other opium-based derivatives through illegal channels.

"For those who become addicted to these types of painkillers, it is very tough to get clean and stay clean because of the body's dependency on them," said Dr. Alan Kaye, chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center.

Kaye said the HSC provides a program of rapid detoxification for people

who are addicted to opiates and prescription painkillers. The HSC is the first university in the state of Texas to offer this treatment and is only one of a very limited number of hospitals in the country to offer the program.

"The new thought is that people that are addicted to opiates are just like people who have high blood pressure; it's a disease," he said. "And we believe that we have developed a sound, time-tested cure for it."

Since this treatment of Ultra Rapid Detox was developed in the early 1990s, the procedure has been done more than 900,000 times without a single death or side effect, Kaye said.

"It is the safest, most effective cure that is out there, and it is the most humane," Kaye said. "Most patients that seek rehabilitation will go into a clinic where they will be locked in a room and have to undergo an intense

amount of withdrawal such as high blood pressure, sweats and vomiting; and normally the cost of going to a rehab center or clinic is considerable when compared to the cost and the time it might take."

Kaye said the procedure comprises of a patient being put under anesthesia, having the body then flushed of opiate chemicals and then putting the patient on a strict regimen of a drug over a course of three

to six months after the treatment that would lessen a patient's psychological dependency.

According to the American Society of Addiction Medicine, 86 percent of patients that underwent rapid detox treatments were able to return to work and experienced no physical craving for medication they were dependant on.

Kaye said the cost of the treatment at the HSC is about \$8,000 to \$10,000.

"If you compare that with what a drug habit actually costs or what the cost of a rehabilitation clinic might be, then rapid detox is the best alternative," he said. "The cost of attending detox clinics can be as much as \$20,000 in most cases, and about 90 percent of people who come out of those clinics still have withdrawal symptoms and have a very slim chance of full recovery from abuse."

Joe Duke, a licensed psychological counselor, said he administers psychological evaluations and works closely with Kaye in selecting candidates for treatment.

"The real key to success in this is pre-planning and having a patient in counseling and therapy," Duke said. "And not doing it in a judgmental fashion, but doing it safely and following the progress of a patient after the treatment is done."

Duke said pre treatment usually comprise of a full clinical counseling interview, a full mental status exam and information from the patient about history of usage.

It is mandated by the HSC that all patients seeking rapid detox treatment undergo a psychological evaluation before being able to receive treatment, Kaye said.

"Sometimes we have kids who are brought to the hospital by family members and they are not really genuine about wanting to kick their habit,"

"We are willing to help anyone, from the grandma who is addicted to painkillers the college kid that is addicted to shooting heroin, but any patient needs to understand they must commit to getting clean psychologically first before we as medical doctors can cure them physically," Kaye said.

"The new thought is that people that are addicted to opiates are just like people who have high blood pressure."
— DR. ALAN KAYE
Chairman of Department of Anesthesiology

Complaint

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ton was aware of the affidavit but was unavailable for comment.

According to a letter addressed to members of the dean search committee dated Jan. 8, 2002, Floyd describes feeling threatened by Schmidly during a meeting that occurred Dec. 14.

According to Floyd's letter to committee members she felt threatened, "when Dr. Schmidly said that he would 'go after' anyone who 'signed a witness statement' against him and that he was not 'going to let anyone get away with this.'"

The second occurred several minutes later and was to the effect that one should 'think twice' before repeating any allegation based on this alleged incident."

However, Schmidly said his comments were taken out of context.

"What I meant to convey was that

I'm going to stand up for my character," Schmidly said. "If I had that to do all over again, I'd probably be a lot calmer, but this was just sprung on me, and I was upset. Apparently, it came off as threatening to some of these women, but in no way did I threaten those women."

Floyd declined to comment about specific accusations made in her complaint, but in a prepared statement to *The University Daily*, she wrote, "There is a pattern of discrimination at Texas Tech, which I believe is damaging to the university and to all members of the university community. Equally as troubling as the discrimination itself is that university leaders respond to people who raise concerns about discrimination by 'shooting the messenger.' This consistent response includes stonewalling, threats and retaliation."

Floyd claims the university's withholding of an administrative supplement to her salary is an action of retaliation based on her speaking out

against gender discrimination at the university, according to a letter to Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith dated March 28, 2002.

"Despite repeated requests, the university has not returned the wrongfully withheld salary... This action fits the classic pattern of retaliation specifically prohibited by Title VII," according to her letter to Smith.

Floyd resigned as associate dean Dec 6, 2001. She currently serves as a professor of law at the university.

According to her letter addressed to law faculty members dated June 7, 2002, Floyd writes, "Upon receiving my paycheck for the January pay period, I learned that my salary had been reduced without prior notice to me."

In her letter, Floyd said the reduction reflected repayment of an administrative supplement that she had paid during the fall semester while serving as associate dean.

Smith responds to Floyd's allegations of wrongfully withheld portions of her salary in a letter dated April 10,

2002. "I believe that your salary accurately reflects the revised reduction in your workload," the letter said.

In his response, Smith recommend the law school assign added duties to Floyd, thus supplementing her salary to the equivalent as it was while serving as associate dean.

Perlmutter said changes in Floyd's salary following her resignation as associate dean were illegal and in retaliation of Floyd's outspoken behavior against discrimination.

"We have little doubt our testimony at trial will show that she is not receiving equal pay for equal work compared to similarly-situated, male faculty," he said.

Smith, who met with Floyd following her initial complaints and has reviewed her allegations, said he was unable to find evidence supporting Floyd's allegations.

"If you look at the trends, this came from an issue of heresy, to gender and then to race," Smith said. "With what

I see in the documentation, I have trouble following this. These issues are tough ones due to the emotions involved, but I stand by our findings."

Tech General Counsel Pat Campbell said Floyd's complaints have been examined in a lengthy investigation by the university and no wrongdoing was found to have taken place.

"We've been looking at this and talking to people 15 seconds after we heard Daisy Floyd made these allegations," Campbell said. "Had we found anything that supported what Daisy said, we would have taken action."

Campbell said the university is preparing to defend itself against Floyd's allegations if the case goes to court.

"We'll be working on this until it goes to trial," Campbell said. "Her salary is a dead done. As far as her allegations of being constructively discharged, I'm ready to go to trial on that."

In her statement to *The UD*, Floyd outlines her decision to bring action against the university.

"I will continue to call for change and improvement," Floyd writes. "I tell my children and my students that they should stand for truth and justice, even if doing so is difficult. I cannot look them in the eye and tell them that unless I am willing to do it myself."

Perlmutter said his client is prepared to take her case to trial.

"The bottom line is that the outcome of the trial is unimportant," Perlmutter said. "What we're looking for is the university to acknowledge that they are acting on bigotry in the appointment processes. We want them to create an open and fair climate for all members of the university."

Smith said he is concerned how the allegations will affect students and faculty.

"I do have a passion for this university and this law school, and that has to prevail," Smith said. "I'm now just worried about the healing process. I'm extremely worried about the students and the faculty."

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Perspectives

Your right not to vote

We had an election this Tuesday and I hope you guys stayed home. I know this sounds like your typical Johnathan Swift takeoff — an outrageous position, taken to provoke an opposite response.

In reality, I am only half-kidding. The fact is most of you are too dumb to vote. You don't understand the issues, you don't have a coherent political philosophy, and yet you trudge to the polls like misguided sheep, deluded into thinking a vote for Candidate A or B will change the system.

It won't. The system is too big, and it's been here for too long. Our system isn't suffering for lack of voters. The system is suffering because we have too many voters who don't know what they're voting for.

Please don't vote again until you read these three books: "Libertarianism, A Primer" by David Boaz, "The Tragedy of American Compassion," by Marvin Olasky. And please, do a cursory survey of the Federalist Papers.

Take a look at what our system was supposed to be and you can start to see it for what it is, a bloated, Kafka-inspired bureaucracy, full of pandering nitwits who think government must be everything to everyone.

The fact is, most of the programs you think of as government necessities have been done by private entities in the past and in most cases they did it better.

The volunteer-to-citizen ratio in this country used to be one in six. That's the lesson of Olasky's book. There was a time in America when poverty was everybody's problem. Philanthropists and housewives made social improvement a full-time job. Then the government took it over, and we turned our collective backs.

I'm a Libertarian, but (with few exceptions) the Libertarian Party candidates are so lame, so goofy and so disorganized that I would be ashamed to have my name associated with them. The Libertarian senate candidate in Montana took unlicensed silver supplements and turned himself blue, for god's sake.

Are these the people you want running your country? The Libertarian philosophy is so alien to our current way of thinking that freedom is now the province of kooks and malcontents.

Statism is the default position for Republicans and Democrats. They make noises about liberty and tax cuts but no one in the political mainstream is serious about giving you dominion over your guns, your body or your paycheck these days.

Bush's tax cut was a feeble joke, a political shell game based on a "surplus" that never really existed. We don't need tax cuts. We need tax reform. We need to give America a wake-up call and remind them who really runs the show in Washington.



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Because the sad fact is, once they have your money, they don't really need your vote. The government deducts 15 to 20 percent from your paycheck before you ever see it.

That money is in the federal coffers whether you vote or not. They didn't need your consent; they just took it. Payroll deduction is the root of all evil.

In 1994 a couple of brave Republicans talked about changing those rules, but the proposal died stillborn in the House.

Once the politicians have your money, they can buy all the votes they need. They take money from a hundred students and use it to finance a federal program. Once a program is established, everyone involved with the program will vote to defend it. The aid recipients will vote to keep the money coming, the bureaucrats will vote to protect their jobs, and the politicians will use the effort to get votes from well-meaning liberal types, whether the program works or not.

You want to control campaign spending? Every dollar spent in Washington is campaign spending. Programs are created to perpetuate the careers of the politicians who created them.

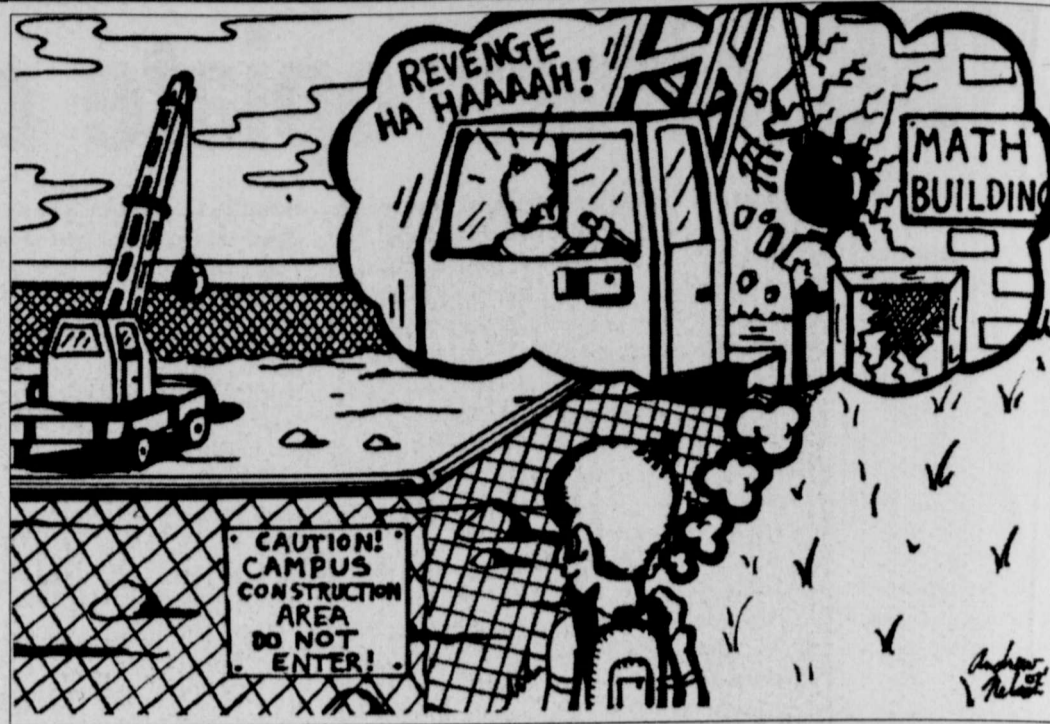
Social Security was created to keep Democrats in power, and it has worked like a charm for 50 years. Social Security is so sacred Republicans cannot even talk about reform without getting crucified at the polls. Once the politicians have your money they can use it to bribe senior citizens. No lame "get out the vote" program can compete with the army of elderly people who are terrified of losing their benefits.

Campaign finance reform is a sham. You cannot reduce the power of government by shifting numbers around in the existing system. The only way to reduce the power of government is to reduce the amount of money government has to spend.

The first step is to end automatic payroll deduction. Make every taxpayer in America write a check for his tax bill once a year.

The taxes should be due on Election Day, to remind voters that government benefits aren't free.

Most families already write checks for taxes, but payroll deduction hides the magnitude of those taxes from you. It's gone so fast you don't even think of it as your money.



Men have less relationship hassle

I have begun to take notice of the relationships around me. I came to the conclusion rather quickly that my male friends have different, somewhat healthier relationships than my female friends. This weekend two of my friends, one male and one female had birthdays. Most of us girls went through-out town trying to find gifts that were not too expensive, were not too cheap and were not in any way insulting. Then we all tried to find something to wear that did not make us prettier or more desirable than the birthday girl — it was, after all, her day. After someone bought the cake and some wine, we had dinner, sat around opening presents and then gossiped about the girls that did not show up at the "party."

The guys on the other hand, woke up, watched football and then went to the bar. Those that remembered it was his birthday paid for the drinks and bought some rounds without all the fuss that the girls went through.

This showed me that guys are simpler than girls. They can go through a day without any worries. They do not plan out anything. Things just happen naturally for them without any stress. We girls have to start phoning people to find out where the parties are and decide what we are going to do that night. Guys can just make a party happen without trying. The word just spreads and then next thing you know they have a party. Whereas we would have to call to get people to come over, guys can just have a



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party develop out of thin air. And they do not have to dress up like we do for a party. They can throw some gel in their hair and throw on any clothes or wear the clothes they have been wearing all day. We, on the other hand, have to take at least an hour to do our hair and make-up and then another hour to get dressed. We have to consider all the factors going into the night.

Is it just a house party or are we going out dancing to a club? Are we going to be standing outside all night or inside where it is hot because of all the bodies packed inside? This question is a lot easier for a smoker to decide because we always have to dress for standing outside. There also is one very important factor to consider when getting geared up to go and party for us ladies. We have to look good so we can catch the eye of that special guy and get a good night's sleep with them.

This leads to another factor of how guys are simpler than girls. When a guy hooks up with a girl it is no big deal. They hook up with her, go home with her and then their friends ask what happened and they usually get a high-five for a job well done. Most girls will come home after a night out and lie and say nothing happened. Or they

will leave out some significant details about what happened and say they just kissed and cuddled together. When this happens, the girl will usually let some detail slip about how their underwear disappeared and they could not find it in the morning.

Really girls, there is no reason to lie. Be proud of what you have done unless the guy is really ugly, then you should lie and say nothing happened. Guys can hook up with any girl no matter what she looks like and their friends may rag on them a little bit, but in the end he did get some play and that is all that really matters to them.

There is another factor about guys and girls that really bothers me. When a girl goes to hook up with a guy she will drop her friends like a bad habit. They will leave them at a party and just go home with some guy. So the friends end up looking for her all night trying to figure out where she has gone. This would not happen with guys. A guy would go up to his friend tell them that they are going home with some girl and leave. This is all it would take rather than the friends having to waste all their time trying to find the missing girl.

There are aspects to guy's relationships that just make them more comfortable with each other. They can sit in silence and not wonder if the other person is mad at them. They do not wonder every other minute if they have hurt someone's feelings or if the other person is mad at them. They simply live an easier life in their man-to-man relationships.

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Local rappers track down record label, fame

By James Hershberger/
Staff Reporter

Since The Sugarhill Gang came out with the first commercial rap hit "Rappers Delight" in 1983, hip-hop has grown into a significant musical entity. Rap artists from across the globe have earned fame for themselves through their lyrical prowess. Two Texas Tech students are striving for fame in the rap industry.

Ian McShane Wyatt, a senior psychology major from Dennison and Chedrick McKee, a graduate student studying health administration from Dennison, balance their musical careers with their studies.

"I'm the CEO of Timelost Entertainment," Wyatt said. "We're an independent rap label operating out of Lubbock. The label began about a year and a half ago. We have six regular performers and have had dozens of guest appearances by local rappers. We're the No. 3 independent rap label in Texas, according to *Southwest Wholesale* magazine."

Wyatt and McKee, who go by the stage names Dimebreed and Bold, respectively, are long-time friends.

"Ian and I met back at Dennison High in Dennison, Texas, which is just north of Dallas," McKee said. "That was when we were playing football and would rap in the locker room."

The rappers draw much inspiration from other famous figures in hip-hop.

"I think the biggest influence for the label as a whole is Master P," McKee said. "He started from the bottom, just like us. He developed his own business and with hard work he rose to fame."

Wyatt agrees the music of other artists has helped shape his own interest.

"My foremost influence was Tupac Shakur," said Wyatt. "I was a fan of his before he became big. His words were so powerful and really related to my life. Other than that, I've always been a big fan of underground but some mainstream is OK, like LL Cool J and N.W.A."

Wyatt's role as CEO of the label requires him to constantly be on the lookout for talent.

"I meet rappers out of the basketball court, or just anywhere," he said. "Three of the guys who work for us are seniors in high school here and another was just playing at local clubs."

There is one essential quality that Wyatt looks for in a musician. "Hard work is the most important thing," he said. "Performing skills can be developed, but it takes a special mentality to work as hard as we demand."

Though they mostly perform in West Texas, the Timelost rappers have also performed in Houston, Baton Rouge, Los Angeles, Cincinnati, Columbus, Ohio and Chicago.

They have opened for famous musical acts such as Juvenile, Fat Joe, Fabolous, South Park Mexican, Destiny's Child and Snoop Dogg.

"It's crazy to do a show with people who we watch on TV," Wyatt said. "It's cool because they are so friendly and act just like anyone else."

Balancing time between touring and schoolwork has not been an easy task for the rappers.

"Honestly, I get about seven hours

of sleep a week," Wyatt said. "I do my homework, then go to a show. It's been really hard, but I know one day it will be worth it."

McKee said he agrees with Wyatt. "It's odd to record a track and then immediately go to study group. It's been hard, but I wouldn't have it any other way."

To date, Timelost Entertainment has sold about 70,000 records.

"Local stores sell our CDs," Wyatt said. "But we sell (CDs) out of our cars and backpacks. We do whatever we can to get our music out there."

Timelost is negotiating a recording contract with Jive Records and Sony Records, as well as a video deal with Black Entertainment Television.

Raj Singe, a freshman undecided major from Lubbock, said he is impressed with Timelost Entertainment. "I think admirable that they have stayed in school despite the pressures of performing," he said. "They are extremely talented and I think it's only a matter of time before they achieve worldwide fame."



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer
IAN McSHANE WYATT, a senior psychology major from Dennison and Chedrick McKee, a second year graduate student studying health administration, perform together at a contest.

Psychotherapy's methods take to couch with new research

By Harvey A. Mireles/
Staff Reporter

Conventional wisdom might be considered a difficult foe to face. In the world of psychotherapy, one man is willing to face years of common belief and regular practice to portray a new idea for helping those suffering from mental illnesses.

Bruce E. Wampold, the director of Education and psychological training at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, will present "Placebos, Placebo Effects, and Psychotherapy: A Cultural Explanation for the Benefits of Psychological Treatments" today at 3:30 p.m. in 301 Psychology Building.

Wampold, a licensed psychologist and professional counselor, said he believes there is salvation for those suffering with psychological problems.

He said the problem is determined on the relationship of the therapist and the patient, rather than following a set course of actions, medications and specific therapies. He has been researching this idea for about five years.

"I have been teaching psychotherapy for 20 years," Wampold said. "And while reading with my students, my students and I realized (the conventional ideas) just didn't fit."

Wampold's most recent publication, "The Great Psychotherapy Debate: Models, Methods and Findings,"

challenges the effectiveness of common therapy techniques and practices. Wampold also presents his theories that the relationship between the therapist and the patient plays a critical role in reaching a cure for those who are psychologically ill.

Wampold said he believes a case will be made on the idea that commonly used psychotherapy techniques work more like a placebo, rendering no scientific proof they actually work. However, he said he does believe there are many different ways of helping mental patients.

"It's an indigenous health practice," Wampold said. "Much like the concept of acupuncture, many times these

therapies in different cultures work without giving a rational explanation."

However, many in the psychotherapy community refuse to grasp Wampold's concept of having an open mind in conducting such therapies.

Wampold said he has debated the conventional methods of psychotherapy and presented his theories of importance in the therapist-patient relationship at a convention for the American Psychological Association.

"I was against over a thousand psychologists," Wampold said.

Wampold said he also has presented his lectures at universities such as Stanford, Vanderbilt, Washington and Illinois; each venue deeming it is

own level of debate.

Stephen Cook, associate professor and director of counseling psychology at Tech, is mainly responsible for Wampold's visit to campus. He said this project has been in the works since last spring.

"Dr. Wampold has always been known for his expertise and research methodology in counseling," Cook said.

Cook said Wampold's kindness and genuine enjoyment of talking at new places is the reason he will guest lecture.

Cook said he believes most people familiar with psychotherapy may find Wampold's views controversial because it challenges the lack of data to prove certain methods in the field actually reach positive outcomes.

"Scientists should be open to any kind of approach," Cook said. "They need to be open to other data and re-

search that may not fit with their own."

Professor Ruth Maki, department chairwoman of psychology, runs the budget for the Psychology building. When she became the budget chair, she requested more money to bring other speakers from other universities.

"Different faculty bring in different speakers," Maki said. "We bring in five or six a year in different areas."

Wampold is the last guest lecture scheduled for the semester. Maki said there are about five more lectures to be scheduled for next semester. Wampold believes any student interested in psychology and the concepts of therapy should attend the lecture.

Those considering entering the social work, counseling or therapy fields are strongly encouraged to attend.

"It's a controversial topic and provides a different view on psychotherapy," Wampold said.

Young R&B singer Mario—from teen to superstar idol

NEW YORK (AP) — Zooming the halls on a scooter, baby-faced Mario could be mistaken for just a typical 16-year-old.

Except for the fact that he's zooming down the halls of J Records, the record label of music mogul Clive Davis. And he's become a certified teen idol, thanks to hits such as "Just a Friend 2002," and his most recent single, "Braid My Hair."

Clearly, Mario — whose full name is Mario Barrett — is not just another teen.

"I don't get much time to be a kid," he jokes, explaining his indoor scooter ride.

Mario started singing at age 4, and spent much of his childhood competing in one talent contest after another in his quest to become the next superstar. It also gave him something to do besides hanging out on the mean streets of Baltimore.

"There's a lot to get into," says the singer, sporting his trademark cornrows.

He finally landed an audition with Davis, founder of J Records. Davis signed him to the label, introducing an unknown Mario at his traditional pre-Grammy party this year. He did the same for Alicia Keys in 2000; she swept the Grammys this year.

Keys also worked with Mario on his self-titled debut disc, which was released in July. The teen seemed enamored with his labelmate, saying: "I look up to Alicia like a big sister. She's beautiful, inside and out."

Mario has kept a busy schedule since his album was released in July, going on tour with Bow Wow and making numerous appearances. He won't slow down anytime soon; he's scheduled to perform at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City.

1. Who are your favorite artists? Mario: Joe, Usher, Stevie (Wonder). For me, I have times where I just feel like old music, I don't feel like new music. I got my man Frankie Beverly, the Isley Brothers, The Temptations... I could bring out the collections.

2. Why did you start listening to the "oldies" hits? Mario: I had to find out what real music is. I'm not that type of artist where I'm just going to say, 'OK, this is what's happening and this is what it is.' It had to be something else, it had to come from somewhere else.

3. Do you plan to branch out into acting? Mario: I might ... but I don't want to rush it. Maybe do a couple of cameos first, see how I work with the camera before I can jump into a big movie with Jada (Pinkett) Smith. (Laughs.)

4. Your song, "Just a Friend," talks about romancing an older woman. Do you like older women? Mario: It's not the age, it's the maturity. In Baltimore, I always hung around people older than me. I was always trying to be older.

5. Do you have a girlfriend? Mario: (Smiles.) I have friends who are female.

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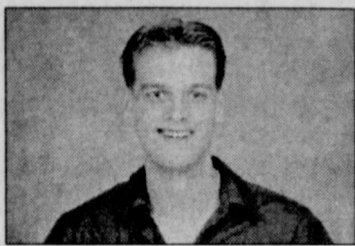
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Holiday movie season to bring good cheer

There has been somewhat of a drought lately. The months of September and October are typically the months in which studios release garbage like "Stealing Harvard" or just plain clean house ("Knockaround Guys"). It's that lull between the big summer blockbusters and the holiday smashes and Oscar contenders. For about two months, moviegoers are forced to sit through rubbish in theaters while they anticipate the big releases in November and December.

HOLIDAY REVIEW



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The wait is nearly over. According to Hollywood, the Christmas season started Friday. This is evidenced by the fact they released Tim Allen in "The Santa Clause 2" last Friday. Owen Wilson and Eddie Murphy star in "I Spy," which also opened last weekend. It's a buddy-comedy about a spy who is forced to work with a civilian boxer on a mission. Producers say this film bears little resemblance to the 60s TV series of the same name starring Bill Cosby and Robert Culp.

Rapper Eminem has made the leap from music to film with movie "8 Mile." Eminem stars as a street-wise Detroit youth who also has a passion for hip-hop. He also tussles with his mother, played by Kim Basinger. So is this the Eminem story? Some say yes, and some say no. If it's not, it surely has some strong parallels. But the film is directed by the brilliant Curtis Hanson ("L.A. Confidential," "Wonder Boys") and produced by Brian Grazer, Oscar winner last year for "A Beautiful Mind." The film is already generating Oscar buzz. It is scheduled

for release Friday.

The Harry Potter series returns Nov. 15 with "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets." Everyone involved with the first film is back on board for this one. This "Potter" film, however, is reported to be much darker and a little bit scarier.

Also on Nov. 15 is a small film called "Phone Booth." Directed by Joel Schumacher and starring Colin Farrell ("Minority Report"), the film takes place on the street where a man answers a pay phone and is told that if he hangs up, he will be shot. The film was reportedly shot in just 10 days. I wonder, however, in light of the real sniper shootings going on in the country, if the studio may decide to postpone the film's release.

Thanksgiving week is a big one for movies. On Nov. 22, the 20th Bond film "Die Another Day" will storm into theaters. This is Pierce Brosnan's fourth outing as Agent 007. Also opening the same day is "The Emperor's Club" starring Kevin Kline. Kline stars as a prep-school teacher in

this "Dead Poets Society"-like drama. Kline is always a good bet. Finally on Nov. 15 is the third in the series of "Friday" films. Writer-producer-star Ice Cube's latest installment, "Friday After Next" is reportedly Christmas-themed with series regulars Mike Epps and Johnny Witherspoon.

On Nov. 27, there are three big films being released: "Adam Sandler's 8 Crazy Nights" is an animated Adam Sandler film, "Solaris" is a sci-fi starring George Clooney and directed by Steven Soderbergh, and "Treasure Planet" is the latest animated Disney release with a space-twist on "Treasure Island."

December has both sequels and original work—all of which look promising.

Dec. 6 will bring Billy Crystal and Robert DeNiro together again for "Analyze That," the sequel to the hilarious "Analyze This." DeNiro's character has just been paroled and is now working as a technical adviser on a "Sopranos"-like television show. Also on Dec. 6 is Spike Jonze's "Adapta-

tion." Nicholas Cage plays twin brothers in a story about a man writing a screenplay who writes himself into the story. It's going to be a complicated film to say the least. The film also co-stars Meryl Streep.

Trekkies are anticipating the release of "Star Trek: Nemesis" on Dec. 13. The trailers hint this could be the last voyage for the cast of "The Next Generation." Being a former Trekkie, I have to say that I am excited.

But, I am more eager for the continuation of "The Lord of the Rings" series with "The Two Towers" opening on Dec. 18. All three films of the series cost a total of \$300 million, which they have already made back on the first film. That means the money earned from "Towers" and "Return of the King" is just gravy.

Denzel Washington has his directorial debut with "Antwone Fisher" which opens on Dec. 20. Also on the 20th is the romantic comedy "Two Weeks Notice" starring Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant. Christmas Day is one of the biggest

days of the year for movie theaters.

This year is no different. Jack Nicholson is already winning rave reviews for his performance in "About Schmidt," about a man in his 60s who realizes he has wasted his life.

Leonardo DiCaprio has two films opening on Christmas Day: "Catch Me if You Can" co-starring alongside Tom Hanks and directed by Steven Spielberg, and the highly anticipated "Gangs of New York." There has been much controversy surrounding "Gangs" but the Martin Scorsese film is now ready for release.

Another Hollywood Christmas present will be Edward Norton starring in Spike Lee's "The 25th Hour" about a man spending his last night before he goes to prison for seven years.

Finally rounding out the Holiday season will be the film version of the musical "Chicago" on Dec. 27. It stars Catherine Zeta Jones, Renee Zellweger, and Richard Gere and the trailers look outstanding.

One only wonders if these films will live up to the hype.

'Spirit of Sharing' has students fill stockings of less fortunate

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

For many people, the holidays are the time to look forward to. For others, it is a financial burden.

The Center for Campus Life is sponsoring the "Spirit of Sharing" program in connection with the Salvation Army to make the holidays special for the less fortunate.

The program includes Angel Tree, Toys for Tots and the Tech Can Share Food Drive, and donations are accepted until Dec. 4 in 228 Student Union.

Trish Roberts, a clerical specialist for the Center for Campus Life, said Angel Tree is geared toward children and families.

She said paper angels are put on a

Christmas tree for anyone to sponsor.

The paper angels include a list of items the child or the family requests.

"We like to suggest older boys because they are the last ones to get picked," she said.

Roberts said she recommends each student to sponsor an angel who fits their budget.

Students should look in their pocketbooks and see what they can realistically pay for.

— TRISH ROBERTS
Specialist at the Center for Campus Life

"Students should look in their pocketbooks and see what they can realistically pay for," she said.

All Angel Tree donations are due Dec. 4.

The center also sponsors Toys for Tots. Any unwrapped toy can be dropped off at the center.

Daniel Brown, coordinator of community service programs for the Center for Campus Life, said

the toys should be new and unwrapped so the members can distribute the toys to the appropriate age group.

He said toys can be donated for children from ages newborn to 12 years old, but many times older boys, ages 7 through 12, are forgotten.

"Adopting an angel," he said, "is more of a financial commitment but the Toys for Tots is not."

He said the program also is affordable for any college student.

"You can spend as little or as much as you want," he said.

The toys can be dropped off in 228

Student Union.

Perishable food items are also being accepted in the Student Union courtyard for the Tech Can Share Food Drive.

Major Mark Sutterlee, commanding officer for the Salvation Army in Lubbock, said all the families referred to these programs are in need, and donations are always needed.

"Whatever people can donate, we can use," he said. "Whether it be a single toy or piece of clothing, it is beneficial."

"Some of these people are living paycheck-to-paycheck," he said.

Sutterlee said the Salvation Army staff tries to help families, especially during the holidays because many do not have the money to have a good Christmas for their families.

"The parents are not going to let their kids go without toys for Christmas, so before they blow their money on toys, we tell them we can help," he said.

Even though college students do not have much money, he said they could help by donating loose change to the Salvation Army kettles throughout town, and that will help with gifts and food for the unfortunate.

"All that change helps, it really adds up quickly," he said.

With so many families needing help for the holidays, Sutterlee said. There are many ways to help.



'Stay Tuned' captures highlights of five television decades

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A television history, to be true to the medium, should be lively and entertaining — not to mention moving, ridiculous, shocking and, of course, comprehensive.

The TV kaleidoscope is smartly captured in "Stay Tuned: Television's Unforgettable Moments," which lives up to its title and to the daunting task it sets for itself.

Scrutinizing five decades of entertainment, news and sports programming, author Joe Garner has picked out those indelible instances that make up our electronically filtered national memory.

"Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall," President Reagan booms in Berlin. Prince Charles and Diana exchange wedding vows. Ricky and Lucy bicker. The U.S. Olympic hockey team performs a miracle.

The package (Andrews McMeel Publishing, \$49.95) includes a picture-filled book, compact discs and a DVD that allows readers to be viewers as well, seeing for themselves the milestones of modern life.

The DVD, with more than 150 minutes of TV clips, and two CDs cover the 35 landmark broadcasts with Dick Van Dyke, Walter Cronkite and Bob Costas as guides.

Garner includes his own interviews with actors, newsmakers and others who were part of the events. The book offers additional context, with background on programs, news stories and television decision-making.

For instance, just how did little "Heidi" trump the final, decisive minute of the Nov. 17, 1968, Oakland Raiders-New York Jets pro football game on NBC?

Prime time sports was an unproven commodity then, two years before "Monday Night Football," and a game had never gone beyond 7 p.m. That left NBC unprepared when the broadcast ran long.

A last-minute executive decision to choose the game over the children's movie came too late: There was little flexibility in the pre-satellite era of TV telephone transmission.

Angry sports fans blew out 26 switchboard fuses at NBC and even reported the network's crime to New York City police. The next day, the final minute — Oakland came from behind to beat the Jets 43-32 — was replayed on the NBC evening news and the growing importance of TV sports was driven home.

"Stay Tuned" is stuffed with such trivia. Elvis Presley's first appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" in 1956 included a full shot of the pelvis-swiveling

singer. It wasn't until his third visit that cameras shot him from the waist up.

And Presley was introduced not by Sullivan, who was ailing, but by Charles Laughton acting as stand-in host. The distinguished actor and the pop star exchange strained remarks before Presley rocks out.

Garner has experience in sifting through electronic history for its gems. His other compilations include "And the Crowd Goes Wild" and "We Interrupt This Broadcast."

"As I was looking at those moments in history, it occurred to me those events are etched indelibly in our memory as much for the way we heard about them on the radio or saw them happen on TV as for the significance of the event itself," he said.

In making choices for "Stay Tuned,"

he looked for television firsts, for events that drew record-setting audiences or for moments that "affixed themselves to popular culture for reasons that are even hard for their creators to identify," Garner said.

The last explains the "The Brady Bunch" highlight in the book's entertainment section, which begins with the Vitameatavegamin episode of "I Love Lucy" and ends with the first-season finale of "Survivor." Sammy Davis Jr.'s visit to "All in the Family" and Johnny Carson's farewell also are represented.

Garner relied to some extent on viewers. He headed a survey that crowned the "I Love Lucy" episode he included as the best ever and a football fan poll that singled out the "Heidi" interruption as key.

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Sports

Round two with Knight begins

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

Texas Tech forward Kasib Powell does not mind seeing his teammates daily.

He is just tired of playing against them every day. He wants to see some fresh faces. His wish has been granted.

The Red Raiders begin round two with Bob Knight at 8:15 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena against a traveling team called the EA Sports All-Stars.

Powell, who enters his second season under Knight, said he is anxious.

"We are so excited," he said. "We are sick of playing against each other. We just want to play against somebody else, and we look forward to playing (today)."

The contest will be one of two exhibition games for the Raiders this season before officially tipping off the new campaign Nov. 22 against UNC-Wilmington.

Is Tech ready? "Oh yeah. And we are excited," said Tech All-Big 12 pre-season selection Andre Emmett.

Emmett said the mental aspect of Tech's first exhibition has changed since a year ago.

He said Tech is more focused, smarter and mature because of a year under Knight's watch.

"We really didn't know what to expect last year," said Emmett, who was Tech's leading scorer last year. "We had a new staff, new coach, new team, new everything. This year I kind of know what to expect."

Powell echoed his teammates' comments and said practices have been easier than last year.

"This year we are one year smarter and just a little more experienced. We are anxious just like we were last year," he said. "But last year, we kind of went into the scrimmages and the season blind, and we didn't know what to expect."

Knight, who coached the Raiders to a 23-9 record and NCAA berth in his first season at the helm last season, said practice has gone well thus far.

"We have had great effort in practice," he said. "There is a big difference in hearing and listening, and players have listened well. One of the things we are trying to do right now is get better communication. Just helping each other. That is always one of the most difficult things to do in basketball."

He said players have not made many mistakes.

"I'm there every day. I'm standing there," Knight said. "Now, are you going to screw around with me standing right beside you?"

Emmett and Powell agreed practice has been easier this year because it is less confusing. Powell said he now fully comprehends Knight's system.

"We know the system a lot better right now," he said. "Last year, we were just running around trying to figure out what to do."

Knight said the practice intensity of this year's team is "as good as I've had anywhere," because his returning players know what to expect from a Knight practice.

"I think for awhile last year, it was like, 'man are we going to get through these practices?'"

Knight said. "But we only go two hours. I would be willing to say we practice less than any team in the nation. But they are hard. And I talk a lot. But I talk while they work. That is an advantage that they have gone through that."

Tech is returning nine players to the squad and its only loss is Andy Ellis who played a key post-role for the Raiders last

season. However, Knight said he has three or four players who can fill Ellis' void.

"What we need to do is not think about replacing Andy as a scorer," he said. "From that position we need to have good post defense and good screens. If we get both of those things out of that position, it really improves us because Andy was a average defender and not a very good screener."

Although Ellis is gone, Powell said Tech's team has improved and teams will notice.

"Last year, we surprised teams," he said. "This year, teams will be head hunting us. This year, there will be a target on us."

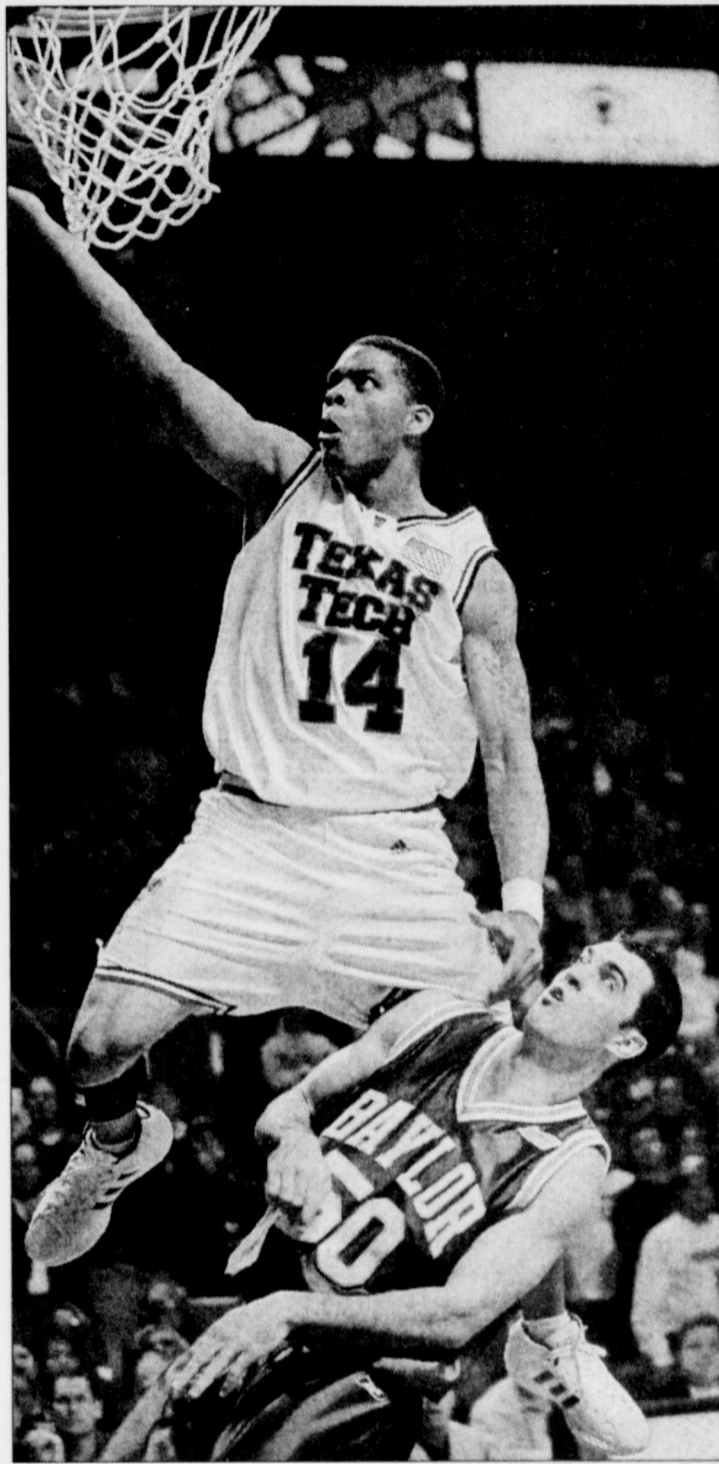
Emmett said he understands teams will be targeting the Raiders, but simply responded with a smile and said, "We feel no pressure."

Although things have changed from a year ago, Powell said the one thing has remained constant is Knight.

"He is the same old coach," Powell said. "Pushing us hard. Making us better."

Emmett agreed and was not too quick to say practices are enjoyable with Knight running the show.

"I'm not saying it's all fun," he said. "But it's learning. And that's what matters."



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily
TEXAS TECH FORWARD Andre Emmett leaps over a Baylor player during Tech's win against the Bears last season at the United Spirit Arena. Tech hosts the EA Sports All-Stars at 8:15 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena. The contest is an exhibition game.

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Former Red Raider basketball



football players Billy Joe Tolliver and Tyrone Thurman are the inductees this year. The players also will be honored at half-time of the Raiders' game on Saturday against Oklahoma State at Jones SBC Stadium. The game kicks off at 1 p.m.

For information, contact the Red Raider Club at (806) 742-1196 or (877) 554-3850.

Lady Raiders to tipoff season

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The wait is over, and the Lady Raiders can finally begin their slogan "One Goal One Mission," which is to reach the Final Four in March.

Texas Tech opens its season against Louisiana Tech at 11:30 a.m. Sunday in Knoxville, Tenn. The match-up is the nation's first NCCA women's basketball game of the season.

Tech-La. Tech should prove to be a strong game as the two teams are traditional powerhouses in women's basketball.

"I'm excited to get things started up against a great team and in a great tournament," Tech guard Natalie Richie said. "I think it's neat (we're playing Louisiana Tech). La. Tech is a great program, and I respect them and their history. They're going to be a good test for our team. We can't take it lightly, and we have to be real intense the whole time."

After a Sweet 16 appearance last year and a number of preseason accolades this season, the Lady Raiders are poised to make a run in 2002-03, and they will have to go through a number of ranked teams in the process.

On No. 7-ranked Tech's schedule are ranked teams Louisiana Tech (No. 16), and Big 12 Conference opponents Oklahoma (22), Texas (11), Iowa State (23) and Kansas State (5). Non-conference foes Washington, Rutgers, Colorado and Rice all received votes in the preseason AP Top 25 Poll.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said she tries to give her team a challenge every year in order to prepare for the NCAA Tournament.

"I'm a strong believer in you've got to play people that make you better and people that have the ability to point out your weaknesses," Sharp said. "And then you try to correct those weaknesses. There will definitely be things we learn from Louisiana Tech."

Forward Jolee Ayers said it is a tough schedule, but it should be that way because the postseason is not any easier.

"It's a battle every night if you play good teams night-in and night-out," Ayers said.

Jia Perkins agreed Tech's schedule is challenging, even though it may not be as strong as last season's.

"I don't think it's as tough as last year's schedule," Perkins said. "It's good to do, though, to play the best. You know to be the best you gotta beat the best. So we have to play ranked teams to get ready for conference."

The season starts off with a bang in preparation for Big 12 play at the State Farm Tip-Off Classic in Knoxville, Tenn.

"(Louisiana Tech) is a good team to play," Perkins said. "They'll give us confidence, and that will get us ready for conference."

The team is looking to establish chemistry on the court and find out who will do what for the Lady Raiders this season.

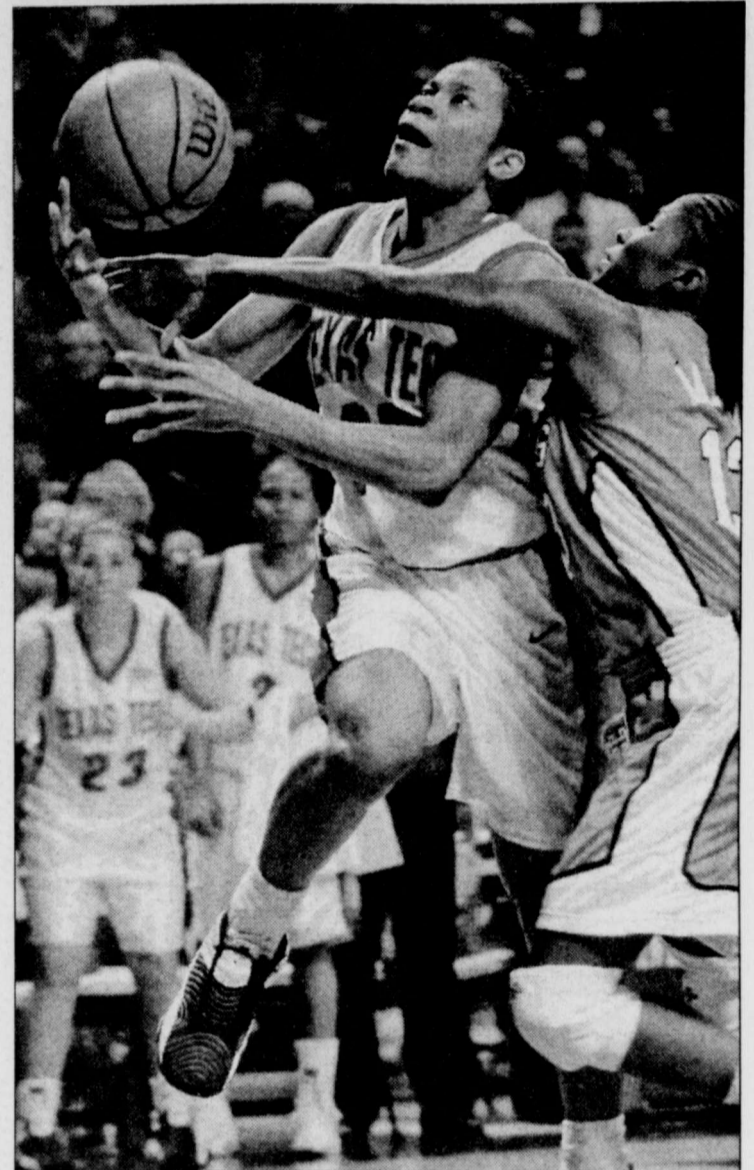
"We want to get a feel for each other and find our different roles," Richie said, "and see how everything plays out and get confidence with each other. (A win is important) to get momentum and get the team confidence."

Richie said this is not a must-win game, but it would serve as a foundation for the season.

"A win is a starting point," she said. "There's so many games in a season it's hard to pin it all on one game or the other. So it's a starting point, but we can build from that point the rest of the season."

The countdown began a long time ago for some Lady Raiders and their fans. Now it is time to play, something Perkins said she is ready for.

"I've been ready since conditioning," Perkins said. "Because everyone knows conditioning isn't any fun, so I've been ready since then."



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily
TEXAS TECH GUARD Jia Perkins gets fouled as she goes up for a layup against Texas last season at the United Spirit Arena. The Lady Raiders open the non-conference season at 11:30 a.m. Sunday in Knoxville, Tenn., against Louisiana Tech.

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"While our football season to date has been disappointing, Texas A&M has a fine head coach, not only with

an enviable long-term winning record, but also an admirable record in helping student athletes succeed and in running a program with integrity. Coach Slocum has my full support," Gates said in a statement.

Athletic director Wally Groff is stepping down in December and a search committee is looking for his replacement.

"I intend that all of our athletic

programs, including football, also will be evaluated expeditiously by the new athletic director as soon as he or she is hired," Gates said. "It is my policy that the athletic director will make decisions with respect to the programs and the coaches under his or her purview."

After starting the season ranked among the top teams in the nation, the Aggies will enter Saturday's game against No. 1 ranked Oklahoma at

Kyle Field with a 5-4 record after a season of turmoil.

Slocum stripped offensive coordinator Dino Babers of his playcalling duties to jump-start the sagging Aggies offense. The Wrecking Crew defense has faltered in recent weeks, including last week's upset loss to Oklahoma State.

Slocum commented on his job situation earlier at his weekly news conference.

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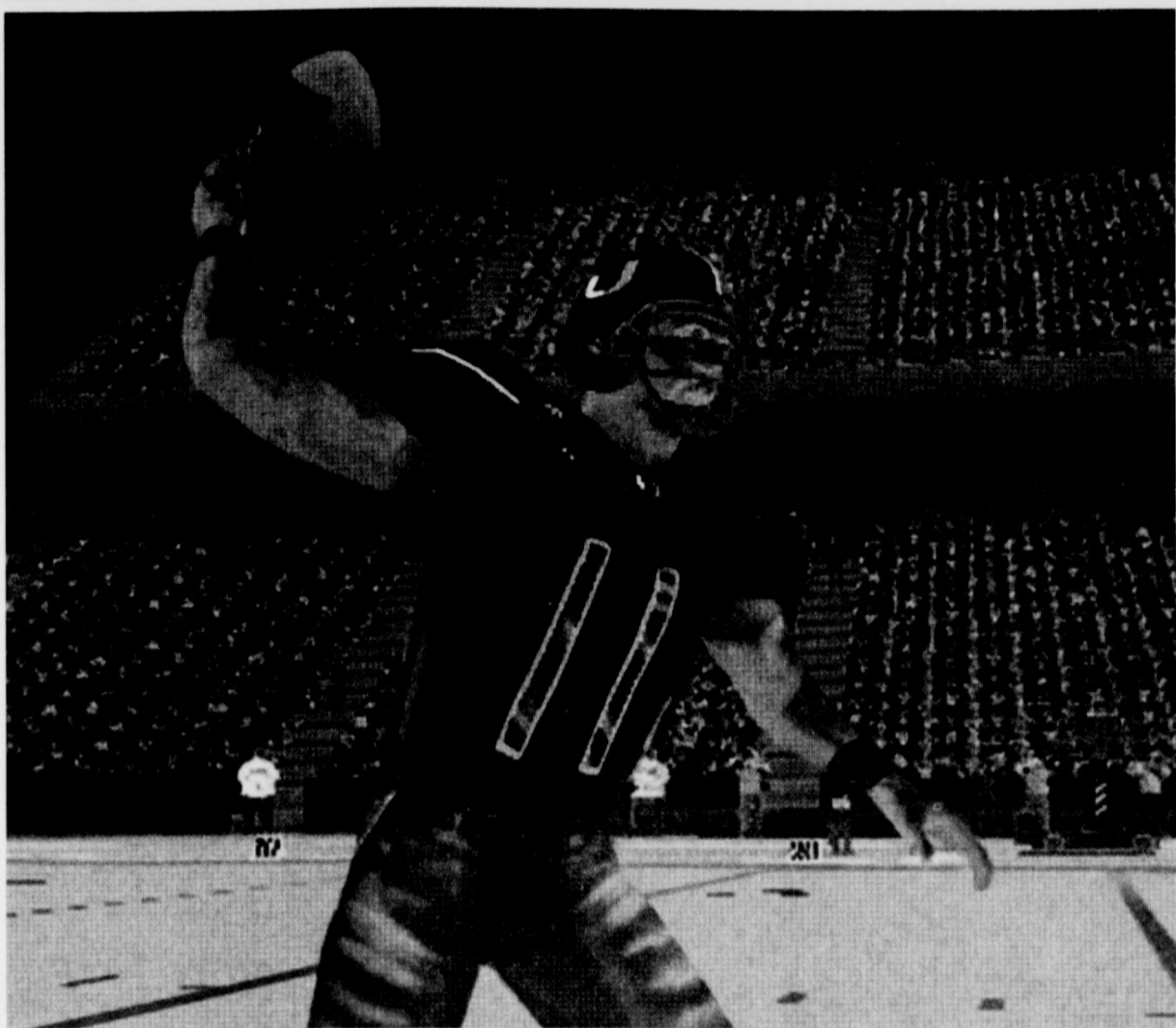
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3 OKLAHOMA

New Hot Routes can put the 2000 NCAA champs right back at the top. Which means almost as much to this Oklahoma Sooners team as beating their heated rival, the Nebraska Cornhuskers. But, kicking game may be a chink in the armor.

4 COLORADO

Will the Buffs defend their Big 12 crown using the wishbone? The flexbone? The full house? Only the coach controlling the playbook knows for sure.

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13 OREGON

Blue Chip recruiting made the loss of their 2001 Heisman candidate easier to stomach. A new wishbone offense could help the 2002 Ducks rain on just about anyone's parade.

14 OHIO STATE

More control over the running game puts them at the top of their conference. But they must beat archrival Michigan for the Big 10 Conference title first, which won't be easy, but definitely a possibility for the Ohio State Buckeyes.

15 WASHINGTON

Unproven defense must come through for a Rose Bowl berth. Total Control Passing gives this Husky team a very potent attack.

16 LSU

Tigers are looking to claw their way to another SEC title. Louisiana State University's pass-and-run-blocking is top-notch this year.

17 NEBRASKA



Just avenge the CU mauling and beat the Oklahoma Sooners for all to be right in Huskerland.

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