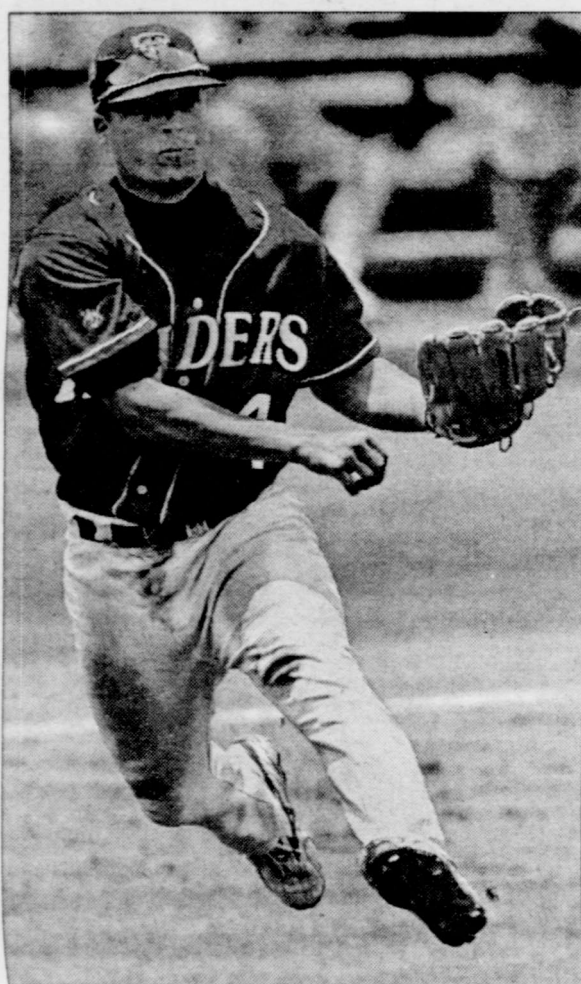


Seven Raiders make the cut



CHRISTOPHER GOOLEY/The Georgia Tech Technique

SENIOR THIRD BASEMAN Josh Haney throws over to first base during the Red Raiders' 5-3 loss against Georgia Tech. Haney was picked up in the draft during the 11th round to the Kansas City Royals.

With the 50 rounds of the Major League baseball draft completed, a total of seven Texas Tech baseball players were picked up by six different teams.

Five of those are juniors, given the chance to take a leap into the majors before finishing out their college careers. The first Red Raider taken was senior third baseman Josh Haney, going to the Kansas City Royals organization in the 11th round as the No. 325 pick. He started all 61 games this season, hitting a .348 average, amassing 11 homeruns, 23 doubles and 57 RBIs.

Close behind him in the draft was junior shortstop Cameron Blair. He was picked up in round 18 by the St. Louis Cardinals for the No. 540 pick of the draft. Blair led the team with a .371 batting average, 81 RBIs and 23 doubles.

Junior first baseman Josh Brady went in round 19, getting the No. 556 overall pick and going to the Milwaukee Brewers. USA Today/Sports Weekly named him one of their second-team All-America players, after leading the Big 12 in homeruns with 20. Junior second baseman Jose Delgado joined Blair with the Cardinals in the 24th round as the No. 720 pick.

Junior southpaw Dallas Braden followed in the same round, picked by the Oakland Athletics as No. 727 of the draft. He had a 4.56 ERA and struck out 93 batters during his 98 innings on the mound.

Senior right-handed pitcher Steven Thomas came in the 28th round to the Colorado Rockies. Being Tech's ace throughout most of the season, he had a 5.09 ERA.

Junior outfielder Michael Mask was the last pick from the Tech team, going to the Texas Rangers in the 32nd round as the No. 951 overall pick. He was second for homeruns, with 16 during the 2004 campaign. Mask brought in 70 runners when he hit his .335 average at the plate, gaining 14 doubles and 76 total hits.

None of these players were available for comment about their draft positions.

Tech coaches Knight, Sharp agree to three-year extension

By Joey Kirk/
The University Daily



Knight



Sharp

After sitting with both head men's and women's basketball coaches Bob Knight and Marsha Sharp, Texas Tech athletics director Gerald Myers said both have agreed to a three-year contract extension.

Although neither of the coaches has signed the papers, Myers said they have agreed with the figures and principle.

"We've sat down with them and been through each part of the new contract," he said. "They sound positive about it."

Since Sharp is running her summer annual basketball camp, she was unavailable for comment. Knight is out of the country, taking a fishing trip to Canada, Myers said, and was not available for comment on the subject.

With the new contract extension, it will carry each of the coaches through May 2009. Myers said he, along with the rest of the administration at Tech, is excited to keep both coaches at the university.

"I'm excited to keep them here that long, because they are two exciting coaches," he said. "Both are excellent, and the opportunity to keep them on a long-term basis is good for us, the fans and the students."

Rumors that Knight would take a job at his alma mater, Ohio State, came into play after the university fired basketball coach Jim O'Brien on Tuesday. Myers denied the allegations and said he has no knowledge of the rumors.

"I don't know anything about it," he said. "They didn't call me, although they don't have to, to set up a meeting with him or not."

The 2004-2005 season will mark Knight's fifth year at Tech and 39th coaching college basketball. Since he was hired in 2001, Knight has helped the Raiders reach the post-season every season, coming off 20-win seasons.

Sharp has coached the Lady Raider basketball team for 21 years, gaining more than 500 wins and leading her team to 16 NCAA appearances, including 14 consecutive appearances.

Since Knight and Sharp have not signed the extensions, Myers said the present figures could not be discussed.

Astros' Clemens still firing away

SEATTLE (AP) — There's no rust on The Rocket.

Roger Clemens became the oldest pitcher to win his first nine decisions, allowing three hits in 6 2-3 shutout innings Tuesday night to lead the Houston Astros over the Seattle Mariners 1-0.

He came out of a brief retirement over the winter, and now the victories are piling up.

"They're coming in good spots," said the 41-year-old Clemens (9-0). "We just need to continue to play well."

Morgan Ensberg hit a seventh-inning sacrifice fly off Joel Pineiro (1-8), allowing Jeff Bagwell to tag up and score on a close play. It gave Clemens his 319th win, moving past Phil Niekro into 14th place on the career list.

"The guys I've tied or passed, it's

just icing on the cake for me," Clemens said. "I felt anything that happened this year was just a great deal of fun. I never expected to be here."

Nolan Ryan and Don Sutton are tied for 12th with 324 wins. Clemens might not take long to pass them, too.

"When I was little, I had a poster of him in my room. Not a bad guy to look up to," said Pineiro, who pitched a solid game, but lost his career-high seventh straight decision. He allowed three hits in eight innings, struck out four and walked three.

"Joel pitched great," Clemens said. "His record doesn't indicate that he's had a lot of success, but he threw the ball great. He was real stingy."


The six-time Cy Young Award winner struck out seven, increasing his total to 4,187.

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"The outpouring of love for my husband is incredible." — Nancy Reagan

Goodbye to the Gipper



ANNIE WELLS/Los Angeles Times

MILITARY PALLBEARERS CARRY the casket of President Reagan from Kingsley & Gates, Moller & Murphy Funeral Home in Santa Monica, Calif., to a waiting hearse as Nancy Reagan follows.

By Jeff Wilson/Associated Press

POINT MUGU, Calif. (AP) — The body of former President Ronald Reagan, escorted by Nancy Reagan and his children, began its journey to Washington, D.C., on Wednesday for national memorial services.

A Boeing 747 from the White House fleet took off about 9:39 a.m. from the Navy's Point Mugu air station, en route to Andrews Air Force Base.

From Andrews, the body was to be taken to the Capitol to lie in state until Friday's funeral at the National Cathedral. It will then be returned to California for burial at the presidential library that evening.

Before the takeoff, in a simple runway ceremony with the former first lady watching, the

flag-draped casket was carried from a hearse as a Marine Corps band played "Hail to the Chief," "God Bless America" and "Amazing Grace." A battery from the 11th Marine Artillery Regiment of the 1st Marine Division fired a thundering salute.

At the top of the aircraft stairs, Nancy Reagan waved goodbye as the crowd applauded.

The trip began earlier under gray clouds at the hilltop Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, where more than 100,000 people had paid their respects during the previous two days.

A 45-minute motorcade brought the casket to Point Mugu, where hundreds of civilians and sailors in white waited under the clearing blue sky.

During the drive to Point Mugu, crowds had watched from overpasses as the procession headed along U.S. 101. Traffic on the opposite side of the freeway came to a halt and some drivers got out and stood with hands over their hearts.

Farm workers around the base climbed off tractors, removed hats from their heads and put them over their hearts, and a little boy stood at attention and saluted from the tailgate of a pickup truck by an onion field. "Rest Well, President Reagan," said a sign.

More than 100,000 admirers had filed past the former president's coffin at the library in a steady stream of well-wishers that continued past nightfall Tuesday.

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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF RONALD REAGAN, 1911 — 2004

- Born Feb. 6, 1911, in Tampico, Ill.
- Graduated from Eureka College in Eureka, Ill., in 1932; majored in economics and sociology.
- Married Nancy Davis in 1952.
- Had two children with Nancy and two from an earlier marriage.
- Made 53 films.
- Elected president in 1980 and 1984.
- Survived an assassination attempt by John Hinckley on March 30, 1981.
- Announced he had Alzheimer's in 1994.
- Died of pneumonia June 5.
- State funeral to take place in on June 11 in Washington, D.C.

A Freshman's First

By Lorraine Railsback/The University Daily

They are feelings every high school graduate experiences before taking the giant leap into college life — anxiety, apprehension, excitement. Looking around the Texas Tech campus, they wonder if this will be their home away from home. It is what incoming freshmen from all over are experiencing at Tech's 2004 New Student Orientation.

Megan O'Brien, director of this year's New Student Orientation, said orientation is designed to welcome students to the university by allowing them to get to know advisers, register for classes and meet other current and future Red Raiders. They are given a tour of Tech and are introduced to campus resources, student services and involvement opportunities.

In addition, sessions are scheduled with most major student organizations on campus to provide information on all aspects of college life. Red to Black, AccessTECH, the Career Center and the Information Technology Division are just a few of the organizations holding informational sessions for both students and parents.

"They are here to register for the fall and meet with advisers, but we also want them to be comfortable with everything that's involved in being in college," O'Brien said.

Amy Larsh, an incoming freshman from Tyler, said she is most inter-

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LINC ARMES/The University Daily

BARBRA HILL AND daughter Stephanie Hill sign up during the first week of freshman orientation Wednesday afternoon in the Chitwood/Weymouth complex.

Tech canceling Friday classes

Texas Tech officials have announced that Tech will be closed tomorrow. All classes are canceled, and only essential personnel will work.

The closure came from Gov. Rick Perry, who issued an executive order recognizing the day as an official day of mourning for former President Ronald Reagan.

Necessary offices at both Tech and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will be operating with skeletal staffs.

Summer orientation will go on as planned at Tech, and patient clinics at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will operate as usual. HSC students should check with their academic advisers about class on Friday.

Army preparing to destroy 40-year-old still-lethal nerve agent

NEWPORT, Ind. (AP) — In a cavernous, pipe-filled structure known simply as the Utility Building, Army contractors are getting ready to destroy a Cold War-era concoction so lethal it could kill untold millions.

After years of controversy, workers will begin chemically neutralizing 1,269 tons of the ultra-deadly nerve agent VX this summer as part of a plan to eliminate the nation's chemical weapons stockpile.

Residents near the Newport Chemical Depot are ready to see the VX go. So are activists who keep tabs on the nation's cache of weapons of mass destruction.

"One drop the size of George Washington's eye on a quarter is enough to kill a healthy, 180-pound male. It's the most lethal chemical on the planet," said Craig Williams, director of the Chemical Weapons Working Group, a Kentucky-based watchdog organization.

A dispute over what will become of the project's wastewater could leave the rural community about 70 miles west of Indianapolis stuck with the nerve agent's legacy.

Opposition from Dayton, Ohio, residents scuttled the Army's plan to dispose of up to 4 million gallons of nerve agent wastewater, or hydrolysate, at a plant there. Now, plans to truck the waste to Deepwater, N.J., for treatment and disposal at a

DuPont Co. plant are in doubt amid opposition in New Jersey and Delaware.

The Army plans to heat the VX in chemical reactors to destroy its structure. Army officials liken the resulting hydrolysate to liquid drain cleaner, and say it will contain no detectable VX at sampling levels of 20 parts per billion.

Although VX was never used by the American military in combat, there have been human exposures in the United States. Its lethal potential was demonstrated in 1968 when an aerial spraying test of VX at Utah's Dugway Proving Grounds went awry, killing about 6,000 grazing sheep.

The VX stockpile was produced at the 7,000-acre Newport complex between 1961 and 1968 as a doomsday deterrent. For years after production ended, containers of the nerve agent sat rusting in a field, apparently regarded by the depot's workers as just part of the landscape.

"They used to eat lunch on top of the containers," said Lt. Col. Joseph Marquart, Newport's commander. "We don't do that anymore."

The containers now sit in heavily guarded concrete bunkers built after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The Rundown



Photographer killed while covering story

HEARNE (AP) — A photojournalist for a Bryan-College Station television station was apparently electrocuted Tuesday after the mast of the station's live van came in contact with high voltage wiring while covering a story about a gas well explosion, the station said.

Matt Moore, 23, of Temple, was setting up for a live shot about 6 p.m. in Hearne when he was killed.

The KBTX television station employee was dead at the scene, the station said in a news release. An autopsy has been ordered to determine the cause of death.

Three other people who were covering the story for KBTX were unharmed, but were taken to a hospital for observation.

The death is under investigation.

A small fire broke out near the rear of the van after the mast came in contact with the power lines.

The gas well explosion in Robertson County injured eight people Tuesday afternoon.

Moore, who graduated from Texas A&M University in May 2003, started working at KBTX in September 2003.

Funeral arrangements are pending for Moore, who was single.

Deliberations begin in Nichols' state trial

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — Jurors began deliberating Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols' fate Wednesday after a defense attorney stood behind him, put his hands on Nichols' shoulders and asked the panel to save his life.

"This case is about one person, this man, Terry Lynn Nichols, and whether you will take his life," attorney Creekmore Wallace said. "It's about whether you will kill Terry Lynn Nichols, the man."

Defense attorneys said Nichols has become a religious man who has the capacity for good. But prosecutor Sandra Elliott pointed to Nichols from across the courtroom and asked jurors to impose the ultimate penalty.

"We are all accountable for what we do," she said Wednesday. "There is nothing that can mitigate the deaths of 161 people."

Nichols was convicted May 26 of 161 counts of first-degree murder in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

He is already serving a life sentence for the deaths of eight federal agents in the blast. The state trial began March 1 for the others killed in the explosion, including the fetus of one victim.

Tensions escalating on Korean peninsula

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — The atmosphere is calm, but this heavily-armed border is at the center of a storm, with discord between allies Seoul and Washington over plans to pull back U.S. troops and warnings from North Korea about escalating tensions.

At the truce village of Panmunjom, workmen on the North side casually inspected a building Wednesday. A stray dog wandered back and forth across the demarcation line dividing the opposing armies of North and South Korea.

U.S. soldiers here say things have been quiet lately.

Yet, the region around Panmunjom and the so-called Demilitarized Zone, a Cold War vestige strewn with mine fields, razor wire and tank traps, is suddenly a focal point of one of the biggest U.S. troop realignments in decades on the Korean Peninsula.

Earlier this week, the United States and South Korea ended military talks in disagreement over plans to pull U.S. troops away from the North Korean border and consolidate them at expanded camps south of the capital, Seoul.

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Texas state quarter to be introduced today

By Heidi Toth/*The University Daily*

The newest addition to the U.S. money supply is not flashy. It does not describe great accomplishments or interesting features. It does not display a proud colonial heritage or a well-known product.

It is the Texas quarter, and it is as wide-open as the state it represents.

The quarter, which begins circulating today, is the 28th state quarter to be released since the program started, and it is the third this year. The quarter has the one star superimposed over the shape, with lariats along the edge of the coin. According to the United States Mint, the lariat symbolizes the cowboy history of the Lone Star State and the frontier spirit prevalent in Texas' early days.

While the big celebration is in Austin with Gov. Rick Perry, Lubbock is not without its own party commemorating the big day. Plains Capital Bank, the sponsor of the event both here and in Austin, will be having a quarter swap from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its main location at 5010 University Ave., said Jennifer Brown, a marketer for

the bank.

"It's a really great historical moment for Texas, and we're just trying to do our part for this moment in history," Brown said. "We really do think that it's a special time for the state."

Texas Tech student Devlin Flanary agreed, saying the state quarter program was a great way to instill state pride in a state's residents, as well as a good way to celebrate some of the history of each state.

"It helps to kind of bring back a nationalistic feeling," the junior history from San Marcos said. "It helps everyone remember where everyone came from."

Flanary was surprised, though, with the design chosen for Texas' quarter. A state committee held a contest for designs and submitted five finalists to Perry, after which Perry submitted the

selected design to the U.S. Department of Treasury.

"I figured it would be the Alamo or something," Flanary said, adding narrowing down a design had to be difficult because of the amount of history Texas has. "There's about as much history from Texas itself as the U.S. altogether."

Ryan Metthiesen, a junior mass communications major from Plano, also said he liked the state quarter program. "It kind of lets everyone know what all the states kind of started out with," he said.

Not everyone, however, looked at the program in the same way.

"Money's money, and it's just passed around," said Brent Engelhardt, a senior computer science major from Yorktown, Va. "I don't really keep up with it."

Virginia's quarter was among the first to be minted, in 2000, but Engelhardt said he did not pay enough attention to the change in his pocket to get excited about it.

"It's kind of interesting to look at," he said. Monte Shullenberger shared Engelhardt's view.

"It's pretty neat, I guess," the junior business major from Houston said of the program. "It's just another quarter."

The quarters will be minted for about 10 weeks, according to the U.S. Mint. The new mints do not increase the money supply in the United States; as these quarters are released into circulation, old quarters are taken out of circulation.

The state quarter program is a 10-year initiative, with five quarters being released each year, according to the U.S. Mint. State quarters are released in the order the states entered the Union. Texas became the 28th state in the Union on Dec. 29, 1845. Iowa is the next state quarter to be released.

For more information on the state quarters program, go to www.usmint.gov.



HSC adds VP of Diversity

By Christine Hauser/
The University Daily

A new face will be seen at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, thanks to the appointment of German R. Nunez as the vice president for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs.

Nunez, who is vice provost at Oregon's Health Sciences Center, will be responsible for developing and implementing programs in all of the schools at HSC to increase enrollment and retention of under-represented minorities.

"These are the fastest growing groups and we need to reach them," he said. "We need to create an environment that is conducive to making minorities feel warm as well as for academic excellence."

As director for the Center for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at the Oregon Health Sciences Center, Nunez protected the funds and employed the center, which serves as the pipeline for students ranging from middle school all the way up to post-graduate and professional degree careers.

Nunez said he hopes to put into place the pipeline programs at the HSC.

"At the university level, we must create mechanisms that build bridges in our programs," he said. "We have to put into place a system of admissions that would look at the whole individual instead of just the GPA."

One of the main goals Nunez hopes

to accomplish is getting the whole community involved.

"It takes a whole community to produce a professional," he said. "We have to work with getting all the community involved with the program."

In doing this, Nunez hopes to provide financial support for those who have trouble paying for school. In addition, Nunez would like to educate individuals about minority participation in health and sciences professions.

"One of my goals is that we have some type of academic activity or group of topics that will be focused around how culture affects the impacts of medicine."

There will also be a scholarship program Wilson has devised, in which one or two scholarships will be given to those students who have the financial need.

Orientation

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ested in the social aspects of orientation.

"I just graduated, so I am not really thinking about school right now. I am excited about meeting people," she said.

Double T Crew Member Kandi Green agreed meeting people is one of the most important factors of orientation.

"Students need to know familiar faces and form a lot of ties with others," she said.

To help students make these friendships, many activities are planned, including socials, barbecues and spirit rallies.

While this year's orientation keeps with traditions of the past, it is slightly different in certain re-

spects. For the first time, attendance at an orientation session is required for freshmen.

"We made orientation mandatory because it is only beneficial to the student. It sets the pace for the fall semester and makes them more successful once they get here," O'Brien said.

She pointed out about 95 percent of incoming freshmen register for orientation anyway, so the decision to make it mandatory has not caused a significant change.

Another implementation to this year's New Student Orientation is more sessions offered to parents. They have the opportunity to learn more about Tech and what their son or

daughter will be experiencing during their freshman year of college.

The first of nine freshmen orientation sessions began Sunday and will continue through July 30. There are three transfer student orientation sessions, beginning June 27 and ending July 19.

Feedback from this summer's New Student Orientation has been positive so far.

Ann Slayden, a parent of an incoming freshman from Stephenville, said she is impressed with the staff and how they are doing their jobs.

"Everyone is really helpful. Kids are helping other kids and everything is organized and simplified," Slayden said.

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Voting for dummies

Let's get straight to the point — voting is such a pain in the neck. Of all things, it requires you to do things like put on pants and drive places, all to choose a stupid president. Well, I can't really make the actual process of election any easier, but with all the punditry and politics being thrown at you from all sorts of angles, who can make any sense of this voting mess? I'm your guy, so let's get started! First, let's figure out which party best suits your needs.

Do you hate high taxes? Then you're probably a Republican. Oh wait, unless you support abortion, which would put you in the Democrat's camp. Although you may well be in favor of nuclear power plants, and I'm not sure what that does for you, but it certainly kicks you out of the tree-hugging Green group. Though if you've got a strong dislike for 'Big Brother' government, Libertarianism might be for you. And I guess there's that whole war thing — if you're against it, you could be... oh. Well, you could be a member of just about any party. If you're for the war, you're definitely a... wait, no, you're not. Wow, we sure aren't getting anywhere with this little exercise, are we? Maybe we should take a look at the candidates, and determine who might be the most appealing to you. Ready, set, go!

First off, we've got the delightful Ralph Nader, who recently announced his 141th run for the presidency (he gave Taft a run for his money back in the day, or so I hear). Ol' Ralph is running as an independent, which is political slang for "no one likes me." Despite what any pretentious scholars might tell you, casting a vote for Mr. Nader basically means nothing — thanks for playing, and you don't even get a farewell prize. So, he's out of the picture. That leads us to Bush and Kerry, the two real juggernauts battling it out for the highest office in our nation. Let's start with George Bush. He is an old white man from Texas, who has an old white man as his running mate. He has a Cabinet more than half full of old white men and enjoys appointing old white men to positions of power, although he has shown an incredible sense of diversity in his recent trend of hiring young white men onto his staff. As for Kerry, he is an old white man, who will probably have an old white man as a running mate, enjoys hobnobbing with other

Michael Hallenbeck



Ask yourself this question: Are you pleased with the way things are going for the United States of America right now?

old white men in the Senate, and may well appoint several old white men to important jobs. So the difference between these two guys is... er... well, you see. It's really a matter of... oh boy. I'm a bit jaded, and not very good at this. Well, let's try one more important bit of information, and I sincerely promise this will clear things up.

As of right now, the second you are reading this (unless you are from the distant future), George W. Bush is president right now. John Kerry is not. Ask yourself this question: Are you pleased with the way things are going for the United States of America right now? Are you enjoying the job your government is doing for you, a citizen of the United States? If you answered 'yes' to these questions, then you will probably want to vote for Bush. Since he's been president lately, chances are he's responsible for your state of general content. If you answered 'no', you should vote for Kerry. After all, he is the one most likely to change the government and make you a happier citizen. Make sense?

Because really — it's all that simple.

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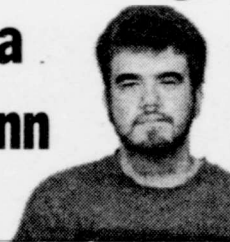
Hi. My name is John and I am a neuro-analysis pre-education quantum mechanical electrical management multidisciplinary business excessive verbiage and bureaucracies linguistic analysis major.



Face transplants — good or bad?

There has always been a line between science fiction and reality. As medical technology progresses that line blurs. A human can receive organ transplants, have severed limbs reattached or have plastic surgery transform them.

Ezra Mann



transplant is once you have done it, you have to take immunosuppressant drugs for the rest of your life. These drugs stop the body from rejecting the new part. There won't be one drug to take, but several to get the correct combination.

Medical technology has now come to a point where a person can receive a face transplant. The idea sounds good, but deep down the concept has that bit of freakiness.

A group of doctors at the University of Louisville are asking permission to perform the first transplant. The unprecedented procedure would only be for severe cases where patients had extreme disfigurement. The process would literally take the face from a dead person and transplant it to a patient. Doctors at the medical school believe the transplant could give those who qualify hope. The board of ethics at the school must approve the process before it is performed.

While there are positive sides to facial transplants, such as a new identity and replacing a missing part, there is so much that questions if the ordeal was worth it. Issues such as identity, a lifetime of drugs to maintain the transplant and psychological problems weigh on the decision.

The first is identity. After a person has the operation, there is no guarantee the face will fit. Sure, at first it may be a wonderful thing, but as time progresses the person could change his mind about the new look. Recipients might feel they have lost their identity or think they are no longer themselves. In a society so dependent on individualism, this is a major risk.

One of the biggest problems with receiving a

This means a huge responsibility many people may not be able to follow through with.

Finally, the one question that offers a great deal of concern is that of any resulting psychological problems. It would freak me out to wake up in the morning and see a different face in the mirror, even though I know I went through the procedure. I'm not sure I could ever get used to having someone else's features. There is no doubt the state of being disfigured can be emotionally trying, but it could be equally depressing because we get so used to being one way for so long. Many people may not be able to handle the change, compromising their mental state.

There is so much that has been done to improve our lives with medical technology, and there will always be further advances. However, we must thoroughly consider each progress that comes along. The idea of facial transplant sounds good on the surface, but there are many questions and issues that must be addressed. Then and only then will such a procedure be a possibility for our benefit. Care must be taken to preserve what we have of ourselves so we can continue to be what makes us whole.

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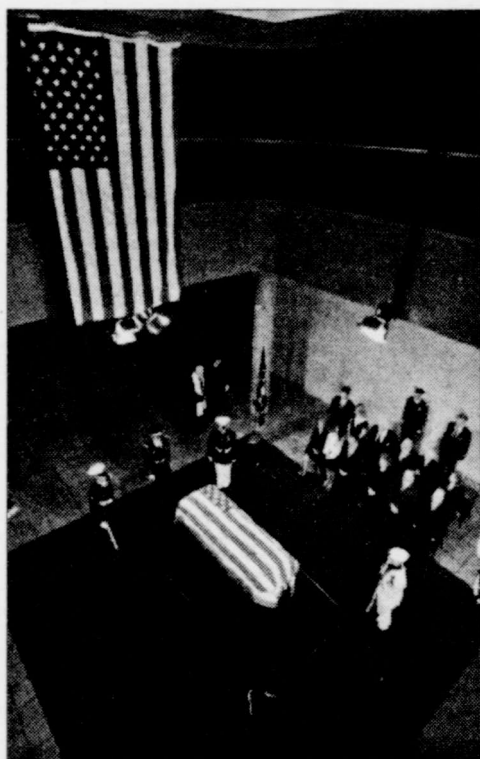
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REMEMBERING REAGAN



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FORMER FIRST LADY Nancy Reagan and her family sit and view the flag-draped mahogany casket of her husband, President Reagan, as the casket lays in repose in the atrium of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif.

Reagan

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"It's a lifetime event. I wanted to show my gratitude. I wanted to show my love," said Jesse Garcia, 52, who with his wife came from their home in Northern California.

Reagan, the nation's 40th chief executive, was 93 when he died Saturday of pneumonia, as a complication of Alzheimer's disease.

His death revealed that the popularity of the former Republican president, California governor and movie actor remained strong despite his long absence from public life.

"It is unbelievable what I am seeing on TV," Reagan office chief of staff Joanne Drake quoted Nancy Reagan as saying Tuesday. "The outpouring of love for my husband is incredible."

In Washington, people already had begun arriving before dawn Wednesday to wait in line to view Reagan's casket at the Capitol Rotunda.

Among them was Carol Williams, who said she stood in line for five hours to vote for Reagan in 1984 and on Wednesday drove more than two hours from her home in Chesterfield, Va.

"President Reagan restored dignity and character to the White House. He never wavered in front of the American people," Williams said, as she stood a few blocks from the U.S. Capitol. "What less could I do than stand in line for a few hours?"

Glen Rivers, of Jenkinsburg, Ga., whose wife, Deborah, secured a place in line near the Capitol at 6:30 a.m., said his family had extended their Washington vacation to witness the pageantry of the state funeral.

Texas Tech has a unique connection to Ronald Reagan. On March 30, 1981, John Hinckley Jr., a former Texas Tech student, shot the president as he was getting into a car.

Although the assassination attempt failed, Reagan was seriously wounded and needed a lengthy recovery time to return to full power.

It's not a pleasant one, but it's a connection nonetheless. And it's something to remember as the United States lays to rest one of its icons — in politics, in entertainment, and in so much more.

Ronald Reagan did so much for the United States. He guided the country through a difficult time, and he did it with grace, but still with force. He put an end to the Iran hostage crisis, demonstrating his respect for human life as well as his strength and the strength of the United States. He deserves the most credit for putting an end to the Cold War and the uneasy quasi-alliance between the United States and the U.S.S.R., and he did it without offending the Soviets, as evidenced by Mikhail Gorbachev's planned presence at the funeral.

Reagan, a Republican, did good things for his party without sacrificing the good of the United States. He crossed party lines to get things done. He is credited with Reaganomics, the progressive style of economizing that set up the prosperous economy we enjoyed during the 1990s.

Most of us, beyond the obscure link above, and him being the first president our generation remembers, don't have a connection with Reagan. It affects us most because we don't have to go to class tomorrow.

But it's never too late. Reagan symbolized many things during his time — the working man, the ability to succeed despite the odds (Reagan was twitted during a debate because he was older than the typical presidential candidate. He calmly responded that perhaps his opponent was too young to be entrusted with such an important job.), and the ability to stand strong in the face of a serious crisis and remain loyal to values.

That's the connection we have with Reagan. We can commemorate his life by sticking to the values he practiced.

Stare adversity in the face and refuse to back down. Know when to show strength and when to show compassion. Remember the importance of one human life, but don't forget the value of a nation.

Say "I do" at the altar, mean it, and live it. Ronald and Nancy were still in love on the day that he died. She stuck by him through what had to have been the hardest 10 years of her life. Remember, "for richer or poorer, in sickness or in health" is literal.

Find compromise. Gorbachev, Reagan's adversary during the Cold War, isn't going to the funeral to make jokes about old Ron. He's going because he respected Reagan. The leaders of the the two countries capable of wiping out all life on earth with a button, worked to find a mutually agreeable solution, under the shadow of mutually assured destruction.

Aim high. Jay Leno talked about how he met President Reagan once, and Reagan asked if Leno was a good student. Reagan then said, "I was only a C+ student. Imagine how much farther I could have gone if I had applied myself."

Do something with your day of mourning tomorrow. Use it to remember a great man and what he contributed. Pay tribute to his memory by standing for something, as he did. Use your life to make a difference.

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STEPHEN OSMAN/Los Angeles Times

THOUSANDS LINED UP at Moorpark College for as much as an 8-hour wait to get shuttled to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library to pay respects to President Reagan.



BRYAN CHAN/Los Angeles Times

FORMER FIRST LADY Nancy Reagan touches the casket of her husband as Rev. Michael Wenning comforts her at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif.

Looking at Alzheimer's

By Christine Hauser/The University Daily

The death of Ronald Reagan after a decade-long battle with Alzheimer's disease has not only caused many people to reflect on the life of the former president, but it has also allowed many to question his incurable disease and its effects.

Alzheimer's disease is a type of dementia, which is a global category of diseases in which an individual begins to decline in their mental abilities. No one knows what causes Alzheimer's disease, at this point, but there are a few risk factors, which contribute to the development of the disease. Robin Hilsabeck, a professor in medical and surgery neurology at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said the biggest risk factor is age, but lower levels of education, and a history of head injuries also contribute to the development of the disease.

"People are living longer, so more people are getting it," she said.

In addition, there is also some risk of inheritance because certain chromosomes are more hereditary. However, there is no clinical picture or pattern of the people who get Alzheimer's.

Many times people with Alzheimer's have trouble remembering new information, which is the primary impairment, Hilsabeck said, adding Alzheimer's patients should remember experiences from their youth clearly.

Although not the cause, the disease factored into Reagan's death.

"Eventually parts of the brain called beta amyloid plaques and the neurofibrillary tangles eat up the brain," Hilsabeck said. "Once brain tissue slowly dies, the immune system starts to die."

The official cause of death was pneumonia, as his immune system had shut down and could not fight the sickness.

Scientists believe as many as 4.5 million Americans suffer from the disease, which often begins about the age of 60. The best diagnosis for Alzheimer's is early detection, which makes it easier to treat.

However, it is difficult to detect because there are no changes in the individual, Hilsabeck said. It begins slowly, and the individual may only show a symptom of mild forgetfulness. Ways to deal with Alzheimer's include cognitive and physical stimulation of the patient.

"I have hope that there will be a cure for Alzheimer's one day," Hilsabeck said.

Right now, the Alzheimer's disease market in the seven major pharmaceutical markets is worth \$4.7 billion, and it is expected to increase to \$6.1 billion by the year 2005 and \$7.8 billion by 2010. The result will be many breakthroughs in the next ten years that will improve mental health expectancies to new levels.

GREENER GARDENS



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TRAVIS CROW, A junior landscape architecture major from Austin, does his daily weeding duties around a blackberry bush Wednesday at the horticultural gardens on Main Street and Indiana Avenue.

LPGA player Park sits pretty at No. 2 on tour

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Grace Park doesn't need a world ranking, a money list or another statistic to tell where she is on the LPGA Tour landscape.

"I just know there's one person ahead of me," she said Wednesday.

Park knows what it's like to be No. 2 behind Annika Sorenstam, on paper and on the golf course.

A year ago, she found herself in contention at a major for the first time in the LPGA Championship, closing with a 67 at DuPont Country Club to force a playoff with the best player in women's golf. Park played a safe but short tee shot, then tried to pound a 4-iron up the hill and came up short in thick rough, making bogey to lose to Sorenstam.

"This is the best finish in a major for me so far, so I'll always remember this — but you won't," Park told reporters that day. "Nobody will. Nobody remembers second."

A year later, Park can look back

at that bitter loss as a turning point in her career. She swore that she would never let another opportunity slip away so easily, and so far, she has made good on her promise.

Second on the money list and in the player-of-the-year standings, Park comes into the LPGA Championship with another "No. 2" in mind — trying to capture the second leg of the Grand Slam.

Three months ago, she holed a 6-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole at Mission Hills to win the Kraft Nabisco Championship, the first major of her career and a clear sign that the awesome potential she showed as an amateur is ready to come to fruition.

"Finishing second here last year makes me want to win this more," she said. "Winning the first major of the year makes me crave my second major."

Drafts fail to let players grow up

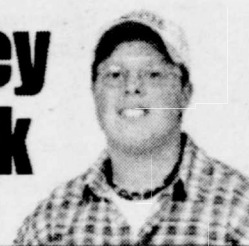
I have the utmost respect for the National Football League and its draft procedures when comparing it to those of the National Basketball Association and Major League Baseball. The NFL has remained true to the student-athlete aspect of drafting potential superstars, while the others dig deep into their pockets and attract immature high school players to their courts and fields.

A waiting period came up in April when the NFL draft was scheduled to begin, because players like Maurice Clarett, who was kicked off Ohio State's football team, USC's junior receiver Mike Williams and several high school football players wanted to join the draft in an attempt for fame and greed. Not to say they are not outstanding players, but the NFL proved to keep true to its values by restricting their entrance without finishing four years of college.

Now, the MLB draft has been sifted through and completed, and NBA is on the verge, beginning June 24. Both of these professional organizations have failed to see the same thing as the NFL and myself. High school players are immature, attracted to material things and need to grow up before hitting a playing surface of enormous proportions.

Look at NBA great Michael Jordan. He spent years in college, and he is sometimes considered the greatest player ever to step out onto the court. Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant could attain that status, except he entered the "real world" too early. Don't get me wrong, he's an outstanding athlete, but with that college experience, he could be a lot better. Athletes are reaching new heights and Bryant is one of those, but college goes further than one thinks.

Joey Kirk



The way these young men are put into these situations is like sticking a baby into high school and letting it go through it all alone.

Along with Bryant, a few more fall into the category with him when talking about basketball. Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James is a great player, but he missed out on the whole "growing up" experience. The way these young men are put into these situations is like sticking a baby into high school and letting it go through it all alone. It hasn't had the time to mature and learn things before hitting the situation.

What are the chances a high school player will make it on a team that will start them every game they are healthy? Not likely. It just depends if you're that good or not. James did it, but most spend their time riding the pine. You're making money, but doing nothing with your life except for fame and fortune, which are sometimes harmful to your character.

Baseball is another organization that can't run from this fact. The San Diego Padres had the first pick and

selected a kid right out of high school to be making about \$3 million. Six or seven figures sound great to high school and college students alike, dreaming about big houses, pimped out cars and everything they have ever wanted in their life. But that's the facts; it is not what they need. Players should always have something to fall back on, and a college education is something that is out there and wonderful. Yeah, I do understand you have to pay for college — I'm doing it right now — but just imagine how much more money you could make if you stay and learn more things to become a better athlete.

Players need to realize that they are not immortal, and there will be a day when they can't dunk a basketball or throw a baseball. It's good to start young, but too young can be detrimental to any team willing to sign a childish athlete. What's next? Drafting Little League and middle school all-stars?

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A&M hires assistant basketball coach, reinstates football players

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — An assistant coach at Colorado State has been hired by Texas A&M University, Aggies coach Billy Gillispie announced Wednesday.

Buzz Williams had been with Colorado State since 2000 and was the Rams' recruiting coordinator. He had previously worked as an assistant at Northwestern State in Natchitoches, La., Texas A&M-Kingsville and the University of Texas at Arlington.

"I'm anxious to attack the challenge ahead of us," he said. "I'm excited about the future of

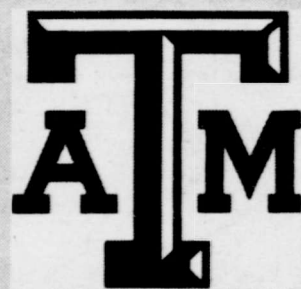
Aggie basketball."

Williams, 31, helped land one of the nation's top recruiting classes at Colorado State in 2000 and at Northwestern State he helped land the highest rated recruiting class in Southland Conference history.

"He's consistently been able to recruit top Texas players and we think he'll be able to do that here," Gillispie said.

COLLEGE STATION (AP) —

Two Texas A&M football players suspended from the team after their arrests for alcohol-related charges have been reinstated.



Geoff Hangartner and Cole Smith also were accused of yelling racial slurs at the passengers in the vehicle in front of

them at a drive-through in March. They were suspended from the team

a week after their arrests.

"Both young men have done everything required of them by the coaching staff in fine fashion to work toward reinstatement," A&M coach Dennis Franchione wrote on the team's Web site.

At the time of their suspension, Franchione said the players would have to attend a multicultural course, an alcohol awareness program and perform community service.

"These are fine young men who made a mistake, and they understand that," Franchione wrote.

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