

Jackson walks free

By Linda Deutsch/
 The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) - A jury acquitted Michael Jackson on Monday of molesting a 13-year-old cancer survivor at his Neverland ranch - exonerating the pop star who insisted he was the victim of mother-and-son con artists and a prosecutor with a vendetta.

Jurors also acquitted Jackson of getting the boy drunk and of conspiring to imprison his accuser and the boy's family at the storybook estate - a total legal victory but

one that may do little to improve his bizarre image.

Jackson looked straight ahead as the verdicts were read and showed no reaction as he was found not guilty of all counts. As he left court, Jackson held his hand to his heart and blew kisses to the screaming crowd. He was later escorted by his aides into a black SUV, and made no immediate public statement.

Screams of joy rang out among a throng of fans outside the courthouse. Fans jumped up and down,

hugged each other and threw confetti in celebration of the news. A woman in the throng released one white dove as each acquittal was announced.

After the verdicts were announced, the judge read a statement from the jury: "We the jury feel the weight of the world's eyes upon us." They asked to be allowed to return to "our private lives as anonymously as we came."

The verdict - reached after about 30 hours of deliberations over seven days - ended a star-

studded, four-month trial that offered a global audience a lurid look into the weird world of Michael Jackson and presented jurors with vastly different portraits of him: a creepy pervert who preyed on little boys, or the victim of a frame-up by mother-and-son shakedown artists.

During the trial, prosecutors who had been pursuing Jackson for years branded him a deviant who used his playland as the ultimate pervert's lair, plying boys with booze and porn before molesting

them.

Defense lawyers described Jackson as a humanitarian who wanted to protect kids and give them the life he never had while growing up as a child star. The boy had asked to meet the star when he thought he was dying of cancer.

The defense said the family exploited the boy's illness to shake down celebrities, then concocted the charges after realizing Jackson was cutting them off from a jet-set lifestyle that included limo rides

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Supreme court reverses death penalty for inmate

By Hope Yen/
 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court overturned the conviction of a black death row inmate who said Texas prosecutors unfairly stacked his jury with whites, issuing a harsh rebuke to the state that executes more people than any other.

The 6-3 ruling Monday ordered a new trial for Thomas Miller-El, who challenged his conviction for the 1985 murder of a 25-year-old Dallas motel clerk. It was the second time justices reviewed the case after a lower court refused to reconsider Miller-El's claims.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans was wrong to reaffirm the conviction by a state court in light of the strong evidence of prejudice during jury selection, justices said.

The state court's conclusion that the prosecutors' strikes of people from the jury pool was "not racially determined is shown up as wrong to a clear and convincing degree; the state court's conclusion was unreasonable as well as erroneous," Justice David H. Sout-

er wrote for the majority.

Souter noted that black jurors were questioned more aggressively about the death penalty, and the pool was "shuffled" at least twice by prosecutors, apparently to increase the chances whites would be selected.

He was joined by Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony Kennedy, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer.

"The prosecutors' chosen race-neutral reasons for the strikes do not hold up and are so far at odds with the evidence that pretext is the fair conclusion, indicating the very discrimination the explanations were meant to deny," Souter wrote.

"At least two of the jury shuffles conducted by the state make no sense except as efforts to delay consideration of black jury panelists," Souter said, adding that it "blinks reality" to deny jurors were struck because they were black.

Since capital punishment was reinstated in 1976, Texas has executed over one-third of the more

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Marsha Sharp freeway not to be toll road

By Jay Langley/
 The Daily Toreador

Scrambling for loose change while driving down the freeway will not be a problem for Texas Tech students. Last week The Lubbock City Council voted unanimously that the Marsha Sharp Freeway will not be a toll road.

Charles Sims, a sophomore construction company engineering major from Temple, said he would not want a toll road in Lubbock.

"I wouldn't want to have to pay extra to go to class every morning," Sims said.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Martin said the council's decision reflects residents' strong opposition to a toll road.

"Public opinion is almost unanimous in not supporting a toll road," Martin said. "Marsha Sharp has always been planned to be a freeway. To turn around and make it a toll road would make no sense for citizens of Lubbock or Texas Tech students."

The Texas Department of Transportation came up with the idea of a toll road to try to increase funding to pay for the freeway in a timely manner. Martin said the toll road would not help the



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CONSTRUCTION HAS SLOWED traffic throughout Lubbock, including the Marsha Sharp freeway.

funding issue.

"In a town like Lubbock there are many different routes people could take. The tolls would not necessarily produce the proper revenue needed," he said.

Martin said while the Marsha Sharp Freeway is a state project, the state can advocate a toll road plan, but cannot require it. The city of Lubbock, Martin said, has spent 40 million on the construction project.

Dixon Platt, the city council Chief of Staff, said there are other ways to produce funding for the freeway project.

"We (the city of Lubbock) put a funding request into the federal government," Platt said. "The issue there is you never know when that money is coming."

Platt said a lot of the funding comes from franchise fees. Utility companies such as Cox Cable and Xcel Energy, Platt said, must pay at least 5-percent of their gross income to the city in order to run lines through city streets.

Another way to pay for funding, Platt said, is by issuing bonds, which the state would pay back over a ten-year period.

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Death Penalty

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than 900 people put to death in the United States.

Justices last year issued sting-ing reversals in three cases in-volving Texas death penalty convictions on various grounds, a striking number for a conser-vative-leaning court that gener-ally favors capital punishment. All the cases involved black de-fendants.

Miller-El contends that Dal-las County prosecutors had a long history of excluding blacks from juries and pointed to train-ing manuals that were distributed to prosecutors from the 1960s into the early 1980s. The man-uals advised prosecutors to remove blacks or Jews from death penalty juries on the theory that those groups would be more sympathet-ic to criminal defendants.

At trial, he was convicted by a 12-member jury that included one black. Prosecutors struck

nine of the 10 blacks eligible to serve.

In a dissent, Justice Clarence Thomas argued that Texas pros-ecutors had offered enough evi-dence that exclusions were made for reasons other than race.

The state's explanation that jurors were struck based on their hostility to the death penalty is plausible, and the alleged racial motivation behind prosecu-tors' decision to shuffle the jury pool is only speculative, wrote Thomas, the court's only black member.

"In view of the evidence actu-ally presented to the Texas courts, their conclusion that the state did not discriminate was eminently reasonable," Thomas wrote in an opinion joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Antonin Scalia.

Last year, the Supreme Court overturned two Texas death sen-tences because jurors were not told of the defendants' learning disabili-ties. They were LaRoyce Lathair Smith, convicted for the 1991 kill-

ing of a Taco Bell manager in Dal-las, and Robert Tennard, charged with killing a Houston neighbor in 1985.

The court also lifted Delma Banks' death sentence and deliv-ered a strong criticism of Texas of-ficials and lower courts, saying that prosecutors had hid crucial infor-mation that might have helped Banks' case.

The Supreme Court made it easier Monday for California defendants to claim racial bias in jury selection, siding 8-1 with a black man who was convicted of killing his white girlfriend's baby.

Jay Shawn Johnson argued that prosecutors' dismissal of po-tential black jurors was unconsti-tutional. He was convicted by an all-white jury.

Justice John Paul Stevens, writing for the majority, ruled the California standard for show-ing jury bias was too strict. Justice Clarence Thomas dissented, say-ing a state has a right to craft its own rules.

Jackson

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 and stays at luxurious resorts.

Jackson was cleared of all 10 charges, including four counts that he molested the boy in early 2003. Jackson also was charged with pro-viding the boy with wine - "Jesus juice," the pop star called it - and conspiring with members of his in-ner circle to hold the accuser and his family captive to get them to rebut a damaging documentary.

In the "Living with Michael Jackson" documentary made by a British journalist, Jackson held hands with the boy and acknowl-edged sharing his bed with chil-dren, a practice he described as sweet and not at all sexual.

Jackson agreed to take part in the documentary because he hoped it would help his image after years of eccentric behavior that includ-ed transforming his face through plastic surgery.

But the airing of the program in February 2003 triggered intense media scrutiny of Jackson's rela-tionship with the boy, as well as calls for investigations. Authorities interviewed the boy and Jackson was charged before year's end. At the trial, prosecutors would allege that Jackson molested the boy in the weeks after the family helped Jackson record a rebuttal video.

The boy, now 15, testified that Jackson twice masturbated him while they were under the covers in the singer's bedroom. The boy's brother testified he twice witnessed Jackson fondle the boy as he slept.

Prosecutors hauled out bag af-ter bag of adult magazines found in Jackson's home and projected ex-plicit images onto a large screen, saying Jackson showed boys the material to arouse them. Prosecu-tion witnesses described other bi-zarre behavior by Jackson: They said he licked his accuser's head, simulated a sex act with a manne-quin, kept dolls in bondage outfits on his desk.

Prosecutors said kids were al-

lowed the run of Neverland - a fantasy land of amusement park rides, golf carts and exotic animals about 110 miles northwest of Los Angeles - before being molested in Jackson's bedroom.

"They rode rides, went to the zoo, ate whatever they wanted - can-dy, ice cream, soda pop," prosecutor Ron Zonen said in closing argu-ments. "And at night they entered into the world of the forbidden."

Under an unusual California law, prosecutors were allowed to in-troduce evidence of other instances of molestation on Jackson's part that never resulted in any charges, to prove that the alleged crimes were part of a pattern of behavior.

A parade of servants and other Neverland staff members described seeing Jackson grope or otherwise molest boys, with a one-time secu-rity guard saying he saw the singer shower with and perform oral sex on a boy who later received a set-tlement with Jackson.

The defense systematically por-trayed the household help as dis-gruntled employees who were an-gry about being fired and peddled gossip about the pop star to the supermarket tabloids.

The defense also relentlessly at-tacked the credibility of the accus-er and his family, namely by focus-ing on a \$152,000 settlement they received from J.C. Penney after the mother accused store security guards of roughing up the family and groping her.

Jackson's lawyers said it was a trumped-up lawsuit and suggested that the woman's injuries were actually caused by her abusive then-husband. The defense also portrayed the mother as a welfare cheat for obtaining benefits after winning the settlement.

In his closing argument, Jack-son lawyer Thomas Mesereau Jr. called the family a pack of scam artists trying to pull off the "the biggest con of their careers."

Jackson never took the stand, but spoke on several videos played in court.

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Lawyers fight for guards' release in missing girl case

By Peter Prengaman/
The Associated Press

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP) — Lawyers for two security guards detained in the disappearance of Natalee Holloway said Monday they were seeking a court order to free them, and the mother of the missing Alabama teenager said she believed they were innocent.

Beth Holloway Twitty said she felt three other young men in custody know what happened to her daughter, adding that if she did not see results soon, she might start to believe authorities were trying to protect the three, one of whom is the son of a government official.

"All three of those boys know what happened to her," Holloway Twitty said Sunday night in an interview with The Associated Press in her room at the Holiday Inn, the same hotel where her 18-year-old daughter was staying

before she disappeared May 30. "They all know what they did with her that night."

Holloway Twitty declined to say what she thought the young men had done or whether she thought her daughter was still alive.

A spokesman for Aruba's government, Ruben Trapenberg, told NBC's "Today" show Monday that officials could not pressure investigators. "I'm sure they're doing what they can to solve this case. That's what we have been assured," he said.

The teen vanished hours before she was expected at the airport following a five-day trip to the Dutch Caribbean island with 124 classmates and seven chaperones celebrating their graduation from Mountain Brook High School, near Birmingham, Ala. Her U.S. passport and packed bags were found in her hotel room.

The three young men — the 17-year-old son of a Dutch

justice ministry official and two Surinamese brothers — were detained Thursday. The two former guards who worked at a hotel not far from the Holiday Inn have been detained since June 5. Lawyers for all five have insisted their clients are innocent, and no one has been charged in the case.

Prime Minister Nelson Oduber went on national television Sunday night to reaffirm Aruba's commitment to solving the case. Authorities "are doing all that is possible to resolve what happened as soon as possible," he said.

Holloway Twitty, 44, said she was not satisfied. "I'm not getting any answers," she said. "I don't feel any further along than the day I got here."

On Monday, she said her complaints were not aimed specifically at the Aruban government, but arose more from her frustration of now knowing what happened to her daughter.

"I feel like they are giving me

as much information as they can. Although I am still frustrated because I need answers," she told the "Today" show.

Composed but clearly tired in her AP interview, she said she had lost 10 pounds since the search began and was having trouble sleeping. The preschool speech pathologist spoke of drawing strength from her deep faith in God and the support of relatives and concerned Arubans.

She said she had seen the former guards — Antonius "Mickey" John, 30, and Abraham Jones, 28 — at one point in their custody and "they looked as surprised as I did with all this."

"I think they are being wrongly held," she said.

The guards' lawyers said Monday they would file motions in court demanding their clients be freed. "The prosecution is pretending it has information we don't have," said attorney Noraina Pietersz.

The Dutch teenager and the Surinamese brothers have told police they brought Natalee Holloway to a lighthouse beside the island's Arisha Beach, but didn't get out of the car.

The brothers, Satish Kalpoe, 18, and Deepak Kalpoe, 21, also told police that Natalee and the Dutch youth had been kissing in the back seat of the car. They said they dropped her off at her hotel about 2 a.m. and last saw her being approached by a man in a security guard uniform before they drove off, a lawyer for the brothers has said.

Holloway Twitty said that she herself reviewed security videos from the Holiday Inn and has concluded that the young men never brought her daughter back to the hotel.

"That story was a lie," she said.

Investigators have said they are pursuing all leads, and Oduber told a news conference last week that "nobody stands above the law."

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Legislature should do more for the state

By Matthew Givens/
The Crimson White

U-WIRE TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The 2005 regular session of the state Legislature has ended and, as usual, we are now faced with the necessity of calling a special session. It is unconscionable that Legislators could act in such a fashion by ignoring their simple duty for political reasons.

The Legislature has one duty that they must perform each year under the Alabama Constitution: pass the budgets under which this state will operate for the upcoming year. That is their sole duty -- all the rest is excess. And this year, as in many previous years, the legislators have failed to do their job.

The 2005 regular session ended on May 16 with only the Education Trust Fund budget having been passed. The General Fund budget

died on the vine because our respected state Senators were more interested in political maneuvering for their pet political projects than they were in fulfilling their Constitutional duty.

In spite of their complete inability to pass the required budgets, the Legislature did manage to consider more than 1,200 bills and 900 resolutions. In the end, 179 legislative instruments were either signed into law or enacted into law by overriding the governor's veto. But in all this, they were unable to perform their duty and enact the required budgets.

There is a simple reason why this happened: there are no negative consequences. If the Legislature fails to pass the budgets, they receive no punishment and suffer no consequences for their actions. In fact, there is an incentive to fail in their constitutionally mandated duties. If the budgets don't get

passed, the governor is required to call a special session of the Legislature. During this special session, the legislators get paid, and they have the opportunity to re-introduce local bills that may have died in the regular session.

As every parent knows, you get the behavior that you reward. If you reward your children for talking back to adults, they will do it more often. And if we reward our children — excuse me, I mean our legislators — for failing to pass budgets during the regular session, can we really be surprised when they fail to pass budgets? By rewarding failure, we simply get more failure.

When faced with something that just looks wrong, many legislators say, "There ought to be a law". For once I agree, and I would like to propose that law.

The Legislature should consider and approve the following law to

put teeth into the constitutional duties of the Legislature: if the regular session ends without the budgets being passed, then all legislative activity for that session is rendered null and void.

It doesn't matter how many other bills were passed and approved; if the budgets don't pass, nothing does. If they cannot do their simple duty, why should we allow them to benefit by approving local legislation and pet projects?

In this way, the Legislature is punished for failure. The most effective way to encourage success is to punish failure. Without negative consequences, there is no incentive to do the job right the first time. Legislators would be less likely to filibuster the budgets in order to get funding for their pet local projects if they knew that such an action would invalidate everything else they attempted to do.

Free press under assault from governments, home

By Tony Sams/
Indiana Daily Student

U-WIRE BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — If you think last week's assassination of a Lebanese columnist and last week's unmasking of the world's most famous anonymous source have nothing in common, you're right.

In fact, the two events are so unrelated that, when considered together, they emphasize the tragically cavernous gulf that remains between a real free press and the flimsy excuse for what passes as a free press halfway around the world.

Samir Kassir, a leading columnist for the daily *An-Nahar* newspaper and a staunch critic of the authoritarian Syrian government, died last week when a bomb was detonated under the

driver's seat of his car in Beirut, Lebanon. He was well known for his anti-Syria positions and his criticism of the "Lebanese police state," and while no one knows for sure, his murder seems politically motivated.

On the flip side, W. Mark Felt, the former No. 2 man at the FBI, exposed himself to the world as "Deep Throat," the anonymous source who directed Bob Woodward and The Washington Post to the unraveling of the Nixon presidency.

A man is praised on this side of the globe, and a man is mourned on the other. Kassir's unfortunate death should hit closer to home than you'd like. What it really means is what we've always known: You cannot have a free government without a free press.

Imagine if the tables were

turned. Imagine our government, or radical loyalists with alleged government connections, killed Woodward in 1974 for daring to expose corruption and criminal activity. Imagine our justice system shrugging.

According to a May 2005 report from the Committee to Protect Journalists, the majority of journalists — more than 60 percent — who died on duty worldwide since 2000 weren't in battle or on dangerous assignments. They were murdered in retaliation for their reporting.

In the Philippines, for example, 18 journalists have been killed for their work in the last five years. (Coincidentally, all had reported on some form of government corruption or crime syndicates.)

CPJ also found the majority of

these murders go unpunished. CPJ Executive Director Ann Cooper said by failing to investigate and punish killers, governments "embolden all those who seek to silence the press through violence." Cooper calls the problem self-perpetuating but not intractable, adding "what's at stake is not only justice for those murdered but also the collective right of society to be informed."

The American press has its own difficulties to overcome. There are unrepentant hurdles here at home, including possible jail time for two reporters who have refused to divulge their confidential sources to federal investigators.

Journalism is often considered a cushy profession, and for a lot of reporters — including this one now — the most dangerous on-the-job hazard is a nasty paper cut.

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Freeway

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The freeway will run from west of Loop 289 in Southwest Lubbock to Interstate 27. The Texas Department of Transportation estimates that the total cost of the project will be about \$395,000,000.

Platt said the city of Lubbock is involved in other construction projects including the Milwaukee Avenue north-side expansion, and the expansion of Slide Road into Erskine Street.

The council also voted to annex an area south of 144th Street. The original area, west of Slide Road and east of Indiana Avenue, was going to be 660 feet on each side. Residents' complaints encouraged contractors to agree to a decrease in the amount of land to be annexed.

Tom Martin said the original plan was to have Marsha Sharp Freeway finished in 2026 but, under the current schedule, the freeway should be finished in 2010.

Students, faculty share thoughts about flag day

By Carlos Bergfeld/
The Daily Toreador

In recent years, the red, white and blue of the American flag have become commonplace in many locations: on cars, on clothing, on television and almost anywhere else.

Today marks Flag Day, and on this date in 1877, the flag officially became the national symbol.

Some Texas Tech faculty and students expressed different interpretations of what the flag may represent today.

Brandon Prins holds a doctorate in political science at Tech and teaches a class on international relations.

Prins said a unified symbol like the flag is necessary to hold the country together.

"The U.S. has the most difficulty because it has the most different people from different places," he said. "They need something different than religion or ethnicity to unite them."

Prins said Americans' increased propensity towards showing their

national colors sets them apart from other world populations.

"In European countries, you fly the flag only on flag day," he said.

John Barkdull, who has a doctorate in political science and also teaches a class on international relations at Tech, said using the flag as a symbol of unity may have different effects than intended in relation to American immigrants.

"When you get that kind of situation, one way of mounting a cultural defense is to rally around a symbol like the flag," he said.

The flag represents what it means to be an American, he said, but some may too closely associate the flag with national heritage and ignore the symbol's unifying potential.

"Using symbols like the flag and the pledge to reassert American identity when we're becoming more diverse and less unified - it wouldn't be an issue if we could take for granted our unity, but we can't," he said.

A pause for the Pledge of

Allegiance became a part of Flag Day activities in 1985 under President Reagan.

Amanda Fernandez, a senior political science major from Lewisville, said Flag Day may be less popular than other holidays due to the placement of the day.

"If it were me and I was planning out Flag Day, I don't think I would put it two and a half weeks before the Fourth of July," she said.

The pause for the pledge on Flag Day may be interpreted in different ways, Fernandez said.

"I think they try to make it pledging yourself to your country, but in recent years it does seem like you are pledging your allegiance to a whole American ideal," she said.

Fernandez said it is important to remember that the flag represents the U.S., but not necessarily support for its actions.

"I mean I have flags, and I have T-shirts of flags, but I certainly do not support the war," she said.

Jon Millhollon, a senior majoring

in math from Albuquerque, New Mexico, said the idea of Flag Day is well-intentioned.

"I can't see harm coming out of a time to show respect," he said.

Participating in Flag Day does not mean unwavering support for the government, Millhollon said.

"I think it's more of a respect issue," he said. "You can still have respect for something if you disagree with it."

For national symbols to become more prominent when the government requires allegiance, Barkdull said, is not unusual.

Wrapping themselves in the flag is a tactic politicians use often, he said, and this strategy is used to promote the government's actions abroad.

Prins said having a national Flag Day can remind Americans of the flag's true meaning.

"I'm happy to have a flag day," he said. "We need these symbols to unite us, to show we share something in common, even if it's only a belief in a certain form of government."

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The awe-inspiring luminescence of these swords highlights only one aspect of this graphically-impressive game, which may be one of the most beautifully-rendered Playstation 2 games to date.

Developed and published by Sony, this game undoubtedly pushes the nearly five-year-old system's hardware to its limits.

The huge boss battles look incredible, along with the various

Greek locales that provide for a very immersive gaming experience.

Computer-generated movies tell the tale of your tortured warrior, and these clips

show some of the best CG graphics I have ever seen, in addition to revealing the game's interesting plotline.

The Greek gods play very active roles in the story, and their depictions are fairly true to the mythology, although obviously Kronos' story is fictitious.

The game opens with a scene wherein Kratos hurls himself from a high mountain, apparently ending his life.

You begin playing the game three weeks prior to this incident, and you continue Kratos' story by acting out the events leading up to your characters' jump.

The gameplay itself stands out as another of the game's most impressive features and really determines why the game is so much fun.

While there are only a few main attack buttons, there are several



Carlos Bergfeld

ways to annihilate your enemies, who get seriously owned by more than 10-hit gratuitous combos and enemy-specific, horrific finishing moves.

The game controls very tightly, and the block button allows for defensive maneuvers even in the heat of battle.

Fighting enemies never gets old, as each enemy can be destroyed in a different context-sensitive way with a series of button presses, each of which are displayed on-screen for you to follow.

For example, after sufficiently weakening a gorgon, you can approach it and have Kratos rend its head from its body by performing a few successive twists on the analog sticks, after being prompted by the game with on-screen icons.

This mechanism is executed beautifully in the game, and allows for insane attacks to be pulled off with a limited amount of buttons.

An upgradeable weapon and magic system throws some RPG-elements into the game and allows you to customize Kratos' abilities to your liking.

The game's magic spells are surprisingly effective and also heavily recommended for you to succeed in certain areas of the game, which is different from many games where secondary

attacks are often unnecessary or ignored.

In addition to the fighting, which is required for nearly the entire length of the game, puzzle elements are integrated very well into the environments.

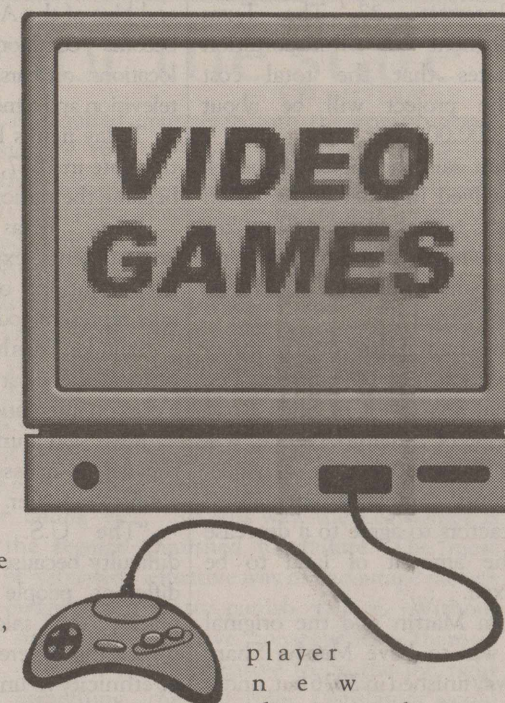
The puzzles' difficulty-levels are near-perfect, never letting you get frustratingly stuck in one place for hours.

Thankfully, the game has an original orchestral score and not a soundtrack laden with metal music, which oftentimes is used in games like this where the main character is incredibly hardcore.

The music sounds great, and it increases in intensity for fighting sequences, heightening the mood.

The replay value for this game is very high, with some fun unlockables rewarded to you for beating the game.

Some bonuses include a god mode difficulty level and a challenge that, once completed, grants the



player new characters, such as the Chef of War or a scuba diver named Bubbles.

The few flaws this game has can easily be overlooked. The lack of camera control presented no problem for most of the game, but in certain platforming-intensive areas that involved deadly heights, you could not see what was ahead. The length of the game may be a turn-off for some, as I beat this game in two days. However, the entire game was enjoyable for me, and I would gladly repeat the several hours I spent with the title.

God of War is easily one of the best games of 2005 thus far, and I would recommend it to anyone with a desire for solid action-adventure gaming, provided they aren't uncomfortable with exorbitant amounts of violence.

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MLB drafts 11 Tech players, signees

By Jeremy Reynolds/
The Daily Toreador

Some baseball players will never play after tee ball, while others hang up their gloves after high school. But for five Texas Tech baseball players, their careers will not end after college.

Major League Baseball held it's draft last week, and over the 50 rounds, 11 current Tech players and 2006 signees were drafted.

The players who are signed to Tech for the 2006 season will now have the option of continuing on to college, or going straight into the major leagues.

The Pittsburg Pirates drafted Cameron Blair, a senior from Dallas, in the sixth round. Blair played shortstop for Tech and led the team in 2004 in batting averages.

"My parents were with me when I found out," Blair said. "My mom jumped up in the air and almost landed on me."

To hear his name called as the 181st pick in the draft was an overdue honor, Blair said. He had been waiting for the moment for a long time and he said he felt relieved to hear his name.

While playing at Tech, Blair said he would never forget the guys, the program and the coaches.

"Never again will I get to play on a team like this," Blair said. "If you're holding a burning piece of rope, you know the other guy will hold the other end."

Blair will head to the New York Penn League for short season single 'A' baseball.

"You're a professional now," Blair said. "You must keep that demeanor on and off the field."

Cody Fuller, a senior from Smithson Valley, enjoyed the same satisfaction of hearing his name called in the draft; but he did not hear it from a television screen.

"When I didn't hear my name called on the second day I gave up and started to drive home," Fuller said.

"A friend called me to tell me I'd been drafted."

The Los Angeles Angels drafted Fuller in the 48th round of the draft. Fuller signed his contract Thursday night, and will be in Orem, Utah for a short season rookie league by Friday.

Next season, Fuller said, he will be moved up to the single 'A' league.

Moving from college to the minor leagues is a big step in Fuller's eyes.

"I think the play is going to be really good," Fuller said. "There're going to be a lot of good arms and a lot of good batters."

Other current Tech players who were drafted include: Billy Carnline, a senior from Dallas and Brent Thomas, a junior from Seattle, Washington.

The Toronto Blue Jays drafted Carnline in the 12th round and the Cleveland Indians drafted Thomas in the 32nd round.

Patrick Smart, a junior from Midland, was a teammate of Carnline in the 2005 season, and said that Carnline is a class act all the way and will be an asset for whatever team he joins.

"He's a smart pitcher because he works ahead," Smart said. "He's a good player to play defense behind."

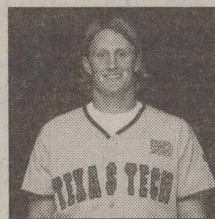
Tech signees, who now have the choice of Tech or major league baseball, include: David Welch from Texarkana Community College, J.W. Wilson from Midland, Lukas Thomason from Jacksonville, Tyler Reeves from Wharton Junior



Blair

College, Corey Large from Bedford, Chris Hobby from Lubbock and Chris Buckholz from Angelina College.

The Boston Red Sox took Buckholz in the supplemental first round, the Los Angeles Dodgers took Hobby in the seventh round, the Minnesota Twins took Wilson in the sixth round, the Milwaukee Brewers took Welch in the 20th round, the Tampa Bay Devils Rays took Reeves in the 33rd round, Milwaukee took Large in the 49th round and Minnesota took Thomason in the 35th round.



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Track finish at NCAA Championships

Texas Tech men's and women's track teams concluded their seasons this past weekend at the 2005 NCAA Championships.

Ten athletes from both the men and women's teams received All America honors at the meet. Andrae Williams finished third with a time of 44.90 seconds, and received All-America honors.

For the third time in two weeks, Williams has set a school record in this event after eclipsing the record that he set in the semifinals for the 400M. Shereefa Lloyd and Tori Polk received All-America honors for women's track. Lloyd finished fourth in the 400M with a time of 51.39 seconds, a new school record. Lloyd replaced the previous record she set at the Midwest Regional meet.

Polk finished sixth in the long

jump with a leap of 20'-6.5." She earned the third All-America honor of her career and her first in this event. Polk's other honors came from competing in the 4x400M relay.

The men's 4x400M team, which consisted of Johnny Jacob, Michael Mathieu, Terry Beard and Williams, finished in seventh place with a clocking of 3:02.33. The 4x400M team also set the fastest time run in the world this year during Thursday's preliminary heat.

Kevin Chelimo finished in 10th place of the 5000M final with a time of 13:59.87. Marlon Odom earned his All-America honors on day three of the meet in the 110M hurdles with a time of 13.69. This was Odom's first All-America honor in his career.

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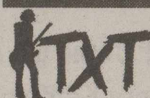
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Lady Raiders, new assistant coach begin practice

By Jay Langley/
Daily Toreador

Last week the Texas Tech women's basketball team began summer practice and welcomed new assistant coach Nikita Lowry Dawkins to the program.

The practices marked the first opportunity for Lowry Dawkins to work with the team; an opportunity she said she looks forward to.

"The team has a great presence on the blocks," Lowry Dawkins said. "I look forward to getting the kids to be a little more physical in the paint. I need to muscle them up."

Lowry Dawkins, who comes to Tech after two seasons at Old Dominion, was hired following the resignation of long-time assistant coach Linden Weese. She said she welcomes the opportunity of

working with Head Coach Marsha Sharp.

"Plain and simple, Coach Sharp is a winner," Lowry Dawkins said. "She is very knowledgeable and passionate about basketball."

Lowry Dawkins said she looks forward to recruiting new the

"I'm looking for kids who fit into the program. At Texas Tech we want team players."

Lowry Dawkins said she looks for certain intangibles when recruiting players to come to Tech.

"You look for the work ethic when you see them play," she said. "You watch to see if they give 100 percent during every drill. You watch to see if they give more effort on offense than on defense."

Sharp said Lowry Dawkins brings special attributes to the program.

"She (Lowry Dawkins) brings a lot of coaching experience to the table," Sharp said. "She understands the post position extremely well."

Sharp said the summer practices are in preparation for a team trip to Australia. Every four years, Sharp said, the NCAA allows the team to go overseas and play teams from other countries. The NCAA allows the team 10 practice sessions before the trip.

"The trip came at a perfect time for us," Sharp said. "We only lose one senior from last season's team."

The Lady Raiders will spend June 22 - July 4 in the Australian cities of Sydney, Brisbane and Cairns. The destination of the trip was voted on by the team, Sharp said.

From June 25 - July 1 the Lady Raiders will play five games against four teams, including two match-ups with the Australian Junior National Team. Since the

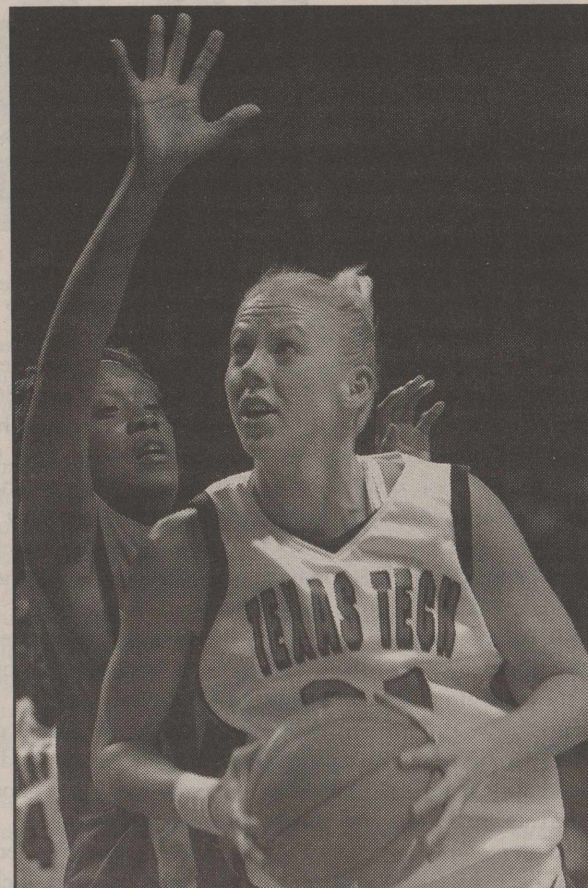
games are exhibitions, Coach Sharp said winning is not the top priority.

"I want us to work on a few things like motion offenses and a couple of new defenses," she said.

Erin Grant is a 5'8" guard from Arlington, Texas.

Grant, who will be a senior next season, said she is looking forward to the trip.

"I'm going to try to improve my strengths and my weaknesses on the court," Grant said. "My perimeter game is not necessarily a weakness, but I can always improve my outside shot."



File photo

WITH A LOOK of intense concentration, Cisti Greenwall lines up a shot against a defender from the West Coast All Stars in a game last season. Beginning June 25, the Lady Raiders will be playing a series of five games in Australia.

Grant said she does not know much about new assistant coach Lowry Dawkins, but she looks forward to working with her.

"She (Lowry Dawkins) has not been at practice until now," Grant said. "I can only go by what I have heard about her, and all I have heard is she is a great coach."

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Spurs undaunted by Detroit Pistons

By Greg Beacham/
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - By the fourth quarter, Rasheed Wallace was reduced to the emptiest of threats.

When the Spurs absently took practice shots after the whistle blew, he leaped and ferociously swatted them away. If only the Detroit Pistons had showed a little of that bravado when the ball was in play.

The defending champions just don't scare the Spurs, and it's showing in an increasingly one-sided NBA Finals. With smooth offensive execution and a rough-edged defensive toughness, San Antonio rolled to a 97-76 victory in Game 2 on Sunday night.

The Pistons arrived in San Antonio wearing the glitzy, wrestling-style title belts created by Wallace. They left with two embarrassing losses to a former champion playing with all the confidence and flair Detroit showed while upsetting the Los Angeles Lakers last summer.

Manu Ginobili scored 27 points and hit four of San Antonio's 11 3-pointers, while Tim Duncan added 18 points and 11 rebounds. The Spurs led by 23 in the third quarter, briefly struggled in the fourth and calmly rolled to a series lead

that's been all but insurmountable in league history.

"Every time we made a run, every time we showed we were trying to get back into the game, they made a huge play," said Detroit's Chauncey Billups, held to 13 points. "When you get into a groove like that, it seems like you get all of those kinds of little breaks. We'll be happy to get back to Detroit."

Though the Pistons cut the Spurs' lead to eight points midway through the fourth quarter, they never seemed in danger. Their execution was too fluid, their shooting too sharp and their home fans too vocal.

If necessary, the next three games in the best-of-seven series will be played at the Palace of Auburn Hills, starting with Game 3 on Tuesday night. But only two teams have rallied from an 0-2 deficit in the finals - none since the Portland Trail Blazers in 1977.

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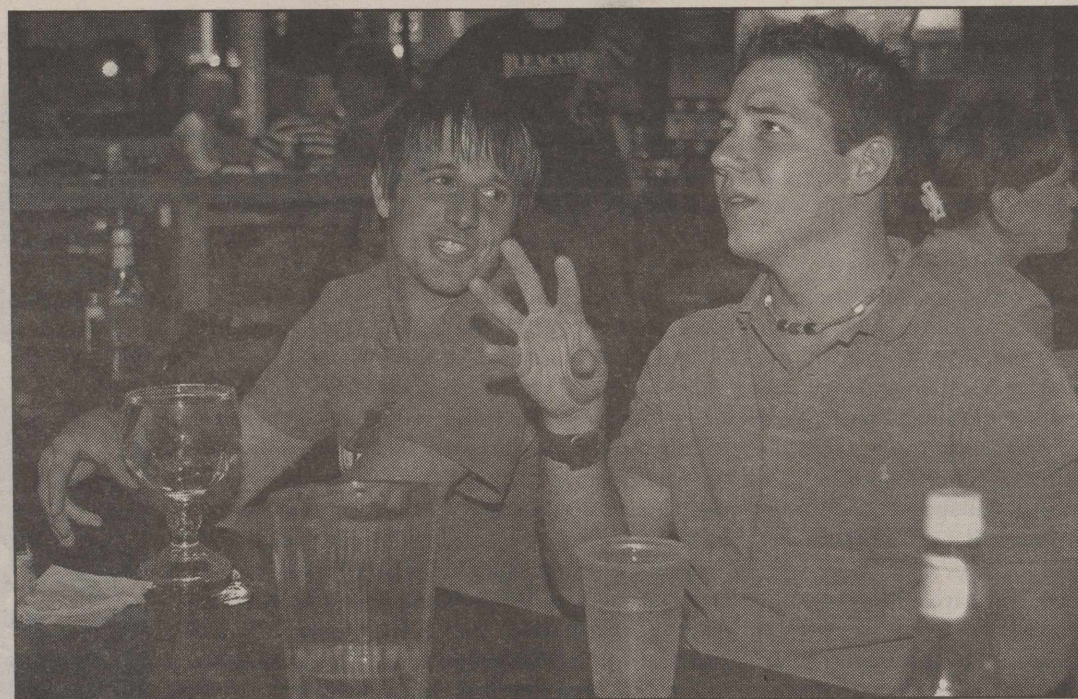


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BRANDON BRAWNER, A senior multi-interdisciplinary studies major from Carrollton, and Anthony Gallo, a senior multi-interdisciplinary studies major from Austin, talk about game one of the NBA finals Thursday night.

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Intramurals offer fun outlet during summer sessions

By Jenni Ward/
The Daily Toreador

Students can still kick it with intramural sports this summer.

Three new sports have been added to the summer intramurals program: co-recreational indoor soccer and team tennis for the first summer session and sand volleyball for the second session said Jared McCauley, the assistant director of intramural sports.

Intramural sports continue in the summer, but at a much smaller scale, McCauley said.

"We still have a lot going on," he said.

Softball and three-on-three basketball are offered during both sessions.

Intramurals are free to students if they are enrolled in the summer or if they are enrolled for the fall semester and have a summer pass from the Robert H. Ewalt Recreational Center, he said.

The teams are organized by the

students or faculty members who sign up, McCauley said, and games are played during each of the four-week summer sessions.

During the summer, he said, the center has about 400 students participating in intramurals, as opposed to about 8,700 during the fall and spring semesters.

"It's a much smaller program in the summer," McCauley said, "mostly because of summer enrollment and competition with city leagues that students may be involved in."

Jake Woods, a junior human development and family studies major from Houston, has been participating in intramurals at Tech for two years. He said this is the first time he has played in the summer program.

"It's a lot harder to get people to play in the summer," Woods said.

Woods is on a co-rec softball team and said he will likely play during the second summer session.

Woods said students should

try intramurals for themselves.

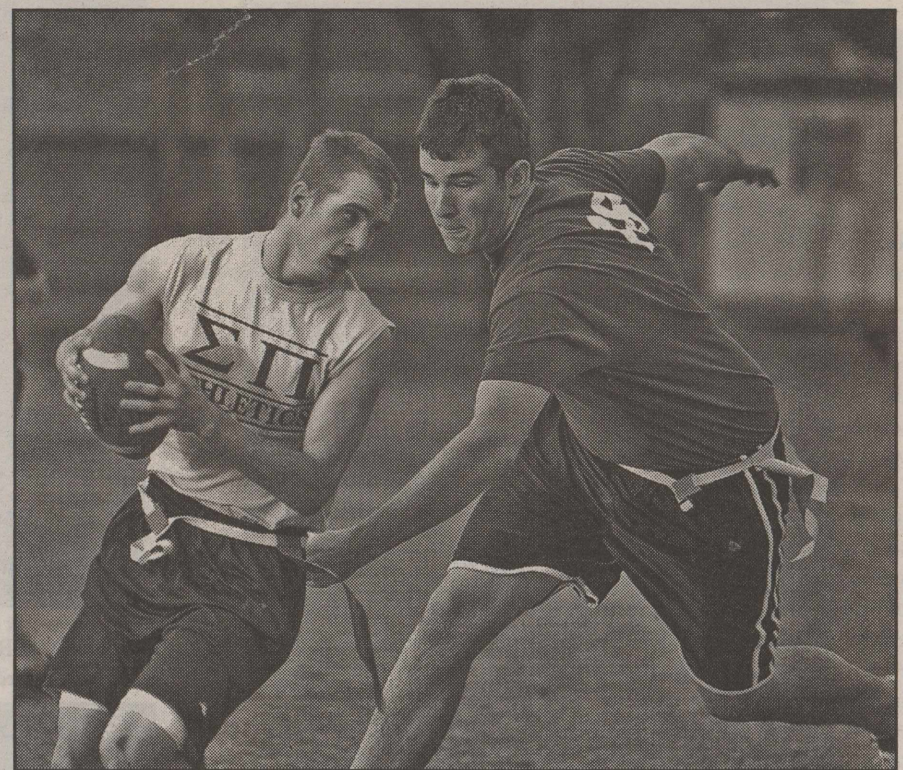
"Come out and practice with us," he said. "Just give it a try."

McCauley said that although team sign-ups for this session have ended, students are allowed to join an established team.

Games will begin on Monday, McCauley said, and he encourages students to watch the games or join a team.

Sign-ups for the second summer session will begin June 27.

"Remember we're still here," he said, "so come by and see us."



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FLAG FOOTBALL IS a favorite among intramurals but will not be offered during summer.

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4715 45TH. \$925/mo. 3/2/2. Remodeled. Call 438-0073.

502 A Clinton. 3/2/2 nearly new duplex. \$795. Call Celeste @ 789-0477 or 793-8759.

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BEAR CREEK

1 bedroom, all bills paid except water. 2 bedroom, with w/d connects. Remodeled, new windows, new doors, storm doors, ceramic tile and saltillo tile flooring. Beautiful landscaping. Approved pets welcome. Virtual tour at www.lubbockapartments.com. 4203 18th, 791-3773.

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4204 17th. New 2002. Loft style 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors, metal ceilings, stucco walls. Washer/dryer connections. Exterior: stucco, iron rails, metal roof. Virtual tour at www.lubbockapartments.com. 791-3773. 18 new units under construction available September.

BRICK HOME ON 26TH.

3 bedroom, 2 baths. 10 blocks off campus. Appliances. hookups. 2 living areas.

COMING UP!

Near Tech: we have some wonderful 1-2-3-4 bedroom homes. Nice appliances & lovely yards. Close to campus. Short leases available on some properties. Pet fee. See Ann at 4211 34th (near 34th & Quaker) afternoon between 1-5. 795-2011.

COMPLETELY REMODELED. Near Tech. 2/1. 1902 17th. Must See! \$625/month. Call 535-0464.

DECK W/HOT Tub. 5 minutes to Tech. 3/2 5527 Grinnell Street. \$950+ Clean! 2 Car Garage. Central Heat/Air w/Fridge and Washer/Dryer! No Pets. Call Kevin 817-296-3571.

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DOWNTOWN LOFT Apartment. Very large. 2 Bedroom, one bath. \$850/month. 747-0193.

FANTASTIC!

Tech Terrace Area: spacious 2 bedroom home. 2 bath. Sunroom. Hardwood floors. Nice appliances. W/D. Garage. Storage. Lovely fenced yard. \$800 + pet fee. Lease today for August 15th. Call Ann 795-2011.

FOR RENT or Sale, 3806 38th Street (west of Memphis Ave.), 2 bedroom, 2 bath, dining room, approximately 1600 square feet, single car garage with double driveway, covered patio, fenced backyard, central heat/air, dishwasher, disposal, ceiling fans, security lighting. \$795 per month. 1 year lease, \$500 deposit + bills or \$79,000 purchase, available July 1st. Call Bonner Bennett 794-9566.

FOR RENT: Close to Tech, 3/1, 3612 29th. Call 548-8324(TECH) or 4214-682-1568 for appointment. Newly remodeled, hardwood floors, all appliances, New Air and lawncare included. Available NOW.

FREE RENT!!!

3/3/2, Brand new Town Homes. Minutes from Tech. Open house 2-5p.m. 602 B North Englewood Call now! 241-7055, 441-0069.

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When you sign your lease! 3/3/2, brand new! Quiet neighborhood. Open today from 2-5p.m. 602B North Englewood.-241-7055, 441-0069

GREAT LOCATION near Tech. Large 2 bedroom study. Hard wood floors. Washer/dryer connections. 2704 21st Street. 794-3202.

HALF BLOCK Tech. Small, remodeled garage type efficiency apartment. No pets. Parking. Serious Students only. A/C. \$300/month, bills paid. 792-3118.

HOUSE FOR rent. Spacious 2/2/1 at 2212 37th St. All appliances included. 1500 sqft, hardwood, tile, new deck. Close to Tech \$850/mo. 1 year min. lease. Come see. 549-7724.

IDEAL LOCATION

Tech Terrace Area. 2 bedroom home. 4 blocks off campus near 23rd & Boston. Appliances. Lovely wood floors. Lease today for July 15th. \$725 + pet fee. 2605-23rd.

MOVE FOR FREE!!!

3/3/2. Brand new Town Homes. Open today 2-5p.m. Call now to guarantee your lease. 602B North Englewood. 241-7055, 441-0069.

NEAR TECH 3/2/1. Washer/dryer hookups. CH/A. Nice yard. Fireplace. Pet considered. 602 Chicago. \$990 + bills. Call 535-7011.

NEAR TECH, very nice large 2 bedroom townhouse apartment. French doors, Spanish tile. \$650, part utilities paid. 4408 22nd. 797-5229, 310-947-5306.

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NICE 2/1 duplex. CH/CA, yard, carport. 2401 A 22nd. \$600/300. 787-2323, 789-9713.

NIFTY ONE bedroom garage apartment on 21st. Appliances. Hookups. 3 blocks off campus. Fenced yard. \$295 + pet fee. Least today for August 1st. For info see Ann at 4211-34th. 795-2011.

NOW AVAILABLE! 3/2. New paint, hardwoods, washer, dryer, refrigerator. \$900/mo. 2009 29th. Call Greg 786-2556.

OPEN HOUSE - SATURDAY

3 Br/3Bath duplex for rent - come check it out! Saturday Only - 11 am-2 pm. 5702 A Fordham. Questions? Call 548-4011 or 806-793-1050.

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2 bedroom townhome. New ceramic tile flooring. Ceiling fans, patios, beautiful landscaping. 16th & Quaker. 799-1821.

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SAINT FRANCIS VILLAGE

2 bedroom, so large you may never see your roommate. Brand-new central air. See to believe. Approved pets welcome. Virtual tour at www.lubbockapartments.com. 4110 17th. 792-0828.

SAVE \$\$\$ One week only. Huge student discount. 2/1 in luxury high rise apartments. 747-5236.

SUPER NICE

Large 3/2 +, 2214 22nd, \$995; Big 3/2/1, 2403 30th, \$1050; Duplex 2310 A 33rd, 2/2/1, \$775; 2/1, 2006 44th, \$650, 794-7471.

TAKE OVER Aug. 2005 Lease. One person needed to take over year lease at JC. (empty 2 bedroom apt). Rent: \$425/mon. - all bills included. Call Rayln at 979-241-8858.

TECH TERRACE, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses for rent. Hardwood floors, central h/ac.

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TECH TERRACE, 3/2/CP, 3307-31st. Hardwoods, Refrigerator, Range, k/Dishwasher, Laundry Room, CH/A, Lawn maintained, \$950/mo. 795-2918.

THE VILLAGE TOWNHOME

New 3/3/2, Yard Maintained. Extremely Nice. Call Amy 773-2543 or Joel 773-2544.

TWO CUTIES

Like new: 3/1/1, 3112 31st, \$990, July 1 or 2/1, 1916 41th, \$585 now. Celeste 789-0477.

WINDSOR TOWNHOMES

Two bedroom, two-story townhouse. 2020 5th St., close to Tech. Over 800 sq ft. Security fence, private backyard. \$375/mo. Pets welcome. Also, please call for 1 or 2 bedroom apartments on 14th street. Ask about our new carpet deal, 441-6866 or 762-3726.



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2410 25TH. 2/1/1. 1100 sq. ft. \$62,500. Call 438-0073.

3501 45TH STREET.

Very nice 3/2/2. New roof. New Central air. Large rooms, walk in closets. Sun room. 2 fireplaces. 2500 square feet \$155,000. Call for appointment 470-7037 or 797-3434. Brochures on sight.

SUPER LOCATION! 4417 26th. Near Tech, medical & park. 3/2/1 brick. \$79,950, 806-794-5954

TTU SHARPIE

2612 31st, great 3/2/1. Newly redone, hardwoods plus tile plus big yard. \$95K or \$1050/month. 789-0477.



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ROOMMATES

1 FEMALE Roommate needed. to sign a year lease starting August 1. Brand new 2/2/apartment w/Washer/Dryer and all new appliances, and pool view. 1/2 bills and NO DEPOSIT. Please contact me for more information by email: j_d_s_03@hotmail.com

FEMALE ROOMMATE needed! \$490 per month @ Sterling Fountains for 05-06. 3/3 apartment, fully furnished, cherrywood cabinets, hardwood floors, black appliances, 52" TV, huge walk-in closet, private bath, W/D, a block from campus, pool/hot tub, workout facilities, computer room, tanning, cable & internet included. Received \$250 for signing lease. Share with 2 fun-loving sophomore girls. Move in 8/18/05. Contact Laura 512-775-1687 or laura.mayton@ttu.edu

FEMALE ROOMMATE wanted to share 3/2/2-car garage, newly built townhouse w/ new washer/dryer/stove/oven/central heat & air & balcony. Free wireless internet. \$450 + bills. 5845 7th St. 806-535-1956.

ROOMMATE(S) NEEDED to share 3 bedroom brick home. Clean, mature applicants. Common areas furnished. Washer/dryer. Cable internet. Rent \$550, includes bills, can be split for two. Call Zac. 806-790-9961.

ROOMMATES NEEDED Female, Non-smoker, No pets. 5318 49th. Available First week of August. 214-557-5838.

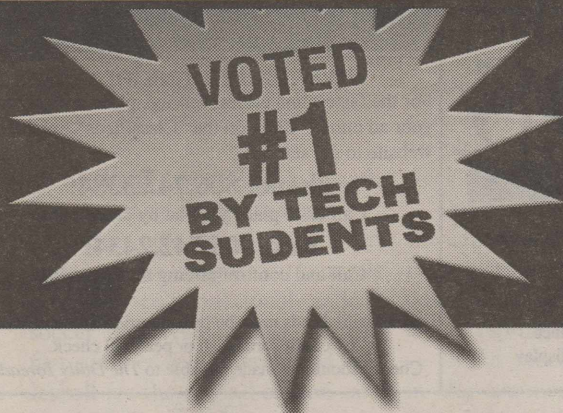
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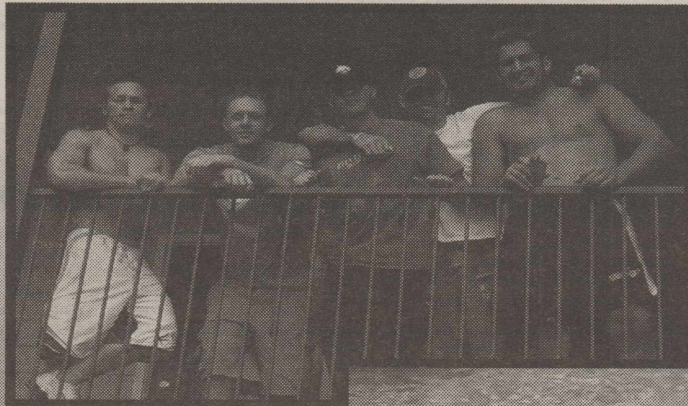
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