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Tech basketball is 'Raised in Red.'

### STATE

#### Dallas woman runs one toll booth too many

DALLAS (AP) — The North Texas Tollway Authority says it has a forgiving attitude for Dallas-area travelers who sometimes pass through their booths without anteing up.  
"We recognize that sometimes you get in the wrong lane, or you don't have money," said Clayton Howe, director of the authority's toll programs and services. "We don't punish people for that kind of activity."  
But Evangelina Gonzalez apparently pressed her luck with nearly 3,000 violations since February 2004. Gonzalez, 41, owes a record \$76,039, which includes a \$25 administrative fee per violation, *The Dallas Morning News* reported in Wednesday editions.  
A constable was sent to her home last month with an arrest warrant. She was booked into the county jail and later released on the condition she appear in court on the Class C misdemeanors.  
She stands accused of failing to pay 2,953 tolls on the Dallas North Tollway and Bush Turnpike.  
Gonzalez isn't alone. Another violator has a \$61,025 bill pending.

### NATION

#### Court says schools also in charge of sex ed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court Wednesday dismissed a lawsuit by parents who were outraged that the Palmdale school district had surveyed their elementary school-age children about sex.  
The three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the parents' claim that they have the exclusive right to tell their children about sex.  
In upholding a lower court ruling against the parents, Circuit Judge Steven Reinhardt said "no such specific right can be found in the deep roots of the nation's history and tradition or implied in the concept of ordered liberty."  
The appeals court noted that other courts have upheld mandatory health classes, a school system's condom distribution program and compulsory sex ed.  
The parents had sought unspecified damages.  
Attorneys for the parents had no immediate comment.

### WORLD

#### Rabbis list bad names for Jewish children

JERUSALEM (AP) — A group of Israeli rabbis has put together a list of names they say should be off-limits to Jewish children — including Ariel and Omri, the given names of Israel's prime minister and his eldest son.  
Uttering the name Ariel is problematic because it could beckon an angel namesake instead, drawing down his wrath, they caution.  
Omri — the name of an evil biblical king — should be taboo because of the highly negative connotation.  
And naming children after dismantled Gaza settlements, like Katif, is another bad idea, they say, because of the controversy involved. Jewish settlers, who are predominantly religious, unsuccessfully opposed the withdrawal.  
Rabbis said they compiled the list in response to a flood of requests from parents concerned they may accidentally give their children names that could shame them for life.

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## Marijuana possession legalized in Denver

By DANIELLE NOVY  
STAFF WRITER

With more than 100,000 Denver residents streaming into the polls Tuesday, citizens of the Mile High City voted to put a little more meaning behind the city's nickname.  
With a 54 percent majority, Denver citizens voted to legalize the possession of small quantities of marijuana for anyone 21 years of age and older, according to *The Associated Press*.  
The measure states that adult residents are allowed to possess up to a single ounce of marijuana.  
Karen Flowers, a special agent with the Denver division of the Drug Enforcement Administration, said despite the outcome of Tuesday's vote, marijuana is still illegal in Denver, as well as in every city and town in

the U.S.  
Flowers said the vote would not affect Denver citizens because an overriding federal law restricts the manufacturing, distribution and possession of marijuana.  
"It does absolutely nothing," Flowers said of Tuesday's vote. "State and federal law will supercede it; the only thing that has changed is municipal law."  
Colorado law states that drug possession carries a mandatory \$100 drug-offender surcharge and a fine that varies depending on factors such as quantity.  
Flowers said a cloud of confusion has hovered over the city since speculation arose about Tuesday's outcome.  
"Some people think that they can now go to a Rockies game and light up a joint in the

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## Cox sells cable TV system

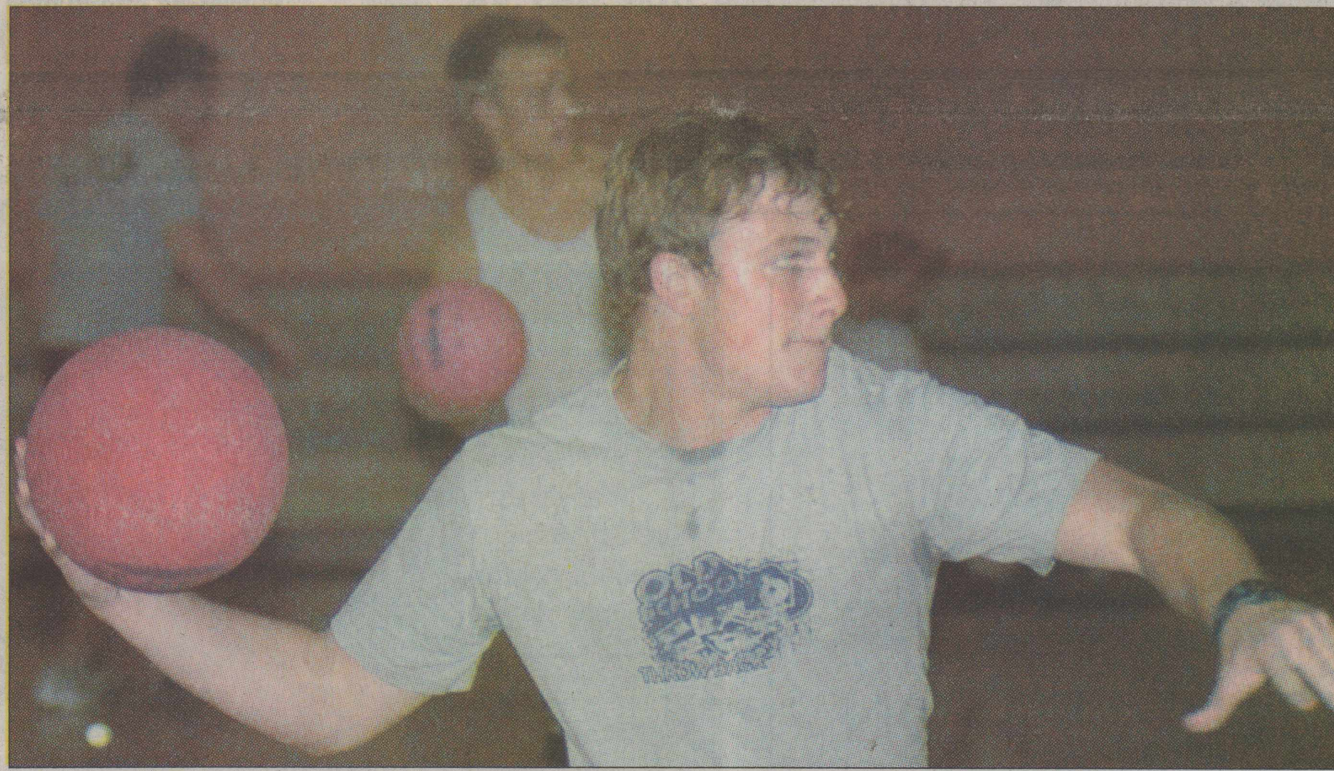
By JAY LANGLEY  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Cox Communications Inc. announced Tuesday the sale of their cable television systems to St. Louis-based Cebridge Connections Inc.  
Pete Abel, vice president of community relations for Cebridge, said the sale should not affect Lubbock residents.  
"We don't want our customers to be inconvenienced," he said. "There should be no disruption. The plan is to maintain what Cox already offers. The only change for the customer should be the name of the company on the bill."  
Cox announced in March they were putting their cable systems up for sale. Led by a private equity group that included Cequel III, LLC., Cebridge finalized the purchase of Cox, which would make Cebridge the eighth largest cable company once the deal is completed.  
"Right now Cebridge serves about

400,000," Abel said. "We are a cable company a lot like Cox. We just don't have the same customer volume as Cox."  
Abel said good management allowed the smaller Cebridge to purchase the much larger Cox.  
"Cebridge has a group of managers with a great track record and a good reputation," he said. "Most of the managers have operated larger companies. That gave us the backing of the investors and banks."  
Cebridge, a company serving primarily rural markets, is run by cable entrepreneur Jerry Kent.  
Morris Wilkes, vice president of public affairs for Cox, said his company is currently the third largest cable company in the nation serving 6.7 million customers. Wilkes could not release individual market numbers, but said Lubbock is a very important market for Cox.  
"Tech students are very important

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# DODGE P O D G E



MICHAEL GERRISH, A sophomore finance major from Spring, of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, throws a dodgeball during a game against residents of the Children's Home of Lubbock Tuesday evening.

By ANNE GEPFORD  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Dodgeball started as a pastime, was made into a movie and became an intramural sport at Texas Tech, but now, it's a community service event.  
The Delta Tau Delta fraternity uses dodgeball as to interact with children at The Children's Home of Lubbock.  
Virgil, a 16-year-old boy who lives on the campus, said watching the fraternity members interact with each other has changed the minds of several of the children about college.  
"I thought they were all about school," he said. "I've seen that college can be a lot more fun. I think it's influenced me to proceed to go to college, follow my dreams."  
While they may have been timid at first, Patrick McDonald, a junior international business major from Sulphur Springs, said the fraternity is not timid at all now about playing hard with the younger children.  
"They get into it," he said. "They enjoy hitting us as much as we enjoy hitting them,

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## HEAVY METAL



ANDREW WIDMER, A senior civil engineering major from Austin, cleans the Tau Beta Pi bent Wednesday afternoon near the engineering key.

STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

## Lubbock PD arrests kidnapping suspect

By LINDSAY WATTERS  
STAFF WRITER

Police arrested suspected kidnaper Marcos Edward Barrios Tuesday night after leads led officials to his Lubbock apartment.  
Lubbock police found Barrios and 35-year-old Sophia Anne Alaniz, who Barrios allegedly kidnapped Tuesday morning in Plainview, at about 11 p.m. Tuesday outside of the Hickory Tree Apartments located at 1629 16th St.  
Barrios, who police named as a suspect in the abduction following

tips from witnesses, was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant.  
Witnesses claimed Barrios lured Alaniz from a house located in the 200 block of southeast Sixth Street, just outside Plainview city limits, at about 1:15 a.m. Tuesday, Hale County Sheriff's deputies said.  
Barrios allegedly forced Alaniz into a gray 2000 Chevrolet Malibu and drove east on Texas 194, Lubbock police said.  
Authorities initiated a search for Barrios and Alaniz Tuesday morning in Lubbock, Plainview, Crosby and Amarillo, after leads

suggested Barrios had connections in those cities.  
Lubbock police officers said they located the two after they recognized the vehicle used in the kidnapping while responding to an unrelated call involving drug activity at the Hickory Tree complex.  
Officers arrested Barrios after they saw him and Alaniz walking from the apartments.  
Hale County Sheriff's deputies said Barrios has a violent history and believe the suspect assaulted Alaniz

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## Security heightened after al-Qaida operative escapes

By DANIEL COONEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Prison doors and cells have been fortified at the U.S. military jail in Afghanistan, a U.S. official said Wednesday as details emerged of an unprecedented breakout by a suspected al-Qaida leader and three others who picked locks and evaded a mine field.  
The Pentagon's belated confirmation of the identity of one of the four who escaped in July, Omar al-Farouq, sparked anger in Southeast Asia where he was one of Osama bin Laden's top lieutenants.  
Some officials in Indonesia, where he was captured in 2002 before being handed over to U.S. authorities, accused Washington of failing to inform them of the escape.  
U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales described the apparent breakdown in communication as a "serious

problem" and told CNN in an interview that it would be investigated.  
Although the escape was widely reported in July, U.S. authorities at the time gave only an alias to identify al-Farouq, who was born in Kuwait to Iraqi parents.  
According to a top security consultant in Indonesia, Ken Conboy, al-Farouq joined al-Qaida in the early 1990s and trained in Afghanistan for three years before unsuccessfully trying to enroll at a flight school in the Philippines so he could commandeer an airplane on a suicide mission.  
He later plotted to stage car and truck bombings at U.S. embassies across Southeast Asia on or near the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the United States, but the plan was thwarted and he was captured, Conboy said.  
The four escapees boasted about their breakout on a

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# Students reactions mixed at leisure pool forum

By **ANDREW WOOD**  
STAFF WRITER

With the talk of a \$7.3 million leisure pool at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, the Recreational Sports department hosted an open forum for students to ask questions and voice their opinions.

Students from both sides of the argument attended the meeting.

"If ... half of the people aren't using the pool we have now, what makes you think they're going to use it then?" asked Thomas Fitzgibbons, a sophomore history major from Bellaire.

Others replied and told Fitzgibbons the current pool only is a swimming pool and is not considered to be a "leisure pool."

From previous surveys and student senate meetings, some students said the leisure pool will be a place for people to spend time with their friends, others be-

lieve the pool will be a waste of money.

In an effort to find opinions from the students, some SGA senators surveyed other students. Alexandria Williams, a senior communications studies major from Dallas, said she likes the idea of the outdoor aquatic facility, but she did not believe a fair survey was taken.

One of her main concerns was the demographics of the surveys conducted.

"As a minority student, that's not being heard," Williams said. "It's not really showing how students voice things. SGA should rethink the survey and all other surveys from now on."

Sarah Kaylor, a broadcast journalism major from The Woodlands, came to voice her opinion in favor of the leisure pool, and said she does not believe the fee increase would be too large.

"I can't tell you how many meals I've had that have been more than

\$9," she said.

Ralph Pettingell, SGA senate journal clerk and a senior architecture major from Greenville, also came in favor of the pool. He said students would spend less time at their apartment swimming pool and more time on campus.

"They're not going to want to use the apartments' (swimming pools) because it's going to be here," he said.

Ryan Worley, SGA external vice president and a junior finance major from Belton, said a community atmosphere would be another leisure pool advantage.

"Being from Lubbock, what we want to do since we are a remote campus is create a sense of community," Worley said. "It sounds corny, but it's something we've seen on other campuses work."

Joe MacLean, director of Recreational Sports, hosted the open forum. While discussing costs, he said the

students' fee increase would be no more than \$7. He said they would have a maximum \$9 increase only if they could place a roof over the existing aquatic structure.

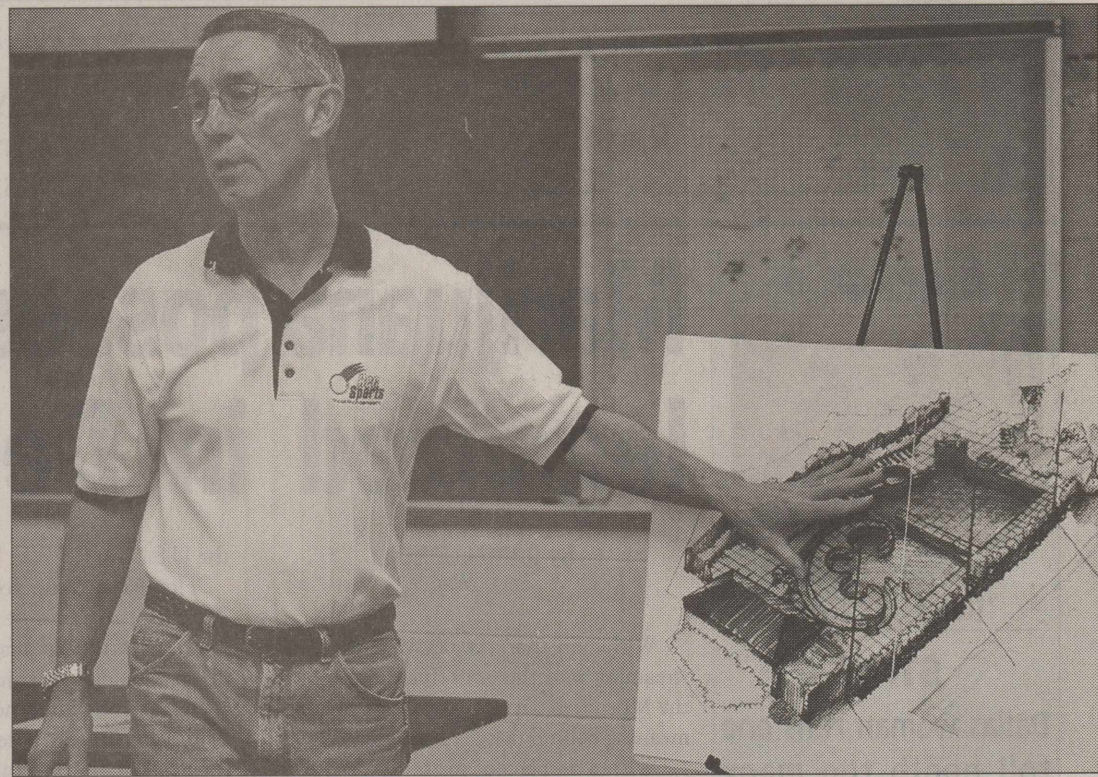
MacLean said the leisure pool addition has been discussed since the Rec center was renovated in 1998, but the

idea fell through when the university did not have enough money to build a pool. MacLean said the Recreational Sports department has saved money for the project ever since.

He said the saved money would "soften the blow" of the cost and would pay for the leisure pool up front.

The money for the leisure pool will come out of the students' recreational fees after the construction, which is expected to be finished Spring 2008.

The Board of Regents will decide the leisure pool's fate. MacLean said he expects to present the proposal in December.



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreador

DIRECTOR OF THE Recreational Sports Department, Joe MacLean, speaks to students about the possibility of a leisure pool, during an open forum Wednesday night at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

## SGA officers encourage sportsmanship, responsibility at Texas A&M game

By **ANDREW WOOD**  
STAFF WRITER

With the Texas A&M Aggies coming to Lubbock this weekend, the Student Government Association is forecasting a positive atmosphere for Saturday's game.

Matt Fowler, SGA chief of staff and a junior mechanical engineering major from Keller, said sportsmanship is part of the university's image.

"It speaks very well for the campus, environment and atmosphere," he said. "The culture at Texas Tech is something I take pride in."

Fowler said provocative remarks directed toward A&M fans will not add to the Red Raiders' home field advantage as much as proper sportsmanship.

"Sportsmanship is something our university has been pushing real hard for," he said. "When people see the image Texas Tech is showing in itself, they see what great fans we have."

Ryan Worley, SGA external vice president and a junior finance major from Belton, said sportsmanship is

a factor that constitutes a respectable program. With people outside of Lubbock coming to town to watch the game, he said fans should be courteous to the others around them.

"Really, I think sportsmanship goes with having a classy program," he said. "I think it's important that you respect others around you."

Ralph Pettingell, SGA journal clerk and a senior architecture major from Greenville, said students should behave responsibly.

"I encourage students to think about what they're doing before the game and to be responsible," he said. "Don't show up in an irresponsible manner and get kicked out. It's embarrassing for us."

After a fight between the two schools broke out after the A&M-Tech game in 2001, security increased for the 2003 game.

For the 2005 game, Worley said he does not expect to see any fights, but said he believes the game still needs more security.

Pettingell said he expects the fans and students at the game to behave

properly.

"I think our fans will act responsible for this game," he said. "When you have more students there, you definitely need more security to keep things safe."

With Tech being "heavily favored" to win Saturday, Pettingell said he believes students and fans from both schools will get along.

"It's a rivalry, but this year, it shouldn't be a big deal," he said. "If Tech gets ahead late in the game, I don't think the tension will be that big of an issue."

Fowler said a rivalry still exists between the two schools, and he expects tension at the game.

"With the way we're playing this year, we ought to beat them," he said. "It's always been pretty intense. The fact that we got Soapsuds' rear facing A&M every time we come on campus, there's a reminder of that," he said.

"Last year, A&M upset us, and now we're looking to get back at them."

Fowler, Pettingell and Worley all picked the Red Raiders to come away with a win Saturday.

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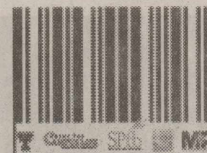
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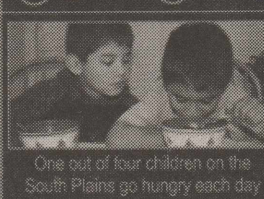
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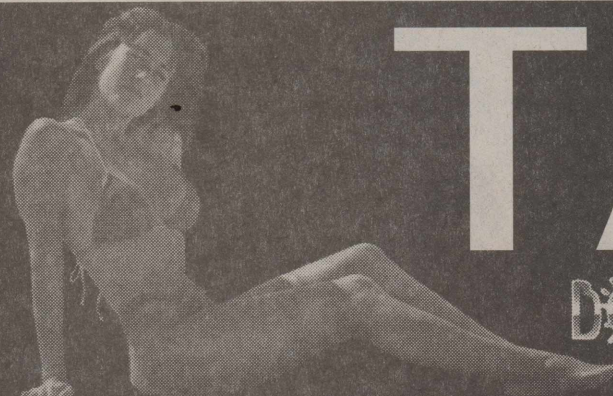
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# SBC awards 41 scholarships



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ITOYA AKHLANYO, A sophomore social work major, shakes hands with President Jon Whitmore after receiving a certificate for her scholarship at the SBC Scholars ceremony.

By MICHELLE CASADY  
STAFF WRITER

Forty-one SBC scholarship recipients were honored Wednesday in the Soapsuds Room of the Student Union Building.

SBC has donated \$4.3 million into an endowed scholarship fund. During the past 10 years, SBC has donated more than \$36 million in different types of betterment projects.

President Jon Whitmore and SBC regional manager of external affairs, David George, were both in attendance to congratulate the recipients.

"We are very proud of each recipient," Whitmore said. "These scholarships help us to attract the best and brightest students from all across Texas and beyond."

Students applied for the scholarship by applying for general scholarships through the university. The number of recipients depends solely on the amount of funding available.

"This is our fourth year to give this particular scholarship. It's always difficult to decide which students to award the scholarships to," said Mary Saathoff, senior director of corporations, foundations and scholarships. "We have so many deserving students

here at Tech, and we are always looking to broaden our scholarship base in order to recognize more worthy students."

Saathoff said she works with the Office of Student Financial Aid work together to determine who will receive the scholarships.

The \$2,500 scholarships are given each year to students who graduated in the Top 25 percent of their high school class and who maintain good academic standing while at Texas Tech.

"It feels great to be recognized like this, especially coming from a small town; it's just amazing," said Mildrett Casillas, a freshman theater arts major from La Feria. "It means even more when you are recognized by a major company like SBC and rewarded with such a generous amount of scholarship money."

Since it is the fourth year the scholarship was awarded, there are seniors who have received the reward all four years while at Tech.

"We're really glad to see those of you who are seniors here this afternoon because that means you have done a good job of keeping your grades up all this time," George said.

Many of the students honored said the scholarships were very helpful.

"If I would not have received this scholarship, I might not have been able to attend school here at Texas Tech," said Ashley Sciacca, a sophomore restaurant and hotel management major from Canyon.

She said many of the recipients wrote thank you letters to the SBC Corporation to show how appreciative they were.

She said this was her second year to receive the \$2,500 scholarship from SBC.

"Students come first at Texas Tech and with partners like SBC it makes it possible for us to keep that goal in mind," Whitmore said.

Eleven of the recipients were freshmen, 16 were sophomores, 13 were juniors and one was a senior.

# Microsoft launches preview of Windows Live service

By CARLOS BERGFELD  
STAFF WRITER

Microsoft has decided to follow in the footsteps of their online video game community and take Windows "live."

Microsoft launched a preview of their new Windows Live service Tuesday, and a beta version of the service is available at [www.live.com](http://www.live.com).

Similar to the way Xbox Live connects gamers' Xboxes to Internet-based services, Windows Live will provide Internet services to complement personal computers.

Some of the services on Windows Live will be free, but others will require a subscription service.

"I've read for years that what we're really going to is a subscriber-based software system," said John Durrett, an associate professor of information systems and quantitative sciences.

Durrett said having more Internet-based, subscription software services as opposed to larger, more expensive packaged releases can benefit both consumers and software developers.

The service will include the [www.live.com](http://www.live.com) Web site, a type of portal site that consolidates personalized news, blogs and feeds from other sites in

one place.

Other services like Windows Live Favorites will allow users to bring Internet Explorer Favorites with them wherever they go.

Some of the offered services overlap with those offered by Microsoft's existing service at [www.MSN.com](http://www.MSN.com), though new features like online virus and spyware scanners will allow users to protect their computers without downloading any software.

"All the stuff that they're saying it's going to do is sort of already out there," Durrett said.

The MSN Web site will be continued after the launch of Live, but a Microsoft release stated that Hotmail users would be able to keep their user names after switching to the new Live service.

Another service, Microsoft Office Live, will bring Microsoft into the web-hosting arena and allow small businesses to run Web sites under Microsoft.



# EA gets development rights for Simpsons' future video games

Fans of America's favorite dysfunctional family have something to look forward to with the coming of the next generation of video game consoles.

Electronic Arts announced Wednesday a deal struck with 20th Century Fox Television and Gracie Films that gives Electronic Arts full development rights for video games based on "The Simpsons."

The titles will be developed for the next generation of video game consoles, though no information was given on the number of games the deal will include.

Neither the specific content and genre of the games, nor the launch dates were announced.

"The Simpsons" have had a varied history in video games, with everything from racing games to wrestling games among the franchise's releases.

This will not be the first time Electronic Arts has collaborated with the show, as the company published "The Simpsons Road Rage" for Xbox, PlayStation 2 and GameCube in 2001.

Electronic Arts' Redwood Shores Studio will develop the future titles.

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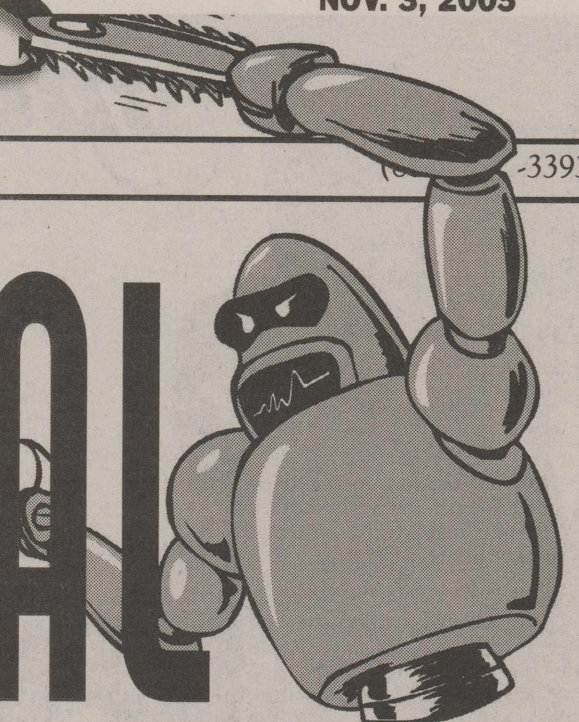
# OPINIONS

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Sam Alito's appointment to the Supreme Court is causing controversy. Is Alito the right man for the job?



# BATTLE ROYAL

## Alito a pacifier for extreme religious right President's nomination will improve court

**D**amn, they are good. The GOP, that is. Monday we were all privy to the announcement of Samuel A. Alito Jr. who, at first glance, represents a Bush administration willing to do almost anything to get to the next news cycle.

**Dave Ring**



Make no mistake: The administration is drowning. With Scooter Libby's indictment, the White House stands to be exposed to the world for what it is. Defenders argue that Libby's fault only was in lying, but lying about something that wasn't a crime, so really — no harm, no foul.

But the truth is that Libby is part of the vice presidency, and the vice presidency is the brains of the Bush team. Whether Bush can be connected is up to the media and Patrick Fitzgerald, but as it stands, this columnist will seriously lose it if it stops at Scooter.

I digress. So we awoke this week to the news that Alito would be replacing the embattled Harriet Miers as Bush's pick to fill Sandra Day O'Connor's seat on the Supreme Court. For those of us who know politics, we know it is all about image. Fitzgerald's indictment came down on Friday, the trash day in Washington for bad news.

The first thing the American public heard Monday was that Miers' replacement was a conservative Catholic from New Jersey, whose own mom claims he is against abortion.

Automatically the right was up in defense about the wrongly anticipated critiques from the left. Matt Drudge reported the left was being racist in aligning Alito with Scalia, sighting the nickname "Scalito" as an attempt to smear Italian minorities.

The day an Italian from Jersey is considered a minority is the day I admit to the vast conspiracy of half-breeds who control the media.

The only reason the comparison is made is because many believe there will be a race to the right on the bench, and Scalia and Alito will be the contestants.

See, the White House is up the proverbial creek sans the proverbial paddle. After the hypocrisy of conservatives who first claimed the president had a constitutional right to appoint whom he felt appropriate,

i.e. John Roberts, then completely flipped when it came to Harriet Miers because she may or may not be a closet non-conservative.

This resignation was cleverly masked in claims of executive privilege when everyone knew it was Bush caving to his crumbling base.

So the White House spent the weekend playing damage control. They decided to placate the very people who turned their back on Bush and Miers, and put up a guy who they knew would make pastors and pundits happy.

Enter Sammy Alito. Alito spent his time on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. His decisions in that post do not bode well for supporters of abortion rights. In a couple of relevant cases he dissented, taking the stance that women should have to notify husbands if they want an abortion.

There also are questions about a case he ruled over regarding the Vanguard financial company and a widow, first promising to resign from any case involving Vanguard, since he had a financial interest in the company's well being. Thirteen years later, he signed a letter supporting the re-examination of a 2002 case by other, impartial judges.

The Alito nomination points out the inconsistencies in the conservative movement. Bush country claims they don't want judges legislating from the bench. But where is this cry for judicial restraint when Lawrence Lustburg, a New Jersey defense attorney who has argued before Alito since 1981 calls him an "activist conservative judge?"

It goes to prove that it is more about getting their own selfish desires than the integrity of the most important court in the United States.

Socially, we are in a better place today than we were 50 years ago. I know many conservatives want us to go back to the time when we had the "family values" of the Cleavers — a time when there wasn't so much sex and violence on TV, gays knew to

stay in the closet and abortions were only in case of emergency.

Instead, the hippies made us progress into this culture where murder rates are dropping, sexual orientation is being acknowledged as less a description of your quality as a human and more about how you like to get down, and black people can drink out of the same water fountain as white people.

And before you throw your support behind a man who may or may not chip away at the established Roe v. Wade landmark, think of what being anti-abortion means.

The anti-abortion camp talks about saving humans, but really they are only grandstanding for their God. There is no talk about social programs for after the child is born, nor about a decent sex education program for our schools.

Conservatives want liberals to think about the children. That's what we do. We acknowledge that abortion is a terrible thing, but necessary. The quality of life facing many aborted fetuses would be low, since Republicans will never want expanded social services or nationwide health care.

So should Alito be confirmed? That depends on what the Senate finds in the following months. But what is obvious is this administration picked him because he is a safe choice for their constituents in a time when the neo-cons are circling the wagons. They need every little bit of support.

Alito's nomination is a bone thrown to people like Pat Robertson and Tony Perkins — only time will tell whether or not the importance of being on the court will moderate an undoubtedly intelligent mind.

But at least Bush will have a couple of friends up there when he gets dragged before the highest court in the land to face charges about falsely bringing us to war.

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**A**rmageddon is upon us, or so the media would have you believe. Newspapers, network outlets and cable news talk shows all have pointed to the appointment of Judge Samuel Alito to the U.S. Supreme Court as the coming of a massive Senate fight over his confirmation. Unfortunately, they're right.

The Senate confirmation process should be an investigative look into Alito's capacity to apply the Constitution of the United States; instead it will, and already has, transformed into an attack on his personal beliefs. Weeks will be spent to determine what it took me only an hour of research to decide; Alito is exactly the kind of person who should sit on the Supreme Court of the United States.

Throughout the confirmation process, the key for Republicans will be a focus on the truth. Let the facts speak for themselves, and don't let Democrats distort them.

Just a day removed from his appointment by President Bush, however, a distortion of the facts began to appear.

Liberals dug up a dissenting opinion, written by Alito, in the case of Planned Parenthood v. Casey. Alito argued the law, which required women seeking an abortion to notify their husbands, should be upheld. He argued "the Pennsylvania legislature could have rationally believed that some married women are initially inclined to obtain an abortion without their husbands' knowledge because of perceived problems — such as economic constraints, future plans, or the husbands' previously expressed opposition — that may be obviated by discussion prior to abortion."

Judge Alito did state, however, that this law should contain some exceptions, such as: if she believed him not to be the father, if her husband could not be found, if the child was the result of a spousal sexual assault or if she had reason to believe that notification could result in her own bodily harm.

If you had watched the news or read Democratic memos or press briefings following Alito's appointment, it would've been quite legitimate to label him as an anti-abortion "activist" judge. Though, you would have been grossly misled.

**Trey Caliva**



Upon doing some research on www.findlaw.com, an online law database, I discovered three other cases involving abortion the Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on during Alito's tenure on the court. Not only did all three rulings support abortion, they were all based on something liberals can't understand, the letter of the law and judicial precedent.

In 1995 Alito was the decisive vote for the majority in overturning a law that required a woman seeking Medicaid-funded assistance to abort a pregnancy caused by rape or incest to notify local law enforcement and identify the perpetrator.

Alito upheld a New Jersey law in 1997, which prevents parents from suing for damages on behalf of the wrongful death of a fetus. His reasoning in this case was the Constitution does not afford protection to the unborn.

The court also struck down a New Jersey law in 2000, which banned partial-birth abortion. Alito cited a recent Supreme Court decision in his opinion. These three cases don't exactly sway in your favor if you want to paint Alito as a strident anti-abortion advocate.

Alito also upheld the First Amendment in several cases involving anti-discrimination speech, to which he wrote "No court or legislature has ever suggested that unwelcome speech directed at another's 'values' may be prohibited under the rubric of anti-discrimination."

Did Democrats do their research before bashing Alito? Of course they did. He has an impeccable record for being fair as a judge, and they want to avoid any positive portrayal of Alito. When politicians can't fight the issues, they fight dirty.

That's why, following his appointment, a Democratic memo circulated that criticized Alito for not convicting members of the Mafia during prosecution. Liberals have called him "Scalito" a nickname references his similar political views to current Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and their shared Italian heritage.

One news source titled the story

about Alito's nomination "Alito's Way," a reference to the 1993 gangster movie, "Carlito's Way." Is this how liberals treat ethnicity when you don't agree with them?

As I recall, no one used "The Color Purple" references when President George H.W. Bush nominated Justice Clarence Thomas to the bench, or mentioned "Schindler's List" when Justices Stephen Breyer and Ruth Ginsburg were nominated. But, of course, Republicans aren't racist, despite purported stereotypes to the contrary.

Yet, none of these complaints about Alito were uttered from Democrats when he was confirmed for his seat on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Senator Ted Kennedy stated on the Senate floor that Alito had a "very distinguished record."

Either Alito has changed ideology in his 15 years in the court in Philadelphia or Democrats really didn't care when the first President Bush nominated him for one of the most liberal courts in America, where he certainly was going to be outnumbered.

House Minority Leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., insinuated the "radical conservative right" is now in charge of nominating Supreme Court Justices. If strict interpretation of the Constitution of the United States is considered far right-wing and radical, we have much bigger problems than any citizen of this country could have possibly feared.

None of these liberal tactics, including the closed session meeting of the Senate, which was essentially a Congressional temper tantrum by the Democrats, provide any relevance to the confirmation process. This can turn into a great opportunity for the Republican leadership.

While the Democrats relegate themselves to whining like fourth graders all over Washington D.C., the Republicans can focus on the two questions that must be answered of any nominee to the Supreme Court. Can Judge Samuel Alito judge without interference from his personal beliefs? Can he judge laws based on the written Constitution? Throughout his career he has answered both of those questions with a resounding yes.

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# 'Mother Parks, take your rest'

DETROIT (AP) — A soaring rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" moved thousands of mourners at the funeral of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks on Wednesday, with a preacher bidding: "Mother Parks, take your rest."

Former President Clinton, his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, and others paid their respects at Parks' open casket before the start of the funeral service that included the prayer in song by mezzo-soprano Brenda Jackson.

Those in the audience held hands and sang "We Shall Overcome" as family members filed past the casket before it was closed just before noon.

Bishop Charles Ellis III of Greater Grace Temple opened the service for 4,000 people packed in to say goodbye to the diminutive figure who sparked a civil rights revolution by refusing 50 years ago to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Ala.

"Mother Parks, take your rest. You have certainly earned it," Ellis said.

Mourners waited in long lines in the chilly morning to honor Parks. Hours before the funeral began, the line to get one of the 2,000 available public seats at the church extended more than two blocks in Parks' adopted hometown.

"The world knows of Rosa Parks because of a single, simple act of dig-

nity and courage that struck a lethal blow to the foundations of legal bigotry," said Clinton, who remembered riding segregated buses in his native Arkansas until Parks' stand allowed him and others to break through that barrier of racism.

Clinton once presented Parks with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm called Parks a "heroic warrior for equality."

"Her greatness lay in doing what everybody could do but doesn't," Granholm said. "She was unexpected. She was untitled. ... (She was) an improbable warrior that was leading an unlikely army of waitresses and street sweepers and shopkeepers and auto mechanics."

Prior to the start of the service, black-suited ushers in white gloves escorted people to their seats. Former Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry was there, as were Ford Motor Co. Chairman and CEO Bill Ford and the two men vying in next week's election to be the mayor of Detroit: incumbent Kwame Kilpatrick and Freman Hendrix. Members of Congress, national civil rights leaders and those who had known Parks during her nearly half-century in Detroit filled the pews.

The casket was flanked by large

bouquets of white flowers and a white cross. Flower arrangements lined the stage steps and scores of choir members sat on or near the stage.

As a white hearse carried Parks' body from the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, where viewing lasted until the pre-dawn hours, dozens of people holding pictures of Parks crowded around it. As it began moving, they shouted, "We love you."

Parks was 92 when she died Oct. 24 in Detroit. Nearly 50 years earlier, she was a 42-year-old tailor's assistant at a department store in Montgomery, Ala., when she was arrested and fined \$10 plus \$4 in court costs for refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery city bus. Her action on Dec. 1, 1955, triggered a 381-day boycott of the bus system led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in December 1956 that segregated seats on city buses were unconstitutional, giving momentum to the battle against laws that separated the races in public accommodations and businesses throughout the South.

Parks and her husband Raymond were exposed to harassment and death threats in Montgomery, where they also lost their jobs. They moved to Detroit with Rosa Parks' mother, Leona McCauley, in 1957.

# White House seeks to deflect questions on Bush's use of pre-war intelligence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House sought to deflect politically charged questions Wednesday about President Bush's use of prewar intelligence in Iraq, saying Democrats, too, had concluded Saddam Hussein was a threat.

"If Democrats want to talk about the threat that Saddam Hussein posed and the intelligence, they might want to start with looking at the previous administration and their own statements that they've made," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

He said the Clinton administration and fellow Democrats "used the intelligence to come to the same conclusion that Saddam Hussein and his regime were a threat."

McClellan made his comments one day after Senate Democrats sprung a surprise, forcing a rare closed-door session to dramatize their charge that Bush relied on faulty intelligence in the run-up to war and congressional Republicans have failed to sufficiently investigate.

"They have repeatedly chosen to protect the Republican administration rather than get to the bottom of what happened and why," Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada said Tuesday in demanding that the Senate chamber be emptied of everyone but members and a few staffers.

The move allowed Democrats to refocus attention on the Iraq war at a

time when Bush's nomination of Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court has taken the spotlight. It also heightened an already tense relationship between the two political parties in the Senate.

Taken off guard, Republicans angrily called the Democratic move a political stunt but agreed two hours later to have a bipartisan group review how the Senate Intelligence Committee is coming along in its investigation of prewar intelligence.

"The United States Senate has been hijacked by the Democratic leadership," said Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee.

Democrats sought assurances that Intelligence Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., would complete the second phase of an investigation of the

administration's prewar intelligence.

A six-member task force was appointed to review the Intelligence Committee's work and report to their respective leaders by Nov. 14.

Roberts' committee produced a 511-page report in 2004 on flaws in an Iraq intelligence estimate assembled by the country's top analysts in October 2002, and he promised a second phase would look at issues that couldn't be finished in the first year of work.

The committee has worked on the second phase of the review, Roberts said, but it has not finished. He blamed Democrats for the delays and said his staff had informed Democratic counterparts on Monday that the committee hoped to complete the second phase next week.

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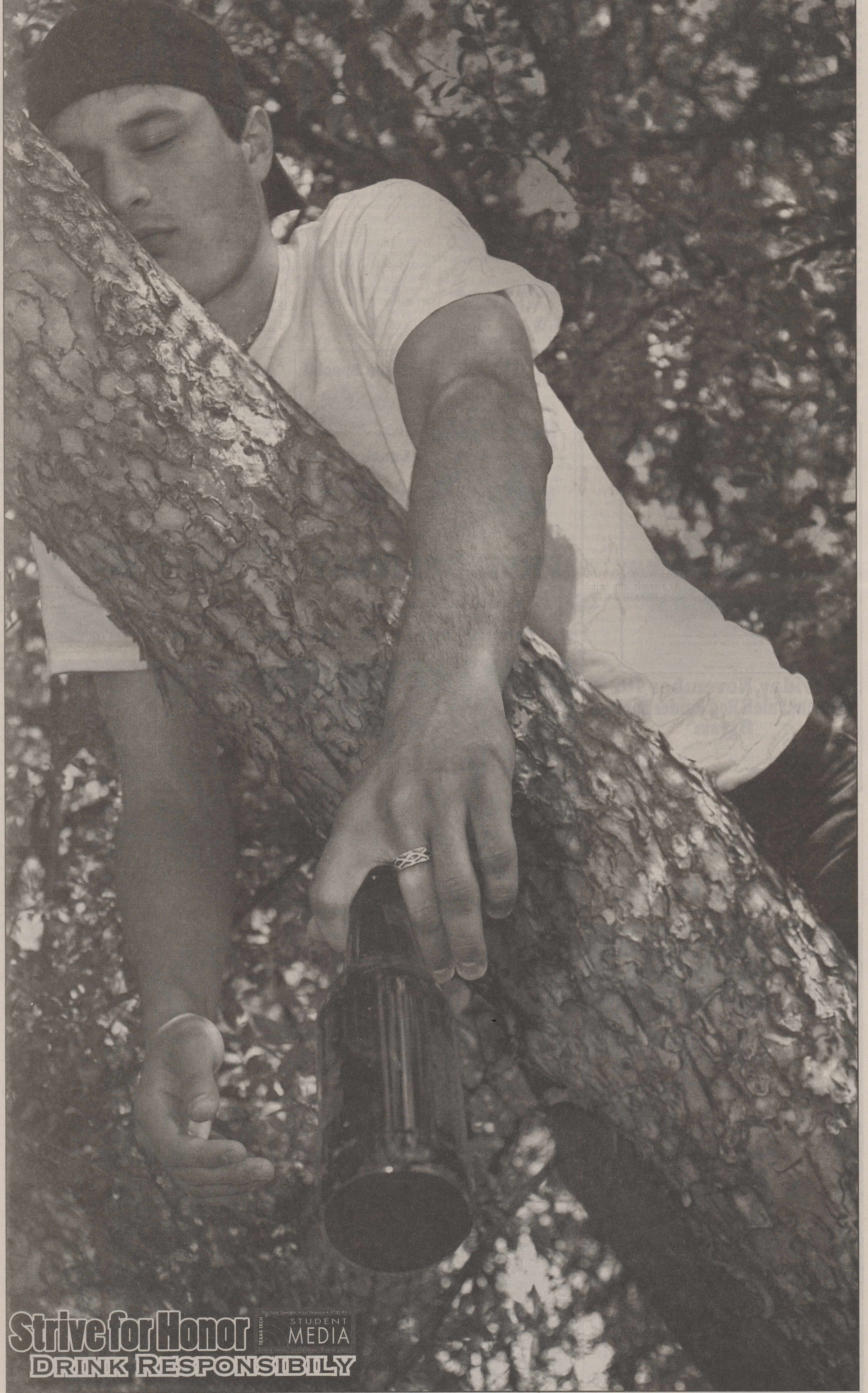
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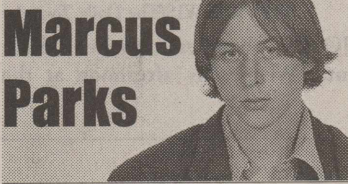
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There's music in the cafes at night — but — no revolution in the air . . .



**Marcus Parks**

"I feel stupid/and contagious/ here we are now/entertain us"

Does this mean anything to you whatsoever? Somehow, these half-assed lyrics ended up defining an entire generation.

When Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," the song in which these lyrics came from, was released, people went nuts for it. Marching bands played it at halftime shows, soccer moms blasted it in minivans, and eight-year-olds like me hummed the infectious melody on the playground.

Now, I could go the rest of my life without ever hearing it again. This song is able to induce apathy in the most effective way possible: It does everything for you. By saying essentially nothing with the lyrics and invoking only raw feelings, this song is possibly the laziest anthem for a generation ever written.

The brother of "Smells Like Teen Spirit" was Beck's white-boy hip-hop ramble, "Loser." The chorus was admittedly a step above, "A mosquito/my libido," because it actually made a statement about the generation: "I'm a loser baby/so why don't you kill me, getting crazy with the cheese whiz" and so on.

As nonsensical as these lyrics may be, they did exactly what they were supposed to do. Kurt Cobain may have said he never wanted fame, but damned if he didn't write the catchiest song of the decade one year into it. It didn't hurt that it was kind of a Pixies rip-off, too.

So here's the question: Do lyrics in songs really need to mean anything at all? Apparently, not always. I could give dozens of examples from Sigur Ros to Sonic Youth of amazingly expressive bands whose lyrics are almost completely devoid of meaning.

For their first three albums, Sigur Ros sang in a made-up language that couldn't have meant anything to anyone but the man who created it, but those albums have almost always been near the top of any critical best-of list.

Music like this is of course necessary for the evolution of the art. In fact, this is the direction both the underground and popular circles have been moving toward for years. The problem we have here is the further music gets away from the lyric, the closer it gets to being a pure gut reaction. Who needs thought when you can have feelings? Look no further than the presidency to see the places your gut can take you.

Unfortunately, our generation's guts aren't taking us anywhere. We're headed in the same direction as the one before us. Generation X was a bunch of kids angry because they had nothing to be angry about. There was no reason to say anything important.

We, on the other hand, have plenty to make us furious. Protest songs should be circulating around file-sharing networks faster than money at a Republican dance party.

Hell, you'd think we maybe would have had a new Bob Dylan by now. But we don't. Movements flicker and burn away so quickly that it's tough to say if we'll ever have one as big as Nirvana's apathy march ever again.

The last big statement made in music was essentially a call to do nothing. It had the energy, but lacked a message.

Music needs heart. If you want your songs to accomplish anything concrete, there's no other ingredient more essential than that. But without thought, without an idea, and most importantly, without damn good lyrics, you're only going to make it halfway there.

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## GET YOUR GUNS UP

A West Texas holiday begins for several Techsan women

It's 4 a.m. and 40 degrees outside. If they're lucky.

"Sometimes I wonder if the girls I'm hunting with are more concerned with how cute they look in their camo than hunting," Tammi Edgemon said.

This is not the case for some West Texas women.

Edgemon and Allison Fullingim are more than happy when they are getting their guns up. Literally. For these women, hunting is serious.

By ANNE GEFFORD  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The anticipation is over, as deer season opens today.

Fullingim, a sophomore sports broadcasting major from Petersburg, said her dad was a guide, so she has been hunting since she was about five years old. Even though she has been hunting since she was young, Fullingim said she has received mixed reactions to being the girl with a gun.

"I'm usually the only one," she said. "I think that makes me unique."

Some guys treat her as a threat, but others think the fact she is willing to get up early with them to hunt is awesome, Fullingim said.

"I prefer hunting with men," she said. "Guys are actually into it more. They want to stay out there till the sun goes down."

Edgemon, a senior English major from Dallas, said she also was raised hunting, and got more involved when she came to Texas Tech.

"It's such a rush," Edgemon said. "It's really exciting, and it's not so much the fact that I'm killing something; it's like a sport."

Hunting, as a sport, is a way of keeping the ratio of male to female animals even and the population down. As a result, the animal population is healthier as hunters prevent the population from dying from starvation, Fullingim said.

"The reason we hunt is because there are no more natural predators," she said. "Some people think it's wrong to hunt, but we're actually trying to help them."

Edgemon said her perspective on hunting has changed slightly because of her boyfriend, who guides.

"Because this is his job, I have a greater appreciation for land management," she said. "There's a process to it. He taught me a lot about that."

Her boyfriend has been supportive of her hobby, Edgemon said, but the reaction from other men, particularly older men, is not always as encouraging.

"They'll give me a hard time at first," she said. "Then they'll tell me there's nothing sexier than a girl with a gun."

There's nothing sexier than a girl with a gun.

Often men do not wish to take the time to teach a woman how to hunt, Fullingim said.

"At this age, a guy would teach you like a young child," she said. "He probably wouldn't take you very serious."

Tyler Connell, a junior family and consumer science major from Kerrville, said she often hunts with her dad.

"I don't have any other women around me that hunt," she said.

Fullingim said men who hunt

often do not realize their female counterparts can handle a gun just as well, if not better than them.

"It's actually proven that women have a better shot than men," Fullingim said.

A million things run through her mind when she is hunting, Fullingim said. She keeps her gun unloaded until she is ready to shoot.

"The number one thing that's always on my mind is safety, especially with bird hunting," she said. "It's hard to keep your mind on where your other hunters are. The next is to have fun."

The fun in the sport is not necessarily, however, in the trophy.

"I don't necessarily have to kill something to have a good time," Edgemon said.

There is a relation in where

people are from and whether or not they hunt, Connell said.

"That's just kind of like a norm," she said in reference to South Texas. "It's just different from where you're from."

The feeling of competition is what compels Connell to continue hunting, she said.

"I just can't wait to get out there," she said. "I love being outdoors. It's kind of like a game, trying to see who got the biggest deer. You just hope that you see something really big."

Fullingim said she anticipates the beginning of each season, like most hunters. Today, she's hoping she's lucky.

"It's really addicting. Ever since I was little, I can't stop doing it," she said. "It's always sort of depressing if you go home empty handed."

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## Escape

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broadcast Oct. 18 on Dubai-based television station Al-Arabiya, according to two editors at the station, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to talk to the media.

The editors said the four Arabs claimed to have plotted their escape on a Sunday when many of the Americans on the base were off duty. One of the four, Muhammad Hassan, said he picked the lock of their cell.

In the video, apparently filmed in Afghanistan, the men show fellow militants a map of the base and the location of their cell. Another shot in the video showed Hassan leading the others in prayer. The editors would not say how they received the video.

More than 500 suspected militants are held in the prison, a plain-looking building

of about three stories next to runways and the command center at Bagram, the U.S. military headquarters in Afghanistan. Several razor-wire fences surround the base, and areas outside remain mined from Afghanistan's quarter-century of war.

Military officials have declined to elaborate on how the men escaped, but say they are the only detainees who have managed to do so.

A spokesman said Wednesday that an investigation into the breakout turned up weaknesses in security and that these had been corrected.

"Physical security upgrades include improvements to an external door and holding cells," Lt. Col. Jerry O'Hara said, reading from a statement.

A U.S. military statement in August said an inquiry into the breakout had found that "the guards and supervisors did not follow standard operating procedures" on the night of the escape.

## Marijuana

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in the stands," she said. "Marijuana is a dangerous drug, and it is still illegal."

Lawrence Mayer, a professor in the department of political science, said the 100,000 Denver residents who voted on the issue probably did not compose an accurate reflection of the overall population.

"The people who want to have marijuana legalized are probably much more committed and passionate about it than the other side," he said. "One-hundred thousand voters isn't a large percentage of the Denver population."

Mayer said the debate over the legalization of marijuana is less important than many pressing international affairs.

"Who cares if some guy wants to sit in a corner and blow his mind out with grass?" he asked.

If the issue of legalizing marijuana came to Lubbock, Mayer said, he is not certain which way he would vote on it.

"I'm not convinced that occasionally smoking a small amount of marijuana leads to experimenting with harder drugs," he said.

Mayer said he hopes the nation will move in a direction of more tolerance.

Lacy Anderson, a sophomore from Wichita Falls, said she does not believe the U.S. will legalize marijuana anytime soon.

Anderson said if the issue came to Lubbock, she would vote against legalizing it.

Marijuana is an issue being debated in multiple states, and Denver is not the only city asking its voters to take a stand on the issue of legalizing marijuana.

Tuesday, voters in Telluride, Colo., were asked to decide whether a law should be passed to make possession of small amounts of marijuana the town's lowest law enforcement priority.

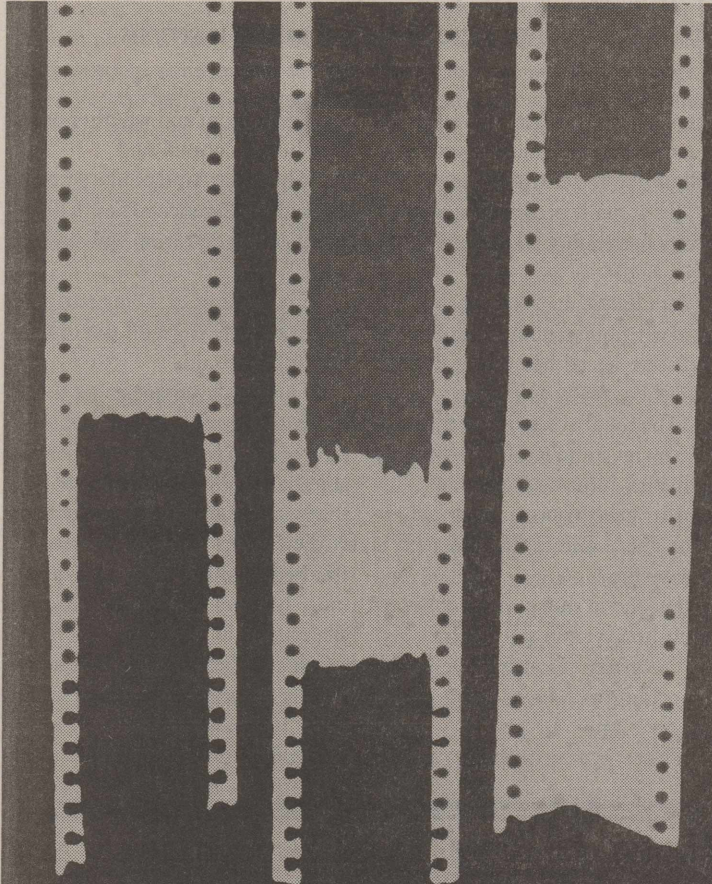
Both Seattle and Oakland, Calif., already have such laws in place, but Telluride's measure was denied by a margin of 24 people.

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## Cox

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Cox," he said. "We have a very large number of college students as Cox customers."

Wilkes said the deal should be finalized in the second quarter of 2006. Cox employees should not have to worry about their jobs.

"We don't anticipate any changes," Wilkes said. "From employees to customers there shouldn't be any noticeable differences."

Ashley McPherrin, a senior communications studies major from Midland, said she has basic cable and high-speed Internet at her home.

"I think the service is pretty good,"

she said. "Whenever I call in to Cox for service, they are always friendly and helpful."

McPherrin said she hopes the quality service continues.

"I saw a new bundle service advertised on television the other day," she said. "You get high-speed Internet, telephone and digital cable for \$75 a month. If I can talk my roommate into it, I want to get it."

Abel said Cebridge will not change any of Cox's services.

"The only changes that would come about would be because of new technology advances," he said. "And that would not be anytime in the immediate future."

Abel said his company hopes to have the deal finalized by April.

"It is a long process," he said. "It is not

like going to the store to buy something. There a lot of processes and agreements that have to be finalized."

Every cable company has a franchise agreement with the city in which they provide cable service. Cebridge has to wait for Lubbock to agree to transfer the franchise agreement from Cox.

"We have to go through that process with about 200 local governments around the country," Abel said. "Then there are things like leasing issues if the company is currently leasing the building they stay in. The whole thing is about a six- to eight-month process."

## Suspect

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before police found her.

Hale County Crime stoppers were offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to Barrios' arrest.

Lubbock police and Plainview officials continue questioning Alaniz, and Barrios awaits booking and arraignment for the abduction charges at the Lubbock County Jail.

## Dodgeball

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if not more."

McDonald said he keeps coming back each Tuesday because he enjoys seeing the children smile and laugh. The opportunity to participate in athletic activities with younger children as well as his fraternity brothers makes the community service hours fly by, he said.

"Whenever you come to college, there's not a lot of opportunities to do philanthropic activities," he said. "I don't think people realize how many hours we do as a fraternity and as a Greek community."

While Delta Tau Delta puts in a few hours of community service each week on Tuesdays, Danny Pectol, the recreation coordinator for the Children's Home of Lubbock, said the event is huge in the minds of the children who participate.

"This is normally the biggest turnout night of the week," he said. "The kids look forward to this. This is one of their favorite things."

On an average night, about 15 children show up to participate in activities, Pectol said, but when the fraternity comes to play dodgeball, about 40 children come to play.

Michael Gerrish, a sophomore business finance major from Spring, would rather play dodgeball for hours than pick up trash along the highway. He said he feels like he is making a difference in the lives of younger children.

"People in our fraternity, they're excited about community service," Gerrish said. "Every time I come out here, when I leave, I know that all the kids had a blast."

Gerrish said he has received good feedback about the differences the fraternity members have made in the children's lives from both the children involved as well as the adults.

"The kids don't have adult male role models," he said.

Pectol said the fraternity members have become role models for the children at the Children's Home of Lubbock, especially for the older teenage boys housed there.

"They're good guys," he said. "I really, really like working with them. It's something we're going to keep doing for a long, long time."

Virgil said the hope provided by the fraternity has changed the mindset of children as well.

"I think this has really helped everyone out emotionally," he said. "It helps people to be more open. They just inspire me to be more like them. They set examples for us."

Tuesday nights mean fun and hanging out with older people that can influence him to be more like them, he said.

"I think they're cool, fun," he said. "They're a challenge in dodgeball."

McDonald said that while the fraternity may win on occasion, sometimes the children prevail, but not from a lack of trying on the part of the fraternity members. He said his favorite memory of a dodgeball game was one where the fraternity almost lost.

"I was the last one standing against ten kids, and I caught the ball, so my entire team ended up getting back in," he said. "We ended up winning."

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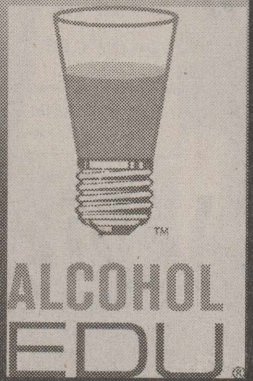
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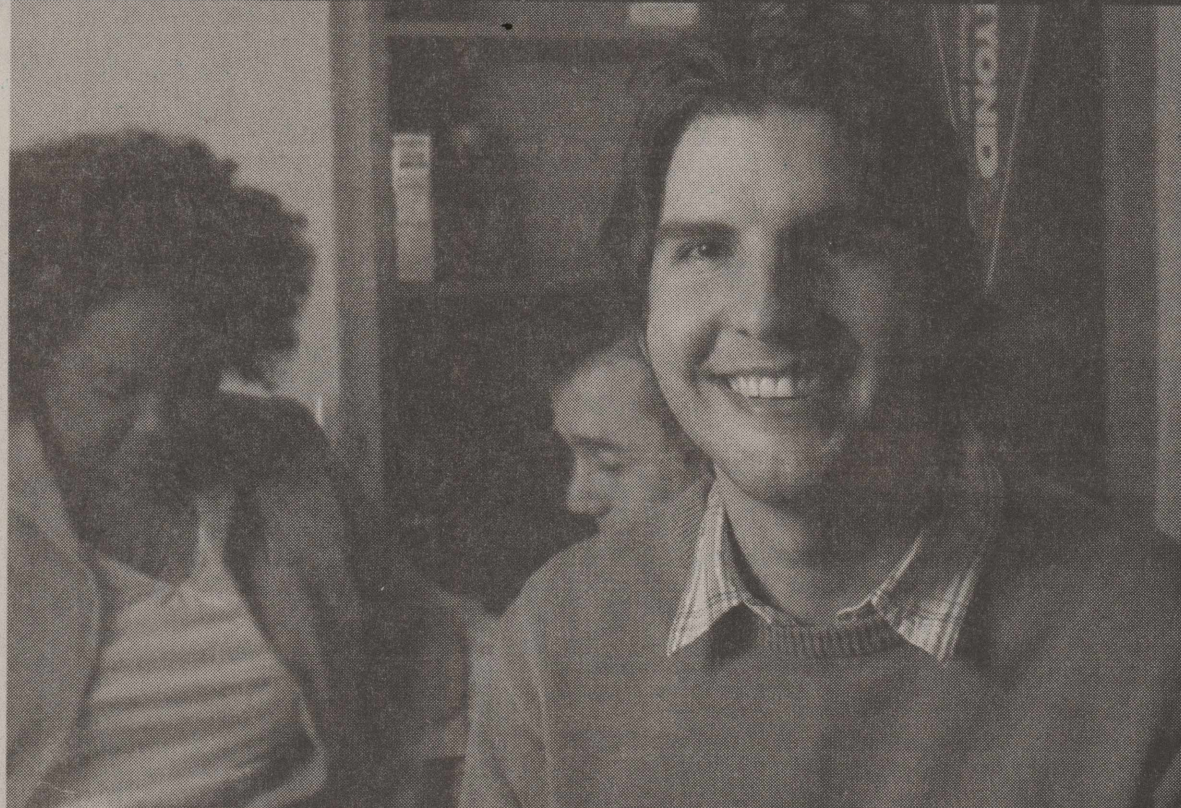


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## SHARPEN THE EDGE

WITH A GROUP OF SENIORS WHO HAVE SPENT FOUR YEARS GROWING IN THE IMAGE OF COACH MARSHA SHARP, THEIR FINAL DANCE COULD BE CUTTING EDGE.

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# Raiders hoping to find a catch in group of fish

BY MATT MUENCH  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Bob Knight has seen many freshman pretenders in his days on the hardwood. After all he is entering his 40th season holding the whistle as a head coach of a college basketball team. With seven freshmen listening to his orders this season, Knight hopes his new faces do not fall into that category when the 2005-06 season begins next week.

"I think all kids, when they go to college from high school, all of a sudden find out two things," Knight said at Big 12 Conference media day. "That there are an awful lot of good players playing, and hopefully they understand that they are not as good as they thought they were in comparison."

Here's a lesson from Knight.

"I think the first thing a kid has to learn about playing basketball is what he doesn't do very well, instead of, 'Well, I am a good player; I was recruited by 30 schools, and I must be really good.' Sometimes those guys never develop."

Knight said he hopes his team

develops quickly. The Raiders may get a chance to prove themselves with the possibilities of playing college basketball powerhouses Florida, Wake Forest or Syracuse two weeks into the season in the Coaches vs. Cancer annual tournament. They must get by two quizzes at home before the test in New York City occurs.

Check the schedule.

The Raider's first round opponent is San Jose State Nov. 10. If Tech, who had 22 wins a year ago, gets by the Spartans, it plays the winner of Portland and Georgia Southern.

Enter Tech swingman Martin Zeno. He does not want to think of Times Square and Broadway too early.

"I've never been to New York. I'd love to go to New York," the sophomore said with a big smile on his face. "First we have to concentrate on San Jose State, and then everything should fall into place. Getting to New York will show us how tough of a season it is going to be with what coaches and teams throw us."

Junior guard Jarrius Jackson agrees.

"It is important we get (to New York) because it will give our team a chance to play more games and gel," he said.

Jackson and Zeno said the newcomers have picked up Knight's plan of success more quickly than last year.

"They are responding better because there are more of them this year," Jackson said. "They are sticking together and helping each other and respond."

Zeno said many of them are getting down when Knight gets on them.

He has some advice.

"You just have to listen to what (Knight) says and not how he says it," he said. "Not before long they will get what he wants. All they have to do is do what he wants, and they will understand. I think most of our kids understand."

Knight said his favorite part of coaching is practice and teaching.

"I think that practice, to me, is always the most interesting part of the season, because right now you get a look at new players, and players coming back," he said. "And hoping that the kids coming back are better and what can you do to put these two groups together."

He said no other sport but basketball gives you a better chance of predicting how your team will succeed or fail by watching them practice.

With a young team he is trying to be optimistic.

"Sometimes you think, 'Can we ever win?' Knight said. "And there's a ray of hope and you leave practice saying, 'Boy, there might be a chance.'"

The chance begins a week from today at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

"We are ready," Jackson said. "We have to be."

# General needs new captains

By MATT MUENCH  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

No seniors. Eight new players. No Ronald Ross. Still no Andre Emmett. So when asked who was going to be his captain for the Texas Tech men's basketball team, head coach Bob Knight drew laughter from the crowd at Big 12 Conference media day.

"Me," he said.

He'll be doing it for the fifth time in the Hub City as the Red Raiders embark on a new season that begins next week at the United Spirit Arena.

Texas Tech players have always known Knight has been the boss. But with an inexperienced, young team sporting the red and black this year, Knight did say he needed floor leaders.

Enter Jarrius Jackson, Martin Zeno and Darryl Dora. Call them the three-headed captain's in the General's army.

Zeno, unlike most sophomores, has quickly been tabbed a leader. He is not surprised. Knight told him when he was recruited that he expected him to be a leader one day.

"It came sooner than expected," he said. "It will be hard to take the grunt of all of this, but I have to do it."

Why hard?

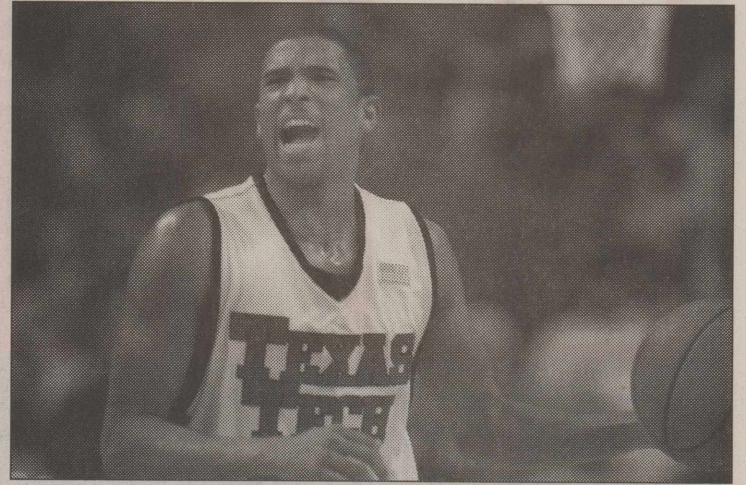
"Leaders have a lot of responsibility," he said. "On the floor, each person I have to account for."

Knight said leading has been hard for the Louisiana product.

"I think Zeno has spent so much time focusing on being a leader it has hurt his passing," he said. "So I told him to worry about passing, and I'll worry about leading."

Ross was that leader last year. Emmett was two years ago.

Jackson said he learned many things from Ross, who is now playing overseas.



VANESA VELA/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH JUNIOR guard Jarrius Jackson looks to set up the offense in a game last season for the Raiders.

"He has been the best leader I have been around," he said. "He stayed on everybody and kept us focused on what the goal was."

He wants the

role.

"It is a new challenge," he said. "It is a different position for me to be in."

This is not Knight's first team without a senior on the roster, and he said he does not mind. But Ross, the former walk-on who led the team in scoring during last season's Sweet 16 run, will be missed.

"I would like to think in what he did, in that role, our players looked at and saw and understood that (being a leader) is important," Knight said.

Knight said Dora, Jackson and Zeno have all done that.

They need to. Seven new freshmen and one transfer are all following their lead.

Early projections have Tech in the

middle of the pack in the Big 12 this year.

The critics say the Raiders are too young, and inexperienced.

Zeno has an answer.

"We know we are young," he said. "But you are never too young to win. We are at this level for a reason. It will be tough doing it, but we will get it done."

Jackson is used to the critics.

"It's like that every year when they place us somewhere in the middle in the pack, and it just gives us motivation," Jackson said. "It gives us a chance to show them what we do. It's fun to do better than what people expected."

The Raiders proved critics wrong last year. Zeno does not mind doing it again.

"Everyone has opinions," said. "As leaders we are just going to try our best to make the non-believers into believers."

*"You are never too young to win. We are at this level for a reason. It will be tough doing it, but we will get it done."*

— MARTIN ZENO  
Texas Tech  
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# Seniors shooting for something special Lady Raiders plan to challenge nation's best

By TRAVIS CRAM  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Walking into the United Spirit Arena for practice on Wednesday, Chesley Dabbs told to watch themselves — because on this day — it was her court. When teammates are as close as those three have been over the past few years — they can say things like that.

The 2005-06 season marks the final time three Lady Raiders will wear the red and black uniforms before moving on in their lives. Seniors Davis, Grant and Dabbs all hope to take something away from this season that will last.

"The friendships I've made here and the things I've learned from the coaches and staff have made a difference," Dabbs said.

Coach Marsha Sharp said this class will remain somewhere special in her heart and is one of the better senior classes she has ever coached at Tech.

"I have so much respect for them as athletes first and as people second," she said. "I really have enjoyed being around them and the compassion and competitiveness they have."

Sharp said one of the first goals the team has on their list for this year is to capture a conference championship. With defending Big 12 and national champion Baylor in their conference, that task will not be easy.

"It makes our conference extremely tough with them in there," Davis said. "Your senior year, you just want to try and finish out on top and leave nothing behind."

Although there is one season still to play in their careers, the seniors said there are some memories they will take away from Lubbock that they will never forget.

"Beating Texas when they were ranked No. 1, I think, is probably my favorite memory," Davis said.

Davis, Sharp said, has become a big inside player at Tech and has also been referred to as one of the biggest warriors in the game.

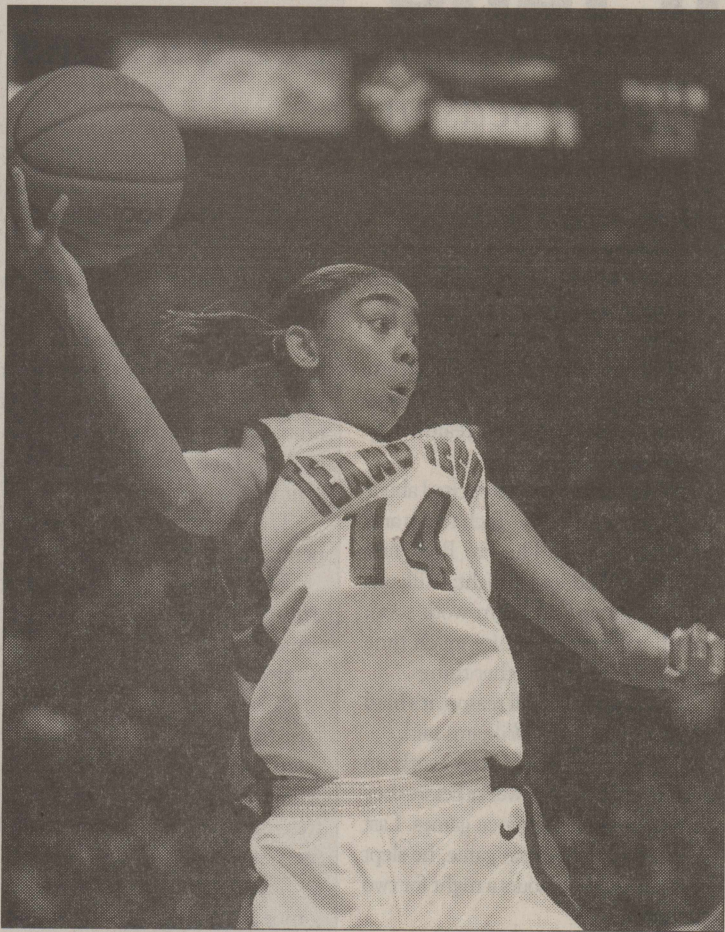
Grant, on the other hand, Sharp said, did not need much tutelage after arriving at Tech and has always been like another coach on the court.

Grant said it has been a great journey, and this will be a special season for her. The things she has gained from being in Lubbock will be with her forever.

"It's a great feeling to have come in with them and to have created such a great relationship with two people," she said.

The preseason All-Big 12 first teamer said she is more excited than ever about this season. Grant comes in as one of the top guards in the country and will look to add to her team record total of assists 661, as well as a few national awards.

The 5-foot-8 senior is one of the favorites for the State Farm



DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Treador

TEXAS TECH SENIOR point guard Erin Grant rears back for a pass in a Lady Raider contest last season.

Wade Trophy, which is given to the top player in NCAA women's basketball every year. Grant got the chance to play with last year's winner, Seimone Augustus of LSU, in Turkey at the World University Games where she said she played against the most competitive players she has ever seen under one roof.

The No. 13 Lady Raiders will look to climb inside the Top 10 after they begin their season Nov. 13 against No. 3 Louisiana State.

Sharp said she will have many memories of these three players, and it has always been a pleasure to watch them — especially in practice.

"They get after each other constantly and pick on each other," she said. "Most of the time it will be two-on-one, but

you never know which two will be on the other, and as coaches it always fun to decide who is on whose side."

Through many practices and games, Sharp said she has been the most impressed by this group of girls and the way they have matured.

She said Dabbs has made the most noticeable changes on the court as a player, evolving into a terrific jump shooter while turning her weaknesses into strengths.

Sharp said championships are what she would like to give them for a graduation present this year.

"I want them to be able to hold trophies above their heads," she said. "We'll start with the Big 12 and we'll see where things go from there."

By TRAVIS CRAM  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

There are 25 players nominated for the State Farm Wade Trophy this year — which honors the national player of the year — and all of them will be trying to help carry their teams to glory come March.

No. 13 Texas Tech will be one of these teams with their three seniors, including Wade Trophy nominee Erin Grant, leading the way.

The Lady Raiders are looking forward to their most prominent season in the last few years, in hopes of lassoing a Big 12 title and possible national championship before Grant, LaToya Davis and Chesley Dabbs leave Lubbock.

The senior guard Grant became the leader in assists at Tech last season and will only add to her total of 661, which should stand in the Raider record books for some time and could make her the all-time Big 12 assist leader.

Grant trails Stacey Dales (Oklahoma, 1998-2002) by 103 assists and should be able to pass her this year, after starting all 31 games for Tech last season while averaging more than seven rebounds per game. Grant is the all-time Big 12 leader in assists per game with 6.7.

Last year the Lady Raiders blew through their non-conference schedule, only losing to two teams including No. 10 Stanford whom they will face-off against Nov. 27 in Lubbock to avenge a three-point loss last year in California.

Junior Alesha Robertson had a breakout game against Miami, scoring 37 points in the Lady Raiders' 109-49 rout of the Lady Hurricanes.

Robertson will help play a key role as a starter this year after starting every game last year en route to honorable mention All-Big 12 honors.

Two major roadblocks in the Big 12 could deter any title hopes for Tech with Texas and the reigning national champion Baylor Bears lurking.

Baylor crawls into 2005 as a heavy favorite to repeat as NCAA champions led

by their Wade Trophy nominee and last year's NCAA Tournament MVP, Sophia Young. The senior forward looks to keep the Bears on top of the food chain in the Big 12, as well as the national polls.

The Bears snuck away with a three-point win in Lubbock last year but devoured the Lady Raiders in Waco 79-69. One thing that will remain in the minds of Tech players from last year's game is the one-point victory that earned Baylor a Big 12 championship on its way to its first national title.

Texas was picked to finish second in the Big 12 by the coaches, even though Tech had more first-place votes, and will follow herd-leader and Wade Trophy nominee Tiffany Jackson. The 6-foot-3 forward became a dominating force last year for the 'Horns, averaging 18.3 points per game while bringing down 8.7 rebounds per game on the way to a 22-9 record for Texas.

The 'Horns lost a key game to Tech in Lubbock last year that kept the Raiders on a six-game winning streak. Jackson and Nina Norman led a stampede in Austin,

scoring a combined 29 points for UT on its way to a 64-43 victory over Tech.

Another key for Tech included Kansas State, who will be looking to rebuild after losing key seniors Kendra Wecker, Megan Mahoney and Laurie Koehn.

Instead of worrying about the Wildcats' bite, they will have to worry more about the LSU Tigers. No. 3 LSU will play the Lady Raiders at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in Lubbock for the State Farm Women's Tip-Off Classic.

The Tigers will have pack-leader and reigning national player of the year Seimone Augustus to follow into the United Spirit Arena. Both Grant and Augustus played as teammates this year at the World University Games where they won a gold medal for the U.S.

The Lady Raiders have lost only one home opener under Sharp when they lost to Grambling State in 1989 and are 21-1 overall in home openers.

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# Not the average Tech fans

Fro Bro's group expanding with each passing Red Raider season

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
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Armen Williams is not a cheerleader — in the typical sense of the word. But, his painted body, red and black wig and camping equipment he uses for all conference basketball games does make him a step above the average Texas Tech fan.

Williams came to Tech and joined the Rowdy Raiders Club, which was a group dedicated to cheer on the football and basketball teams. He began painting his body, but was one of the only ones in the stands who took their love to that extreme.

His sophomore year, he came up with the idea that more people wanted to paint up and cheer at basketball games; by his junior year he had a club; and by the time he became a senior, he had a following of more than 50.

"This was a way to give students a place to express their Tech spirit,"

Williams said. "When we get together, we're all there for one reason and it's for the school and to support the game of basketball."

Williams said he expected the turnout this year to be higher than ever before for his organization the Fro Bros.

"My goal is to get at least five Fro Bros at every game," Williams said.

The group is not merely a few students who have too much time on their hands and decided to paint their stomach with "Hi Mom" and wave for the ESPN cameras. Williams and six others who he calls the leaders, study the other teams before they come into the United Spirit Arena.

"We look for weakness in the other team," Williams said.

Last season during the Kansas game, Williams and his group passed out 3,000 Wal-Mart bags to the students because a player from the Jayhawks had been caught stealing at

a Kansas Wal-Mart.

Williams said having the opportunity to create something that everyone knows so well is something he loved doing.

"I love the school and what Texas Tech stands for so much," he said. "It's crazy how much the group has grown."

Williams said he appreciates the support from the community. Channel 11 gave the Fro Bros their own Web site, and the Fox network has offered to pay for the groups' body paint.

This year the Tech men's and women's basketball teams will not be the only squads the Fro Bros will show some love to. With the recent addition of the Tulane women's basketball team to the campus, Williams said he wanted to get Tech support for the Green Wave.

"I've talked with the players, and they said they typically only get around 50 students coming to the game," he said. "So my goal is to get at least that many at every game."

Williams said he could not imagine

what it would be like to move cities and play in front of a foreign crowd.

"Right now we're scouting out some green and white paint," Williams said. "We want to come out and support the team and what they're about."

Williams and his crew will learn the fight song and chants for Tulane and do scouting on the teams they are playing.

Williams said he was excited about the new season for the Tech teams and his organization. The Fro Bros' first meeting is Wednesday night; Williams said the group will begin work soon, which will not leave him much time during the week for other things.

"During basketball season, it's hard to put school first," Williams said.

He said he would start work on each team about two weeks before they arrive for the conference games. Last year before the Kansas game, he slept on average three hours a night for two straight weeks.

"My goal is to make the United Spirit Arena the toughest arena to play in," Williams said.

## Freshmen get first taste of being a Raider in scrimmage

Bob Knight wanted to give his seven freshmen a taste of competition in a game-type atmosphere at the United Spirit Arena Wednesday night.

It was not a difficult task for him.

The fifth-year Texas Tech coach decided to put the freshmen on one team, and upperclassmen on the other squad during the first half of Tech's White-and-Black scrimmage.

The freshmen wore black, upperclassmen sported white. The first-half score was as different as the color of their uniforms. Old Raiders: 47. New Raiders: 23.

"Our returning players were basically a Big 12 (Conference) team out there," Knight said. So what we wanted to do was give the freshmen a chance to see what it feels like to play in the Big 12."

The upperclassmen gave them a nice lesson. But to see who won the scrimmage was not Knight's intention. He and his staff just wanted to see what each individual needs to work on before Tech's season opener a week from today.

Each player will get a chance to critique his own performance because technology has allowed a camera to be on every player during the game.

"We hope to see whatever we did well, whatever we could of done and what we did poorly," Knight said. "We will focus on those three areas and evaluate."

Knight said he was impressed by three players: juniors Drew Coffman and LucQuente White, and freshman Alan Voskuil, who Knight said is the only newcomer who is starting to understand the system.

Knight said it was about time Coffman and White showed some ability. The two have been waiting for their time in the spotlight for two seasons. The pair, along with Voskuil and freshman Terry Martin are all fighting for the point guard spot left by Ronald Ross — Tech's leading scorer last year.

"We have really been waiting for Coffman and White to play well," Knight said. "And they both did that tonight. I hope they continue that. They need to stay like that for us to be good."

White scored 19 points in the scrimmage while Coffman added seven.

Other notable scorers were junior guard Jarrus Jackson with 19 points and sophomore forward Martin Zeno with 18 points.

—Matt Muench/  
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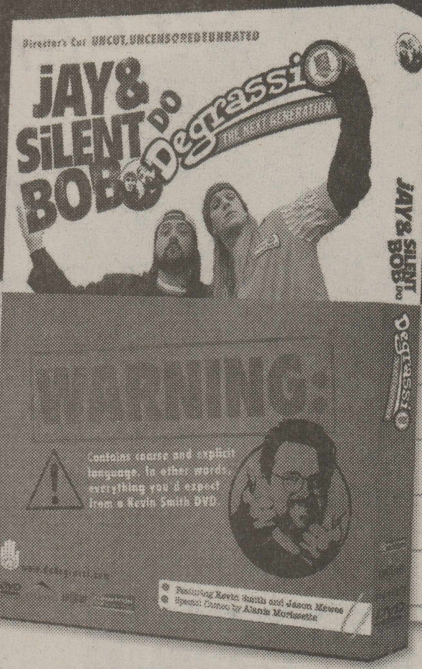
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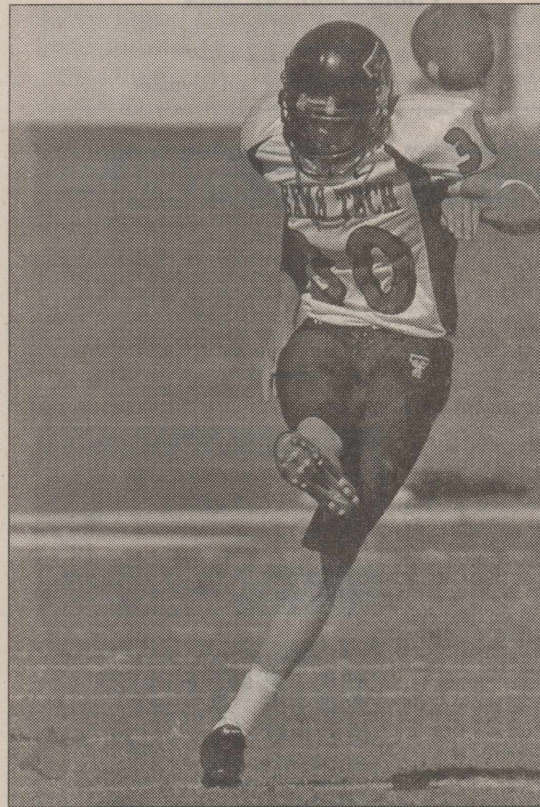
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COMPLETE AGENDA: Attached SUMMARY OF AGENDA (Complete Agenda Attached). X

SUMMARY: Friday, November 4, 2005, 8:30 a.m.; Call to order; Convene into Open Session of the Board; Introductions and Recognitions. The board will continue in Open Session and meet as a Committee of the Whole and Meeting of the Board to consider and act on: Approve minutes of the board meeting held on August 12, 2005; approve minutes of the teleconference board meeting held on September 30, 2005; approve Consent Agenda and acknowledge review of Information Agenda; TTU: Approve amendment to section 01.01.8.a, Regents' Rules, regarding Investment Advisory Committee composition and terms.  
The board will continue in Open Session to hear reports of its Standing Committees. Reports of Standing Committees:  
Facilities Committee (TTU): Approve project to upgrade the Sneed/Gordon/Bledsoe Residence Halls life safety/HVAC systems; TTU: Approve naming of the Sports Administration Center in the south end of Jones/SBC Stadium; TTUHSC: Approve project to build out the third floor of the El Paso Medical Science Building 1; TTU: Report on Rawlfs CoBa building project; TTU: Report on east side stadium parking garage and suites; TTU: Report on future use of Tech Plaza; TTUS: Report on relocation of system offices; TTUS: Report on System land development policy; TTUS: Report on George W. Bush Presidential Library facilities; TTUS: Report on Facilities Planning & Construction fees; TTUS: Report on Office of Facilities Planning and Construction projects; Executive Session); and Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee (TTUS: Report on West Texas Coalition Proposal for the George W. Bush Presidential library; TTU: Approve appointments with tenure; TTU: Approve text, installation and location of plaque for Dr. Donald Haragan, former president of Texas Tech University; TTUHSC: Approve granting of tenure; TTUHSC: Approve honorary Doctor of Medicine degree posthumously for Shannon Sabbar-School of Medicine 2006; TTU: Report on enrollment management activities; TTU: Report on faculty hires); and  
Audit Committee (TTUS: Audit reports: (a) Audits, (b) Hotline Implementation; Executive Session); and Finance and Administration Committee (TTUSA, TTU and TTUHSC: Approve Employee Tuition Assistance Program; TTUS: Approve primary depository contract by and between Texas Tech University System and Wells Fargo Bank; TTU: Report on Extension of Barnes and Noble contract; TTUS: Report on bond issuance-series 2006; TTUS: Report on FY 2006 operating budget).

# Tech kicker gets more chances, respect



TEXAS TECH KICKER Alex Trlica (No. 30) looks to pin the opposition deep on a kickoff earlier this season.

By **BRYAN WENDELL**  
MANAGING EDITOR

Alex Trlica scored as many points as Cody Hodges last Saturday.

Yes, that's right, Texas Tech's kicker had two field goals and two extra points for eight total and the Red Raider quarterback had one touchdown and a two-point conversion pass for eight points.

If there was any doubt that the Raiders are a changed team from last season, Tech coach Mike Leach eliminated it when taking the points on Tech's first two entrances into Baylor's territory.

Trlica kicked a 33-yard field goal in the first quarter and a career-long 47 yarder in the second quarter to make up the only points in the first 45 minutes of football.

After the game, Trlica said he feels more relaxed as a kicker since he's getting more attempts to put the ball through the uprights.

"I'm a lot more comfortable this year," he said. "I have a lot more ability to zone everything out."

Trlica is on a streak of six consecutive made field goals and has connected on 10-of-12 this season with his only misses coming from 45 and 49 yards away.

Leach started the season letting Keith Toogood kick off, but when Toogood knocked two of his seven kickoffs out of bounds, Trlica quickly replaced him.

Since his promotion, Trlica has kicked one of his 58 kickoffs (1.7 percent) out of bounds compared to Toogood's 28.6 percent failure rate.

Trlica has improved markedly from last season in which he was successful on just more than 53 percent of his field goal attempts. (Toogood missed his only

attempt of last season.)

Tech enjoyed having a guaranteed extra point after each of its touchdowns last season.

Last year, Trlica became only the fifth player in Tech history to connect on all of his extra points, nailing 55-of-55.

In contrast, Toogood went 66-of-70 the year before.

Not only is Trlica deadly accurate, he is getting more chances this season.

Tech as a whole only had 14 field goal attempts last season; this year, Tech has attempted 12 field goals in eight games.

Is that a sign that Leach and his staff are more confident in the guarantee of three points each time Trlica's number is called?

Hodges certainly is.

"I have plenty of confidence in him when he's in range," he said. "He's really consistent."

Trlica feels secure in his foot up to a point, but wants to extend his makeable distance.

"Inside of 40 I feel more comfortable, but I want to feel like inside of 50 is comfortable," he said. "That was Coach can have more confidence in me."

Trlica said he believes he is more needed at Tech than he was at his high school in Friendswood.

"In high school I really didn't get a lot of attempts in general," he said.

Now, Leach relies on him to put points on the board when the offense sputters.

"Whether it's field goals or extra points, it really doesn't make a difference to me," Trlica said.

"I have plenty of confidence in him when he's in range. He's really consistent."

— **CODY HODGES**  
Texas Tech  
Quarterback

# Raiders prepare to crash, add dissonance to Aggie reveille

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M running back Jorvorskie Lane waited impatiently on the sideline as he watched the Aggies' 42-14 loss to Iowa State on Saturday at Kyle Field.

The freshman wondered, like many others, why he wasn't called on to help more after rushing for a combined 237 yards in A&M's previous two games, both victories. He finished with four carries for 22 yards.

"I was just like, 'Man, what happened? What did I do?'" Lane said.

Lane's disappearance from the game plan is one on a growing list of questions swirling around the Aggies (5-3, 3-2 Big 12) as they head into this weekend's game at No. 16 Texas Tech (7-1, 4-1).

And all the little questions lead to one big one: Why aren't the Aggies better?

"Well, that is a long answer, and there's a lot of components to that answer, not

just one or two," coach Dennis Franchione said Tuesday.

With all-purpose quarterback Reggie McNeal and nine defensive starters back from last season, the Aggies were ranked 17th in the preseason and expected to duel Texas and Oklahoma for Big 12 supremacy.

Injuries have touched almost every position, and 11 have ended players' seasons. But injuries can't be blamed for all the problems.

The offense has struggled since the opener, the heavily hyped McNeal has been off as much as he's looked good and A&M's defense is one of the worst in the country, giving up 426 yards per game.

"We have people in the position to make a play and just don't get it made. That's frustrating," said defensive coordinator Carl Torbush. "I wish I could say it was this guy or

that guy, but it's a multitude of things."

If Franchione knows what's wrong, he's keeping it to himself.

"If I say one thing, it's an excuse, and if I say something else it's this," he said. "So I don't know if there is anything that I can tell you that somebody won't take wrong at this point in time, and I can't worry about that. I've got to worry about marching ahead and getting this team ready to play again."

After Saturday's game, the Aggies finish against Oklahoma and Texas, casting serious doubt on the prospects for a winning record and a bowl berth.

"Of course, we're going to be a little disappointed this season," said junior safety Melvin Bullitt, "but that doesn't mean we're going to give up, we're going to stop practicing, we're going to stop working."

The Cyclones exposed every A&M weakness, sending some of college football's most loyal fans out the doors before the fourth quarter

began.

Iowa State quarterback Bret Meyer shredded the secondary for 371 yards and threw four touchdown passes, all to Todd Blythe. Outside of Courtney Lewis' 73-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, the Aggies gained only 53 yards on the ground.

"We had some times when we had some chances to make some plays," said A&M offensive coordinator Les Koenning. "There were times we got beat in certain positions."

The 5-foot-11, 265-pound Lane had recently offered a new, powerful dimension to the erratic offense. He gained 5 yards on his first carry Saturday and 4 on his second, but with the Aggies facing third-and-1, McNeal tried to run and fumbled.

Lane didn't touch the ball again until the third quarter, when the Cyclones led 21-7.

"We try to put our players in the best play possible," Koenning said. "If you know we're going to do something every time, it's

not very good."

But not much else worked, either. The Aggies finished with 347 yards, their lowest total in three games, and a season-high three turnovers.

And now they face the Red Raiders, who are outscoring opponents by an average of 46-19. Tech beat A&M 59-28 the last time the Aggies went to Lubbock.

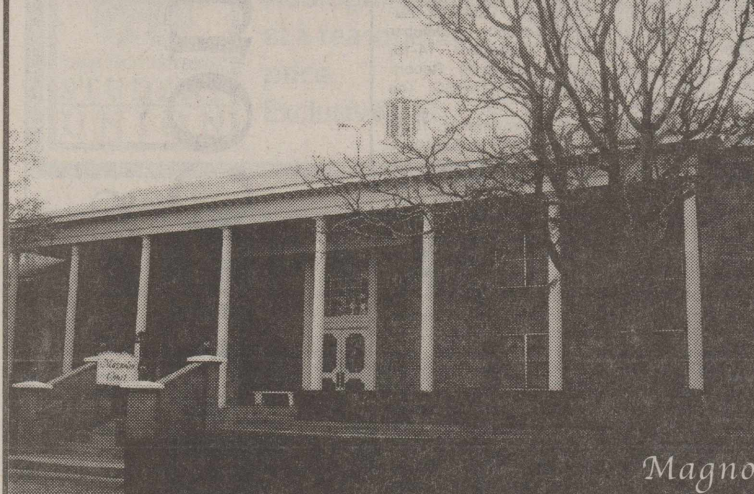
"Everybody's got to be on the same page," McNeal said. "If not, it could get ugly."

The Aggies stubbornly say they can turn it around. The team's leadership council, a 12-player group of upperclassmen, met on Sunday to talk about what needs to happen in the next month.

"People are writing us off right now. You can't write us off," said leading receiver Jason Carter, a council member. "If we don't go out there and play, we'll be embarrassed like we were Saturday. That's a bad feeling and we definitely don't want to do that again. I believe we can get the job done."

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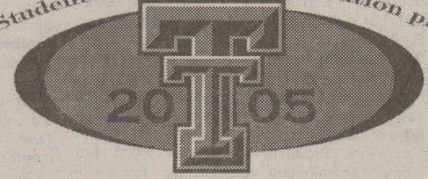
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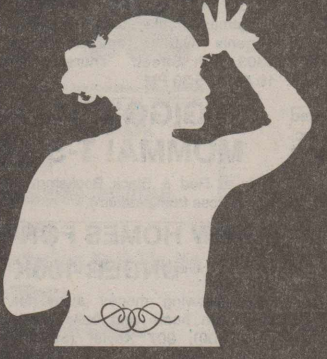
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