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This year's Wiley Lecture Series will present a panel discussion on the security issues surrounding the New Europe.

With the demise of the Soviet Communism, the Bush administration is confronted with the fact that the defense budget must be curtailed, especially in light of the current budget deficit. With terrorism and instability in the Middle East and Third World countries now being seen as the primary security threat to North America and Europe, the European partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization are now questioning the need for a formidable American presence in Europe.

Currently, the roles of NATO, the European Community (EC), and the Western European Union (WEU) in European military security are being debated. Which group or combination of groups will assume responsibility for military security is still yet to be determined. Additionally, membership by former Eastern bloc countries is under consideration.

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Nix, Aggies face Horned Frogs

A&M reliever has habit of taking mound in crucial situations

By Doug Foster
The Battalion

James Nix once told Texas A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson that although he was a starting pitcher, he would be more than willing to pitch out of the bullpen as a reliever.

Johnson apparently took him literally, and Nix has since become the Aggies' most frequently used reliever during their 1992 campaign.

Nix, a junior transfer from McLennan Community College, has become Johnson's main stopper in the bullpen, often being inserted during the most crucial moments of important games.

His most recent test came when he replaced Aggie ace Jeff Granger in the eighth inning against Texas, after the Longhorns had rocked Granger for eight runs. Nix answered the call by pitching three innings, giving up only one run and collecting the win to move his record to 5-3 on the season.

Nix said handling situations like the one in Austin had one simple solution - Throw strikes and don't make any mistakes.

"Texas is a great hitting team, so you can't make any mistakes,"

he said. "It seems like their whole team is hitting .350 or .400, so you've just got to throw strikes. You can't give them anything and hope your defense backs you up,

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A&M pitcher

and our defense has been pretty good so far."

In 13 appearances and 27 1/3 innings pitched this season, Nix has recorded 2 saves and has an ERA of 2.30. He has also collected 24 strikeouts next to only 8 walks.

Nix started pitching at a young age and said he developed his style from baseball camps and instruction from some major league pitchers.

He was a starting pitcher and infielder at Brenham High School, and worked as a reliever on occasion. One thing about working out of the bullpen that fit his image, he said, was the increased pressure put on a relief pitcher.

"I've always liked pressure situations, so I guess that's why I've

taken over in short relief," Nix said. "Then I know I have no choice but to go out and throw strikes. As long as you stay out of the hitters, you're all right."

Nix said his primary goal every game is to help the Aggies currently in second place in the Southwest Conference race, any way he can.

"I just want to come out and do the very best job I can for the team," he said. "We're halfway through right now, we're probably going to win 17 more games to win the conference. So we can't let up, we're going to win, we've got to know we are going to win."

Nix and his Aggie teammates who are currently 21-10 overall and 9-6 in conference play, will travel to Fort Worth this week for a conference series with Christian University. The Horned Frogs are 13-13 overall, and currently in sixth place in the conference standings with a .500 record.

After the weekend series with TCU, the Aggies will return on Tuesday to host the University of Texas at Arlington. After that, they will travel to Lubbock next week for a three-game series with Texas Tech, who the Aggies lost in a series earlier this season.

Tyson sentenced to six years

Judge says former heavyweight champion could rape again

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Mike Tyson was sentenced Thursday to six years in prison for raping a Miss Black America contestant, his protests of innocence rejected by a judge who said she believes he could rape again.

Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia J. Gifford refused to let the former heavyweight boxing champion remain free on bail while his conviction is appealed, and within two hours, he was behind bars.

"Something needs to be done about the attitude you displayed here," the judge told Tyson during the sentencing.

Tyson slipped off his watch and tie pin, handed them to his lawyer and hugged 81-year-old Camille Ewald, the upstate New York woman who raised him from his teen-age years as a promising boxer.

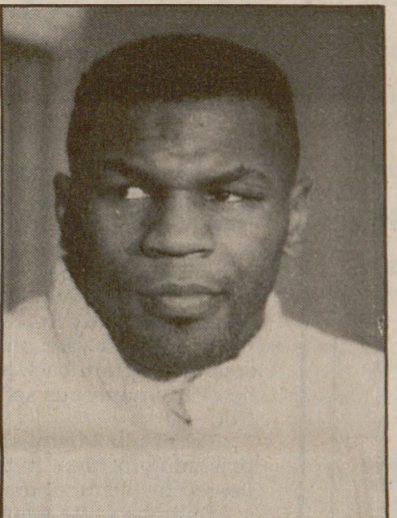
"I am not guilty of this crime," Tyson said in a rambling 10-minute plea for leniency. He apologized for his "crass" behavior during the 1991 pageant but said he never harmed his accuser, 19-year-old Desiree Washington of Coventry, R.I.

"I didn't rape anyone. I didn't hurt anyone," he said. "When I'm in the ring, I break their ribs, I break their jaws. To me, that's hurting someone."

Gifford commended Tyson for rising above his upbringing but added: "I think from everything I've read, we're looking at two different Mike Tysons."

"As to whether you are capable of committing this crime again, quite honestly I am of the opinion that you are," the judge said.

Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, who is representing Tyson in his appeal, dashed from the courtroom to try to free Tyson. Chief Judge Wesley Ratliff of the Indiana Court of Appeals refused to release Tyson immediately, but a three-judge appeals panel sched-



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uled a Friday hearing.

"Every moment Mr. Tyson spends in confinement is a moment of injustice," said Dershowitz.

Miss Washington testified during the two-week trial that Tyson coaxed her to his hotel room, pinned her to the bed, stripped her, raped her and laughed as she cried in pain and begged him to stop.

Defense attorneys depicted Tyson as a brutish lout who let Miss Washington, then 18, know from the start he wanted sex. Tyson testified he propositioned her with an unmistakable sexual vulgarity and she willingly had sex with him.

Gifford sentenced Tyson to 10 years apiece for one count of rape and two counts of criminal deviate conduct. She suspended four years from each count and ordered the terms served concurrently. He was fined \$10,000 on each count.

He could have been sentenced to 20 years on each count.

If he behaves in prison, Tyson could be released in three years. Gifford also ordered Tyson to serve four years' probation in prison and undergo psychotherapy.

Defense lawyer Vincent Fuller opened the 90-minute hearing with a plea for a suspended sentence and probation.

He said Tyson was raised in poverty and ill-used by the trainer Cus D'Amato, who Tyson only saw as a potential champion, not a troubled youth. Tyson grew up in a "male-dominated world" that ignored his needs and his ability to relate to women, Fuller said.

Tyson told the judge he would have apologized to Miss Washington if she had been in court but denied assaulting her.

"I didn't rape anyone. I didn't attempt to rape anyone. I'm sorry. I agree I've done something, but it didn't mean to."

Miss Washington made her presence felt through a letter to the court.

"In the place of what has happened to me for 18 years, there's now an empty feeling," she wrote. "Each day after being raped has been a struggle to learn to live again, to smile the way I did to find the Desiree Lynn Washington who was stolen from me by those who love me on July 19, 1991."

Boxing promoter Don King stalked from the courthouse grimly answered "No," when asked whether Tyson received treatment. Ewald left in tears.

Prosecutor Jeffrey Modisette described Miss Washington as a somber woman after the hearing.

"Desiree's belief all along was that she had a duty to come forward," he said. "I think she believes that justice has been done."

Robinson assesses injury

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Spurs center David Robinson is assessing his thumb injury every day and has not decided whether to have surgery that could sideline him for several weeks, a team spokesman said Thursday.

For the first time in his professional career, Robinson missed a game Wednesday night because of an injury. The All-Star center previously had played in 232 consecutive games. The 7-foot-1 Robinson wore street clothes as he sat on the bench in Charlotte, where the Hornets defeated the Spurs 113-108.

"It's a day-by-day, game-by-game situation," Spurs spokesman Matt Sperisen said in San Antonio. Robinson decided not to play Wednesday night as his teammates suited up for the game.

The left-handed Robinson suffered the injury in a Spurs loss to the Hornets last week in San Antonio when he collided with another player. The hit tore a ligament in

the thumb socket of his left hand.

The Spurs face the Miami Heat in Florida Friday night. Sperisen said a decision has not been made on whether Robinson will play.

Robinson, who is undergoing therapy on the thumb every day, told reporters Wednesday in Charlotte he was leaning more toward having surgery to repair the ligament.

"The dilemma here is I don't know if it's going to heal, anyway," Robinson said. "It makes more sense for me to get it fixed and try to get back as soon as I can. I think I could definitely be back by the second round (of the playoffs), probably sooner."

Robinson played in games against Sacramento, Seattle and Philadelphia after suffering the injury. But a blow to the hand in the game against the 76ers led to more soreness and swelling.

If Robinson does have surgery, he probably would be out six to eight weeks, Sperisen said. That could sideline him for the rest of the regular season and perhaps part of the NBA playoffs.

It is too soon to say what effect the injury would have on his chances of participating in the Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Sperisen said.

Clippers down Rockets, 109-95

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Houston Rockets lost their second in a row since Hakeem Olajuwon's suspension as Danny Manning's 18 points paced the Los Angeles Clippers to a 109-95 victory Thursday night.

Vernon Maxwell scored 14 of Houston's first 16 points and finished with 26.

The Rockets' fourth straight loss dropped them out of the top eight spots in the Western Conference playoff hunt for the first time this season. They entered the game with a half-game lead over the Los Angeles Lakers, who beat Dallas 115-92.

The Clippers tightened their grip on their first playoff berth since 1976, narrowing the gap between themselves and sixth-place Seattle to a full game. They lead the Lakers by a full game and the ninth-place Rockets by 11/2.

Los Angeles pulled away to an 83-67 lead after three quarters, outscoring Houston 13-1 over the final 31/2 minutes of the period.

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