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shman **Blake Whealy** attempts the double play after tagging out a University of Texas-Arlington player at second during Sunday's game at Olsen Field.

Baseball to visit Bearcats

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The 13th-ranked Texas A&M Baseball Team will travel to orange-and-white land Tuesday to face the Sam Houston State University Bearcats in Huntsville.

The Aggies are coming off a 3-0 sweep of the University of Texas-Arlington Mavericks this weekend.

A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson said the team has to focus on Tuesday's game and not the start of Big 12 play this coming weekend.

"I'm interested in our guys playing all 56 games," he said. "I'm not interested in the ones at a look to play hard in only conference games."

Johnson said midweek games can challenge the team's concentration.

"Once we get into the thick of the conference games, these Tuesday and Wednesday games are the ones you have to win to show you're not taking ahead," Johnson said.

Players also said less-recognized teams like Sam Houston are the teams that seem to get the

best of A&M.

"Sam Houston has been a thorn in our side the last couple of years," senior co-captain and first baseman John Scheschuk said.

The Bearcats are improved from last season, boasting an 8-2 record.

However, the Aggies have shown talent this season as well. Junior second baseman Sean Heaney leads the team with a .477 batting average, followed by Scheschuk at .457. But so far, the majority of the Aggs' offensive power has come from sophomore rightfielder Daylon Holt, who leads the team in seven offensive categories, including home runs (7), runs (17) and RBIs (25). The Aggies as a team are averaging over 11 runs per game.

Left hander Shane King will face the Bearcats this weekend. King has pitched only four innings this season but already has struck out seven while giving up only two hits.

Following their game versus the Bearcats, the Aggies will host a three-game series this weekend against nationally ranked Oklahoma State University.

A&M's Joe White makes presence felt in first season

BY TRAVIS HARSCH
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Of all the traditions at Texas A&M University basketball games, the most popular one may be not the Aggie Dance Team or Reveille but the one that pays off fans for high-scoring offense by the Aggies.

For the past several years, McDonald's has sponsored a promotion at A&M games — if the Aggies break eighty points in a game, fans can redeem their ticket stubs for free cheeseburgers.

So on opening night at Reed Arena earlier this season, with the Aggies leading the University of North Texas, 78-59, in the final half-minute of play and the fans on their feet, freshman center Joe White stepped to the line to shoot two free throws. As a freshman, White was not expected to know the drill, but before taking the ball from the officials, he turned to the crowd and put his hands together to form a cheeseburger sign.

It was his first game time in an A&M uniform, but White said he picked up and remembered the signal from a game in 1997.

"I came to a game my senior year against Bethune-Cookman. A&M blew them out, but I didn't understand why everyone was doing that hand signal," White said. "I thought it might be for a yell, so I asked the lady sitting next to me, and she explained that the fans got cheeseburgers if the team got 80 points."

Though White missed the free throws, the Aggies did manage to crack eighty points and avoid sending the fans home hungry. But with that opening-night gesture and his play in the next few home games, White established himself as a fan favorite, of-

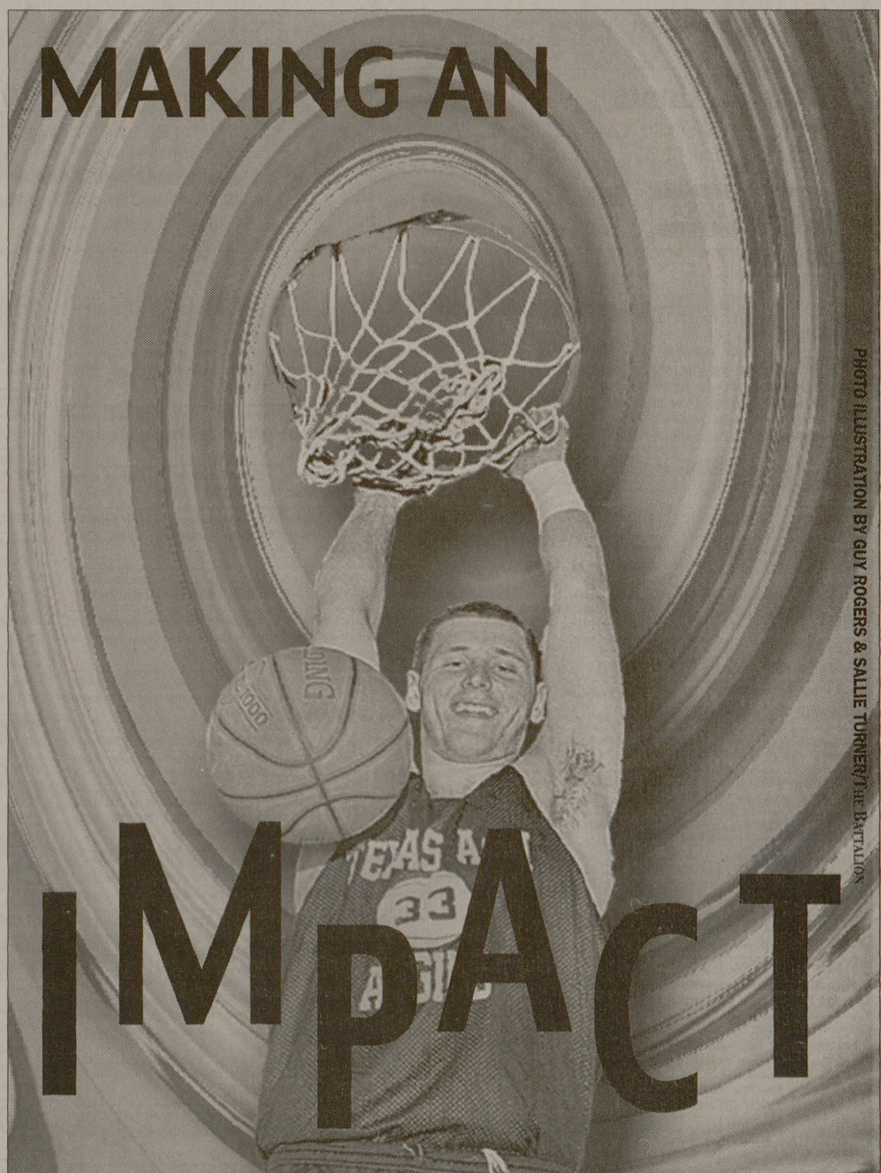


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ten acknowledging the crowd and winning fans over with his hustle after rebounds and loose balls.

White said he tries to keep the crowd involved in the game, something he learned from a former Spur at the Alamodome.

"I remember watching NBA games in San Antonio, and when certain players, like Dennis Rodman, were in the game, they'd try to get the fans excited," White said. "I've always felt that if you can bring the fans into the

game, it makes the atmosphere better because they're happy to be there and want to cheer for you."

After coming off the bench early in the year, White has established himself as a mainstay in the Aggies' starting lineup in Big 12 play, averaging 5.9 points and 3.4 rebounds in 18.3 minutes per game.

"I've never felt like I was the kind of person who could dominate right

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HOW TO LAND YOUR DREAM INTERNSHIP (Even the one YOU didn't know existed)

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If you're starting to think about your career, even just an inkling, it may be time to focus on finding a summer internship. Following are some of today's fast-forward industries like media, entertainment, fashion and high-tech, that likely don't recruit on campus.

WHAT TURNS YOU ON?

Not the typical first question you might think of when plotting your first career experience, but you really should think about it. The best places to work are often the places that make or do things that already interest you. And who wrote the rule that work shouldn't be fun? "It helps to start by thinking about which classroom topics interest you the most and what hobbies get you excited," says Samer Hamadeh, President of Vaultreports.com and the co-author of "America's Top Internships" and "The Internship Bible," two of the most useful books on the subject. Take his advice and ask yourself some questions. Do you spend a lot of time listening to music and going to concerts? Maybe you should check out working for a local radio station, a record label or a music publishing company. Are you a devoted athlete? Try contacting a fun sporting goods company, a fitness magazine, or a sports talent agency.

CHECK IT OUT.

Below are key resources for your internship hunt, including specific listings for openings by company, industry and location.

BOOKS:

- America's Top Internships** - Mark Oldman and Samer Hamadeh
- The Internship Bible** - Mark Oldman and Samer Hamadeh

WEB SITES:

- www.internships.com** - Comprehensive city and regional guides to internship opportunities nationwide.
- www.emmys.org/eps/index.html** - If you're interested in the television world, check out this site, which posts internships available through the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.
- www.aaf.org** - For aspiring advertising and marketing execs, this is the site for The American Advertising Federation. It offers a comprehensive directory of internship opportunities in the advertising and media industries.
- www.review.com/career/find/intern.cfm** - This is the "Princeton Review's" on-line database of internships. You can search for openings on a city-by-city basis, and by industry. Listings are highly descriptive, and candid.
- www.interns.org** - Ideal for budding politicians, civil advocates and lawyers. The Washington Intern Foundation posts internship available both on and off Capitol Hill.
- www.inroadsinc.org** - Tells about national corporate-sponsored internship programs that give preferred placement to talented African-American, Hispanic and Native American students.
- www.vaultreports.com** - An invaluable way to learn more about specific companies where you may want to explore possible opportunities.
- www.collegehire.com** - An awesome site for anyone who wants to work in the high-tech industry. Submit your resume and a detailed form describing your background and interests. Collegehire will e-mail you with opportunities that match your qualifications and interests.

CREATE YOUR OWN JOB

After you've asked yourself what you like, and thought of some of your favorite products and activities, you may find that many of your choices lead to smaller or less structured companies that likely don't recruit on campus, or that don't have a formal internship program. Don't get discouraged!! In fact, think of it as a huge opportunity because you can potentially create your own job! There's nothing wrong with calling or writing a company out of the blue and letting them know who you are and what you're interested in. Many of the smaller companies will be thrilled to have been approached and more than likely can use the extra hands for the summer. One of Hamadeh's favorite stories is about a college student who was interested in sports law. The guy figured that Michael Jordan's lawyer must be pretty good at it, so he read a bunch of newspaper articles until he found the guy's name, then he wrote him a letter explaining why he wanted to work for him. "The

lawyer had never received a letter like that from anyone before," Hamadeh says. "So he brought him in for an interview and was so impressed that he hired him for the summer."

SELL YOURSELF, NOT YOUR NUMBERS

Just because you may not graduate *cum laude* doesn't mean you won't qualify for some of the most selective internship programs. "You have to make yourself sound interesting," says Price Hicks, who hooks students up with summer jobs at places like Warner Brothers as part of her work with the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. "The guy who wrote about growing up on a dairy farm is the one we remember best." The people, who may have the best grades, but drone on and on about why they want to be television directors all tend to blend together, she says.

SCIENTISTS CAN BE JOURNALISTS

Remember that the purpose of an internship is to gain experience. The idea is to "test drive" career options that you think might interest you for your future. And what interests you for a career may have nothing to do with what interests you in school (How many psych majors actually become psychologists? How many history majors become historians? You get the point.). You never really know what someone might be looking for, so don't feel intimidated by internships that aren't directly in your field of study. Case in point, a biology major beat out a slew of journalism majors for one of three highly coveted internships at the Center for Investigative Reporting. Out of approximately 90 applicants, she was among those with the least direct experience. "It just so happened we were working on a project about chemicals in the environment, so her skills came in handy and she ended up playing a big role in the reporting," said Maryann Sargent, who is the internship coordinator at the Center.

REMEMBER THAT SMALL CAN BE BIG

Sometimes, you really may be better off going to work for a company where the duties of an intern aren't well defined. In small but super fast-growing internet companies, for instance, there's always a lot going on, so interns can often show up on day one and pick the things that interest them the most. "Our interns will always be working on several different projects," says Jeff Daniel, who runs a cool new service called CollegeHire.com that helps match up undergrads with high-tech and internet-related internships and entry-level jobs. "We look for people who can adapt well to the culture of fast-moving companies and can excel in an environment that's changing rapidly." Big change means new opportunities, and that's where a hungry intern can step into new, exciting areas and make a big contribution.



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