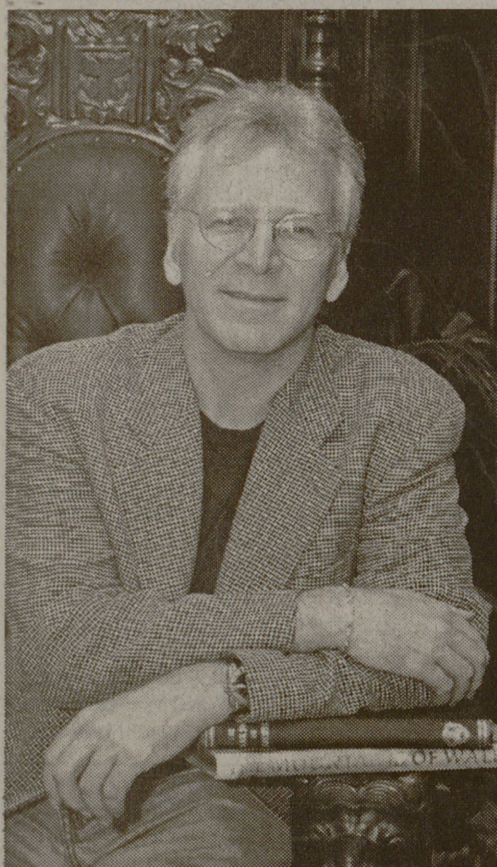


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VOLLEYBALL

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This year, the Aggies have lost conference road matches at Kansas State, Missouri, Nebraska and Colorado. Corbelli said the team will have to be careful in the rest of its road matches because of the difference in crowds at away games.

"At Iowa State, there will be no one in the stands," she said. "We have to learn how to create our own energy."

Nationally, the Aggies rank second in the nation in assist average (16.90), third in kill average (18.72) and seventh in dig average (19.66).

The Aggies are 1-4 against ranked teams this season. Last year, the Aggies went 9-4 against ranked opponents.

A&M is 12-1 when it leads its opponents in kills, 15-1 when it leads its opponent in hitting percentage, 12-1 when it leads in blocks and 14-2 when it wins game one. Kansas State is the only team to defeat the Aggies despite being out-hit and out-blocked and losing the first game.

The Aggies' next home match will be Wednesday at 6 p.m. against the Baylor Bears.

FOOTBALL

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Baylor Bears last week, a game they easily won, 56-7. They got a chance to rest their first string, particularly their Heisman hopeful, Josh Heupel, throughout the entire second half.

Even with the missed half, Heupel racked up 313 passing yards, 21 of 29 attempts and three touchdowns. He set an OU record in the process and became the Sooners' all-time leader in pass attempts with 773 attempts.

With the performance, Heupel is now leading the nation's highest scoring offense, putting an average of 45.9 points per game on the scoreboard.

OU also brings in the nation's sixth best team offense and the second best passing offense in the country.

Defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz said the Oklahoma offense should pose the biggest challenge the Aggies have faced so far this season.

"It's unrealistic to think you're going to stop every pass [OU] throw, but at some point, you've got to play to get them stopped," Hankwitz said. "This is a challenge to

stop a team like this, but that you play for. You enjoy all wins, but you enjoy the wins of the good teams all the more."

The Oklahoma offense is only part of the Sooners' success. The defense has been impressive, not giving up a touchdown in seven consecutive games and holding Baylor to 94 total yards last week in Waco.

"I don't think there is any other defense is being overvalued," said quarterback Mark Farnsworth. "They're good, and they're in the secondary. You watch on film — everybody's flying ball and they make a lot of plays. We're going to have to be ready to play."

The atmosphere surrounding the game this weekend should get teams ready to play.

ESPN "Gameday" will be airing its much-publicized College Station debut, and the largest crowd in the state's history is expected to be in attendance. The crowd is expected to be massive, and the volume will be measured to determine whether it breaks the Guinness World Record.

Gates will open at 9 a.m. "Gameday" starting at 10 a.m. Kickoff is at noon.

EARLY CALLS

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of the First Amendment," Tauzin told reporters. "The intent is to find out what went wrong in this system."

Tauzin said a depressed voter turnout in the West may have had an impact on the House races in California that Republicans lost and on the national popular presidential vote that went for Gore.

Under a 1985 agreement, the networks have usually held off using voter exit polls to call elections until most polls are closed in a given state. Tauzin said the investigation may determine that "a new agreement" on use of this data is necessary, but he said there would be no effort to restrict its use with federal legislation.

"We should not try to pass laws about how people report elections," he said.

While officials at the TV networks said they had not received the letter, several said they were already looking into how the Florida projections went awry.

"We are conducting a top-to-bottom review of our election night projections to establish exactly what happened," said ABC News spokesman Jeff Schneider. "We will take whatever steps necessary to ensure this doesn't happen again."

NBC News spokeswoman Barbara Levin said the network is "very concerned about the VNS data and believe the Florida call warrants a careful examination. We will work to get to the bottom of it."

News in Brief Holes blamed for neighborhood stink

LAREDO (AP) — Some of the neighborhoods stink — and some of the manholes are to blame.

At least, that is the theory of Laredo city leaders, who have ordered an inspection of the manholes embedded in the streets.

Many of the border city's manholes are 50-year-old brick structures, said assistant director of public works Oscar Medina. Some seeps through the porous brick, soaking the soil and breeding a stench, he explained.

"They're so old that water goes through the dirt and causes a stench," Medina said.



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