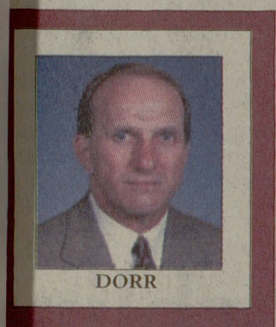


## Former coach dies at age 59

Ray Dorr remembered as hard working, dedicated

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Former Texas A&M assistant football coach Ray Dorr died at his College Station home Thursday after his battle with amyotrophic lateral



DORR

sclerosis, known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease at 59. Dorr, the quarterbacks coach at A&M from 1997-99, coached 33 years on the collegiate level where he helped develop some of the country's best. In addition to coaching at Kentucky, USC, Washington, Kent State and Akron, he served as an NFL quarterbacks tutor for Warren Moon, Tom Flick, Steve Teller, Chris Chandler, Hugh Millen, Rodney Peete, Todd Marinovich and Rob Johnson.

Dorr, diagnosed with ALS in Spring 1999, remained the Aggies' quarterbacks coach through the 1999 season before taking a position as special assistant to A&M football coach R.C. Slocum after the 1999 Mamo Bowl.

"Words alone cannot express the great admiration I have for Ray Dorr," Slocum said in a press release. "In collegiate athletics we talk to our players about overcoming adversity and handling the tough times."

"Ray Dorr was a testimony to great courage, and he was a pillar of strength."

"He touched so many lives. Besides being one of the very best coaches in the business, he was an even better person. You could not meet Ray Dorr without coming away blessed. He will truly be missed," Slocum said.

For nine months, Dorr maintained his coaching position while battling with the disease. Dorr continued working because he did not want to put another burden on Slocum, whose youngest son John Harvey was going

through heart surgery. "He did not miss one meeting and still kept putting in the 14-hour days," Slocum said. "Ray was teaching everyone how to approach a terrible disease in a positive manner."

At the same time, Dorr coached Aggie quarterback Randy McCown and then-redshirt freshman Mark Farris during the most prolific A&M passing attack since 1994.

"Coach Dorr always had us prepared, not only for football, but for life," Farris said in a press release. "He was an outstanding teacher and a true friend. He was always so easy to talk to about anything. He truly loved his players. I know all of the quarterbacks and players who have been around Coach Dorr wanted him to know how much we loved him as well."

A&M offensive coordinator and close Dorr family friend Steve Kragthorpe took over the quarterbacks coaching duties in 2000.

"It was a very, very sad day for all of Ray Dorr's friends and family in College Station and all over the country," Kragthorpe said. "But it is the happiest day in Coach Dorr's life because he gets to go to heaven."

"He never ever, ever complained," Kragthorpe's wife, Cynthia, said.

Kragthorpe recently became quarterbacks coach for the Buffalo Bills, where he will work with one-time Dorr student Rob Johnson.

Dorr, known by players and fellow coaches as the "Mad Professor," was given the Broyle's Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999. The award is presented to assistant coaches who have made significant contributions to collegiate football. In his 33 years of coaching, the only time he was not an assistant was a four-year stint as the head coach at Southern Illinois in the mid-1980s.

Before he was a coach, Dorr was a three-year starter at quarterback for West Virginia Wesleyan, where he compiled a 19-6-2 record.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; two sons, Stephen and David; and his sister, Lynn Clayton.

Funeral services are set for 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in College Station.



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Joe Dickerson (left) was selected as Corps Commander for the 2001-02 year. Regan Turner will serve as Deputy Corps Commander.

## Dickerson, Turner selected to lead Corps

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Joe Dickerson and Regan Turner were selected Thursday to lead the Corps of Cadets as Corps Commander and Deputy Corps Commander for the 2001-02 academic year.

Dickerson, a junior geography major, will be the highest ranking cadet in the 2,000-member Corps. As deputy commander, Turner, a junior mechanical engineering major, will assist in leading the Corps and serve as commander in Dickerson's absence.

"I'm overcome with excitement," Dickerson said. "I want to thank the board for having confidence in me."

Dickerson and Turner were selected by a board of eight senior cadets and eight members of Maj. Gen. Ted Hopgood, Corps commandant's staff.

"The Corps remains the icon of A&M," Hopgood said.

Hopgood said the board's selections reflect the character, competence and maturity of Dickerson and Turner.

"Both have outstanding grade-point ratios," he said. "They demonstrate leadership by example."

Corps Commander Mark Welsh, a senior finance major, said Dickerson and Turner are taking charge at a high point for the Corps.

"The quality of cadets they will lead

is as high as it's ever been," he said.

Turner said he feels honored to have been chosen as deputy commander.

"This is the most humbling honor I've had," Turner said.

The rest of the Corps leadership for next year will be selected in the following weeks. The commanders for the two Army brigades and the Air Force wing will be announced next Wednesday and Thursday, respectively. Commanders for the remaining major units will be announced soon after.

Dickerson said he and Turner are excited about next year.

"The Corps is going to do great things," Dickerson said.

## Replant will plant 800 saplings

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Saturday marks the 11th annual Replant and the last time the event will take place in the spring semester.

This year's kickoff will be held at the Century Tree on Saturday, where registered participants will sign in and from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Speakers include Dr. J Malon Southerland, vice president of Student Affairs; Forrest Lane, student body president and a senior political science major; Pete Smith of the Texas Forestry Service; and Rachel Hammlers, the 1998 Replant director.

"Most of Replant's funding is provided by Aggie Mom's clubs and local businesses," said Leanne Hall, director of Replant and a senior community health major. "The trees are donated to us through the National Tree Trust (NTT) as saplings."

Richard Jander, tree team leader and a senior agricultural economics major, said NTT donated 800 seedlings to be replanted by one group of volunteers.

"Another group of volunteers will plant somewhere around 310 to 312 older trees at the two Bryan locations," Jander said.

"Volunteers will be assigned at kickoff to go to Somerville Lake to re-plant saplings, or to plant older trees at Tiffany Park or the Bryan Regional Athletic Complex," said Allison Rosen, associate director of Replant and a junior biomedical science major.

The planting sites are chosen based on each area's ability to care for the trees once they have been planted.

"The trees are donated by the National Tree Trust, and their one stipulation is that they are planted on public land," said Lori Salter, Replant adviser and coordinator for volunteer services. "So Replant looks for public areas that can devote the time and energy to fertilize, water and generally maintain the trees."

Salter said, a large number of committee members made it possible for Replant to be held twice this year to make the transition from a spring Replant to a fall Replant easier.

"We have one set of members working on Saturday's Replant, and another set already planning for the one to be held sometime in the fall," said Salter. "The large number of students participating helps to make the transition an easier one."

"We have decided to move Replant to the fall simply because that is a better time to plant the trees," Salter said. "Trees survive much better if they can get their roots in the ground and then fall into the dormant period during winter. We already have a high survival rate, but this will encourage even more of the trees to survive."

The decision to move the traditionally spring event to the fall is already facing criticism by students.

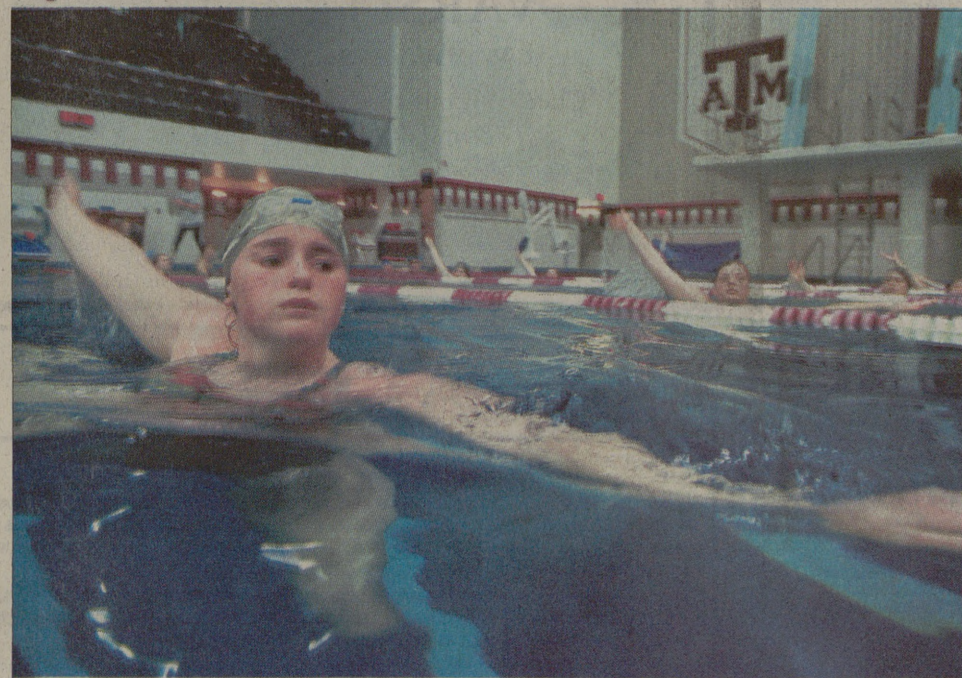


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## Synchronization



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M'lyn Jones, a junior biomedical science major, performs the side stroke during synchronized swimming class in the Student

Recreation Center Natatorium on Thursday. The strokes must be performed with the swimmers' head above the water.

## Judge rules mandatory drug tests in schools violate the Constitution

LUBBOCK (AP) — Mandatory drug testing violates the constitutional rights of students, a federal judge ruled Thursday in a seventh-grade boy's challenge of the Lockney Independent School District's policy.

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings said he understands the motives behind the policy, but no matter how good the school board's intentions, its mandatory, "suspicionless drug testing" violates the Constitution's Fourth Amendment.

"The Court... recognizes that given advancements in technology and research, a mandatory drug policy of testing every teen-age student could potentially eliminate drug use for such an impressionable segment of our population," Cummings wrote, going on to quote late U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Louis Brandeis. "But with such an intrusion also comes a great price to citizens' constitutionally

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ACLU attorney

guaranteed rights to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects."

Graham Boyd, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) national drug policy project attorney representing 13-year-old Brady Tannahill, said the judge's ruling should send a

message across the nation.

"A school cannot treat its students as if they are guilty until proven innocent," he said. "The judge recognizes that countering drug use among young people is a very important goal, but it does not suspend the Constitution. Some of the most insidious invasions of our liberty have taken place when intentions have been the very best."

Lockney ISD attorney Donald Henslee said he will advise the district to appeal the ruling to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Cummings considered a three-part test used in a 1995 Vernonia, Ore., case that went to the Supreme Court. He also considered a 5th Circuit case involving the East Chambers Independent School District near Houston and a Georgia case, which also went to the Supreme Court.

In reviewing previous cases, Cummings wrote that there are two reasons for establishing that a "special need" exists for such drug testing.

Those two reasons are: someone performing a highly specialized function, which could affect public safety, or a school district that has an urgent need to solve its drug problem and has continued to fail in alleviating the problem by other means.

Cummings said Lockney did not prove either.

He said attending school is not the same as working in a highly regulated industry and that the district's argument that its policy was necessary due to "a significant drug and alcohol use (and possibly abuse in some instances) among students," based on the arrest of a group of Lockney residents does not hold up.