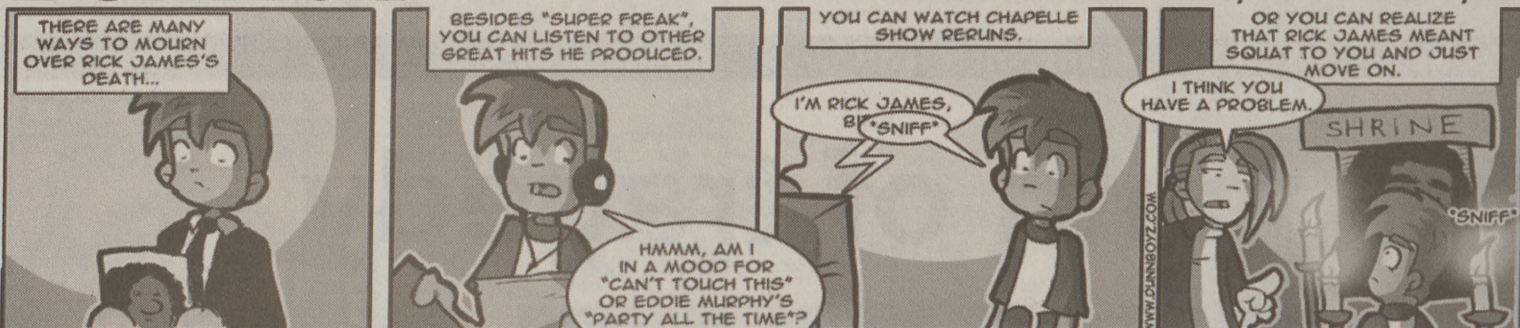


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by Will Lloyd



UNT quarterback killed in accident

CALVERT (AP) — A University of North Texas quarterback killed early Saturday morning after his vehicle crossed into oncoming traffic and collided head-on with an 18-wheeler in Central Texas. Andrew Smith, a 21-year-old from Bay City who was expected to compete for starting quarterback this fall, was pronounced dead at the scene. The pre-dawn accident happened on Texas Highway 41, five miles north of Calvert, which is 48 miles southeast of Waco. "This brings everything back into perspective," UNT athletic director Rick Villarreal told the Denton Record-Chronicle in its Sunday editions. "The players are all kids and they are vulnerable. Regardless of what you can do on the field, nothing is promised. It will be missed."

10 Aggies selected to Teach for America

By Emily Guevara
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Seniors Alicia Bowman and Preston Gorman were making plans for their lives after graduation. Both set to graduate in May 2004, Bowman had been accepted to graduate school at University of California-Davis and Gorman was looking for a job with thoughts of teaching. Then the opportunity to join Teach for America came along.

Bowman and Gorman are two of 10 Aggies accepted to the two-year Teach for America corps. They will begin teaching this fall after a summer of training.

The Teach for America program recruits recent college graduates to teach in low-income communities in a movement to eliminate America's educational inequity, according to the Teach for America Web site.

Bowman said educational inequity refers to the achievement gap between students of low-income and high-income communities.

"The core of the mission is to foster more of an equal opportunity for people, in the area of education," Gorman said.

Bowman said she never felt like graduate

school was going to be the challenge she was looking for or an opportunity to give back as she had throughout her time at A&M.

Bowman was a member of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) while at A&M. It was through this organization that she recruited for A&M in the Rio Grande Valley and first saw the need in this area.

"I was amazed at this (achievement gap) and by the fact that those at Teach for America see it as the civil rights issue of our time," Bowman said.

Gorman said this program presented a good option for him for several reasons. He would work with a team of teachers, go to a new city and receive awesome training and support from the program.

"It eases the transition into teaching rather than just going on your own," Gorman said.

Bowman and Gorman attended summer training institutes in Houston and New York, respectively.

"The training in New York was the hardest thing I have ever done," Gorman said.

The training consisted of teaching summer school, curriculum sessions, observ-

ing teachers and lesson planning, Bowman said. The summer training began at 6:45 each morning and sometimes lasted until 10 p.m. with limited breaks.

Bowman, who will teach seventh grade science in Donna, Texas, said she wants to inspire her students to love learning in general.

"I hope I can show them that they can do anything if they work hard," Bowman said.

Gorman, who will teach middle school math in Camden, N.J., said he hopes to impact the lives of his students and learn about himself and what he wants to do with his life.

"Even if people move on (to other fields) the issue of social justice and equality will forever be imprinted on their mind," Gorman said.

"I am so proud of Alicia and of this program for trying to help these kids," said Bowman's mother Theresa.

Though Bowman said these will be the longest days of her life, she encourages others to consider this program.

"Look at the program and the Web site," Bowman said. "It is not the rest of your life. It is only two years, and you are part of a movement."

Apartment

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the State Fire Marshal recommended that all exterior gas lines and all water heaters at the Hensel Terrace apartments be inspected. The inspections were performed by TXU.

Six exterior gas leaks and one exterior water leak were found and addressed and 12 water heater repairs were made.

The University also conducted an inspection of all gas appliances in all University apartments. Several types of gas-related issues were identified and addressed, including repairs to leaking gas valves and the relighting of pilot lights.

"There are lots of leaks that have been found and people are worried about that," Ribeiro said.

Residents are also scared about the possibility of an accident occurring during the repairs that are currently being conducted, Ribeiro said.

The apartment stoves are a specifi-

ic cause of concern to many residents, Ribeiro said.

If the pilot light in the stove extinguishes, the dangerous gas can fill the apartment.

"I woke up two days ago to the smell of gas in my apartment," Ribeiro said. "I opened the doors and windows and turned on the A/C and a fan to try to get it out."

"We are forming a committee to make sure the maintenance is done well," Ribeiro said. "The committee will include residents of the apartments and University officials."

"We are in the process of getting the history and pulling the facts together," Lawson said. "We don't know the cause of the fire and we'll have to look at a number of things."

The fire marshal's report will probably be in on Wednesday, said Bart Humphreys, public information officer for the College Station Fire Department.

"We are waiting for the fire marshal's report, but gas is the most likely cause," Ribeiro said.

Fish Camp

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new people, learning about the Aggie way of life and I'm really excited about the mixers," said Robin Collett, incoming freshman and Fish Camp Session F participant. "Most of all, I'm really proud to be an Aggie, and I can't wait to meet people who feel the same way I do."

Fish Camp is almost entirely student-run. From the directors of the Fish Camp program to each camp's individual co-chairs and counselors, those involved spend months preparing for the six sessions of Fish Camp that serve as a universal "welcome wagon" into the Aggie family.

"This is an incredible program because of the intensity of student involvement," Boren said. "Texas A&M students are truly dedicated to giving back to the community and making a difference in people's lives."

For more information, visit <http://fish-camp.tamu.edu>.

NEWS IN BRIEF

California Republicans oppose bond money for stem cell research

SAN DIEGO — Capping a three-day state convention, California Republicans voted Sunday to oppose a November ballot measure that would provide \$3 billion in state bonds for human embryonic stem cell research in California.

Although President Bush has cited ethical issues in arguing against the expansion of such research, party members framed their

voice vote largely as a budget issue. They said the state can't afford \$3 billion in interest payments that would bring the true cost of Proposition 71 to \$6 billion.

"There are people on our committee who support embryonic stem cell research that voted to oppose Proposition 71," said Mike Spence, chair of the party's initiative committee. The committee recommended the "no" vote to more than 600 voting delegates Sunday.

"There's billions in bonds, a new state agency that's unaccountable ... and there's cloning involved," said Spence. He said party members

also oppose fund-raising by venture capital firms and biotechnology interests for a measure that would reward them with state grants.

The state's most prominent Republican, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, has taken no position on the stem cell ballot measure. He said in June that he supports stem cell research, but he has also campaigned against the state going deeper into debt.

The measure would distribute \$300 million a year for 10 years to California-based research. That far exceeds the \$60 million awarded nationally in 2002 by the Bush administration.

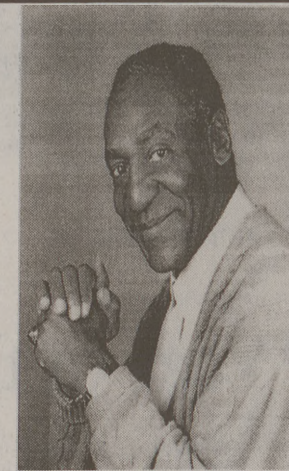
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