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Bockrath to Alabama

Brent Ross

The University Daily

Texas Tech lost another administrator Friday when Tech Athletic Director Bob Bockrath accepted the director of athletics position at the University of Alabama. The announcement ended Bockrath's 33-month tenure at the helm of the Red Raiders.

Bockrath was named the new Alabama AD by Alabama President Roger Sayers and President-elect Andrew Sorensen at a press conference at the Tuscaloosa, Ala., school.

"In our search for an athletic director, experience, integrity and an intimate familiarity with the combination of academic and athletic success were imperative," Sorensen stated in a press release. "We wanted a seasoned athletic administrator who could take one of the nation's premier athletic programs to the next level."

Alabama initially sent a letter in April stating that Bockrath had been nominated for the position, he said. It was followed by several conversations and interviews, culminating with him being offered the position.

Even though he was at Tech for less



Bockrath

- Served as Tech AD for 33 months
- Officially leaves Tech June 21

- Added women's soccer and softball to Tech's athletic program

than three years, Bockrath said he didn't use Tech to propel him toward another job.

"I never viewed Tech as a stepping stone," he said. "But, sometimes other opportunities come along."

"Not in my wildest dreams did I ever think I'd be working at an institution like Alabama," Bockrath said.

Bockrath, 53, said the many compelling features of the Crimson Tide program are what led him to make the move to Alabama.

"It has a rich athletic history and a great tradition in football," he said.

"Most importantly, they have terrific resources to develop a broad-based

program," Bockrath said.

Bockrath, who officially leaves Tech June 21, still had two years remaining on his contract. Before his contract was terminated, Bockrath's program accumulated many accomplishments.

The Red Raider football team went to three bowl games during Bockrath's reign, including Tech's first trip to the Cotton Bowl since 1938.

The Lady Raiders dominated with continued NCAA Tournament appearances and the men's basketball program reached the Sweet 16 in this year's NCAA Tournament.

Larry Hays' baseball team got within one game of the College World Series in 1995 and followed that by going 49-15 and hosting an NCAA regional.

Bockrath also introduced women's soccer and women's softball to the Tech athletic program.

Bockrath said his departure should not cause the athletic department to miss a beat.

"My administrative style is to involve people in many areas of the department," Bockrath said. "We have a lot of people involved in the arena search for example. My absence won't affect any of the timetables."

Tech chancellor search continues

Board of Regents hopes to have final decision made by fall semester

The Texas Tech University Board of Regents met Friday to discuss the search for a chancellor to replace Tech President Robert Lawless, who resigned in February.

The process of narrowing the list of candidates is just beginning, said Margaret Lutherer, Tech director of News and Publications.

The board is still on track to have someone in the office by the fall semester, Lutherer said.

"However, I think the board feels it is more important to pick the right person than to meet any specific deadline," she said.

Shortly after Lawless's resignation, Board of Regents Chairman Ed Whitacre said he was hoping the board members would have a final decision by July 1, as reported in the April 4 issue of *The University Daily*.

Under the new system, a chancellor would be the chief executive officer of Texas Tech University and be responsible for fund-raising, administrative, legislative and legal matters.

Texas Tech University and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will each have a president who would be responsible for the day-to-day responsibilities of running each campus.

Donald Haragan has served as interim president of Tech since February.

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Exactly what do Libertarians stand for? The state convention was in Lubbock this weekend. Find out what happened as they prepare for the November elections. Also, the secessionist group the Republic of Texas makes an appearance. **Page 3**

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Coffee & Cream offers music lovers a taste of funk. **Page 6**

Lee's death leads to scholarship

Chris Gray

The University Daily

Almost two years ago, Texas Tech student Melinda Ann Lee was injured in a car accident and died 54 days later in intensive care at University Medical Center.

A scholarship fund was established in her name, and Scott Ferguson, a 1996 graduate of Lake Highlands High School in Dallas, received the first award May 20.

The scholarship was presented to Ferguson at the annual high school awards ceremony.

Lee was a junior at Tech, majoring in marketing. She was a mem-



Lee

ber of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and was an honor student.

The scholarship fund was established by her parents through the College of Business Administration at Tech.

The scholarship is awarded each year to a graduate or graduates of Lake Highlands High School who will be attending the College of Business at Tech.

Ferguson will be attending Tech this fall and was selected for the first scholarship award of \$1,000, said Don Lee, Melinda's father.

"Scott was an outstanding Lake Highlands defensive player on this past year's football team, had good grades and is active in school and church," he said. "We met Scott and his family, and he appears to be **See Scholarship, page 4**

Ready or Not



Patrick Bulteel: The University Daily

Collen Casey, a senior family studies major from Lubbock, gets ready for her classes by buying supplies for the summer sessions. The bookstore is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Campus Voice

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to Kirk Baird's "food for thought" list of one-liners. I'll deal with the offending quips one by one.

"There should not be prayer in school."

This is called a "straw man argument" in philosophical parlance. This is when one misstates one's opponents position to make it easier to refute. No one is advocating "forced prayer" in school's or anywhere else. Some people just believe that prohibiting schools from allowing *any* prayer at *any* time on school premises is denying students and their families the right to choice (remember how important "choice" is?)

"The concealed handgun law is ludicrous"

This statement is obviously an overgeneralization. It may be ludicrous in Lubbock, where the people feel a high level of personal safety. But it may not be so ludicrous in parts of Texas where the police just aren't able to provide such security. I do see the arguments against the concealed handgun law but to say the law is ludicrous is essentially saying that it's (sic) proponents have no argument whatsoever and are, in effect, morons. And if one is a moron in *your* eyes, that's pretty bad!

"The rich should pay more and the poor should pay less."

The obvious question is "for what?" Should the poor pay less for luxury items? Should they get discounts on Parker pens and Rayban sunglasses? Booze? Cigarettes? Framed BonJovi or Selena posters? Also, does it matter at all

how hard people work? Should only hard working poor people and poor people who stay in school pay less or should lazy poor people or poor people who drop out and join gangs pay less too?

"The trickle down theory is almost as goofy as saying ketchup is a vegetable. Wait, Reagan already tried that."

I agree that trickle down economics doesn't work. In fact, it seems to screw poor individuals like myself. Not much ends up trickling down — all we see when we look up is a bunch of fat rich guys burping and wiping the corners of their mouths.

But is mistaking ketchup for a vegetable the goofiest thing you can think of? After all, many people think tomatoes *are* vegetables (and not fruit, their correct botanical classification). Calling ketchup say, seafood, now *that's* goofy. (Or perhaps your intention after all was to characterize trickle down economics as just a little goofy, to the degree that mistaking ketchup for a vegetable is goofy, but to the degree of goofiness involved in mistaking ketchup for seafood.)

"Drugs should not be legalized."

I agree in general, but I am not so sure people ought to be imprisoned for smoking marijuana, unless it is linked to some other crime. The sad fact is that millions of Americans need alcohol or pot to cope with life. Pot seems, overall, less harmful than booze.

"Contrary to popular opinion, not all members of the media are left-wing wackos. Example: Rush Limbaugh — he's a right-wing wacko."

Polls show only 4 percent of the media in Washington DC consider themselves conservative. The stats might be better in other places but it is clear that the media's bias is

not merely "public opinion," it is public opinion based on very sound evidence. Let's face it, news people are never perfectly objective, and if the vast majority are liberal, then the news will be tilted to the left. Why is that so hard to comprehend?

"Separation between church and state is imperative — even churches can't agree with one another on the majority of the issues."

Oh really? How many churches do you know that don't advocate helping the needy, or that advocate abortion, or disagree with the Ten Commandments or that promote drinking, smoking, homosexuality, satanic worship, prostitution, etc. etc. I can think of a hundred important issues that all the major churches agree upon, but very few that they disagree upon, let alone "a majority of the issues."

Also, why is it imperative that all religion be kept out of the government at all costs? The framers didn't feel that way. God forbid we infuse some morality into our government. Morality in civilized society, for the majority at least, has always been based on religion of some sort. If you don't like the Judeo-Christian based morality why not move to Saudia Arabia and give Muslim morality a whirl. Or the Hindu Caste system in India, or atheism in China (got to love those civil rights). Hitler and Stalin are the two outstanding examples of leaders who promoted atheism states.

Now I'm not saying that you are advocating an atheist state, but when you excise all mention of God from government isn't that the path you are leading to — the "Man is the measure of all things" philosophy? It's a dangerous path indeed.

Joe Cheffo

Media sports control over today's athletics



BRENT ROSS

UD Managing Editor

Recently in the world of sports, the media have received as much or more attention than the sport they are covering. Because of this trend, the media have begun to affect the way the sports are played and presented.

Unfortunately for fans, this added attention has not always been a benefit. Take for example, the Major League Baseball strike of 1994-95. The strike was driven, in part, by the tremendous difference between the revenue generated by large media markets such as New York and Los Angeles, and the revenue generated by small media markets like Milwaukee and Cincinnati.

Because there is no salary cap in Major League Baseball, the teams can spend as much money attracting players as they wish. However, this causes an unfair advantage because teams such as the New York Yankees can demand huge television and radio contracts to cover their games while teams such as the Milwaukee Brewers cannot demand the same contracts. The large-market teams then use the extra money to court and sign top players to fill their roster, giving them an unfair advantage on the diamond.

The National Hockey League also was hurt by the role the media plays. In the mid 1980s, the NHL signed a contract with a cable network called SportsChannel instead of ESPN. While ESPN prospered in the following years, SportsChannel and the NHL suffered.

Once the NHL's contract with SportsChannel ended in 1993, the league quickly signed a contract with ESPN. With the new agreement, hockey has flourished and can now truly be called a national sport.

The media's presence was on hand again with the release of the NFL schedules for the 1996 season, which included the network that would carry each game. Many think the two biggest games of the NFL season are the Dallas-Miami game Oct. 27 and the Dallas-San Francisco game Nov. 10. Fox won the battle with ABC's *Monday Night Football* to carry both games, prompting some to ask why the relatively new network was able to hog both big games. The answer is NFL officials remember Fox paid \$1.58 billion for the rights to cover the NFL, \$630 million more than the \$950 million ABC shelled out.

Sports is continuously growing in popularity because of the media exposure it attracts. But to the media outlets across the country, just remember, it's what happens on the field that fans fall in love with.

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Libertarian members address party platform

Presidential candidates, nominations for public office topics of state convention

James Walker

The University Daily

Members of the Libertarian Party of Texas claim they talked about reducing the size and power of government before it was fashionable.

Libertarians from all over the state gathered in Lubbock this past weekend for the party's state convention. The convention selected Libertarian candidates for state offices from U.S. Senator to Railroad Commissioner.

Friday party members invited speakers from the Provisional Government of the Republic of Texas, a group which claims Texas was never lawfully admitted into the United States.

The Texas Libertarian Party has campaigned for a voter referendum on the issue of statehood or

independence since the party's founding in 1972, said Publicity Chairman Wes Burnett.

Party members discussed the party platform and nominations for public office Saturday. Sunday, the party's four presidential candidates addressed the convention delegates.

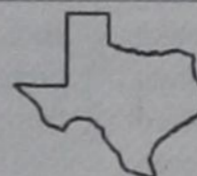
Greg Fisher, a Texas Tech clinical lab sciences major from Crosbyton, also is the Crosby County Libertarian Party Chairman.

"They call me a non-traditional student," Fisher said. "I've always been non-traditional. Now I'm old, too."

Although he has only been active in the party for two years, his anti-government feelings go back to childhood, he said.

"When I was 10 years old, I would watch news about our

State



Libertarian candidates for elected office in Texas

- °U.S. Senate: Michael Bird, San Antonio
- °Railroad Commissioner: Rick Draheim, Rockwall
- °Supreme Court Chief Justice: David Parrer, Rockwall
- °Supreme Court Place 1: Tom Stults, Houston
- °Supreme Court Place 2: Eileen Flume, San Antonio
- °Supreme Court Place 3: John Hawley, Dallas

soldiers being sent over to that meat grinder in Vietnam," Fisher said. "I remember thinking, 'This is wrong.'"

Libertarians believe in personal responsibility rather than government intervention in matters like

drugs, education and the economy, he said. Government should limit itself to defense and keeping the peace, Fisher said.

Internal divisions are a major obstacle for the Libertarian Party, he said.

Those divisions were apparent Sunday when angry party members questioned the front runner for the Libertarian presidential nomination, Harry Browne.

The members were concerned about questionable campaign practices and protested his plan to sell off federal assets to buy annuities to replace the Social Security Fund.

Irwin Schiff, another Libertarian presidential candidate, said the federal income tax is voluntary.

"There is no law requiring anyone to pay income taxes," he said.

Schiff has paid no income tax since 1974 and has spent four years in prison. Schiff has sold more than 67,000 copies of his 1982 book "How Anyone Can Stop Paying Income Taxes."

Other candidates include Vietnam veteran Rick Tompkins and history professor Calvin Ruskaup.

Police question three men about Greenville black church burnings

GREENVILLE (AP) — Two black churches were burned within hours in a case suspiciously reminiscent of the fires that have ravaged Southern black churches over the last 18 months.

Three men were being questioned Monday, but police would not immediately link the blazes with those that have drawn national outrage.

The New Light House of Prayer suffered extensive damage to a rear classroom and attic area and heavy smoke damage to the sanctuary.

Still, Pastor Chester Thomas vowed the blaze would not interrupt the worshipping schedule of his 150-member congregation.

"We're going to have church services, outside if we have to," Thomas said. "I'll get a tent."

About a mile away, members of the Church of the Living God were trying to recover from a fire that charred exterior siding and an interior wall.

Authorities questioned two white men and a Hispanic man Monday about the fire at New Light. The three men, who were charged with unrelated crimes, were also being questioned about the other fire, although it was reported three hours after they were

arrested.

The two incidents in this city of 32,000 about 40 miles northeast of Dallas bring the number of burned black churches in the South to more than 30 in the last year and a half.

"When you burn down a black church, you are definitely making a racial statement," said the Rev. Lee Hardmon of Greenville United Baptist Church.

In Washington, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin announced that a 13-year-old white girl was arrested Sunday night and charged as a juvenile in Thursday's burning of the old sanctuary of a black church in Charlotte, N.C. Rubin met with 60 black ministers to discuss the series of church burnings.

He and other officials promised an aggressive federal investigation of all the fires.

During a visit Monday to San Diego, President Clinton mentioned the Texas fire and said: "We have got to stop these things. ... We need to come together as one America to rebuild our churches, restore hope and show the forces of hatred they cannot win."

Republic pushing for Texas freedom

James Walker

The University Daily

Texas — it's a whole other country.

At least that is what members of the Republic of Texas believe.

In a speech Friday night at the Texas Libertarian Party's state convention, Richard McLaren, said the 1845 annexation of Texas was illegal because the U.S. Constitution contains no provisions for annexing foreign nations.

McLaren, chief ambassador for the Republic of Texas, said the Republic is working within the law to achieve independence for Texas.

The process includes filing papers with the United Nations and trying to get a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The United States supported separatist claims by the former Soviet republics of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, he said. The same principles should apply to Texas.

Archie Lowe, president of the Republic of Texas, said the Republic was reformed last year



Lowe

by people who were "frustrated with NAFTA and farm subsidies that were destroying our beloved nation."

Lowe said he joined the militia several years ago, after the destruction of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco.

"When people fear their government, something is wrong," he said.

Lowe said the Republic was inspired by the examples of Texas revolutionaries such as Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett and William Travis.

"They weren't ashamed to be called militia men," he said.

Citizens of the Republic number several thousand throughout Texas, Lowe said.

Many citizens of the Republic of Texas also are retaining their U.S. citizenship and paying taxes to the federal government.

Lowe originally wanted to be a physics teacher but was not accepted because of his long hair, he said.

An electronics firm near Dallas hired him as a senior designer, but recently fired him for his political

beliefs, he said.

The Republic of Texas is a peaceful organization, Lowe said.

"We are not a militia, not secessionist and not anti-government," he said.

"We are Texans, we are sovereign, we will live free and die free. Remember the Alamo, remember Waco, and God bless this land of Texas."

While Lowe spoke, a man with a 10-gallon hat and ostrich-skin boots stood silently to one side of the stage.

Periodically he whispered into a radio attached to his collar.

The man identified himself as Republic of Texas security.

Chris Leonard, a Lubbock resident and citizen of the Republic of Texas, also was working as a Republic of Texas security member Friday night.

"We have what's called the Defense Forces of Texas," Leonard said. "We don't call it a militia because that's not a popular word."

"It's only for defense and emergencies like floods and fires," Leonard said.

Scholarship

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an outstanding young man."

Ferguson was selected by the Tech School of Business Scholarship Committee based on applications received by them from Lake Highlands graduating seniors, Lee said.

The fund now has almost \$18,000, and there have been 172 contributions, he said.

The fund is perpetual and will

only be made from interest earned. "Your contribution will be at work for many years to come," Lee said.

The number of applicants this year was almost 200, Lee said.

Anyone wishing to make contributions to the Melinda Ann Lee Scholarship Fund should send them to: Deborah Finlayson, director of college development, College of Business Administration, Texas Tech.

More Tech students graduated in 1996

Chris Gray
The University Daily

Increased Texas Tech admission standards resulted in a slight jump in the 1996 graduation rate from 1995, said Tech officials.

The last time admission standards increased was five years ago when the SAT minimal requirement increased from 1100 to 1200, and the ACT minimal requirement raised from 24 to 27.

In the fall of 1997, incoming freshmen must make at least a 1270 on their SAT or a 29 on their ACT.

Vicky West, systems analysis for the Tech Department of Institutional Research, said the total number of graduates this year was slightly higher than last year's 2,400 graduates.

The reason for the slight increase is the time frame, she said. The graduation rate is higher this year than it was 20 years ago, West said. And in 20 years, the graduation rate should be higher.

"The total number of graduates this year, including graduate and undergraduate candidates, is estimated to be 2,500," she said.

Tech officials said there is a direct correlation between the graduation rate and standards for admission to the university.

"In the olden' days, anyone with a high school degree would be ad-

Total number of graduates in each college:

Agriculture	95
Architecture	43
Arts and Science	543
Business	275
Education	72
Engineering	154
Human Sciences	187

Graduate students in the schools of law and medicine are not included. Their graduate estimates are 1,174, bringing the total to 2,500.

GOP suggests more FBI files than 341

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House may have gathered more FBI background files on former employees than the 341 disclosed so far by the Clinton administration, the chairman of the House Government Reform Committee said Monday.

Rep. William Clinger, who has battled the administration over his demand for White House travel office records, said he would conduct hearings on the files soon — maybe as early as next week.

The Clinton administration said the files, many on prominent Republicans, came to the White House

from the FBI in a bureaucratic mix-up.

But Clinger, R-Pa., said the investigation "has the potential to be more sweeping" than his probe of firings at the travel office.

He based his suggestion about additional files on a White House request for the file of a fired travel office employee, Barney Brasseux. The White House has said it sought files from a list that went from the letters A to G. But Brasseux was not among those names, and Clinger said he was informed by the FBI director that Brasseux's file was among those requested.

mitted to Tech," said Margaret Lutherer, director of the Office of News and Publications.

"Because we had so many students flunk out, the graduation rate was very low 20 years ago," she said.

With the increased admission standards, freshmen for the 1997 fall semester must meet higher requirements than those who were admitted five years ago.

SAT scores must be at least 70 points higher and ACT scores must be at least two points higher than the old standards.

The purpose behind raising the standards of admissions is to enhance the undergraduate reputation of Tech, Lutherer said.

"Tech is offering more challenging classes, and students are better prepared for the classes," she said. "The bottom line is the quality of students is increasing."

Lutherer said there also is a psychological aspect to attending college.

"It is psychologically damaging to the students who fail," she said.

"Four-year institutions are not for everyone," Lutherer said.

Thomas gives speech despite protests

SEAT PLEASANT, Md. (AP) — Defying protesters who claim his conservative stands undermine blacks, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas ended suspense Monday when he arrived to address school children in a predominantly black Washington suburb.

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'The Rock' holds firm to unoriginal ground

Despite stellar cast, movie plods through action-adventure cliches

Peter Wilkins

The University Daily

Director Michael Bay ("Bad Boys") is not the most daring filmmaker in Hollywood, but he's no dummy, either. In "The Rock," Disney's latest offering in the action-adventure genre, Bay grabs a hold of the standard action movie formula like a roller coaster passenger holding onto a safety bar. Sure, it's safe, but every now and then you just gotta let go.

Bay's script is the kind of highly-improbable-but-easily-digested story that lends itself to lots of spectacular car crashes, fiery explosions and untold numbers of bodies crashing through gigantic plate-glass windows. There's "the villain," "the good guy" and "the guy with questionable motives as-

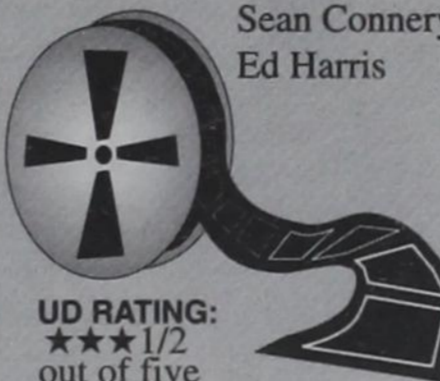
signed to help the good guy against his will."

Ed Harris plays the villain, a Marine commander who is basically a decent enough fellow, except that he's a little peeved about the way the government has erased the memory of some of his men who died behind enemy lines. He decides to call the government's attention to this little oversight by stealing a bunch of guided missiles armed with a ludicrously toxic poison. With the help of a group of homicidal Marines, he "captures" Alcatraz Island along with a group of 80 tourists. With his missiles pointed at San Francisco, he demands \$100 million as restitution, or—poof! San Francisco is a ghost town.

Naturally, the government won't negotiate, so they send in a team of

FILM: *The Rock*

STARRING: Nicolas Cage
Sean Connery
Ed Harris



UD RATING:
★★★★½
out of five

Navy Seals to take out the threat. Enter Nicolas Cage as the good guy, an FBI chemical-weapons expert untrained in combat, whose job it is to neutralize the missiles. And to help them find their way around Alcatraz, the team brings along the only man to ever escape from "The Rock," Sean Connery

(the guy with questionable motives).

It takes a while to get to this point, so Bay spices things up in the meantime with an intense car chase that leaves a beautifully choreographed path of destruction in its wake (never mind why). With that out of the way, the merry band o' Seals traipses off to Alcatraz, where everyone is promptly wiped out in an ambush, except Connery and Cage. Now the combat-shy chemical geek and the former prisoner have to kill all the rebel Marines, take out the missiles, save the hostages and become buddies before a massive air strike melts the entire island to slag. Can they do it? Hold your breath!

In an attempt to keep "The Rock" from becoming just another kaboom-fest, Bay tries to give his

characters a little personality, which is why he spent a combined \$19 million on Connery, Cage and Harris. All three are fine actors, but even this formidable trio can't keep "The Rock" from sinking into downright silliness every now and then. The buddy-bonding between Cage and Connery is never given a chance to develop fully, but never-you-mind. Bay strictly adheres to the policy of "If you can't dazzle 'em with dialogue, blow things up!" The result is a vapid but highly entertaining ride through Explosion Land that should keep viewers satisfied until the next Schwarzenegger film comes along.



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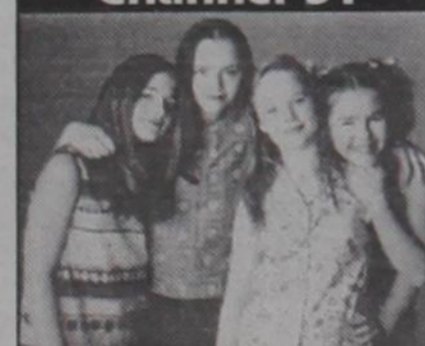



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Coffee & Cream serves up a hot cup o' funk

Peter Wilkins

The University Daily

In a town full of blues bands, local funkmeister Coffee & Cream is in a class by itself.

When bassist Sean Frankhouser and drummer Jimmy Sampson were trying to come up with a name for their newly founded funk four-piece a year ago, they wanted something that would reflect the racial mix of two white guys and two black guys. Names like "Two-Tone" and "Half & Half" were invented and discarded before they settled on "Coffee & Cream."

The band's name may call attention to its racial mix, but the band members do not. They are united in their love of playing the kind of funky grooves that would make Rush Limbaugh get up and shake his groove thing. While other bands complain that Lubbockites don't dance, it doesn't take long before the dance floor is jammed at a Coffee & Cream show.

"You just gotta play cool stuff," said guitarist Mike Austin before a recent gig. "Give people a little

time to get loose and juiced. People aren't always ready to dance in the first set."

By "cool stuff," Austin is referring to classic funk bands like Sly and the Family Stone, Average White Band and the Ohio Players — the kind of funky staples corporations like Burger King have been featuring on their commercials lately. Listening to Coffee & Cream revive all those funk classics makes listeners realize what made those songs so great to begin with — they contain the kind of undeniable jams that could put your groove thing in a sling.

Coffee & Cream formed in June 1995 for a Juneteenth celebration — "That's June 19th for all your white readers," Frankhouser said, explaining that was the date when blacks in Texas first learned of the Emancipation Proclamation. Before that gig, the members had jammed together in various line-ups at Open Jam night at Stubb's.

Frankhouser previously played bass for the Blues Butchers, while Sampson and Austin jammed together in pioneer Lubbock funk



Patrick Bulteel: The University Daily

All together then: Frontman Butch Avery performs a final time with Coffee & Cream Saturday. Guitarist Mike Austin, bassist Sean Frankhouser and drummer Jimmy Sampson will continue as a three-piece.

band T.N.T. Frontman Butch Avery was a former blues singer until "these guys introduced me to funk," he said.

"My mom always had the stereo going when she cleaned the house," said Frankhouser of his introduction to music. "Sinatra, Elvis, the Jackson Five. I was so into the Jackson Five when I was 6, I had the board game."

From 1979 to 1981, Sampson cut his teeth with legendary funk group Ohio Players, known throughout the industry for its soulful jams and lurid album covers. During that time he recorded an album and toured the United States and Europe before returning to his native Lubbock.

Austin was turned onto funk as

a teen-ager when he made his way over to the East Side to see T.N.T. perform at Estacado High School. "It was the first time I'd been around that many black people," he said.

After plugging in for an impromptu jam, Austin's guitar playing caught the ear of Sampson.

"I heard this guitar, and I turned to look," Sampson said, "and there was this white guy kickin' 'Schoolhouse Crush' by Average White Band. He was as white as his guitar."

In addition to being white, Austin just doesn't look like a funk player — a fact his bandmates say is deceiving. "He doesn't look like he's got the funk in him, but he's got it all the way to his toenails," Sampson said.

In addition to Avery's velvet-and-gravel vocals, Coffee & Cream is blessed with a lineup of fine singers in Sampson, Frankhouser and Austin. As it turns out, this vocal diversity has come in handy as Avery left the band shortly after this interview was conducted.

Frankhouser, who has always handled much of the singing chores, said the band would continue as a three-piece, and there were no hard feelings about Avery's decision to leave.

"I honestly wish the best for Butch," Frankhouser said. "He's a good showman, but he's got a lot of demands on his time. In the meantime, we know where we have to go as a three-piece. We have to kick ass, and we will."

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NBA Finals MVP only thing still in question

SEATTLE (AP) — Who's the MVP?

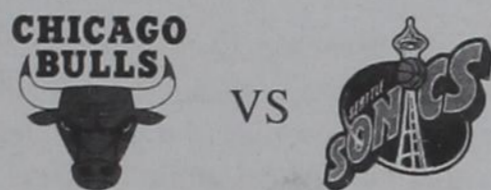
Michael Jordan is the obvious choice, Dennis Rodman is the intriguing one.

"It's a coin-toss between Michael and Dennis," Seattle coach George Karl said Monday, a day after his SuperSonics fell behind 3-0 to the Chicago Bulls in the NBA Finals.

The selection comes down to a question of which is more important, Jordan's pure production or Rodman's prodding and pestering, Jordan's Xs and Os or Rodman's Ps and Qs.

Both have been equally valuable.

"It's been a different one every game for us in many ways," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "Toni (Kukoc) stepped up big in the first game, Dennis had a big second game and Michael was instrumental in our winning the game yesterday.



day. But overall, it's been the energy of Michael."

Game 4 is Wednesday night, and it's possible the MVP award could be decided then.

So far, Jordan's edge is his 31 points per game average, his ability to dominate the game every time he has been on the floor, his leadership, his will and his aura.

Rodman's advantages are his 14.3 rebounds per game, his showmanship and his disruptive presence.

"The whole game yesterday, they were so concentrating on what I was doing, saying and how I was acting on the floor that they forgot how to play basketball," Rodman said.

"It was frustrating to see a team

that's so good be sucked into something like that."

Jordan finished with 36 points Sunday, including 15 in a row for Chicago in the second quarter to help the Bulls go into the locker room with a 24-point lead. Rodman had five points and 10 rebounds and spent his bench time jawing and gesturing at fans.

"MVP? No, I don't think I have a shot at that. Michael will get that no matter what," Rodman said.

Jordan was unquestionably the bigger factor on the scoreboard, but if the voting was based upon who everybody talked about afterward, the Worm would get the nod.

"He was trying to get into our heads and make us lose concentration," Ervin Johnson said. "I think he got to us."

"Some of the other stuff he's bringing to the game right now, the entertainment value, the flopping, the tricks, his game is at the point

where the league has to make a directional decision," said Karl.

"The league for the past five to seven years has said 'No fighting,' and Dennis Rodman uses that as his line of intimidation because he doesn't care if you hit him. He wants you to hit him, he wants you to punch him," Karl said.

For all the admiration Karl has for Rodman's ability, he said Jordan has made a greater difference.

"The thing you don't understand is how good defenders Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen are," Karl said. "We threw the ball inside to Shawn Kemp, and by himself he scored. So Dennis and (Luc) Longley aren't handling Kemp one-on-one, but Michael and Scottie are handling my perimeter people pretty well."

When the MVP votes are counted, it may be the closest battle of the series.

Jordan or Rodman?

Turnover is name of game for Sixers

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—New ownership, new management, new arena, and now, new coach.

The attempt to usher the beleaguered Philadelphia 76ers into a new era continued Monday, as the team introduced former NBA guard Johnny Davis as its sixth coach in 11 years.

"My goal is simple but lofty. ... I want to bring a championship to the city of Philadelphia," Davis said. "If you can't be excited about (the new attitude) then something's wrong."

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Hamilton makes Brewers regret decision

ARLINGTON (AP) — Darryl Hamilton went 2-for-3 and drove in three runs against his former team as the Texas Rangers won their fourth straight, an 8-3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday night.

The Rangers stretched their lead over second-place Seattle in the AL West to 6 1/2 games, the largest in franchise history. Texas improved to 39-23, its best record ever after 62 games.

Ivan Rodriguez and Kevin Elster each drove in two runs for the Rangers, while Mark McLemore

went 3-for-4, making him 16-for-31 in June.

Hamilton broke the game open in the seventh with a two-run single to make it 8-2.

Hamilton left the Brewers after six-plus seasons when he signed as a free agent with the Rangers in December.

Kevin Gross (6-4) took advantage of a 6-0 lead after three innings, throwing strikes and letting the Brewers put the ball in play. Gross was lifted after a leadoff double in the ninth by Dave Nilsson, who scored on a single by Greg

Vaughn off Mark Brandenburg.

Gross allowed seven hits and three runs, striking out four and walking one.

Milwaukee broke up the shut-out bid in the sixth on Nilsson's RBI single and Vaughn's run-scoring grounder.

The Rangers jumped on Brewers starter Brian Givens (0-1) for two runs in the first on RBI singles by Rodriguez and Juan Gonzalez. Givens was making his first major league start this season following his recall from Class AAA New Orleans on June 6.

In the second, Elster broke an 0-for-9 slump with an RBI single after Damon Buford doubled and stole third. After Hamilton walked, Rodriguez added another run-scoring single to give Texas a 4-0 lead.

Givens was knocked out in the third following three walks, including one to Elster with the bases loaded. Hamilton drove in the other run against his former team with a sacrifice fly as the Rangers built a 6-0 lead.

Givens allowed eight hits over 2 2-3 innings. He struck out two and walked four.

Avalanche outlast Panthers to claim first Stanley Cup

MIAMI (AP) — In a brilliant finale, the Colorado Avalanche completed a Stanley Cup sweep for a city that didn't have a team a year ago and never had a major championship.

Defenseman Uwe Krupp decided the stirring, superbly played climax on the 119th shot of the game at 4:31 of the third overtime.

His blast from the right point gave Colorado a 1-0 win over the gallant Florida Panthers early Tuesday.

Finally, after 104 minutes, 31 seconds of thrilling, end-to-end action, the team that moved to Denver after 16 seasons without a title as the Quebec Nordiques subdued the 3-year-old Panthers, who played with a maturity beyond their years.

The series was much closer than Colorado's 4-0 margin in games and 15-4 lead in goals.

And Colorado's Patrick Roy and Florida's John Vanbiesbrouck were equally spectacular in their duel of veteran goalies in the clincher.

Astros survive ninth-inning scare against Rockies

DENVER (AP) — Sean Berry homered and drove in three runs to support undefeated Donne Wall as the Houston Astros got a rare win in Colorado on Monday night, 10-9 over the Rockies.

Wall (3-0), who threw his first career complete game against the Rockies last Wednesday in Houston, allowed five runs on eight hits with no walks in eight innings to contain a Colorado team that scored 49 runs in its previous four games. The Rockies scored four runs after two outs in the ninth, but the rally fell one run short with the bases loaded.

While not scoring at such a pro-

lific pace, the Astros have won six of seven games to climb two games over .500 for the first time this season.

They also won in Colorado for just the third time in 14 tries.

Berry and Derek Bell both finished with three hits, with both needing a triple to complete the cycle. Bell scored three runs.

After a tough 4-1 loss to Houston last week, Colorado starter Armando Reynoso again was victimized by Wall's strong outing. Reynoso (3-6) gave up seven hits and three earned runs before leaving with two on and none out and Houston leading 4-1 in the sixth.

The Astros extended the lead to 5-1 when Rockies catcher Jeff Reed threw the ball into right field trying to complete a first-to-home-to-first double play, allowing Rick Wilkins to score from second.

It was Reed's fourth throwing error against Houston this year, and it gave Wall (3-0) some needed breathing room as he allowed an RBI single to Andres Galarraga and a sacrifice fly to Vinny Castilla as Colorado closed to 5-3 in bottom of the sixth.

The Astros added two more runs in the seventh on Berry's run-scoring double and an RBI single by Brian Hunter, and they scored three

unearned runs in the eighth, capped by Bill Spiers' two-run single.

Galarraga hit his 16th homer of the season and 100th as a member of the Rockies against Wall in the bottom of the eighth, and the Rockies made it 10-6 in the ninth on a two-out, bases-loaded walk to Dante Bichette.

Galarraga followed with a two-run single, giving him five RBIs in the game, and Ellis Burks' infield single made it 10-9.

Castilla walked to re-load the bases, but Quinton McCracken grounded out to second baseman Craig Biggio for the second time in the inning.



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