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Johnny Carson's desk goes up for auction

DALLAS (AP) — The rosewood desk Johnny Carson sat behind for countless celebrity interviews and his Carnac the Magnificent routine is among several "Tonight Show" items headed for the auction block.

Among the unique features of the gold-colored, inlaid top desk: a hidden, sliding ashtray holder Carson used to conceal his lit cigarettes. It also includes a trash bin and a lining of orange shag carpet that still bears a burn mark from the time Carson set fire to his index cards after his jokes kept tanking.

Carson used the desk on "The Tonight Show" between 1974 and 1981.

Other memorabilia up for grabs: a studio clock used by Carson, a three-foot-square section of flooring that he stood on to deliver his monologue from August 1985 to May 1992, and audio recordings he made in 1949 at the University of Nebraska for his senior thesis, "How to Write Comedy for Radio."

The items will be publicly auctioned Oct. 8 by Heritage Galleries & Auctioneers of Dallas.

NATION

Color me beautiful: \$10 bill gets makeover

WASHINGTON (AP) — The color of money is getting more varied. A newly designed \$10 bill was unveiled Wednesday featuring splashes of orange, yellow and red to go with the traditional green.

The \$10 bill note became the third bill denomination to be jazzed up with colors as part of the government's effort to thwart counterfeiters and the ever-more sophisticated devices at their disposal.

"Thanks to the changes we've made in currency design, thanks to aggressive law enforcement led by the U.S. Secret Service and thanks to an informed public, we've been able to stay ahead of the counterfeiters," Treasury Secretary John Snow said during the unveiling ceremony on Ellis Island in New York harbor.

The location was selected to highlight one of the new features of the bill — a red image of the Statue of Liberty's torch on the left side of the portrait of Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the Treasury.

WORLD

India call center gives help to Rita victims

GANDHINAGAR, India (AP) — Until last week, Madhavi Patel came to work each evening at a call center in western India, put on her headset and an American accent and spent the night taking calls from Americans about their credit cards.

Then, Hurricane Rita happened.

The call center, run by Effective Teleservices of Lufkin, Texas, set up a hot line for victims of the hurricane, and 23-year-old Patel and more than 240 of her colleagues began long days and nights fielding thousands of calls from frantic and scared people affected by the storm half a world away.

The employees at the call center in Gandhinagar, the capital of India's western Gujarat state, are providing Texas residents with information about relief operations, where to get food and gasoline and find shelter, said Jim Iyob, the center's director and a one-time Texas resident.

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DeLay indicted

DeLay indicted in Texas campaign finance probe

By APRIL CASTRO & SUZANNE GAMBOA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas grand jury on Wednesday indicted Sugar Land Republican Tom DeLay and two political associates on a single count of conspiracy related to a campaign finance scheme that helped put Republicans in control of the Texas Legislature and Congress.

DeLay, who's arm-twisting for votes to push the GOP agenda earned him the nickname

"The Hammer," is the first House majority leader to be indicted while in office in at least a century, according to congressional historians.

While DeLay retains his seat representing Texas' 22nd congressional district, the suburbs southwest of Houston, he announced he would temporarily step aside as majority leader.

Republicans at the Capitol selected Rep.

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TOM DELAY: A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY



DeLay

NAME — Thomas Dale "Tom" DeLay.
AGE-BIRTH DATE — 58; April 8, 1947.
EDUCATION — B.S., biology, University of Houston, 1970; attended Baylor University, 1965-1967.
EXPERIENCE — U.S. House of Representatives, 1985-present; House Majority Leader, 2003-present; House Majority Whip, 1995-2003; Texas House, 1979-1985; worked for pesticide maker Redwood Chemical after college before starting his own exterminating business, Albo Pest Control.
FAMILY — Wife, Christine; daughter, Danielle; one grandchild.
QUOTE — "It's nothing but a bunch of leftist organizations that have a public strategy to demonize me, and usually they overreach."
 — DeLay, to Fox News, on the ethics allegations against him.

Source: The Associated Press

Students react to DeLay investigation

By ANNE GEPFORD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay was forced to temporarily let go of his leadership position in the House after being charged Wednesday by a Texas grand jury on one felony count.

He was charged on the criminal count of conspiring to violate political fundraising laws, which made him the highest-ranking member of Congress to ever face criminal indictment, according to *The Associated Press*.

DeLay denied the charges, which were related to a campaign finance investigation.

A. Cole Shooter, a sophomore political science major from Lubbock, said he believes the charges are unfair because of the lack of evidence. He said he believes Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, a democrat, is politically motivated.

"I don't think this witch hunt will go anywhere," he said. "Earle's tried this before. I think DeLay is going to come out

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They said it:

Comments following DeLay's indictment

Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y.

"The criminal indictment of Tom DeLay is the first chink in the armor of corruption that has ... controlled the Republican majority over the past few years."

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

"The criminal indictment of Majority Leader Tom DeLay is the latest example that Republicans in Congress are plagued by a culture of corruption at the expense of the American people."

Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo.

"I'm confident that a full examination of the facts in this case will clear Tom's name and return him to his position as majority leader in the House."

Tom DeLay

"This morning ... a rogue district attorney in Travis County, Texas, named Ronnie Earle charged me with one count of criminal conspiracy, a reckless charge wholly unsupported by the facts."



SHERMAN PATTON, LEFT, a senior advertising major, and Mitchell Patton, a graduate student studying telecommunications, both from Tyler, pose in the Masked Rider Lobby overlooking Jones SBC Stadium.

Patton brothers feel the pulse of Tech, put it into song

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

They are two brothers who produce songs about Texas Tech football, basketball and sorority girls.

But Mitchell and Sherman Patton do not want to be known just as rappers.

"A misconception we're trying to get rid of is that we're just rappers," said Mitchell Patton, a graduate in telecommunications from Tyler. "We are first music producers and second performers."

Some of the songs produced by Patton Productions include "This Is Our Time," "Sorority Girls" and "Kinky." "This Is Our Time" is a song about Tech football.

"We are trying to push school spirit to the faculty and the students," said Sherman Patton, a senior advertising major also from Tyler. "Tech has a great school spirit, and we are just trying to do our part."

The song is played during pre-game at Jones SBC Stadium, Sherman Patton said.

When the Tech men's basketball team reached the Sweet 16 last season, Patton Productions produced a song called "Make 'em Believe." The song has received national attention.

"We have gotten requests to use the song from CBS New York, and the song is still being played on ESPN Radio,"

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Local owners not yet concerned with gas shortage

By LINDSAY WATTERS
STAFF WRITER

Gas shortages aren't adding to pains at Lubbock gas pumps, for now.

Many Lubbock residents are concerned with gas deficiency issues, but officials are not confirming the rumors.

"It's complicated to have a finite answer about gas shortages in Lubbock, but for right now, we are not having problems," said Orby Moore, manager of fuel and supply distribution at Rip Griffin Travel Centers. "There's no question there is a shortage around the U.S., but we have been able to supply Lubbock residents with enough gas, so far."

Though Lubbock is not having unleaded gas shortages, diesel gas is becoming scarce, Moore said.

Lubbock's gas suppliers from sur-

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Tech's opinions about intelligent design mixed

By DANIELLE NOVY
STAFF WRITER

In a nation in which evolution is being taught at nearly every level of education, a school district in Pennsylvania now is embroiled in a lawsuit after teaching intelligent design as one explanation for life's origins.

The Dover Area School District board required students at the ninth-grade biology level to be offered the concept of intelligent design as an alternative to evolution, according to *The Associated Press*. Dover is believed to be the first and only school district to require exposure to the concept.

This curriculum sparked motive for eight families to sue to the district, according to *The AP*. The first witness in the trial, Brown University's Kenneth Miller, was called to testify Monday.

Several members of the Texas Tech faculty and student body offered their diverse opinions on the topic.

Carleton Phillips, department

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Student senate to discuss pool, student safety, bike lanes today

With impeachments taking up time in the last meeting, senate officers hope to move on to more important topics tonight

By **ANDREW WOOD**
STAFF WRITER

At the last meeting, senator impeachments played a major role. Officers hope this week there will be fewer impeachment hearings and more progress made at the Student Government Association Student Senate meeting.

Murphy Coon, Brice Russell and Tyler Fenley will be the only senators who will have their positions on the line this time around.

Art Glick, executive associate to the vice president of operations, will speak to the senate and address issues about the safety of bicycle riders and pedestrians. Glick will discuss the progress of bicycle lane construction, implementation of building a pedestrian banner, crosswalk safety and give an update on the Marsha Sharp Freeway.

A major problem Glick said he wants to address is people walking in the exit side of the 19th Street and Flint Avenue parking garage.

"People walking in while pedestrians have been walking down the street has been a concern," he said. "We are going to talk about what we are going to have to do."

Glick said a serious injury at the garage is possible.

"Everybody's worried that it is a matter of time before somebody gets hurt," he said.

Glick also will talk about the possible addition of another shared path for bicycle riders. He said the bicyclists would have more options and increase the safety for other riders and pedestrians.

Casey Harmon, SGA vice president of internal affairs and student senate president, said his discussion would keep students updated.

"It's going to help keep students and senators informed of projects going on around them," she said. "As students have questions, senators will be able to inform them."

The idea to add a leisure pool

to the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center was a topic discussed at the last senate meeting; Senate Resolution 41.11 concerning the addition of the pool also will be discussed.

The University Speaker Series will be discussed with Senate Resolution 41.03.

The fourth meeting of the 41st session will be at 7 p.m. in Room 101 of the Animal Science building.

Student Government Association Upcoming Events

- **Today** — Rowdy Raider Rally at Will Rogers statue
- **Friday** — Freshman Council financial disclosure meeting, Freshman Advisory Board applications due, Tech student regent applications due
- **Saturday** — Raider Gate for Tech vs. Kansas football game
- **Oct. 6** — Giant Side of Texas barbecue competition
- **Oct. 10** — University Day



First female suicide bomber kills six in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A woman disguised in a man's robes and headress slipped into a line of army recruits Wednesday and detonated explosives strapped to her body, killing at least six recruits and wounding 35 — the first known suicide attack by a woman in Iraq's insurgency.

The attack in Tal Afar near the Syrian border appeared aimed at showing that militants could still strike in a town where U.S. and Iraqi offensives drove out insurgents only two weeks ago. A female suicide bomber may have been chosen because she could get through checkpoints — at which women are rarely searched — then don her disguise to join the line of men, Iraqi officials said.

Iraq's most notorious insurgent group, al-Qaida in Iraq, claimed responsibility for the attack in an Internet statement, saying it was carried out by a "blessed sister."

The bombing came a day after U.S. and Iraqi officials announced their forces killed the second-in-command of al-Qaida in Iraq, Abdullah Abu Azam, in a raid in Baghdad over the weekend. His death has not slowed insurgent violence, with at least 84 people — including seven U.S. service members — killed in attacks since Sunday.

President Bush warned violence will increase in the days leading up to a key Oct. 15 referendum on a new constitution,

a document that has sharply divided Iraq's Shiite Muslim majority and the Sunni minority that forms the backbone of the insurgency.

"We can expect they'll do everything in their power to try to stop the march of freedom," Bush said. "And our troops are ready for it."

The U.S. military announced Wednesday that two more American soldiers and an airman were killed in violence and a Marine was killed by a non-combat gunshot. The deaths brought to 1,922 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

In the attack at the Tal Afar army recruitment center, the female suicide bomber was wearing a traditional white "dishdasha" robe and a checkered kaffiya headscarf — both worn only by men — to blend in with the line of Iraqi applicants, Maj. Jamil Mohammed Saleh said.

She detonated explosives packed with metal balls and hidden under her clothes, Saleh said. Six recruits were killed and 35 wounded, said hospital officials in Tal Afar, 260 miles northwest of Baghdad.

In a photo of the attacker's head taken by Saleh and shown to AP, the woman appeared to be in her early 20s with dark eyes, light skin and brownish hair. Saleh said it was not known whether she was Iraqi.

Hundreds of bodies await identification at makeshift Baton Rouge morgue

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Hundreds of corpses from Hurricane Katrina await identification at a makeshift morgue, with only 32 bodies released to families for burial so far — a slow pace officials consider unavoidable.

"These are horrible times, and it's extremely frustrating. I wish I could speed up the process, but speeding up the process could contaminate the process. I'm sorry about that," said Dr. Louis Cataldie, who heads the body recovery process in Louisiana.

Identifying the bodies through personal items, DNA, fingerprints, dental records, pacemakers or implants has been

made difficult by the poor condition of corpses left for days or weeks in contaminated water, sludge and heat, he said.

In addition, dental records in New Orleans, in many cases, are destroyed or at least inaccessible, Cataldie said. Also, animals have been feeding on the bodies, making fingerprint identification harder.

Louisiana's official death toll from Katrina rose to 896 on Wednesday. Most of the bodies have been brought to a temporary morgue set up in St. Gabriel, about 15 miles from Baton Rouge, by refrigerated trucks. More than 100 bodies remain in local parish coroners' offices.

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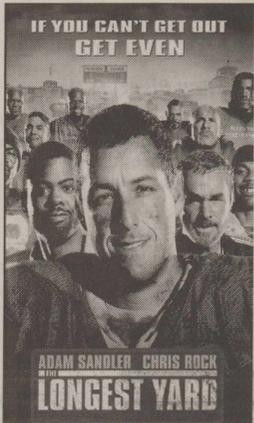
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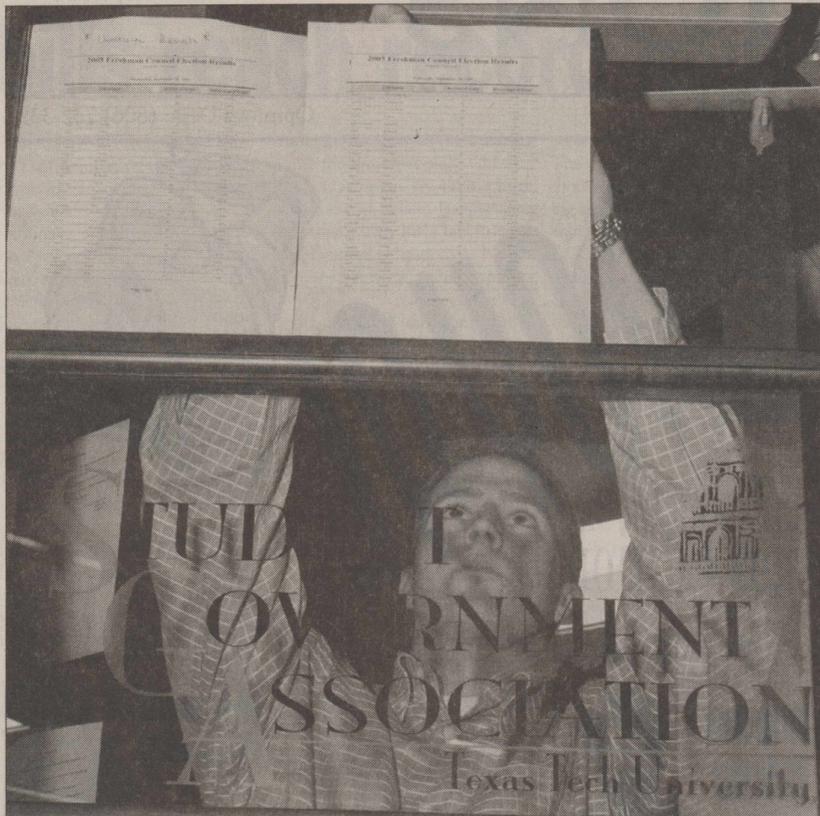
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New Freshman Council members chosen



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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION President Nathan Nash, a senior civil engineering major from Lubbock, posts the Freshman Council winners on the door of the SGA office Wednesday night. Only one of the 22 new members came to see whether they made the cut as of press time.

By **ANDREW WOOD**
STAFF WRITER

It was a quiet Tuesday night as the sound of vacuum cleaners filled the Student Government Association office, while SGA President Nathan Nash posted the results for Freshman Council.

Candidate Carter Grooms, a freshman industrial engineering major from Tyler, was the only fish to swim up to the third floor of the Student Union building to see if he won after results were posted.

Grooms, along with few of his friends in the residence halls won a seat in Freshman Council. He said he looks forward to taking on the new challenge.

"It's pretty exciting, and I look forward to it," he said. "I would like to) make sure things are run correctly."

Instead of posting campaign posters and passing out fliers, Grooms said he and his friends ran a successful campaign by way of word of mouth.

Nash said Freshman Council is a good way to teach freshmen about working in politics.

"Freshman Council is obviously a great opportunity for freshmen to get involved in student government," he said. "It's a great way for them to become familiar with how elections are run, campaigning and following the Election Commission."

Freshmen candidates who were not elected to serve, Nash said, can find another alternative by serving on the Freshman Advisory Board.

"Fortunately, it is not the only way to become involved as a freshman, because of the Freshman Advisory Board," said Nash.

The Freshman Advisory Board assists with events conducted on campus along with community activities and services.

"We would love for them to have the freedom to take up things important to them," Nash said.

The SGA president went on to congratulate winning candidates.

"Congrats on winning election," he said. "After all, it takes a little bit of courage to throw your name in the hat, especially as a freshman. I'm glad they're able to get involved."

Casey Harmon, SGA vice president of internal affairs and president of the student senate, helped set up the freshman campaign. She said she looks forward to seeing what the 2005-06 Freshman Council will have to offer, and she was impressed with this year's voter turnout of 630 freshmen voters.

"That is a pretty good voter turnout," said Harmon. "We are just looking forward to the students who won so that they can

start moving forward, have their first meeting and get started on their goals for the year."

Freshman candidate Karl Bronk would have had a seat on Freshman Council if he had not disqualified himself from the race. Nash said Bronk violated the election code by going door to door.

The College of Arts and Sciences had the highest freshman turnout by sending 264 freshmen to the online ballot box as www.sga.ttu.edu, taking 41.9 percent of the vote.

Freshman Casey Davidson had the greatest amount of votes with 185, meaning he appeared on 29.4 percent of ballots.

The 22 members of the 2005-06 Freshman Council are: KaKa Adams, Lee Bobbitt, Barrett Brashier, Bo Brosseau, Casey Davidson, Kolby Dean, Shane Finnegan, Heather Ford, Jacob Gray, Carter Grooms, Cole Hierholzer, Kerrie Krauss, Daniel Mayer, Hunter Pond, Ashley Ramsey, Justin Roberts, Jaelyn Spearman, Scott Surles, Tanner Thetford, Brittany Thiery, Aubrey Thomas and Walt Whitsitt.

The voting results were posted as unofficial results.

"With their new position, they will have a good opportunity to make a positive impact for Freshman Council," Nash said.

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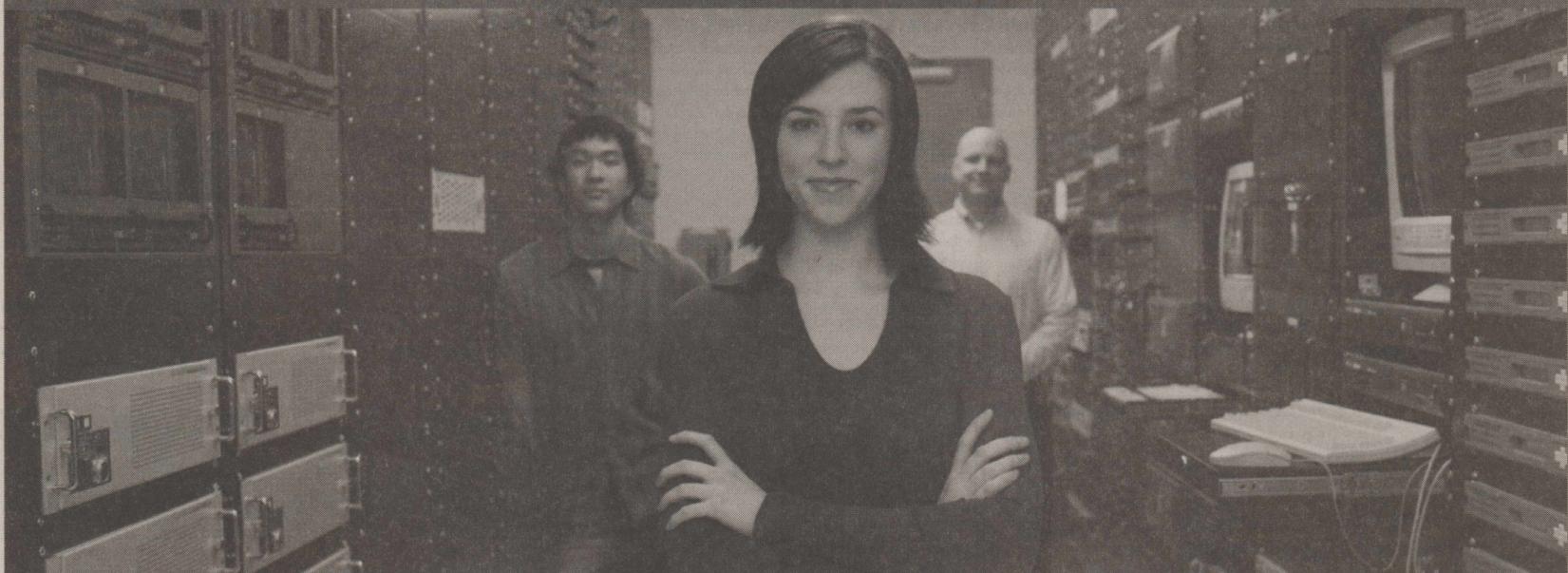
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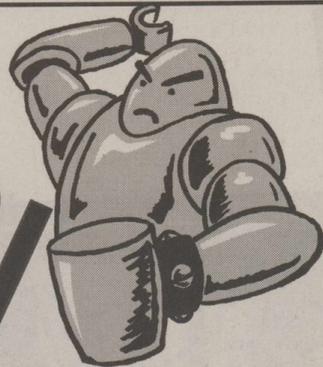
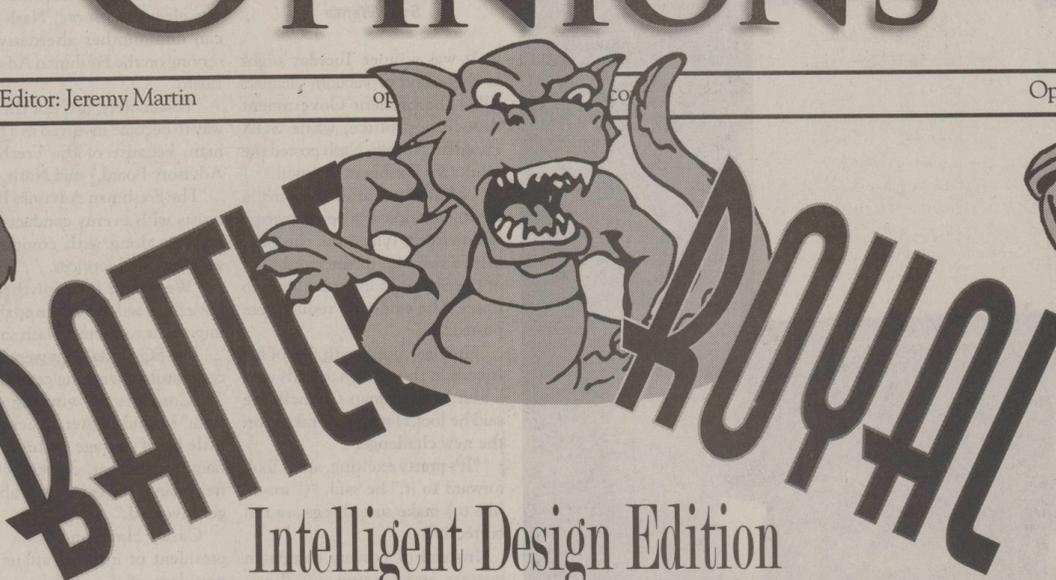
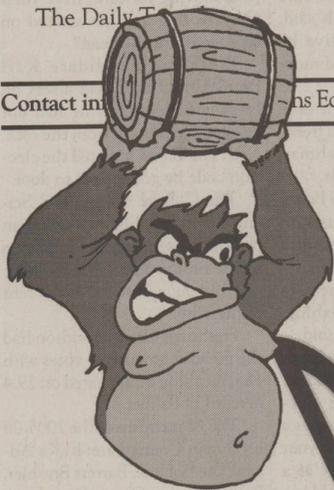
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Intelligent Design Edition

Teaching creationism unconstitutional

Like Vanilla Ice or Jose Canseco, the teaching of creationism is attempting a comeback. With a twinkle in its eye and high hopes in its heart, it seeks to return to its glory days, before the Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional to be taught in public schools in 1987. Similar to Vanilla's dreadlocks and Jose's trying out for the Dodgers, creationism has undergone an image change of its own, renaming itself intelligent design and reclassifying itself as a scientific theory.

Its re-entry into the spotlight has come via lawsuit. Eleven parents in Harrisburg, Penn., brought a case against the Dover Area School Board for their teaching of the intelligent design theory in their children's ninth-grade biology class. The intelligent design theory contends the earth and the organisms that inhabit it are too complex to have developed without guidance from an unearthly entity.

The parents contend the curriculum violates the separation of church and state as well as the 1987 Supreme Court case that banned teaching creationism in public schools. The school district maintains that intelligent design is an alternative theory to evolution and should be treated as a point of scientific controversy.

Teaching intelligent design in public schools has some major problems. The first is that it is not scientific. While it is the subject of heated debate among political science majors waiting for the bus outside of Holden Hall, there is not much debate about the matter in the scientific community. Biologists, chemists, astronomers and physicists concur with the tenets of Darwinism. The theory consistently has been upheld by the scientific method and constantly is accruing more confirming evidence.

To "teach the controversy," as some proponents suggest, gives unwarranted scientific respect to a debate that is philosophical and theological in nature. While the information backing evolution is solid, those backing intelligent design rely on faith. The harm in using intelligent design as part of a biology curriculum is that it renders unable students to fully appreciate evolution, and that is detrimental to scientific advancement.

For instance, knowledge of evolution is essential to understanding bacteria and viruses. If scientists did not comprehend how and why bacteria evolve and change, they couldn't develop antibiotics. Knowing the evolutionary history of the human helps

James Hershberger



physicians treat injuries and illnesses that occur within the body's structures. Isn't it ironic that people whose lives have been preserved by those who are well-versed in evolution oppose it being taught?

The second problem with intelligent design is that, despite its disguise, it is the latest attempt by the radical religious right to use public school to proselytize students and create new converts. An intelligent design must have an intelligent designer. Look up designer in a thesaurus and one of the first entries is "creator." Despite the new terminology, it is the same old violation of the separation of church and state.

Regardless of a person's religion, it is vital for all of us to guard the government against fundamentalist theocratic intrusion. Before the constitution, some American colonies had state religions that legally required children to be baptized and outlawed literature from other faiths. The request by some to take 10 minutes and discuss intelligent design may not seem to be as extreme as the religious persecution once practiced in the United States. But as the founding father James Madison wrote, "It is proper to take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties."

This is not at all to say religion should have no place in school. But it should be exercised through the private, constitutionally protected freedom of expression. Students should wear the cross or the Star of David on their necklaces, wear religious T-shirts and share their testimonial between classes to promote their faiths. Science should be taught in science class and religion should be expressed when appropriate.

I trust the court will preserve the integrity of science and religious liberty by deciding in favor of the parents. Thus, creationism will be out of biology classes and back in church where it belongs. But look on the bright side, Creationism; you can always be on the next season of the "Surreal Life."

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Education should be open-minded

Recently, I have been struggling with my position on intelligent design. More specifically, I've been trying to cope with the fact that I don't completely disagree with the idea itself, even though I disagree wholeheartedly with a majority of its supporters.

What I have come to realize is that for the sake of academic growth, we ought to allow public schools to teach the idea of intelligent design.

Let me premise this argument with my own take on intelligent design. As an agnostic, I acknowledge that we are creatures of limited consciousness and ability, and it is these limits which keep us from being able to understand what this whole life, universe and everything is doing in the first place.

No, I don't believe in a god, nor do I deny one's existence. I don't have faith, and I don't pray. I don't believe Jesus was the son of Christianity's god, nor do I believe the prophet Mohammed communicated with Islam's god.

Basically, I find religion to be a mental condition, which gives comfort to some in their everyday trials while also quelling insecurities about the future.

I do believe in humanity — to a point. I think our best bet is to put our trust in ourselves and each other, not some mysterious all-powerful entity with a social anxiety disorder.

Intelligent design is absolutely not a theory. Instead, it is becoming a Trojan horse for right-wing Christian fundamentalists who want to brainwash our children into going to church.

This runs contrary to Darwin's theory of evolution — that all biological products are results of generations of adaptation and specialization, regardless of their complexity. This theory blew the roof off contemporary science and has since been the canon by which researchers and academics have stood for decades.

In short, I find intelligent design to be a fallacious abuse of the term "scientific," but that does not mean we cannot teach it.

The most important crux of my argument lies on the content of what is taught. If school districts choose to allow intelligent design to be discussed in the classroom, it must be done correctly and fairly. If Christians want this to be an alternative to Darwinism, then likewise, they must allow alternative creation myths to be addressed. The curriculum would be required to explicitly not mention one religion as related to

Dave Ring



intelligent design.

Intelligent design should be allowed in our classrooms as an alternative idea, not theory, about the origins of the universe.

The other consequence I fear would happen if we banned intelligent design from the classroom is that it would simply become yet another wedge issue used by the Christian right to falsely accuse society as having it out for them, just like school prayer and the right to choose.

Just as we still learn about the ancients who believed the world was flat or that the sun revolved around the Earth, exposing students to intelligent design within the context of contemporary science can act as the same — a comparison starting point to prove how the body of knowledge we have thus far accumulated is much better than it was when man ran around thinking he was dug out of the clay.

True, some students may take intelligent design as a reaffirmation of their own religious beliefs, but I also think there will be some who look at intelligent design and its flawed premises and subsequently lose their faith and become healthy members of society.

OK, so maybe that is a little extreme, but I think it makes my point. We are a culture of explorers in all fields scientific, medicinal and philosophical. Intelligent design can help spur debate and strengthen students' ability to think critically. The responsible inclusion of intelligent design is up to the teachers and school boards. Our future generations need to learn how to learn.

They also need to understand the difference between a scientific theory such as evolution and a categorical set of beliefs like intelligent design. Sure, there is a danger that some students will latch onto intelligent design as the truth, but, then again, I'm sure there were plenty of students who thought that their next step might send them tumbling over the edge of the Earth.

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Evolution not only scientific theory

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the Earth," is not a phrase that graces textbooks anymore. No, in today's world, it is much more common to strictly learn about the theory of evolution when discussing the origins of the Earth.

Since near birth, I have been taught that God created the Earth in six days. For my own personal beliefs, the account of creation in the book of Genesis is proof enough. However, I do realize that it is necessary for society to explore other options and learn about new ideas.

I believe that both evolution and intelligent design should be taught in schools. Until one of the theories is completely disproved by science, it is the responsibility of the curriculum writers to expose students to both ideas.

Schools are supposed to give students the knowledge they need to make intelligent decisions. Schools are not supposed to teach one side of something and make the decisions for the students.

William Pauley popularized one analogy used to justify the teaching of intelligent design in his book "Natural Theology." The analogy starts by stating that there is a man walking on a beach. While walking, he found a wristwatch. Since he found a wristwatch, it is only logical to assume that someone was on the beach before him. Something as intricate as a wristwatch could not just assemble itself by chance. It would take someone skilled to create the wristwatch, someone who was knowledgeable about its inner workings.

The same applies to the Earth. Such an intricate system as Earth could not just happen by chance. Something more powerful than chance had to have a role in Earth's creation.

I am not suggesting we forget about evolution all together and turn our science classes into Sunday school lectures. I am simply saying since neither theory can be completely disproved, both deserve equal time in the classroom.

Why do people fear the teaching of intelligent design so much? It is almost as if there should be an intelligent design vaccine, so parents could keep their children safe in science class. It seems to me that the open-minded liberals of America should be embracing the opportunity to broaden their children's horizons and teach them about a new way of thinking.

According to many columns, in-

Michelle Casady



cluding one from www.about.com, many naturalists and materialists, including Phillip Johnson, author of "The Wedge of Truth: Splitting the Foundations of Naturalism," intelligent design is a wedge. It is a wedge that Christians are using to drive into a weak spot of the log of the modern, intellectual and scientific world.

In order for something to be accepted in the scientific world it has to be something that cannot be disproved. Why then, would these scientists not want to admit that their theory has holes? Isn't the point of science to find logical explanations for different phenomena from an objective standpoint? Come on guys, be a little more open-minded.

Let's see what would happen if we applied this mind set to other arenas.

What if the political science and government professors only taught one side of politics? What if instead of being objective and teaching students about both political parties, only one was focused on, thus giving the student a biased point of view? There would be an outrage for sure. The public would be up in arms, and the professor would most likely lose his or her job.

What if instead of having a "Battle Royal," *The Daily Toreador* had a "This is how you should think, and if you don't your wrong" page? Not only would the opinions editor have to look out for his life, but the paper itself would lose credibility with the entire Texas Tech community.

In a democratic and civilized society, both sides of an argument must be presented. In a country so caught up in being fair and balanced, it doesn't make sense that someone would try to keep a viable theory such as intelligent design out of schools.

In this case, the conservatives are being the open-minded ones. I think, in order to produce a well-rounded, well-informed generation of future leaders, we must explore all options.

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Past due credit card bills reach record high

WASHINGTON (AP)—Charge it! That familiar refrain is producing an unwanted response for more Americans: Your bill is overdue!

Surging energy prices, low personal savings and the higher cost of borrowing have combined to produce a record level of overdue credit card bills.

The American Bankers Association reported Wednesday that the percentage of credit card accounts 30 or more days past due climbed to an all-time high of 4.81 percent in the April-to-June period. It could grow in the months ahead, experts said.

The previous high of 4.76 percent came during the first three months of the year, in keeping with a generally steady rise over the past several years.

"The last two quarters have not been pretty," said Jim Chessen, the association's chief economist.

Chessen and other analysts mostly blamed high prices for gasoline and other energy products, but said that low savings and higher borrowing costs also played a role.

"The rise in gas prices is really

stretching budgets to the breaking point for some people," Chessen said. "Gas prices are taking huge chunks out of wallets, leaving some individuals with little left to meet their financial obligations."

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Pump prices were high before hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit the Gulf Coast. After Katrina, prices jumped past \$3 a gallon. Prices have moderated since but remain high.

The personal savings rate dipped to a record low of negative 0.6 percent in July. The negative percentage means that people did not have enough left over after paying their taxes to cover all of their

spending in July. As a result, they dipped into savings to cover the shortfall.

When people have less money available to pay for energy costs or emergencies such as a big car repair, many resort to credit. That option is getting more expensive, too.

The Federal Reserve has been tightening credit since June 2004. That has caused commercial banks' prime lending rate to rise to 6.75

percent, the highest in four years. These rates are used for many short-term consumer loans, including credit cards and popular home equity lines of credit.

Late payments may be bad news for consumers, but credit card companies do not necessarily mind them because late fees are a source of revenue.

"Credit card companies are increasingly addicted to their fees," said Daniel Ray, editor-in-chief at Bankrate.com, an online financial service. "Six years ago, all fees — including late fees — contributed only a minor portion to overall revenue. Today it accounts for more than 30 percent."

About half of all credit problems stem from poor money management. Credit problems due to the loss of a job, sickness or divorce play less of a role, said personal finance expert Susan Tiffany, director of consumer publishing at the Credit Union National Association.

"That tells us people have some ability to do a better job. They are not completely helpless in the situation, and that's good," said Tiffany, whose trade group also is involved in efforts to improve people's financial literacy.

Getting back on the road to financial health takes discipline and hard choices about what can be cut back or eliminated. If credit card problems are plaguing a family, all the members should work together to come up with a plan and pare down spending.

SGA Raider Aid T-shirts continue to sell, raise more than \$30,000



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CERRILL SMITH, A Lubbock resident, along with her daughter Kristin, donates to Raider Aid, which is going to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina, before the Texas Tech and Florida International football game. Accepting donations are members of the HSC SGA President Landon Westfall and Senator Jennifer Gaines.

Since the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Student Government Association has sold Raider-Aid T-shirts to support victims of Hurricane Katrina.

SGA President Nathan Nash said the sale has been a success with more than 2,000 shirts being sold.

Nash said the SGA has raised more than \$22,000 in T-shirt sales and more than \$9,000 has come in for the SGA in basic donations and pledges, bringing the total to more than \$30,000.

Nash said he is optimistic that the T-shirt sales will continue.

"It is changing by the minute hopefully, because hopefully we want to sell a lot more shirts," he said.

Many shirts are still available, he said. T-shirts cost \$10, and 75 percent of the sales will go to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Raider-Aid shirts have been sold at home football games, as well as Sam's Club and the South Plains Mall.

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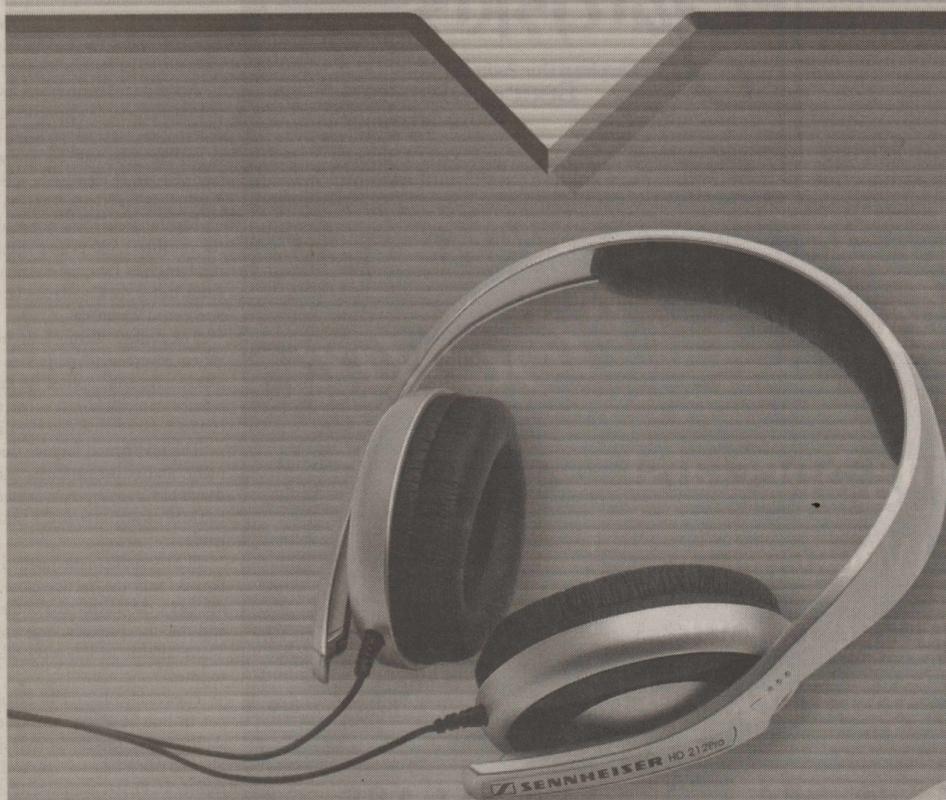
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Democrats take aim as DeLay goes on defensive

DeLay goes to the media to plea his case in a press statement

DELAY: Good morning. Thank you for attending.

This morning, in an act of blatant political partisanship, a rogue district attorney in Travis County, Texas named Ronnie Earle charged me with one count of criminal conspiracy, a reckless charge wholly unsupported by the facts.

This is one of the weakest, most baseless indictments in American history.

It is a sham, and Mr. Earle knows it.

It is a charge that can not hold up even under the most glancing scrutiny.

This act is the product of a coordinated, premeditated campaign of political retribution, the all-too-predictable result of a vengeful investigation led by a partisan fanatic.

Mr. Earle is abusing the power of his office to exact personal revenge for the role I played in the Texas Republican legislative campaign in 2002 and my advocacy for a new, fair and constitutional congressional map for our state in 2003.

As it turned out, those efforts were successful.

Texas Republicans did indeed win a legislative majority.

A fair and representative congressional map was drawn and approved by the legislature.

And the Texas congressional delegation now, after the 2004 elections, fairly represents the values and attitudes of the state.

Over the course of this long and bitter political battle, it became clear that the retribution for our success would be ferocious.

Today, that retribution is being exacted.

Mr. Earle, an unabashed partisan zealot with a well-documented history of launching baseless investigations and indictments against his political enemies, has been targeting a political action committee on whose advisory board I once served.

During his investigation, he has gone out of his way to give several media interviews in his office — the only

days he actually comes to the office, I'm told — in which he has singled me out for personal attacks, in direct violation of his public responsibility to conduct an impartial inquiry.

Despite his long-standing animosity toward me — and the abusive investigation that animosity has unfortunately rendered — as recently as two weeks ago, Mr. Earle himself publicly admitted I had never been a focus or target of his inquiry.

Soon thereafter, Mr. Earle's hometown newspaper ran a biting editorial about his investigation, rhetorically asking what the point had been, after all, if I wasn't to be indicted.

It was this renewed political pressure in the waning days of his hollow investigation that led this morning's action.

In accordance with the rules of the House Republican Conference, I will temporarily step aside as floor leader in order to win exoneration from these baseless charges.

Let me be very, very clear. I have done nothing wrong.

I have violated no law, no regulation, no rule of the House.

I have done nothing unlawful, unethical, or, I might add, unprecedented even in the political campaigns of Mr. Earle himself.

My defense in this case will not be technical or legalistic: it will be categorical and absolute.

I am innocent. Mr. Earle and his staff know it. And I will prove it.

Here in Washington, there is work — hard, hard work — ahead of our conference.

We have a war to win, a region to rebuild, a budget to balance, taxes to cut, a government to reform, and a nation to lead.

In coming weeks, the House is committed to major legislation reforming our border security and immigration laws, alleviating the rising costs of gasoline and heating fuel before the winter, and saving tens of billions of dollars through reforming federal entitlement programs.

My job right now is to serve my constituents and our nation in support of this ambitious and needed agenda.

As for the charges, I have the facts, the law, and the truth on my side — just as I have against every false allegation my opponents have flung at me over the years.

Once exposed to the light of objective scrutiny, every one of their frivolous accusations against me has been dismissed, and so will Mr. Earle's.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to speak with you today.

DeLay operated close to ethical edge, drew Democrats' ire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tom DeLay often operated close to the ethical edge in his ascension to the powerful job of House majority leader. Today, under indictment, he stands at the precipice.

The Texas Republican, relying on political prowess, arm-twisting and devotion to his GOP majority, tightened the Republican grip on the House in his seven years as Republican whip — the party's No. 3 leadership post — and has delivered for President Bush in his three years as majority leader.

In the process, his brass-knuckle tactics drew the ire of Democrats, Washington lobbyists and good-government types.

The House ethics committee admonished him on three separate occasions last year, and a Senate panel is pursuing his ties to Jack Abramoff, a high-powered Republican lobbyist and fundraiser under investigation for his lobbying activities on behalf of Indian tribes and his role in paying for overseas trips for DeLay. DeLay has denied knowing Abramoff paid the expenses.

DeLay consistently has dismissed the carping about ethics as just politics, but the 11-term congressman faces more than just partisanship as a Texas grand jury indicted him and two political associates Wednesday on charges of conspiracy in a campaign finance scheme.

An indicted majority leader must resign his leadership post under House rules. Last November, Republicans changed the rules to allow DeLay to hold onto his leadership job if indicted, but a spate of critical newspaper editorials forced them to back down and return to the original rules two months later.

After his indictment Wednesday, DeLay quickly announced that he was temporarily stepping aside.

DeLay has denied any wrongdoing and in an April letter to supporters borrowed a phrase coined by a long-ago besieged President Clinton, arguing his opponents' only agenda "is the politics of personal

destruction," to which he added, "and the criminalization of politics."

Dubbed "The Hammer" for his hard-nosed approach — his Capitol office has two leather bullwhips — DeLay, 58, is a former pest exterminator who has ensured House passage of much of Bush's legislative agenda, including tax cuts, trade agreements and a Medicare prescription drug plan.

He has come through for his fellow Texan even though he once assailed Bush's father, the former president, for breaking his pledge not to increase taxes in 1990, and took heat from Bush in the 2000 campaign for House efforts to disperse earned income tax payments to low-income families monthly instead of in one lump sum.

If DeLay has to hold a 15-minute vote open for the better part of an hour to twist arms, he will do it, as he did in securing House approval of Bush's Central American Free Trade Agreement in July by a razor-thin margin of two votes.

Lobbyists don't escape his version of hardball politics. DeLay complained to the Electronic Industries Alliance over its hiring of former Democratic Rep. Dave McCurdy of Oklahoma as its president, and was subsequently rebuked by the ethics committee for "badgering a lobbying organization."

To win passage of the Medicare prescription drug bill, DeLay promised a lawmaker that if he would vote for it, he would back his son's run for Congress. The lawmaker refused, but DeLay was admonished again by the ethics committee for making the offer.

"His devotion to the cause has led him to push the envelope as hard as possible and not hold back," said Gary C. Jacobson, a professor of political science at the University of California

at San Diego.

DeLay has worked tirelessly to increase the Republican majority in the House since the GOP swept out the Democrats in 1994. He has raised tens of millions for Republican candidates and used his own leadership political action committee to shower cash on GOP hopefuls.

In 2002, he helped buck the historic trend of midterm congressional losses for the party controlling the White House; instead Republicans gained in the House.

He strong-armed a redistricting plan for Texas that led to the defeat of five Democrats in the state

last year. The ethics panel rebuked DeLay for using the Federal Aviation Administration in the search for Texas Democratic lawmakers trying to avoid a vote on the redistricting proposal.

Elected to the House in 1984 from the Houston suburbs, DeLay chafed under Democratic rule for a decade before the GOP seized control. Then, in 1998, he led the charge in impeaching Clinton over the sex scandal involving a White House intern.

He might have been House speaker in 1998 after Newt Gingrich stepped down and Bob Livingston stunningly bowed out, but DeLay acknowledged that he was "too nuclear" to take the top job. He instead ensured that his deputy, Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., became speaker.

A fierce conservative, he energized the Republican base earlier this year when he pushed for Congress to intervene in the case of a brain-damaged Florida woman, Terri Schiavo, in a direct challenge to the Florida court's authority. For the most part, the general public questioned the congressional action and the GOP took a hit in opinion polls.

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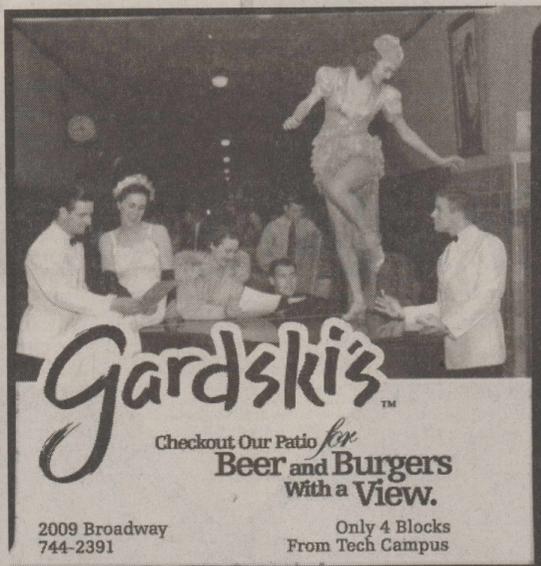
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Heat, large crowd make FEMA close Houston shelter early

HOUSTON (AP) — Saying they were caught off-guard by the number of people in need, FEMA officials closed a relief center early on Wednesday after some of the hundreds of hurricane victims in line began fainting in triple-digit heat.

The midday closing of the Houston disaster relief center came as officials in areas hit hardest by Hurricane Rita criticized FEMA's response to the storm, with one calling for a commission to examine the emergency response.

Across southeastern Texas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency delivered ice, water and packaged meals to residents who rode out last week's hurricane, which blew ashore at Sabine Pass in East Texas early Saturday.

But the agency was not ready for the roughly 1,500 people displaced by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina who sought help at the Houston center when it reopened Wednesday.

The center, offering help from a variety of government and private organizations, initially opened for Katrina refugees. It closed last week when Houston was evacuated before Rita.

The line started forming Tuesday night, and as temperatures reached record highs, some people fainted and had to be carried off by police and other refugees.

FEMA spokesman Justin Dombrowski said the agency closed the center for the day because of the heat and the unexpectedly large crowds. Those already in line were allowed to enter.

Frances Deculus, 65, of Beaumont got in line at 3 a.m. and emerged shortly before the center shut down. She said that all she was able to do was register for FEMA assistance, and that she will have to return to actually get any help.

"We don't know what to do. It's frustrating. We have five small children," said Deculus, who is staying in a Houston hotel with 12 other relatives.

Dombrowski said FEMA is asking refugees who do not need help right away to wait a few days. He also encouraged refugees to register with FEMA by telephone or the Internet.

Local officials, including Port Arthur Mayor Oscar Ortiz and Jefferson County Judge Carl Griffith, whose county includes Beaumont, said FEMA's response has been inadequate.

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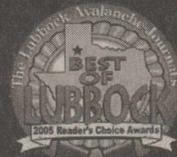
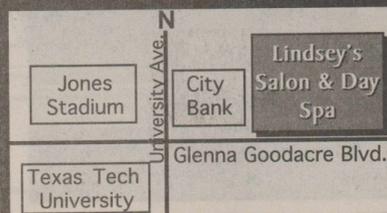
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unscathed." The evidence in the case includes a check written from a Texans for a Republican Majority Political Action Committee account that allegedly contained funds from corporate companies, according to *The Associated Press*. The check was written to the Republican National Committee, and a document was provided listing the names of Texas State House candidates with the amounts of donations they were supposed to receive, according to *The Associated Press*.

DeLay is the founder of the political action committee.

Shooter said the charge DeLay was indicted on is almost like money laundering.

"The campaign finance reform is very lengthy," Shooter said. "If he did something wrong, he deserves to be in jail, but I don't really think he did."

While *The AP* has reported that DeLay and President Bush are close, Shooter said he does not believe the indictment will affect the president.

"To be honest, I really don't think it'll have much of an impact on Bush or on Texas," he said. "I think it will be a light blemish on the party, but in the

long run I don't think either the Bush administration or the Republican Party will be hurt."

Matt Fowler, a junior mechanical engineering major from Keller, also said he does not believe the indictment of a party leader will hurt the rest of the party.

"I think that the party will remain strong," he said. "It's sad that a leader of our party is being indicted for alleged crimes. The courts will take care of the situation as they should be taken care of."

Two of DeLay's political associates also were charged.

John Colyandro, the former executive director of a Texas political action committee, and Jim Ellis, head of DeLay's national political committee, already were charged with the same conspiracy count, according to *The Associated Press*.

Fowler said he saw the indictment coming a few months ago, as DeLay is a high profile person.

"It wasn't unexpected," he said. "It'll be interesting to see how Bush deals with the situation. Bush is real strong on loyalty."

If convicted, DeLay could face between six months and two years in a state jail and a fine of up to \$10,000 under the Texas felony of criminal conspiracy.

After DeLay relinquished his GOP leadership post in the House, Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., named Missouri Rep. Roy Blunt to step in for DeLay, according to *The AP*.

Fowler said he anticipates seeing what Blunt can do with the position.

"He's got the experience and I wouldn't mind seeing him do the job," he said. "I'm really interested to see how the party's going to deal with shifting leadership."

The indictment of DeLay came a few days after criminal inquiry into Republican Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist by federal authorities began, according to *The AP*.

Despite those two inquiries, Fowler said corruption in Washington politics has not been too much of an issue in the past years.

"Fortunately, most of the people in Washington haven't had to deal with corruption issues," Fowler said.

The House ethics committee criticized DeLay's conduct on separate issues last year, according to *The AP*.

Shooter said if this incident reflects upon anyone else, it will reflect upon the people in DeLay's district.

"He's been a very successful congressman," he said.

DeLay represents Texas' 22nd Congressional District.

Shortage

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rounding cities, such as Big Spring, are taking precautions to prevent gas shortages.

"After Hurricane Katrina, our suppliers from a few locations put an allocation on the supply Lubbock received, but it was lifted after a couple of weeks," he said. "We haven't had any constraints on gas supplies since Katrina, but that doesn't mean we won't."

Moore said the rising prices of gas are what concern him, and this is a factor that may help eliminate gas shortages throughout the country.

"The prices are way above my comprehension, but it is also a way to control demand," he said. "High gas prices aren't good for anyone, but they do help make it harder for everyone to afford filling up their tanks, so it helps conserve gas supplies."

The U.S. uses about 21 million barrels of gas a day, Moore said, and one-half of that supply comes from the hurricane-devastated Gulf Coast.

"I can't tell you what will happen tomorrow or next month," he said. "But as gas supplies are affected by the hurricanes, there still remains only so much gas that people will travel far to get."

Employees of the Fina service station at 4th Street and Frankford Avenue refute claims of gas shortages at their station or others in the area.

Employees said gas prices might increase, but not because of shortages, and prices will not reach \$5, contrary to reports made by some Lubbock news stations.

Robert Stahler, a junior business administration major from Wichita Falls, said he heard rumors of gas shortages in the area on Wednesday and filled up his gas tank.

"I would rather be safe than sorry when it comes to that sort of thing," he said. "A lot of people are talking about it because of the shortages in other Texas cities. I conserve as much gas as possible, so I feel that filling up my tank is OK."

Stahler said he saw many others filling up their tanks Wednesday and believes they have heard the rumors, too.

"People just get paranoid about things like this, but getting to school is something that I need my car for, and I don't plan on running out of gas on the way to class," he said.

The City of Lubbock issued a statement Monday assuring Lubbock citizens that a gas shortage is not a problem in Lubbock. The statement urges citizens not to overreact to rumors about the issue and not to cause chaos and traffic jams at service stations.

Moore advises Lubbock residents to conserve gas or shortage rumors may become realistic in the near future.

"There is a lot of useless driving by people out there," he said. "Everyone needs to conserve gas, even if it is running out of our ears."

To conserve fuel: avoid high speeds, don't accelerate or break too hard, use the vehicle's air conditioner sparingly, keep windows closed to reduce the drag of the vehicle and use cruise control to maintain a constant speed.

Also, servicing vehicles regularly helps keep air filters clean and keeps the vehicle fuel-efficient, according to www.texasgasprices.com.

Evolution

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chairperson of biological sciences, said the concept of intelligent design has no scientific stature, and teaching it to students is misleading.

"It's an attempt to replace science with a particular type of religious belief," Phillips said.

He said intelligent design was a fundamentally bad idea and the teaching of it at an elementary level would bring confusion later on when the students reach the college level and find that the intelligent design concept has no founding.

"People don't realize the amount of information available on the subject of biological evolution," Phillips said. "There are hundreds of thousands of individual scientific articles related to the theory of evolution."

Phillips said there is no controversy surrounding the theory of evolution in the scientific community.

Sandra Diamond-Tissue, assistant professor in the department of biological sciences, said the fact evolution cannot be proven is not a stumbling block because nothing in science can ever be proven, only disproven.

"I understand that people believe in god, but science is not the place for people to put out faith-based theories," said Diamond-Tissue.

She said evolution stood as the best explanation for much of the natural world.

On the other side of the argument, Ben Harris, a freshman business management and pre-law major from Alvin, said he believes it is important for schools to teach alternatives to evolution.

"I believe it's just as fair to teach

creationism as evolution because there are people on both extreme sides," he said.

Harris said his high school emphasized the theory of evolution, but once in a while the concept of creationism would arise in class discussions.

"Creationism was pretty much banned," he said of his public high school science courses.

Alyssa Head, a freshmen apparel design and manufacturing major from Southlake, said she believes alternatives to evolution should be offered.

"I'm a strong Christian, so I think if they teach evolution, they should be able to teach other things too," she said. "There are a lot of different theories out there, if you are going to teach one, you should teach them all to broaden people's perspective."

Michael Dini, associate professor in the department of biological sciences, said dually teaching the concepts of evolution and intelligent design as equally founded and comparable theories was breaking the law.

"Harm comes to science because (intelligent design) is not science," he said. "You can teach intelligent design in Sunday School - that's perfectly reasonable."

Dini said that those who referred to evolution as "just a theory" were poorly educated.

"No one who knows the scientific definition of the word 'theory' would ever say 'just a theory,'" Dini said.

He said roughly 25 percent to 30 percent of his own students come from educational backgrounds that teach alternatives to evolution.

"Anyone who proposes that god should be used to fill gaps in our knowledge had a very unsophisticated concept of god," Dini said.

Patton

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Mitchell Patton said.

The Patton brothers said they have future plans to produce songs about Tech athletics.

"Right now, we are in the process of getting a song produced for the show 'Knight School,'" Mitchell Patton said.

"Knight School" is a reality show in which a Tech student will win an opportunity to be a walk-on on the men's basketball team.

"It could give us national exposure," Mitchell Patton said.

The Patton's do not just do Tech athletic songs.

"We will work with anyone who is serious about making music," Sherman Patton said. "But we have to be careful because not every one is serious about music."

Although their most famous songs are hip-hop, the Patton's also produce other types of music, Mitchell Patton said.

"We respect all different genres," Sherman Patton said. "We try to draw on all different genres for our music."

"Sorority Girls" is a country style song, which Patton Productions collaborated on with Daniel Fluitt of the Thrift Store Cowboys.

"We have also done work with Marcellus and The Loose Grip," Sherman Patton said. "It's kind of a bluesy R&B style."

The brothers said they do not favor sampling when producing songs.

"We try to keep our music as organic as possible," Sherman Patton said.

Patton Productions has plans to produce blues music for Stoney B., a Hurricane Katrina evacuee who is now living in Lubbock.

Mitchell Patton said his love for many different kinds of music comes from years of classical music training.

"Classical is the foundation of all other music genres," Mitchell Patton said. "We both played in the Tech symphony."

In the spring, the Patton brothers started a group called Musicians Influencing Lubbock's Future.

"It is a non-profit organization," Mitchell Patton said. "We make CDs, provide artists opportunities to perform live, and just basically promote local artists."

The group currently has about 30 members and meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Building.

"MILF is open to anybody who wants to help improve the Lubbock music scene," Sherman Patton said.

Mitchell Patton said he works well with his brother.

"We don't have to worry about band breakups," he said.

Their music similarities help them produce great music, Sherman Patton said.

"We have the same musical taste, the same background and the same philosophies," he said.

Sherman Patton said Patton Productions and Tech have much in common.

"Pat Pro and Tech are a perfect combo," he said. "They are both young and on the rise."

Indictment

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Roy Blunt, R-Mo., the current Republican whip — No. 3 in the leadership ranks — to fill the vacancy temporarily.

A defiant DeLay insisted he was innocent and called the prosecutor a "fanatic."

"I have done nothing wrong ... I am innocent," DeLay told a Capitol Hill news conference in which he criticized the prosecutor, Ronnie Earle, repeatedly.

Earle, a Democrat, wouldn't respond to DeLay's comments that Earle has a political vendetta against him.

"Our job is to prosecute abuses of power and to bring those abuses to the public," Earle said.

DeLay, 58, was accused of a criminal conspiracy along with two associates, John Colyandro, former executive director of a Texas political action committee formed by DeLay, and Jim Ellis, who heads DeLay's national political committee.

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Kansas swept aside by Red Raiders Tech well represented in Harris poll

By TRAVIS CRAM
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Texas Tech returned to the court Wednesday looking as if they had never skipped a beat, after sweeping Oklahoma last week, taking all three games against Kansas for the upset.

The Tech volleyball team (8-5, 2-2) came into the game after not having played the past weekend due to Hurricane Rita. The Raiders fought a strong Kansas team to net their second Big 12 win and handed KU their second loss in three games.

Offensively, Tech had four players with six or more kills, and sophomore setter Emily Ziegler added 30 kills in the effort. Junior outside hitter Philister Sang grabbed her seventh double-double of the season.

"She made some great digs and finally started swinging the ball well for us," Tech coach Nancy Todd said.

Although she does not like to rant too much about a victory, Todd said there is a part of her that knows this win was

important.

"It's a pretty big win for us," she said. Tech gained a five-point lead on KU before the Jayhawks rallied together a 7-2 run to tie the game at 25. The Raiders gained three straight points thanks to KU miscues and never looked back to take Game 1, 30-28.

In the second game the Raiders jumped out to a quick 15-11 lead but began to lose ground until junior outside hitter Kiley Lyons and Sang added three key kills in helping Tech stay out in front.

Just like the first game, it would become knotted at 22, but the Raiders again dominated on the chances thrown at them, ending the game in an 8-3 run to take it to 30-25.

"They outplayed us in every phase of the game," Kansas coach Ray Bechard said. "After a tight first game that really could have gone either way, when it went their way they really seemed to build off that momentum."

Senior middle blocker Brianna Florus had what she said was her best game this

season. Florus had four kills, four block assists and two big solo blocks for the Raiders.

"Past couple of practices we have been concentrating so hard on blocking," she said.

Lyons had eight kills and three defensive digs on the night, but the Raiders were able to rely on senior libero Desiree Batista who had 14 digs in the match and seemed to be all over the court, keeping balls from dropping on Tech's side of the net.

Todd said the spread attack in the Raider offense played a big part in the win.

"It's important because they're not focused on one person the whole time," she said. "When we can do that we have a nice match going for our team."

Sophomore outside hitter Amy Charlebois added nine kills and a solo block in the win for Tech.

The Raiders will look to keep the two-match win streak alive this weekend when they take on Missouri at 3 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

By JOEY KIRK
EDITOR

Evidently, some Texas Tech players and coaches didn't read the memo.

"What's a Harris poll?" Red Raider coach Mike Leach wondered.

The answer is simple — a connection.

The new Harris Interactive College Football Poll recently took the spot of *The Associated Press* rankings to finish out the last one-third of the Bowl Championship Series formula. How does Tech fit into the mix?

"I don't know; I don't really look at them," Leach said.

Another answer granted — former Tech coach Spike Dykes, former first-team All-American Tech linebacker E.J. Holub and former Tech President Robert Lawless all found themselves in one of the 114 voting positions for the poll, giving the Raiders a few connections when rankings come into play.

Leach said with links or not, Tech never has worried about any poll — especially the new one.

"They've always had them, and for the most part, they've always been guesses," he said. "It doesn't really affect what I do."

Fifth-year senior quarterback Cody Hodges had caught wind of the Harris poll but still was unsure about the basics.

"I've heard of it, but I don't really know what it is to be honest," he said.

With Tech ranked No. 16 in the Harris poll, No. 16 in the AP poll and No. 13 in the USA Today Coaches' poll, Hodges said the Raiders have to watch out for the several numbers flying at them — it can hurt them somehow.

"If you look at the polls, you have teams that weren't even ranked knocking off Top 10 teams over the weekend," he said. "Obviously polls are good I guess if you have the BCS. But it doesn't matter what you're ranked if you don't go out and perform. Anybody can be beat on any day by any team."

Senior cornerback Khalid Naziruddin wasn't joking Monday when he was asked about the Harris poll.

"No, not familiar," he said. "Seriously."

After getting a quick lesson about one of the many polls filling up statistic sheets, Naziruddin said it just gets in the way.

"When you're ranked, I think it's a distraction," he said. "It can get a team pumped up and a little more confident than they are and get beat."

Leach said if his players placed so much emphasis on the polls rather than just playing the game of football, Tech might find itself dropped out of them — leaving the situation gone for good.

"There's such a significance placed on these polls, and so many articles written about these polls everywhere and all this, and folks go, 'Of course you care. How can you not care about the polls? Well, I read this big article and it said this, this and this,' but if you think about it personally, how does that change what I do?" he said.

Even though No. 13 is the highest ranking Tech has been in more than 28 years, Leach said his connections — in the Harris poll or any other — don't change his game plan or thinking.

"If you're 0-10, you're always trying to win the next one," he said.

Baseball focus of Senate hearing; Fehr says agreement possible by Series

WASHINGTON (AP)—The head of the baseball players' union told Congress on Wednesday that a new drug-testing agreement could be reached next month — after he heard Hank Aaron and other Hall of Famers call for tougher steroid penalties.

Commissioners and union leaders from the NFL, NBA and NHL also testified at a Senate Commerce Committee hearing about legislation that would standardize steroid testing in U.S. professional sports. But the focus was squarely on Major League Baseball — and, more precisely, on players' association chief executive Donald Fehr.

"I particularly single out baseball. And in baseball, I particularly single out the players," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., "because they have negotiated reluctantly, if at all."

Lawmakers looking at steroids in sports have focused on baseball since March 17, when

Mark McGwire, Rafael Palmeiro, commissioner Bud Selig and Fehr testified before the House Government Reform Committee. Palmeiro emphatically told Congress he never used steroids; he was suspended Aug. 1 after failing a drug test.

"We're at the end of the line," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Wednesday. "How many more Rafael Palmeiros is there going to be?"

Five weeks after that March hearing, Selig proposed going from a 10-day ban to 50 games for a first violation, from 30 days to 100 games for a second, and from 60 days to a lifetime ban for a third.

Fehr this week outlined an approach that would increase the first penalty to 20 games and wouldn't mandate a lifetime ban. He stressed Wednesday the need for case-by-case examination of players who fail drug tests.

"Don't you get it?" McCain asked Fehr. "Don't you get it that

this is an issue that's greater than the issue of collective bargaining? Don't you understand that this is an issue of such transcendent importance that you should have acted months ago? The patience of this body ... is at an end."

Pressed to say when there will be a new steroids agreement, Fehr said: "Can I give you a precise date? No. Do I expect to know within the reasonably near future whether that will be done? Yes. Would I

expect it to be by the end of the World Series? I would certainly hope so."

The World Series is scheduled to begin Oct. 22 and end no later than Oct. 30. Asked whether that's a workable deadline, Selig said, "I don't see that we have a choice."

Selig received more criticism in past congressional appearances. But

now he's advised by former White House spokesman Ari Fleischer and has received praise for pro-

posing changes to baseball's drug policy. On Wednesday he brought along former stars Aaron, Ryne Sandberg, Phil Niekro, Robin Roberts and Lou Brock.

McCain invited them to speak, and all backed Selig.

"I want to applaud the commissioner, and I also just want to make sure that whatever we do, we make sure that we clean up baseball," said Aaron, whose lifetime record of 755 homers is being approached by San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds.

Asked by McCain what should be done about records tainted by steroid use, Aaron said: "That's going to be left up to the commissioner and the rules committee. They would probably have to go back and look at some of those things that happened."

Later, Sen. George Allen, R-Va., made a not-so-veiled reference to Bonds: "As far as Hank Aaron is concerned, if a certain player breaks his home run record, it's not a question of an

asterisk. ... There probably ought to be an 'RX' next to it."

The Senate is considering two bills that call for a two-year suspension for a first positive drug test and a lifetime ban for a second. McCain sponsored the Clean Sports Act. Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., a member of baseball's Hall of Fame, sponsored the Professional Sports and Integrity Act. There are three similar House measures.

NBA, NFL and NHL officials raised some complaints about the bills, saying a "one size fits all" proposal isn't fair; U.S. law couldn't be applied to Canadian teams; and the two-year ban for a first offense is too harsh.

McCain and Bunning said they'd prefer not to legislate but warned that Congress is prepared to.

"For whatever reason, you just can't get it done, and you can't get your act together," Bunning said. "I and millions of fans think that's pathetic."

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Study buddy

Students keep and adjust study habits as they prepare for the first tests of the semester

When the library students are spending most of their time at has more books than bartenders, school really has begun.

As tests began in the past few weeks of school, students have had to redefine their study habits based on their course load, work schedule and other activities.

Brenda Winn, the coordinator for XL: strategies for learning under the Programs for Academic Support Services, said the class helps to determine how people study best through learning style assessments.

"We teach personal management skills, study skills and learning skills," Winn said.

As far as study groups go, Winn said how a person studies best depends on their personality type.

"It really depends on your learning style," she said.

As it takes six times to commit information to long-term memory, Winn said small group studying can help students, as long as it is used with other study methods.

"Never use that as your sole study method," she said. "Most people do better when they do study with a group. It does turn out to be very beneficial."

While most students find group studying helpful, Laura Pavlovich, a junior architecture major from Double Oak, said she studies alone for more than one reason.

"I find it more productive," she said. "I can go at my own pace."

With the demands of the architecture program, Pavlovich said she studies about two hours a day.

"It just makes for full days, really," she said.

By making a schedule for each day of all the tasks she needs to accomplish, Pavlovich said she has a better idea of her study habits.

"I just get a lot more done," she said.

While her study habits have been the same since high school, Pavlovich said she does not have trouble occasionally doing group projects with other architecture students.

"It usually balances pretty well since our groups are in the same program," Pavlovich said.

Although some students feel the need to study alone to accomplish all they need to, others have found they study better with a partner or group.

Kelly Rogers, a senior exercise and sports science major from Borger, and Kristy Peck, a sophomore biochemistry major from Ingram, often study together

for their biology tests.

Rogers said studying together has made it easier for them to understand the material because they can use each other's notes to see what they may have missed.

"You can ask one another questions," Rogers said.

Peck said studying with a partner helps her to see another perspective.

"You get different sides of each subject," she said.

As they studied together Tuesday for a biology test, Rogers said her study habits have changed a lot throughout the years since high school.

"I think it's just knowing that you're about to graduate and you've got to do well in your classes," she said.

Peck's study habits also have changed since high school, she said, even though it is not because of graduation.

"In high school, most people don't put too much effort into it," she said. "You definitely have to put more effort into college."

Peck said the focus during study sessions was on quizzing each other over the notes from class. She said the two originally had studied together by just going through the notes, but now they put more effort into their study sessions because they have found they get more out of them.

Rogers said they catch the extra information that one might have missed during class as well.

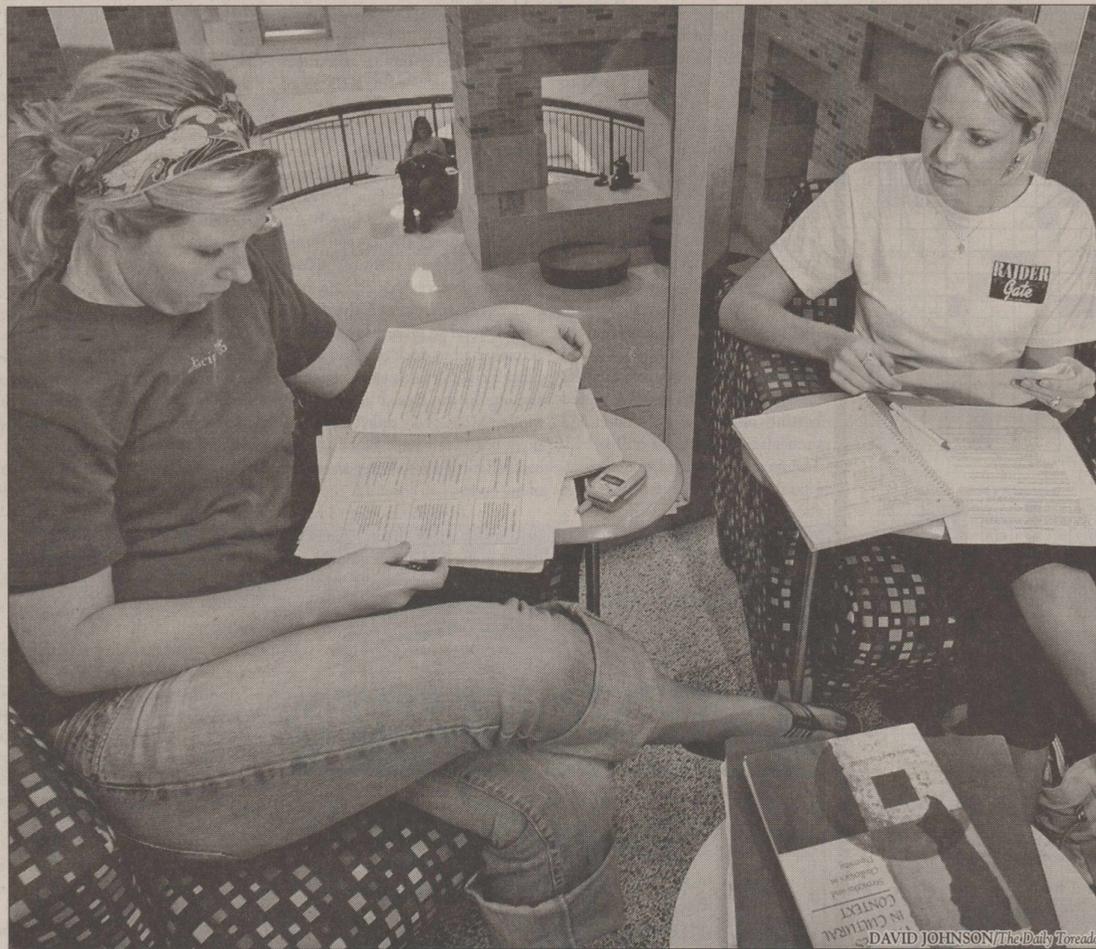
Rogers and Peck said they have not found too much trouble finding a time to study together.

"We try to work our schedules so we can study together," Peck said.

The two live close to each other and said the ability to study late at night has helped them to accomplish what they set forth to do in their study sessions.

Although occasionally students do find themselves studying in groups for all of their classes, Peck and Rogers both said they do not study in groups for all of their classes, as it depends on the class itself.

"I just do it for the difficult courses," Peck said.



KRISTEN COX, A sophomore early childhood development major from Rockwall, and Amanda Puett, a senior human development and family studies major from Mesquite, study African American family cultures together on the fourth floor of the Student Union Building Tuesday afternoon. The test they were studying together for in their Development in Cross Cultural Perspectives class is today.

EYB to play Blue Light

With a current single sitting on the Texas country charts, Mike Eli said he is ready for Lubbock on Friday.

Eli, vocals and guitars for Eli Young Band, said the band is excited to return to Lubbock now that people know and recognize its songs.

With its country-rock feel, Eli said the band was influenced early on by everything from Led Zeppelin to Paul Simon.

"The influences we pull from, you can really see that in our songs," Eli said. "We're very diverse."

He said the diversity in the music allows listeners to relate to the songs. The band writes all of their own lyrics.

"We've never written a song the same way twice," Eli said. "Every song is a different type of song. They really mesh well on the album."

He said it has not been too hard for them to find inspiration for a new song.

"They just come from life," Eli said. "It can come from anywhere."

The band's first single, "Small Town Kid," almost was autobiographical, Eli said. Their new single, "That's the Way," is receiving more than 1,500 spins a week and is at No. 25 on the Texas country music charts, he said.

The band also will be releasing a music video within the next four or five months for its song, "When It Rains."

Other band members include James Young, Jon Jones and Chris Thompson.

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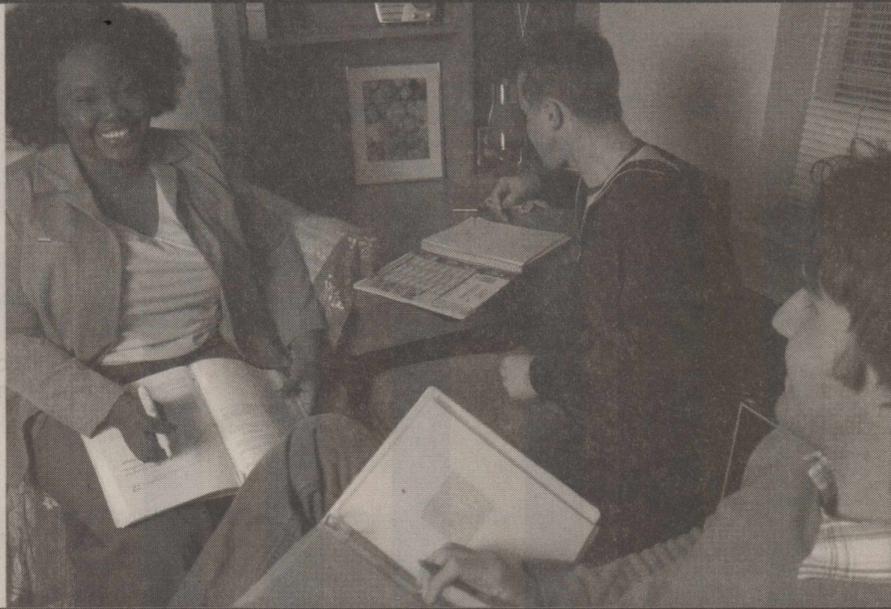
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Being scared of the person you are with is not healthy. If someone you



Morgan Rudy

love or like hurts you physically, you need to get out. I am talking about abuse from your partner, whether that partner is male or female. I am going to tell you today about abuse

that I have been through by two different men that I knew. I did not see it coming with either of them, and I still cannot believe that it happened to me. Believe me when I say it took me completely by surprise with both of them.

The first man who hurt me lost his temper. Looking back on the situation, I still shudder, and that was the lighter of the two instances. He had been fighting with his roommate, and I went over to his house not knowing what had happened and the mood that he was in. He began yelling at me, and when I tried to leave his home I was blocked, struck and pushed down on the bed. He continued to pick me up and throw me on his bed when I would try to leave until I called for his roommate to come help me. He finally let me leave, and I was unable to go out for a long time after that experience.

The second instance of abuse started with verbal attacks and within a week I was experienced physical abuse from him. I could not believe it! He too would not let me leave his home when I sensed hostility and threw me around and then pinned me down on his bed. The next day, he tried to apologize. I could not touch him. Just the thought of letting this man lay a finger on me disgusted me. The next day he found me and stated that I should drop all of this "crap because there were no bruises." Excuse me!! Just because there is a lack of bruises

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Live music literally rocks

Austin City Limits, live shows show 'real' band

Listening to an album on your stereo without actually seeing the band live is like looking at glossy pictures of the Eiffel Tower in a book and never taking the hike up the stairs to see the view from the top; although you may never know it, your experience will never come full circle.

Your CDs will never sweat. They will never grow mouths and sing to you, and I guarantee you the band will never reach out of that plastic disc to pull you up onstage with them to dance and maybe sing a couple of lines into the microphone.

Those things can't be felt in a car or your dorm room. When you limit yourself to your ears alone, you're depriving the other four senses of something you'll never forget. An album can change the way you think. A show can change the way you live. Everyone deserves that chance.

I never appreciated the Pixies until I stood so close to the stage I actually had to duck to avoid Frank Black's bulging neck veins trying to slap me in the face. I always liked Modest Mouse, but I didn't truly love them until I felt Isaac Brock's trash-can yell rattle every bittersweet part of my body.

I knew from the moment I heard the Arcade Fire's album, "Funeral," it was going to be important, but I had no idea it would be revolutionary until I saw their zealous performance last Friday at Stubb's in Austin.

Live, this band reaches down your

Marcus Parks



throat, pulls out your heart, shows it to you and screams, "This is what it's for!" I don't know if a band has ever made me feel so alive. I looked around during the set and knew that everyone other than the most hard-hearted of them would leave changed. This is how we need to feel after experiencing such a union of musical talent and seemingly natural ease in forming such a deep connection with the crowd. I came to the realization that this is what live music should do.

The seven-piece monster that is the Arcade Fire played every song from "Funeral" save one, the Bjork-influenced song closer to the album, "In the Backseat." The band was so full of heart with every song, their guitars, accordions, violins and marching drums resonating so loudly that half the members seemed on the verge of a full blown fit for the entire show, while the others gave in to every impulse they could've possibly had.

Their rendition of Bowie's "Five Years," the lead track from "Ziggy Stardust," felt almost like a Johnny Cash cover, in that the song now belongs to the Arcade Fire. But, I've never seen Bowie sing it live.

And this was but the first of our three days in Austin. My girlfriend and I drove seven hours for a weekend of muddy mouths and skin-melting heat at the Austin City Limits Music Festival searching for an equivalent feeling at every show we saw. There were about a 100,000 other people who were there for the same fix.

Although festivals like this are exclusive to Austin in the state of Texas, shows that can have a profound effect on you aren't. They can be had anywhere, in fact, dozens come through Lubbock each year. If you've let them pass you by, don't worry. You still have chances.

Explosions in the Sky shows in Lubbock are like religious experienc-

es, something ethereal that can't be touched and can barely be described. It's a beauty that's so far off; you never know if you're ever going to reach it. The first time they played here, there were less than thirty people watching. A year later, through sheer word of mouth, they played to hundreds.

But don't go into every show expecting a life-changing experience. Sometimes you might go to shows in Lubbock that are to you like the Drive-By Truckers were for me at Austin City Limits this year. You'll get the wrong attitude, the wrong set list and the wrong beer-soaked, cowboy-hat wearing, obnoxious gawker sweating all over you and your good time.

Other times it'll be like the Walkmen were for my girlfriend, where she saw a band she's loved for years, and while it may not make the top-ten list of music critic ass-heads like myself, she left loving that band more than she ever thought she could.

Remember those hard-hearted people I was talking about earlier from the Arcade Fire show? Those are the ones who see three shows a week, unable to be impressed by anything anymore. They are nothing more than jaded hipsters taking up air at this point, and they don't deserve half the shows they get.

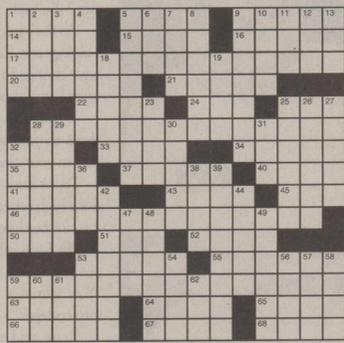
We do. For the love of everything that is right, if Lubbock's music scene ever gets huge, promise me none of you will ever become that. Those attitudes are held by people going out just to be seen, or merely just to say they've seen a band live. This is live music as a form of street creed and it is pathetic.

In the Arcade Fire song "Neighborhood #3 (Power Out)," they say, "The power's out in the heart of man/Take it from your heart and put it in your hand."

I don't know how to put it any more clearly. The choice is up to you whether you want to end the blackout. Everyone deserves that chance, and as long as you pay attention, you'll get it once, twice, maybe a hundred times. It's in your hands now. It always has been, and as long as you remember it's there, it always will be.

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'Hulk' a smashing success

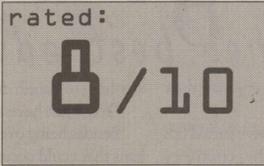
In my more naive years, I remember thinking how great it would be if some of my favorite video games were adapted to film. Years later, after watching Dennis Hopper and Bob Hoskins irreparably damage Nintendo's integrity in the "Super Mario Bros." movie, I realized how horribly wrong I was.

Conversely, video games based on movies have had a similar history, usually being rushed in development to yield lackluster sales.

In fact, one of the notoriously worst video games of all time spawned from a movie tie-in: "E.T." for the Atari 2600. Developed in a mere eight weeks, the nearly unplayable game greatly expedited Atari's bankruptcy, and most copies actually ended up in a New Mexican landfill.

When the mediocre "Hulk" movie came out in 2003, it was accompanied by an unsurprisingly mediocre game. Published by VU games and developed by Radical Entertainment, the video game adaptation was based loosely on the film. Some sections forced you to play as Bruce Banner. The companies decided to stick with the Hulk, however, and recently released a quasi-sequel, "The Incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction," for GameCube, Xbox and Playstation 2.

The game is, fortunately, based on the original comic books. This time,



they got it right.

The game's story centers around the usual Hulk stuff: Bruce Banner (guys named Bruce must become superheroes) is struggling with his gamma radiation-induced state of hulking green muscle. When incited, Banner loses control of himself and becomes a mindless rampaging goliath, and the effects of the gamma radiation also cause severe psychological deterioration. Don't question comic book science.

Banner is trying to develop a cure for his ailment, while General Thaddeus "Thunderbolt" Ross, Hulk's nemesis, tries to hunt him down. Other than Ross, the game includes a few other villains like Abomination and all 57 different psychological and physical forms of Banner and Hulk (Professor Hulk, Savage Banner, Grey Hulk, et. al). OK not really, but there are at least a few other forms in the game, though I won't spoil it for you.

"Ultimate Destruction" delivers most in that it actually convinces you of the power Hulk wields. If you have

the right upgrades, Hulk can grab a bus, crush it and then ride it around the city like a skateboard. Hulk's main way of getting places is by taking enormous leaps.

The game boasts fully destructible, interactive environments. When Hulk is running at full speed, his momentum turns him into an unstoppable train, and he decimates anything in his path. Cars, buses and military personnel are smacked aside or annihilated just by running into them. While running at this speed, Hulk can also run straight up the side of a building. All these features let you get around the large city fairly quickly. The game controls well, too, and the physics engine is fairly realistic.

Hulk's fighting moves are both brutal and efficient, and every move can be charged to increase its devastating effect. As you play the game, you earn "smash points" which allow you to buy tons of upgrades and new moves. One of my favorites was called the "Cyclone Skyjack" — Hulk jumps onto the front of a jet or helicopter

and drives the whole vehicle into the ground. A totally unique feature in the game is its "weaponization" system, which allows Hulk to alter enemy equipment to suit his needs.

The sandbox-style gameplay centers around Hulk completing various missions while trying to obtain parts for a machine to cure Banner. Collecting parts gets kind of old, but destroying things in the game is so much fun that the missions are usually enjoyable.

Some missions near the end had endless streams of annoying enemies that encouraged running rather than fighting, which made these tasks far less fun. Boss battles are huge and satisfying for the most part. Some of the game's few drawbacks are the annoying, optional, side-missions that suck a lot of fun out of the game.

These missions are not required, but you'll probably have to do quite a few of them to get enough smash points to buy the best upgrades. I played almost all of them, and only a golf game where Hulk wears a suit even resembled something fun. Most of the chores involved racing around the city collecting blocks. When a game feels like work, it usually points to some kind of failure on the part of the developer. The game also can be beaten in probably 10 hours or so, but tons of comic book related unlockables

BERGFELD'S RATING SYSTEM

- 1 - Digital feces
- 2 - Broken
- 3 - Painful
- 4 - Severely flawed
- 5 - Bearable
- 6 - Fairly playable
- 7 - Good
- 8 - Great
- 9 - Excellent
- 10 - Best game ever

and secrets could merit some replay.

The graphics in the game are fair for today's standards, with corners probably being cut because of the huge, destructible environments.

Hulk's moves look great, too, and wherever Hulk goes, he leaves a trail of cracked pavement in his wake.

As far as sound goes, the voice-acting is top notch. The music sounds grandiose like a superhero game should — when you can hear it above the sounds of crushing metal.

Possibly the greatest comic book video game ever made, "Ultimate Destruction" really puts players in the

place of the insane yet loveable green giant, something most comic games fail at doing. If you're a "Hulk" fan, you probably already bought this, but anyone looking for a great experience should at least rent this game.

The only question that remains is whether or not they can get Nicolas Cage to do voice-acting for the "Ghost Rider: The Movie" game. If so, I'm so there.

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Abuse

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doesn't mean that it didn't hurt emotionally and physically.

Looking at both of these men's backgrounds, there is not much in common. Both were adamant that they would never hurt a woman and would kill any man that did. Both were under the influence of alcohol, which is never an excuse, and in a mood that was less than chipper. While there are studies that show that most abusers come from abused homes, this is not always true. I was unable to see the signs because, like most women in abusive relationships, I thought I was safe in their arms.

So with this testimony I am asking all of you, male and female, that if you are being abused please get out. You don't have to take it and threats are not a sign of love. I have a friend going through a breakup and her ex is threatening his own life to get her back. It's not working. Harming yourself or others in a relationship is not proof of love or control.

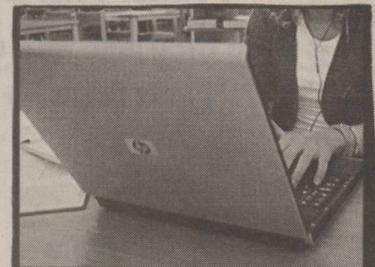
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Sex, Dating and College 101:

Worick, 'Worst Case' author, offers Tech her best advice

By LINDSAY WHARTON
FEATURES WRITER

"How many of you have had to deal with a bad kisser, a drunk date, a difficult roommate, umm ... gas, a really lame pick-up line?" said Jennifer Worick, co-author of "The Worst Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Dating and Sex" and "The Worst Case Scenario Survival Handbook: College."

Tuesday, Worick spoke to Texas Tech students about the perils of dating in college.

Worick said her books are meant to be amusing, but there also is helpful information to make college and dating life easier.

"Dating is ripe with challenges," she said.

For example, she said, if a person does not know the gender of their date, there are several ways to identify their sex.

Only males have an Adam's apple. Also, dark hair on the back of the person's hands is a sign that they are probably male.

The way people walk also is an indication. Women sway back and forth.

Once a person has identified the gender of their date, they may want to know if the person they are spending time with is an axe murderer.

Although they are usually not open about their past, if the date was a long-term bed-wetter they have at least one tendency towards being an axe murderer.

Axe murderers often have an unhealthy fascination with

fire, she said. They are the person that plays with candles and melts various items.

"They are often cruel to animals at a younger age," she said.

They also have difficulty maintaining relationships and jobs.

Worick said if the date has one or two of these characteristics, they are probably not a killer. If they seem to exhibit three or four of these qualities, the person dating them should escape as quickly as possible.

"There are effective ways to escape a bad date," she said.

If the date is an axe murderer, it may be wise to leave the date as soon as possible, she said. Escaping through the bathroom window is one option.

"The first thing to do is check to make sure you're on the first floor," she said.

Use an inanimate object to break open the window, and then use a jacket to cover the broken glass and climb through the opening, Worick said.

Sometimes the escapee can use the management and wait staff to help them leave their date unnoticed, she said. They can dress as a waiter or use a prop like a potted plant to conceal their identity.

If this is too much effort, Worick said, there are other ways to escape a date.

She said it is easy to find ways to insult your date. Also, faking an allergy attack or having a friend call you to pretend there is a family emergency is painless and effective.

If the person on the date actually likes the person they

are with, there are ways to tell if the person is enjoying their partner's company.

Worick said people who like their date have parted lips and smile often. She said they lean towards the person they are interested in and have a general happy and interested demeanor.

Someone not having fun on a date may have sit with arms crossed and a clenched jaw. She said the uninterested party is usually distracted easily and will nod their head when listening to their date.

Internet dating presents even more issues, Worick said.

"I would suggest meeting as soon as possible," she said, "E-mail doesn't always transfer to real life."

She said she met a man online who she thought she had a real connection with. However, when she met him, he was awkward looking and unnaturally fascinated with everything she said.

"I thought drinking on an empty stomach would make the date better," she said.

However, Worick said, that did not improve the date, and it led to more problems. Being too drunk is never pleasant.

She went on a date once with a man she genuinely liked. They had a great time together at the bar, but she said it was not meant to be.

"We kissed, and it was glorious," Worick said. "Then I threw up on his shoes."

As far as sobering up goes, she said there are many rumors of what will work. Coffee, and a cold shower will not do

anything to banish drunkenness.

"You'll just have a drunk, wet, wired date," she said.

Besides being overly drunk, there are other body problems that could occur while on a date, namely gas.

"If all else fails, excuse yourself from the table, lock the door and get down on all fours," Worick said. "It makes a long track for your gas."

A person should make a triangular body position, which will expel all the gas from the body so it is not an issue for the remainder of the date.

She said to prevent gas people should avoid large meals and sodas. Also, peppermint tea helps alleviate gas, so it is not an issue during the date.

Megan Brodue, a junior human sciences major from San Antonio, said she enjoyed Worick's speaking event.

"It put an interesting twist on the college experience," she said.

Brodue said she is interested in reading the books.

Amy Grinnell, a junior retailing major from Tyler and member of the Tech Activities Board, said the book is an entertaining and informative read.

"It's meant to be funny and kind of informational and purposeful," she said.

It will be amusing to any Tech student, she said, but freshmen may find it helpful because the book has information about how to deal with the new stressors associated with college.

"It's anything from how to get out of a bad date to how to do your laundry," she said. "A college survival guide, almost."

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Stephen Graham Jones, associate professor of English, will read excerpts from his most recent novel, "Bleed Into Me" at 7:30 p.m. today in Room 001 in the basement of the English building.

The novel is a series of short stories, Jones said, which are about Native Americans. Jones is a member of the Blackfeet tribe, and the subject is important to him.

Besides being a member of the Native American population, Jones said writing is an important part of his life.

"I used to write long story letters to girls to get them to not hate me," he said.

Jones began writing novels when he was 20, and he has not stopped.

He has written about 12 novels, he said, and four have been published.

Jones said he writes because it is his

natural inclination to do so. He keeps a notebook with him so whenever he feels he needs to write, he can.

"I feel less inspired than compelled," he said. "If I don't write I feel totally worthless as a human being."

John Poch, an assistant professor in the English department, said he is a fan of Jones' writing, and he has enjoyed his short stories.

"Nobody writes like Stephen," he said. "There's a surprise in every sentence."

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With the basic tricks down pat, Raiders go for 'Best in Show'

So often in sports writing, we writers like to check the history books to try and use previous years' results to prognosticate what will happen this season.

However, Taurean Henderson already has made this year's media guide obsolete by busting through a record early in the season. It was only a matter of time.

But what worth can be salvaged from the rest of the media guide's historical records?

A look at the year-by-year results provides some interesting analysis.

Texas Tech began this year with a perfect pre-conference start for the 17th time since 1959.

The last two times Tech started with a perfect nonconference schedule, the Red Raiders were defeated in their first Big 12 game. Tech beat New Mexico and North Texas in 2001, but then fell to a then-unranked Texas team.

One year earlier, Tech won its first four nonconference games and opened Big 12 play with a loss to Texas A&M, which was also unranked at the time.

The difference with those examples is that both of those losses were on the road.

Tech begins its Big 12 schedule with a home game against the Kansas Jayhawks (3-0) at 6 p.m. Saturday.



Bryan Wendell

and the atmosphere really gives us an advantage," said Tech quarterback Cody Hodges.

But according to the record books, Tech does not hold a historical advantage entering conference play without a loss.

Since 1959, when Tech has a perfect beginning in pre-conference play, the Raiders are 3-12-1, with eight of the losses coming to Texas.

Does this mean the Raiders are unprepared for the speed, power and hard hits of the Big 12? Senior defensive back Khalid Naziruddin doesn't seem to think so.

"(The Big 12) is the hardest conference to play in," he said. "The first three games really prepared us mentally."

And if we're going to look at the history books without bias, I must mention that Tech started with a perfect nonconference schedule in 1973 before losing their Big 12 opener to Texas.

That didn't seem to scar the Raiders that year, as the team went on to an 11-1 season that ended with a Gator Bowl vic-

tory over Tennessee. What will come of Tech's strong start this season is yet to be seen, of course.

The Jayhawks' perfect record can't be overlooked, either. Florida Atlantic, Appalachian State and Louisiana Tech all fell in double-digit losses to Kansas.

In its nine years in the Big 12, Kansas is 3-6 in conference openers, including last year's 31-30 loss to the Raiders. The Raiders are 6-3 in their last nine conference openers.

The Jayhawks' nonconference schedule is very similar to Tech's. Kansas played three relatively puny teams, and all games were at home. The only clear difference is the location of each team's fourth game — the conference opener.

Kansas senior wide receiver Mark Simmons said adjusting to a road environment and a Big 12 team in the same week might cause concern.

"It's just adjusting to the crowd noise and making audibles," he said. "Routine does play a big factor though. We played three straight home games, and now we have to go away from the same routine we've had every week. It's a big factor for the new guys who haven't played on the road in the Big 12 atmosphere."

For all of the criticism my fellow writers and I have dished out about the feeble schedule, the skill of the opposition does

seem to crescendo nicely.

Tech's team is best symbolized as a young puppy, and the schedule is a training regimen.

At first, you want to give the pup easy tricks and commands. Tech sat, stayed and rolled over Florida International, Sam Houston State and Indiana State without much effort.

Next, Tech will try to fetch wins against Kansas, Nebraska and Kansas State. That will be the true test of whether the training has stuck in the minds of the players.

It's like taking your puppy to PetSmart after telling Fido not to be rambunctious. Will the pooch perform as planned when the environment changes? It's likely.

But when Texas, Texas A&M and Oklahoma are staring at Tech, it's too early to know whether the Raiders will be Best in Show.

However Tech has prepared, Hodges knows a 3-0 record does not guarantee conference victories for any team.

"When it comes to conference play, everyone starts at 0-0," he said. "We need to carry the momentum from the first three games into conference."

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Kingsbury gets gig as Jets' third teamer

Former Red Raider quarterback Kliff Kingsbury has bounced around the NFL from New England to New Orleans to Denver. Now, an injury may possibly give him his break.

The New York Jets lost quarterback Chad Pennington to an injury this past weekend, opening the doors for two quarterbacks who are polar opposites.

Tuesday, the Jets picked up Vinny Testaverde, who is approaching the end of his road, while on Wednesday the team signed Kingsbury, who is still in the beginning stages of his career. He was picked up by the Jets to serve as the third-string quarterback.

Kingsbury, picked in the 6th round of draft by the New England Patriots in 2003, finished his career at Texas Tech as the fourth college player to throw for more than 3,000 yards in a season three times.

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Raiders look to evade Jayhawk front line

By JOEY KIRK
EDITOR

Texas Tech may have had 356 yards passing against Kansas last season, but Red Raider coach Mike Leach said he couldn't remember any of those catches.

Former quarterback Sonny Cumbie may have had 28 completions of his 52 attempts during the game, but his four interceptions made the difference in Leach's eyes.

"The greatest catches of that game, three of them, weren't by Red Raider receivers, they weren't by Kansas receivers — they were by defensive front men for Kansas," Leach said.

Last year, the Raiders traveled to Lawrence, Kan., to open up conference play against the Jayhawks. During the first half, Tech turned the ball over several times, and Leach said the hands of Kansas' defensive linemen impressed him.

"If any of those guys that played on the defensive front for Kansas and caught any of those balls that would want to transfer here to play

receiver, we would love to have them," he said.

The Raiders' turnovers set them under Kansas at the half, but Tech managed to fight back from a 25-point deficit to score 26 unanswered points and win, 31-30.

It was a victory, but Leach said he still can remember most of those catches.

"One we just drilled some guy in the face with it, that was pretty self-explanatory there," he said looking up at the ceiling during Monday's press conference.

Leach continued to reminisce. "This one guy, I'll never forget this deal," he said. "This guy, we were running a screen, we throw the guy down, and the screen's

coming in there, and he gets back up, and all of a sudden, there's a ball flying."

The story didn't stop.

"This is not a guy that looks like he can catch," Leach said. "And the ball's whizzing by his head, and he just kinda throws his hands up there and flips over backwards as he catches the ball. So there were just some tremendous catches there."

Fifth-year senior quarterback Cody Hodges only has thrown one interception this season thus far, and it happened last weekend. The upside to play was Hodges managed to force a fumble from the player, recovering it to keep possession. Leach said if his offensive leader can continue to do this,

Tech (3-0) will have no problem beating the Jayhawks.

"I know it will be a big difference if he throws them and gets them back all the time," he said.

The Raiders finished last season's game against Kansas with more than 500 yards offense, shutting down the Jayhawks' offensive movement completely in the second half to win. If Tech can mimic that performance beginning 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium, Leach said the Raiders might just start the season undefeated at 4-0.

"Make a long story short, we just need to improve that we did in the second half (of that game), and not do anything that resembles the first half," he said.

As their first game in Big 12 Conference play for 2005, Hodges said he couldn't predict the future, but he knows what Tech wishes to do.

"I can't say how the game's going to go," he said. "We expect to score on offense, and we expect to stop them on defense. Hopefully at the end of the game, we hope to be on top."



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TEXAS TECH JUNIOR wide receiver Brandon Douglas lays out to block the Indiana State punt in the Red Raiders' 63-7 victory over the Sycamores on Saturday. Douglas recovered the punt in the endzone, resulting in a Raider touchdown with 1:32 remaining in the first half.

Jayhawk secondary in for tough task against high-powered Raider passing attack

By RYAN COLAIANNI
UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSASIAN
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LAWRENCE, Kan. — The Kansas secondary will be tested early and often Saturday against a Texas Tech passing attack that has averaged 488 yards and scored 199 points in its first three games.

Kansas football coach Mark Mangino said the defense would not approach the game any differently, despite the Red Raiders' high-powered offense.

"We are going to play defense the way that we play defense all the time," Mangino said. "We

are not making any special preparations for this offense. They execute well, so you have to play good, sound, assignment and fundamental football, and that is what we plan to do."

"As you know, offensively they can score a lot of points; they rack up a lot of yardage," Mangino said. "They have a system that their kids are real comfortable in, and they execute it very well."

After having no interceptions in the first two games of the season, the Kansas secondary came alive against Louisiana Tech, picking off four passes.

The KU defense will look at the defensive line rather than the secondary to stop the Texas

Tech offense.

"They get rid of the ball real quick, we just have to interrupt his comfort level back there and just have to put as much pressure on him as we can," senior linebacker Brandon Perkins said.

Perkins set a school record against Louisiana Tech with five sacks. The Jayhawks hope to get as much pressure on Texas Tech quarterback Cody Hodges on Saturday.

"That is what we have been preaching this whole season, offseason and everything," senior defensive end Charlton Keith said, regarding pressure on opposing quarterbacks. "Just for our defensive line to come through, step up."

Hodges has passed for 1,117 yards and 12 touchdowns and just one interception in the first three games.

"I don't think their offense is complicated. I think it is very efficiently operated," Mangino said. "It is not something where they take a lot of chances with the ball. They execute, their players execute, and that is really the key."

Texas Tech's rushing attack is led by Taurean Henderson. Henderson has 264 yards rushing this season. He scored the game-winning touchdown last season against Kansas with a 70-yard run in the fourth quarter.

The Kansas secondary will have to be prepared

to cover many receivers. Texas Tech could feature four or five wide receivers on any given play. The offense has incorporated passes to 16 different receivers this season.

"As a DB, preparing for this game, we know we are going to have to stay in coverage so that the quarterback doesn't have anyone to throw to," junior safety Jerome Kemp said.

The Red Raiders' top threat down the field is junior wide receiver Robert Johnson, who has 361 yards receiving and two touchdowns.

"He is a strong, tough, talented athlete," Mangino said. "They are getting him the ball, and he is making plays."



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