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STATE

Inspector convicted of letting drugs into U.S.

MALLEN (AP) — A senior U.S. Customs inspector pleaded guilty Tuesday to money laundering and conspiring to smuggle drugs from Mexico through his lane at an international bridge in South Texas, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Lizandro Martinez, a 44-year-old agent at the Progreso International Bridge, was paid to let a series of trucks — loaded with thousands of pounds of marijuana — pass through his lane without inspection for more than 2 1/2 years beginning in 2002.

The trucks then parked near a high school where the drugs were loaded to other vehicles for distribution throughout the Rio Grande Valley.

As part of a plea agreement, Martinez will resign and forfeit hundreds of thousands of dollars in vehicles and real estate bought with the laundered money.

Roberto Dominguez, 44, of Hidalgo, was also convicted Tuesday of similar charges and charges that he served as ring leader for the drug operation.

NATION

New Orleans mayor fires half of workforce

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mayor Ray Nagin said Tuesday the city is laying off as many as 3,000 employees — or about half its workforce — because of the financial damage inflicted on New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina.

Nagin announced with "great sadness" that he had been unable to find the money to keep the workers on the payroll.

He said only non-essential workers will be laid off and that no firefighters or police will be among those let go.

"I wish I didn't have to do this. I wish we had the money, the resources to keep these people," Nagin said. "The problem we have is we have no revenue streams."

Nagin described the layoffs as "pretty permanent" and said that the city will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to notify municipal employees who fled the city in the aftermath of Katrina, which struck about a month ago.

The mayor said the move will save about \$5 million to \$8 million of the city's monthly payroll of \$20 million. The layoffs will take place over the next two weeks.

WORLD

Stan barrels into Mexico's Gulf coast

VERACRUZ, Mexico (AP) — Hurricane Stan barreled into Mexico's Gulf coast Tuesday, pummeling this major port city with heavy rain and punishing waves, and forcing the evacuation of thousands of residents and several offshore oil platforms.

Stan packed maximum sustained winds near 80 mph, the National Hurricane Center in Miami reported. It was centered just inland about 85 miles southeast of the city of 425,000 people and was moving southwest at about 7 mph.

Forecasters said wind and rain from the Category 1 hurricane were also reaching Central America, causing floods and landslides and leaving at least 38 people dead in El Salvador. Rain was still falling Tuesday in much of Central America, driving thousands from their homes in El Salvador and Guatemala.

Veracruz's busy port was closed, and schools canceled classes.

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Miers latest example of Bush picking the picker

By LAURIE KELLMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Harriet Miers' nomination to the Supreme Court is the latest example of President Bush's fondness for auditioning loyal lieutenants for heavyweight jobs by asking them to vet others for the same posts.

In an increasingly familiar test, Bush for months had busied Miers, his White House counsel, with the search for Supreme Court nominees. Then he nominated her to the bench.

"She knows the kind of judge I'm looking for," Bush said Tuesday. "After all, she was a part of the process that selected John Roberts."

"The president picked the picker, so to speak," said Sen. John Cornyn, a fellow Texan and former judge.

It's a familiar head-hunting technique to anyone who watched Bush's search for a running mate in 2000.

Bush asked Dick Cheney to lead the process for selecting a person for the No. 2 spot on the ticket. The move allowed Bush to watch Cheney work, put Cheney's name in the news and, in effect, took him for a test-run with public opinion.

Pleased, Bush chose Cheney for the job.

In Miers' case, she has led the search for judicial nominees as White House counsel — giving her an early, and private, introduction to lawmakers. If she's an unknown on the bench, she's familiar to senators who will cast votes on her nomination.

Fans of Bush's choice said she would bring new experience to the court as an accomplished lawyer and non-judge.



Miers

Detractors said Bush's in-house strategy carries a whiff of cronyism. Reflecting the recent controversy over former Federal Emergency Management Agency chief Michael Brown's credentials, Miers' opponents say they don't have evidence that she's qualified for the post.

"A political crony with no conservative credentials," said Eugene Delgaudio, president of the conservative group Public Advocate.

"The president has selected a loyal political ally without a judicial record to sit on the highest court in the land," said Sen. Barbara

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Neugebauer unveils act ending taxpayer campaign donations

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Last week, Congressman Randy Neugebauer introduced legislation that would end the practice of using taxpayer dollars to fund presidential campaigns and political party nominating conventions.

"It is generally not necessary to use taxpayer dollars to pay for campaigns," said Josh Noland, press secretary for Randy Neugebauer. "Congressman Neugebauer is always on the lookout for federal spending that is insufficient."

The Taxpayer Campaign Fund Elimination Act would eliminate federal funding for the Presidential Election Campaign Fund and could save an estimated \$550 million during the next 10 years.

During the 2004 presidential campaign, both major party candidates chose not to use the Presidential Election Campaign Fund. Noland said extra money should be spent on other things.

"Right now, the country is facing a monumental task of getting the Gulf back in tact," he said. "We face a big financial commitment to the citizens along the Gulf Coast, and it would only be fiscally responsible to help these people."

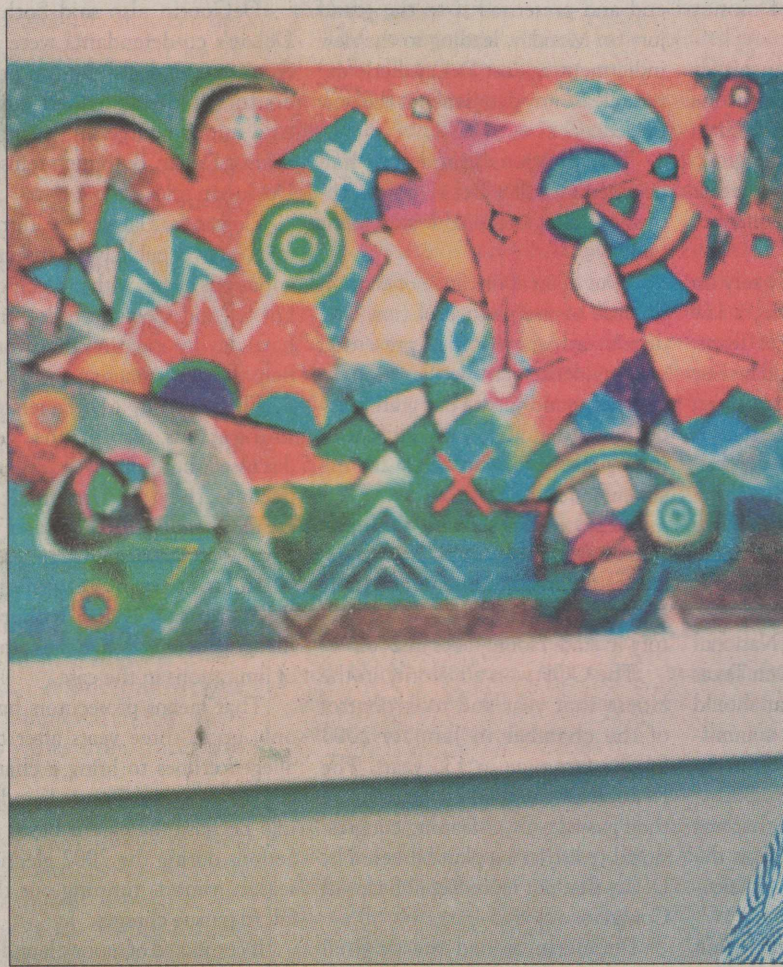
The campaign fund first began using taxpayer dollars in 1972. Every time a U.S. citizen fills out their tax returns, they are asked if they want to contribute funds to campaigns and conventions.

Three dollars from each taxpayer who checks "yes" on their tax return goes toward presidential campaigns, Noland said.

"Not every candidate sees the money," he said. "Only the candidates who raise a sufficient amount of money qualify. There is a certain threshold the

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Voices on Canvas



DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Toreador

MICHAEL KABOTIE FROM the Hopi Reservation in Arizona poses in a gallery of the art building with some of his paintings. Behind him is an acrylic on paper called "Arrow Chanting II." His work will be displayed at the Folio Gallery in the Art Building through Oct. 7.

Resident artist Kabotie 'sharing the voices of Hopi through paintings'

By LINDSAY WHARTON
FEATURES WRITER

His friendly eyes smiled as brightly as his paintings. His wrinkled skin reflects the experience and knowledge he obtained through his years.

The art, which incorporates traditional and modern elements, has left one part of the American West and landed in West Texas.

"It's just like Indian art; it's sharing," Michael Kabotie said.

"It's sharing the voices of Hopi through paintings."

Kabotie, an internationally recognized Hopi artist and Texas Tech University's Artist-in-Residency, said he does much more than Hopi art. His Native American heritage is the root of his creativity.

"I've gone beyond the label Hopi," he said. "It's things that all human beings recognize."

Kabotie described his art as abstract lines and shapes

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BARKING ORDERS



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreador

LURED BY GUNNER, a basset hound-pit bull mix, Katherine Curry, left, a senior photocommunications major from Midland, stops off at the marineofficer.com tent to play and talk to his owner, Sarah Srernsky, a junior business major from Taylor, outside the Student Union Building Tuesday afternoon.

A SPECIAL DELIVERY 35 YEARS IN THE MAKING American soldier returns diaries to family of Vietnamese physician

By DANIELLE NOVY
STAFF WRITER

Two diaries composed by a North Vietnamese physician in the 1960s finally will fall into the hands of her mother today, ending the 35-year mission of the American soldier who found them.

The diaries belonged to Dang Thuy Tram, whose death in her mid-20s on the battlefields of South Vietnam was discovered by American soldier Fred Whitehurst during a cleanup of the area. Whitehurst also was the one to find the diaries, which sparked a personal mission within him to return them to Tram's mother.

Whitehurst, now working as an attorney, said he spent more than three decades trying with little success to find Tram's mother. This spring, he gave the diaries to the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech. Officials there

were able to locate Tram's family.

Today, Whitehurst's quest finally comes to an end as two of the physician's sisters and her mother, Doan Ngoc Tram, finally will get the chance to read the diaries.

Whitehurst said the reunion of the diaries with Tram's mother represents a culmination of years of searching in order to follow Tram's written wishes.

"It was extremely important to her," Whitehurst said.

Whitehurst said the diaries indicated that if Tram should die, she wanted them returned to her family.

"I accepted that as my mission," he said.

Whitehurst said he found the first diary in the winter of 1969 and the second one on

June 23, 1970.

"I wanted to give the diaries back from the

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Everyone on the planet that can read should read these diaries.

— FRED WHITEHURST
American Soldier

Lubbock and Tech police blotters

Sept. 19
Lubbock police responded to a radio call at 502 Slide Rd. in reference to a fight in progress. A man hit another man with a closed fist, and the victim did not fight back. The officers at the scene witnessed the suspect drop drug paraphernalia into a bush in front of his apartment. The suspect was apprehended.

Lubbock Police Department officers responded to a call at 1001 E. 28th St. in response to damaged property. An unknown person had stuck a red clothesline in the yard of the residence in a 2001 Mercury Sable. The suspect parked the car and left the scene. The suspect was not located.

Sept. 26
A Texas Tech police officer investigated a theft, which occurred in the 3500 block of 18th Street. A traffic barricade was taken. No suspects were located.

The Tech Police Department investigated graffiti at the Art/Architecture building. A concrete barricade was spray painted with red aerosol paint. No suspects were located.

A Tech police officer documented information concerning a Health Sciences Center psychiatric patient who called the clinic, angry about his treatment. Police are investigating the incident.

Sept. 27

A Tech police officer responded to a fire alarm in Room 4B240 of the Health Sciences Center. A male juvenile who was new to the country activated the pull station. There was no sign of fire or smoke.

Sept. 28
The Tech PD responded to a fire alarm at the Animal Sciences Building. Students working with liquid nitrogen set off the alarm. The building was evacuated.

A Tech police officer documented information concerning damaged property on the south side exit steps of Bledsoe Hall. A student accidentally spray painted the steps while working on an art project.

The Tech PD documented information concerning letters of apology, which were placed on several vehicles in the Z-2 D parking lot. The apology letter was associated with a failed relationship.

Sept. 29
A man reported an employee had not returned a 1997 Ford Yellow Cab to his business on time. The subject was supposed to return the cab at 6 a.m., but failed to do so. Neither the subject nor the vehicle was located.

A witness reported noticing her neighbor had not collected her mail for more than a month. A Lubbock police officer forced entry of the woman's home at 2910 Dartmouth St. and found her de-

ceased on the living room floor. The medical examiners office was called to the scene. Investigations are in progress.

A witness observed three unknown men in the laundry room of Somerset Square Apartments. The witness reported seeing all three men bent over next to the north wall of the room. The witness observed a large fire ignite in front of the men and watched them as they attempted to put it out. The witness confronted the three men as they left the building and then called Lubbock police. The three suspects were not located.

A man was observed looking into a resident's window at 4806 66th St. A girl's father reported the unknown man was watching his daughter from outside. The suspect fled the scene and was later apprehended by a Lubbock police officer. The suspect was charged with disorderly conduct and evading arrest and detention.

Sept. 30
A Tech police officer responded to a 911 medical emergency call in Room S206 of Thompson Hall. A male staff member was suffering from an allergic reaction to a flu shot. The victim was transported the University Medical Center by Emergency Medical Services for further treatment.

Lindsay Watters/Staff Writer

Merriam-Webster gives meanings to 18 new terms

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Go ahead, treat yourself. Check out the latest "chick flick," get a "bikini wax" or enjoy an ice cream — but be careful about "brain freeze."

If any of that isn't clear, it might be wise to consult the latest edition of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, which formally defines words that have taken root in American conversation.

Those terms are joined by 15 other new entries that make up the 1,664 pages of the newly published book. So if you're not interested in movies meant to appeal to women, discreet hair removal procedures or running the risk of a sudden shooting pain in the head caused by very cold food, maybe there's another endeavor to catch your fancy.

Try "steganography," the "art or practice of concealing a message, image, or file within another message, image, or file." That may not be the latest craze, but it's an activity that caught the attention of Merriam-Webster's lexicographers.

The new words reflect changes and developments in American society. You could try your hand at being a "cybrarian" (a person who finds, collects, and manages information available on the Internet,) or as a "hospitalist" ("a physician who specializes in treating hospitalized patients of other physicians in order to minimize the number of hospital visits by other physicians.")

It takes about 10 years for a promising word to get into the dictionary from the time it first gets noticed. But some have a speedy rise to Merriam-Webster legitimacy, depending on the urgency of their meaning and impact.

Among this year's fastest climbers is "SARS," the acronym for the severe acute respiratory syndrome that began making headlines just two years ago with an outbreak in Asia.

DeLay's latest indictment charge relies on little-used Texas law; prosecutors 'very inventive'

AUSTIN (AP) — A little-used Texas law could decide the future of Rep. Tom DeLay, the former House majority leader who is charged with conspiracy and money laundering in an alleged campaign-finance scheme.

Grand jurors looking into 2002 campaign contributions indicted DeLay on Monday for the second time in less than a week. House rules required him to step down from his leadership post pending the outcome of the case.

"I have not seen a criminal conspiracy case in Texas for a long, long time," said Austin-based defense attorney Ray Bass, who is not involved in the DeLay case. "In the last 20 years, I can't even think of one."

Rather than relying on conspiracy charges, Texas prosecutors often use an alternative law known as the state's "parties statute," which allows them to accuse or implicate groups of people who allegedly participated in a crime together, Bass said.

The use of the rarely invoked conspiracy law suggests that prosecutors are getting "very inventive" in their case against DeLay, Bass said.

DeLay was first charged with conspiracy to violate the state election code, which bans the direct use of corporate money for political campaigns.

His lawyers filed court papers Monday attacking that charge on technical grounds. Hours later, a new grand jury brought an indict-

ment against DeLay that included one count of conspiracy to launder money and one count of money laundering.

Under Texas law, a conspiracy occurs if someone agrees with one or more other people to commit a felony, and if someone in the group performs an overt act to carry out that plan. The agreement can be inferred, Bass said.

State prosecutions rarely rely on conspiracy, said George Dix, a law professor at the University of Texas. Bass said both conspiracy and money laundering charges are more often seen in federal court, where money laundering is almost exclusively connected to drug cases.

The indictment claims DeLay's political committee, Texans for a Republican Majority, accepted corporate contributions and then sent \$190,000 to the Republican National Committee with a list of seven Texas state House candidates that should receive contributions. The committee then allegedly issued checks to the candidates for a total of \$190,000.

Prosecutors have argued that was a violation of the state's ban on the use of corporate money in local election campaigns.

DeLay defense attorney Dick DeGuerin believes the new indictment replaces the first. But District Attorney Ronnie Earle, in a statement released Tuesday, said prosecutors would press ahead with all three charges, and the final decision would be resolved by a judge.

Earle's office said prosecutors found new evidence over the weekend and presented it to the grand jury on Monday, leading to the new indictment against DeLay. Earle did not release any details about the new evidence.

The previous grand jury had declined to indict DeLay on the additional allegations, the statement said.

"Out of an abundance of caution because of the passage of time, the district attorney's office presented some evidence of those allegations to another grand jury. That grand jury declined to indict on the last day of its regular term," on Sept. 28, the statement said.

DeLay is accused with associates John Colyandro and Jim Ellis in the campaign-finance scheme allegedly hatched to boost Republicans to victory in state House races in 2002.

The GOP won a majority in the House that year and took control of the chamber in January 2003 for the first time in 130 years. The Republican-controlled Legislature then passed a GOP-leaning congressional redistricting plan brokered by DeLay that put more Republicans in Congress.

DeGuerin argued the original indictment was based on a conspiracy provision that the Legislature added to the law in 2003. The indictment alleges that the illegal acts date to 2002.

DeGuerin accused Earle of "trying to patch up a terrible blunder he made

last week for indicting Mr. DeLay for something that wasn't a crime."

DeGuerin also said both of DeLay's co-defendants were offered "sweet deals" by the prosecutors if they pleaded guilty to a minor charge and testified against DeLay. Both men refused, DeGuerin said.

Colyandro's lawyer, Joe Turner, said he never publicly discusses negotiations he has with prosecutors, but he said Colyandro does not have any information that would help the government.

Ellis attorney J.D. Pauerstein said various resolutions were discussed, but none was accepted because they all "involved us pleading guilty to crimes and we haven't committed any crimes."

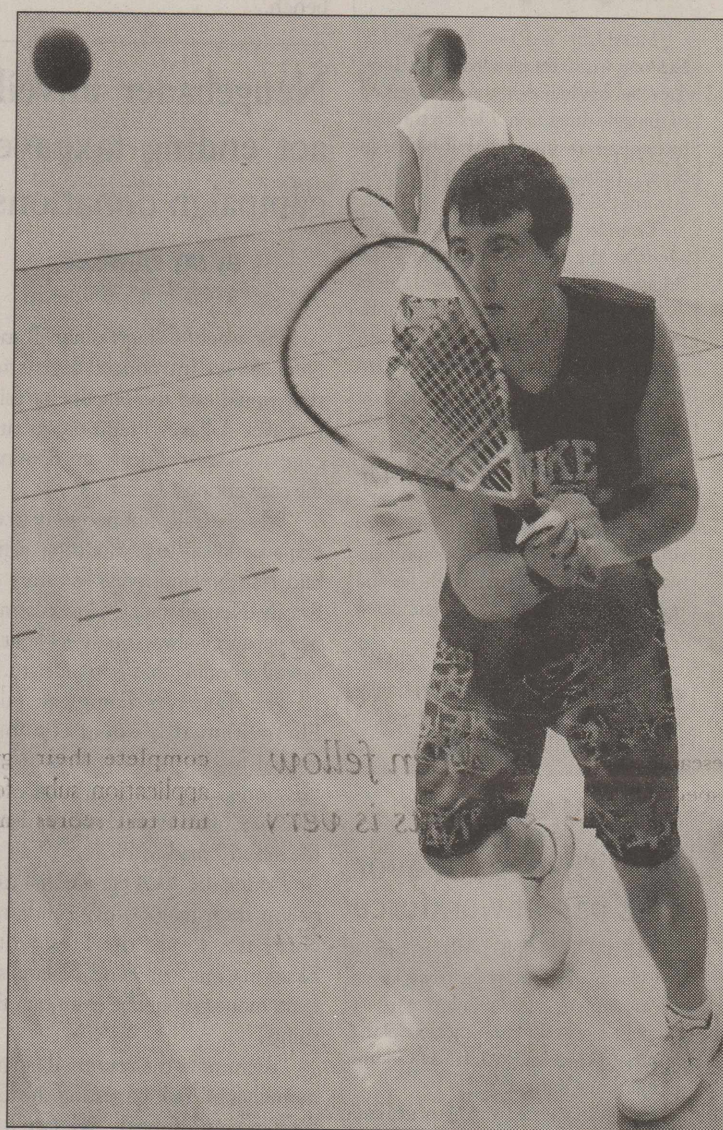
In another development, DeGuerin said DeLay withdrew his agreement to waive the statute of limitations in the case.

That means prosecutors have only up to three years after the alleged crimes to bring a charge of conspiracy or money laundering. Because the case is based on actions during the 2002 election season, time is running out this fall to pursue charges.

If convicted of money laundering, DeLay and his associates could face five years' probation or up to life in prison. The possible penalty for a conspiracy conviction is up to two years in state jail.

DeLay is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 21.

BALL TO THE WALL



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Treador

JONATHAN CROCKER, FOREGROUND, a junior engineering major from Anson, and Brian Zachry, a graduate student in wind science and engineering from Daytona, Fla., play racquetball Tuesday night at the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center.

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Work units
- Black card
- Throw
- Be without
- Greek colony
- Der
- (Adanauer)
- Gillette shaver
- Lawn makeup
- Campus sports org.
- Fraud at the restaurant?
- Heavy weight
- Actress Susan
- Earthen dike
- Draw out
- French cheese
- Actor Byrnes
- Display model
- Vagabond
- Fraud at the ice cream parlor?
- Did some carpentry work
- Volcano near Manila
- Pompous person
- March date
- Snoopy, for one
- "Skittle Players" painter
- Heart of a hurricane
- Gore and Jarreau
- Tippy craft
- Fraud at the mattress factory?
- Provided capital for
- Levin and Gershwin
- George Sand novel
- Bern's river
- Nerve network
- Singer Bonnie
- Body covering
- Biographer of Henry James
- Cheeky
- Barcelona aunts

DOWN

- Made into law
- Upgraded machinery
- Apache leader
- Nabr. neighbor
- Official seal
- " and Bess"
- Henry Gray subj.
- Real looker
- Relaxation
- Tippy craft
- Room recess
- Provided capital for
- Ribbed
- Dictator Amin
- Censor's inscription
- de grace
- Portends
- Sudden attack
- Fiendish little one
- Coty or Descartes
- Poet Dove
- Russian pancakes
- Young Scot
- Atomic bomb blast site
- Italian mall
- Abates
- Strive toward an end
- Eyed a while
- Tranquil
- Out-of-the-way way
- Shoe-box letters
- Short-lived Ford
- Departs
- Workers rights grp.
- Toothed wheel
- Director Kazan
- Boss Tweed's lampooner

By Phillip J. Anderson
Portland, OR

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Facebook: more than a social phenomenon

With more than 20,000 students as registered users, professors begin to jump on the bandwagon

By RUTH BRADLEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Mark and Jeff like facebook. It gives them a way to meet students in large classes and to get to know them better. They find facebook a helpful way to build and keep relationships in the transitory college system. Mark and Jeff have one more thing in common — both are Texas Tech professors.

Since its creation in February 2004, the online directory facebook grew rapidly, from a single-campus communication tool to one that now spans the nation's colleges and universities.

According to a statement made by the independent media firm Com Score, 8.3 million people were using facebook as of August 2005. Of that number, 20,777 are registered at Tech, said facebook spokesperson Chris Hughes.

The movement is attracting the attention of professors like Mark McGintey, associate professor of biological sciences and Jeff Justice, academic adviser in economics, geography, history and political science.

"I investigated the site and found it's basically a networking system," McGintey said. "Texas Tech University encourages faculty to be in contact with students."

Justice said he likes to use facebook to keep an eye on popular trends among his students.

"This lets me know what's in style and what's relevant," he said.

Justice said he often tries to tailor his lectures to go along with student's preferences, such as discussing political messages sent by popular rock groups.

Facebook also allows Justice to form relationships with his students, which normally is a difficult undertaking when teaching several hundred students.

"I do believe a university is not just going to class — it's a community," he said. "(Facebook) adds to that sense of community."

McGintey said he also uses facebook to help him build relationships with students.

"If somebody sends me an e-mail message, I can go to facebook and kind of put a face with a name," he said. "It helps make professors more approachable."

McGintey said facebook

helps him stay in touch with students from semester to semester.

Along with these, other uses for facebook are still emerging.

"A lot of student organizations have started using facebook to communicate," said Michael Gunn, unit assistant director of student life. He said facebook is a valuable tool for fraternities, sororities and clubs because it is a quick way for them to get in touch with each other.

"I think it's a good thing," he said. "As long as it's not abused."

Gunn also uses facebook to keep up with students.

"I have quite a number of students that I know through facebook," he said.

Daniel Velasquez, a junior advertising major, said he dislikes the professional involvement in facebook.

"I don't think professors should use it to get to know students," he said. "It might form a bias."

Velasquez says he's also concerned about privacy.

"If I want (my professor) to know more about me, I'd just go talk to him," he said.

Sam Segran, associate vice president for Internet technology and computer information, said all students should be concerned about privacy when it comes to online communication.

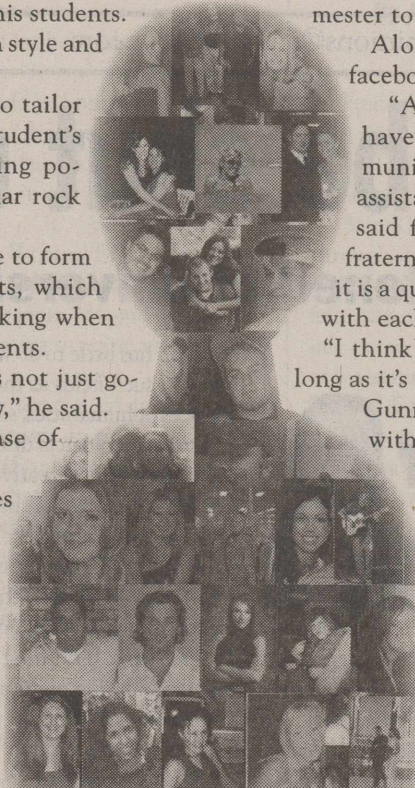
"You don't really know who you're talking to," he said.

Segran said students should be careful about what information they post on the Web, especially information that points out vulnerability, for instance, sharing the fact that you live alone.

"You definitely want to be careful with what you share over the Net," Segran said. "Predators are always out there."

Facebook controls allow users to block their information from users who are not their personal friends. However, Justice said many facebook users do not take advantage of this tool and are unguarded about the information they share. He said the user is responsible for their own safety.

"You control Internet safety," Justice said. "If you don't want someone to know it, don't put it out there."



Graphic by Frank Vaculin

Graduate school deadlines quickly approaching for undergraduate students

By ELIZABETH GABBERT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Applying to graduate school is the next step for many Texas Tech students and informing them of the steps involved is one of the goals of the Graduate Admissions Center.

Shannon Samson, the coordinator of graduate school recruitment at Tech, said the most important thing students should do when applying for graduate school is research their prospective departments.

"They need to see if the research interests of the departments match their interests," she said. "They should feel free to contact faculty members whose research sounds interesting."

Samson said many students

try to find insight into the university to which they are applying by looking to ranking systems and those generally do not offer a clear picture of what university is right for them.

Keith West, a Tech graduate student getting his masters in communications studies, said he searched for a graduate school with a number of scholars who focused on religious communication, his area of interest.

"I was also searching for a school with a competitive speech and debate team," West said. "Tech is about the best you can

get."

Samson said students would start thinking about their plans for graduate school by the end of their sophomore year of college in an ideal world.

"Texas Tech's Graduate School offers what we call rolling admissions to domestic students," Samson said. "This means that we take applications online 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Samson said Tech graduate school applicants need to complete their application, submit test scores and transcripts, as well as a \$50 application fee.

Lauren Scott, a broadcast journalism major from San Antonio, said she thinks about graduate school a lot more as it gets closer to her senior year.

"It is important for me to make the right decision about grad school," she said. "I have received a lot of advice from friends and family about where to apply, but ultimately it's my decision."

Samson said the Rawls College of Business requires students to take the GMAT as part of their requirements and most other departments require students to take the GRE to be considered for admission.

"Students should know they can take the GMAT, GRE or TOEFL in the testing center in Room 209," she said. "Students must register to take the required

test in advance."

Samson said Tech is classified as a Level 1 institution, which boasts 103 master's degree programs as well as 59 doctoral programs.

West said Tech was an easy choice for him.

"It's less costly for me because I did my undergrad at a rather expensive private school," West said. "Here, between my compensation for teaching and student loans, I'm having an easier time."

West said Tech also provided him with the opportunity to coach one of the most successful debate teams in the country.

Samson said the cost of graduate varies but the tuition for a Texas resident is approximately \$2,400.

"A master's degree can be completed in two years," Samson said. "A doctoral degree can be completed in four years but this varies from student to student."

Samson said graduate school classes are more intensive than undergraduate classes and focus more on specific issues.

"One of the things I think students notice first is that their relationship between their fellow students is very different," Samson said. "As a graduate student, your classmates become your colleagues."

Scott said she will prepare herself for graduate school by establishing relationships with her professors and keeping her grades up.

"The GRE is an important test and I want to be prepared for it," she said. "I am interested in Tech, but I am looking at other schools, as well."

Samson said graduate students work intensely with their professors, sometimes even co-authoring paper or doing significant research projects.

FDA looks to ban cow parts in animal feed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Seeking to close a gap in the nation's defense against mad cow disease, the Bush administration on Tuesday proposed to eliminate cow brains and spinal cords from feed for all animals, including chickens, pigs and pets.

The government already bans virtually all cattle remains from cattle feed. The new proposal from the Food and Drug Administration "will make an already small risk even smaller," acting FDA Commissioner Andrew von Eschenbach said.

The new proposal would reduce the risk of infection by 90 percent, said Stephen F. Sundlof, director of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine. After a public comment period, the rules should take effect sometime next year, he said.

However, critics said the new proposal falls far short of what FDA had promised 19 months ago, after the nation's first case of mad cow disease was confirmed. At that time, FDA said it would add three other items to the list of materials banned from cattle feed: blood, restaurant plate waste and poultry litter. All are potential pathways for mad cow disease.

The proposal announced Tuesday is designed to eliminate the need for banning chicken litter from cattle feed because chickens would no longer be fed cow brains and spinal cords, among the cattle parts most likely to contain mad cow disease.

Contrary to FDA's previous plan, the new proposal does not ban cattle

blood, often fed to calves as a milk replacer, or restaurant leftovers from cattle feed. It also doesn't ban chicken litter, which includes spilled feed as well as chicken manure, which scientists believe could contain mad-cow disease if the chickens had ingested tainted protein.

The feed rules are important because the only way cattle are known to get mad cow disease is from eating feed containing contaminated cattle remains.

Ground-up cattle remains — leftovers from slaughtering operations — were used as protein in cattle feed until 1997, when Britain's outbreak prompted the U.S. to ban the use of those remains in cattle feed. The ban prohibited all cattle protein from being used in cattle feed, with the exceptions of poultry litter, plate waste and blood, which can contain cattle protein.

FDA's new proposal would ban from livestock feed the brain and spinal cord — tissues that can carry mad cow disease — from cows older than 30 months. The age cutoff is specified because infection levels are believed to rise as cattle grow older.

The proposal does not include other tissues, such as eyes or part of the small intestine, considered "specified risk materials" by the Agriculture Department, which requires their removal from meat that people eat. FDA regulates animal feed.

Consumer groups and scientists said the government did not close all the loopholes because its new proposal

bans just the brain and spinal cord of cattle 30 months and older and not all at-risk tissues, regardless of age, that could carry the disease.

Linda Detwiler, a former Agriculture Department veterinarian who led the department's work on mad cow disease for several years, said removing 90 percent of the risk isn't good enough.

"I'm disappointed that our government wouldn't want to remove 100 percent, given that there's emerging research that there may be more tissues that have infectivity," she said.

Detwiler said the plan would still allow chicken, pig and pet feed to contain potentially infectious tissues from the highest-risk cattle, "downers" that can't walk and dead cows.

"There is no question that we should not be feeding the remains of any mammals to food animals, and by not closing this dangerous loophole, we are exposing the American public to unnecessary risk," said Michael Hansen, a biologist for Consumers Union.

Chris Waldrop, a spokesman for Consumer Federation of America, accused the agency of caving to pressure from the meat industry.

The FDA's Sundlof countered that Tuesday's proposal "is much more protective" than the earlier proposal.

"By removing the brain and spinal cord, you've taken out 90 percent of the risk," he said, citing a risk assessment prepared by Harvard University researchers.

"One of the things I think students notice first is that their relationship between fellow students is very different. As a graduate student, your classmates become your colleagues."

— SHANNON SAMSON
Coordinator of Graduate School Recruiting

Correction: The quote from Andrew Davis' column read, "Given that the price of the pool is \$7 million, current seniors will be pushing 50 years old before Tech students pay off half of the sticker price." It was actually supposed to say, "Given that the price of the pool is \$7 million, current seniors will be pushing 50 years old before Tech students pay off of the sticker price." *The Daily Toreador* regrets the error.

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Students shouldn't be shut up

First Amendment rights being threatened at universities

A university experience should be about intellectual diversity and the free exchange of ideas. Our undergraduate experience should be one that involves expanding our minds by considering different ideas and new ways of thinking.

More often than not, though, it seems like freedom of thought isn't always a part of the curriculum.

I often have received higher grades on essays when I happened to have the same opinion as the professor.

Maybe this is why we have to apply and get permission to use many of our "free speech zones." Although these zones were ruled unconstitutional by a judge in 2004, these zones and ridiculous policies remain a part of our campus.

Whatever happened to our entire country being a free speech zone? The fact that a person is required to apply to use a free speech zone and could possibly be denied the right to speak out on a certain issue is anything but free.

Texas Tech isn't unique in its free speech zone policies. All across the country, universities have adopted similar regulations. Their argument is that they are trying to protect us from being harassed or offended. Their goal is to protect us from free speech rather than to protect free speech itself. Last time I checked, the Bill of Rights doesn't protect us from being offended, but the very first amendment to our constitution was supposed to ensure that we would always have free speech.

Applying for approval to exercise this right is an affront to everything this country should stand for.

It seems that some university-employed professionals don't just want to have a say in where we can exchange ideas, but also what those ideas are. *The New York Times* recently reported that students are increasingly reticent about expressing opinions in classrooms, and it is small wonder why. Often, students with dissenting opinions are ridiculed, ignored or intimidated into silence. In addition to these reports, I have witnessed this myself.

I often have received higher grades on essays when I happened to have the same opinion as a professor.

Sarai Brinker



Shouldn't papers be graded on merit, rather than the degree to which the paper mirrors a professor's own opinion? Diversity should be valued not only in terms of ethnicity, but in opinion as well.

You might think that because Lubbock is considered to be the second most conservative city in the nation, liberal opinions are the ones being suppressed. In fact, at least on a national level, the opposite was recently suggested in the study "Politics and Professional Advancement Among Faculty."

The study examined the ideological composition of American universities through a randomly based national survey. The study found that across the board, Republican and Christian professors tended to be hired at lower-quality schools and liberal professors outnumber conservative professors five to one. It seems obvious that political ori-

entation has little to do with competency in such fields as the biological sciences or humanities, so why such a disparity? Ideological discrimination isn't a liberal/conservative issue; it's a freedom of expression issue.

It shouldn't matter what your political or religious views are; everyone should be treated respectfully, especially those whose opinion you disagree with. If nothing else, listening to a differing opinion may actually provide new reasons to adhere to a belief you already had.

It is as important to understand why you don't agree with something as it is to know why you do believe in something.

No matter what your personal beliefs, you should be allowed and encouraged to express them freely anywhere on campus, and this includes the classrooms. Our campus will be richer for it.

As Voltaire said, "I may not agree with what you say, but to your death I will defend your right to say it."

That's what free speech is all about.

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VIEW FROM THE BIG 12

Feminism not black-and-white issue

By NICOLE HOEGG
THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION — As a *Battalion* writer, I do enjoy reading mail calls. However, there comes a time when an issue has to leave the 200-word Mail Call section and become a 500-word column. In case you haven't been reading Mail Call, the feminism debate has surfaced again.

It appears we have differing opinions of how we should perceive women and how women perceive themselves in today's society. Since I'm the only woman on the opinion staff, I thought perhaps I should tackle this issue.

I guess I'd just like to know why everyone gets so worked up over the littlest things. The gender rights issue seems to draw a line in the sand. Here at A&M, for example, gender equality can be summed up in whether or not a woman should accept a seat from a guy on a bus.

Admittedly, that's a gross generalization, so where do we need to look to find a better answer to this female independence dilemma? After some contemplating, I came to a realization: There will never be a black-and-white answer. It doesn't exist.

This conclusion really shouldn't surprise anyone. There are so many variables to take into consideration when people discuss gender equality that there's just no way to come up with one-size-fits-all-women solutions. It amazes me how often we forget that and then get frustrated in our progressive efforts as a result.

Therefore, what we need to decide is, what exactly do we want out of gender rights debates? Are we trying to define womanhood for this day and age, or do we just want to conform people to our already ingrained attitudes and habits? The former idea is admirable. It will be a never-ending quest, but hopefully, it will be one that can teach us things about how to live today and in the future. The latter doesn't really add value to society. It may be hard to hear, but petty squabbles about bus rights and door holding are only drops in the social progress bucket.

I did notice one good thing while sifting through the mail calls: I can commend our campus' breadth of ideas. Even though the letters differ greatly as far as content and tone go, at least I know we're thinking. The only way we can solve this equality conundrum for our generation is to keep challenging each other. Women — and men — face redefinition daily, so it's important for us to focus on the big-picture items here, not the trivial ones.

In the end, I just wanted to use this more philosophical column to point out that there are bigger fish to fry when it comes to female equality. It's not worth stirring up editorial trouble trying to decide if little habits are acceptable or not. So, please, get back to me via *The Battalion* when you have new, exciting or even life-changing thoughts to share.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iraq war needs serious consideration

A little more than 60 years ago, World War II ended in Tokyo Bay on the deck of the USS Missouri. This was a war in which this country not only was fighting for the freedom of others, but to also protect our own freedom from those who envisioned what they believed to be a new world order in which they would rule over those they considered inferior or second class.

With the conflicts that took place during the Cold War, I would agree that this was the original intent for the most part. Yet, there always will be those in disagreement among the crowd. It is undeniable, that in World War I, World War II, the Civil War, the War of 1812 and the Revolutionary War that the goal was to ensure and protect the freedom of all Americans — whatever that definition was at the time.

With this new War on Terror, we may have started with good intentions, but now we don't know what our intentions even are anymore.

Iraq is looking increasingly like previous invasions where it was made to look

like we were trying to spread freedom and democracy, but really the powers that be just wanted a government that would allow the United States access to interests in that country (i.e. natural resources).

I am not saying that we should pull out from Iraq, but what I am saying can be summed up in the following quote from Michael Shaara's "The Killer Angels."

"Some of us volunteered to fight for the Union. Some came in because we were bored and at home and this looked like it might be fun. Some came because we were ashamed not to. Many of us came ... because it was the right thing to do. All of us have seen men die... But freedom ... is not just a word. This is a different kind of army. If you look at history you'll see men fight for pay, or women, or some other kind of loot... But we're here for something new. We're an army out to set other men free."

This is what we have lost sight of.

Ben Schlein

Junior electronic media and communication major from Sugar Land

Intelligent design has no place in schools

I am an atheist. I plan on raising my kids to decide upon their own beliefs in accordance with my views on religious tolerance, yet I do not wish that my children be pressured by any authority into deciding what those beliefs may be.

And yes, we do exist; and no, not everyone is a Christian. I shouldn't have to say that, but some people just don't seem to recognize that, or at least, care.

The Christian Right was so upset after their "right" to force Christian prayer down the throats of innocent children in the public school system via government-funded speakers in a government-funded facility was deemed unconstitutional.

Some fail to realize that they still have the right to pray in school, just not via an authoritative government representative.

Given, we atheists, Buddhists, Muslims, Jews, etc., were more than welcome to close our ears or simply go outside the school building 30 feet away

from the reach of the message being broadcasted in the classrooms, hallways and outer breezeways. But we shouldn't have had to.

And thankfully, the government realized this was evil, just as it was evil to expect blacks to just shut up and sit at the back of the bus.

People tend to forget that although majority rules, minorities still have rights. One of which is the right to freedom of religion, which has been determined to furthermore imply that the government does not promote any particular religion, through anything government-funded.

Our children deserve an excellent education, not Christian Sunday school in disguise. If you deem it necessary to force your child to believe any particular dogma, then fine, do so, just not with my child, nor my tax dollars.

Brett Chaney

Senior psychology major from Littlefield

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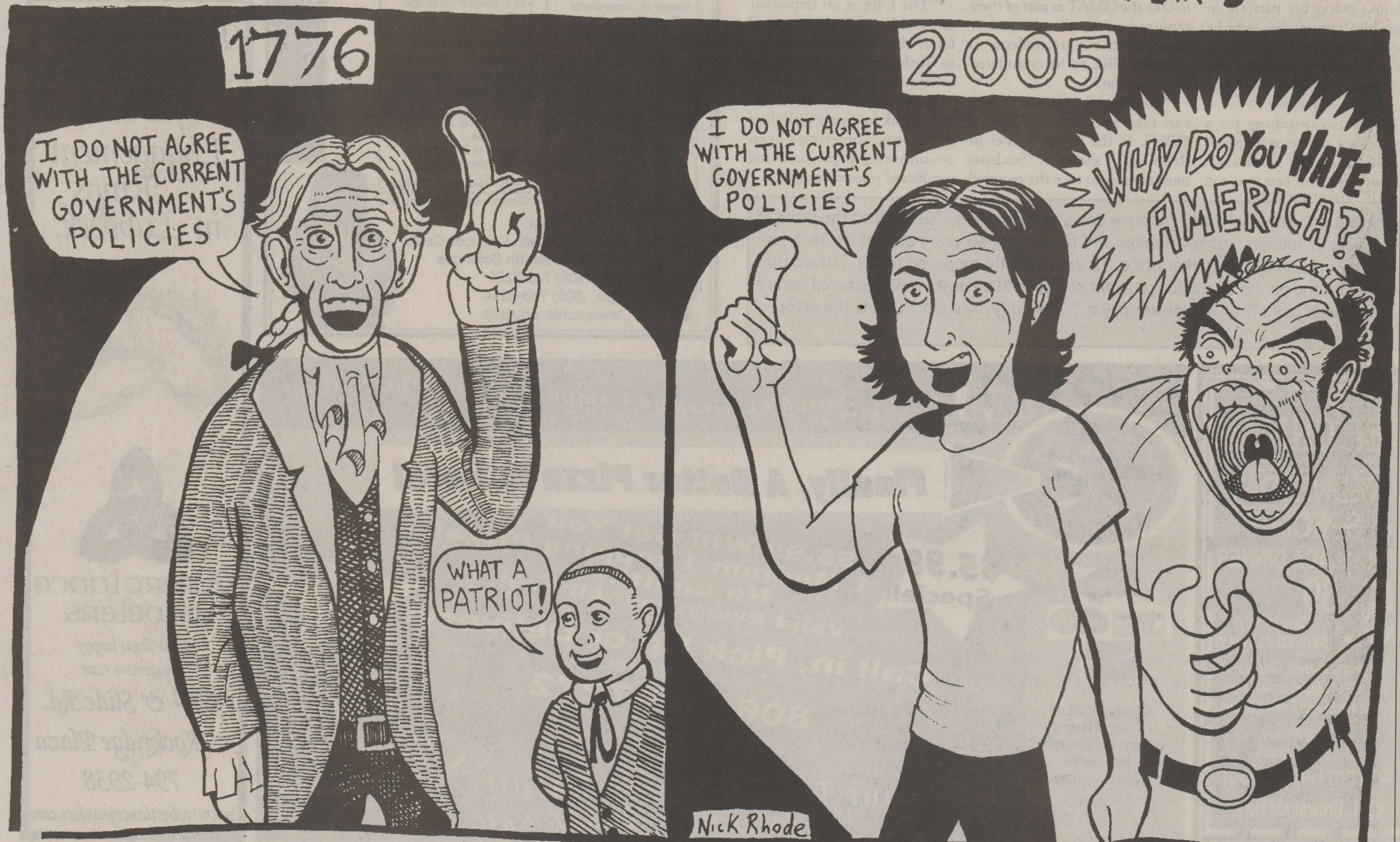
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OH...WHAT A DIFFERENCE A COUPLE OF CENTURIES MAKES



Tech programs drive to keep students safe

742-NITE gives students living on campus a ride home

By **ANDREW WOOD**
STAFF WRITER

If students are on the Texas Tech campus at night, they have no reason to fear the "boogeyman."

Citibus and the Student Government Association have provided a way for on-campus residents to be safe if they need to be on campus at night. The service is available to students who live on campus with a valid Tech ID, and is aimed at being helpful to students walking alone at night.

After calling (806) 742-NITE, a shuttle will pick up students and take them back to their residence halls.

"This is so people will be safely moved without walking," said Ernest Esparza, director of transportation for Citibus. "I think it's a great idea, especially for the women."

Esparza said the convenience is only for students who live on campus. He said the service would not drive students around Lubbock.

"It is not for anything you want to party with," he said.

After the student calls, a dispatcher then submits the request,

Esparza said.

The service, he said, became a reality after being placed on the SGA budget.

John Wilson, Citibus general manager, said the on-campus service formerly was operated by the Tech Police Department. Three years ago, police department officials discussed the issue and decided they believed Citibus would provide a greater, efficient service, Wilson said.

"We were more than willing to cooperate, and we've been using it ever since," Wilson said. "The response has been real good. We have been getting more and more (students) each time."

He said the night service provided 2,642 rides to students during September. More than 137 students used the service during one night last month, he said, while the increase has correlated with the awareness of the service.

"At first, it was pretty low as people didn't know about it," Wilson said. "I think that shows the realization of the situation is pretty good."

Though Wilson said he wants

the figures to increase continuously, he has so far been pleased with the response.

"I would be impressed with these numbers," he said. "I think it's a good service. It's even higher than I thought it was and that is pretty good."

Ryan Worley, SGA vice president of external affairs, said safety is a major issue. He said the service ensures point to point access to the students.

"(The service is) just to make sure you're safe on campus at night," he said. "(Students are) so fortunate to have (their) own campus shuttle. To have that is amazing."

He said the service improves student affairs by fulfilling their after-class needs.

"We are addressing needs for students on campus at night," Worley said. "I do think it gives them a sense of safety."

SGA President Nathan Nash also said the nightly shuttle service helps the Tech campus be a safe environment.

"It's another service to ensure that our campus is as safe of a place as possible," he said.

Though regular buses stop running after 7 p.m., Nash said students still need transportation in the safest way possible. He said he hopes for students to be aware of the program and take advantage of the simple procedure.

"Really, our purpose is to allow for student transportation on campus, after the regular buses stop running," he said. "My hope is that students are aware of the services and utilize the service. All you have to remember is 742-NITE."

Worley said the free service runs from 7:18 p.m. to 3:18 a.m. For more information, contact the SGA office at 742-3631.

Safe Ride: behind the myths of the late-night service

By **ANDREW WOOD**
STAFF WRITER

From clubs and parties to bingo halls and paintball fields, Safe Ride drives Texas Tech students to their homes at night.

Safe Ride is a pre-paid service through which students can be picked up anywhere in Lubbock from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. and get a safe ride home. The service is free and only requires students to dial (806) 742-RIDE and have their Tech ID.

For some students such as Tara Wagner, a senior management major from Galveston, the ride has not been a pleasant experience.

Wagner said the driver kept calling the phone number given to them.

"He was kind of creepy," she said. "That was enough for me. I would rather pay for it."

Ryan Worley, Student Government Association vice president of external affairs, oversees Safe Ride, and said he believes the ride is one of the best services provided on campus.

"As far as personal safety in concerned, there is always going to be one guy who messes it up," he said. "There is always one bad apple that messes it up."

Worley said Safe Ride does not exclusively accommodate people who have been drinking.

"What it is, is just a service that runs 10 to 3 every night, whether you have been drinking or have not," he said. "It's not a drunk bus or anything like that. That's the biggest misconception."

Worley dismissed other myths



DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Toreador

A LUBBOCK TAXI driver picks up fares by day, but because of the SGA-sponsored program, the company gives students free rides home at night when they call (806) 742-RIDE.

like students getting their parents called or having judicial repercussions.

"As far as myths go, you don't go to AA," he said. "We don't call your mom."

In addition to providing service for drunken people, Worley said the ride could be used for any other reason.

"If your car breaks down or anything, it's a free ride," he said.

Worley said Safe Ride is a way to give back to students as part of their transportation fees.

"Because we do have a transportation fee that's consistent, we need a way to give back to students," he said.

(Safe Ride is for) students to use and benefit from. It'd be a good thing for students."

The taxicabs are provided from Sexton Enterprises in Lubbock.

Steve Sexton, vice president of Sexton Enterprises, said the Safe Ride program is not only for drunken

students, and the only effect of the program is a safe ride home.

"People think we're going to call their parents," he said. "There seems to be a huge misconception on what Safe Ride really is."

Sexton said he hopes for students who take Safe Ride to feel secure.

"I would hope they feel safe riding with us," he said. "All we have to do is provide service for them. All we have to do is be courteous."

He said the program began as an idea from a graduate from the University of Texas. He said the UT graduate schools wanted to provide the service for medical students.

"It was primarily envisioned for medical students, and they didn't use it," Sexton said.

SGA has helped the Safe Ride program to grow during the past few years, he said.

"The program has grown under Student Government progress," Sexton said. "With transportation on campus, the transportation fee has allowed the program to be used somewhat."

Safe Ride, he said, also keeps students from being arrested.

"We're there to protect them and primarily to keep them from getting a DWI," Sexton said. "But, they got to be responsible to call us."

For more information on the program, contact the SGA office at (806) 742-3631.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

A CITIBUS DRIVER makes the rounds around the Texas Tech campus, picking up students who use the 742-NITE on-campus bus service.

Boat that capsized was one crew member short; authorities say fines could be minimal

LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. (AP) — The owner of the boat that capsized on Lake George, killing 20 elderly tourists, could face a fine as low as \$25 for failing to have enough crew members on board, police said Tuesday.

As divers searched for evidence and the victims' belongings, State Police Maj. Gerald Meyer told reporters that a state inspector determined in May the 38-foot Ethan Allen needed one crew member besides the captain because it carried up to 48 passengers.

The captain, 74-year-old Richard Paris, was the only crew member aboard when the boat, with 47 passengers, overturned Sunday afternoon during what was supposed to be a relaxing, one-hour fall foliage tour for a group of senior citizens. He was among the 28 survivors.

The state late Monday suspended the operating certificates for all five tour boats run by Shoreline Cruises after the determination that one crew member was aboard, said Wendy Gibson, spokeswoman for the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Meyer said the fine for violating state navigation regulations is between \$25 and \$100.

The Ethan Allen was hauled out of the lake late Monday night and taken to a county airport, where National Transportation Safety Board investigators were to examine the vessel to determine why it capsized.

"The inspector made the determination that there was in fact an additional crew required for that vessel and did list one crew in addition to the pilot on that permit," Meyer said.

The Ethan Allen has a maximum

capacity of 50 people — 48 passengers and two crew, Gibson said earlier. Commercial boats in New York that carry between 21 and 48 passengers must have two crew members.

Police said a wave from a passing boat and a sudden shift of passengers' weight on the boat's long benches may have factored into the capsizing. An investigation is ongoing.

"The bottom line is, any one of these little factors could not have upset the boat," said Warren County Sheriff Larry Cleveland. "If four or five of these came together, it's possible."

At a brief appearance at the lakeside Tuesday afternoon, Shoreline Cruises owner James Quirk said he and his company are "shocked and saddened by Sunday's tragic event" and said the company had a perfect record in 27 years in the boat business.

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FIT Tech registration deadline extended

Team-based fitness program aims to get students, faculty in shape by offering rewards, personal support

By **BETH AARON**
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Students who missed the opportunity to sign up for the second annual FIT Tech program need not worry, said Casey Major, member of the FIT Tech steering committee.

The deadline for FIT Tech registration has been extended through Friday. Any interested students and faculty may sign up for the program, Major said.

Also, students and faculty may intermingle to form teams, making it simpler for students to get to know professors and other Tech faculty on a personal basis, she said.

"I think that all students and faculty need to get more active," she said. "We've seen a lot of problems recently with the obesity epidemic, and this is a good way to combat that epidemic."

More than 900 students and faculty participated in FIT Tech last year, Major said, and this year, 120

students and faculty have signed on. In addition, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has started its own FIT Tech program, Major said.

FIT Tech is not just a walking program, Major said, but an all-inclusive exercise incentive program that motivates students and faculty to be active in any way they desire.

Though points collected during the program are tabulated in miles, conversions can be made for other activities as well, Major said.

Participants in the FIT Tech program work for eight weeks to meet personal exercise goals that are tallied up at the end of each week, said Janda Jackson, assistant director of recreational sports at the Robert H. Ewalt Recreational Center. Teams that reach their goals are rewarded with prizes ranging from MP3 players to gift certificates.

"We had such a successful program last year," she said. "We hope to have another successful year."

This year, Jackson said FIT Tech organizers have improved the program by making it more goal-oriented. Participants who are less active than others in the program are able to tailor goals to meet their individual needs rather than to meet the needs of their entire team, she said.

FIT Tech motivated many students to become more physically active, Jackson said. The change is evident, she said, because a number of last year's FIT Tech participants still frequent the recreational center.

"I think it's a positive program in their life," she said, "and I think they're making some positive changes."

Besides joining the exercise incentive program that began last year, Tech offers a variety of ways for students to get or stay healthy, said Betty Blanton, associate director of recreational sports.

Programs offered to students and faculty at the recreational center include personal training, various intramural sports, drop-in classes, outdoor trips, rock climbing, aquatic exercise classes and other incentive programs similar to FIT Tech.

"There's a whole lot of different

opportunities," Blanton said. "We hope that everyone can find something they like to do."

A testament students are becoming more active, Blanton said, is the fact that this year saw a record number of intramural flag football teams at Tech.

"I think a lot of people are really taking advantage of the opportunities (at the recreational center)," she said.

For those who enjoy working out alone, personal trainers at the recreational center cost less than at commercial gyms, Jackson said. Students can purchase a package of three one-hour sessions for \$45 or a package of five one-hour sessions for \$70. Each additional one-hour session costs \$17.

Jackson said no matter what students and faculty do to get active, staying that way is key.

"Studies show that if students become active in college, they're much more likely to continue throughout their life," she said.

Sharing Jackson's sentiment, Blanton said students and faculty have to make exercise a priority if they intend to stick to a healthy

regimen of proper nutrition and activity.

"We try to make it as easy as possible, but statistics show there's only about 20 percent that continue to exercise," she said.

Eighty percent of those who begin a new exercise routine begin to put a healthy foot forward but quit, Blanton said.

"In general, if you look at society, we're getting fatter and not eating as well," she said.

Programs like FIT Tech are beneficial not only because they get people up and moving, but also because people do so in teams, Blanton said.

For students and faculty who need support when beginning or sticking to a work-out plan, weekly classes featuring nutritional and fitness information will be held Wednesdays at noon in Room 107 of the Chemistry building, Major said.

For more information about FIT Tech or the other programs offered at the Tech recreational center, call The Fitness and Wellness Center at (806) 742-2838 or visit the recreational sports Web site at www.recsports.ttu.edu.



JUST WEIGHT

If you are not feeling the bulge yet, there is a good chance you will.

A new study, which was based on 4,117 white men and women, shows the likelihood of a woman over the age of 30 becoming overweight is 74 percent, while it is 94 percent for men.

The risks for the same age groups becoming obese are 39 and 48 percent respectively.

The study showed short-term (4 year) results for women was between 14 and 19 percent, while for men the reality of becoming overweight is between 26 and 30 percent.

As for long-term (30 year) results, more than 50 percent of people became overweight and more than 25 percent became obese, while the risk for extreme obesity was more than 10 percent.

Being overweight is commonly defined as having a body mass index of more than 25, and obesity is defined as a body mass index of more than 30.

Source: *Annals of Internal Medicine*, Oct. 4

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Despite Xbox exhibition, analysts still believe PlayStation 3 will top 360 in sales

By **CARLOS BERGFELD**
STAFF WRITER

With the Xbox 360's Nov. 22 release 48 days away, Microsoft has been preparing for the system by revealing more information about the 360's games.

Microsoft hosted its X05 game exhibition in Amsterdam Tuesday and is continuing to host it today to show journalists, analysts and developers the upcoming software and features of the console.

While attendees got a glimpse of what the future holds for the Xbox 360 in the impending console battle, analysts from Piper Jaffray Co. claimed to already know the victor.

Industry estimates from Piper Jaffray last week named Sony's PlayStation 3 console as the winner, taking an estimated 45 percent to 50 percent of all hardware sales through 2008.

The 360 comes in second, with 35 percent to 40 percent of hardware sales, while Nintendo trails in last with its Revolution garnering an estimated 15 percent during the next hardware cycle.

Microsoft has released almost all information on the Xbox 360, including the product specifications and two different price points.

The Xbox 360 will retail for \$399.99, while the Xbox 360 "Core System" will sell for \$299.99 without a

hard drive or wireless controller.

Nathan Johnson, a junior business major from Amarillo, said the 360's price will be too high for him, as he usually sets a spending limit of about \$200 for new systems.

"That's kind of expensive right now, but when it drops down I'll buy it," he said.

The original Xbox had consistent price drops over the years, Johnson said, and it is likely the 360 will follow a similar pattern.

Ultimately, the games released for the Xbox 360 in the next-generation systems will determine which hardware merits purchase, Johnson said.

A custom IBM PowerPC-based central processing unit running at 3.2-gigahertz will power the Xbox 360, while the PlayStation 3 will have a "Cell" processor of the same processing power as the 360's developed by Sony.

Andrew Mee, a junior education major from Hobbs, N.M., said the upcoming systems' specifications make them overly pricy and superfluously overlap with existing consumer products.

"You might as well not have a computer then," he said.

Microsoft and Sony's new consoles will include features to increase the

entertainment functionality of the systems, readying them for the coming of the HD-era.

Sony's PlayStation 3 will include a high-definition supporting Blu-ray drive when it is released in 2006, allowing users to play larger capacity Blu-ray media in the system.

Microsoft has publicly given its support to HD-DVD, a media standard in competition with Blu-ray, though the Xbox 360 will ship with a standard DVD drive.

Mee said he does not want a game console to be an all-encompassing entertainment machine.

"I like having separation between my DVD player, Nintendo, etc. It seems too 'Wally-Worldish,'" he said.

A feature the Xbox 360 will expand upon is Microsoft's Emmy-winning Xbox Live service, which will grow to include the Xbox Live Marketplace where players can download new content for their games.

Though Nintendo has revealed little regarding the technical specifications of the Revolution, Nintendo President Satoru Iwata unveiled the system's controller at last month's Tokyo Game Show.

The one-handed controller resembles a television remote and has

motion-sensing technology to detect the position of the device relative to the television screen.

Jonathan Hanson, a sophomore majoring in political science from Plano, said he had doubts about the controller when it was revealed, but it fits Nintendo's style.

"I was skeptical when I first saw the (Nintendo)-64 controller and it had that third leg, but I ended up playing 'Goldeneye' with it with my friends for hours on end," he said.

At the E3 video game expo in May, Nintendo revealed that the full back-catalog of games for systems prior to the GameCube would be available for download once the Revolution releases.

Hanson said Nintendo's non-traditional business strategies have helped video games carve out a niche entirely separate from other mediums.

"You've got to admire the fact that Nintendo is always willing to take chances," he said.

All three next-generation systems will be backwards compatible with their current generation predecessors.

Whether Piper Jaffray's predictions come true will be seen in the coming years, but Hanson said current generation game systems would tie him over until the battle is well underway.

"I don't think there's anything coming out that I have to have right now," he said.

Government investigating Ford, GM models for potential malfunctions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is investigating whether the rear coil spring can fracture and punch a hole in the rear tires of some models of the Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable, federal auto safety officials said Tuesday.

In a separate probe, the government is reviewing potential turn signal malfunctions in three General Motors Co. models — the 2002 Chevrolet Malibu, Oldsmobile Alero

and Pontiac Grand Am.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it opened a preliminary investigation into the 2000-2001 models of the Taurus and Sable sedans after receiving 131 complaints about broken coil springs.

The inquiry involves about 467,000 vehicles. The Taurus was among the best-selling passenger cars in the United States during the two model years.

Most of the complaints came from northern states where vehicles are often subject to salt corrosion during the winter. About half of the owners who filed complaints said there were punctures in the rear tires because of the broken coil springs.

Ford spokeswoman Kristen Kinley said the automaker was cooperating with NHTSA and "we'll be reviewing the reports that they've received to better understand the allegations."

There have been no crashes, injuries or fatalities linked to the Taurus and Sable review.

In the GM case, the government said it was reviewing nearly 400,000 passenger cars.

NHTSA said it has received 42 complaints about a turn signal malfunction that leads to flickering or total failure of the turn signal lights and the indicator on the instrument panel.

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Miers

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Boxer, D-Calif.

Like it or not, Bush's personal vetting process is becoming predictable even to some senators who would be the last to know what Bush is thinking.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the Judiciary Committee, said he picked up a hint that Miers would be selected during a telephone conversation with her about a week ago. The president's counsel was consulting Schumer about the upcoming pick.

"Are they thinking of you?" Schumer said he asked. "She said nothing."

Schumer, outspoken and fired up for a fight over any nominee who might be an ideologue, was one of many Democrats who found it hard to affix that label to Miers on Monday. That's in part because she has contributed to the campaigns of Democrats and Republicans.

As might be expected, she has contributed to the president who

nominated her to the high court, namely \$2,000 to Bush's re-election campaign. In 2000, she gave \$1,000 to Bush's campaign, \$1,000 to his legal defense fund and \$5,000 to his recount fund.

But Miers also contributed money to Al Gore — in his failed 1988 bid for the Democratic nomination.

That year, Miers contributed \$1,000 each to Gore's presidential campaign, the Democratic National Committee and Texas Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, according to research by Political Money Line, a nonpartisan campaign finance tracking service.

Miers is considerably less wealthy than the man who preceded her to the Senate confirmation hearings, Chief Justice John Roberts.

Her most recent financial disclosure form shows holdings worth between \$220,000 and \$595,000. Those assets include small stock holdings, a money market fund, several mutual funds and a vacant lot in Dallas worth between \$1,001 and \$15,000.

Kabotie

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with meaning. He said the modern touches he adds blurs cultural lines. He said people of any culture could appreciate his work.

Kabotie grew up on a Hopi reservation in Arizona. He said his heritage is what inspired him to continue the Hopi art tradition.

To further his artistry and honor his heritage, he is working on the Hopi Mural Project. The Museum of Northern Arizona, the Peabody Museum of Harvard University and the Hopi tribe have combined efforts to create a mural telling a story of the Hopi tribe.

Kabotie said the pre-European Kiva murals, which were located in the underground religious chambers of the Hopi people, inspired the painting. The mural has modern elements, but it is mostly about the Hopi tribe's early traditions.

"It's also the Hopi concepts of immigration, rebirth and hope," he said.

Kabotie said he is excited to bring his art and information to Tech. The students and faculty have inspired him.

"I was impressed by the supportive environment that the students were in," he said.

He said he was invited to apply to be the Artist-in-Residency by Sue Yager.

Yager, a senior business assistant for the art department, said she believed Kabotie would be a good candidate for the residency because she had been impressed by his work when he was a member of the Artist

Hopid group. The artist group of Hopi tribe members presented their talents in a seminar for the art department in 1983.

"I think his art is phenomenal," she said.

Yager said she found an old correspondence from him and looked up his information at his Web site, www.kabotie.com.

She said she was not surprised he was selected because his art is inspirational.

"His art really speaks to me," Yager said.

Joe Arredondo, director of exhibits in the School of Art, said Kabotie not only was chosen for his artistic skills, but for his ability to teach a broad spectrum of subjects to the Lubbock population.

"Every semester, we receive proposals for faculty," he said.

Kabotie was selected because he exhibited the most diversity.

He said The Ryla T. and John F. Lott Endowment for Excellence in the Visual Arts, which paid for Kabotie's residency, specifically states that the artist must make contact with the public and host lectures.

The Hopi artist went to Lubbock High to teach students about jewelry making. He has also spent many hours teaching painting and jewelry making classes at Tech, he said.

Tuesday, Kabotie presented his lecture on "Journey of the Spirit," which reviewed information about the mural project and Kabotie's past accomplishments.

Kabotie's artwork can be seen at the Folio Gallery in the Art Building.

Campaigns

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candidate must reach."

Robert Pratt, chair of the Lubbock County Republican Party, said he is in favor of the proposed legislation.

"It makes good West Texas common sense," Pratt said. "It fits in with the Republican conservative idea of 'pay as you go.'"

Pratt said the candidates always use the "pay as you go" philosophy for county conventions. The money to pay for campaigns and conventions should come from donations, he said.

"Conventions are not a public event," he said. "Why should they be paid for by public funding?"

Pratt said presidential candidates do not need taxpayer dollars.

"The two major parties in the country have enormous funding opportunities in front of them without having to tap into the American public," he said.

Pratt said donating money to a candidate's campaign is the only way to ensure the money gets in the proper hands.

"Let's say I give a dollar of my tax money," he said. "How do I know that dollar is going to the candidate that I support and not the candidate I oppose?"

Pratt said the people who oppose the legislation are the people who cannot raise public support.

"People might say that if a candidate does not have funding, the candidate cannot sell their ideas," he said. "But it is the other way around. If a person has a strong message, they will undoubtedly be able to gain public support in the form of funding."

Pratt said there is no sure way of getting the money to qualified candidates.

"There are some candidates who get taxpayer money, but receive less than one percent of the vote," he said.

Johnnie Jones, chair of the Lubbock County Democratic Party, said the \$550 million is a small portion of the federal debt.

"The legislation shows small thinking from a man who is supposed to represent the best interest of the people," she said. "It is only a tiny fraction of what we need to help with debt."

Jones said she is not in favor of the legislation.

"It does not affect the federal budget, but it does take a voice away from the people," she said.

Jones said donations for presidential campaigns and conventions continue to get smaller every year.

"We need to have a controlled way to help candidates pay for their campaigns," she said.

If Congress passes Neugebauer's legislation, it would go into effect for tax returns filed in 2007.

THE OUTING DEBATE

Gay community deeply divided over efforts to 'out' closeted public figures

NEW YORK (AP) — Though decried by many gay-rights leaders, "outing" — the practice of exposing secretly gay public figures — is expanding into new terrain as Internet bloggers target congressional staffers, political strategists, even black clergy whose sermons and speeches contain anti-gay rhetoric.

Few issues are as divisive within the gay community. Numerous gay organizations, such as the Human Rights Campaign and the Log Cabin Republicans, staunchly oppose outing, yet many other activists support it when the targets are public figures who work against gay rights or condemn homosexuality.

"It's not the gay thing that's the problem — it's the hypocrisy," said Michael Rogers, creator of a Web log that has been at the fore of several recent outing campaigns. "I'm going to be calling out the politicians who vote against us and work against the interests of the very community they come from."

Christopher Barron, political director of the Log Cabin Republicans, said he understands the anger that activists such as Rogers feel but believes they are wasting their energy.

"Outing is not an effective tool," Barron said. "I don't know a single vote on gay-rights issues that was changed because of outing. ... Folks should be focusing on the hard work that needs to be done and not get bogged down in personal attacks."

Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign, said outing can backfire by distracting attention from more substantive political issues or by prompting conservative politicians to harden their anti-gay views after aides and associates are outed.

Two black gay-rights activists are now taking aim at prominent black pastors who have gone too far in assailing homosexuality from their pulpits. In a campaign begun on their Web sites last week, activists Jasmyn Cannick and Keith Boykin are soliciting information about the pastors' private lives.

So far, the pair has collected only uncorroborated "tips," not any solid information that any of the pastors is gay, but

Cannick defended the campaign. "We know there are people who preach one thing and do another," he said. "There's nothing wrong with investigating."

Many other recent outing targets have been Republican politicians and operatives. Among the cases:

—A GOP congressman from Virginia, Edward Schrock, dropped out of his re-election race last year shortly after allegations were published on Michael Rogers' Web log that he solicited sex with another man on a gay phone dating service. Schrock, a married ex-Navy captain, was an outspoken foe of gays in the military and supported a constitutional ban on same-sex marriages. He did not comment specifically on the allegations.

—In 2003, U.S. Rep. Mark Foley, a Florida Republican, called a news conference to denounce a report in an alternative newspaper that he is gay. Foley declined to answer questions about the subject, saying his sexual orientation was irrelevant to his political duties. He contended the story was circulated to derail his U.S. Senate campaign, which he abandoned four months later.

—The GOP mayor of Spokane, Wash., James West, faces a recall election prompted by newspaper articles accusing him of offering City Hall jobs, sports tickets and cash to young men he met in an online gay chat room. West, who as a state legislator often opposed gay-rights bills, acknowledged poor judgment but denies doing anything illegal.

Not all outing campaigns gain traction. A cadre of activist bloggers and alternative-media journalists have been contending for more than a year that another Republican congressman is gay and yet has often voted against gay-rights legislation. Thus far, the mainstream media have declined to report on the campaign, although the effort is common knowledge among political reporters and on Capitol Hill.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who in 1987 became the first member of Congress to voluntarily make his homosexuality public, said he does not know if the targeted congressman is gay or not. However, Frank contended that the perception that the congressman might be gay had damaged his standing with some fellow Republicans in the House.

Tram

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first week, but there was a war going on," he said. "I came home from the war in 1972, but we were still at war."

Whitehurst's next obstacle was his service in the FBI, which did not permit him to continue his search.

He said he was elated at the recent news that Tram's family had been located and would now gain the opportunity to read her last written words.

"Tram was a hero, and a nation should know its heroes," Whitehurst said.

He said because of business conflicts, he would not be able to pre-

sent in Lubbock today when members of the Tram family are presented with the diaries.

Stephen Maxner, deputy director and archivist at the Vietnam Archive of Tech, said the journey that Doan Ngoc Tram has taken to arrive at Tech is substantial.

"She traveled from Vietnam ... to Lubbock," Maxner said.

He said her trip to Texas represented the issue of reconciliation between the U.S. and Vietnam.

"It's a positive thing," Maxner said.

He said another notable aspect of the diaries was the eloquence in which they were written.

"That element is also extremely important," he said.

Maxner said the beautifully written diaries would be translated into English and posted for the public to read at www.vietnam.ttu.edu.

"Whitehurst's donation of the diaries (to the Vietnam Archives of Tech) was a real honor," Maxner said. "These are very rare."

He said the two diaries added up to roughly 100 pages after being translated and would be accessible online as long as Tech still is standing.

Whitehurst said the diaries would deeply impact anyone who got the chance to read them.

"Everyone on the planet that can read should read these diaries," Whitehurst said. "You'll never put it down until you finish it, and you'll never forget it until you die."

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Ready for harvest: Huskers next in line for Tech

Record-setting crowds, loud fans on tap for Raiders' first road test

By JOEY KIRK
EDITOR

Mike Leach and Memorial Stadium have met before — but only once.

That time wasn't so forgiving to his team's record or his ears.

"It's loud," the Texas Tech coach said. "It's a loud place."

In 2001, the Red Raiders lost, 41-31, in front of a crowd of 77,838. After four years, Leach and Nebraska's traditional alter will have a reunion.

"Everybody talks about Fenway Park, Wrigley Field," Leach said. "When it comes to football stadiums, this kind has a quality like that because it's unique like that."

That uniqueness comes in the form of tradition. When taking a look at Nebraska's history, the term "home-field advantage" is considered an understatement.

Since November 1962, the Cornhuskers have sold out every game in Lincoln, holding a NCAA record of 273 straight sellouts.

In the last 36 years, Nebraska (4-0) has not lost a homecoming game. On Saturday, Tech (4-0) will play the Huskers during the 2005 traditional contest, and Leach said it will be a sight to remember.

"Just to see all of the Nebraska uniforms, coming out of the tunnel, that's exciting," he said. "The bands coming out to play, it's exciting. It's just all exciting to be there in the middle of it."

With record-setting crowds and loud fans, Leach said he always has been told about how nice Nebraska fans are. But after handing the Huskers their

worst loss in school history last season, 70-10, at Jones SBC Stadium, fifth-year senior quarterback Cody Hodges said he knows they won't be too forgiving this time around either.

"No defense is gonna be happy getting 70 points thrown on them," he said. "I think someone told me that they wanted to win the Big 12 North, and their next goal was to beat Tech."

Nebraska coach Bill Callahan said the Huskers aren't focusing on what happened last year.

"That's a whole different dynamic from a year ago," he said. "We still have a long ways to go, and we have got to make strides."

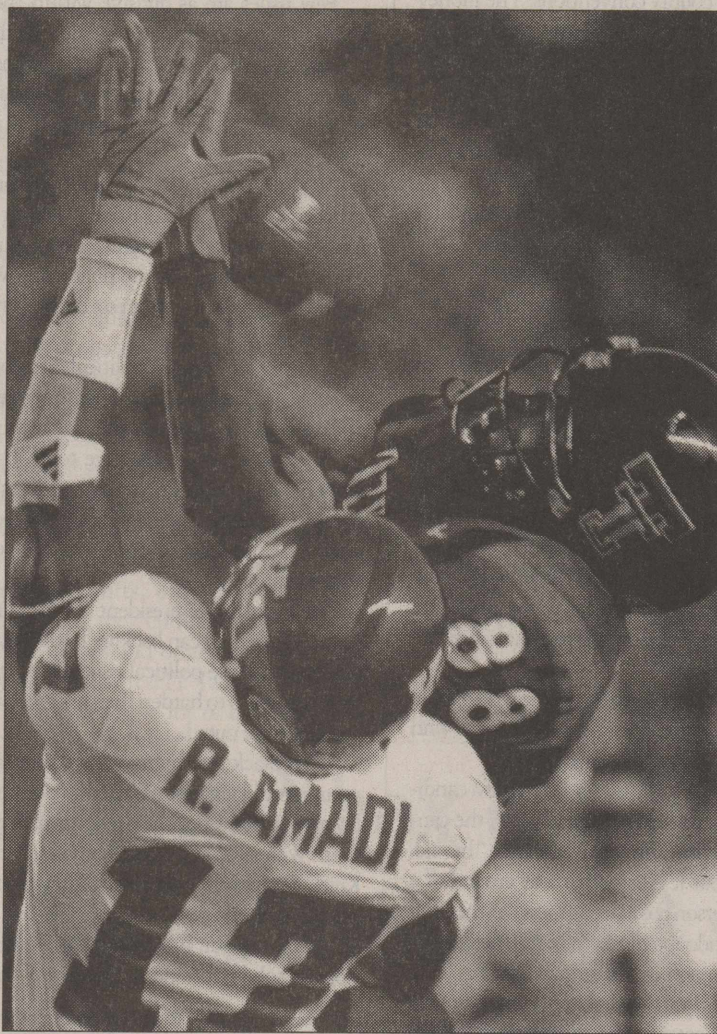
Despite Callahan's statement, Hodges said somewhere in the back of Nebraska's mind, Tech still deserves some kind of retaliation.

"They're gonna focus on us since last time, and we have to come out ready for that," he said. "On offense, from our standpoint, we have plenty to correct from last week rather than worrying about last year."

Playing in their first game on the road this season thus far, Hodges said he believes the Raiders will be ready for the challenge at Memorial Stadium. Hodges never has played in Lincoln or on the road. A memory of the 2001 game was all he could come up with.

"My redshirt year, Tech went there, and we had a chance to win, where (former receiver) Wes (Welker) returned a few punts," he said. "I think it's 80,000 or 90,000 fans. I think as a quarterback I play better when I'm in a hostile environment."

Hodges will have that chance come



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JUNIOR RED RAIDER receiver Jarrett Hicks (88) goes up for a reception against Kansas on Saturday. Hicks led the Tech receiving corps with nine receptions for 112 yards and a touchdown.

Saturday, and Leach said hostile is a good way to describe the atmosphere in Lincoln.

"None of them are friendly," he said. "Everybody talks about how they're friendly, but they all want their guys to win. We're not their guys; we're the other guys."

When Leach returns to Nebraska for

his second visit, he said he will embrace the tradition even more.

"Tommy Lee went there, and I'm not in tune with much of his stuff, but he's a rock 'n' roll icon," he said. "The chance to go play at the school where Tommy Lee was in the band for a very brief period of time is exciting."

Revenge not an issue for Nebraska after school-record 70-10 loss in '04

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska insists that revenge is not motivation for Saturday's game against 15th-ranked Texas Tech.

Coach Bill Callahan said Tuesday he isn't planning a fire-and-brimstone talk about how the Cornhuskers must avenge last year's 70-10 loss in Lubbock, Texas.

"All the Knute Rockne pep talks before a game go out the window when that ball is kicked," Callahan said. "We're not going to jump up and down and get mad about something. It's a different year, a different team, a whole different dynamic than a year ago."

The 60-point loss — the most lopsided in program history — was the low point of the Huskers' 5-6 season. Nebraska committed seven turnovers and gave up 49 points in a 12-minute span of the second half.

"It might as well have been 70,000 to 10," linebacker Corey McKeon said. "That performance isn't going to be repeated."

Cornerback Tierre Green said he wants to forget not just the Texas Tech game last year but the entire 2004 season.

"We don't want to go back to that level of play where we're going into the tank when we get behind," he said.

Linebacker Bo Ruud said the Huskers (4-0, 1-0 Big 12) are preparing the same way they always do.

They aren't concerned with last year's result, he said, and they're not worrying about Tech's gaudy offensive numbers.

"Nobody intimidates us," he said.

"You can sit there and work yourself into a frenzy. Right now we're doing what we've done every game. That means we're not going to talk trash in the media. We're trying to keep it on the level."

Texas Tech (4-0, 1-0) brings the same style of wide-open, spread-the-field offense to Lincoln. Cody Hodges leads the nation in

passing and total offense, completing 72.2 percent of his passes for 1,450 yards. He has 13 touchdown passes and just two interceptions.

The Red Raiders are averaging a nation-leading 57.2 points, but scored a season low in a 30-17 win over Kansas last week.

Asked about Hodges, McKeon said: "Who's Hodges?"

McKeon said he only knows the Tech quarterback by his jersey number (10).

"Our D-linemen are going to be licking their lips coming after him. He's got to think about that," McKeon said. "He's got to watch film and see how many times we've been sacking the quarterback (26). I hope he's watching that because he's going to have to dig in and look at our front four all game. Hopefully he'll come out of there alive, for his sake."

Ruud said he doubts many people felt sorry for Nebraska after last year's Texas Tech game. For years, the Huskers routinely put up big scores.

"Everybody wants to see Nebraska get beat," Ruud said. "There are a lot of die-hard Husker fans around the nation, but there are a ton of die-hard Nebraska haters, too. People love to see us get beat."

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Former Longhorn aids in Tech soccer

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech volunteer soccer coach Kelly Schmedes is the type of person one might read about in the personal section of a newspaper.

She enjoys watching movies, eating and long bikes rides. If that does not interest someone then maybe this will: She is the all-time leading scorer from the University of Texas soccer team.

Schmedes is in her first year out of college, and already, her heart has brought her back to the sport she loves. She is the volunteer soccer coach for the Raiders, and teaches individual lessons and coaches area youth teams.

"It's really an enjoyable job," Schmedes said.

After growing up in Odessa, Lubbock literally was "the big city" for her. She said her would make the drive from Odessa for shopping or when her high school team played local teams.

"Coming here is not a big change for me," Schmedes said.

The biggest change of her life, she said, was moving from the playing field to the sidelines.

"I like coaching a lot," Sch-

medes said. "I'm learning so much from Neil (McGuire, Tech soccer coach). It just worked out that he got the job here, and my husband got into medical school here, and then I got in contact with (McGuire) and he was really great with helping me out."

She said her life was structured at UT because she went to class in the morning and then had soccer in the afternoon. Now, she does not have the comfort of class to rely on, and she said she is searching for what she wants to do next. Going back to school is one of the possibilities she is considering.

Since coming from the UT team, Schmedes said her new squad is awesome and has great chemistry.

Coaching is a long-term goal for the UT graduate; her short-term goal is playing soccer for as long as she can.

"I'm training for the women's national team," Schmedes said. "I'm a part of the player pool and with that you just have to stay fit and ready in case you do get a call to play in their next scheduled game."

In the next few years, Schmedes said she hopes the women's professional soccer league will start up again. The league went under on Sept. 15, 2003, because of lack of funds.

Soccer is not the only big part of Schmedes' life.

"I was really involved with my church there in Austin, and here I've been searching for a church home," Schmedes said. "And that's really important to me."

Since she is a year out of college, she said she felt that helped her connect with the players she now is coaching.

"I really enjoy being around them, and I just hope I can help

them when they have questions about something," Schmedes said.

Since coming to Tech, she said the players are a lot more comfortable coming up and talking to her about a play they made.

"It's just great for me to be a part of the team and for them to play soccer and continue soccer," Schmedes said.

Soccer coach Neil McGuire was the assistant coach at UT during Schmedes' senior year. He said she has given the Tech players a view on how to be the best in the business.

"Her work ethic, desire and level of focus is remarkable," McGuire said. "She is humble in nature, so this has shown the players how to act both on and off the field. All in all she is someone the players can look up to and relate to all at once."

McGuire said it was good that Schmedes came to Tech this year because she would be able to help in the rebuilding process.

"The players have welcomed her with open arms," McGuire said. "They compete hard against her while she is at practice, yet seek her advice readily after it. I think the players see the tremendous value she brings."

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— NEIL MCGUIRE
Texas Tech Women's
Soccer Coach



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TEXAS TECH VOLUNTEER soccer coach Kelly Schmedes observes a Red Raider practice. Schmedes is the all-time leading scorer for the University of Texas.

National Hockey League rule changes strive to regain fans after yearlong hiatus

For the past 485 days, hockey fans have worried about their beloved sport. Known by many as the fastest human-powered sport on earth, hockey is as graceful as it is tough. It is a ballet of bone-crushing hits peppered with 100 mph slapshots.

Hockey returns to the ice today after a lamentable lockout that drove many fans of the sport away. If you were a casual fan, I can't blame you for not wanting to come back.

The NHL is trying to rid North America of that reluctance.

So why come back? The NHL has created some rules that allow for more goals.

If you think about it, almost all sports have rules that are meant to help put points or runs or goals on the scoreboard. Die-hard fans love defense, but casual fans want to see scoring.

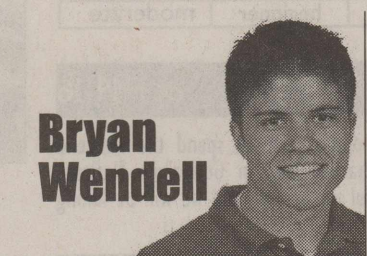
In the NFL, quarterbacks are afforded unprecedented protections; in the NBA, scorers are allowed to drive four or five steps to the basket without dribbling. In Major League Baseball, many sluggers are overlooked in "random" steroid tests. All this is done to add numbers to the scoreboard.

With the rule changes, the NHL is hoping for more full-ice flurries and glamorous goals. Let's take a look at some of the rules that will make hockey more appealing and possible problems each could bring.

SEVERING TIES:

The most talked-about change this season is the elimination of ties. It seemed like every night at least one NHL game would end in a deadlock, but that has changed.

Now, a knotted affair will



Bryan Wendell

transition into a five-minute 4-on-4 overtime period.

After that, three coach-selected scorers from each team will skate from the center red line to the opposition netminder with one chance to score.

This is the way it's done at Cotton Kings games, but to see the fastest snipers in the world do it will be jaw-dropping.

The catch: The exciting nature of the shootout might wear off for fans later in the season.

SHRINKING GOALIES:

There's no easier way to get more pucks into the net than to get less goalie in front of them.

At least that's the idea behind new regulations on goalkeeper equipment meant to force goalies to repel rubber based on their skill and not their oversized padding.

The catch: Goalies with less padding means less protection from the cannons of top snipers like Brett Hull.

INCREASED ICE:

The rinks will be the same size, but for superstars like Mike Modano and Martin St. Louis, they will feel much bigger.

That's because the blue line has been moved back two feet, and the goals have been moved two feet closer to the end boards. The result is more room in the offensive zone for hockey's finesse scorers.

Also new this year is the

legalization of the "two-line

pass." Now, Dallas Star Sergei Zubov in the defensive zone can send an outlet pass to teammate Bill Guerin at the entrance to the offensive zone without the play being whistled dead. This will produce more breakaways and, hopefully, more goals.

The catch: Less room to move

around behind the net takes away a key hideout for some skilled passers.

ICE, ICE, BABY:

Icing. It's delicious on cupcakes; it's disastrous to hockey.

When a team intentionally flings the puck to the other side of the ice to try to stop play, icing is called. Now, however, tired legs will remain tired, as

the offending team will not be allowed a line change until play resumes.

This means the fatigued five will remain on the ice, giving the fresh legs of the team that didn't ice the puck a better chance at a goal.

The catch: None; icing sucks.

So there you have it, a few of the NHL's rule changes.

Other restrictions include where goalies can play the puck, a "tag-up" offside and more rules against fighting.

Watch tonight and every

night of the season to see how the new rules play out and whether they improve the game. I think they will.

For players, the ones who will have breakout seasons will inevitably be the guys who can adapt and adjust to the new rules in a system that lets them thrive.

For fans, the improved game will reaffirm why hockey is the greatest sport on earth.

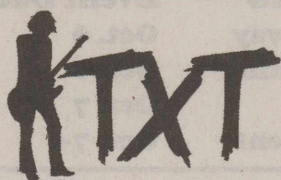
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Sports Club Update

The Double T Fencing Club will be hosting their annual Cliff Wilson Memorial Fencing Tournament Oct 7th and 8th at the Student Rec. Center starting at 8am. For more information contact Julie Hunt at gorgie101@cox.net.

Intramural Tennis

Attention current Tennis League Participants! Playoffs start Thursday Oct. 6th. Check the website for your schedule.

Flag Football Playoffs

The flag football playoffs begin on Tuesday Oct. 11th. Playoff schedules will be posted on our website (www.recsports.ttu.edu) on Monday Oct.10th or can be picked up in SRC Room 203. Your team could be playing on any given day or night so make sure to get your players ready.

Walking & Running

Every Tuesday at 5:30 pm, the Fitness/Wellness Center offers a Group Run. Everyone is welcome whether you are fast or slow, experienced or inexperienced, or are just looking for someone else to run with. Meet at the north entrance of the SRC. On Fridays at noon the Fitness/Wellness Center offers a Group Walk. Everyone is welcome to come and walk with others and enjoy the campus scenery. Walkers meet at Preston Smith Statue near the Administration Building. Both activities are free.

Get Fit in the Group Exercise Classes

Any residence hall student that attends any of the group exercise fitness classes is eligible for the FitRaider Incentive Program. Anytime you come to a class, make sure you sign up in the Fitness/Wellness Center so you can get your name in for exciting prizes throughout the semester. T-shirts, water bottles, MP3 players, mouse pads and much more will be given away to participants in the FitRaider program.



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FITNESS/WELLNESS

Couples Massage Workshop

Massage is excellent in so many ways but specifically in this workshop you can learn how to assist in massaging stress away! Find a friend or spouse and register in the Fitness/Wellness Center for this hour long workshop at 8:00 pm TOMORROW NIGHT. The \$5 workshop will show you basic techniques to massage the shoulders and hands. Rec Center membership is required.

2nd Session Specialty Classes

Registration for the following classes begins next Monday in the Fitness/Wellness Center.

Class	Day	Time	Cost	Dates
Ballet	T	4:00-5:00pm	\$10	10/18-11/15
Belly Dance	W	8:30-9:30pm	\$10	10/19-11/16
Boxing Techniq.	SU	3:30-5:30pm	\$20	10/16-11/13
Clogging/Tap	T	6:45-7:45pm	\$10	10/18-11/15
Flamenco Dance	M	8:00-9:00pm	\$10	10/17-11/14
Jazz Dance	T	8:00-9:00pm	\$10	10/18-11/15
Kickboxing	M/W	4:15-5:15pm	\$20	10/17-11/16
Knockout Jam	T/TH	6:45-7:45pm	\$20	10/18-11/17
Mat Pilates	M	6:45-7:45pm	\$20	10/17-11/14
Men's Wt. Training	T/TH	8:00-9:00pm	\$16	10/18-11/10
Racquetball	T/TH	6:00-7:00pm	\$16	10/18-11/10
Salsa Dance	TH	4:00-5:00pm	\$10	10/20-11/17
Intermediate Salsa	TH	8:00-9:00pm	\$10	10/20-11/17
Spin City	M/W	5:30-6:30pm	\$25	10/17-11/16
	T/TH	6:30-7:15am	\$20	10/18-11/17
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Tai Chi	TH	6:45-7:45pm	\$20	10/20-11/17
Yoga	M	5:30-6:30pm	\$20	10/17-11/17
	W	5:30-6:30pm	\$20	10/19-11/17
	TH	5:30-6:30pm	\$20	10/20-11/17
Yogilates	SA	11:45am-12:45	\$20	10/22-11/19

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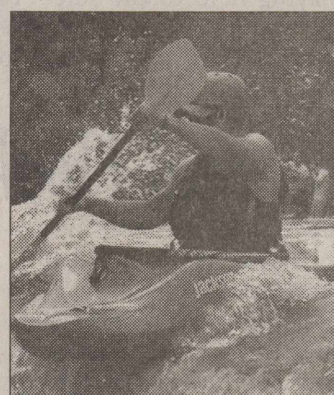
In this short course, you will learn the skills necessary to start whitewater kayaking. Basic skills such as paddle strokes, boat control, and wet exits will be taught in three intensive pool sessions. This class concludes with a weekend trip that will challenge your newfound skills on the beautiful South Llano River. Mandatory Pool Sessions on Tuesday and Thursday nights starting Oct. 6.

SIGN-UP DEADLINE	DEPARTS	RETURNS	PRICE	SKILL LEVEL	FITNESS LEVEL
Oct. 6th	3pm	9pm	\$95	beginner	moderate

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SIGN-UP DEADLINE	DEPARTS	RETURNS	PRICE	SKILL LEVEL	FITNESS LEVEL
Oct. 6	3pm	9pm	\$75	beginner	moderate



DEADLINE IS TOMORROW FOR BOTH TRIPS

INTRAMURALS

Soccer Registration Coming To Close

There are only two days left to sign-up for Intramural Outdoor Soccer. Sign-ups will end on Thursday, Oct. 6th. Don't have a team? That's OK, the Free Agent Mtg is tonight at 4pm in Room 206. Gear up for another exciting season of soccer. So bring in your \$30 forfeit fee and the names and socials of your squad to Room 203 and secure your spot before they're all gone.

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Greek Tennis Results

Greek Men's Tennis came to a close this past week. 83 men were entered into the event and played through the tournament. 50 men were entered in the Greek Black Division (large Fraternity) while 33 played in the Greek Red Division (small Fraternity).

Charlie Jones of Kappa Alpha claimed the Greek Black Division title in what was almost a replay of last year's final four. Three of last year's final four returned to fight for the championship. Charlie Jones of Kappa Alpha, Craig Spearman of Phi Delta Theta and Shane Albers of Delta Tau Delta all returned to the final two pairings. Britton White of Phi Delta Theta joined in to make the final four. Last year Spearman held off Jones to capture the title but this year the roles were reversed. In the semi-finals, Jones once again defeated Albers and Spearman took out White.

Over in the Greek Red Division it was indeed "déjà vu all over again" Zach Marshack of Delta Sigma Phi dropped only a single game to Bryce Gaston of Phi Kappa Psi in winning his third consecutive Greek Red Tennis Title. Marshack defeated Drew Stuart of Theta Xi to reach the final while Gaston edged last year's finalist Chris Bailey of Delta Sigma Phi.

Coming Soon!	INTRAMURALS	Entries Due	SPECIAL EVENTS	Event Date	SPECIAL EVENTS	Event Date
	Soccer	Oct. 5-6	Message Stress Away	Oct. 6	Caprock Adventure Race	Oct. 9
Dodgeball	Oct. 12	Depression Screening	Oct. 6	Women In Climbing	Oct. 10	
Volleyball	Oct. 18-20	Group Walking	Oct. 7	Weight Watchers	Oct. 10	
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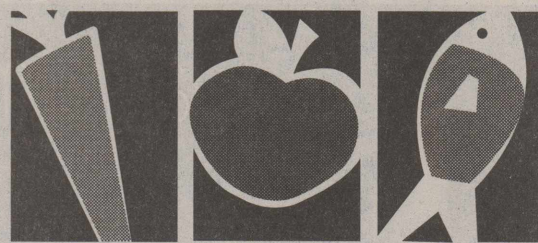
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NORTH SNEED STOOP

Freshmen, friends share more than cigarettes at their favorite hangout.



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FRESHMEN AUGIE FUCHS, a mechanical engineering major from Paige; Billy Harlow, a mechanical engineering major from Springtown; Jeff English, a business major from Arlington; Chris Hogue, from Llano; Matthew Gredell, a petroleum engineering major from Katy; and Anthony Stewart, a microbiology major from Sherman, take a long smoke break from their daily routine at a north Sneed Residence Hall entrance Tuesday afternoon.

Editor's note: Student Media and *The Daily Toreador* do not endorse, encourage or condone underage drinking or illegal drug use.

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

The stoop outside the north entrance of the Sneed Residence Hall perpetually is covered with cigarette butts and embedded with the scent of nicotine. Three in the morning, four in the morning or five in the morning, it does not matter because there always is a friendly face out there. It is the stoop where everybody knows your name and addiction.

The stoop has been the unofficial hangout for smokers for as long as anyone can remember. Mostly freshmen populate the steps, but upperclassman and employees of Texas Tech also stop by to visit.

Matt Gredell, a freshman petroleum engineering major from Katy, said he spends countless hours on the stoop a day.

"There is no other place like the Sneed stoop," Gredell said. "Everybody here is equal, and everybody is welcomed."

The group flutters with the line between chain-smoking and hard-core addiction. Individuals go through a pack a

day at times. Gredell said some of the regulars donate plasma twice a week at the blood bank down the street to fund their obsession.

Smoking usually is only a sideshow at the stoop. Augie Fuchs, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Paige, said the group has climbed the fire escape outside the Bledsoe Residence Hall at five a.m. before, and the police department makes a twice-a-week visit to the Stoop to clear everyone out.

"Why'd we climb the fire escape? Why not?" Fuchs said. "We weren't sober at the time."

Gredell said the conversation at the stoop always is open. They will talk about anything and everything. He said many pearls of wisdom often originate from the steps outside the residence hall.

"Just this morning, we were discussing the meaning of life," he said. "We decided the meaning of life is to have sex and reproduce."

Teamwork comes first for the group, Gredell said. Whether it is bartering for cigarettes or pulling their money together to buy a bong, the group sticks together.

"We only had the bong two weeks before it cracked, but we got some good use out of it," Gredell said.

When the police do come and threaten to give tickets, the group will move a few stoops down and set up shop there. When the patrol cars come around the corner, Gredell said some scurry inside, while others will grit their teeth and stay on the steps.

"We started hanging out here from day one," he said. "We all met out here."

People who do not even go to Tech come out to the stoop. Fuchs said there are "stoop sluts," one of which, Fuchs, said is an 18-year-old girl who did not go to Tech and has hit on every guy on the steps.

Another random person who has made a pit stop at the stoop is a 34-year-old man who hustled the entire group for money for three days, Fuchs said.

"He was a BMX biker. He produced a song for Jay-Z. At least, that's what he said," Fuchs said. "Now he's hanging out with some girls over at Chitwood."

Most of the time, Justin Wright, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Houston, who lives across from the

stoop, said he calls the police officers to the scene.

"I'm not the only one who is bothered by them, but I'm the only one who's doing anything," he said. "I'm not trying to get anyone in trouble for anything."

Fuchs said the group, in addition to making noise at all hours of the night, have been known to set fires. Last week, they filled a vacuum tube with butane and set fire to one end. Trash can fires are the group's favorite.

David Sanford, a freshman architecture major from Lake Jackson, said smoking is not the only thing he does on the stoop.

"I'll bring my books out here and study sometimes," he said.

As a group, everyone is not necessarily as productive as Sanford can be at times, but they are creative. Earlier this week, Andrew "Bubbles" Tharp, a freshman electrical engineer from San Antonio, made a smoking device out of a television. He simply is known as "Bubbles" because he can blow a bubble in his eye.

Tharp said he is at the stoop everyday. By now, even the flies that hang around the steps are addicted to nicotine.

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