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After 255 weeks, it's over.
The Lady Raiders are out of the polls for the first time since 1992.
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Goin' Band strikes a chord in an unusual setting.

STATE

Plan for remodeled Cotton Bowl unveiled

DALLAS (AP) — The Cotton Bowl would add more than 16,000 seats and undergo extensive remodeling under a plan unveiled Monday, but the city's mayor warned that the home of the Texas-Oklahoma game must receive new commitments before renovations are approved.

The nearly \$50 million proposal would upgrade seats, concession stands, scoreboards and restrooms to the decaying 75-year-old stadium. Seating capacity would increase to 92,100 under the 34-proposal that was to be submitted to the City Council.

Frustrated with the deteriorating facility, athletic directors from Texas and Oklahoma have threatened to exercise an opt-out after 2007 and switch the Red River Rivalry to a home-and-home series.

Dallas Mayor Laura Miller said she wants extended commitments from schools before making improvements. Miller said in Monday's online edition of *The Dallas Morning News* that if the city doesn't receive long-term pledges, "then we won't upgrade the Cotton Bowl."

NATION

Westin hotels to ban smoking nationwide

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A major hotel chain is going smoke-free next month and will add \$200 to the bill of anyone who violates the policy, an executive said Monday.

Westin Hotels & Resorts is banning smoking indoors and poolside at all 77 of its properties in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean, said senior Vice President Sue Brush. Smokers will have to go to a designated outdoor area, she said.

Enica Thompson, spokeswoman for the American Hotel & Lodging Association, said Westin is the first major American chain to go smoke-free and predicted that "many of the other hotel chains will probably want to see how it works out for Westin" before following suit.

Market research found that 92 percent of Westin's guests were requesting nonsmoking rooms, and some of those who couldn't get them were "quite upset," she said.

WORLD

Quake buries children in rubble in east Africa

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — A powerful earthquake Monday toppled dozens of homes and buried children in rubble in eastern Congo, killing at least two people in a region already beset by chronic violence and grinding poverty.

The quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 6.8, struck at 2:20 p.m. (6:20 a.m. CST) and was centered beneath Lake Tanganyika on the Congo-Tanzania border, about 600 miles southwest of Nairobi, Kenya, the U.S. Geological Survey said on its Web site.

"Dozens of houses have collapsed, several children were buried by the roofs of their houses," said Dr. Jean-Donne Owali, a Congolese humanitarian worker in the lakeside city of Kalemie, Congo, about 35 miles from the epicenter.

Owali said at least two people had died of injuries at his clinic. He said he saw children bleeding from head injuries after their mud-and-thatch homes collapsed.

The USGS said the quake was located about six miles underground.

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DeLay's money laundering charges upheld

By APRIL CASTRO
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge dismissed a conspiracy charge Monday against Rep. Tom DeLay but refused to throw out the far more serious allegations of money-laundering, dashing the congressman's immediate hopes of reclaiming his House majority leader post and increasing the likelihood of a criminal trial next year.

Judge Pat Priest, who presides over DeLay's case, issued the ruling after a hearing late last

month in which DeLay's attorney argued that the indictment was fatally flawed. The ruling means DeLay's case will move toward a trial next year, although his attorneys still have motions pending to get the case dismissed on other grounds.

The judge's decision came shortly before DeLay arrived at a Houston fundraiser for his re-election campaign in which Vice President Dick Cheney was the featured speaker. DeLay declined to speak to reporters as he entered the hotel.

A CNN-USA Today/Gallup poll released

Monday showed that DeLay's political standing has weakened considerably in his home district around Houston.

The survey found that 49 percent of registered voters questioned said they would be more likely to vote for a Democratic challenger than for DeLay in 2006, and 36 percent said they would be more likely to vote for DeLay. Former Democratic Rep. Nick Lampson plans to challenge DeLay in the 2006 elections.

The survey also found that 55 percent of registered voters said that the charges that

DeLay broke campaign finance laws are definitely or probably true, while 34 percent said they were probably or definitely not true.

When he was indicted in September, DeLay was required under House rules to relinquish the leadership post he had held since 2003. While Monday's ruling was a partial victory for DeLay, he cannot reclaim his post because he remains under indictment.

"Mr. DeLay is very encouraged by the swift progress of the legal proceedings and looks

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Olde Tyme Holiday Fun



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TEXAS TECH JUGGLING Club member Kevin Merkling, a graduate student studying architecture from Richwood, left, juggles fire while greeting guests at the Madrigal Dinner outside the Tech Museum Sculpture Court Monday evening while jester Andrew Midkiff, a senior theater major from Arlington, looks on.

Madrigal Dinner a unique conglomeration of music, theater and fanfare

By MEGHANN LORA
ASSOCIATE NEWS/COPY EDITOR

Guests were transported back in time for the 28th-annual Madrigal Dinner. Guests enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner while the Texas Tech Madrigal Signers and Collegium Musicum serenaded them in an old-world, medieval setting.

The Madrigal Dinner was served Thursday and Saturday

through Monday at the Tech Museum Sculpture Court.

Pamela Elrod, conductor for the Madrigal Dinner, said the dinner is used to raise money for scholarships for vocal students.

"It's actually the single fundraiser for voice students in the School of Music," she said. "It does certainly help us ...

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Sept. 11 panel: U.S. unprepared for next attack

By LARA JAKES JORDAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time, money and ever-present terror threats have done little to close gaping holes in the nation's security system, the former Sept. 11 Commission said Monday in accusing the government of failing to protect the country against another attack.

The panel cited disjointed airplane passenger screening methods, pork-barrel security funding and other problems in saying the Bush administration and Congress had not moved quickly enough to enact the majority of its recommendations of July 2004.

"We're frustrated, all of us — frustrated at the lack of urgency in addressing these various problems," said Thomas Kean, a Republican and former New Jersey governor who was chairman of the commission.

"We shouldn't need another wake-up call," Kean said. "We believe that the terrorists will strike again; so does every responsible expert that we have talked to. And if they do, and these reforms that might have prevented such an attack have not been implemented, what will our excuse be?"

Rather than disbanding like most federally appointed commissions when their terms expire, Kean and the other nine commissioners continued their work as a private entity called the 9/11 Public Discourse Project.

Wrapping up more than three years of investigations and hearings, the former commission issued what members said was their final assessment of the government's counterterrorism performance as a report card. It gave failing grades in five areas, and issued only one "A" — actually an A-minus — for the

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During the season of giving, some feel the need for greed

By CARLOS BERGFELD
STAFF WRITER

During the holiday season, one of the Seven Deadly Sins becomes more apparent than others: greed.

From Xbox 360s selling for more than \$3,000 on eBay to buyers lining up at 5 a.m. for Black Friday sales, increased consumerism leading up to Christmas can result in wanton spending by the public.

"Greed is about getting more than is reasonable, more than your share, more than you deserve,"

said Howard Curzer, a professor of philosophy whose research focuses on ethics.

He said it could be difficult to identify a hard, fast rule for labeling certain actions as greedy and others as merely self-serving.

Curzer said he asks his students if any of them have more than 50 shirts as an example of greed and superfluous spending.

In addition, Curzer said many students talk about having to work

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RED FLASH



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THE SADDLE TRAMPS are shown walking Memorial Circle with red torches to light the scene before the Carol of Lights Friday night in a time-lapse photo.

Kinks with financial aid leave some Tech students in a bind

By ALLISON PIPES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Every year, one of the biggest decisions any college student makes is whether they should apply for financial aid. Or at least they think that's the biggest decision.

For some students, the problem is what to do while waiting for the financial aid to come through. Some Texas Tech students have to wait for months in order to finally get their money to pay for school.

Samantha Snodgrass, a senior interior design major from Odessa, said she had to wait for more than a month to finally get her money.

"I had to borrow money from my grandmother to pay for it," she said. "When I asked them what was taking so long, they said the banks only send over half of the money at a time."

Snodgrass also said the Financial Aid Office then told her to have her parents pay for it like everyone else does.

"That really made me mad. I wasn't too happy that semester," Snodgrass said.

According to the Office of Student Financial Aid's Web site, www.financialaid.ttu.edu, there are more than 10 different types of financial aid students can apply for, including Federal Pell Grants and the TEXAS Grant.

Federal Pell Grants offer students the opportunity to attend school without having to pay back money

received, unlike student loans. The TEXAS Grant is available to Texas residents who have completed the "recommended" or "advanced" high school curriculum.

However, not all students had to wait long in order to receive their money.

John Early, a senior advertising major from Arlington, said he normally gets his money by the time school starts in August.

"I do all my paper work in March or April, get approved in July and have my money in time for school in August," he said. "I've only had to wait once to get my money."

Early said the reason he had to wait was because his paperwork did not get processed in time, but he did receive his money in October.

Becky Wilson, the director of the Office of Student Financial Aid, said the most common form students fill out for financial aid is the FAFSA form. This form can be found on the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov, and is sent to a federal processor.

"All of the criteria go to the federal processor and we normally receive an answer back from them in about three days," she said.

Family income, she said, is no longer a factor in determining the eligibility of financial aid through FAFSA.

"I don't remember exactly when the rule changed, but eligibility can now be based on family size, how many students a family has in college,

and so on," Wilson said.

One of the biggest delays for money coming through is from random selection.

Tyler Treharne, a senior public relations major from El Paso, said he has been waiting on his financial aid to come through because of this process.

"I still haven't gotten it," he said. "I had to take (the Financial Aid Office) all of my tax stuff from last year, as well as my FAFSA information. They had to process all of that before I could get my loan."

Wilson said 30 percent of students who are applying for financial aid are randomly chosen for verification of their FAFSA form; this means these students' income tax statements and their parent's statements are verified to make sure that all the information is correct.

"If any changes are made, we have to go in by hand and compare the income tax statements of the student and their parents to make sure that everything is still OK," she said.

Wilson said she knows students get frustrated with the slow process of FAFSA.

"The very best thing to do is, as soon as you finish your income tax statement, to fill out your FAFSA information so you can begin that process and get your loan quicker," she said.

IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE, IT'S ...



VANESSA VELA/The Daily Toreador

AN ART INSTALLATION is displayed at the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts Friday as part of the First Friday art progression at the beginning of every month.

Study links school bake sales, food rewards, with students' weight problems

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Schools that run bake sales and let teachers reward students with candy risk having more overweight pupils, a study in Minneapolis suggests.

That offers some vindication to the schools across the country that have cracked down on cupcakes and cookies on campus.

Lead author Martha Kubik, an associate professor at the University of Minnesota, acknowledged her research doesn't prove that such food practices contribute to adolescent obesity, but there does seem to be a connection.

"I think we all have to step back and look at what we're doing to contribute to practices that might not support children developing healthy dietary behavior," she said.

Her study's results make sense to Kevin Miller, principal of Fair Haven Middle School, which banned bake sales and went junk food-free as part of a districtwide program in the New Haven, Conn. Miller doesn't allow vending machines, and his cafeteria promotes healthy food.

Kids are actually eating apples and oranges instead of throwing them away. And because there aren't any candy wrappers around, he said, "our hallways are impeccable."

There was vindication, too, for Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, who responded to rising childhood obesity by leading a statewide crackdown on junk food in schools last year. The Texas effort specifically targeted treats and bake sales, along with vending machines.

Combs said she ran up against a "very deeply entrenched culture," even among elementary school teachers, who often used candy as rewards. She said she was horrified by an e-mail from one teacher who said she couldn't imagine not using candy as an incentive. Equally entrenched, she said, was the attitude that food sales were the only effective fund-raisers.

"When you have the authority figures such as teachers, principals and parents pushing food which is high in calories and low in value day after day, hour after hour in schools, it's absolutely devastating to trying

to run a healthy nutrition policy," Combs said.

In Connecticut, Miller said he didn't get much resistance. He talked over alternative fund-raising strategies with the Parent Teacher Organization — options such as concerts, clothing drives and car washes.

"If you only know bake sales, that's all you think you can do," he said.

Since food rewards are banned, teachers give students pencils, protractors and other "tools of academia" bearing the school logo.

The Minnesota study looked at 3,088 eighth-graders at 16 middle schools in Minneapolis-St. Paul and whether the schools had seven specific "food practices" that would allow students access to food outside of normal meal programs. Sixty-nine percent allowed the use of food for incentives and 56 percent allowed food in classroom fund-raising.

They found that the body-mass index of students — a calculation based on weight and height — was 10 percent higher for each additional food practice allowed in their school.

Woodruff, Vargas named anchors of World News Tonight

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC News named Elizabeth Vargas and Bob Woodruff co-anchors of "World News Tonight" on Monday, replacing the late Peter Jennings.

The network said "World News Tonight" also would become the first network evening newscast to be broadcast live each night in three time zones, including for the West Coast.

Vargas and Woodruff have been two of the chief substitute anchors on "World News Tonight" since Jennings announced in April that he had lung cancer. Jennings died on Aug. 7.

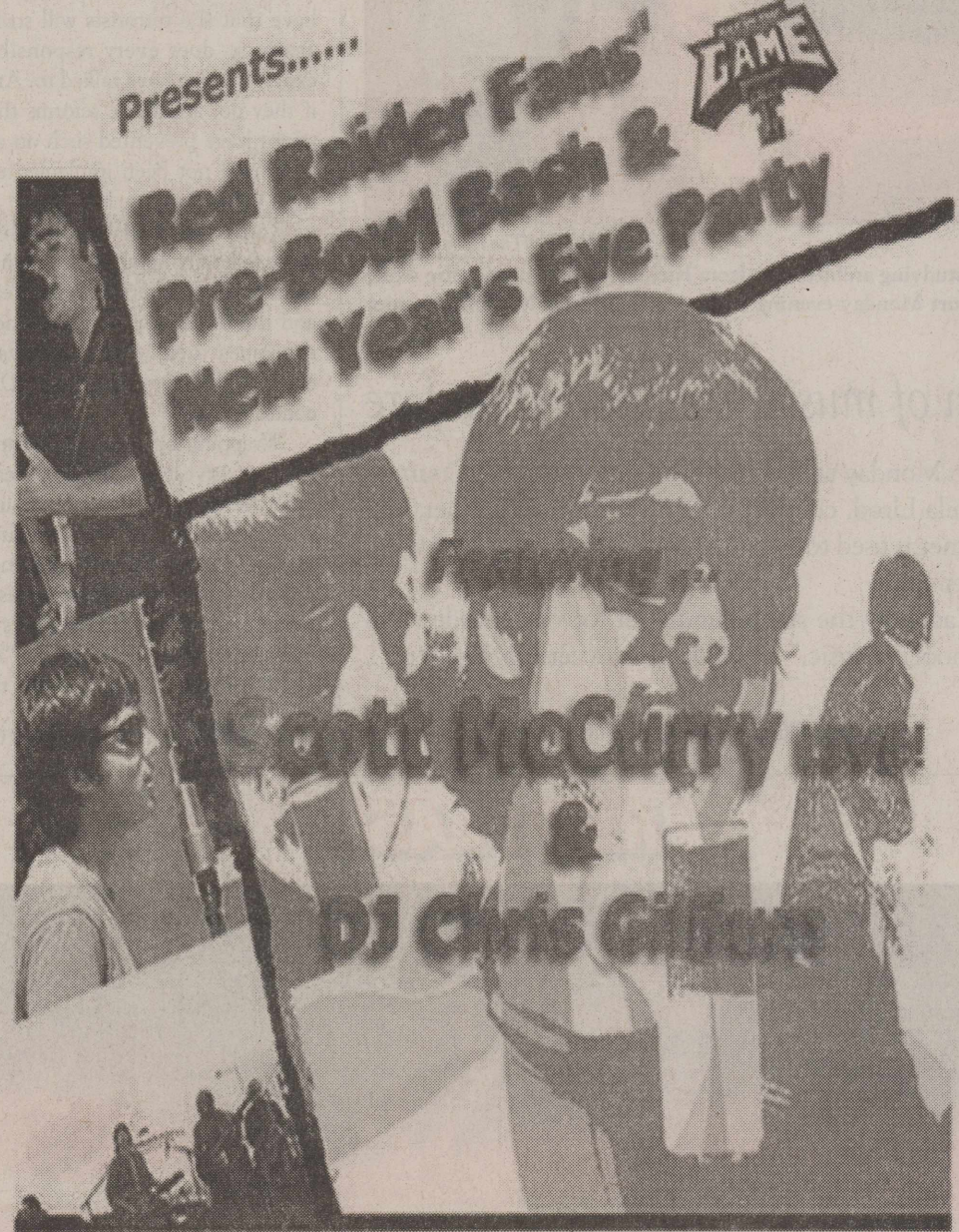
Charles Gibson, who also substituted for Jennings and was considered a top candidate for the job, will remain as host of ABC's "Good Morning America."

The decision will make Woodruff and Vargas the first co-anchors of an evening newscast since Dan Rather and

Connie Chung briefly worked together at "CBS Evening News" in the 1990s.

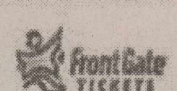
ABC's "World News Tonight" is ranked second in the Nielsen Media Research rankings, and has been fading a bit lately to NBC's first-place "Nightly News," anchored by Brian Williams. CBS is still searching for its replacement for Rather, who left in March, amid reports that it is seeking NBC's Katie Couric for the job.

"Elizabeth and Bob together will be the anchors for this new broadcast and digital age of 'World News Tonight,'" ABC News President David Westin said. "Their experience as journalists, their familiarity to our audiences, and their commitment to gathering and delivering the news anywhere, anytime and in every way make them the right team to take us forward for the new generation."



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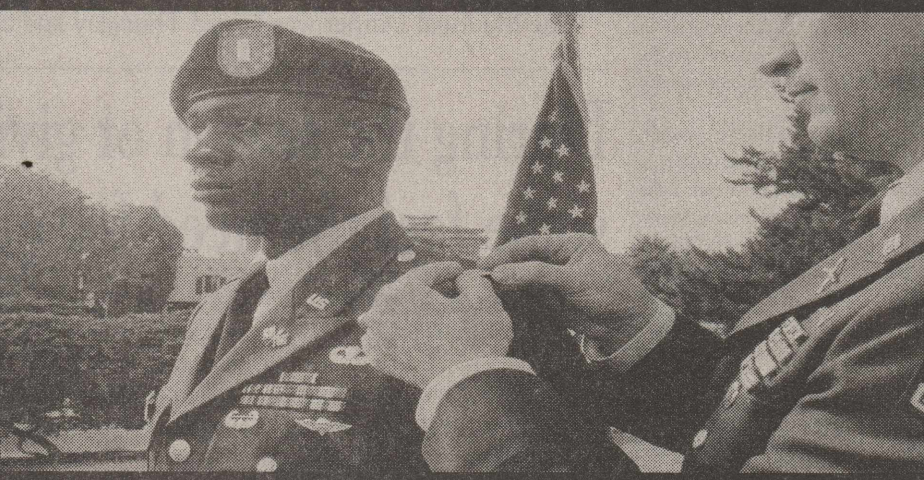
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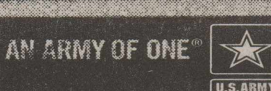
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THIS ONE TIME, AT BAND CAMP



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FRESHMAN MUSIC MAJORS Marcus Lang from Lubbock, and Kellie Hill from Houston, goof off in the Music building Monday afternoon.

Police say using common sense strategies can prevent break-ins

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Before decking the halls and dreaming of a white Christmas, Texas Tech students are being warned to take the necessary precautions to ensure a safe and happy holiday season.

Tech Assistant Police Chief Gordon Hoffman said students leaving their residence hall rooms need to make sure to secure their belongings.

"It sounds basic, but it is a matter of simply locking your dorm room," he said. "Students need to make sure that their things are secure."

Hoffman said break-ins in the residence halls usually result from students leaving their doors unlocked or open.

"In the time that I have been here, I don't recall any break-ins that were done in a forcible manner, that is to say breaking the lock on a door," he said. "It is always because the student forgot to lock the dorm room."

Hoffman said the Tech police do not provide additional personnel to watch the dorms.

"We do have routine checks of the buildings throughout the winter break," he said.

Hoffman said he encourages

students to take certain items home during the Christmas break.

"By all means, if there is something like jewelry or a computer that the student thinks is more valuable, they should probably take it home," Hoffman said.

The residence halls on campus should be secure because people cannot enter the buildings without an access card, Hoffman said.

Ashley Kite, a senior sports science major from Sweetwater, said the access card system does not always work.

"I know, at least in my dorm, you can just walk right up and open the door," she said.

Kite said she had about \$110 stolen out of her dorm room in September.

"I always lock my room," she said. "But one day I was in a hurry and forgot to close my door, and somebody took the money out of my room."

Kite said the security around campus is good but if a student has money stolen, chances are the police cannot do anything about it.

"They told me there was nothing they could do," she said. "The police told me it was my own fault because I left my door open. So now I am extra careful."

Hoffman said break-ins in the residence halls are not the biggest problem on campus.

"We tend to see more cars being broken into this time of year," he said. "We really encourage students to park their cars in the parking garage if they are going to leave it on campus for a long period of time. That way we can monitor the situation easier."

Hoffman said one of the most serious safety issues during the holiday break is the number of students driving off of the road while driving to and from Lubbock.

"If you plan to drive for long hours at a time, make sure you get plenty of rest before you make the trip," he said. "We really encourage people not to drive alone. Switching shifts while driving is the safest bet."

Hoffman said there is no evidence of increased crime on the Tech campus during the holiday season. But with the combination of students' being distracted by final exams and holiday plans, and the fact that the campus will be virtually unattended, students need to pay extra attention to safety issues and take extra precautions, Hoffman said.

Experts provide tips to students for students to have a safe ride home

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

Final exams are approaching, which means many students will dedicate their entire week to studying. Although they put in time to prepare for finals, some students may not do as much to prepare for what is more important — the day they travel back home.

Students who are tired from three months of school are at risk while they drive on the road, said Juli Buchanan, manager of health education at Student Health Services.

She said a lack of sleep, along with mental and physical exhaustion could be harmful to people while they are driving.

"(Students) don't realize the impact those conditions can have," Buchanan said.

After the semester, the students need to set aside time to catch up on their sleep, she said.

"The major rests are to make sure you have an adequate amount of rest," Buchanan said.

If drivers have not had seven hours of sleep, they should postpone their trip home or travel with another driver who has had enough

rest, she said.

"Make sure you have someone who will stay awake," Buchanan said.

However, that could cause problems, she said, because there is no guarantee that the passenger will stay awake.

Turning the radio up and rolling down the window have no proven effect when it comes to keeping drivers awake, Buchanan said. Although caffeinated beverages can keep students awake on the road, she said their effects will not kick in until 30 minutes after consumption.

Ryan Worley, Student Government Association external vice president, said students should not depend on caffeine or cold air to stay awake.

"I think it's important to realize caffeine and sugar won't necessarily keep you awake," he said.

Another way for students to be safe is to stop and take breaks from driving. He said it is important to get out and walk every 100 miles.

Trudy Putteet, director of parent relations, said there is more to drowsy driving than falling asleep on the road at night, she said, because students can be at risk during the day, as well.

The key to avoid going to sleep is a good night's rest, she said, because college students are not immune to the hazards on the road.

"College students don't necessarily get a special little pass," Putteet said.

Students also are at danger because they drive home during hours they normally are not awake, she said.

While students need plenty of rest, she said they must not take medication before they drive because it can be as harmful to their driving as alcohol.

She said missing road signs, having disconnected thoughts, driving on the yellow stripe in the middle of the road and hearing the honking sounds of other vehicles all are signs of being too tired to drive.

Putteet said the students could contact Road Raiders, an organization of parents that students can call if they want to spend the night at their house instead of being at risk on the road. She said the parents would rather have a student sleep on their couch, than be in an accident.

"Students may not realize how much every single Tech student means to us," Putteet said. "It's very personal when we lose a student."

Drowsy Driving Statistics

Approximately 55 percent of drowsy driving crashes are caused by people under the age of 25; and being awake for 18 hours is equal to a blood alcohol concentration of .08, the legal limit in Texas.

Avoid drowsy driving by practicing these tips:

Get a good night's sleep, and plan to drive during the time

you normally are awake.

Avoid driving during your body's "down time."

Get a companion for a long trip. Particularly one who likes to talk.

Schedule regular stops at least every 100 miles.

Avoid alcohol and medications that may impair performance.

Consult a physician or sleep

disorders center for diagnosis and treatment if frequent daytime sleepiness is a problem.

Source: powersleep.org and the National Sleep Foundation

Army drops murder charges against officer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The Army dropped murder charges Monday against an officer accused of giving two soldiers in his platoon permission to kill Iraqi civilians.

Second Lt. Erick J. Anderson, 26, of Twinsburg, Ohio, could have gotten life in prison if convicted.

All charges were dropped after an Army investigator who presided over a two-day hearing last month recommended that Anderson not face a court-martial.

Anderson was a platoon leader in an infantry regiment in August 2004. Four men in his 36-member platoon were convicted of murdering unarmed Iraqis during operations near Sadr City.

In statements to Army investigators, two soldiers said Anderson gave them the go-ahead to kill civilians, including in one incident described as a "mercy killing."

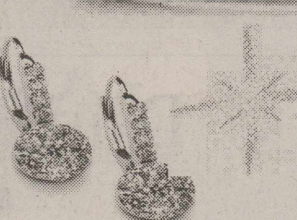
But during last month's hearing, Pvt. Michael Williams, of Memphis, Tenn., said he only implicated Anderson to get prosecutors to reduce his own life sentence to 25 years.

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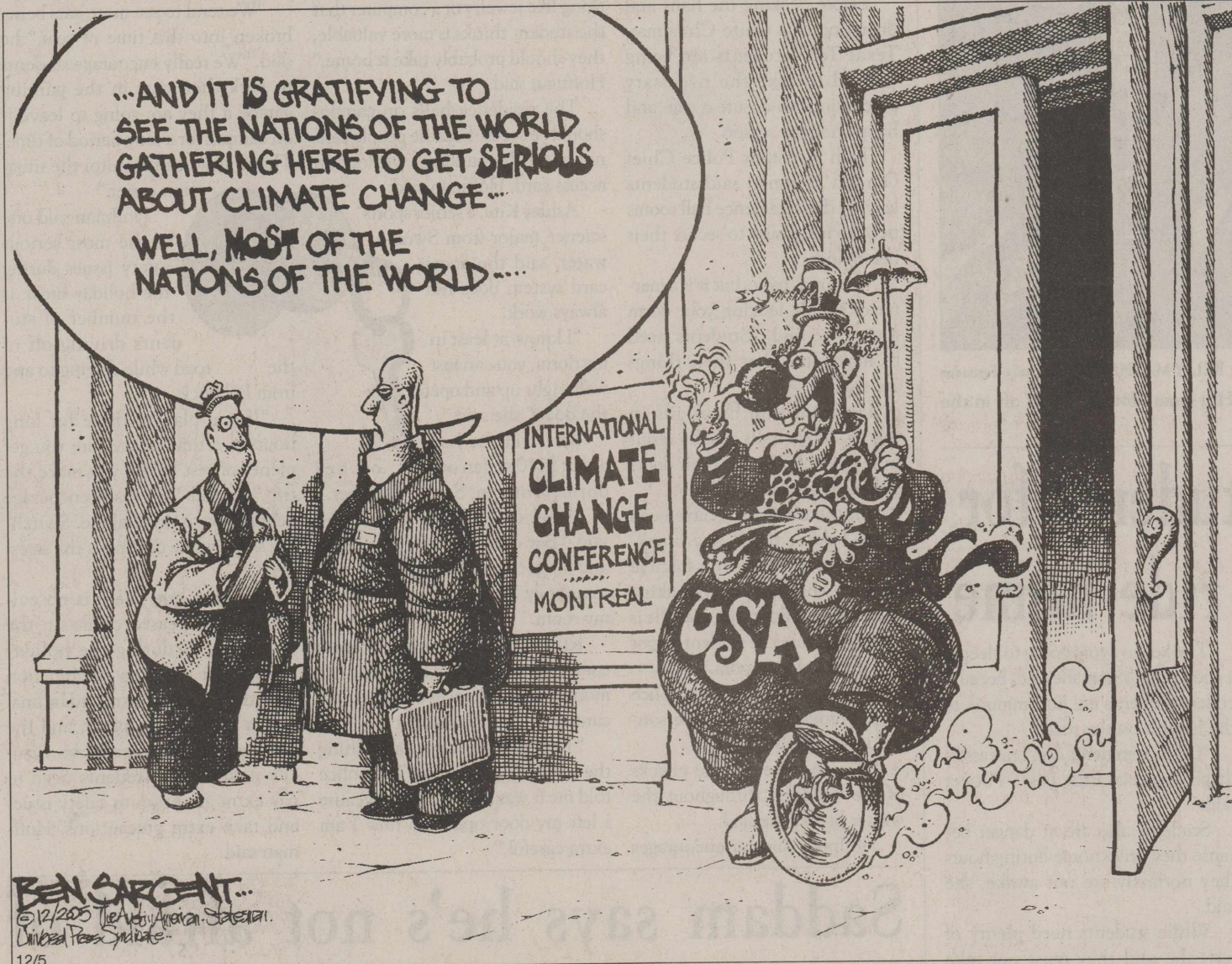


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It's not you, Texas Tech; it's me

Editor leaving behind a legacy of communist opinions, fart jokes

When I took the job of opinions editor at the beginning of this semester, I never thought I'd end up having to write this column — it's one of the hardest things I've ever had to do.

I was looking around on Facebook the other day, and I came upon two different groups complaining about how liberal *The Daily Toreador* is, and I can't help but feel responsible for these complaints. Many of the problems conservatives have with the paper center around the opinions page, on liberal columns I edited, written by people I hired.

At Texas Tech in the second-most conservative city in the country, we've run columns that criticized the president and offered dissenting opinions from the majority's consensus on controversial issues.

I've committed the greatest sin you can commit in the newspaper business — I've ignored what the reader wants. It is for this reason that I, with great sadness, must resign from my job as editor.

Just kidding. I'm sure I got some people excited with that introduction to this column, but I really do have some good news for you — I'm not resigning, but I am leaving. I'm graduating, and this actually is my farewell/advice column. Since my freshman year, I've always loved reading these goodbye columns, and now I finally get to write one. There's just one problem though — I don't have any useful advice for anyone.

Now that I'm a graduating senior, I've had a visit from my old high school chum, senioritis. I've completely stopped caring about anything school related, and I've discovered a whole new level of apathy that I never would have thought possible. My lack of concern for my classwork has gotten so strong it's moved into my personal life.

Ask anyone I work with — I've gone way past the point of skipping

showers; I don't even bother changing clothes anymore.

The only reason I haven't started using adult diapers is I would have to go Wal-Mart to buy them during holiday shopping season.

So you'll have to excuse me if this column seems kind of phoned in. It is, literally. Editor Joey Kirk actually is typing what I dictate to him over the phone, while I sit on the couch in a puddle of my own congealing butt sweat, eating Cheetos and wiping my hands on my bare orange belly.

In other words, I'm not the kind of guy you want to get advice from.

Also, if I had any advice, I'd probably keep it to myself. Judging by the people I've met in the classes I've taken, I probably would hate a big portion of the student body, and I wouldn't help you, even if I could.

When I first started taking classes here, I used to make fun of the stereotypical conservative frat guys sorority chicks in my classes. Now, I see these people as my allies against the common enemy — the professional student.

True, guy on the back row with the aviator glasses on his head and the popped collar on his pink polo may not have done the reading, but at least the frat guy doesn't feel superior to everyone else in the class — he doesn't see himself and the professor as teaching the class through a team effort like some of the people I've met in classes.

We all know the students I'm talking about. They've always got their hands raised in the air and a smug condescending look on their faces.

They feel the need to make a comment after anyone else does, never letting any minor mistake go uncorrected. Their comments usually begin with the word "actually." ("Actually, Charles Darwin died in 1892, not in a plane crash with the founding members of Lynrd Skynyrd.")

I say I see frat guys and sorority

Jeremy Martin

LEAD OPINION WRITER

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gals as my allies because we have one thing in common — we can't wait to get out of school. The professional students are busy figuring out how to prolong graduation until they die, possibly longer. School is the only thing they're good at.

These people are the best motivation to graduate on time, and the reason I don't think I could stand grad school.

Frat guys can't wait to graduate because they know they have an undesired job waiting for them out there from a fellow member of Delta Omega Upsilon Chi Epsilon, or wherever. Sorority chicks can't wait to get out and marry their frat guy boyfriends and start cranking out little pledges.

Me, I'm looking forward to hopping on the fast track to my new career as a hobo. I mean "hopping on the fast track" literally, because the job includes a lot of train jumping in the middle of the night.

In fact, the only advice I can re-

ally give anyone is this: Give online dating a chance. It gets a bad rap, but it's better than meeting people in the club. You at least get to see the people on the sites with the lights on, and you get to pick who talks to you.

For once, I'm being serious, here. I met the funniest, most beautiful girl I've ever known by clicking on a pop-up ad for an Internet dating site.

We got to talk through e-mail before we ever went out in real life. There wasn't any pressure, because either one of us could have just stopped responding to the e-mails if we weren't interested. I always thought these sites were for losers, but I never would have met my soul mate if I hadn't given it a shot.

In fact, I'd like to take this opportunity to ask my girlfriend a question: Lauren Thomas, will you marry me?

Just kidding. We've been engaged for several months now, but the whole proposal thing would have been the ultimate ending to a farewell column wouldn't it? Oh well. We already have a wedding date set, but after all the hate mail I've gotten this semester, I'm not going to be stupid enough to tell you the time or place.

Anyway, to reiterate: I can't give you any useful advice because I'm worthless, and I wouldn't give you any even if I had it because I hate you all.

Questions and complaints can be directed to my ass, because I'm already turned around and headed out the door. I'm making like your mom and blowing this university.

Unless, of course, I fail one of my classes or I can't find a job on the hobo circuit (I've heard the market is bearish right now) in which case, I'll see all you awesome guys next semester.

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Fees nickel and dime students penniless

Every time I walk near a used car dealership, the same thought runs through my head. "How badly are they going to try to rip me off?"

But now, after being at Tech for almost five semesters, I am about to become completely desensitized to getting swindled. After looking at my bill from Tech, I am no longer scared of used car salesmen. In fact, I almost wish they were in charge. I bet I would get a better deal for my money.

Let's start with the fee that makes me the angriest: the athletic fee. If an undergraduate student takes four or more credit hours per semester, then she will pay \$51 for the athletic fee regardless of whether she actually attends a single athletic event.

For example, I have attended one basketball game and one football game. The price tag for two student section tickets is about \$250. That's insane, but here is the best part — the money I save to pay for college is being transferred to people who miss numerous classes so they can camp out in front of the stadium for a big game. Higher education indeed.

I could possibly explain this unfair redistribution of wealth as the result of a detached and highly biased governing council. But it goes further than that.

According to a resolution by the Graduate and Professional Student Association, the athletic fee became optional for graduate students "so that those students who do not have the time or the desire to attend home athletic events will not be paying for a service they will not benefit from."

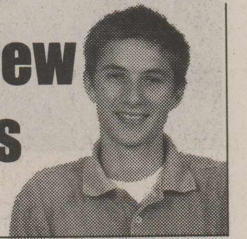
OK, let me get this straight. The board of regents understands that fees should benefit students, but for some reason, they only apply this principle to graduate students. Instead of changing the policy for every student, they are letting you and me shovel money from our banks into the fat pockets of the athletic program.

While we are on the subject of athletics, let's talk about the recreation center fee. It costs a full-time student \$60 a semester for intramural sports and access to the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center regardless of whether he uses it.

This means every single person who either struggles to pay a gym membership and avoid the crowd, or who simply does not wish to participate in these activities can thank this fee for their college poverty.

It's funny how all of the flag-waving Republicans at Tech abhor communism, yet love this system where everyone pays for everyone else's activities. My guess is that the most economically disadvantaged

Andrew Davis



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students aren't the ones who spend their days at the rec and play intramural sports for their fraternities. It seems the wealthy students like the redistribution of wealth whenever they are the beneficiaries.

Next up is the student services fee that tops out at \$126 for a 12-hour semester. I do believe this fee has some uses such as clubs and guest speakers, but there also are some major problems.

For example: Arbor Day. These types of events should be paid for by the willing participants. I know I don't want to pay for an event where the grounds crew has to prepare the whole campus for a bunch of students to plant flowers and say they made a difference. Next Arbor Day, thank the groundskeepers who do that work all year long without any recognition. But I digress.

All of these fees are nickel and dime-ing us to death. Schools of our size ought to be bringing in fabulous speakers with some of our money. But, unfortunately, the great lecture series was dissolved in favor of giving more money to a football program that loses to OSU (yeah, I said it).

I know we are not the only school who has problems with its system of fees. If I transfer to the University of Virginia or Rice next semester, I am sure they will also show their faults. But I still believe Tech can do much better.

Whoever you are, you ought to realize you could be getting a better deal at Tech. I guarantee you are paying for something you are not using. There are a few fees that are worth the money, but in general, we're getting hosed.

So when your bill comes in for next semester, look carefully at your fees. I bet you will see that the system is more than just a little bit of a rip off.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Death counter betrays DT's unadmitted liberal bias, anti-war agenda

I have been upset about the military death counter you have continued to keep on the front page of the paper. I'm upset about it not because I want war or believe the deaths are justified, actually I don't.

I am however, glad that America does not back down, and that the military will fight to keep me safe in this great country, but that is another article all together. I just find your reasons for the counter faulty.

I truthfully believe the only reason you continue it, is the newspaper's strong anti-war stance

and your desire to undercut support for the war. And you know that by listing deaths in a war it shows students it is dangerous and makes it negative.

Instead you hide behind excuses, saying that it is about remembering these people who died, or a reminder that even freedom cost a great deal. I agree with both those statements, but I doubt you do.

If you truly do, why don't you add a counter of the number of Iraqis freed since the war, or the number who have voted in the first

free election?

This counter makes as much sense as posting the number of people who have died from cancer caused by smoking. And why not put it there?

It is something we can prevent, and people don't have to smoke if they don't want to, plus a lot more people die from this — more than 120,000 last year.

That means it will take the Iraq war almost 175 years to reach the same death total at the rate the war is going. Wow.

And to think, the war in Iraq freed a country, and the War on terror is keeping us safe. Yet cigarettes do nothing to help the world, or even the U.S. at large.

So why don't you post those statistics, if you care about human life, than let us know how many people have died in general, or at least focus on something that is really making a dent in our population...Or just admit your bias.

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JONATHAN REICH, A junior electrical engineering major from Georgetown, and Auria Nutter, 5, of Lubbock, try to keep up with a GPS-guided car that Reich helped program Saturday morning in the lot west of the engineering key.

Powers, ex-dean, formally named president of UT

AUSTIN (AP) — William Powers, dean of the University of Texas School of Law, was formally named the new president of the University of Texas at Austin on Monday, one month after UT's board of regents announced he was the sole finalist for the job.

The regents voted 9-0 to name Powers president.

UT System Chancellor Mark Yudof praised Powers' academic skills, military service and business sense and said he's trusted by state leaders, faculty members and students.

"It's a great pleasure to bring someone who brings all these strengths to an admittedly very tough job," Yudof said.

Powers, who began teaching at the university's law school in 1977 and became its dean in 2000, will take the helm on Feb. 1. Regents chairman James Huffines said details about Powers' salary were still being negotiated.

He will replace Larry Faulkner, who announced this summer he would step down as leader of the 50,000-student school after holding the post since 1998.

"I believe the regents have chosen an outstanding new leader for the university," Faulkner said. "Bill Powers is a man of intelligence and courage — he will need those things as he goes into the years that he will serve as president of the university."

Powers said it is an honor and a privilege to be chosen to lead UT-Austin.

"I will work hard and diligently and tirelessly to justify the confidence that (the regents) have placed in me," he said.

Born in Los Angeles, Powers, 59, studied chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley before joining the Navy. An interest in philosophy prompted him to take the Law School Admissions Test while stationed in Bahrain, and he excelled at Harvard Law School, serving as managing editor of the Harvard Law Review.

He began teaching at the UT law school in 1977 and quickly became a popular instructor. He also has earned a reputation as one of the nation's top scholars in personal injury and products liability law, co-authoring several textbooks and publishing dozens of articles in law journals.

When the Enron corruption scandal broke in 2001, Powers was asked by the company to conduct an internal investigation into questionable business transactions.

Although Enron had just given \$250,000 to the law school, Powers' 218-page report criticized the architects of the questionable partnerships and the executives, directors and auditors who should have been watching over them.

Rice defends U.S. terrorism policy as she heads to Europe amid reports of secret CIA prisons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice turned the tables on European critics of tough U.S. tactics in the war on terror Monday, maintaining that intelligence gathered by the CIA has saved European as well as American lives.

Responding for the first time in detail to the outcry over reports of secret CIA-run prisons in European democracies, Rice said the United States "will use every lawful weapon to defeat these terrorists."

In remarks delivered as she got ready to leave on a trip to Europe, she steadfastly refused to answer the underlying question of whether the United States had CIA-operated secret prisons there.

"We cannot discuss information that would compromise the success of intelligence, law enforcement,

and military operations. We expect other nations share this view," Rice said in a statement at suburban Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

President Bush has denied that the United States engages in torture in the war against terrorists, but Rice's statements Monday represented the most detailed public comment the administration has yet offered on this vexing issue.

Information gathered by U.S. intelligence agencies from a "very small number of extremely dangerous detainees," the secretary said, and has helped prevent terrorist attacks and saved lives "in Europe as well as in the United States and other countries."

She provided no specific examples of instances where the CIA had foiled terrorist plots. But in October, the White House said the United States and its allies have prevented at least 10 major plots by Al Qaeda

in the last four years, including plans to use hijacked planes to target the West Coast in 2002 and the East Coast in 2003 and another to bomb several locations in Britain in 2004.

The State Department, meanwhile, said it was difficult to be specific about lives being saved because of the nature of intelligence.

Spokesman Adam Ereli said "the point the secretary was trying to make is that the cooperation we have with our European partners and with our partners throughout the world has resulted in our frustrating the planning and operations and attacks of terrorists, including in Europe."

Ereli declined also to say whether the United States operates secret prisons. "There is information that we just don't discuss," he said.

Reports of the existence of the secret prisons has caused a trans-Atlantic uproar. The European Union has asked the Bush administration

about these reports.

By suggesting whatever the United States did had the cooperation of European nations, Rice may have imposed pressure on their governments to explain to their people whether they violated national or international laws.

And that could make Rice's stops in Europe even more difficult.

"It is up to those governments and their citizens to decide if they wish to work with us," she said, "and decide how much sensitive information they can make public."

"They have a sovereign right to make that choice," she said.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Monday that Rice's comment "makes clear" that the United States does not torture its detainees and said, "All of us must work together within the rule of law to use every tool at our disposal" to counter terrorism.

Crime rate up; some say statistics skewed

By SARAH LOOTEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While Lubbock city crime rates have dropped steadily for the past five years, they still continue to be higher than both national and state crime rates.

According to the FBI Uniform Crime Report, Lubbock's violent crime index in 2003 was charted at 1157.7 violent crimes per 100,000 people; this figure is more than twice the state average of 552 violent crimes per 100,000 people. Both statistics are higher than the national rate of 475 violent crimes per 100,000 people.

Urban areas have higher crime rates than suburban or rural areas, according to the Justice Bureau of Statistics National Crime Victimization Survey. The survey includes Lubbock as an urban area because it is a "central city." Urban cities such as Dallas and Houston have lower crime rates than Lubbock.

According to FBI statistics, the murder rate in Lubbock has been on the rise for the past four years. This has led Lubbock to having a higher murder rate than the nation, state and cities of similar population sizes.

Lt. Roy Bassett of the Lubbock

Police Department attributed the rate increase to recent homicides with multiple victims.

"It's just one of those things that you see from time to time," he said. "It's an anomaly."

Methamphetamine use, distribution and subsequent arrests have increased exponentially in the past five years across the nation, as well as in Lubbock.

Cpl. John Gonzalez of the Texas Department of Public Safety explained that ingredients used for methamphetamines are easily accessible.

"Meth is easy because all the items it takes to process meth can be bought at Wal-Mart," he said.

He also credited the Internet as a tool criminals can use to learn to make methamphetamines. Gonzalez believes the bottom line is money.

"To make hundreds of dollars overnight is very easy, and to somebody that doesn't want to work, that's a big incentive," he said.

State, county and city officials all have taken special measures to deal with this increase by creating special meth task forces.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Texas Tech Police Department said meth and other hard drugs like heroin and cocaine are not problems on the Tech campus.

The increase in drug use may be an explanation for the increase in local thefts and burglaries.

Lt. Cody Scott of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office said the meth problem could lead to other crimes.

"A lot of the thefts or burglaries are ties to drugs for the most part because when folks are using drugs they wind up losing their jobs so they need quick money so they go out and steal," he said.

When confronted with Lubbock's high crime rates, Gonzalez said there are statistical relationships between certain crimes.

"Compare Houston and Lubbock, we are higher in DWI activity than we are in Houston ... but in Houston, that public intoxication level is greater than in Lubbock," he said.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety data in 2003, DWIs accounted for 2.7 percent of all arrests made in Harris County, which includes Houston, while they counted for 7.3 percent of all arrests made in Lubbock county. According to the same data, Lubbock County had 1,387 public intoxication arrests compared to Harris County's 19,814 arrests.

Public intoxications still make up a slightly higher percentage of Lubbock

county arrests.

Bassett said he does not completely believe Lubbock's crime picture is accurately reflected by the statistics.

"There's lies, damn lies and statistics and you know a lot of times things get skewed in statistics," he said.

Aggravated Assaults Per 100,000 people			
Year	U.S.	Texas	LBB
2002	309.5	579.7	991.6
2003	295.0	552.5	951.8

Forcible Rapes Per 100,000 people			
Year	U.S.	Texas	LBB
2002	33.1	39.1	63.8
2003	32.1	36.2	48.8

Violent Crimes Per 100,000 people			
Year	U.S.	Texas	LBB
2002	494.4	579.7	1,206.9
2003	475.0	552.0	1,157.7

Statistics come from the FBI's Uniform Crime Report. "LBB" stands for statistics from the city of Lubbock.

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... to attract those really talented students."

Elrod said the event is a collaboration between many students, faculty and staff that takes the entire semester to plan and rehearse.

"It's an event that features students who are voice students, instrumentalists and our jester is a theater major," she said. "It really does bring together students from across the arts community."

Gerald Dolter, professor of music theater and voice, wrote the script for the show and staged the performance, Elrod said. Costumes were sewn by School of Music staff member Anna Henry.

The performance is a representation of a traditional medieval dinner. Collegium Musicum, an early music ensemble, recreates the typical music from the medieval era.

"They use period instruments that have that period sound," Elrod said.

One instrument the group uses is the sackbut, a predecessor of the trombone. The group also uses krumphorns, a staple in medieval music.

"When you hear an early music ensemble, that's the buzzy sound that goes with it," Elrod said.

This year's event has been well received by the audience each night, she said.

"The increased presence of the early music ensemble and the period dancers has been really great," Elrod said. "It has a really nice tone to it."

Sherril Skibell, manager of the Madrigal Dinner, said there are many aspects of creating the medieval ambience.

"When we decorate, we try to think of what they would have had back in that day," she said. "For example, our centerpieces are made of apples, fruit

and greenery."

Skibell said the scholarship dinner yields about \$6,000 for the School of Music voice students.

"We have almost a sell-out capacity for all four nights," she said. "We have more donors this year."

Skibell said student tickets sold for \$25 and general admission tickets sold for \$45. She said people had the opportunity to purchase tickets for \$75 to \$100 to be part of the King's Court and the Queen's Court. Court-level donors were invited to a special performance before the regular performance.

"They are invited to a soirée — a pre-show for the King's and Queen's Court," Skibell said. "We end the soirée with a champagne toast."

Frank Rendon, a sophomore vocal performance major from Garland, plays the part of the king in the performance.

"It's been a wonderful experience," he said. "Everyone is an important part. There's not one person who is not important to the show."

Rendon said he has been impressed with the impact the show has had on the audience.

"From the comments I've gotten, they love it," he said. "People who have come for the past 20 years have said that this is the best show yet."

Rendon said the Madrigal Dinner is an important Christmas tradition at Tech and in Lubbock.

"It's the first thing that really brings about the Christmas atmosphere," he said. "Even before the Carol of Lights, they know it is Christmas because the Madrigal Dinner is coming up."

"It's a tradition that has been going on for 29 years in Lubbock," Elrod said. "I'm finding out just how much this means to the community."

Terrorism

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Bush administration's efforts to curb terrorist financing.

The five "F's" were for:

— Failing to provide a radio system to allow first responders from different agencies communicate with each other during emergencies.

— Distributing federal homeland security funding to states on a "pork-barrel" basis instead of risk.

— Failing to consolidate names of suspicious airline travelers on a single terror watch screening list.

— Hindering congressional oversight

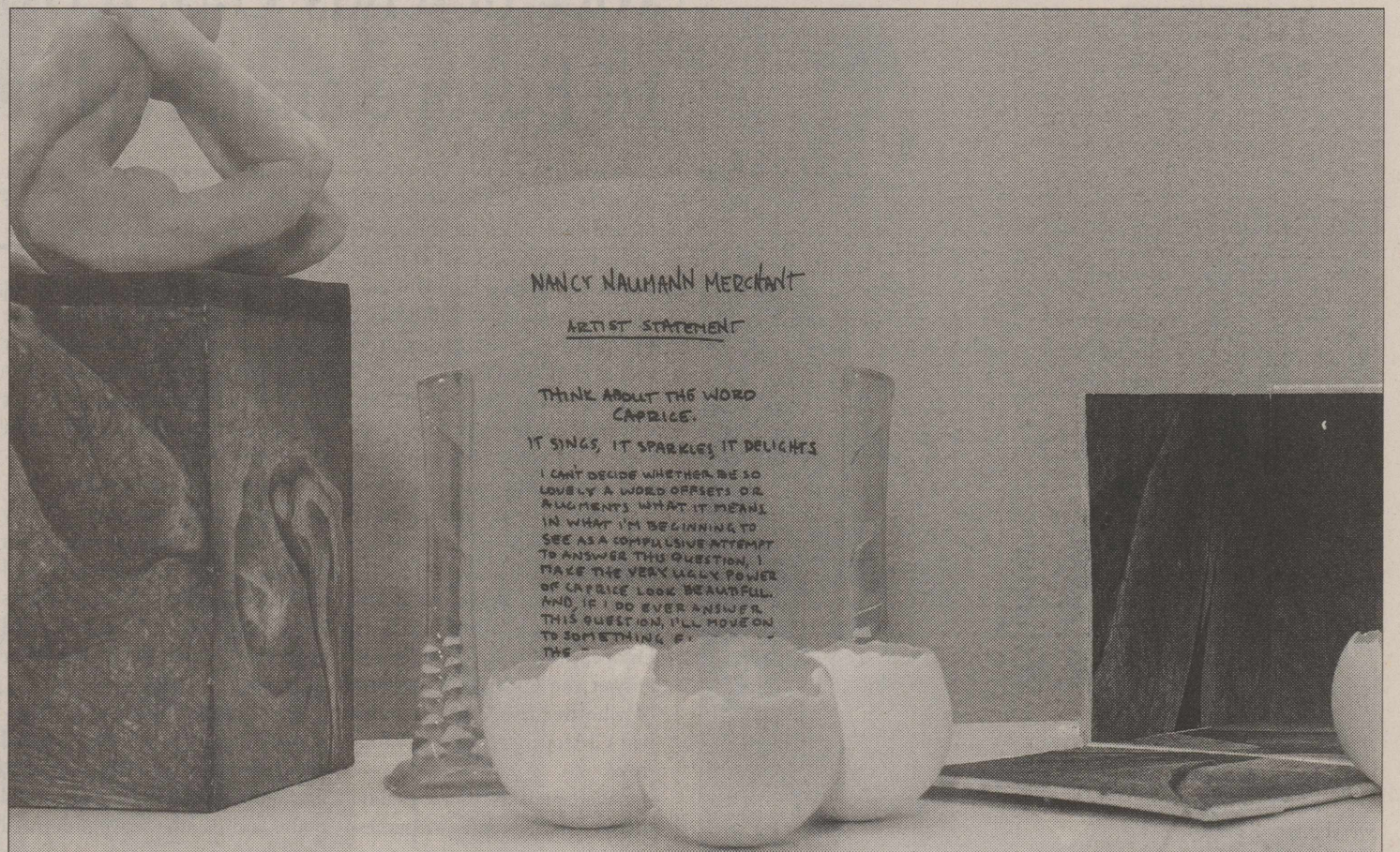
by retaining intelligence budget information as classified materials.

— Failing to engage in an alliance to develop international standards for the treatment and prosecution of detained terror suspects.

The panel, which has operated as a nonprofit group since disbanding last year, also gave the government 12 "D's" and "B's", nine "C's" and two incomplete grades.

Congress established the commission in 2002 to investigate government missteps that led to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Nearly 3,000 people were killed when 19 hijackers organized by al-Qaida flew airliners into the Pentagon and twin towers.

SHELL SHOCKS



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AN ARTIST STATEMENT is displayed at the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts Friday as part of the First Friday art progression at the beginning of every month.

Greed

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for "hard-earned money" to pay tuition and bills, when the bills are for expensive cars, and tuition is not necessarily the full cost of education for the state.

"A student is actually getting subsidized about four times as much as a welfare recipient per year," he said.

Whether citizens have a responsibility to give to those in need can be debated, but Curzer said he believes people who make enough money have a duty to give to the less fortunate.

"I think people who are middle class or upper middle class do have more they could spare," he said.

Curzer said a higher percentage of lower and middle-income Americans contribute to charities than those in the highest income brackets.

This disparity brings with it misconceptions as well, in that the richest do not necessarily pay the most taxes.

"An awful lot of people who are wealthy are paying almost no taxes," Curzer said.

Businesses have been under in-

creasing scrutiny recently for unethical practices related to a desire for more and more wealth.

It can be said greed led to the scandals associated with big businesses and executives like Enron, Tyco or Martha Stewart.

"Accounting firms and Top 500 firms are getting indicted up one side and down the other," said John Durrett, an associate professor of information systems and quantitative sciences.

Durrett said a free market economy works best to undermine greedy businesses.

"At least you have a bunch of people trying to be greedy that balance each other," he said.

While a capitalist economy encourages competition, it also may lead to corruption and shady business deals.

Curzer pointed to the outsourcing of jobs overseas as a type of practice that some businesses see as unethical but others do not.

These employees are paid much less than American workers and may work in unsuitable conditions, but could be forced to work this type of job because of lack of employment options.

Greed may be an innate charac-

teristic of the human psyche, but materialistic desires could get their fuel from outside sources.

Consumers might not know about new products if not for advertisements, but they also would be less likely to purchase things they did not need.

"A lot of advertising is simply based on needs and perceptions of things we must have," said Jerry Hudson, a professor of advertising and dean of the College of Mass Communications.

Hudson said he does not believe advertising causes greed, but simply shows the public what is available to them while creating important revenue for media outlets.

"I think it's more of an indicator rather than a cause," said Donald Jugenheimer, a professor of advertising.

There can be good and bad advertising, but this is the case with every type of business, he said.

Increasing generosity and cutting back on personal spending can be ways to counteract greed, Curzer said, especially during the holiday season.

DeLay

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ward to his eventual and absolute exoneration based on the facts and the law," DeLay spokesman Kevin Madden said.

In a written statement, District Attorney Ronnie Earle said prosecutors were studying the ruling. "We have made no decision about whether to appeal any part of his ruling. We will have no further comment at this time," the statement said.

DeLay, 58, and two Republican fundraisers, John Colyandro and Jim Ellis, are accused of illegally funneling \$190,000 in corporate donations to a DeLay political action committee through the Republican National State Elections Committee and back to 2002 Republican candidates for the Texas Legislature. Under Texas law, corporate money cannot be directly used for political campaigns.

In asking that the case be thrown out, DeLay lawyer Dick DeGuerin argued that one of the charges — conspiracy to violate the Texas election code — did not even take effect until September 2003, a year after the alleged offenses occurred.

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Stepping inside Goin' Band Spectacular takes act indoors tonight

By LINDSAY WHARTON
FEATURES WRITER

The Goin' Band from Raiderland will be performing off the field for a change. At 8 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena, the band will present the Goin' Band Spectacular concert.

Christopher Anderson, director of the Goin' Band, said this event is important to the band.

"For us, this is an opportunity for everybody to be able to hear what we do," he said.

The football environment is often too hectic for people to hear the band clearly, Anderson said. This enables people to have a more relaxed environment where the audience can hear the music better.

Liza Muse, publicity officer for the School of Music, said the concert should last about one hour and will include the football performances from this semester.

"It's going to be all the shows that they've done this year," she said.

The twirlers and colorguard will be in attendance for this second annual performance of the Goin' Band Spectacular.

Muse said the first performance had a large turnout — about 700 people.

"It was very successful last year," she said. "We anticipate once the public gets used to it, we'll have a larger response."

Holly Cook, the assistant drum major for band one and a junior music education major from Katy, said the concert went well last year.

"It flowed pretty well," Cook said.

There will be some improvements made for this concert, however, including narration explaining the traditions of the band and some of the new songs it has been performing.

Anderson said the concert includes some anecdotes about the band's actions and songs this semester.

Texas Tech football player Dwayne Slay requested the band play the song, "And Then What" for his last game.

Anderson said they honored his request, and he danced along with the tune.

"Another goal of this performance is we get a chance to explain why we do things," he said.

The band is asked many questions like why they perform certain songs, he said. This is a chance for the band to explain their performances to a large audience.

Another new addition to the performance is recording equipment.

Christy Hunn, music ensembles secretary, said the entire concert will be recorded and CDs and DVDs will be available for purchase.

"They are for this coming season," she said.

Cook said while there will be some new songs and some band classics that will be played at the event, songs by Nirvana and Yellowcard will be featured along with the more traditional songs.

Cook said the band will perform the complete Spanish show, the Western show and the band's show featur-



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

THE GOIN' BAND from Raiderland takes the field during a pregame performance in Jones SBC Stadium.

ing the "007, Mission Impossible" and "The Incredibles" theme songs.

The event also will include eight of the stand songs.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and children 12 and under are admitted for free.

Gay couples sign up for partnerships ceremonies in Britain

LONDON (AP) — Gay couples began registering for civil partnerships at town halls across Britain on Monday as a law took effect giving them many of the same legal rights as married heterosexuals.

Although the law stops short of allowing same-sex couples to marry, many said they were still eager to claim the benefits and official recognition of their relationships — for which some have waited decades. *The Times* of London marked the day by publishing notices of "gay marriages" for the first time.

"We're absolutely delighted," said 80-year-old John Walton, registering in London with his partner of 40 years, Roger Raglan. "It's enormously important to us that we should be able to state to everyone that we are partners."

The law, passed last year despite some opposition from Parliament's unelected House of Lords, permits civil ceremonies that will give same-sex couples the same social security, tax, pension and inheritance rights as married couples. Prime Minister Tony Blair's government dropped the word "marriage" from its legislation rather than run afoul of lawmakers who feel the word has religious connotations.

Among the first to register Monday were pop star Elton John and his filmmaker partner David Furnish, whose official proclamation was posted alongside those of other im-

pending weddings and partnerships at Maidenhead Town Hall, west of London.

After the mandatory 15-day waiting period, the couple plan a private ceremony at Windsor's 17th-century town hall, where Prince Charles married Camilla Parker Bowles in April.

"Sir Elton and Mr. Furnish are making a solemn and formal commitment to each other, and our Guildhall offers them dignity and privacy," said the registrar.

Mary-Rose Gliksten, council leader for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

Pop star George Michael has also announced that he will tie the knot with his long-term partner Kenny Goss sometime next year.

Up to 1,000 couples were expected to register their partnerships Monday. In Brighton, the southern beach resort that is Britain's self-styled gay capital, the register office opened at 7:30 a.m. to accommodate

waiting couples.

"It was wonderful," said the Rev. Debbie Gaston, a minister at Metropolitan Community Church in Brighton who plans to formalize her union with Elaine Gaston on Dec. 21. "We were aware that it was history in the making and we were overwhelmed by it all. It's been a long time coming."

The first partnership ceremonies will be held Dec. 19 in Northern Ireland, Dec. 20 in Scotland and Dec. 21 in England and Wales.

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HOLIDAY NO BOWL

Texas Tech staff may not be able to attend football game

By ANNE GEPFORD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

While the Red Raiders may be picking cotton in Dallas Jan. 2, some Texas Tech fans may not be able to attend without sacrificing vacation time.

Tech staff has the week of Dec. 26 through Dec. 30 off from work for the holidays, but Jan. 2, the day of the Cotton Bowl, is not included in those days.

Missy Helbert, senior accounts processor for the College of Mass Communications, said she is not able to use her vacation days to attend the bowl game because she needs them for other events down the road.

"I'm a football fan. I want to watch the Tech game," she said. "We don't even get to watch our team play because we have to be here."

Helbert said the Sunday schedule of the National Football League conflicted with the bowl game schedule this year.

"If we were playing for a national championship, I guarantee you I'd be at that game," she said.

While Helbert will be at her desk that Monday, many banks and other Lubbock businesses still will be closed for the holidays, she said.

"There's a lot of businesses that are off Jan. 2, because Jan. 1 falls on a Sunday," she said. "My only complaint is that everybody else is off."

Tech personnel receive Jan. 16 off for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, March 17 for spring break, May 29 for Memorial Day and July 3 through July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. All together, the holiday schedule allows for 13 holidays in the 2005-06 schedule.

Sean Duggan, director of housing and residence life, said the schedule could not be helped because it usually is set at least a year in advance.

"I think this is something in life that we all have to deal with," he said. "It's just the schedule the university is on. It's just that the university has to be open and running on the second."

Tech staff still will have the ability to take a vacation day to attend the bowl game if they wish, he said.

"A lot of people take vacation at that time anyway because it's so slow for the university," he said. "It's just one of those things I think people deal with."

While the week before classes resume may be slow for some staff members, advising departments

across the university have little time to finish paperwork from the previous semester and prepare for the upcoming one, Donna Peters said.

"This is an academic office," said Peters, an assistant adviser in the College of Mass Communications. "Really, we only have 10 days to get the fall semester wrapped up and the spring semester started."

While the Cotton Bowl is a big event for the Tech community, Peters said there are other things going on in Lubbock and on the campus at the same time.

"It's a part of Texas Tech's history," she said. "To be a part of it would be exciting. If I really wanted to go, I could ask for a day off."

Janet Wright, the director of academic advising in the college, said she would be willing to let her staff take a vacation day if they wished to attend the game, as long as one person remained in the office.

"My staff is more than welcome to go," she said. "I would be very understanding. If they have time, they can take a vacation day."

Wright said she imagines the majority of departments around the campus would be the same way.

"I think anybody else would on this campus," she said. "I don't think it'd be an issue."

Maya Angelou's holiday party philosophy:

'Celebrate!'

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Thinking back over her memories of Christmas, Maya Angelou recalls the aroma in her family's store in Stamps, Ark.

"My grandmother would take an orange and almost parboil it ... and she would stick cloves into the peel and wrap it up," she says. Then a week before Christmas, the oranges would be unwrapped and "the whole store, and of course, the house which was around the store, everything, would just smell of oranges and cloves."

Stirred by the memory, Angelou almost sniffs the air as she decides she may make some of those oranges herself this year.

She's also serving up another holiday treat this season, hosting the Hallmark Channel's "Celebrate! Christmas with Maya Angelou," replete with not only good food, but also music, laughter, memories and a solid dose of Angelou's wisdom and philosophy. It airs Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 1 p.m.

Back in the spring, when rhododendrons and azaleas were in bloom around her home in Winston-Salem, N.C., the Hallmark production team "dressed my house the way it would be dressed for Christmas, with two huge Christmas trees, and my family and friends came from around in a Christmas mood."

Angelou's immediate relatives — including her son, Guy Johnson, and great grandchildren, Caylin and Brandon — are at the gathering, but so are members of what she calls her "extended family," including singer-songwriters Nickolas Ashford and Valerie Simpson, whose voices and musical skills add to and accompany the impromptu chorus of Christmas songs and carols sung during the course of the party.

The couple stopped by the Santa Monica hotel where Angelou was staying on a recent visit to Southern California.

They echo each other in saying Angelou is "all about celebrating," so there was no difficulty at all in creating Christmas spirit out of season at the Winston-Salem party shoot.

"It's her spirit. You just gravitate to her. That's why I call her my angel," beams Ashford.

"There is no word that really encompasses all that she is, but what she encompasses is the fact that we should be everything we can be," says Simpson when asked how she might sum up Angelou's myriad accomplishments: poet, writer, teacher, historian, dancer, singer, actress, Grammy winner, civil-rights activist. "So many of us cut our possibilities down ... She embraces everything and does it well and is not afraid."

Born Marguerite Johnson, Angelou's 13 books

include the autobiographical best-seller "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," and the current cookbook "Hallelujah! The Welcome Table." She has acted on Broadway, in the TV miniseries "Roots," and will soon be seen playing "I think myself ... sort of one of the older, wise women" in the movie comedy "Madea's Family Reunion." She has won three spoken-word Grammys, and teaches humanities at Wake Forest University.

Asked if there is a collective noun that might encompass her abilities, Angelou replies, "I am a human being. I think everybody born is born with talent. We all come from the creator trailing wisps of glory."

With so many outlets for her talents, how does Angelou choose where to focus her energies?

"I try not to wear myself out, though usually expending energy gives me energy. That old saw, 'If you want something done give it to a busy person.' It's just that I'm selective, and I'm careful, and by that I mean when I came into this room I brought all of myself, so I could be completely present with you."

The presence is formal, dignified but not standoffish. She asks to be addressed formally — Dr. Angelou — and returns the respect to a reporter. Her sentences are thought-through, but often contain a self-teasing kick of humor amid their blend of poetry, common sense and spirituality.

Now 77, she suffers from knee problems and has to move cautiously. Yet her deep, distinctive voice is as fully ripe as when she memorably delivered her poem "On the Pulse of the Morning" at President Clinton's inauguration in 1993. She slips easily into song during the interview, singing "Born, Born, Born in Bethlehem" to illustrate the African-American spiritual.

Her new poem, "Amazing Peace," which she read Dec. 1 at the lighting of the National Christmas tree in Washington, speaks of how celebrating Christmas transcends boundaries of all faiths.

"I celebrate the birth of forgiveness, the birth of Jesus Christ into all the great religions of the world ... the idea of peace, the idea of forgiveness is yearned for. We hunger after it," she explains.

Like many, she would prefer holiday seasons to be less commercial.

"It does worry me," she says. "I think we are wasting something, things our children will never know about — some of the delicious aspects of all the holidays, whether Christmas, or Seder, or Tet, or Ramadan" ... the deliciousness of the family getting together and laughing a lot, and teasing, and saying, 'You remember last year when ...'"

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Highwood, IL 12/5/05

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'Lose yourself' with Eminem

Nine-time Grammy winner Eminem released "Curtain Call: The Hits" today. This compilation of gold and platinum singles, other favorites, three new songs and a bonus track can complete any listener's Eminem craving.

"Curtain Call" is being released in three different versions. Parental advisory and non-parental advisory or clean, "Curtain Call's" are released today, as well as a special Deluxe Edition available only with the parental advisory sticker. Both CDs include hits such as "Stan" featuring Dido, "Mockingbird" and "Just Lose It."

The Deluxe Edition includes a bonus CD titled "Stan's Mixtape," which follows the fictional character "Stan" putting together his favorite Eminem songs. This seven-track compilation includes two tracks previously unreleased on any Eminem album. Most of the titles of the songs on the bonus disc are not appropriate to print in *The Daily Toreador*.

"Curtain Call's" bonus track is the live recording of "Stan" performed by Eminem and Elton John at the 2001 Grammy's.

The three new tracks on "Curtain Call" are, well, disturbing. "Fack," the second track, focuses on sex, including sodomy using a gerbil. Insert vivid — shudder — imagination here.

My answer to "Fack?" Gack. I tried to listen to this song objectively, searching for the genius I know Eminem can be, but I think I threw up a little in my mouth first.

Track seven featuring Nate Dogg isn't much better. "Shake That" includes lyrics all about tapping some ass, which most women would find demeaning.

The third brand-new track, "When I'm Gone," is a message from Eminem to his daughter as if he were dead. This track, providing further insight into Eminem's obsession with parenting and his daughter Hailie Jade, flows like water and is amazingly executed. It is sure to be included in his next "Best Of" collection.

I recommend "Curtain Call" for any Eminem fan or for those who just want the best of the good stuff. However, if you are not one for gratuitous cursing and very adult content, please purchase the clean version of "Curtain Call," which has a different track order and does not include "Fack."

"Curtain Call: The Hits" both clean and parental advisory versions retail for about \$14, while the Deluxe Edition retails for about \$20.

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Everybody loves bowl season, but show some love to the ballers

Trey Shipman
 Amid all the craziness that is bowl season, some people in West Texas might have forgotten there is a basketball season under way.

Usually, the great Bob Knight so conveniently reminds Lubbock of that around this time of year when his Red Raiders are struggling to get 5,000 people to show up for games at the United Spirit Arena.

Through five home contests this year the Raiders' average attendance is 6,751 — so maybe Tech fans are in the clear. But then again, classes aren't even out for Christmas break yet.

For those who have taken in a game might notice a new face or two dawdling the red and black on the hardwood. Try seven. Seven freshmen joined a squad coming off a Sweet 16 appearance last season.

Through eight games this year, we've gotten a sneak peek into the future of Raider basketball. As Saturday's 90-72 loss to the University of San Francisco showed, along with the new youth movement comes a few growing pains. It was expected. Even by the legend himself.

"It's a mix of players, half that know and half that don't know," Knight said in a press conference prior to the season. "Kids come out of high school and don't have any idea of what playing at this level is all about."

You would think that having a roster half full of

players who "don't have any idea" screams rebuilding year. I'm not so sold on that.

Besides the fact Jarrius Jackson and Martin Zeno could both end up being First-Team All Conference this season, Knight has a history of turning a team of no-names into conference contenders.

Everyone wave hello to the no-names: Freshmen Terry Martin and Dior Lowhorn.

Before the season, the only thing anybody knew about these guys is that they were part of the best Tech recruiting class in years. By season's end, anyone associated with Texas Tech will pray these two still are in Lubbock for their junior and senior seasons.

It might just be me, but when I see Lowhorn, I think former Kansas standout and now Miami Heat forward Wayne Simien.

He lacks a little in the height department, but his athleticism and soft touch around the basket are nightmares for an opposing defense. His 20-point, four-rebound performance in his home state against San Fran is merely a sign of things to come.

Martin probably has the best raw talent of all the new Raiders. He's got the shooting touch to help fill the void left by last year's captain Ronald Ross.

Through eight games, Martin is averaging 8.5 points per game and is shooting 42.9 percent beyond the arc. By season's end look for his scoring average to be a lot closer to 14, and his three-point percentage to rival Jackson for the team best.

So, what am I saying about the 2005 Red Raiders? I'm saying that The General should have no problem adding another trip to the NCAA tournament to his resume.

Come springtime, enough of the players that don't know, will know. It might come later than sooner, but it will come.

"If you were able to change the learning process and make it much quicker, why do you need to go to college for four years? We could have doctor's who have had one year of college," Knight said. "How'd you like to have a (s.o.b.) standing over you with a knife that had been in college for one year?"

What the coach is saying is no one knows how long it will take the "no-names" to get it. But through eight games, if I had to make a guess, I'd say sometime around March.

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Five strikes, they're out

After dropping fifth game, Lady Raiders fall from Top 25 for first time since 1992

By **BRYAN WENDELL**
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A team synonymous with greatness in women's college basketball has fallen from the ranks of the elite this week.

The Lady Raiders dropped out of the poll released Monday by *The Associated Press*, marking the first time in 13 years that Texas Tech's women's basketball team has been unranked.

Tech (2-5) saw a slow, steady decline from the preseason ranking that had the Lady Raiders 13th in the nation.

The Lady Raiders' spot in *The AP* poll gradually fell from No. 13 to No. 14 and then to No. 24 in last week's poll. Monday's list had Tech even lower: in the "others receiving votes" section.

The Lady Raiders received six votes in the Top 25 in Monday's poll, effectively tying them for 37th in the nation.

After opening the season with a loss to No. 3 LSU in the State Farm Women's Tip-Off Classic Nov. 13 in Lubbock, the Lady Raiders went 1-1 the following week, winning at home against Southeast Missouri State and then losing to unranked Rice in Houston.

This 1-1 week dropped the Lady Raiders to No. 14 in the polls, but it would get worse for Tech.

At 14th in the polls, Tech suffered two more losses, falling to Mississippi and then No. 12 Stanford.

After that two-loss week that left the Lady Raiders at 1-4 on the season, pollsters still were optimistic about a Tech team that hasn't been unranked since 1992. Voters kept the Lady Raiders in the polls at No. 24, even though Tech was the only team in the Top 25 without at least two wins.

Coach Marsha Sharp's team, historically having a reputation for greatness,

needed a quick turnaround to stay in the polls.

At No. 24, the Lady Raiders won against Sacramento State and then lost in double-overtime to Penn State.

Tech's fourth consecutive week without a winning record wasn't enough to keep the Lady Raiders in the Top 25.

The last time Tech wasn't in the Top 25 was Jan. 20, 1992, ending a span of 255 regular-season weeks in the polls.

Tech's slow start this season has marked several unwanted milestones for the Lady Raiders:

— The No. 24 spot from last week was the first time the Lady Raiders had a ranking lower than 17 since the 1999 preseason poll that had Tech at No. 23.

— This season marks the first time since 2002 the Lady Raiders were ranked lower than 15.

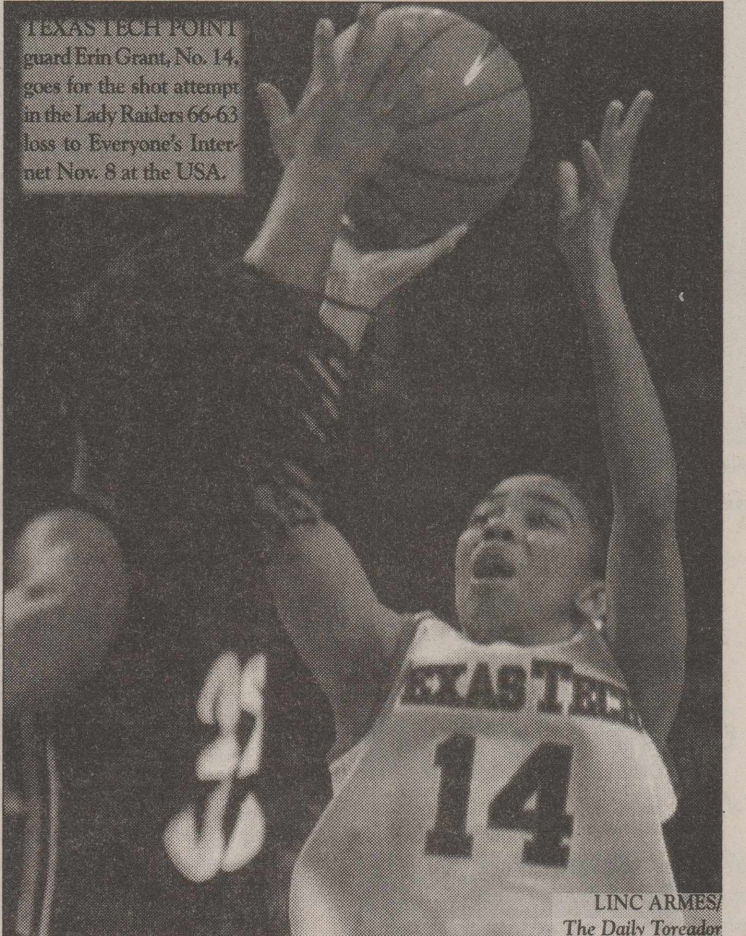
— If the Lady Raiders cannot rally

back and achieve a position in the Top 10 in *The AP* poll, it would be the first season without a Top 10 ranking since 1991-1992.

— The Lady Raiders are in danger of having their fifth straight season in which they did not improve on their preseason ranking. In each of the past five years, Tech's AP preseason ranking has been better than or equal to its final ranking. The last time Tech improved on its preseason ranking was in the 2000-01 season. That year, the Lady Raiders started at No. 16 and finished ranked 13th.

But there's still hope for Tech. Losing hasn't come without a fight for the Lady Raiders, who have lost their five games by a meager 4.6 points on average.

Tech has four more chances to turn its season around before Big 12 play starts, with a game Dec. 15 at home against Oral Roberts next in the Lady Raiders' sights.



TEXAS TECH POINT guard Erin Grant, No. 14, goes for the shot attempt in the Lady Raiders 66-63 loss to Everyone's Internet Nov. 8 at the USA.

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The Daily Toreador

Clemens unsure about return

DALLAS (AP) — Roger Clemens hasn't decided if he will pitch next season, again leaving the Houston Astros in a bind as they plan for 2006.

"Today, he would retire if he had to make the decision," Clemens' agent, Randy Hendricks, said Monday at baseball's winter meetings.

Hendricks added that the seven-time Cy Young Award winner, who hobbled off the mound after only two innings in Game 2 of the World Series against the Chicago White Sox because of a strained left hamstring, probably won't make a decision until late January early February.

The Astros have until Wednesday

night to sign Clemens or offer him salary arbitration. Otherwise, he would not be able to re-sign with them before May 1.

It's a bigger problem for the Astros this offseason because of an already escalating payroll without even counting Clemens, who made \$18 million last season. After being offered salary arbitration, he reached that deal on Jan. 21, only about a month before the start of spring training.

The 43-year-old Clemens had problems with his back and hamstring last season. He is determined to pitch for the United States in the World Baseball Classic next March — even in a limited role, Hendricks said.

Winter Meetings under way; Burnett, Hoffman highlight talks

DALLAS (AP) — A.J. Burnett's agent was talking with St. Louis and Toronto, and Trevor Hoffman's representatives were speaking with Cleveland as baseball's winter meetings began Monday in a town where teams spent freely five years ago.

On the first day of baseball's annual swap session, the New York Mets completed their trade to acquire catcher Paul Lo Duca from the Florida Marlins, and the Cleveland Indians finalized their \$14.25 million, two-year deal with pitcher Paul Byrd.

Boston talked about trading Manny Ramirez, and the Red Sox said they were reluctant to pay some of the \$57 million the outfielder is owed in the final three seasons of his contract.

"You're going to pay another team

to have that player beat you?" Red Sox senior adviser Bill Lajoie said.

"That doesn't make sense, does it?" Still, Lajoie wouldn't rule out having Boston pay some of the money as part of a deal.

"You're not going to get value in any way, shape or form," Lajoie said. "This is an A-1 hitter and you're not going to get an A-1 player that somebody is going to give you. So if you trade him, you're not going to get the same value, man for man, and sometimes four players don't even add up to one."

Toronto general manager J.P. Ricciardi said the Blue Jays went as far as they would go with Burnett, who likely will get a four- or five-year deal in the \$10 million to \$11 million range as he joins the Florida exodus.

Hoffman, San Diego's longtime

closer, was negotiating with the Indians, who might have set a deadline as they look for a closer to replace Bob Wickman, who became a free agent.

Lo Duca followed Josh Beckett, Mike Lowell, Carlos Delgado and Luis Castillo out of Florida, which is purging payroll. The catcher joins Delgado and reliever Billy Wagner on the Mets, who might be the division favorite heading into spring training.

"I think it would be a disappointment if we didn't win the NL East,"

Lo Duca said.

The Yankees face Wednesday's arbitration deadline with Bernie Williams. New York's longtime center fielder could return in a reserve role, but the Yankees won't offer arbitration unless Williams' agent, Scott Boras, agrees to reject it. Players

offered arbitration can re-sign with their former teams through Jan. 8.

New York general manager Brian Cashman planned to speak with Boras and said he also might speak to Williams, who is scheduled to be at the meetings.

St. Louis, meanwhile, agreed to \$800,000, one-year contacts with infielder Deivi Cruz and catcher Gary Bennett, Pittsburgh agreed to a minor league deal with reliever C.J. Nitkowski, and Arizona was talking with catcher Brad Ausmus.

Free-agent pitcher Jeff Weaver's agent was thought to be talking with the Los Angeles Angels. The Dodgers said shortstop Rafael Furcal, who reached a preliminary agreement last weekend on a \$39 million, three-year deal, had his physical pushed back to Tuesday.

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Tickets will be sold through the Tech Athletics Ticket Office which is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. No phone calls in efforts to purchase tickets will be accepted.

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