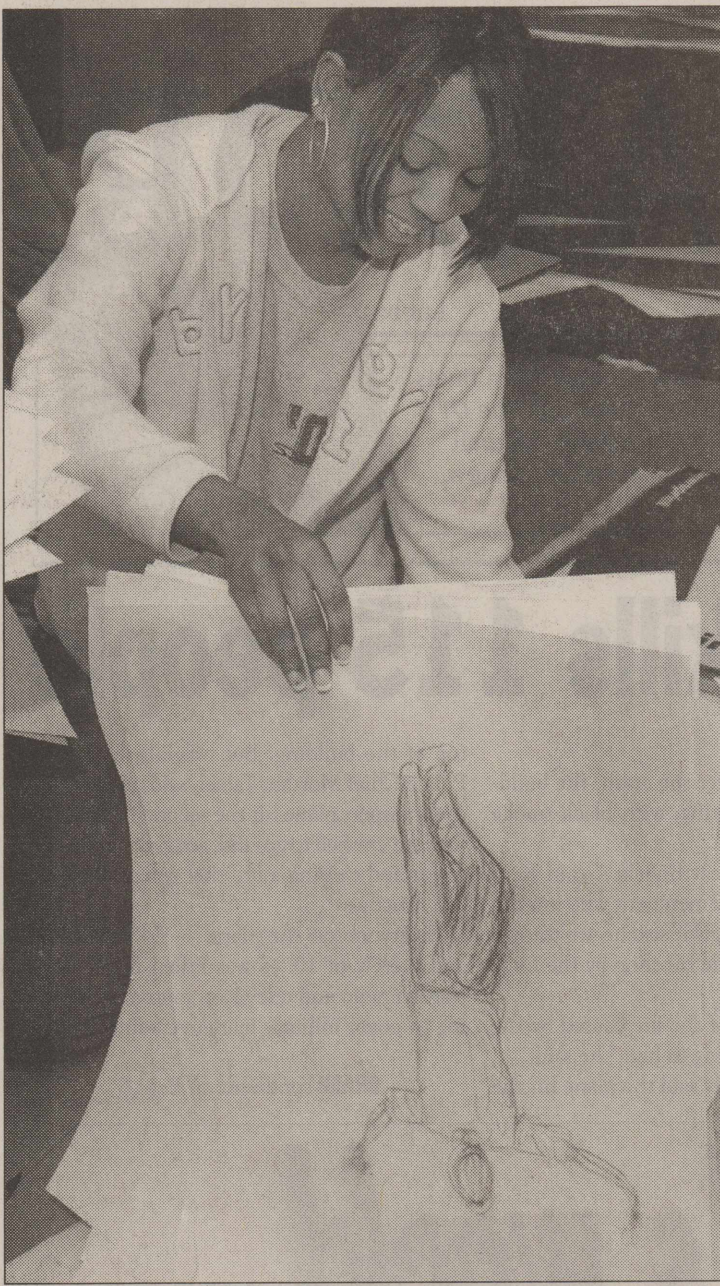


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JENNIFER JONES, A sophomore apparel designs and manufacturing major from Dallas, gathers her drawing portfolio for her Drawing One class in the Art building Tuesday morning.

Illinois judge passes injunction against violent video game laws

Game-makers and retailers may be relieved to know laws prohibiting violent game sales in Illinois have been halted.

Judge Matthew Kennelly of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois passed a permanent injunction against enforcement of the laws Friday, according to the Entertainment Software Association.

The ESA had brought a law-

suit against Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich for proposing the laws in response to violent game sales.

The Violent Video Games Law and Sexually Explicit Video Games Law would have gone into effect beginning Jan. 1, and they would impose a fine on retailers who sold sexually explicit or violent video games to minors.

—Carlos Bergfeld/
Staff Writer

Tech and Lubbock police blotters

Nov. 27

Texas Tech police officers investigated a fire in Room 147 of Murray Hall. A resident burned food in the microwave causing the smoke detector to go off.

Nov. 28

Lubbock police investigated a report of forced entry. A man reportedly walked into a woman's home and kissed her on her neck and breast. The suspect has not been located.

Tech police investigated an incident of the second floor of the Flint Avenue Parking Facility. A student reported that water had been poured into his gas tank.

Lubbock police investigated a burglary. A man reported someone came in his back door and stole a 29-inch Sony TV, a PlayStation 2, \$240 of PlayStation 2 video games, \$250 of DVDs, fly rod fishing poles, a Compaq computer with flat screen, skis, a North Face fleece jacket, a TV, about \$1,000 in suits, \$2,100 in shirts, pants, T-shirts, a backpack, textbooks, speakers, a Sony receiver and a box of power chips.

Nov. 29

Lubbock police investigate a burglary. A man reported a stereo system, speakers, personal computer, monitor, bedspreads and a credit card were stolen.

Tech police investigated a report of telephone harassment in the Petroleum Engineering building.

Lubbock police responded to an assault call. A man said another man tried to hit him with his vehicle.

Lubbock police responded to a call from a woman saying a man was trying to break into her residence. She said the suspect broke through her living room window and punched her in the stomach. The suspect reportedly grabbed a camcorder and fled the scene.

Tech police investigated a theft at the Merket Alumni Center — \$40 was reported missing.

Lubbock police investigated a forgery call. A man allegedly tried to pay for phone card at a United Supermarket with a forged check.

Tech police investigated an

incident between the Chemistry and Agriculture Education buildings. A man allegedly pushed a woman against a tree. Another man reportedly approached the area, the suspect was seen running from the scene. No injuries were reported.

Lubbock police responded to a theft call from Wal-Mart. A man attempted to steal a PSP case, "Solom" for PSP and "Grand Theft Auto" for PSP.

Lubbock police responded for a theft call at Wal-Mart. A man tried to steal a MACH 3 razor carton, a Hexbolt and tube of toothpaste.

Lubbock police responded to a burglary call. A man reported more than \$700 of DVDs were stolen from his home after someone kicked in his door and came into his living room.

Lubbock police investigated a theft from a United Supermarket. A man attempted to steal a set of MACH 3 razor blades.

Lubbock police investigated the burglary of a storage shed and vehicle. A man reported an Apple laptop and computer case, a Dell computer, a Compaq computer, \$1,040, CDs, and an in-dash Pioneer radio player were stolen.

Nov. 30

Lubbock police investigated an assault. A woman called and reported a domestic dispute, and said her husband kicked her then pulled at her wedding ring - causing pain to her finger. Police observed a red scratch on the victim's right arm.

Lubbock police investigated a call of a domestic dispute. A man allegedly shot at a woman two times as he drove past her vehicle. No injuries were reported, but two bullet holes were found on the vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

Lubbock police investigated an attempted theft at Wal-Mart. A man attempted to conceal Stacker 3 Energy Pills inside the front of his pants while walking out the door.

Lubbock police investigated a theft. A man reported a coffee can full of change, a jewelry box, a Nintendo Game Cube and a cell phone were stolen.

Lubbock police responded to a burglary call. A woman reported some of her clothes, \$275, photo album, ostrich boots, camera, PlayStation 2, \$120 of PlayStation 2 games,

\$1,2500 DVDs and a tool box were stolen from her home.

Dec. 1

Lubbock police responded to a call of a drunk in an alley at Canton Avenue. When officers apprehended him, he had two Louisiana fake ID cards, and was charged with evading arrest, public intoxication and tampering with governmental records.

Tech police investigated a theft in the Business Administration building. A computer projector was reported missing.

Lubbock police investigated an aggravated assault and robbery. A man reported he was held at gun and knife point while a suspect got into his vehicle against his will. He reported the suspect threatened to kill him if he didn't give him his stuff.

Tech police detained three students after housing personnel reported the smell of burning marijuana on the third floor of Sneed Hall. The students were given tickets for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dec. 2

Tech police investigated the theft of a men's bike from the Human Sciences building. The bike reportedly was secured to the south bike rack.

Dec. 3

Tech police investigated the theft of a personal metal sign from the third floor of Wall Hall. The sign was taken from the outside of the door.

Dec. 4

Tech police detained a student for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia on the second floor of Sneed Hall. He was given a ticket and released.

Tech police investigated a report of a suspicious person wandering the halls late at night in the Music building. It was reported that he looks in windows of practice rooms. Police do not believe he is associated with Tech.

Dec. 5

Tech police documented information about unwanted Web postings on Facebook. The site referenced someone hurting someone else.

Tech police issued a criminal trespass warning to a person who had reportedly been wandering the halls in the Music building at night. The person was not affiliated with Tech.

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College students opting to stay in school longer

Four-year graduation plan suffering with 34 percent of students getting out 'on time;' six-year not much better

By JEREMY MARTIN
OPINIONS EDITOR

Colleges across the country are introducing new programs to encourage students to finish school and graduate in a timely manner. According to a 2003 study by the National Center for Education Statistics, about 50 percent of college students graduate within six years of entering college.

The rate at Texas Tech is slightly higher. Statistics from the department of Institutional Research and Information Management at Tech showed that of the incoming freshman of 1998, 55 percent graduated by 2004. There is a disparity among the rates of the various colleges and between different ethnicities.

In 2004, Tech introduced a program called Graduate on Time designed to increase graduation rates by encouraging students to sign a contract agreeing to take measures to ensure their completion of degree requirements in a timely manner, including taking a set number of hours per semester. The university in turn agrees to help those who have signed the contract to meet their goal by helping the students to get into required classes and rewarding those who complete the contract with a \$1,000 tuition reimbursement.

Though the program is too new for the results to be accurately measured, department coordinators at Tech said the program is making an impact and predict it will result in a higher graduation rate.

ation rate.

The department of Institutional Research and Information Management measures graduation rates throughout a six-year period. Therefore, the most recent statistics available for Tech's graduation rates deal with the incoming freshman class of 1998.

The graduation rate after six years at Tech is about 55 percent. The college with the highest six-year graduation rate is the College of Human Sciences with 75 percent. The lowest is Arts and Sciences with a 47 percent graduation rate. When the study began in 1998, the colleges of Mass Communication, and Visual and Performing Arts fell under the college of Arts and Sciences.

Ann Bush, coordinator for the undergraduate program in the college of Human Sciences, credits the college's higher graduation rate to the department advisers and the college's student-centered approach.

"I think we have a real concern for the students," she said. "We are very much the human sciences. I think being available to students when they need help or have questions is the key to encouraging them to complete their degrees in four years."

Human Sciences has the second highest four-year graduation rate at 51 percent.

The six-year study does not take into account transfer students. For the purposes of the study, a person who

changes majors after entering Tech still is counted as graduating with his original major.

The traditional four-year graduation plan seems to have become a thing of the past — 26 percent of Tech students graduated within four years of entering the university. Nationally, this rate is 34 percent.

Of the colleges, Education had the highest four-year graduation rate at 54 percent. Architecture had the lowest with 17 percent.

David Driskill, associate dean for the College of Architecture, said, the college has a lower percentage of students graduating in four years because the architecture program requires more courses than the average degree plan.

The bachelor's degree program in architecture is 131 hours, and the expected amount of time to complete the degree after signing the Graduate on Time contract is four and a half years. The five-year graduation rate for architecture students in the 1998 study is 37 percent.

Students' majors are not the only factor correlating to graduation rates. There also is a disparity in the graduation rates of students from different ethnic groups.

According to research by the National Center for Education Statistics, ethnic minorities graduate at a lower percentage than whites.

In 2003, white students had a six-year graduation rate of 59 percent.

By contrast, American Indians had a six-year graduation rate of 37 percent, black students graduated at a rate of 40 percent.

At Tech, the six-year graduation rate for American Indians is 50 percent, and the rate for black students is 52 percent. White students have a six-year graduation rate of 57 percent. Hispanic students, who have a national six-year graduation rate of 42 percent, have the lowest rate of any ethnic group at Tech with 43 percent.

At Tech, the disparity between graduation rates for white students and minorities widens between the fourth and sixth year of the study. American Indians, who nationally have the lowest six-year graduation rate, have a four-year graduation rate of 50 percent at Tech, the highest at the university.

White Tech students have a four-year graduation rate of 27 percent.

Bush said the college of Human Sciences has a program in place to encourage minority students to complete their degree plans.

"One of our largest departments, Human Development and Family Studies, has an ambassador group

College	Beginning	Graduated after four years	Percentage in four years	Graduated after five years	Percentage in five years	Graduated after six years	Percent Graduating
Agriculture	157	45	29	39	54	11	61
Architecture	113	8	7	34	37	19	54
Arts and Sciences	1413	313	22	282	42	75	47
Business	656	240	37	166	62	38	68
Education	76	41	54	9	66	0	66
Engineering	369	49	13	111	43	32	52
Human Sciences	149	76	51	27	69	9	75
Total	2933	772	26	668	49	184	55

which targets underrepresented groups on campus for mentoring," she said.

Bush credits this program and others like it throughout the college with helping to raise the graduation rate of Human Sciences.

Graduate on Time began in Fall 2004. No comparable survey will be available on how this program has affected the rate until Fall 2009.

Driskill, however said his instincts tell him the program is working to increase the graduation rates at the university.

"My sense is yes," he said. "It is making a difference in the way we advise students. My expectation is the graduation rates are going to increase when the next study is done, but we can't know anything for sure just yet."

Driskill said he estimates the average architecture student is now taking about 15 hours per semester in an effort to finish his or her degree on time. Advisers are suggesting full summer schedules as well, in an attempt to get students through the program in as few as three and a half years.

Bush said she is in favor of the Graduate on Time program, because it recognizes the importance of the adviser's role in ensuring a student makes the most efficient use of his or her time in college.

Students who sign the Graduate on

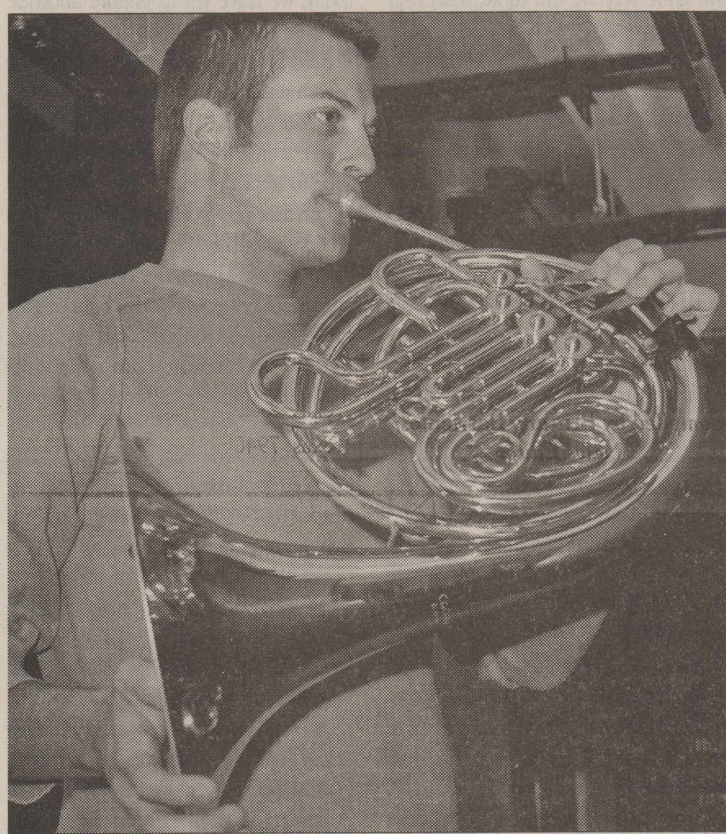
Time contract have a hold put on their schedules each semester that will not allow them to sign up for classes until the student has met with an adviser.

"I'm happy about the university seeing the value of advising now with the (Graduate on Time) contract," Bush said. "You'll probably see graduation rates go higher in the next few years. I think it's a great initiative."

By making the adviser a focal part of the program, she said, the Graduate on Time program also gives advisers a new sense of responsibility for their students' academic careers at Tech.

"We're really forced to be there for the students now," she said.

FRENCH KISS



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreador

CLARK HUTCHINSON, A graduate student from Fritch studying music performance, warms up before his wind ensemble class Tuesday afternoon.

Study: Ads fuel video game experience

Although there have been blatant advertising attempts in the video game world in the past — an entire game based on the Domino's Pizza Yo! Noid character — the increasing pervasiveness of video games has brought with it the increased incidence of virtual product placement.

A study released Monday by Activision and Nielson Entertainment revealed that not only are these ads effective, but players say the ads make games more enjoyable.

—Carlos Bergfeld/Staff Writer

Certain games today have in-game ad agreements with companies, but ads have been incorporated into games since home console gaming became popular again in the '80s. Tecmo's "Tecmo Bowl" for the Nintendo Entertainment System had advertisements for other Tecmo games like "Rygar" on its in-game scoreboard.

Nielson conducted the study with 1,350 male gamers from ages 13 to 44, who the study labeled as the core group of gamers.

—Carlos Bergfeld/Staff Writer

360's launch in UK similar to U.S. frenzy

Microsoft's Xbox 360 may have launched in the states last month, but anxious gamers across the pond had to wait a few weeks to get their hands on the system.

That wait ended Friday with the Microsoft's Dec. 2 launch of the 360 in the UK, the second of five tentative worldwide launches.

Waiting buyers made the sold-out launch the fastest selling

static console of all time in the UK, according to Chart Track, a UK-based electronic media sales tracking company.

The 360 even surpassed the UK launch week sales of the GameCube, which cost less at launch than the 360.

Ten of the 15 Xbox 360 launch titles made it into the UK's 40 top-selling games.

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E-mails

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sites that look just like ours and then contact our customers.”

Steffens said credit union members fall for the scam because the name of the credit union appears on the fraudulent e-mail.

“When they see our name there is a certain level of trust,” she said. “So the person assumes that the e-mail is valid, when in fact it is not.”

Steffens said the scam can make the sender a great amount of money. “Even if only one person falls for it they can take that person’s money through their bank account,” she said. “And the people who send these e-mails know that if they send it to enough people, then someone will fall for it.”

Nicholas Owens, director of external affairs for the administration, said NCUA does not ever ask credit union members for such personal information.

“Anyone who receives the e-mail should consider it fraudulent and should not follow the instructions in the e-mail,” Owens said. “It is an attempt to obtain personal account information for illegal purposes.”

Owens said any person who provided confidential account information should immediately notify their local credit union and change the

account’s PIN.

Dayton Perrin, a spokesman for the Tech division of Information Technology, said “phishing” happens frequently, especially on college campuses.

“All they have to do is access a few students’ e-mail addresses,” Perrin said. “Then they can just filter it into the rest of the student body.”

He said false e-mails are unavoidable.

“It is kind of like a virus,” Perrin said. “There is not much students can do to stop the e-mails from being sent to them. But once they get the e-mail the student should just ignore it.”

Perrin said students should simply block or put the e-mail into a junk folder.

Cory Armstrong, a member services representative for Westex Federal Credit Union, said people should use precaution when accessing any banking information on a computer.

“You need to look for a lock on the Web site,” Armstrong said. “The lock means that the Web site is protected.”

Armstrong said any information needed by the federal credit union is sent through direct mail.

“But the federal credit union would never ask for account numbers or PIN numbers,” he said. “That is something that the credit union would already have anyway.”

Smith

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the Georgia System release are Eroll Davis Jr., chairman of the Alliant Energy Corporation based out of Madison, Wis., and Daniel Papp, senior vice chancellor for academics and fiscal affairs for the University System of Georgia.

Interim chancellor Corlis Cummings, who has held the chancellor position since Oct. 1, was not named as a finalist, but the release stated she would continue to serve until the start date is set for the new chancellor.

The opening for the Georgia System chancellor came after former chancellor Thomas Meredith resigned in July and a national search began.

The chancellor of the Georgia System oversees 35 institutions, including four research institutions, a medical college, 15 state universities, two state colleges and 13 two-year institutions.

Between these universities, the system has more than 250,000 students enrolled, more than 9,000 faculty members, more than 30,000

employees, and an annual budget of more than \$5 billion.

According to The Chronicle for Higher Education, the Georgia System chancellor’s salary was \$272,950 in 2003, while the salary for Tech’s System chancellor in 2003 was \$375,000.

It has been reported that these numbers have increased to \$491,000 for chancellor of the Georgia System, and \$406,000 for Tech’s system chancellor.

Smith was appointed as Tech’s chancellor in 2002 after serving as Tech Health Sciences Center president for six years.

In 2004, Smith declined an offer from the University of Wisconsin System, which was comprised of 26 universities. The position was then given to Kevin Reilly.

Smith cited both his family and ties to Tech as reasons for declining the offer in a 2004 interview with *The University Daily*.

Neither Smith nor anyone from the Georgia System could be reached for comment. *The Daily Toreador* will have more information as it becomes available.

Recruiting

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told justices: “There are two messages going on here and they are clashing. There is the military’s message, which the schools are interpreting as ‘Uncle Sam does not want you,’ and there is the school’s message which is ‘we do not abet those who discriminate. That is immoral.’”

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said: “Your argument would allow schools to exclude anybody in a uniform from a cafeteria.”

Justice Stephen Breyer said that many people disagree with government policies, but they are not allowed to get out of paying taxes or following laws because of that.

Outside court, about a half-dozen supporters of the law from Topeka, Kan., waved signs and yelled at reporters and passers-by in front of the court before the argument.

Dan Noble, 26, a gay Yale Law School student who camped out overnight to get a courtroom seat, said, “You feel discriminated against when some recruiters will interview your fellow students but won’t interview you.”

In an unusual move, immediately after the argument the Supreme Court released an audiotape to news organizations because of high interest in the case. Cameras are not allowed in court and recordings of the proceedings normally are not released until the end of the term.

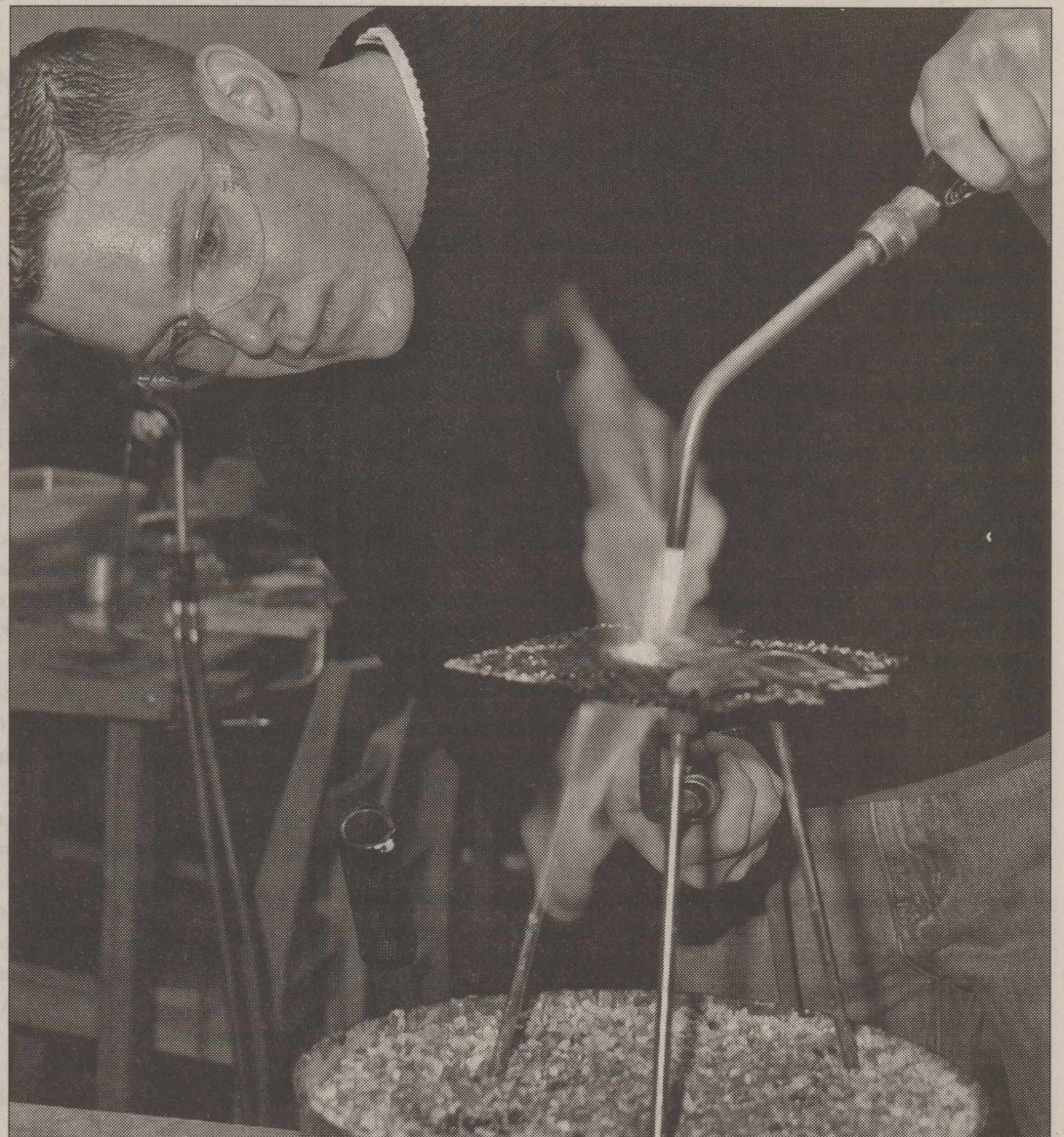
A federal law, known as the Solomon Amendment after its first congressional sponsor, mandates that universities, including their law and medical schools and other branches, give the military the same access as other recruiters or forfeit federal money.

Federal financial support of colleges tops \$35 billion a year, and many college leaders say they could not forgo that money.

Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, who is retiring and probably won’t get to vote in the case, said colleges can post disclaimers on campus noting their objections to the military policy.

Rosenkranz said that when schools help military recruiters, like sending out recruiting e-mails on their behalf, then students think the schools endorse their messages — even with disclaimers.

FIRE STARTER



CAITY COLVARD/*The Daily Toreador*
AARON DUNN, A senior studio art major from Midland, welds a metallic bird as part of his container project for his metal arts class Tuesday afternoon.

Credit

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you.”

A poor credit history could be a stumbling block on the career path, he said. A 4.0 GPA means little to some prospective employers if it is paired with a low credit score.

Brett Barker, a sophomore pre-med major from Texarkana, said although many people use credit cards because they are convenient, he would rather use cash.

“I really don’t use my credit card that much because of the whole fear of credit card debt and missing a payment,” he said.

Ryan Scheckel, an academic adviser, said the media sometimes exudes the idea that young people are not always aware of how to make sound financial decisions.

“In general, the financial health of the American culture is partly to blame,” he said. “They don’t do a good job teaching people financial decision-making skills.”

Scheckel said credit card problems among students can occur at any time during the year, yet the travel costs and gift expenses associated with the holidays draw in additional focus.

“Budgeting is what’s important,” he said.

Paying for gifts with cash is preferable to continually using credit cards, he said.

Students who find themselves in a tight position because of credit card debt can seek help with Tech’s own Red to Black financial solutions organization, Scheckel said. Red to Black is available to students at no additional cost to them.

He said the organization offers debt-management strategies, budgeting and general information for Tech students.

“My experience is that most students don’t know about Red to Black,” Scheckel said.

Students seeking financial help can contact Red to Black at (806) 742-9781 or via e-mail at redtoblack@ttu.edu.

Crash

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Iran.

Twenty-one people in the apartment building also died and 90 were injured, Tehran state radio said. Only nine of the injured were hospitalized late Tuesday, Talaei said on Iranian television.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who was visiting Saudi Arabia, sent condolences.

“Rescue teams are required to employ their maximum capability to save and help the survivors,” state-run television quoted Ahmadinejad as saying. He asked one of his deputies to take charge and ensure survivors receive the help they need.

The plane, which belonged to the army air force, had just taken off for Bandar Abbas in southern Iran when it developed engine trouble. As it headed back to Mehrabad Airport, the pilot was unable to maintain sufficient altitude and hit the apartment complex, state-run television said.

The report discounted sabotage or terrorism. Aviation officials were not available for comment.

Witness Iraj Moradin told *The Associated Press* the plane appeared to be circling the airport when its tail suddenly burst into flames, leaving a smoke trail as it plummeted.

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- 17 Palace near Paris
- 19 Buzz off
- 20 Common conjunction
- 21 Those on the lam
- 22 Just manages
- 23 Paid players
- 24 Actress Christine
- 26 Landlord
- 29 Creche figures
- 30 Future louse
- 33 Killer whales
- 34 Walks in water
- 35 Wildebeest
- 36 Thai currency
- 37 Repairs
- 38 Herring's kin
- 39 WWII zone
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- 41 Bird droppings
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- 43 Table scraps
- 44 Gabled window
- 45 Succinct
- 47 Sandwich pocket
- 48 Make a hole
- 50 Most likely
- 52 Table support
- 55 Numbered musical piece
- 56 Palace near Madrid
- 58 Trip ratio
- 59 Select few
- 60 Light brown
- 61 Red coin?
- 62 Church assembly
- 63 Fender flaw

DOWN

- 1 Type of bean
- 2 Harbinger
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By Alex Kochergin
Sunnyvale, CA

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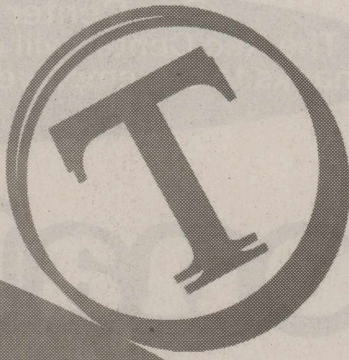
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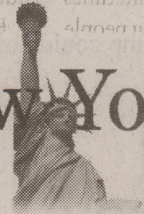
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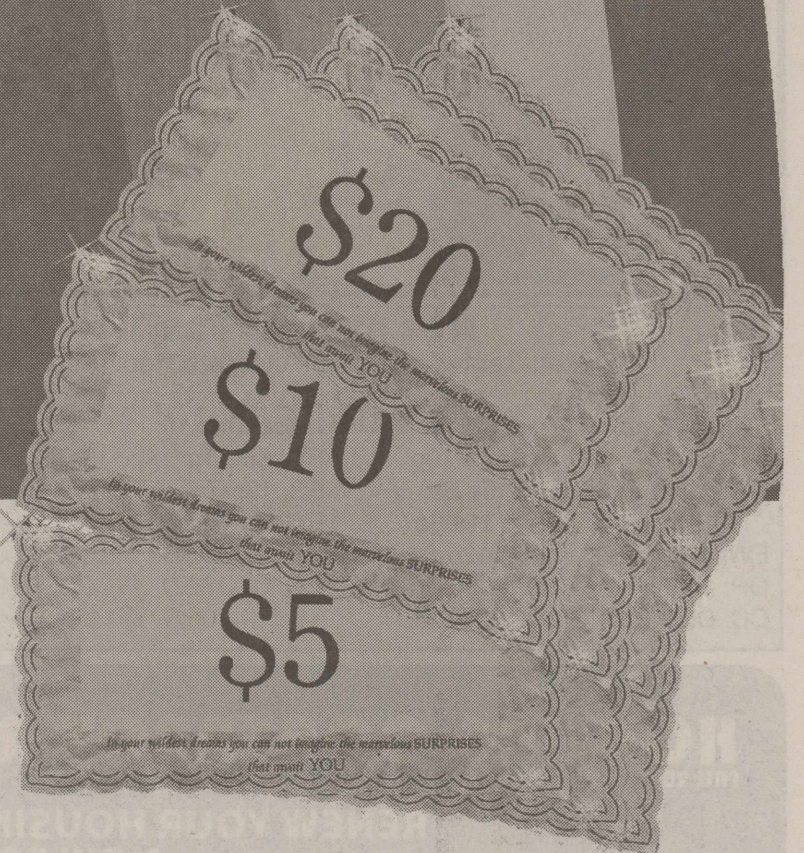
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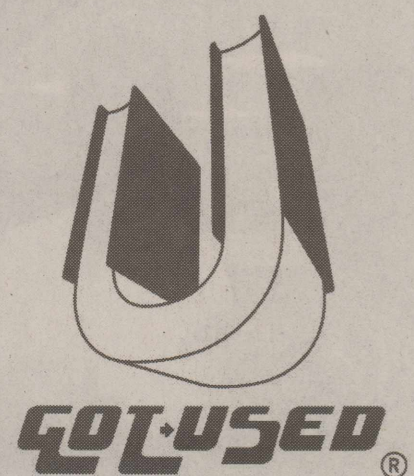
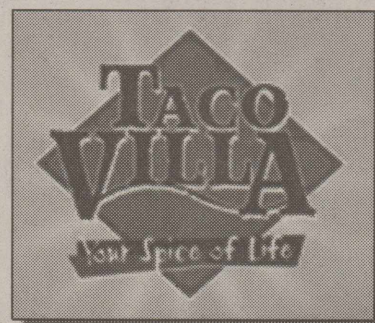
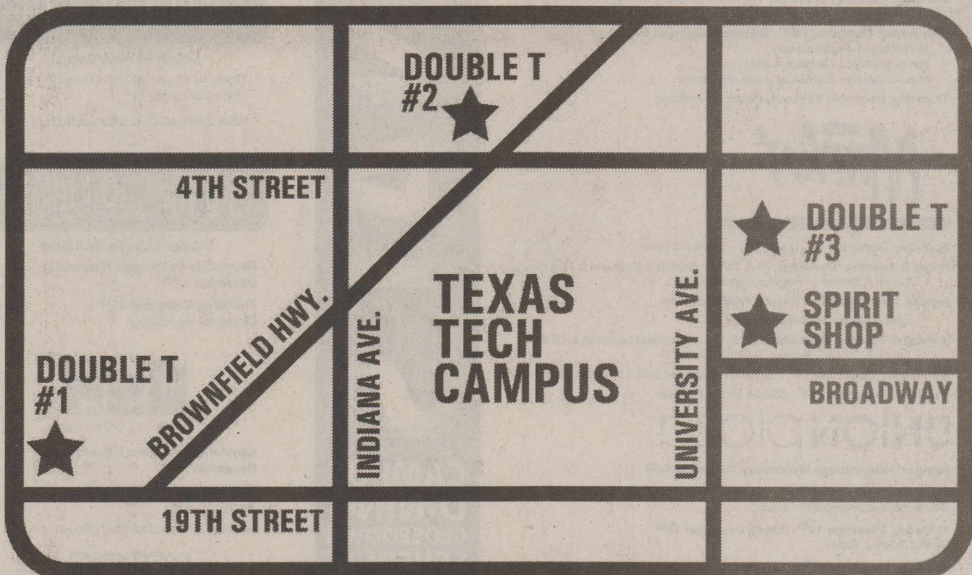
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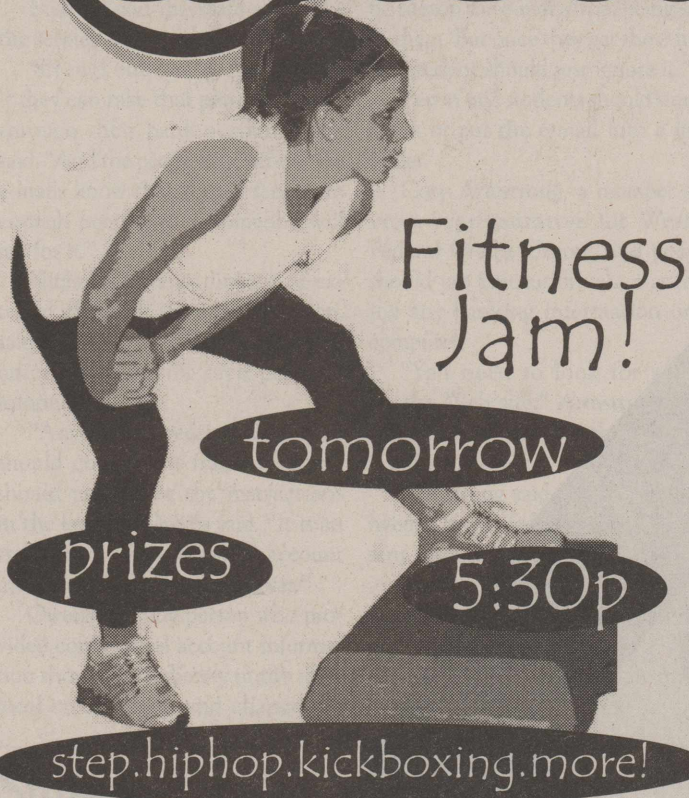


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Group Exercise

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- Friday, December 9th
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5:30p Shape & Tone
- Saturday, December 10th
3:00p Cardio Step
- Sunday, December 11th
4:15p Shape and Tone
- Monday, December 12th
12:10p Step Express
4:15p Power Ball
5:30p Cardio Step/Abs
5:30p Shape & Tone
- Tuesday, December 13th
12:10p Shape & Tone
4:15p Cardio Step/Abs
5:30p Total Body Condit.
5:30p Power Ball
- Wednesday, December 14th
12:10p Step Express
5:30p Cardio Step/Abs
5:30p Shape & Tone
- Thursday, December 15th
12:10p Step Express
5:30p Total Body Condit.
- Friday, December 16th
12:10p Step Express
5:30p Shape & Tone

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Winter Break Ski Rentals

OPC will start taking reservation November 30th for ski and snowboard rental over winter break. Come check out the K2 skis and blades and the Burton snowboards.

Package price includes: skis, boots, and poles or snowboard/blades and boots. Cost for a Wednesday, December 14, pick-up and a return date of Monday, January 2, is \$60 for skis or \$90 for snowboards/blades.

Another option would be for December 14 pick-up and a return date of January 11. The cost for this option is ski \$85 and snowboards/blades \$105. Call the OPC for more info at 742-2949.

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The Outdoor Pursuits Center presents a Wilderness First Aid course January 14-16 to be held in Lubbock. This course is perfect for those of you who hunt, hike, mountain bike or simply enjoy spending time outside. Wilderness First Aid takes treatment of injuries a step beyond urban first aid. You will be challenged with hands-on opportunities, and you will learn about some of the medical emergencies that can occur while you are outside.

The course includes wound care, dislocation reduction technique, focused spine assessments, and epinephrine administration. This course will be taught by the nationally recognized Wilderness Medicine Training Center. The cost for this 3 day course is \$175. For more info contact Jordan Messerer at 742.2949 or jordan.messerer@ttu.edu

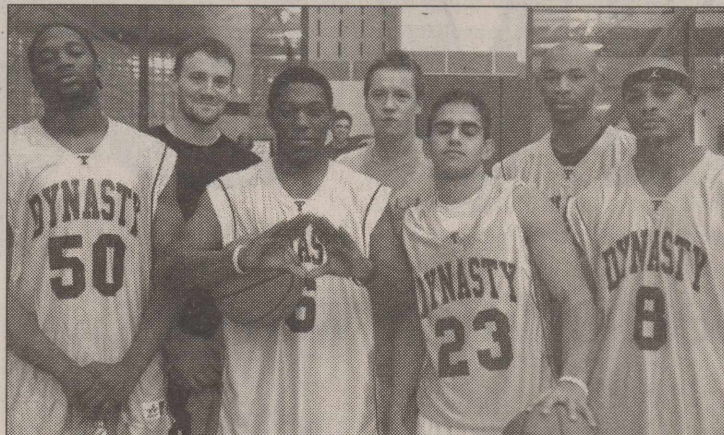
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Volleyball crowns its Champions

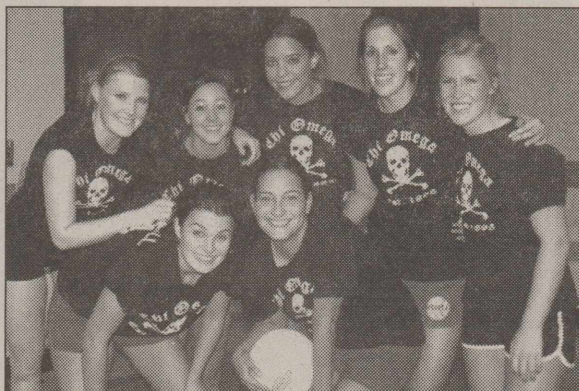
The Volleyball season ended Monday night with the crowning of the Men's Greek Black champion - Beta "A" and Greek Red Champion - Phi Kappa Psi "A". Beta was led by a good team effort and defeated Phi Kappa Psi who was fueled by hitter Matt Hester. In Men's Open action, Tim's Team continues their yearly domination by outscoring Los Guapos (the handsomes) in the Men's Open final, and, for the second straight year, go onto defeat Beta A in the Men's All-University game. Tim's Team members are Tim Davis, Tyler Garner, Nick Gay, Joshua Jowers, Bryce Oman, Neil Patwardhan, and Clay Whitehead.

In Women's action, 2nd String was crowned for the 3rd straight year as Women's Open champion. After losing outside hitter Pam Klein to graduation, captain Sarah Bujol replaced the hitter and continued her winning ways. However, also for the 3rd straight year, the Women's Greek Champion - Chi O Red claims All University Champion by defeating 2nd String in three games. For the second straight year the final game went to Chi O Red 15 points to 14. Chi O Red team members are Lyndsey Ralston, Colleen Tomlin, Alexandria Mitchell, Haylee Mills, Kara Kennedy, Paige Gillum, and Mariann Chapman.

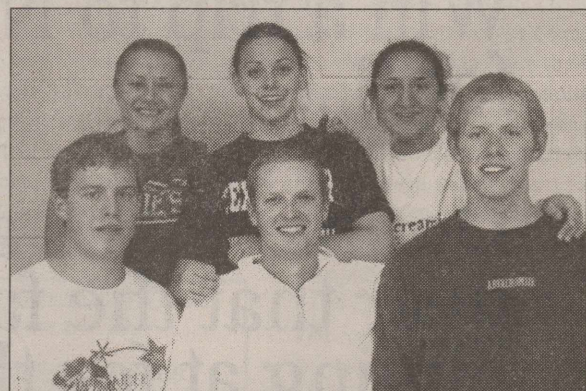
In co-rec recreational action, Eat It defeated Kweer Smasher. In co-rec competitive division, number #1 seed Team Stomp could not stop Tim's Team's dominate hitter. Tim's Team members are Tim Davis, Tyler Garner, Bryce Oman, Dana Hogan, Lori Giron, and Janna Williams.



Tim's Team



Chi O Red



Tim's Team

Rec Sports Facility Schedule

December 8-December 17

RC-Rec Center	ES-Alternate Pool (8th & Akron)	FW-Fitness/Wellness	OP-Outdoor Pursuits Center	CC-Climbing Center
Thurs, Dec 8 RC: 6a-7p ES: 6a-8a 12:30p-3p FW: 12p-7p OP: 1p-5p CC: CLOSED	Fri, Dec 9 RC: 6a-10p ES: 6a-8a 11a-8p FW: 12p-8p OP: 12p-5p CC: CLOSED	Sat, Dec 10 RC: 8a-10p ES: 12p-7p FW: 2p-6p OP: CLOSED CC: CLOSED	Sun, Dec 11 RC: 12p-10p ES: 12p-7p FW: 2p-6p OP: CLOSED CC: CLOSED	Mon Dec 12 RC: 6a-10p ES: 6a-8a 11a-1p FW: 12p-8p OP: 12p-5p CC: 4p-7p
Tue, Dec 13 RC: 6a-10p ES: 6a-8a 12:30p-3p;7-10p FW: 3p-7p OP: 1p-5p CC: CLOSED	Wed, Dec 14 RC: 6a-8p ES: 6a-8a 11a-1p;7-10p FW: 3p-7p OP: 1p-5p CC: 4p-7p	Thurs, Dec 15 RC: 6a-8p ES: 12p-2p 4p-7p FW: 3p-7p OP: 1p-5p CC: CLOSED	Fri, Dec 16 RC: 6a-8p ES: 12p-2p 4p-7p FW: 3p-7p OP: 12p-5p CC: 4p-7p	Sat, Dec 17 RC: 2p-6p ES: 2p-5p FW: CLOSED OP: CLOSED CC: CLOSED

HOUSING CONTRACT RENEWALS

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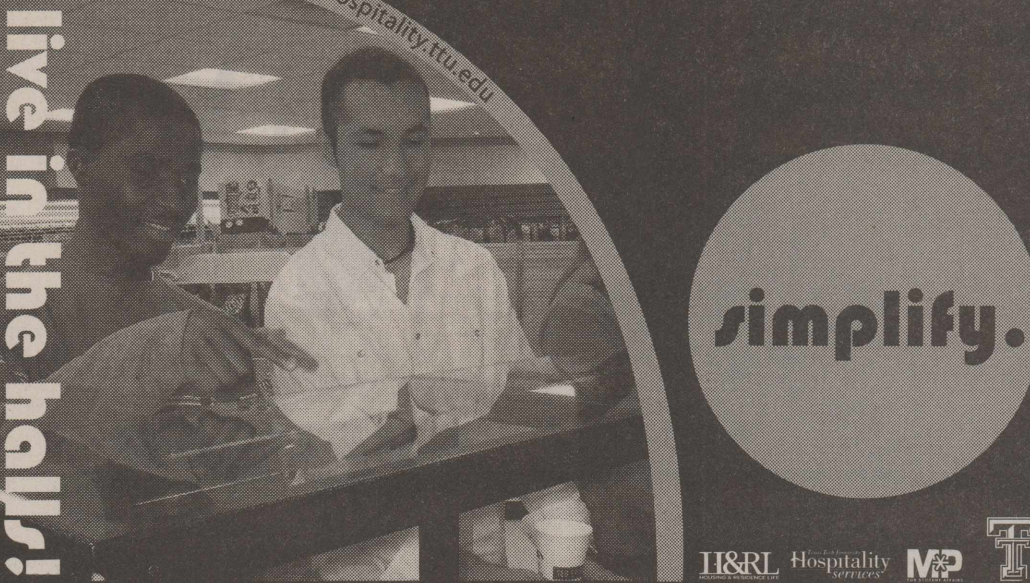
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- Friday & Saturday, December 9th & 10th: Breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Lunch & Dinner - Regular Weekday Hours (Bledsoe/Gordon will be open on Saturday, December 10th)
- Sunday, December 11th: Hulen/Clement & Horn/Knapp - Weekend Hours Bledsoe/Gordon - Closed
- Monday & Tuesday, December 12th & 13th: Breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Lunch & Dinner - Regular Weekday Hours
- Wednesday, December 14th: Breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Horn/Knapp - Breakfast only Bledsoe/Gordon - Breakfast and Lunch Hulen/Clement - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Thursday, December 15th: Closed for the Holidays

Market

- Thursday, December 8th: Dead Day - Weekend Hours
- Friday & Saturday, December 9th & 10th: Breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Lunch & Dinner - Regular Weekday Hours
- Sunday, December 11th: Regular Weekend Hours
- Last night for Late-Nite service
- Monday & Tuesday, December 12th & 13th: Breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Lunch & Dinner - Regular Weekday Hours
- Wednesday, December 14th: Breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m., lunch until 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 15th: Closed for the Holidays

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- Thursday, December 15th: Dining Plans accepted until 10 a.m.
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- Closed Sunday, December 18th
- Monday, December 19th - Thursday, December 22nd: Steak Escape, Taco Mayo and Union Grill only Open 7:30am - 4pm
- Closed Friday, December 23rd - Sunday, January 1st

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- Tuesday, December 13th: Open 7 a.m. to Midnight
- Wednesday, December 14th: Open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Thursday, December 15th: Open 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., will accept dining plans. After 10 a.m., Closed for the Holidays

SOM'S PLACE

South at Wall/Gates

- Open 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. through Friday, December 9th
- After 2:30 p.m. closed for the holiday

SOM'S PLACE

Student Union Building

- Regular Hours through Wednesday, December 14th
- Thursday, December 15th: Closed for the Holidays

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- Wednesday, December 14th: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- After 3 p.m. closed for the holiday

UNION DINING

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- December 15th: Dining Plans accepted until 10 a.m.
- Thursday, December 15th - Friday, December 23rd: Coffee Bar and Sandwiches only

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Battle in the woods: New Mexico fights over gas, oil

By MEGHANN LORA
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The state of New Mexico has taken on Goliath in a battle over natural resources.

New Mexico's Valle Vidal and Otero Mesa regions represent some of the leading recreational and wilderness areas in the country — both of which have been targeted by the federal government and oil companies for oil and gas development.

The Valle Vidal was donated to the American people in 1982 by Pennzoil Co. and harbors one of the densest concentrations of wildlife in the state, including its prized elk herd. The Otero Mesa encompasses more than 1.2 million acres and is considered North America's largest and wildest Chihuahuan Desert grassland remaining on public lands.

Nathan Newcomer, grassroots organizer for the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, said protecting the Valle Vidal, Otero Mesa and other wilderness areas in New Mexico from oil and gas exploration is important to New Mexicans.

"The Forest Service received over 55,000 comments opposing drilling in the area," he said.

In April, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and Attorney General Patricia Madrid sued the federal government in an effort to limit dramatically oil and gas drilling on southern New Mexico's Otero Mesa, according to a news release.

Newcomer said this is a landmark case because it is

the first time a state has sued the federal government over a public lands issue.

Along with the governor, state representatives are working to protect New Mexico's natural resources.

Rep. Tom Udall, D-N.M., introduced H.R. 3817 to bar mineral extraction in the Valle Vidal. The resolution would not change the area's status and would ensure that the current recreational and ranching uses of the Valle Vidal will continue, according to a news release.

In October, the Valle Vidal Protection Act was presented to the House Resource Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.

"The bottom line is that drilling for the miniscule amount of gas that exists in Valle Vidal will absolutely not reduce the price of gas for any Americans now or in the future," Udall said in a news release. "The only thing drilling will accomplish is destruction of this priceless gem that New Mexicans are desperate to save for our future generations."

Dave Mitchell, owner of the Outdoorsman in Lubbock, said drilling for oil and natural gas would not be detrimental to the Valle Vidal or other wilderness areas.

"I think it would do absolutely nothing to the recreational activities in the area," he said.

The necessity for oil and natural gas in the U.S., Mitchell said, outweighs the need to leave wilderness areas untouched.

"The day's going to come where we need to not be

reliant on the Middle East," he said. "I think we have to be able to sacrifice a little. You better get (oil) where you can find it."

There have been many examples of drilling in natural landscapes that have been restored to their native beauty after drilling was completed, Mitchell said.

"Nobody wants to mess with a beautiful landscape," he said. "If you look at those areas that are done well, when they leave, all they leave is a road. They can actually manage the herds better with the road."

Thomas Michael Power, an economics professor at the University of Montana, completed a study about the local economic impacts of natural gas development in the Valle Vidal. He concluded that committing the spectacular natural landscapes of the Valle Vidal to commercial mineral development would not bring real economic development to the area, according to the study.

"Committing that particular landscape to natural gas extraction would be an economic mistake," Power said. "That area is prized for its wildlife and recreational activities. That was a trade-off. You had an area that was very valuable with its recreational activities that was already supporting the area substantially."

In his study, Power also concluded that consciously managing and protecting the natural landscapes for the environmental services they provide is the key to diversification and economic development in the Valle Vidal.

The study examined gas development in other areas

of New Mexico and Colorado to make a prediction of the possible economic impact of drilling in the Valle Vidal. Power found the economic benefits to the local communities to be small because of the use of an outside workforce.

"There's been a lot of gas development just to the east of that area," he said. "I concluded that there was only very modest impacts in employment and income. The impacts in terms of economics in the immediate area would be so small in large part due to the fact that the workforce for natural gas extraction is so mobile."

In August, Richardson nominated the waters of the Valle Vidal for protection under the Outstanding Natural Resource Waters clause under the Clean Water Act and New Mexico Water Quality Standards.

To be eligible for protection, waters must have ecological or recreational significance. Achieving a protected status would allow current activities in the area to continue but would prevent degradation of the waters, according to the New Mexico Environment Department's Web site.

A hearing about the protection of the Valle Vidal water is scheduled for Dec. 13 in Santa Fe, N.M.

"That would essentially demonstrate that the state is 100 percent committed to protecting our waters," Newcomer said. "That would make it much more difficult to come in considering coal bed methane development needs to produce a lot of water out of the ground to produce the coal bed methane itself."

LET IT SNOW FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Techsans prepare for winter wonderland vacations, break from school

By ANNE GEPFORD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

With some Texas Tech students traveling to colder places than Texas during the holiday break, extra steps have been taken to ensure Jack Frost does indeed nip at their noses.

Amanda Brown, a senior electrical engineering major from Pampa, said she will be spending part of her break in Colorado to get away from the stresses of the traditional school semester.

"It's mass chaos here at Tech," she said. "I'm just excited to get up on those mountains and not worry about anything but falling on my face."

Last year, Brown and her friends went to New Mexico to ski, but this year, they wanted to go somewhere different, she said. The main influence on their decision was the amount of snow different areas traditionally receive during late December and early January. "This year, we wanted to go to Wolf Creek," she said.

After researching the prices for the area of Wolf Creek, Brown said group of about nine or 10 college students decided it would be more efficient to stay at a lodge rather than a hotel.

"It drops the price of housing," she said. "It's cheaper than a cheap hotel, really. We mapped it all out on Excel."

Brown said she and her boyfriend planned the entire trip, which includes students from schools other than Tech, as well.

"I think it's going to be really fun," Brown said. "The first night we get there, we're going to watch 'Out Cold.'"

Martha Quinton also will be going to Colorado with students both from Tech and other schools, but she did not have to do most of the planning.

Quinton, a senior public relations major from

Lampasas, said she will be returning to GreekSide this year, a program in conjunction with The Navigators, a Christian organization at Tech.

Last year, about 20 Tech students attended, and Quinton said this year she expects that number to at least double.

"The trip is not to ski, but there's a lot of workshops you do," she said. "I probably won't ski. I went skiing last year, and I didn't like it. I'd much rather hike in the mountains."

While Quinton will be connecting with other students around the nation on a personal level, she said the trip is also about learning as well.

"Basically, they equip you to be a light in the Greek community," she said. "It was a blast last year. We still keep in contact."

Not all Tech students have chosen their holiday break location by the weather, conference or price, however.

Staci Barker, a senior English major from Granbury, said her experience in Russia this break will be different from her past experiences abroad in France and Slovakia.

"My boyfriend is a missionary in Russia," she said. "I haven't seen him in six months."

Barker said this eight-day trip during the holidays is not about school, a mission trip of her own or sight-seeing.

"Normally I just hang out with my family," she said. "I've never gone anywhere over Christmas break."

By immersing herself in another culture and language, Barker may learn more than she anticipates, but she said she is most excited about seeing her boyfriend.

"I'm excited because I've never been to Russia," she said. "I'm actually kind of nervous because I don't know any Russian."

Candlelight at the ranch

Ranching Heritage Center offers historical holiday insight, living exhibit

By LINDSAY WHARTON
FEATURES WRITER

Donna Wright will not be dressed in her normal attire this weekend. Wright, coordinator for the Texas Tech Center in Seville, Spain, is a volunteer for the 27th Annual Candlelight at the Ranch.

Wright, along with the other volunteers, will dress interpretively, in the clothes of the original pioneers that transformed the frontier into the city of Lubbock.

The event centers on what these pioneers would do during the Holiday season.

She said people who are interested in experiencing a part of history and being a part of a Christmas tradition will enjoy this event.

"In each building, there will be sort of a living postcard," Wright said. "You pass by and look through

the windows at what people are doing to celebrate Christmas."

There will also be traditional decorations. Twelve-thousand luminary bags will decorate the event.

The Candlelight at the Ranch is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the National Ranching Heritage Center. On Saturday, the ranch exhibit will open at 5:30 p.m. for those who need special assistance.

Stephanie Gray, manager of elementary education and volunteer programs for the National Ranching Heritage Center, said she believes the event would be a fun holiday activity for Tech students.

"I encourage Tech students to take a break from finals and enjoy it," Gray said. "It's a beautiful event."

The center features many ranch structures on its property. For the

Candlelight at the Ranch, 17 of the museum's buildings will be decorated in the style original Lubbock pioneers would have used. Volunteers will dress in traditional clothing and perform traditional Christmas activities.

Wright said she has been a volunteer for the event since 1995.

"It's fun just to dress up and get into character," she said. "I have a real appreciation and love for people that first came and settled in this area."

Wright will be baking cookies in a vintage oven. She and her husband also will demonstrate country dances at the Cowboy Christmas Ball.

The ball is where volunteers and participants can demonstrate and learn traditional and familiar country dances. Lanny Fiel and the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band will perform.

Christina Applegate, Johnathon Schaech file for divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Christina Applegate and her husband, Johnathon Schaech, are calling it quits after four years of marriage.

The couple have filed for divorce in Los Angeles Superior Court. Their publicists, Ame Van Iden and Chuck James, confirmed the split Monday.

"The decision is mutual," they said in a joint statement without further comment.

Applegate, 34, played ditsy daughter Kelly Bundy on TV's "Married — With Children" and earned a Tony nomination for her role in "Sweet Charity" on Broadway.

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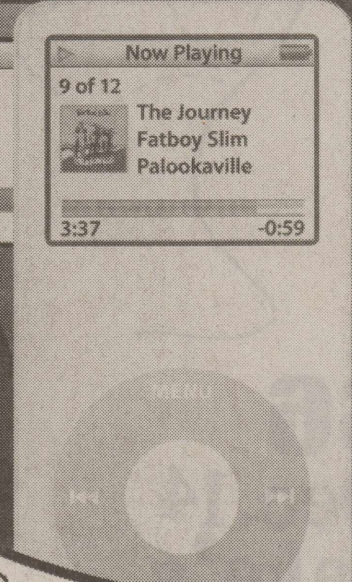
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Habitat for Humanity plans 'musicians' village' in recovering New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Singer Harry Connick Jr. and saxophone player Branford Marsalis are working with Habitat for Humanity to create a "village" for New Orleans musicians who lost their homes to Hurricane Katrina.

More than \$2 million has been raised for the project dreamed up by Connick and Marsalis—a neighborhood built around a music center where musicians can teach and perform, said Jim Pate, executive director of New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity.

The first \$1 million came from benefit concerts in New York three weeks after the storm, said Quint Davis, the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival producer who helped arrange the concerts.

"The money being used to build these homes for New Orleans musicians was raised by New Orleans musicians. Our pact with them was to help New Orleans' musical community," Davis said at a news conference Tuesday.

In a telephone interview Monday, Connick said he and Marsalis—both honorary chairs for the national Habitat's hurricane rebuilding program—returned to their hometown several weeks after the storm and were trying to think of ways to help.

"I had been kind of coming up blank. The problem is so massive, it's hard to know where to begin," Connick said. "As we talked, we both realized we should really stick to what we know, which is music."

Connick said four or five of the 16 musicians in his own band lost their homes. "There's a ton of musicians who have no place to go," he said.

Pate said Habitat hasn't decided on a location for the village, but is looking at three older, predominantly black neighborhoods in New Orleans.

He said \$7.5 million to \$15 million is needed for the project, which would include a music center named for Ellis Marsalis, the jazz pianist, educator and patriarch of the musical family that includes Branford, Wynton, Delfeayo and Jason.

"Ellis has been kind of a rock for

music in this city," Mayor C. Ray Nagin said.

Branford Marsalis said the project is a thank you to the musicians "who made it possible for people like me and my brother Wynton and Harry Connick Jr. to get out and spread the word."

Habitat cannot reserve houses for a specific group, and non-musicians would also live in the village, Pate said. However, musicians who lost their homes and have no or too little insurance—and will provide labor for a Habitat house—will be asked if they'd like to live there.

"We'd hope some of our musician partner families could do some of their sweat equity by doing performances or concerts for some of our volunteers who are coming from all over the world," Pate said.

It's a fantastic idea, said Banu Gibson, who sings '20s and '30s jazz.

"So many musicians have moved out of town, and a lot of the good ones, too, which is really depressing," she said.

Gibson is back in her own house, but two of the seven musicians in her band lost homes they had bought in the last couple of years. "All the money they raised to put down as a house payment, \$25,000 to \$35,000, is gone," she said.

Bassist Peter "Chuck" Badie, 80, would love to see the dream become reality, and to live in a Habitat home.

"I'd be tickled to death," said Badie, who's staying at a jazz enthusiast's home after floods destroyed his house in the Lower Ninth Ward. "A village for musicians would be the finest thing. But build it where!"

The New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity covers Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard parishes, and is in the "embryonic" stages of adding Plaquemines Parish. Pate said it hopes to build 250 to 500 houses in the four parishes, and possibly as many as 200 in the musicians' village.

"We desperately need them back, because they are the soul of our community, or much of the soul of our community," he said.

Fresh Princess: Jada Smith to play Lubbock

Wicked Wisdom brings progressive punk metal act to town Thursday

By KATY MERLET
FEATURES WRITER

More than three years ago, Wicked Wisdom set out on an expedition to create music outside of the genre box.

The band is fronted by actress Jada Pinkett Smith and backed by musicians with pasts that bring this band their uniqueness, according to the band.

The band includes Pocket Honore on lead guitar, Phillip "Fish" Fisher on drums, Rio Lawrence on bass guitar, and Cameron Grave on rhythm guitar and keyboard.

Smith always had a love for music. She said she can remember listening to various types of music growing up.

"I remember my uncle listening to Santana, Led Zeppelin, Ozzy Osbourne and Bob Marley, and my grandfather listened to jazz," she said. "My family was very eclectic."

Wicked Wisdom does not like to define their genre, because it believes that it cannot fit into one kind.

"I think it takes away from the music when we put our music into one genre. I like to call it progressive rock, there is a lot of heavy metal sound," she said.

It was not long until the band caught major buzz and was asked to tour Ozzfest 2005.

"We were shocked when we got the phone call," she said. "It was a real learning curve, we worked very hard for the tour."

Smith said Ozzfest was a very rewarding experience, because she met a variety of people.

"It was good to get out from behind the red rope and shake hands and take pictures with different people," she said. "It was the most gratifying

experience of all."

Honore, who also has an eclectic musical background, said playing Ozzfest was a great experience for the band.

"We were in disbelief, we gained a lot of respect," he said.

Smith said going from acting to the music industry was a vast transition.

"I had a lot to learn when I went to the music industry, but it was not hard once I learned. I took the advice I needed and I was a humble learner," she said.

Taking care of a family can be hard on its own, but when there is an acting and singing career involved managing your time can be difficult.

"You have to know when to prioritize, and if you know that you will be fine," she said. "My family travels with me and they love it. It can be challenging, but you have to put one foot in front of the other and roll with it."

Smith said it has taken a couple of tries to get the band where they wanted to be, but now she has a group with the same vision.

Honore said their band makes them different from others, because it approaches the music from different angles.

"We are always evolving and our lyrics take on different issues," he said.

Wicked Wisdom performs Thursday at South Beach located in the Depot District.

The band is set to release its self-titled debut Feb. 21, and shortly after it will start its U.S. tour.

Smith has never been to Lubbock, but is excited for her first time.

"I love Texas and love the energy the people have," she said. "We hope everyone that comes to see the show will enjoy it."

"I had a lot to learn when I went to the music industry... I was a humble learner."

— JADA PINKETT SMITH
Front Woman of Wicked Wisdom

NBC joins Apple for adding television shows, more than tunes to new iPods

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—NBC Universal has inked a deal with Apple Computer Inc. to become the second network to sell television shows a la carte on Apple's online iTunes store, the companies announced Tuesday.

More than 300 episodes from about a dozen prime time, cable, late-night and classic TV shows are now available for \$1.99 apiece, viewable on computers or downloadable on the latest, video-capable iPod.

The programming spans from the 1950s to the present, including shows from "Alfred Hitchcock Presents," "Dragnet," USA Network's "Monk," the Sci-Fi Channel's "Battlestar Galactica," and NBC's hit series "Law & Order." Sketches from "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" are also for sale.

Apple unleashed a dramatically different way of distributing television programs when it debuted videos for sale on its iTunes Music Store on Oct. 20 with Walt Disney Co.'s ABC as its first network partner. Customers have since downloaded more than three million videos.

The latest deal expands Apple's TV catalog from five shows to 16.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

For NBC, the move is part of its growing digital distribution strategy to be "as ubiquitous as possible," Jeff Zucker, president of General Electric Co.'s NBC Universal Television Group, said in a phone interview.

The network recently signed a deal to begin selling replays of its most popular shows on an on-demand basis through satellite TV provider DirecTV Group Inc., and last month announced it is collaborating with Sprint Nextel Corp. to make Leno's monologue and comic sketches available on mobile phones.

NBC had been in talks with Apple's chief executive Steve Jobs since the beginning of the year as Apple was developing its new video-playing iPod, Zucker said.

"Seeing how well it's been received by the consumer has given us a lot more comfort and confidence with it," Zucker said of the downloadable TV shows. "As long as our content is protected from piracy, then there will be no barriers."

"There's certainly more to come," he said.

Videos sold on iTunes are wrapped in Apple's copyright-protection technology, which allows users to store their purchased content on up to five computers and transfer them to iPods. Users cannot copy the TV shows to a CD, DVD or the Internet.

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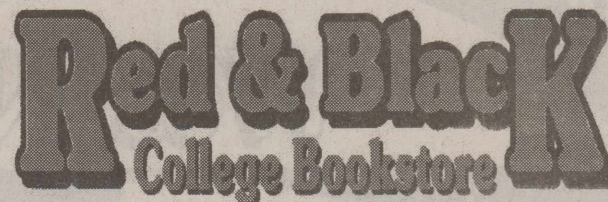
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Mom, apple pie, Dwayne Slay

Safety named Sports Illustrated First-Team All-American

Things that describe Texas Tech safety Dwayne Slay: AP Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year; First-Team All-Big 12; leading tackler among Big 12 defensive backs; now, yet another adjective can join the list — All-American.

Tuesday Sports Illustrated named Slay a member of its First-Team All-America squad. Slay becomes the first Red Raider to receive the first-team

honor since Monte Reagar. The honor tops a long list of accolades Slay has accumulated in his final year as a Raider. He is one of only four defensive backs in the nation to be named to the team.

The senior tallied 101 tackles on the year, averaging 9.2 per contest ranking him third overall in the Big 12 and joined three other players from the Big 12 to receive the honor.

His eight forced fumbles, including two against Kansas State, was enough to rank him No. 2 nationally.

Slay, and the rest of the No. 18 Raiders (9-2), will look to cap its best season since 1977 with a win over No. 13 Alabama (9-2) in the AT&T Cotton Bowl at 10 a.m., Jan. 2 in Dallas.

—Trey Shipman/
Sports Editor

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San Antonio could be new home to Marlins

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Florida Marlins president David Samson visited San Antonio on Tuesday as part of a preliminary search for a possible new home for the team.

Samson said the city was the first stop on a tour that will last three to five months.

"We're not a free-agent pitcher. We're a team looking for a right fit," Samson said.

The Marlins have struggled to attract large crowds at Dolphins Stadium, home of Miami's NFL team, since their inception in 1993. They can leave after their lease expires in 2007.

After previous owner Wayne Huizenga boosted payroll, the Marlins won the 1997 World Series. But poor attendance that season led to a

roster purge, and the depleted Marlins finished last in 1998.

The Marlins, two years removed from another World Series title, are getting rid of high-priced players again this offseason. They recently abandoned plans to build a stadium in downtown Miami.

Major League Baseball has given the Marlins permission to explore relocation. Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, plans to travel to Miami on Thursday to discuss the Marlins' ballpark situation.

Samson was escorted by Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff and San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger.

"We don't know where it all might lead, but it's a start," Wolff said.

San Antonio is the interim home

for the Hurricane Katrina-displaced Saints. The NFL team faces questions about returning to New Orleans, but commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Monday he believes the Saints will play some games in New Orleans next season.

"It's only one indication of how San Antonio is moving forward on all fronts, that the Marlins are even here talking to us," Hardberger said.

Samson also is expected to visit Las Vegas, Portland, Oregon and other cities he didn't disclose.

San Antonio is home to the Double-A Missions of the Texas League.

The Missions, affiliated with the Seattle Mariners, play at Wolff Stadium, which is named for the county judge and ex-mayor.

Winter meetings day two: Burnett signs, Dodgers get manager, Manny talk heats up

DALLAS (AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays emerged as baseball's new big spender, agreeing to a \$55 million, five-year contract with pitcher A.J. Burnett on Tuesday.

One week after giving reliever B.J. Ryan a \$47 million, five-year deal, the splurging Blue Jays landed the top starting pitcher on the free-agent market, one they hope will help them compete with the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox in the AL East.

"Sooner, rather than later, we're going to see a new team on top there," Burnett said.

On the second day of the winter meetings, the Los Angeles Dodgers filled the last open manager's job in the major leagues, hiring former Boston manager Grady Little, still blamed by Red Sox fans for leaving in Pedro Martinez too long in Game 7 of the 2003 AL championship series.

"That's New England and it's Boston," Little said. "All they want to do is win, and that's all we were trying to do."

On the trade front, the San Francisco Giants sent right-hander LaTroy Hawkins to the Baltimore Orioles.

The Cincinnati Reds reached a preliminary agreement to send first baseman Sean Casey to the Pittsburgh Pirates for left-hander Dave Williams, a deal subject to physicals.

There also was talk the San Diego Padres would deal third baseman Sean Burroughs to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays for right-hander Dewon Brazelton.

Among free agents, Cleveland was negotiating with closer Trevor Hoffman

and the Seattle Mariners were said to be talking with Kevin Millwood. San Diego improved its proposal to retain Hoffman, offering a deal with a 2008 option that could become guaranteed under certain conditions.

Designated hitter Mike Piazza appears to be attracting interest from the Los Angeles Angels, Seattle and Minnesota. Shortstop Rafael Furcal's \$39 million, three-year agreement with the Dodgers could be finalized Wednesday.

Officials of the New York Mets had a meeting with the Boston Red Sox on Monday and discussed Manny Ramirez. The Mets are waiting for the Red Sox to get back to them with what it would take to put together a deal for the 2004 World Series MVP, who wants out of Boston.

Mets general manager Omar Minaya also called New York pitcher Kris Benson to discuss trade rumors.

"I'm getting calls on him," Minaya said. "His name is out there. It's a hot name right now."

Houston Astros officials said they wouldn't decide until Wednesday whether to offer salary arbitration to 43-year-old Roger Clemens, who hasn't decided whether to retire or pitch next year. If the seven-time Cy Young Award winner isn't offered arbitration by the 11 p.m. deadline, he couldn't re-sign with his hometown team until May 1.

Toronto hasn't finished first in the AL East since winning the 1993 World Series. General manager J.P. Ricciardi, given a three-year contract extension through 2010 on Tuesday, has been aggressive in his pursuit of pitching.

GREAT MINDS



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TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL coach Mike Leach stands with business tycoon Donald Trump Tuesday in Trump Towers in New York.

STUDENT COTTON BOWL TICKET SALES INFORMATION

Texas Tech announced the sale of student tickets for the Cotton Bowl will go on sale this week.

Members of the Red Raider Club will be allowed to purchase tickets Thursday while all other students will have the opportunity Friday.

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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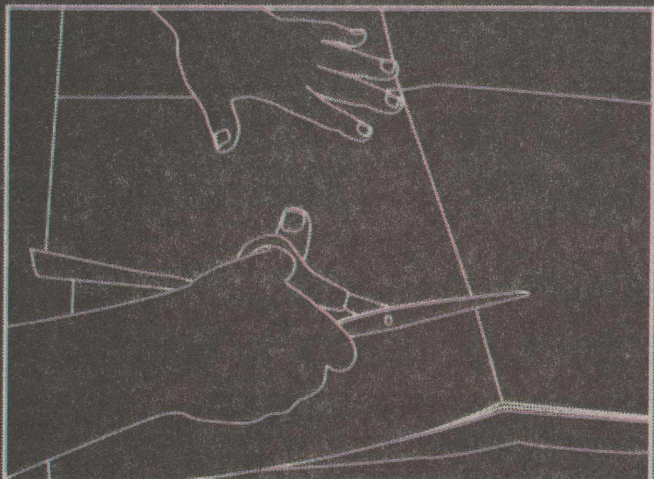
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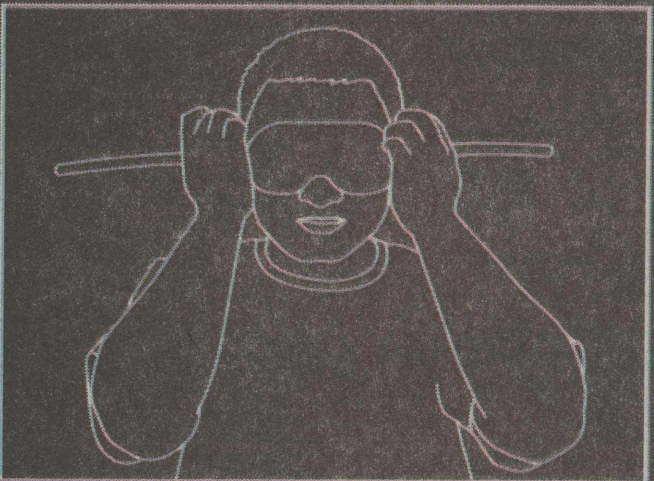


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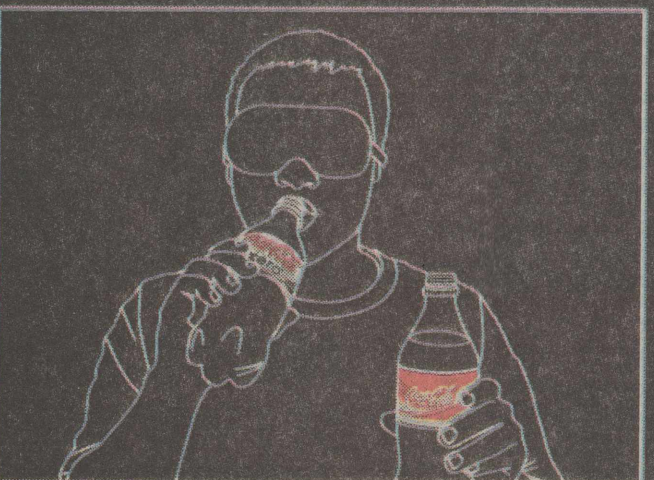
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