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STATE

Baylor-area Hooters opens to controversy

WACO (AP) — A minister opposed to a new Hooters restaurant says no more protests are planned now that it's open. "We've done all we can do. We'll just leave the rest to the Lord," said the Rev. Greg Brumit, who disapproved of the increased traffic in the neighborhood as well as the skimpy outfits worn by Hooters waitresses. "They're welcome to come down the street to our church." Last fall, Brumit was among dozens of ministers who wrote a letter to city and county officials, saying Hooters should not come to Waco. After the opposition was publicized, the McLennan County Sheriff's Department and East Texas Medical Center Emergency Medical Services said they would ask their employees not to eat at Hooters in uniform. Waco is home to Baylor University, the world's largest Baptist university.

NATION

SCOTUS will hear death row inmate's appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Wednesday to hear a Florida death row inmate's appeal which challenges that state's lethal injection method, just hours after the court dramatically stepped in to stop the man's execution. Clarence Hill, 48, had been strapped to a gurney with IV lines running into his arms Tuesday night when Justice Anthony M. Kennedy issued a temporary stay, Hill's lawyer said. The full court made the stay permanent Wednesday and told attorneys the case would be argued on April 26. A Florida Department of Corrections spokeswoman said Hill would be moved off of death watch, a cell block adjacent to the execution chamber, and back to death row. "What a fantastic day. What a fantastic day," said D. Todd Doss, Hill's attorney. "What a relief." Hill argues that the three chemicals used in Florida executions — sodium pentothal, pancuronium bromide and potassium chloride — cause pain, making his execution cruel and unusual punishment.

WORLD

Prince Harry joins army, may go to Iraq

LONDON (AP) — Prince Harry, the third in line to the British throne, will join the armored division of the army's oldest unit and could serve in Iraq, the Ministry of Defense said Wednesday. Harry, 21, will serve in the Blues and Royals regiment of the venerable Household Cavalry. "It's fair to say that if his squadron goes to Iraq, he will probably go with it," a ministry spokesman said on condition of anonymity in line with ministry policy. News reports said Harry hopes to lead an armored reconnaissance troop, which deploys in Scimitar vehicles and acts as the eyes and ears of the force commander. There are two divisions within the Household Cavalry: the armored division, where Harry will train, and the mounted regiment, which performs ceremonial duties, including guarding the queen on ceremonial and public occasions. Clarence House, the office of Harry's father, Prince Charles, said the young prince will join the Blues and Royals in April after completing his training.

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Domestic spying debate rages on

Bush visits NSA, defends surveillance

By NEDRA PICKLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP) — President Bush, defending the government's secret surveillance program, said Wednesday that Americans should take Osama bin Laden seriously when he says he's going to attack again. "When he says he's going to hurt the American people again, or try to, he means it," Bush told reporters after visiting the top-secret National Security Agency where the surveillance program is based. "I take it seriously, and the people of NSA take it

seriously." It was Bush's first comment about bin Laden since a tape was aired last week in which the al-Qaida leader warned that his fighters are preparing new attacks in the United States. Bin Laden offered the American people a truce, without specifying the conditions, but the White House said the United States would never negotiate with the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks. Bush's NSA visit was part of an aggressive administration effort to defend the surveillance program. Some experts and

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Sen. Clinton calls Bush explanations 'farfetched'

By RON FOURNIER
AP POLITICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton on Wednesday called President Bush's explanations for eavesdropping on domestic conversations without warrants "strange" and "far-fetched," launching a blistering attack on the White House ahead of the president's State of the Union address. "Obviously, I support tracking down terrorists. I think that's our obligation. But I think it can be done in a lawful way," the New York Democrat said.

Clinton, a potential 2008 presidential candidate, told reporters she did not yet know whether the administration's warrantless eavesdropping broke any laws. The senator said she did not buy the White House's main justifications for the tactic. "Their argument that it's rooted in the authority to go after al-Qaida is far-fetched," she said in an apparent reference to a congressional resolution passed after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist

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CASH COW

Japan's decision impacts West Texas beef sales

By DANIELLE NOVY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Taiwan and Japan may be on the other side of the globe, but their recent decisions regarding U.S. beef imports will have profound effects on the West Texas community. Taiwan announced Wednesday that the island nation is lifting a ban on U.S. beef imports, while conversely Japan is standing by Friday's decision to suspend U.S. beef imports after backbones and rib bones were discovered in a recent shipment. Burt Rutherford, communications director at the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, said Japan maintains a strict policy that all beef they receive from the United States must be boneless. The bones detected in the U.S. meat sent up red flags because such bones possibly can harbor mad cow disease. Aiming to dispel rumors that U.S. beef had been incorrectly processed, Rutherford said the veal sent to Japan complied with U.S. safety requirements and offered no threat to consumers. "It didn't represent any type of a food safety concern," he said. "It was merely a technical violation; it was never a safety violation." Rutherford said while Japan's ban on American beef meant more meat would be absorbed into the U.S. economy, Taiwan's reintroduction of U.S. beef stock offers economic benefits to ranchers and farmers on a slightly smaller scale. "Adding Taiwan back as a customer for

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TALENT AFTER DARK



LAUREL MARSAC, A freshman advertising major from Houston, performs an a cappella version of "I Had a Dream" by Joss Stone during the Texas Tech Activities Board's After Hours Open Mic Night in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building Tuesday night. Landon Smith and David Dunn will perform at the next After Hours Feb. 7.

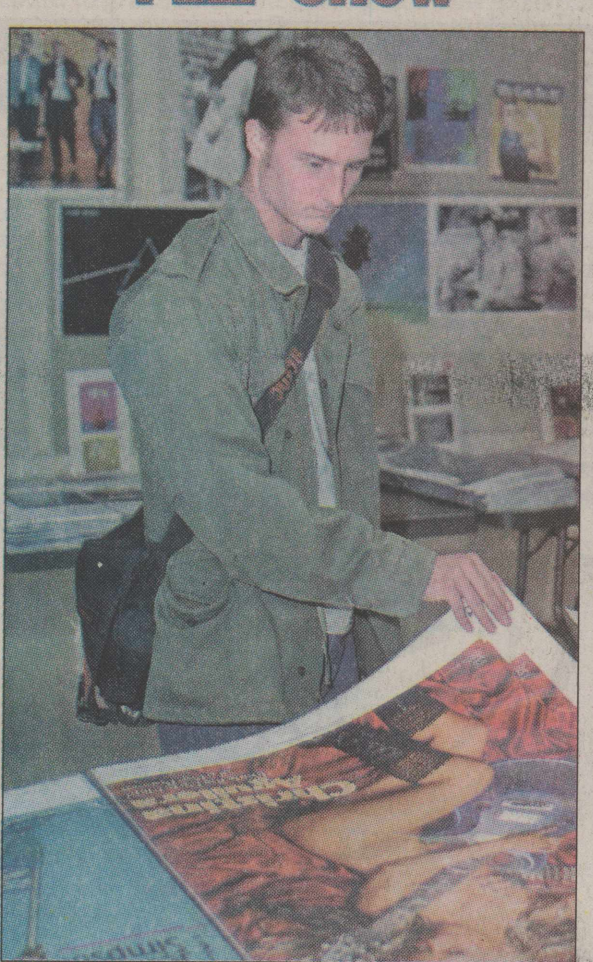
By CHRIS ATWOOD
FEATURES WRITER

Texas Tech's After Hours Coffee Shop debuted Tuesday night with a moderately full house in the dark Matador Room to showcase live talent including songs, prose recitations, comedy acts and slam poetry.

The event was sponsored by the Tech Activities Board and was organized by Kelly Berger, a junior public relations major from San Antonio, who is the event chair and coordinator. "We wanted to start something new, and we

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PEEP SHOW



JOSEPH VANDERVENTER, A sophomore electrical engineering major from Dallas, looks at a Christina Aguilera poster at the sale in the Student Union Building Wednesday afternoon.

Tech accounting professor hopes to make the House his new home

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

A Texas Tech accounting professor hopes to go from the classroom to the House of Representatives. Tech professor Robert Ricketts has entered this year's District 19 Congressional race, representing the Democratic Party. Ricketts said the country's fiscal situation is one of the main reasons he decided to run for Congress. "Looking at the policies Congress has implemented, they're just disastrous," he said. "I just decided to throw my hat in the ring and give it a shot. We definitely need to fix the tax and fiscal policies of the current government." Ricketts said people should look at the current tax situation instead of party affiliation. The Democrat said the current tax policies are an injustice to Americans. "It's grossly unfair for unwealthy individuals to pay 15 percent on dividends, while self-employed individuals pay 40 percent," he said. As a Tech professor, he said he hopes to gain support from the student body. He said the current tax plan would affect the younger generation more than it will affect the baby boomers. To serve in Congress, the Ricketts will have to defeat the district's current Congressman, Randy Neugebauer. Neugebauer unseated longtime Democratic Congressman Charles Stenholm during the 2004 congressional elections, winning more than 58 percent of the vote. Although many believed Stenholm was a conservative Democrat, some believe his affiliation with the Democratic



Ricketts

Party caused his defeat. According to the Bay Area Center for Voting Research's Web site, Lubbock is the No. 2 most conservative city in America. Voting results was the major component in the study. Ricketts said voters should look at issues are more important than politics. "I think personally that most conservatives agree with me that the tax system is unfair," he said. "I know conservative people that abhor corruption as much as I do." Ricketts said the campaign should stay focused on political issues, and he and Neugebauer can campaign without calling out personalities. He said people can expect fewer negative TV commercials, and he only would focus on Neugebauer's voting record. The 2004 Congressional race also was the most expensive in the country, he said, and the two candidates spent a combined \$6 million. Ricketts said he does not plan to spend much money campaigning, and word of mouth will be his campaign strategy. He also said he will focus on the "average voters" more than "large donors." Ricketts said there should be better public education and better health care for the public. He also said abortion still is an important issue for Democrats and Republicans.

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The next generation of learning: Coursecasting comes to Tech

By **KATIE KINNEY**
STAFF WRITER

The iPod now has a new, more educational purpose behind it besides just music or video.

Pick-A-Prof, a company that allows students to rate professors, has developed a new technology called coursecasting, which is a new way to hear recorded lectures from professors.

"The professor plugs in a microphone to their iPod and hits record," said Karen Bragg, director of university relations at Pick-A-Prof. "After they are finished lecturing, they press stop, plug it in to their computer and upload the information to their Web site on the computer where students can download it onto their iPod or computer."

Texas Tech is the third university in Texas to receive the new technology.

"We started providing service to the University of Texas and Texas A&M University last semester, but

only a handful of professors were using it at the time," Bragg said.

She said a big reason to start this program came from students wanting more helpful ways to study and do better in their classes.

This program would allow students to listen to their professor's lecture as many times as they want and also help with their notes.

"I think it will help when students go through their notes for exams and need extra supplemental instruction," said Amanda Gallagher, a professor of public relations at Tech.

Gallagher also believes this will help students in classes that are larger and more difficult to hear the professor speak.

"My voice doesn't carry very well so this may help students in a big classroom who can't hear or missed a part of the lecture and need to go back," Gallagher said.

Yet this program has not come without doubt. Some professors at

other colleges have a concern that is this will give students a reason to not attend class. Bragg has a different opinion.

"We have proven that this is not the case. Professors who have used coursecasting say that they have not seen a decrease in class attendance," she said. "Students using this program are ones that have missed class or need extra help. I think students are underestimated for their understanding of the value of learning and attending class."

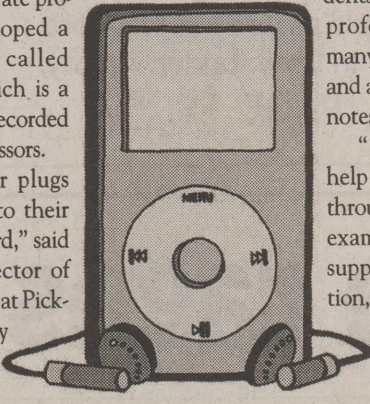
Gallagher said she can see where that can be a concern for professors, but she believes it still is a good idea to have the program.

Although the program is already approved and underway at Tech, not many professors know of the program, but that does not bother Gallagher.

"I would be willing to try it out as long as the process wasn't too difficult and if the College of Mass Communications supported it," Gallagher said.

There is no fee to download professors' lectures online, and it is available to any student whose professor participates in the program.

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Seven from same family killed in school bus crash in Florida

LAKE BUTLER, Fla. (AP) — Seven children alone in a car were killed Wednesday in a fiery crash when their vehicle was crushed between a truck and a stopped school bus in rural northern Florida. At least three children on the bus were seriously injured.

The truck hit the car from behind and pushed it into the bus, causing the car to burst into flames, said Lt. Mike Burroughs of the Florida Highway Patrol.

All seven of the people riding in the car were killed. Their ages ranged from 15 years to 21 months and all were related, police said.

It was unclear why the children were unaccompanied.

Evidence from the scene showed that the truck, which was carrying bottled water, did not brake before hitting the car, Burroughs said.

The bus ended up 200 feet from where the car struck it, and the cab of the truck lay overturned near the scene, Burroughs said. The bus was at an approved bus stop, but it was not immediately clear whether children were getting on or off.

"It's a very chaotic scene," Burroughs said. "It's just a mangled,

charred mess."

Nine students were on the bus, but the extent of their injuries was also unclear. State police said three were seriously hurt and six others suffered minor injuries. Hospital officials said two were in critical condition and three were in serious condition.

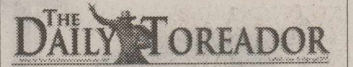
The drivers of the bus and the truck were also taken to a hospital. The truck driver suffered minor injuries, and authorities planned to interview him. The bus driver was thrown from the vehicle, and her condition was not immediately known.

Authorities did not release the identities of any of the drivers or passengers involved.

The bus was operated by the Union County school district, which has three schools from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade in the area about 60 miles southwest of Jacksonville.

The National Transportation Safety Board said it was sending a team of investigators.

Fatal accidents involving school buses are relatively rare. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 71 passengers and 42 drivers been killed since 1994 in school vehicles — an average of about 10 people per year.



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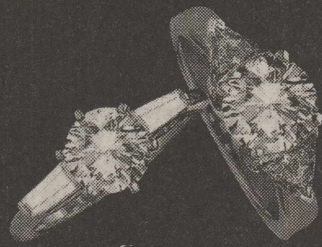
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Meat

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U.S. beef will reflect positively on our market," he said. "Although, the value of Taiwan's market is not even 10 percent of what the Japanese market was."

Rutherford said West Texas has seen strong cattle prices throughout the past year, but a window back into the lucrative Japanese market could provide expansive opportunities.

"The thing about Japan that was important to us was what Japan can potentially represent," he said. "The potential is that Japan can be very significant for us."

Don Ethridge, a professor in the department of agricultural and applied economics, said Japan's suspension

could dually hurt the Texas beef industry and spill onto the overall trade industry.

"Japan is an important market," he said. "The longer they ban it, the greater the impact it will have. This is an issue that has to be worked on by trade negotiations."

He said such bans are not felt immediately, but have a lag effect.

In agreement, Rutherford said West Texas ranchers and farmers would eventually feel the recent waves in the international beef market.

"It will not so much be an immediate effect," he said.

Yet, despite Japan's suspension, Rutherford said U.S. cattle prices have been looking positive for the West Texas economy.

"An individual farmer or rancher

in the Lubbock area will, over the next year or so, probably see an increased demand for beef if cattle prices continue to be strong," he said.

The beef trading industry has seen both ups and downs since the first case of mad cow disease was discovered on U.S. soil in December 2003, Rutherford said.

Still, the beef industry brought in an estimated \$78 million in 2005, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Web site. There also were an estimated 27.6 pounds of beef consumed.

"Our goal as an association and the goal of the U.S. beef industry, on a much larger level, is to get to whatever 'normal' is going to be in a post-mad cow world," Rutherford said.

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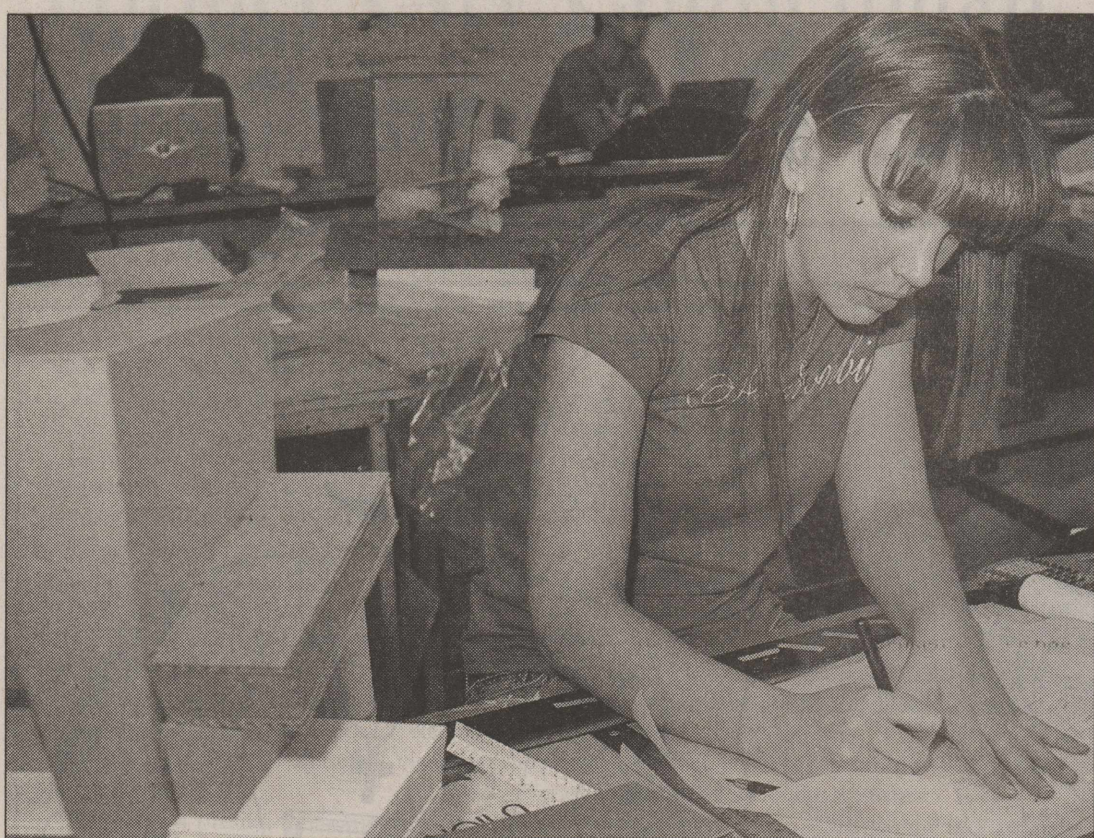
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A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT



KRISTEN TUDOR, A senior architecture major from Dallas, works on a design for a facility on the San Antonio River Walk during her design studio 4 class Wednesday afternoon.

Alito accepts GOP congratulations as Senate moves toward his confirmation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito took a victory lap in the Senate on Wednesday, accepting congratulations from Republican leaders as lawmakers moved toward confirming him in a largely party-line vote.

A few hours after the final confirmation debate began, Alito met with Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, Majority Whip Mitch McConnell and Judiciary chairman Arlen Specter in a room in the U.S. Capitol that directly faces the neighboring Supreme Court.

The conservative judge shook their hands and joked with the Republican leaders and thanked them for their efforts as senators debated his nomination on the Senate floor. Alito, who met privately with more than 80 senators since his October nomination, thanked "all of the senators who supported me and were kind enough to meet with me."

The New Jersey jurist was chosen by President Bush to be the replacement for retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"I call on the United States Senate to put partisanship aside and give Judge Alito the up-or-down vote he deserves," Bush said at the White House, "and confirm him as the next associate justice of the Supreme Court."

Alito has enough support from 51 Republicans and Democratic Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska to assure his confirmation.

With the rest of Democrats showing little interest in a filibuster, the 100-member Senate is expected to make it official with a majority vote before Bush's State of the Union on Jan. 31.

"We're on the final leg," Frist, R-Tenn., assured Alito before congratulating the 55-year-old judge from the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Alito's nomination was advanced by the Judiciary Committee on Tuesday on a party-line vote, with all of the Republicans voting for him and all of the Democrats voting against him. He is not the first Supreme Court justice to get a partisan vote from the committee. Justice Louis Brandeis, who served on the court from 1916-41, also was voted out of committee along party lines.

"I'm certainly in good company, if that's the case," Alito said.

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Students offer various reactions to Chancellor Smith's resignation

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

Throughout the Texas Tech campus, Chancellor Dr. David Smith's sudden resignation has students buzzing.

Needing time to look at other leadership positions in the country, Smith stepped down as chancellor Tuesday, and Tech students have mixed opinions about it.

"I guess it would affect the university if he doesn't have any reasoning," said Kayla Greer, a sophomore early childhood education major from Houston. "It isn't setting a good example for the community."

Rebekah Garvin, a junior psychology major from Keller, said she believes his recent decision was made with integrity.

"Sacrificing morals isn't worth any job. I just think it's very wise of him to think of the necessities," she said. "I can't look down on him for that."

On Tuesday, Smith told *The Daily Toreador*: "I've had time to realign some of my personal goals. You look ahead, and it always seems like you don't have time. I think I'm at the point where I can do that."

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"I don't think it'll affect us anyway," he said. "I think we'll be fine without him. It won't affect me any."

One of Smith's most memorable moments came Feb. 2, 2004, at United Market Street in Lubbock, where he had a public dispute with Tech basketball coach Bob Knight. That is what Rachel Frederick, a junior biology major from Shattuck, Okla., said she will remember him for.

However, Frederick said she acknowledges what he has accomplished.

"I think his legacy's going to be able to go on," she said. "He's put enough in order. It's not really going to affect us."

Smith's resignation will become effective Feb. 28. The board of regents are expected to meet Monday to formally accept Smith's resignation and discuss the process the members will use to choose the next chancellor.

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WHILE HE WAS HERE

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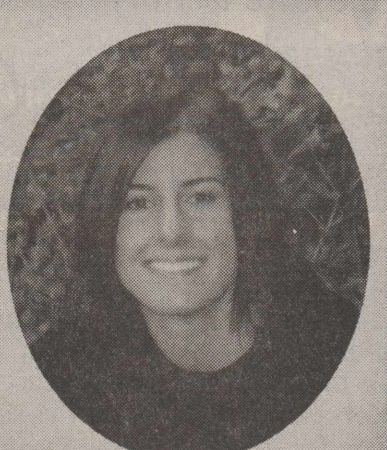
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- The university received more than \$100 million in federal appropriations.
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- More than \$500 million was put toward new facilities.

Source: News releases

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
College of Mass Communications

Dear Tech Family:


On June 18, 2005, our family's life was forever changed. Our daughter, Kelsey Lauren Kidd, a senior journalism student, was killed in an auto accident in Dallas. I am Chris Kidd, her father, and I am writing on behalf of Kelsey's family to express our appreciation to the Texas Tech community for the outpouring of support you gave to us. Tech truly is a family, and when one of its own suffers a tragedy, the university also suffers. I now have firsthand knowledge of Tech's generosity and caring spirit. This family spirit is not just a cliché at Tech – it's a fact.



I am a Tech alumnus and graduated in 1977. That's why Kelsey attended Tech beginning in 2001. Kelsey loved Tech and the friends she developed while attending school. She was looking forward to graduation and moving to Dallas to start a new part of her life. However, she would not make her final trip home in December. Kelsey was scheduled to graduate Dec. 17. Because of the graceful manner in which the Tech administration and staff handled this untimely death, Kelsey graduated posthumously Dec. 17 by awarding me her degree in journalism. I cannot say enough about the tenacity that the university exhibited to accomplish this important milestone in our family's healing process and Kelsey's legacy.

The commencement ceremony was both the most difficult and wonderful event for Kelsey's family. I was honored to accept Kelsey's diploma on her behalf and on behalf of her family. The walk I took to the podium to accept her diploma was one I and her family will remember forever. This walk was not only symbolic of our love for Kelsey, but I was taking Kelsey's steps to accept her diploma that she would have been taking herself. It became very moving to me as I realized the amazing honor and obligation I had toward Kelsey by accepting her degree. As I shook each hand in accepting her diploma, I could see in the eyes of the president, chancellor and other distinguished academicians on the congratulatory panel that awarding Kelsey a diploma was sincerely moving and meaningful to each of them. The respect they gave me reflected how much they did care about Kelsey – only one student among 28,000 students. Our family is so overwhelmed by the positive response and support from the Texas Tech family. Words cannot adequately express our wonderful feelings toward the university. Texas Tech University will always be close to the heart of our family, so our family simply says, "Thank You."

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Former City Councilman considering encore campaign

By MICHELLE CASADY
STAFF WRITER

Recently, Victor Hernandez, former Lubbock City Council representative for District 1, announced he will be considering running for his old seat.

Hernandez served on the City Council for from 1993-2004. He stepped down in 2004 to run an unsuccessful campaign for municipal court judge.

Linda De Leon is the current City Council representative for District 1.

"I am leaning more toward running simply because of the reaction I am getting from the district," Hernandez said.

Though an official campaign has not been announced as of yet, Hernandez has put together an exploratory committee made up of several citizens living in the district to poll other residents and advise Hernandez on whether he should run.

"Right now, we have three meetings scheduled, and we will discuss the probability of me running again," he said.

Hernandez said they hope to reach a decision soon. The reason Hernandez considered running again was because of the wishes expressed by several residents of District 1.

"I've been asked to come back. People in the district have called me and asked me personally to run again," he said.

Hernandez declined to comment about the incumbent city councilwoman Linda De Leon's decision to run for re-election.

He instead said he in no way intends for his campaign to be an

"anti-Linda campaign."

"I have a proven track record of getting things done and not only representing the district, but also bringing home the bacon," Hernandez said.

Hernandez graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He graduated from Texas Tech law school in 1987.

Hernandez is also a veteran and a former captain in the United States Army. He served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

If he does decide to run and is elected, Hernandez hopes to be a voice for the people of District 1.

"With everything going on in North Overton, we really need to have a strong voice and good representation," he said. "I want to do exactly what I did before — make sure my district is heard and make sure we get our fair share."

Exploratory committee member and 21-year Lubbock resident Lala Chavez Salinas is happy about the idea of Hernandez running.

"I think Linda did a great job with LISD, in fact I kind of wish she would go back," she said. "I just feel like now we need a stronger voice on the City Council."

Salinas said she in no way discounts what De Leon has done as a City Council representative.

"If anyone is going to get something going for our district, I think (Hernandez is) the one who will do it," Salinas said. "He really listens to what we have to say. It doesn't just go in one ear and out the other."

Salina said she hopes if Hernandez does decide to run and is elected to the Council, her neighborhood



Hernandez

will be able to see many positive improvements.

"We would like to see some promises followed through on with the new little league baseball fields and we would also like to see a new building (for after-school programs) built in our neighborhood," she said.

Salinas lives in the Guadalupe neighborhood.

"Victor has leadership skills, he has a vision for our community and he has compassion — compassion for the people," Salinas said.

Though Hernandez remained firm on his campaign not being an "anti-Linda" campaign he did make mention of a few comparisons between their styles of representation.

"Look at the amount of money coming into the district and the number of construction projects going on now versus when I was there (on the City Council). There is a big difference," Hernandez said.

As of press time, De Leon was not available for comment on Hernandez possibly running for her council seat.

Hernandez said an announcement should be made within a few weeks as to whether he is going to officially run for the Lubbock City Council. The deadline to file paperwork to run is March 13.

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Railroad Commissioner recounts memories of Big Brothers Big Sisters program

By MEGHANN LORA
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Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams took a break from securing affordable, clean energy for the state of Texas to support pulling weeds and grocery shopping.

Williams, the honorary spokesperson for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Texas, spoke at a benefit Wednesday at the Merket Alumni Center to promote volunteering in the Lubbock community.

As a former Big Brother, Williams said he understands the importance of improving the lives of young people. He said he had many mentors in his life that encouraged him to give back to his community.

"I am a former Big Brother," he said. "But even before that, I was blessed in my own family. I had that kind of support system."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lubbock provides adult friendships to children ages 5 to 15 to encourage a better community.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters do not have to do anything special or spend

money on their Littles, Williams said. Pulling weeds, grocery shopping or just spending time together are all ways to impact the lives of children, he said.

"There is a marketable, measurable result that comes from that one-to-one mentoring," he said. "It works."

Penny Ohlhaber, a single mother from Lubbock, said Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lubbock has influenced her family greatly by providing a second adult for her two children.

"I've always told my kids they should have another adult they can hang out with and talk to because you don't always tell your parents everything," she said.

Kailey Ohlhaber said she enjoys having her Big Sister to spend time with.

"It's been fun," the 13-year-old said. "We go see movies and go out to eat and hang out."

Kailey said she believes any child would enjoy having a Big.

"It gives them someone to talk to and someone to hang out with," she said.

Megan Shannon, Kailey's Big Sister and a senior biochemistry major

from Pampa, said she has been a Big Sister for more than a year.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lubbock selected Shannon as the Big Sister of the year for 2005. She said she enjoys impacting a child's life through Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"For those of us who have been raised and everything is going well, the least we could do is give back so they can follow their dreams, also," she said.

Lubbock City Council members Tom Martin, Phyllis Jones and Gary Boren attended the event to support volunteer agencies in Lubbock.

"It's very, very important to the community that people volunteer," Martin said.

Everyone has a passion and can use that passion to benefit the community, Jones said.

"I think that (volunteering) is so important," she said. "There's so much we could not do without volunteers in the community. We need all those different passions."

Commissioner Williams said investing in future generations should be important to everyone.

"If we continue to make the effort and the investment in our young folks ... it'd be good for us, it's be good for our communities, it's be good for the great state of Texas," he said.

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TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSIONER Michael Williams, who is also the honorary statewide chairman of Big Brothers Big Sisters, talks to Cindy Miller, executive director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lubbock, before he gives a speech to members of Lubbock community at the Merket Alumni Center Wednesday evening.

Clinton

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attack. The Bush administration has argued that resolution gave the president authority to order such electronic surveillance as part of efforts to protect the nation from terrorists.

"Their argument that it's rooted in the Constitution inherently is kind of strange because we have FISA and FISA operated very effectively and it wasn't that hard to get their permis-

sion," she said. The super-secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court was established by Congress to approve eavesdropping warrants, even retroactively, but Bush has argued that the process often takes too long.

Clinton leveled her criticism at a meeting of the nation's mayors while Bush toured the National Security Agency, which conducts the eavesdropping. The tour was part of the White House's aggressive campaign to defend the practice of eavesdropping on calls and other communications made

overseas from the United States.

Polls suggest the public is divided on whether the administration should be able to eavesdrop on suspected terrorist calls, a practice that has drawn criticism from many congressional Democrats, human rights and civil liberties groups. Bush and his political team have signaled that the eavesdropping program will be a campaign issue in November, part of a broader strategy to cast Democrats as weak on terrorism.

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So far, 29 soldiers seek for repayment for gear

WASHINGTON (AP)—Just 29 Army soldiers have sought reimbursement so far for body armor and other equipment they bought to protect themselves on the front lines. The scant number of requests are largely for updated ceramic body armor and total just \$21,000, *The Associated Press* has learned. That is in contrast to Defense Department officials' predictions last year that the program could impose a financial burden on the military if people pressed for reimbursement for large amounts of protective gear. Prodded by a new law and congressional pressure, Defense officials began the repayment program last October. Troops and their families had gained growing attention for complaints that soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan weren't getting vital

pieces of body armor from the Pentagon. Hometown groups had begun raising money and sending armor to the troops. Army Maj. Paul Cucuzella, who runs the reimbursement program from his office at Fort Meade, Md., said interest is starting to pick up. He said inquiries have grown from one a day to up to a half dozen. "I think the consensus here is that it hasn't been what we thought it would be, but we didn't have any real judgment what it would be," Cucuzella said. Others, though, are faulting the Defense Department, saying it has not aggressively publicized the program. "There can be no higher priority than taking care of our troops.



And since day one — and this is an incredible understatement — the Pentagon has either outright fought or slow-walked implementation of this law," said Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., who pushed for legislation on the reimbursement. Cucuzella said he believes there is no way to know how many soldiers could potentially use the program. But a member of Dodd's staff said the 29 requests seem to represent a small fraction of those who may be eligible, since contractors have reported receiving orders for as much as five to 10 pieces of body armor a week for troops in Iraq or Afghanistan. The aide was not authorized to speak on the record.

Ricketts

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"I think both parties want to reduce the number of abortions," he said. Health care accessibility and governmental integrity are two other reasons Ricketts is running for Congress. He said an improved health care system would improve the economy. "If we can fix health care, which is completely broken, that will go a long way to improve job issues in the country," he said. Ricketts has been a Tech accounting professor since 1988, and currently serves as Frank M. Burke chair of taxation and director of accounting programs at the Rawls College of Business.

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Bush

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lawmakers from both parties have questioned whether it's legal for the government to listen to conversations in the United States without a warrant, which the administration could get through the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. Four leading Democratic senators sent Bush a letter Wednesday saying although they support efforts to do everything possible within the law to combat terrorism, the NSA program is an "apparent violation of federal law." "If you or officials in your administration believe that FISA, or any law, does not give you enough authority to combat terrorism, you should propose changes in the law to Congress," wrote Sens. Harry Reid, Edward Kennedy, Richard Durbin and Russ Feingold. "You may not simply disregard the law." Reporters traveling with the president were only allowed to see a few minutes of Bush's NSA tour, as he walked through the high-tech Threat Operations Center

where intelligence experts monitor Internet traffic. He spoke to reporters from a podium set up in a hallway after completing his tour, but did not take any questions. In keeping with the NSA's secrecy, reporters were required to leave their cell phones, pagers, laptops and wireless e-mail devices outside the complex. The White House negotiated so that the journalists could bring in cameras and video equipment, but they were allowed only to take photos of the president, not the exterior or interior of the facility itself. Bush said the NSA program is limited to communications between the United States and people overseas who are linked to al-Qaida. He said the NSA program has helped prevent terrorist attacks and save American lives, although the government has not given any specifics. "Officials here learn information about plotters and planners and people who would do us harm," Bush said, reading from note cards. "Now, I understand there's some in America who say, 'Well, this can't be true there are still people willing to attack.' All I would ask them to do is listen to the words of Osama bin Laden and take him seriously."

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After Hours

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the option of bringing in people who didn't go to Tech," she said. "But then I thought that what Tech really needs is a program where students, faculty and staff can show off their talent." The After Hours Coffee Shop provides an opportunity for students on campus to perform for other students, Berger said.

"We wanted it on campus so everybody would know where it is," she said. "It's a great place for Tech students, faculty and staff to showcase their talents." Berger said the After Hours Coffee Shop offers an alternative for younger students, those who do not smoke or drink, or who just do not want to go far from campus to have a place to see live talent for free. The After Hours Coffee Shop Open Mic on Tuesday was the opening night and more coffee shop nights

are being planned for the future. The activities board plans on opening the shop at least twice each month to preview the musical, comedic and other talents in the Tech community, said Berger. Although full bands were not allowed on Tuesday, she said she hopes the coffee shop will host bands in the future. Students seemed to enjoy the idea of having something like the After Hours Coffee Shop on campus. "I think it's a good idea," said Melissa Groce, a senior philosophy and

psychology major. "I enjoy listening to and watching people's talents." Students who missed the first open mic night at the After Hours Coffee Shop can attend the next one from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb 7. The show will host acoustic artists from the community and also will feature Landon Smith and David Dunn. For more information about the After Hours Coffee Shop, contact Berger at kelly.berger@ttu.edu.
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles middle school attended by high-profile attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. will be renamed in his honor, officials said.

LONDON (AP) — The Arctic Monkeys sold almost 120,000 copies of their debut album in a single day, and it may become one of the year's top-sellers, retailers said.

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9:00 AM	Sesame Street			Judge Mathis :30 "Aloha a-No-Hu"	Tony Danza	Martha
10:00 AM	Callou :30 Barney	Regis & Kelly :30 Enya	Price Is Right	Judge Joe :30 Judge Joe	The View	Tyra Banks
11:00 AM	Teletubbies :30 Mister Rogers	Jeopardy! :30 Jeopardy!	Young and the Restless (HD)	Judge Hatchett :30 Paid Program	Victory Life :30 Paid Program	Starting Over
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In crisis

Lubbock Rape Crisis Center needs volunteers, begins training today

By LAUREN SCOTT
FEATURES WRITER

For 30 years, the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center has been helping males and females with sexual assault questions and problems. Today is a special opportunity to become a volunteer.

With more than 330 sexual assault victims in Lubbock County in 2005, the organization's need for volunteers is important.

"Our volunteers help out in two ways," said Kelly Whitman, the volunteer coordinator for the Rape Crisis Center. "They maintain our 24-hour hotline, and they meet face-to-face with the assault victim at the hospital."

She said the hotline mainly receives calls from hospitals and law enforcement agencies, including the Lubbock Police Department and the Texas Tech Police Department.

Whitman said volunteers talk with past victims about their experiences and help them with any problems they might have incurred from the assault, including mental, physical and emotional stress.

Although the number of sexual assault victims in 2005 is up about 1 percent from 2004, Whitman does not believe more sexual assaults are taking place.

"I assume more people are reporting it," she said. "And I think the supportive nature of law enforcement is why."

Whitman said one of the goals of the center is to steer people in the right direction after the assault. She said two things are vital for the victim following the assault.

"You need to call the police," she said. "If you don't call the police, you have to go to the hospital to get medically checked out."

The hospital visit is especially important, Whitman said.

"You could be injured internally and not know it," she said. "Or, you could have a sexually transmitted infection. If the victim goes to the hospital within 72 hours, a forensic medical exam can be done."

"Even if you don't want to prosecute, it's for your own protection."

The forensic exam includes foreign hair samples and bodily fluid samples taken from the victim, she said. The volunteer is at the hospital while the victim is being tested.

"We call it immediate crisis intervention," Whitman said. "A volunteer reports to the hospital and stays with the victim while the exam is being done. The volunteer is with the victim to give her support and information."

She said a volunteer also is available for the family of the victim.

"We like to send a male volunteer to a case to help the father of the victim," Whitman said.

Many people believe the center is only for females, but this is not true, Whitman said.

"Of the cases in 2004, 11 percent of the victims were male children," she said, which is why male volunteers are so important to the center's operation.

The center's records are kept completely confidential, Whitman said.

"Records are kept under lock and key," she said. "Our volunteers understand not to talk to any kind of media. It would be hard for a victim to call and know that it wasn't being kept confidential. We don't even have caller ID so we don't know where you're calling from."

A volunteer must be 18 years old. Whitman said the time commitment is not overwhelming.

"We want the volunteers to come in three times a month for the 24-hour hotline," she said, "and be available three times a month to see victims, should one show up. We'll take whatever people are willing to give, though."

Whitman said volunteer training begins today and takes about 30 hours to complete. She said speakers like District Attorney Matt Powell and doctors come to the training to discuss the entire post-assault process.

For further information on becoming a Lubbock Rape Crisis Center volunteer, contact Kelly Whitman at (806) 763-3232.

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Inside the Texas Tech University Press

By **CHRIS ATWOOD**
FEATURES WRITER

There is a mystery about what lies above Traffic and Parking and the IT Central Helpdesk in their offices on Fourth Street. In almost utter seclusion, the offices of the Texas Tech University Press sit above offices that students and faculty visit on a regular basis.

The press opened for business in 1971, according to its Web site. It later split off in 1986 to become the university press.

"This started as part of academic publications," said Judith Keeling, editor of the press.

The press originally started as being linked to PrintTech, a service that allowed graduate students and professors to easily have their works published.

"Since the press opened, it has grown to be small to moderate in size," said Barbara Werden, the design and production manager at the press.

According to its Web site, the press publishes a variety of non-fiction works including those dealing

with natural histories and sciences, studies of southeastern Asia with an emphasis in Vietnam, different aspects of the Great Plains and the American West, and 18th century literature specializing in the works of Joseph Conrad.

All university presses print within certain disciplines, said Werden.

The state of Texas has many university presses, and presses in the same disciplines compete to acquire the same types of works in the areas of Texas history and other regional works, said Noel Parsons, director of the press.

"We go head to head with the University of Texas and Texas A&M for acquisitions," Werden said.

The press offers publishing services of scholarly materials and is a full service publisher, Parsons said.

The literature is first selected to be peer reviewed by other experts in the field the manuscript in question is written. Then, if approved by the editor of the press, it is reviewed by the Press Editorial Committee at Tech, which is made up of faculty and members of the administration,

Parsons said.

Once the piece is approved, it is edited several times and then sent off for printing and binding.

"It's a constant contact between the publisher and author," Parsons said. "It's something that Simon and Schuster just can't do with their clients."

The press generally prints about 20 books per year and has almost 300 books in print to date, said Parsons. The press is scheduled to print 24 books during the next year.

The university press also publishes one poetry book per year, with the author selected by invitation from the press. The works of poetry are selected from poets who have not been published outside of a collective poetry journal, but have been published in journals, said Keeling.

"It's squeaky clean as far as poetry competitions go," Keeling said.

The press does well for itself, grossing almost half a million dollars each year for the past two years, but still receives subsidies from Tech, as well as private gifts and grants.

"The university supports the

press considerably," Parsons said.

Making a profit is not the only thing the press considers as a part of its mission.

"As a university press, it's our main mission to publish works of scholarship," Parsons said. "There's a balance between those books that will support us and the good works of scholars that need to be published."

For many different published works, the press has received awards and been recognized.

"We're well regarded and have received awards, it's something to be proud of," Werden said.

The press silently sits on the second floor of the Traffic and Parking building. However, its name is not unknown to all. Many of its works are syndicated across the nation to various online libraries, and it even has some journals being published in Project Muse, a collection of journals put together by the John Hopkins University Press, which is one of the biggest university presses in the nation, Parsons said.

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Michael Jackson walks the 'drag' at mall in Bahrain

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Michael Jackson visited a mall in Bahrain's capital Wednesday, covering himself in a black abaya robe traditionally worn by conservative Bahraini women and a veil hiding his face.

The 47-year-old pop star was accompanied by three children whose faces were covered with dark scarves. They wore yellow shirts and sweat pants or khakis, without robes.

Jackson was seen leaving Marina Mall holding a young child by the hand.

On the way out through a back door, he shook hands with security guards.

He was wearing an abaya, a robe with long sleeves, under which his pants, white shirt and men's shoes could be seen. His head and face were wrapped in a black veil and he was wearing black gloves.

The veil, abaya and gloves were of a style typically worn by conservative

Bahraini women, though Jackson appeared to be wearing them to hide his identity.

A woman wearing an abaya, jeans and a scarf over her head that partially covered her face accompanied Jackson. She asked photographers to respect their privacy, saying they were scaring the children.

Since his June acquittal in Califor-

nia on child molestation charges, Jackson has made several trips to Bahrain as a guest of Sheik Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the son of Bahrain's king.

In November, Jackson stirred a small controversy in the United Arab Emirates by entering the ladies room in a shopping mall. His publicist, Raynoma K. Bahr, said Jackson didn't understand the Arabic sign on the door and left the bathroom when he realized his mistake.



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On the tube and down the drain

Students express distaste for local commercials, advertising campaigns

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
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Whenever Travis Crow sees the local television commercials about Lubbock and "The Giant Side of Texas," he typically has the same thought.

"I think they need to play that commercial for other cities," he said.

Crow, a senior landscape architecture major from Austin, does not see anything "giant" about Lubbock, or about the supposed "Lubbock sound" as another local commercial depicts.

"I'm from Austin where we have the 'Austin sound' and more bands come out of Austin than Lubbock," Crow said.

The commercial represents the city of Lubbock as a historical music hotspot where people the world around have heard about not only of the Hub City, but also the "Lubbock sound." Among the musical

talents included in this "sound" are the 1950s singer Buddy Holly and Littlefield's own Waylon Jennings.

"I've never heard of (the Lubbock sound)," said Nijla McNaghter, a junior physical therapy major from Clayton, N.M. "Obviously, it's not that big of a deal."

Sara Hynes, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Georgetown, said the only musician from Lubbock she has heard of is Holly. She said she doubts the "Lubbock sound" is heard across the world.

"I think they're exaggerating it a bit," she said.

The bands included in this "Lubbock sound" hinge on Holly and Jennings, but also encompass local bands. Like most other cities, Lubbock has a bar scene which features musicians every Friday and Saturday night, but Crow said he believes those musicians will be there for a while.

"Most of these bands are local artists, and they don't make it big,"

he said.

McNaghter said some local commercials are so bad she has to turn off the television to get away.

"The Ralph's Records commercials," she said. "I hate them so much I have to turn the channel. I think they're retarded."

The commercial includes people dressed in costumes from the movie "The Wizard of Oz" dancing around to the record store, which sits on University Avenue across from Texas Tech.

"They're so annoying and poorly constructed," McNaghter said.

The poor direction and production value might turn many television sets off, but Kellen Green, a sophomore landscape architecture major from Archer City, said he loves the store and that's all that matters.

"They're pretty knowledgeable about music there," Green said.

The music store is the only place Green said he could find many art-

ists he likes. He said the owner is knowledgeable about what bands he is looking for.

"I go in there regularly," he said. "The commercials don't affect my outlook on the store."

When compared with commercials from local bars, Lubbock commercials such as Ralph's Records and commercials from car dealerships do not rate at the same caliber, Hynes said.

"They're so much better," she said.

Rebecca White, a sophomore early childhood development major from Del Rio, said the commercials for bars such as Bleachers Sports Cafe and Bash Riprock's feel more wholesome than the ones for local stores.

"They don't try to be witty or use some other TV show or commercial so people would recognize them," White said.

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Lubbock's live music preview

TODAY
Travis Looney, Katie Howell, Cellus and the Loose Grip - 7:30 p.m. J&B Coffee House, no cover
Jack Daniel's Presents: Thursday Night Groove - 10:30 p.m. Hub City Brewery, \$5
Dr. Scoob & The Acoustic Grove - 8:30 p.m. La Diosa, no cover
Dirty Charley - 8:30 p.m. Stein's Coffee
Ryan Turner - 9 p.m. Blue Light, \$5 for men, free for women
Broken Dayz (acoustic show) - 10:30 p.m. Shooterz
Hot Foot Toby - 10:30 p.m. West Texas Ice House
Icarus Fixed - 11 p.m. Whiskey Dix, no cover

FRIDAY
Josh Wilson & Joe Morrow - 7 p.m. Daybreak Coffee (82nd St.)
Jessica Carson & Katie Howen - 8:30 p.m. Sugar Brown's
Pleasure: Six DJ's, one trumpet and a fire dancer - 9 p.m. Heaven Nightclub, \$5
Hot Foot Toby - 8:30 p.m. La Diosa, \$5
Wideawake - 9 p.m. Blue Light
Wade Bowen and the Randy Rogers Band - 9 p.m. Wild West
The Jimmy Kaiser Band - 9 p.m. Bash Riprock's
Eric Tessmer Band - 9 p.m. Texas Café (The Spoon)
Spoonfed Tribe - 9 p.m. Jake's Back Room, \$7
Spivey - 10 p.m. West Texas Icehouse
Acoustic Jam - 10:30 p.m. Whiskey Dix, no cover
Broken Dayz (full band) - 10:30 p.m. Bleacher's Sports Cafe, \$5 adults, \$8 minors
Anthony Garcia - 10:30 p.m. Hub City, \$5

SATURDAY
Ryan Garza - 6:30 p.m. The Mean Woman Grill (Levelland)
Macon Grayson with Waiting to Derail - 8 p.m. Jake's
Eric Tessmer Band - 9 p.m. Texas Café (The Spoon)

Dangerous Dan - 9 p.m. La Diosa, \$5
Los SOB's - 10 p.m. Hub City Brewery, \$5
Bart Crow Band - 10 p.m. Bash Riprock's
Eli Young Band - 10 p.m. Blue Light
Zack King - 10 p.m. Bleacher's, \$5 adults, \$8 minors
Anthony Garcia - 10 p.m. Gaslight
Broken Dayz (full band) - 10:30 p.m. Daiquiri Lounge, \$5
SUNDAY
Spring Creek Bluegrass Band - 8 p.m. Hub City, \$5
Open Jam - 10 p.m. The Spoon, no cover
Broken Dayz (acoustic) - 10:30 p.m. Jazz Louisiana Kitchen
MONDAY
Wes Nixon Presents an all-acoustic, original open mic - 10 p.m. Blue Light, no cover
John Sprott - 10:30 p.m. Hub City, \$5
Landon Smith - 10:45 p.m. Whiskey River, no cover
TUESDAY
John Sprott - 9 p.m. Cricket's, no cover
Wes Nixon Open Mic - 10 p.m. Bash Riprock's, no cover
The Sean Frankhauser Trio (Open jazz jam) - 10 p.m. Rocky LaRue's, no cover
Landon Smith - 10:45 p.m. Whiskey River, no cover
WEDNESDAY
Plain Brown Wrapper - 10 p.m. Crickets, no cover
Dr. Scoob & The Acoustic Groove - 10 p.m. Rocky LaRue's, no cover
Anthony Garcia - 10 p.m. Café J's
KDAN Live Stream - 11 p.m. Whiskey Dix, no cover

'Boondocks' criticized for King saying the n-word

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rev. Al Sharpton has asked for an apology from Cartoon Network for an episode of edgy animated series "The Boondocks" that shows the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. saying the n-word.

"Cartoon Network must apologize and also commit to pulling episodes that desecrate black historic figures," Sharpton, a civil-rights activist and former Democratic presidential candidate, said in a statement Tuesday.

"We are totally offended by the continuous use of the n-word in (cartoonist Aaron) McGruder's show."

The episode, "The Return of the King," aired Jan. 15, the day before the national holiday honoring the slain civil-rights leader. It shows King emerging from a coma and using the n-word in an angry speech venting his frustration toward sexually explicit hip-hop videos, among other things.

In the episode, King is branded a traitor and terrorist sympathizer for his "turn-the-other cheek" philosophy of nonviolence in response to post-Sept. 11 retaliation. Exhausted, he moves to Canada, but his speech provokes a second civil-rights revolution.

Cartoon Network released a statement Tuesday saying the episode is a tribute to King and "in no way was meant to offend or 'desecrate' his name."

"We think Aaron McGruder came up with a thought-provoking way of not only showing Dr. King's bravery but also of reminding us of

what he stood and fought for, and why even today, it is important for all of us to remember that and to continue to take action," the statement said.

McGruder, who has been called a "genius" and "the angriest black man in America" as he skewered everything from the Bush White House to Black Entertainment Television, began writing "The Boondocks" comic strip, on which the TV series is based, in 1997.

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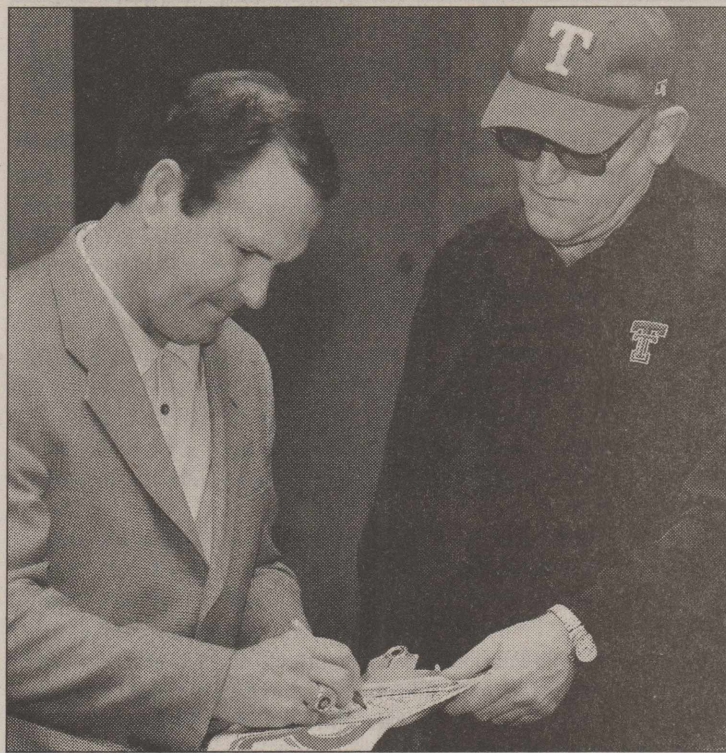
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TEXAS RANGERS' SPECIAL assistant to the president and former catcher Jim Sundberg signs a pennant for Lubbock resident Ron Smith during the fifth annual First Pitch Luncheon at Memorial Civic Center Wednesday. The pennant was given to Smith by his mother in 1973 and already has been signed by many of the Rangers from that era. Sundberg spent 11 1/2 seasons with the Rangers and retired from a 16-year major league career at the end of the 1989 season.

Sundberg, Shouse speak at First Pitch Luncheon

Rangers weigh in on Lubbock, the upcoming season and Roger Clemens

By **TREY SHIPMAN**
SPORTS EDITOR

Baseball is a dish best served grilled with lettuce, tomato and onion. At least it was Wednesday as about 500 area baseball fans enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs at the fifth annual Tech Hecklers First Pitch Luncheon, benefiting the Red Raider baseball and softball programs.

Hosted by the Tech Hecklers, this year's event featured speakers from the Texas Rangers Winter Caravan including former Rangers catcher and special assistant to the president Jim Sundberg, and relief pitcher Brian Shouse.

Sundberg, who in his 16-year career won six Gold Gloves and was a three-time all-star, said coming to Lubbock was an opportunity to benefit both the Rangers and Texas Tech, even though the scenery was different than expected.

"Lubbock's got more trees than I thought there would be," he said. "We try to go around to areas where we do have some fans and start that process of getting

people into the swing of baseball. We're glad to be able to come out and help a fine school such as Texas Tech."

For many fans in Lubbock, getting a chance to mingle with pro baseball players is a rarity, and for Shouse, visiting with those people was the most rewarding.

"What it does, is just show that we're normal people as well and we love to go out and encourage them to see some games and watch us on TV," he said. "If we can help motivate somebody, or help somebody keep going, or brighten somebody's day, that's kinda what I get out of it."

Chris Snead, associate vice president of the alumni association and founder of the Tech Hecklers, estimates the event produced almost \$10,000 in revenue. He said it was privilege for the Tech community to have Shouse and Sundberg visit.

"It's great for the program; we really appreciate them including us on their promotional tour," he said. "I think it gets everyone re-energized for the upcoming season."

As for the Ranger's upcoming season, first-year general manager Jon Daniels has created a stir in the front office and on the field. The Rangers starting rotation has been completely revamped from 2005, including free-agent signee Kevin Millwood whose 2.95 ERA led the American League last season.

"There is a buzz. JD (Daniels) has been around for four to five years now, and he's become a popular guy. People see him as being extremely sharp, young and bright," Sundberg said. "We've been able to improve ourselves dramatically without sacrificing any of our core players. It's a much better team than we were last year."

While the Rangers seem to have improved dramatically on paper, they might not quite be finished. Six-time Cy Young winner Roger Clemens is a free-agent and has listed the Rangers as a possible suitor should he choose to play another season.

Shouse is ready should the Rocket land in Arlington.

"It'd be great. He's gonna put people in the stands, brings a lot of knowledge to the game, and great work ethic. He could really help out some of our younger pitchers," he said.

Working in the front office, Sundberg has seen the Rangers' interest in the 43-year old future hall of famer first-hand and said while the organization would love to have him in Arlington, Clemens has a lot of options to mull over.

"You have to think if you were Roger, what you would you do," he said. "Would you go back to Boston where you started your roots? Would you wait until May and kind of cut your last year in baseball short and just stay at home? Or do you want to go back to the Yankees, or do you want to venture north and be a Texas Ranger?"

We have made calls and we have pursued that. It may not be an issue that is totally financial. He's in the driver's seat and we're kinda waiting to see what he says he wants to do."

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Tech Baseball teams with Red Cross to continue aiding Tulane

Though the Tulane baseball team is back home in New Orleans, Texas Tech is not finished aiding the program.

As a result of Hurricane Katrina, all members of the Tulane baseball program were relocated at

Tech for the fall semester.

In cooperation with Red Raider baseball and the American Red Cross, TeamMates for Red Cross has initiated a program which allows donors to make a pledge based on the number of home runs hit by Raiders this season.

"It's gratifying, but based on the way we were treated there this fall, certainly not surprising at all," Tulane coach Rick Jones

said in a press conference.

While in Lubbock, Tulane players attended classes and practiced at Tech facilities while their home campus was under repair.

The Lubbock chapter of the Red Cross continues to aid hundreds of hurricane evacuees in the city. All proceeds from TeamMates will be equally split between a fund for Tulane and the local chapter.

Based on the level of support, Raider fans who make pledges for TeamMates for Red Cross will receive special collectable Raider baseball items.

"I'm sure I speak for everyone at Tulane University and the Tulane Athletic Department when I say we will forever be indebted to Texas Tech," Jones said.

As part of the Astros College Classic, the Raiders will take on the No. 24 Green Wave Feb. 11 at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

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