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"I was shocked because I didn't think it was something he would do. He was gone a lot working. It worries me, too, because I have three kids."

Asha Andreas, neighbor of Brian J. Doyle, 55, a Homeland Security Department spokesman. Doyle is accused of 23 felony charges related to sexually graphic conversations with what he thought was a teenage girl, who was in fact an undercover Florida detective. (AP)

"It's very hard to outguess Mother Nature, so we remain hopeful that we'll be able to make an average to above average crop."

Steve Verett, spokesman for the Plains Cotton Growers Inc. Texas, the nation's largest cotton producer, is in the midst of moderate to severe drought conditions, making it the sole area of concern for the U.S. crop this year. (AP)

STATE

TABC reviews program after public complaints

AUSTIN (AP) — After an outcry from tourism officials, state lawmakers and the public over a crackdown on public drunkenness in bars, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is conducting an internal investigation and retraining officers in the program.

Undercover officers will still be ticketing or arresting bar patrons who are deemed exceedingly drunk, but officials are taking the complaints seriously, commission spokeswoman Carolyn Beck said Wednesday.

"Whenever we have a complaint we investigate," she said. "The program does continue."

The commission has been doing stings in bars since 2001 but began doing more after getting additional funding from the state.

NATION

Playboy announces its top party school

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Where's the best place for a college kid to party? Right here in the heartland, Playboy magazine says.

The magazine, breaking a four-year hiatus by issuing a list of top party schools, has named the University of Wisconsin-Madison No. 1 in its study of "books, babes and beer."

The issue hitting newsstands Friday cites two annual parties that UW-Madison students love: a Halloween Party that attracts up to 100,000 people and a rowdy spring block party in the heart of campus.

But the magazine also commends the city's vibrant music scene, its enthusiasm for the Badgers sports teams — and yes, its reputation as a good academic school.

WORLD

Saddam Hussein admits OK'ing death sentences

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein dodged questions from prosecutors cross-examining him for the first time Wednesday over a crackdown against Shiites in the 1980s. But he acknowledged approving death sentences for 148 Shiites, saying he was convinced they tried to assassinate him.

At times sharp and combative but often relaxed or even smiling, the former Iraqi leader declined to confirm his signature on documents. When prosecutors presented identity cards of children whose death sentences they said he signed, he maintained they were forged.

"You can buy IDs like this in the market," Saddam said. "Is it the responsibility of the head of the state to check the IDs."

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From Dawn till Dusk: Couric leaves for CBS

By DAVID BAUDER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Now that Katie Couric is making the move from dawn to dusk, her legacy and the future of CBS News depends on an audience that, according to a new poll, prefers to see her in the morning.

Asked if they would rather see Couric in her longtime role as "Today" host or as the first woman to anchor a network weekday evening newscast on her own, 49 percent favored the morning and 29 percent said evening, according to a poll conducted this week by The

Associated Press and TV Guide.

After 15 years as morning television's queen, Couric confirmed Wednesday that she is leaving NBC's "Today" show to become anchor and managing editor of the "CBS Evening News" this fall. Her audience at "Today" is about 6 million viewers; "CBS Evening News" has about 7.5 million.

The woman who dressed in Marilyn Monroe and SpongeBob SquarePants outfits on Halloween and gave viewers a tour of her colon will take the position once held by the iconic Walter Cronkite and the ousted Dan Rather.

But claims that Couric lacks the "gravitas"

for the job are "thinly disguised sexism," said news consultant Andrew Tyndall.

Few questioned Tom Brokaw when he switched from a "Today" host in the 1970s to become NBC top anchor. At ABC, Charles Gibson frequently did the morning and evening newscasts on the same day this past year during the late Peter Jennings' illness.

"I think her strengths" — three hours a day of live broadcasting covering a wide swath of topics — "will evolve and magnify to fit the task," said Frank Sesno, a journalism professor at George Mason University and special CNN correspondent.

Couric appeared close to tears at times as she made the announcement on "Today."

"Sometimes I think change is a good thing," she said. "Although it may be terrifying to get out of your comfort zone, it's very exciting to start a new chapter in your life."

NBC was moving swiftly to replace her. "The View" co-host Meredith Vieira, a former "60 Minutes" correspondent, was close Wednesday to accepting NBC's offer to join Matt Lauer on "Today" starting this fall, according to a person familiar with the negotia-

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PART IV: RACISM

LUBBOCK IN THE DARK

By RUTH BRADLEY
FEATURES WRITER



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Every day in Lubbock there are stories that go untold, pain that goes unheeded, cries that go unheard. This is the beginning of an answer to those cries. This is the fourth story in a daily five-part series about social problems in Lubbock, such as homelessness, prostitution and abuse. This is the side of Lubbock few people ever see, these are whispers barely noticed, lives lived out in the shadows. This is Lubbock in the Dark.

Eddie Richardson experienced the civil rights movement firsthand, watched as the vestiges of slavery disappeared from Lubbock. But, nearly 40 years later, he said the bigotry the movement fought to abolish remains.

"Racism is alive and well in Lubbock," he said. "And it's a lot more sophisticated racism than you'll find in a lot of places."

As the co-publisher of *The Southwest Digest*, a newspaper oriented toward the black community of Lubbock, Richardson has studied the history of his race in the town. Though signs of outright discrimination have vanished, Richardson said in some ways things really have not changed.

"Instead of calling your boy a nigger, they'll call you son," Richardson said. "But the results are the same."

Richardson said he believes that old racist attitudes are forming anew in the upcoming generation, and that, combined with economic setbacks, is a large part of why many blacks in Lubbock have difficulty finding opportunities.

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Telepharmacy system comes to Earth

By MICHELLE CASADY
STAFF WRITER

The future of pharmaceuticals is coming to Earth. Earth is a small town approximately 60 miles northwest of Lubbock with a population of less than 2,000.

Wednesday afternoon the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center announced the opening of its second virtual pharmacy.

"Telepharmacy became legal in 2001. It's still very new to Texas," said Don McBeath, director of telemedicine and rural health. "We opened the first one in Texas in September of 2002."

The HSC launched its first telepharmacy in Turkey and the latest one in Earth.

"At Texas Tech we have been very interested in rural health care and rural education, and pharmacy is no exception to that," said

Charles Seifert, professor of pharmacy practice and regional dean for Lubbock programs.

The program works through a video conferencing system. One end of the system is located in the Earth Medical Clinic and one is located in the HSC pharmacy.

With the use of Web cams and microphones, the patient can speak with and consult the pharmacist. After the pharmacist verifies the prescription has been correctly filled, the drugs are dispensed from a type of vending machine to the patient.

"It works just like filling a regular prescription," said Diane Kretschmer, a registered pharmacist, as she filled the first prescription from Lubbock for a patient in Earth using the telepharmacy system.

Christy Clark was the recipient of the first prescription.

"Oh, well I love the convenience of it. Before we had to travel to another town to get our prescriptions filled," Clark said from Earth. "We're very thankful."

McBeath said while Internet and mail-order prescriptions are options, they generally are not the best fit for small towns.

"With those forms, there's always a delay. Also in many of these smaller West Texas towns the population is elderly and many just don't have access to a computer," he said. "When you use mail-order or the Internet you don't have the opportunity to counsel with or ask questions of the pharmacist."

Dr. Sid Ontai, based out of Plainview,

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New survey shows desire to keep A&M game in Lubbock

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

While several organizations continue their gridiron push for moving the Texas Tech-Texas A&M football game to Dallas, some people in Lubbock have mixed opinions on where the game should be played.

The idea of relocating the annual game to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas still is not a popular one, according to a recent survey from the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

The survey was sent to 2,900 people in Lubbock, and 19 percent of them responded. Of that percentage, 92 percent did not favor the game being played at a neutral site.

The same survey was conducted in July and had similar results. Of the 16 percent that responded to the survey, 90 percent wanted the game to stick to its traditional home-away format.

The Student Government Association also strongly opposes the idea.

Internal Vice President-elect Matt Fowler said the SGA is against moving the game to Dallas because the student body is against the idea.

"This is something Student Government has taken a stance on," he said. "We don't think it's fair for the students. It's one of our prime games. For a lot of people, if they go to one game a year, they go to this game."

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COURTESY PHOTO

DIANE KRETSCHEMER, A Lubbock pharmacist, checks to make sure the correct pills were vended in Earth's newly unveiled telepharmacy system.

Need a refresher course on the Golden Rule?

Ethics Day brings Enron exec, broad range of moral explanations to Texas Tech

By DANIELLE NOVY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

With several high-profile guest speakers in the lineup, Ethics Day is hitting the Texas Tech campus with a bang today.

William D. Lawson, deputy director of the National Institute for Engineering Ethics, said he anticipates this year's Ethics Day to stand out as one of the biggest in recent years.

"Ethics Day is a great chance for students to hear some really outstanding speakers share their experiences," he said.

Ethics Day 2006 — "Do the Right Thing — A Campus Conversation on Ethics" will include speeches from guests such as Lynn Brewer, who penned "Confessions of an Enron Executive" based on her career at Enron.

According to a news release for the event, Brewer, a former Enron executive and CEO of The Integrity Institute Inc., is slated to discuss the details of Enron's rise and fall.

Additionally, Don Cash, chairman and emeritus director of Questar Corporation, is scheduled to speak out about ethics based on his roles in multiple organizations.

Invited to join Ethics Day by Tech's School of Law, Royal Furgerson, a U.S. district judge in El Paso, also will be addressing Thursday's Hub City audience on the issue of ethics stemming from his experiences in the judicial system, according to a news release.

Lawson said the event's wide range of speakers provides something for everyone. "The appeal is broad," he said. "The

items that will be discussed will be of interest to almost anyone."

He said ethics are especially important in this day and age with the blur of media attention on unethical behavior in society.

"There are all these headlines everyday that deal with moral failures," Lawson said. "There are all of these moral questions about things we must deal with."

He said although Ethics Day has a long history at Tech, this year's event is expanding to include more of the campus than have been enveloped in preceding years.

Patricia Harper, unit coordinator for the Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism, said Ethics Day, which in the previous five years, has been hosted solely by Tech's College of Engineering, now is incorporating Tech's School of Law and the

Jerry S. Rawls College of Business.

"Tech has a new campuswide focus on ethics," she said. "This event brings benefits to many students. It brings ethics to mind, and the more we talk about ethics, the easier they become to talk about."

She said the event is open to the public free-of-charge in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium from 2 to 5 p.m. today.

Jimmy Smith, director of the Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism, said the event will prove important for students because it is designed to prepare them for their professional careers after college.

"When they graduate and go into their careers in engineering, law or business, they will be faced with ethical issues," he said. "These speakers will be talking about how to address those issues."

He said the diverse range of speakers provide information on multiple fields that can become intertwined.

"There is a very dynamic interaction between the three fields," he said. "Engineering practice involves legal practice and it involves business practice."

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Ethics Day Info

Ethics Day will be honored from 2 to 5 p.m. today in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium. This is a free event that is open to the general public. Parking is available in the auditorium lot for students, faculty and guests.

Tech SGA meeting tonight to discuss turf, budget, smoking

By MICHAEL CARDELL
STAFF WRITER

Several resolutions will be discussed in the Student Government Association student senate meeting today.

The senate will take place at 7 p.m. in the Electrical Engineering building in the Lankford Lab Room, 101.

Final deliberation of the budget will be discussed in which senators will bring their objections on any budget allocation they do not agree with.

Also according to Resolution 41.29, Jones AT&T Stadium has acquired new FieldTurf, and the senate would like to put the old turf to good use.

The senate proposes the old AstroTurf be laid in the parking lot of 18th and Boston to be used by the Goin' Band for practice, according to the resolution. The resolution proposed this will help when recruiting new members.

Another resolution, 41.31, proposes that the job fairs are not diversified enough to include the

sciences and quantitative disciplines. The resolution calls for a greater effort by the Texas Tech Career Center to organize more job fairs to include the mentioned areas of study.

Resolution 41.36 focuses on the health of the students. According to Resolution 41.36, the senators cite the Environmental Protection Agency second-hand and smoke has been classified as a cause of cancer in humans and is responsible for approximately 40,000 cases of heart disease.

Resolution 41.36 proposes all residence halls should have no smoking stickers placed on the doors to remind students there is no smoking within 12 feet of any building on campus.

Other resolutions include changes in the rules of the senate and the possible impeachment of Senator Rob Magness for having four unexcused absences.

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Racism

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"Until the playing field is leveled," he said, "it will always be that way."

Blacks are not the only ethnic group dealing with racism. City Councilwoman Linda DeLeon, a member of the Hispanic community and another longtime resident of Lubbock, said many Hispanics in Lubbock face similar attitudes, particularly in the job market.

"I think there's still some lack of sensitivity," she said. "I think some people are still chosen by their ethnicity instead of by their qualifications."

DeLeon, who travels regularly, said she has found many people outside Lubbock have similar views about the town.

"Lubbock has a reputation for racism," she said.

Christopher Blue, president of the African American Student Society, said part of this reputation might be Lubbock's location in a conservative part of the country. But where college students are concerned, he said another reason may be the low number of minorities at Texas Tech.

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— EDDIE RICHARDSON
Co-Publisher
The Southwest Digest

According to Tech's Institutional Research and Information Management Web site, www.irim.ttu.edu, 878 blacks attended Tech in Fall 2005, about 3 percent of the university's 28,001 students. Hispanic students formed approximately 10 percent of the student body, with 3,073 attending.

Comparable numbers at the University of Texas at Austin found at www.utexas.edu/academic/oir/, show close to a 4 percent enrollment for blacks and a 14 percent enrollment for Hispanics.

Crystal Ramirez, president of the Hispanic Student Society, said she believes these low enrollment numbers partially are because of a lack of emphasis on the recruitment of minorities at Tech.

Bidal Agüero, a Lubbock native and editor and publisher of *El Editor*, a Hispanic newspaper, said he believes Tech should be helping to spread diversity in other ways.

"I think that the university's not doing enough to show the different cultures that exist in our community," he said.

Demographics are not only a problem at Tech, Agüero said. North Lubbock primarily is populated by blacks, he said, while a large group of Hispanics have made their homes in Northeast Lubbock.

"We can still see a lot of segregation," Agüero said.

The 2000 Census of Population and Housing at <http://planning.ci.lubbock.tx.us>, shows a majority of Hispanics and blacks do inhabit these areas. Hispanics appear to be more integrated into the community as a whole, the lowest percentage of Hispanics in a given area is 4.6 percent. Blacks, however, seem less integrated, with less than 1 percent of the population living South of 98th Street and a little more than 1 percent living in several midtown areas.

"A lot of it is the availability of the houses people can afford," Agüero

said. "I guess you could also put a little blame on (the fact that) people want to be where they're liked and where they're welcomed."

Agüero, who grew up in Lubbock, said certain practices have changed, but he still feels unwelcome in certain places in Lubbock. And though signs prohibiting blacks and Hispanics from businesses are gone, he believes the attitudes behind them have sometimes remained.

Other traces of racism have remained, too.

In 1923, the city of Lubbock issued Ordinance No. 225, prohibiting persons with one-eighth or more black blood from living or owning property anywhere south of 16th Street and east of Avenue C, with the exception of hired servants.

Violation of the ordinance was punishable by a fine of not more than \$200, with each day lived outside the district considered a separate offense. The ordinance states blacks living outside this area are a threat and "their residence is dangerous to the health and pollutes the earth and atmosphere."

Jane McDaniel, assistant to the city secretary, said there is no evidence the ordinance ever was enacted. But Richardson said there was a time when blacks were forced, if not by law at least by precedent, to stay on that side of town. Moreover, he said even if the law never was enforced, the fact the ordinance is still on the record troubles him.

"Lubbock should have the decency to have a meeting and take it off the record," he said.

He believes by doing this, the city will be able to take a stance against the attitudes that once were so prevalent.

"It would show the heart of the city," he said.

Richardson's business partner, T.J. Patterson, said the ordinance and others like it in other cities helped plant the seeds of racism during that time period, seeds that brought about racist mindsets in following generations.

"Segregation was a national word," said Joan Y. Ervin, a native of Lubbock.

Ervin recalls the times of forced segregation and said she now chooses to live in the part of town where people of her race were once forced to stay. She believes the situation in Lubbock have improved dramatically.

"There has been a complete

change — a shift in knowledge because of intelligence," she said.

Erwin said it is important for people of all races to prepare themselves to be qualified to serve as pathfinders in their community.

She said she is proud of her own accomplishments in Lubbock, namely becoming the first black to serve on the University Medical Center's Hospital Board of Managers.

But perhaps her greatest achievement was accomplished while serving on the School Board beginning in 1970. The first black and first woman elected to public office in Lubbock, Ervin helped create and enact a plan to integrate Lubbock schools.

There have been improvements in diversity, as well.

David Buckberry, a planner with the city of Lubbock, said he has observed a trend toward more varied neighborhoods.

"We're actually very far from complete integration," he said. "But we've made a lot of progress there."

And there's the North and East Lubbock Redevelopment Project, created by Mayor Marc McDougal, which Patterson said he believes has great potential to help bring economic prospects to minorities.

"Many young people leave Lubbock because there aren't opportunities," Patterson said.

DeLeon said she agrees minorities often are overlooked when it comes to jobs.

"Until we get people in leadership that do not hire by color, but do hire by qualifications, things will change very slowly," she said.

DeLeon said she believes the best way to fight racism is for the community to work together and get involved politically to incite change.

Patterson said although laws and ordinances are good, they are not the answer.

"You cannot legislate it," he said. "You gotta live through it. And your heart's got to be right."

Patterson said he believes all Americans need to work on their heart attitudes and realize that "We are all God's children."

But the greatest key to eliminating racism, Patterson said he believes, is instilling respect and understanding in the upcoming generation.

"Tell the children, we all got to get along," he said.

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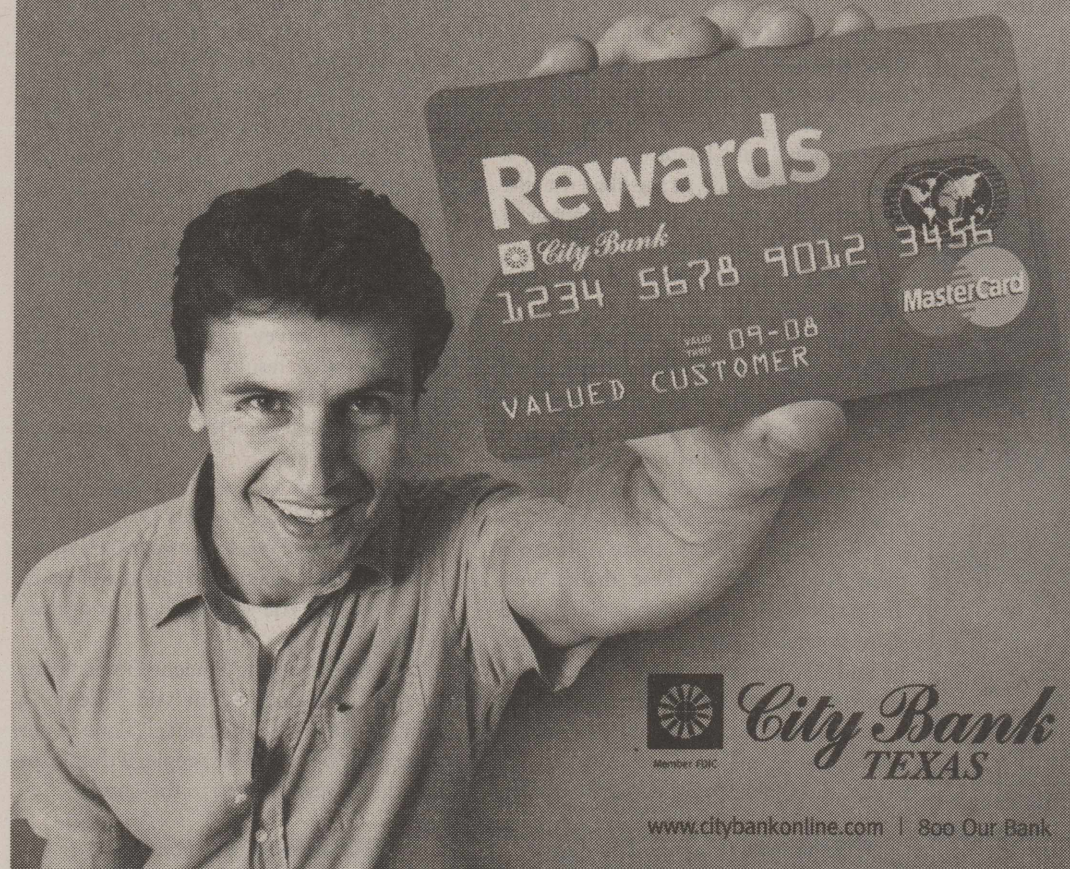
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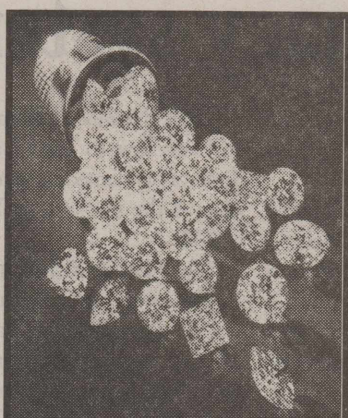
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Local man charged after being caught with homemade bomb

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock Police arrested a 26-year-old male early Tuesday morning, after police found a homemade bomb and drugs in his car, police said.

Police pulled over Jeremy Lynn Womack in the 7300 block of University Avenue at about 12:30 a.m. after allegedly observing Womack driving suspiciously, LPD Sgt. Jeff Baker said.

The police asked a few questions, noted Womack was acting suspicious and gained probable cause to search the vehicle.

Police continued to search the car with a narcotics-sniffing dog, which allegedly sniffed out the methamphetamine in the silver 2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse. Shortly after, the bomb was found in the passenger compartment of the vehicle, said Felix Garcia, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives resident agent in charge.

"What started as a narcotics search, ended in the finding of a live bomb in the vehicle," Garcia said.

The regional bomb squad was called out to the site. Because the vehicle was located near Loop 289, Lubbock police evacuated the area including a nearby club, he said.

ATF bomb squad and Lubbock Sheriff's Office joined Lubbock Police at the scene. Bomb squad technicians removed the explosive device from the vehicle and took the bomb

to the Lubbock Explosives Range to disarm the bomb.

Police do not know why Womack had a homemade bomb in his vehicle, but they do suspect his intentions were to hurt someone.

"In my experience, usually these cases are tied to narcotics," Garcia said. "Where someone is trying to collect debt or wreak revenge."

Garcia said they were able to classify the bomb as "live" because it consisted of every necessary component for ignition. These components, a container, gunpowder and an igniter, were what made up the improvised explosive found in Womack's possession.

"There is no excuse for anyone having a homemade bomb," Garcia said. "They are made to maim, cripple or kill people, and that is exactly what they do."

Garcia said he remembers two specific incidents of people being severely injured and killed with homemade bombs.

"In one case, the bomber was disintegrated when a bomb exploded in his lap," Garcia said. "The other

case was of a husband's jealousy. He placed the explosive underneath his wife's car. The bomb exploded, which severed the husband's arm."

Womack is being held in Lubbock County Jail on a state felony charge for possession of a prohibited weapon. ATF agents gathered evidence and filed a federal criminal complaint for possession of an unregistered improvised explosive device.

If convicted on those charges, he could face up to 10 years in federal prison with \$250,000 in fines.

Garcia said the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, along with the Lubbock Sheriff's Office, will continue to aggressively pursue anybody making illegal explosion devices.

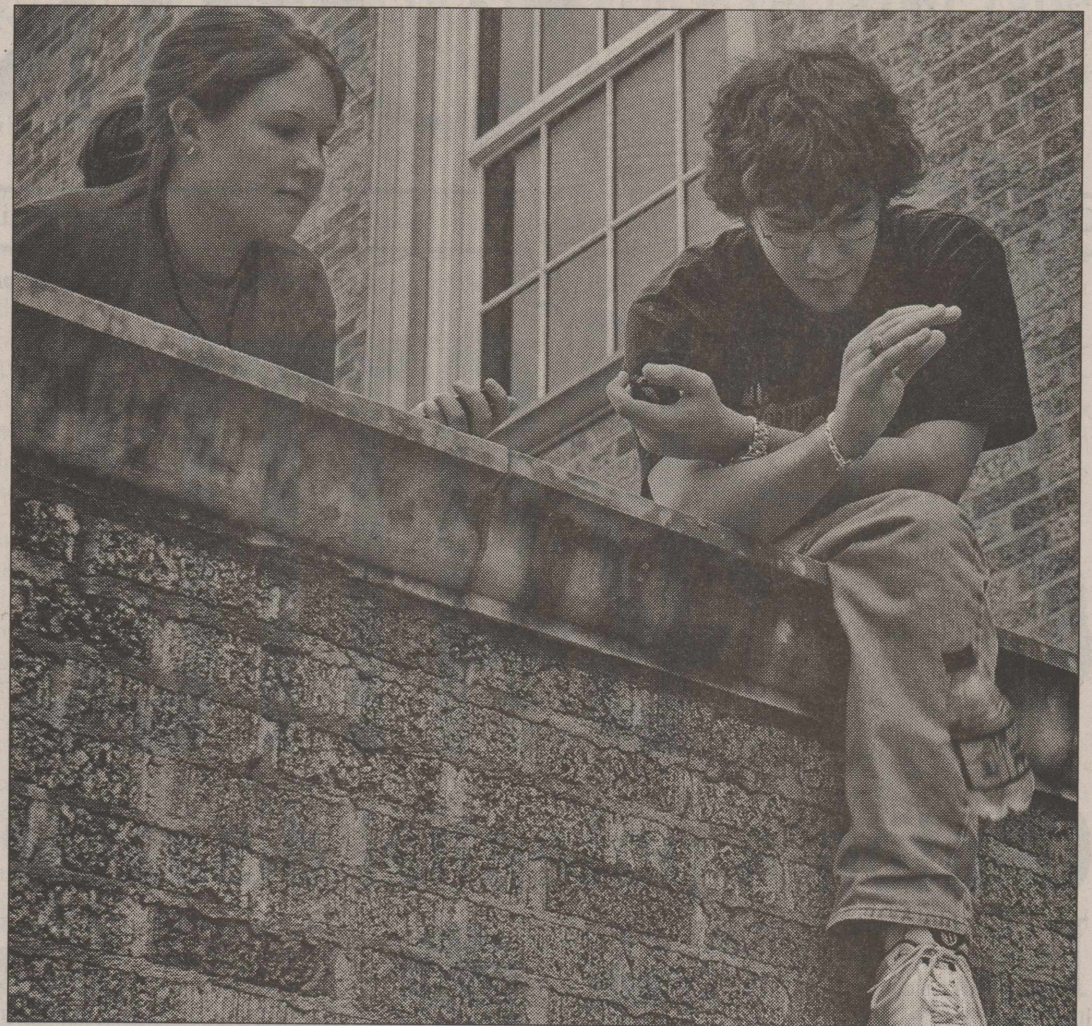
"In my years working in Lubbock, we have had a number of cases of a person making an improvised explosive," Garcia said. "Each time, we arrested the bomb-maker and sent them to the penitentiary for a long time."

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Resident Agent
Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives

DROP IT LIKE IT'S HOT



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreador

HANNAH PULLEY, A freshman human development and family studies major from Amarillo, times the bottle being dropped by Mark Deska, a freshman electronic media and communications major from Houston, in their physics motion lab in front of the Chemistry building Wednesday afternoon.

Government says 165 degrees kills bird flu

WASHINGTON (AP) — Preparing for the arrival of bird flu, the government on Wednesday gave advice for making chicken safe to eat: Cook it to 165 degrees.

While the government has always offered "doneness" advice, it has never before declared what it takes to kill viruses and bacteria that may lurk in poultry.

"It's not in response directly to avian influenza, or bird flu, but so many people right now are concerned about bird flu and will poultry be safe to eat," said Richard Raymond, the department's undersecretary for food safety.

"It's a wonderful time to educate everybody out there that there's lots of reasons to handle poultry properly and cook it to the right temperature," Raymond said in an interview with *The Associated Press*.

The government says the deadly strain of bird flu spreading throughout Asia, Africa and Europe is likely to arrive this year in the United States.

Human cases of bird flu have been rare, but authorities worry the virus could mutate into a form that would spread easily among people and cause a global epidemic.

The cooking recommendation came from a scientific

advisory panel that said raw poultry should be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees.

The department's "Is it Done Yet?" campaign provides a range of temperatures, including 170 degrees for chicken breasts and 180 degrees for whole birds.

Raymond said that's too confusing and from now on, the department will be sticking with a minimum of 165 degrees for all poultry.

"That's based on the best science available — 165 degrees is more than adequate to kill all food pathogens found in poultry, including avian influenza," he said.

The department also strongly recommends that people use food thermometers and follow basic rules for kitchen safety: wash hands often, keep raw poultry and meat separate from cooked food and refrigerate or freeze food right away.

The primary target of the recommendation is not bird flu but salmonella, a bacteria that causes food poisoning and can be deadly unless infected people are treated promptly with antibiotics. Salmonella kills about 400 people each year in the United States, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Jury hands Merck second loss; splits verdict in two N.J. Vioxx lawsuits

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — A jury found Merck & Co. liable on Wednesday for one of two former Vioxx users' heart attacks in a split verdict that awarded \$4.5 million in damages to one of the plaintiffs.

The state jury found the company failed to adequately warn both men about the risk factors linking the now-withdrawn painkiller to heart attacks and strokes, but said the drug was only a factor in one of the men's illnesses.

Jurors ruled that only John McDarby, 77, a retired insurance agent from Park Ridge, should receive compensation. McDarby was awarded \$3 million for pain and suffering and his wife was awarded \$1.5 million. He did not comment after the verdict.

The trial also included the case of Thomas Cona, a 60-year-old businessman from Cherry Hill who was stricken on a golf course after what he said was nearly two years of Vioxx use. The jury said he should receive \$45 to compensate him for the cost of his medication. Cona declined comment after the verdict.

The verdict is the second court loss for Merck, against two victories, one in a retrial. The trial was the first dealing with plaintiffs who blamed illnesses on long-term use of the painkiller.

McDarby lawyer Robert Gordon called the verdict, which followed less than two days of deliberations, "a victory for 100,000 Americans who had heart attacks from Vioxx."

"This is a victory for the tens of

thousands of doctors who were lied to by Merck about the dangers of Vioxx," Gordon added.

McDarby, a diabetic who took Vioxx for four years, suffered his heart attack in his living room and broke his hip as a result, triggering a health slide that has left him using a wheelchair and unable to care for himself, according to his attorneys.

Merck, which faces about 9,650 suits in state and federal courts over Vioxx, said it will continue to fight each one.

"Today's split verdict is a disappointment to the thousands of employees of Merck here in New Jersey and across the country," Merck spokesman Chuck Harrell said. "At this point the jury has spoken, but this split ruling at least suggests that we need to look at these cases on an individual basis as we have done in the past."

The jury was expected to return to court Thursday to decide whether the company will face punitive damages.

The judge told jurors not to comment until after the entire trial ends.

Compensatory damages are given to cover a plaintiff's actual financial losses, such as medical treatment costs and lost income. Punitive damages penalize a defendant for bad conduct.

Merck shares dropped in after-hours trading Wednesday evening, falling \$1.08, or 3 percent. The stock rose 51 cents, or 1.4 percent, to \$35.99 in regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange, a day after Merck had raised its forecast for first-quarter profit about 15 percent.

Mark Lanier, Cona's attorney, attributed the jury's finding that Vioxx didn't cause Cona's heart attack to the discrepancy in his client's prescription history: Cona said he took Vioxx for 22 months before being stricken, but his medical records reflected only seven months of use.

"My client was never in it for the money. He was in it for the truth," Lanier said.

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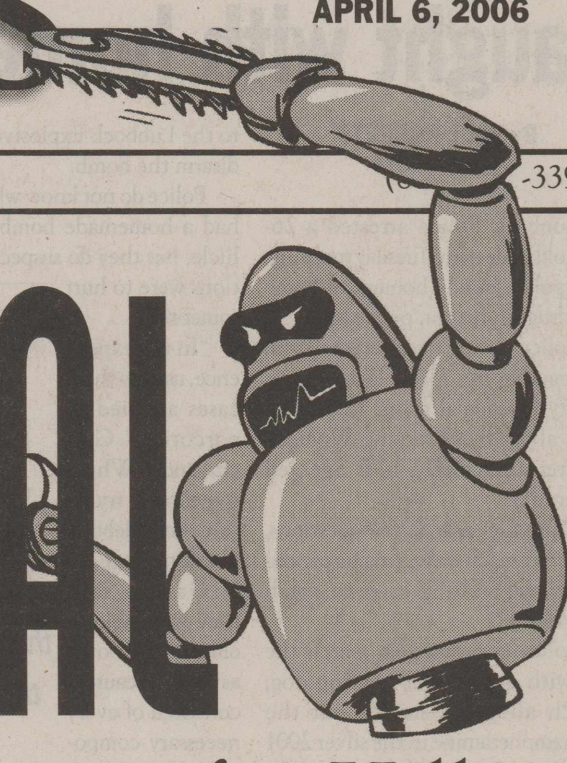
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Clinton a potential disaster Progress a priority for Hillary

In a few short months, the race for the presidency in 2008 will come full circle in our daily lives. We won't be able to turn on the TV or the radio without hearing something about the presidential race. With President Bush not able to seek a third term in office, there will be a new man in office, or will it be a man?

Many say the leading candidate to get the Democratic bid for president is the wife of the charismatic, yet scandalous former President Bill Clinton. Oh and besides being a former first lady, Hillary Clinton is a senator representing the state of New York, though her ties to the state were slim prior to her election. I don't know about you, but not too many things scare me more than the thought of another Clinton in office.

For what Bill lacked in morals and ability to lead a country, he made up for with charm. He was able to use this charm to brainwash the American public. Unfortunately Hillary has neither morals nor charm. I never will forget her actions following Sept. 11. While the country stood united behind our president, Hillary was mad that something had gotten in the way of her plans for her socialist takeover. She was gearing up for a presidential bid to oppose President Bush in the 2004 election. She even said publicly the week after Sept. 11 what seemed like a statement of sympathy for those who had fallen. She stated, "I think we were all victimized by this."

But she wasn't expressing sympathy for the victims of Sept. 11 and the deep pain that most normal Americans felt in their hearts following that tragic day, instead she was whining about how her presidential bid had fallen victim to the terrorist attacks. She knew that no Democrat could beat Bush when it came to the new war on terror. I find it sickening that after an attack on American soil that left thousands dead and our country in a state of shock, Hillary Clinton did what she has done her entire life. She thought only of herself.

During Bush's historic speech to Congress on Sept. 26, 2001 the

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president set the agenda for the battle against evil, and those on both sides of the aisle were with the president, displaying a sense of bipartisanship and patriotism.

Everyone stood with the president, except for one person. Hillary Clinton. During the speech she showed her true self. She sighed. She rolled her eyes. She was rude and talked during the speech. Her clapping was slow and unenthusiastic. She proved to me once and for all that she did not love her country and was only interested in her own selfish interests.

Remember the old test about how you can tell the true nature of a person by how they treat the waiter or waitress at a restaurant? Well what about how a first lady or senator treats her security detail? According to the essay "Presidential Observations by the Secret Service" by ex-Secret Service Agent Dave Kulow, Hillary Clinton often was arrogant and orally abusive to her security detail. Members of the Secret Service have said Hillary had ordered them to "Stay the (f) away from me!" and to keep at least 10 yards of distance between her and them at all times. Now what kind of a person insults those who are paid to protect her life? Hillary Clinton, that's who.

On the other side of the spectrum is Bush. According to Kulow, Bush always treats those who work for him with genuine respect, and he always trusts and listens to their expert advice. Every time the president goes to Crawford, he shows genuine Texas hospitality.

He has a barbecue for his security detail, and he helps serve their meals. He sits with them, eats with them and talks with them. He knows each of them by their first name and calls them by their first name as a show of affection. He always asks about their families, the names of which

he always remembers. I can just bet you never will catch Hillary doing any of those things for those who she believes are there to serve her every whim.

So Hillary hides slyly in the shadows like a fox waiting for her chance to spring on her prey. We all knew she was cheering when John Kerry was easily defeated in the 2004 elections. Now as we draw closer and closer to 2008, Hillary and her people are doing everything they can to brainwash the American public into thinking she is a moderate. But she is not even close to being a moderate.

If elected she will take away our tax cuts. On June 29, 2004, at an appearance with other Democratic women senators, Sen. Clinton said, "We're saying that for America to get back on track, we're probably going to cut that short (referring to the tax cuts) and not give it to you. We're going to take things away from you on behalf of the common good."

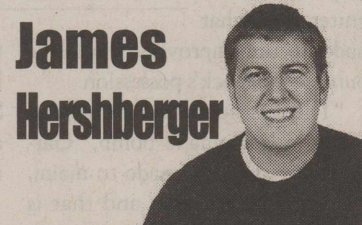
Hillary will work to take away our guns. Hillary believes the Second Amendment should be abolished. She has stated many times that "American citizens do not need guns," and "that the Second Amendment does not apply to today."

Hillary will work for socialized medicine which will take away the free market and cause our medical field to become stale. But most important of all, Hillary will take us back to the Bill Clinton days of a foreign policy of appeasement that stood by and watched as terrorists plotted to destroy us. The war on terror is far from over, and without a president who can stand in front of the world and say from their heart, "I love America," our country is doomed.

Clinton does not care about America. She would give up Americans' right to govern themselves to socialists in the United Nations. She will be weak against those who plot to destroy us, and she does not know what it is like to feel pride and a deep love in your heart for your country and its citizens. I want another president who would stand by me when I say God Bless the USA, and not one who would roll her eyes and laugh at me.

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lost their jobs and families preparing to move.

Clinton is the only prominent New York politician trying to save this area. According to *Buffalo News* on March 11, 2003, she developed economic development plans that bring new business, such as Tata Consultancy Services, to revitalize Buffalo's economy.

Think of New York state as a microcosm of the U.S. If she pays that much attention to the ignored and troubled areas of that state, imagine what she would do for the parts of America that have been swept under the rug by most politicians.

She also has prepared herself to handle national security. Now somewhere on campus, there is a reader who has memorized all my columns. This person likely draws mustaches and devil horns on my picture and is the one who writes me anonymous e-mails, calling my mother a "liberal whore" (she is in fact a very sweet, church-going woman who makes a delicious pot roast). Eventually, this person will shoot me in the back while I enter my home on 25th Street and with a copy of "Catcher in the Rye" in his pocket.

Right now, this person is saying, "Hold on, Jimmy. On Oct. 19 you published a column entitled 'Cutting veterans' benefits shows society's lack of respect' in which you said you believe only veterans who saw combat should be president. What gives, hypocrite?"

I do indeed believe that. However, I also believe Clinton has made herself an exception. While, like her husband and Bush, she does not have personal military experience, she serves on the Senate's Armed Services Committee according to www.senate.gov. She has gained knowledge into how the military works and what is necessary for them to be successful. Her position on Iraq is reasonable and centrist. She knows the proposals of Liberal Democrats of withdrawing immediately would be

disastrous, but unlike Bush she wants to have a strategy instead of playing it by ear with soldier's lives.

Clinton is a rarity in politics. She came from a wealthy family, yet prioritizes eliminating poverty. She doesn't have a military background, yet is knowledgeable about handling American armed forces. The dilemma of most presidents is they usually are either wise on foreign policy and suck when dealing with problems at home (Nixon and Reagan), or good at handling domestic issues and aren't so good when it comes to controversies overseas (Lyndon B. Johnson and Clinton). By readying herself to perform well in both areas, Clinton has set herself up to be the best president since Franklin Roosevelt.

Our country is in the midst of a crisis. With Republican Lobbyist Jack Abramoff being sentenced to six years, Representative Tom DeLay resigning and scandals coming out of the White House as consistently as donuts at Krispy Kreme, it is clear corrupt men have infiltrated our government.

They came like wolves in sheep's clothing, presenting themselves as honest, patriotic public servants when they were actually obsessed with power and money. Even the president's mother, dear sweet Barbara Bush, was caught when she donated money to Katrina relief with the instructions that it be used to buy a computer program developed by her son Neil, according to CBS News on March 24.

It is time we elect someone as president who cares about children who live in poverty here, and would command the military with wisdom and clear direction. We need someone who is able to broker compromises with Americans who have different values, instead of one group. As Abraham Lincoln said, "a house divided against itself cannot stand," and we need a moderate person to reunite this country.

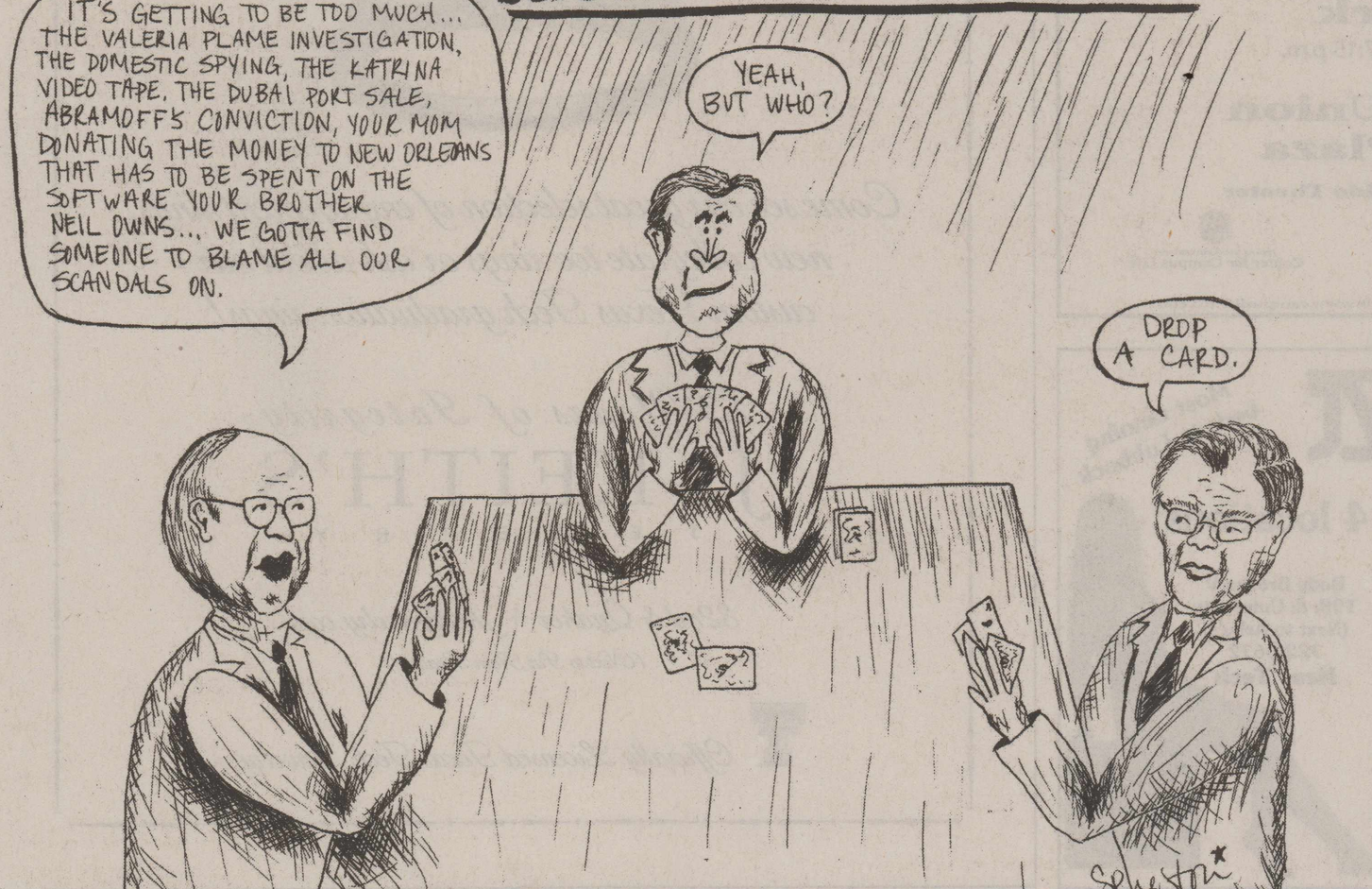
Red Raiders, as much as you may not like it, that person is Hillary Clinton.

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Moussaoui judge OKs first public playing of 9/11 Penn. cockpit voice recorder tape

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The cockpit recorder tape from the Sept. 11 jetliner that crashed in Pennsylvania will be played in public for the first time — to the Zacarias Moussaoui sentencing jury — the judge in the case ruled Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema said the jury considering whether to execute Moussaoui could hear the recording from United Airlines Flight 93 and see a transcript of it.

This cockpit tape has been played privately for the families of Flight 93 victims, but it has never been played in public.

Prosecutors asked the judge to order the

tape sealed and to keep the transcript from the general public after it is played in open court, but she made no immediate ruling on that.

Noting that the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ordered trial evidence made public, she said relatives of Flight 93 victims would have until next Tuesday to advise her whether they object to general release of the material.

She said if no family members object, she will release the material to the general public the day after it is submitted into evidence. No date was set for that.

The sentencing trial of the 37-year-old

Frenchman will resume this morning after the jury in the first phase unanimously found him eligible for the death penalty on counts of conspiracy to commit international terrorism, to commit air piracy and to use weapons of mass destruction.

This second phase will examine aggravating and mitigating evidence about his crimes, and the jury will decide whether he will be executed or imprisoned for life for his role in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

In an order describing Wednesday's closed hearing, Brinkema said the government's reason for wanting to keep the tape and transcript sealed from general release

was "to protect the National Traffic Safety Board against premature public speculation regarding the cause of any airline crash so it may 'conduct a full and fair investigation.'" Brinkema said even prosecutors admitted in court that that reason "is not implicated in this sentencing proceeding."

Much of what happened aboard Flight 93, including an effort by passengers to retake the plane from al-Qaida hijackers, is known because of the use of cell phones in flight by passengers and flight attendants.

Earlier in the trial, prosecutor David Raskin transfixed the jury by reading an account of the last moments of the flight

based on the cell phone calls by two flight attendants from the plane to ground controllers.

The transcripts of the flight attendants' calls were excerpted in the Sept. 11 Commission report. Also public are parts of the cell phone calls made by some passengers. A Hollywood movie re-enacting the flight is to be released later this month.

Discussing general public release of the tape and transcript, Brinkema wrote, "The court is also mindful that family members of the flight crew or passengers on Flight 93 may object to the voices of their loved ones being publicly revealed in this manner."

Tech-A&M

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Fowler said the game also boosts the spirit for Tech students.

"Just seeing all the red and black, that's something I want to maintain," he said. "We haven't lost a home game to A&M in more than a decade."

He was right about Tech's winning streak in Lubbock. The last time the Aggies won in Lubbock was 1993, when they beat the Red Raiders 31-6. Since that game, Tech has won the last six home games by an average of two touchdowns.

Fowler said the game brings in big bucks to the Hub City.

"Students who wait tables that night will walk out with a lot more money," he said. "I think there's a lot more benefit to the community."

As of Tuesday, 25 percent of the people who replied to the survey said

the game would be an advantage to the two universities if it were played in the Cotton Bowl.

Although the SGA does not support the idea of the game being relocated, Fowler acknowledged ways Tech could make more money if it happened.

He said the Cotton Bowl stadium officials would pay the two schools to have the game at their site, and the businesses in Dallas, especially the hotels and restaurants, would benefit.

Although this could bring more money to both schools, Fowler said Lubbock's economy would take a hit if the game was not in Lubbock anymore.

"There are a lot of different income opportunities we'd miss out on by moving the game to Dallas," he said.

Some Tech students have mixed emotions about moving the game.

Gretchen Kloes, a senior math-

ematics major from Nederland, said she sees both sides of the debate.

"I think it'd be good because the Cotton Bowl has more seating than we do here," she said. "At the same time, there's so much more history. We play better here; they play better there."

Kloes also noted it is a problem for students to make the six-hour trek to Dallas, and the tickets also would be more expensive.

Other students, such as Katie Jones, are completely against the idea.

"We just can't be as spirited when we're not at our home game," said Jones, a junior advertising major from Austin. "Players won't be as confident, and it is just unfair. I know they're doing it from an economic

standpoint, but that's not what college football should be about."

Other students such as Jay Yarbrow, a freshman business major from Bowie, said the game would give Tech more recognition around the country.

"I think it'd be kind of great because more people can come out and see it. It'd put Texas Tech football on the map and give them more publicity," he said. "We can show the nation how bad we can beat A&M."

The board of regents will have the final say about the A&M game staying in College Station and Lubbock or moving to Fair Park in Dallas.

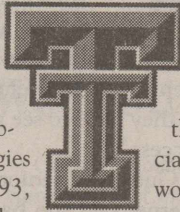
Fowler said the SGA office is open to the students' input about where the game should be played.

"We would encourage any student

that has strong feelings about the game to contact us to let us know about it," he said. "How our students

feel is what we'll be fighting for."

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Advisers concerned about registration mistakes

Preparation key ingredient for successful fall registration

By DANIELLE NOVY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It is that time of the year again: the time when students are rushing to speak with their advisers to map out their schedules for next semester. Yet, officials in some departments are saying there are an alarming number of students who are making registration mistakes that could prevent them from graduating in accordance with their degree plans.

Elizabeth Teagan, director of the University Advising Center, said there are a few potential missteps students are taking that lead to issues in their futures.

"Students often declare the wrong major because they do not go through a decision-making process," she said. "This puts them into courses which they do not excel."

Teagan said another mistake made by some students is not meeting with an adviser to map out their courses.

"Students do not verify courses with an academic adviser," she said. "This means they sometimes take a class they do not need, where an adviser could have told them about one course that would satisfy two requirements."

Teagan said another dilemma students run into is setting unrealistic expectations on days and times for their classes, as well as taking certain courses out of order.

"Students often take courses in a semester when they (should) be taking courses in a different sequence," she said. "Sometimes this is due to prerequisites and sometimes it is due to when courses are offered. Remember, not all courses are offered every year/semester."

In order to prevent such setbacks, Teagan said there are a few basic guidelines students can follow.

"Do not do research, advising, scheduling and registering in one event," she said. "Do not do everything on your registration date."

Additionally, Teagan said getting primary source information opposed to peer information is a vital step.

"Get a second opinion if you want quality assurance," Teagan said. "Work closely with your academic adviser and faculty members."

She said taking a list of questions in writing and getting to know one's adviser are two additional tips that will allow registration to run smoothly.

Red Raiders who find themselves in a tight position because they did not participate in advanced registration still should not give up hope of getting into the correct courses, she said. If the reason they are registering late is legitimate, they can explore override requests.

"If the reason is not legitimate, do not wait so long," Teagan said. "If there is no other way, be aware of the cancellation dates; actively search for classes to open up."

She said in the end, the responsibility of crafting an appropriate schedule is a team effort.

"Students are the captains for their team," Teagan said. "There are several players on their team, but they are responsible for bringing it all together."

According to Texas Tech's Office of Official Publications, currently enrolled students

may participate in advance registration, which stretched from Monday through April 18. Students will register according to both alphabetical order and their classification. Students unsure of exactly which day they can register can visit the Web site www.depts.ttu.edu/officialpublications/ for more information.

Glenna Andrews, an adviser for Tech's department of civil engineering, echoed Teagan's advice. She said students need to be familiar with their degree plans before they see their advisers.

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To eliminate the chance of a student slipping between the gaps and not taking the appropriate courses at the right time, Andrews said students pursuing engineering degrees have a flowchart to help them plan out their college career.

"We also place an advising hold," she said. "We talk to all of our students. We let them know in every way we can that they have to see an advisor; their success is our success."

Katy Guttery, a senior public relations major from Boerne, said she has been having advising problems in the latter part of her college career.

Guttery said she is supposed to graduate in August, yet she still has two more courses to take during the summer.

"Neither of the classes are offered at Tech during the summer, and I had been told they would be offered," she said.

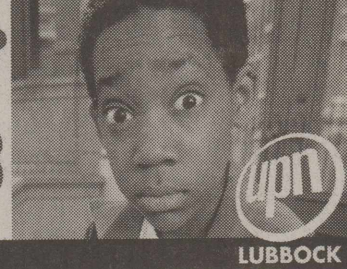
To graduate when she had planned to, Guttery said she probably will end up taking courses at Southern Methodist University in Dallas this summer.

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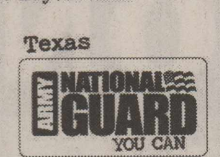
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"People are really appreciative of this type of outreach with Texas Tech because they really don't have anything out here," he said. "We expect this will continue to improve the number of people we serve."

Ontai said before the opening of the telepharmacy in Earth, patients would have to travel up to one hour away to get prescriptions filled.

"Folks who live out here tend to be over 65 and on Medicare. A lot of them shouldn't be driving, but they have to," he said. "Living on a fixed income coupled with the price of gas makes it hard on them."

Seifert mentioned Tech is the only university that requires its fourth-year pharmacy students to take educational courses in telepharmacy. He also said there are more than 90 pharmacy schools in the country.

According to a news release, the HSC and the Merck Foundation fund the project in Earth. The prescription-dispensing machine was donated by Telepharmacy Solutions.

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Homeland Security deputy press secretary charged with trying to seduce child on computer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A leading spokesman for the Homeland Security Department was put on unpaid leave Wednesday after being charged with preying on a child through online sexual conversations with an undercover detective who was posing as a 14-year-old girl.

Homeland Security officials said Brian J. Doyle, the fourth-ranking spokesman at the department, was put on "non-pay status" following the charges late Tuesday. Doyle, 55, was expected to appear in court Wednesday afternoon in suburban Maryland, where he lives.

"The department is cooperating fully with the ongoing investigation into the allegations against Brian Doyle," said Homeland Security press

secretary Russ Knocke. "We take these allegations very seriously."

Knocke said Doyle's security clearance, employee badge and facility access permissions have been suspended. The department's inspector general also is investigating the charges, which accused Doyle of revealing his name and his employer and offering the numbers of his Homeland Security-issued office and cell phones during online conversations.

Doyle joined the federal government as a civil service employee shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, working at the Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration. He joined the Homeland Security's press

operation last summer.

A former colleague said Doyle is divorced.

The charges, by the Polk County, Fla., Sheriff's Department, accuse Doyle of finding the teenager's profile online and allege that he began having sexually explicit conversations with her on the Internet on March 14.

Authorities said he sent her pornographic movie clips, as well as non-sexual photos of himself, officials said. One of the photos, released by the sheriff's office, shows Doyle in what appears to be DHS headquarters. He is wearing a Homeland Security pin on his lapel and a lanyard that says "TSA."

On several occasions, Doyle instructed her to perform a sexual act while thinking of him and described

explicit activities he wanted to have with her, investigators said.

Authorities arrested Doyle on Tuesday at his Silver Spring, Md., home as he was online with the "girl." The undercover detective had called Doyle at work and said she got a Web camera, as he had asked her to do, and wanted to test it out, said Carrie Rodgers, Polk County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman.

"He said he would get on the computer when he got home from work so we knew he would be on," Rodgers said. "When (police) went to his door, he was on the computer in the middle of a conversation with the girl."

He was booked into the Montgomery County Detention Center. Doyle also faces a charge of transmission of harmful material to a minor.

Duke lacrosse coach resigns, season canceled amid scandal

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Duke University's lacrosse coach resigned Wednesday and the school canceled the rest of the season amid a burgeoning scandal involving allegations that three players on the highly ranked team raped a stripper at an off-campus party.

Mike Pressler spent 16 seasons at Duke and won three Atlantic Coast Conference championships. Last year, his team appeared in the national championship game.

"Coach Pressler offered me his resignation earlier this afternoon, and I accepted it," said Duke athletic director Joe Alleva. "I believe this is in the best interests of the program, the department of athletics and the university."

The rape allegations have roiled the campus and the city, raised racial tensions, and heightened the long-standing antagonism between the privileged students at the elite university and the poorer people of Durham.

The stripper is black and said her attackers were white. Investigators and witnesses have said the lacrosse players taunted her with racial slurs and insults.

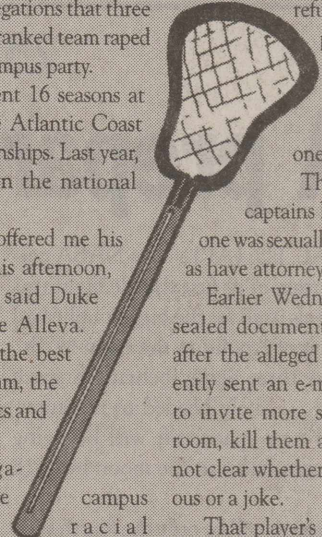
Students and townspeople have marched on campus and off in recent days, angry over the school's handling of the allegations and the team members' refusal to cooperate with police. Investigators have said the athletes are sticking together and keeping silent. No one has been charged.

The lacrosse team's co-captains have denied that anyone was sexually assaulted at the party, as have attorneys for the players.

Earlier Wednesday, authorities unsealed documents stating that hours after the alleged rape, a player apparently sent an e-mail saying he wanted to invite more strippers to his dorm room, kill them and skin them. It was not clear whether the message was serious or a joke.

That player's attorney, Glen Bachman, said Duke had suspended his client.

"The court released today a previously sealed warrant, whose contents are sickening and repulsive," Duke President Richard Brodhead said in announcing the cancellation of the rest of the season. Last week, Brodhead suspended the team from play.



Video shows insurgents dragging burning body of U.S. pilot

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen shouting "God is Great!" dragged the burning body of what they said was a U.S. pilot in a horrific video posted Wednesday on the Web by a new al-Qaida-affiliated group that claimed it shot down an Apache helicopter last weekend.

The U.S. military expressed outrage over the release of "such a despicable video for public exposure" but said it had serious doubts that the footage was authentic.

The AH-64D Apache Longbow attack helicopter was downed near Yousfiyah about 12 miles southwest of Baghdad on Saturday, killing the two pilots. A U.S. statement said troops had recovered "all available remains" although "reports of a Web site video suggest that terrorists removed part of a body from the crash site."

The flaming wreckage of a helicopter could be seen clearly in the video, including outlines of the aircraft's blades and jagged pieces of wreckage strewn

over a field.

The camera panned over bloodstained debris, then showed several men dragging the burning body of a man across a field as they shouted "Allahu Akbar," or "God is Great!" Voices could be heard in the background shouting "come, come, help me carry it."

The body's face was not visible, but the camera zoomed in on what appeared to be his waistline, which showed a scrap of underwear with the brand name "Hanes." It appeared the man was wearing tattered digital camouflage fatigues, which are worn by U.S. troops in Iraq.

The time stamp on the video which shows the minutes and seconds do not run sequentially, and the scenes appear disjointed. The posting also included bombing scenes filmed elsewhere, indicating the material had been edited as a propaganda package.

Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, a spokesman for the command, said the wreckage shown on the video "does

appear to be an AH-64" but added that other helicopters of that type have been lost.

"We have serious doubts about the authenticity of this video, a common tactic we see terrorist groups use to keep the stories they want alive in the media," he said.

But in Alexandria, Va., Ben Venzke, head of Intel-Center, a defense contractor which monitors militant statements, said it appeared on first viewing that the tape was authentic. Although the date stamp on the video was Sunday, April 2, a day after the crash, Venzke said the discrepancy could be simply a technical error in the setting.

"Based on an initial review of the footage, it would seem to indicate the downing of a helicopter and the removal of crew and passengers from the craft," he said. "On an initial review, it does appear to be what it purports to be."

He said the large amount of background chatter among those on the ground suggested that "it was filmed closely after the downing of the helicopter as opposed to something that was found later and staged."

Couric

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tions who spoke on condition of anonymity because a deal had not been completed.

Couric, 49, grew up in journalism backstage at CNN, then joined NBC as a Pentagon reporter in 1989. In April 1991, she was installed next to Bryant Gumbel to wipe away the stain of Deborah Norville's disastrously brief tenure.

It was a master stroke that earned hundreds of millions for NBC and its parent, General Electric Corp. Couric, paired with Lauer since 1997, will leave next month as the longest-serving "Today" host in the show's 54-year history. The show is in the 11th year of an unprecedented ratings winning streak.

Her success helped pave the career rise of Jeff Zucker, once Couric's executive producer and now, as CEO of the NBC Universal Television Group, responsible for overseeing a smooth transition at "Today."

"There comes a time for everyone, when new challenges become hard to resist, and I fully understand that," Zucker said. "I couldn't be happier for Katie."

Couric turned down an offer of about \$20 million a year to stay at NBC in order to take CBS' five-year deal at near her current salary of about \$15 million, according to people close to negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity because networks do not speak publicly about salaries. She's also agreed to do "60 Minutes" stories and prime-time specials for CBS. The lure of making history in the evening — and an end to pre-dawn wake-up calls — proved irresistible.

Couric's morning job required her to interview everyone from presidents to preening celebrities to a runaway bride. Some critics have questioned whether

those skills translate well to a job that primarily involves reading news headlines and presiding when big news strikes.

"If we have another (terrorist) attack or hurricane and need life-saving information, I think her image is that of more fluff than fact and that's going to have an impact," said Jeff Alan, the author of "Anchoring America: The

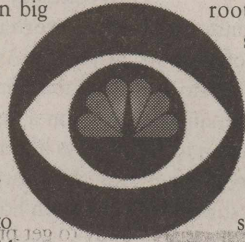
Changing Face of Network News." She seemed far from her hard news roots last November while serving as host for NBC's Thanksgiving Day parade coverage and missing the story of a spectator hurt by a falling street lamp — a development CBS aggressively pursued.

It hasn't helped that the morning show balance has tipped to the

less serious, said Charlotte Grimes, a journalism professor at Syracuse University. She said the new anchor needs to ditch the fashion consultants and crafters of the 172 hairstyles that Couric joked about on Wednesday's "Today" show.

"I think she does have the background but she's going to have to overcome the most recent memories of her," she said.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NASA'S FIRST SHUTTLE FLIGHT

NASA prepares for change in manned space program

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — As NASA celebrates the 25th anniversary of its first shuttle flight this week, the agency also steels itself for the biggest upheaval since the moon shot days of Apollo in the early 1970s.

In just four years the three aging, behemoth space shuttles will be shelved — likely headed to museums. And by 2014, a brand new spacecraft will be flying — one designed to get astronauts to the moon by 2018 and eventually Mars.

This wrenching transition will be only the fourth such makeover for the manned space program in the agency's nearly 50-year history. Critics already are grumbling about the lack of money to accomplish the shift to the new crew exploration vehicle. More than one-fifth of NASA's proposed \$16.8 billion budget for next year will be spent on developing the new vehicle system.

"The new crew exploration vehicle will come in late, over cost and underspent and it will stress the agency to

get it to function according to plan," said Duke historian Alex Roland, a persistent NASA critic who worked for the space agency in the 1970s. "It will underperform. It will be just a shadow of what they promised and by the time it's done, critics like me will ask 'What's the payoff in the investment?'"

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin has acknowledged the agency will have to transform itself in order to carry out goals first articulated by President Bush two years ago. The transition will change everything from how astronauts are trained, which NASA operations stay open, which private companies get multibillion-dollar contracts and the size of NASA's work force.

"What we have ahead of us represents a challenge significantly greater than when we first went to the moon," Griffin said recently in a speech.

New classes of astronauts will have to practice flying in a vehicle quite different from the shuttle and learn

how to extract resources such as oxygen from the moon's soil. They will be taught to grow vegetables in lunar greenhouses and conduct geological tests on the moon's surface. Already, engineers at United Space Alliance are studying how a crew will be able to train aboard the spacecraft on a three-year trip to Mars. Eventually, Mars-bound astronauts will have to learn how to extract fuel and other resources from Mars' surface.

"The requirement to live off the land will be crucial to our future in space, just as it was to Lewis and Clark," Griffin said recently.

The crew exploration vehicle will be shaped like an Apollo-era capsule and hold six astronauts for trips to the space station and four for journeys to the moon. Under the proposed design, astronauts in the new space vehicle will be launched on one rocket, and the lunar lander and moon-propelling rocket parts will be launched on another, much bigger rocket. Once in orbit, the capsule

carrying the crew will dock with the lander and rocket and head for the moon. The crew capsule will return to Earth by parachutes and can be used up to 10 times.

Two competing contractors, Lockheed Martin and a team of Northrop Grumman and Boeing, each have received \$60 million contracts to develop conceptual designs for the crew exploration vehicle. NASA will choose a winning bidder to build the spacecraft by August.

NASA has stopped ordering some shuttle parts, and some work projects have been scrubbed as the shuttle program winds toward its end in 2010. In January, NASA cut in half its order of external fuel tanks. Workers have stopped making upgrades to the space shuttles' cockpits.

"There are smaller items, day-to-day work, that are being adjusted," said Anne Martt, a vice president of United Space Alliance, the primary private contractor that works on the shuttles.

Shuttles never lived up to expectations

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — In the '70s, NASA touted the space shuttle as reliable, economical and safe. It didn't quite work out that way.

During their 25 years of flight, the shuttles were often over budget and risky — as the Challenger and Columbia accidents demonstrated. And instead of the 30 to 60 flights a year, the most flights NASA got was nine in 1985.

This month, NASA marks the silver anniversary of the first shuttle flight, which had astronauts John Young and Bob Crippen at the helm.

The shuttle was a successor to the 1960s Apollo program that sent man to the moon. In a space race with the Soviet Union at the height of the Cold War, Congress and the Kennedy and Johnson administrations

generously funded those successful efforts. That support declined in the late 1960s and early 1970s as other national priorities such as the Vietnam War took center stage.

The shuttle that emerged was quite different from NASA original concept, a result of development and design compromises meant to keep costs low and meet the needs of the Air Force and private companies that wanted to use the shuttles for deploying satellites. One compromise was that the new vehicle didn't have a way for astronauts to escape during launch — the Challenger accident changed that.

NASA promised the program

would be self-sufficient and would pay for itself with more than 30 flights a year. But the Challenger disaster in 1986 grounded the shuttles for 2 1/2 years. The death of seven astronauts, including teacher

Christa McAuliffe, ended the myth that spaceflight by shuttle could become as routine as flying an airplane.

Tragedy struck again in 2003 with Columbia's disintegration over Texas, killing another seven astronauts.

Recently, NASA chief Michael Griffin said that NASA's decision to retreat to low-Earth orbit after going to the moon is now "universally regarded as having been a mistake. The race to the moon in the 1960s did

more harm to the American space program in the long run than it did good because the build-up was not sustainable, and it was followed by the inevitable build-down and we've been paying for it for 35 years."

In 2004, President Bush announced the shuttles would be retired in 2010 with the completion of the international space station and replaced by another vehicle that could return humans to the moon and eventually on to Mars.

Despite the broken promises of the shuttle, many NASA officials and shuttle workers say they're going to miss the spacecraft after spending almost three decades working on it.

"It's going to be a bittersweet day when we retire the space shuttle because the space shuttle really has been my entire career," said Wayne Hale, shuttle program manager.

Returning astronaut wants some coffee that doesn't come in a bag

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After more than six months in orbit, returning U.S. astronaut Bill McArthur longs for two simple pleasures: a hot cup of fresh coffee and a crunchy salad.

"Life up here is an extraordinary experience ... but we miss the richness, the texture, the three-dimensional nature of living on our home planet," McArthur said Wednesday in an interview from the international space station with *The Associated Press* and the *Houston Chronicle*.

"I'm a big coffee drinker and I always like a nice hot cup of coffee in the morning," he said. "The coffee on board tastes good but it's all in bags."

McArthur will fly back Saturday on a Soyuz spacecraft, landing in

the steppes of Kazakhstan. Also aboard will be Russian flight engineer Valery Tokarev and Marcos Pontes, Brazil's first man in space.

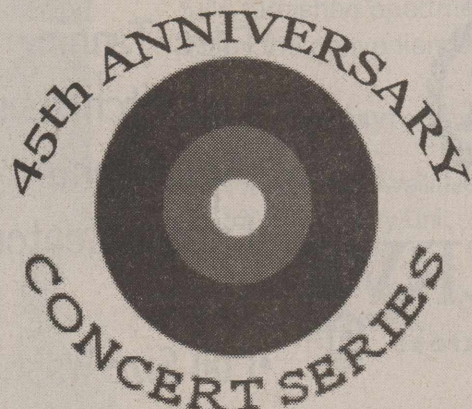
McArthur and Tokarev have been at the space station more than six months. They are being replaced by Russian commander Pavel Vinogradov and U.S. flight engineer Jeff Williams, who arrived at the station with Pontes last Friday.

McArthur said he also is looking forward to biting into a crunchy salad and feeling "that sensation of pressing into a nice fresh lettuce or a nice raw carrot."

This week, the crew tested a new method of preparing for spacewalks and produced sufficient data, even though the test was cut short, McArthur said.



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Future looks bright for Tech golf

By **TREY SHIPMAN**
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Freshmen are in abundance on the Texas Tech golf teams.

In Rancho Mirage, Calif., Tuesday as part of the Northwestern Invitational, the Tech women's team was paced by three freshmen to a ninth-place finish.

"I was really happy with the way the team played," coach Stacey Totman said. "The golf course was not easy. You really had to hit the ball well to score on that golf course."

Freshman Ulrika van Niekerk led Tech with a three-round total of 223, good for a share of 27th place.

"Ulrika is really long," Totman said. "She is probably the longest girl on the team right now."

Fellow freshmen Megan Dowdy and Gloriana Soto finished in ties for 36th and 39th with totals of 225 and 226, respectively.

"Megan has a competitive spirit that is just really fun to be around," Totman said. "And Gloriana is just a really strong ball striker."

Rounding out the Tech squad were senior Ashley Slavich with a 48th-place finish of 230, and junior Marla Troester

with a 67th-place finish of 239.

"The girls are consistently getting better," Totman said. "We are not at 100 percent, but we are continuing to improve."

Despite losing four of the Top 5 players from last year's squad, Totman said she is encouraged by the future of Tech women's golf.

"We have had three freshmen step up to the plate at different times," she said. "It will be really exciting to see what is going to happen with them over the next couple of years."

Totman said she is excited because she has signed some talented golfers to join the team in 2007.

"Hopefully the new girls can come in and learn from the girls on the team now," Totman said. "This group is probably the hardest working group of kids I have ever had. They represent Texas Tech women's golf and the university well."

Also, on Tuesday, the men's golf team finished the Morris Williams Invitational in Austin in a tie for second place with a team score of 859.

"It is hard to say that I am satisfied," coach Greg Sands said. "I am satisfied with the way the guys played, but I always want to win."

Junior Oscar Floren continued to lead the Tech team as he finished in a tie for second with a three-round total of 209. Senior Andrew Dresser finished one shot behind Floren good for a fifth-place tie.

A trio of freshmen rounded out the Tech team including Santiago Rivas with a 10th-place finish of 215. The finish is Rivas' best as a Red Raider.

"He hasn't really competed much for us this season," Sands said. "So it was really encouraging to see him take advantage of the opportunity he was given."

Fellow freshmen Jake Younan-Wise and Garrett Merrell ended the tournament in 49th and 60th with totals of 224 and 226.

Sands said he is happy with his current crop of freshmen.

"These guys have been continuing to improve all year," he said. "The freshmen are important to our success. If they continue to improve, the team will continue to improve."

Sands said the second-place finish says a lot about the men's golf team.

"If anything we learned that we can compete with anybody in the country," Sands said.

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Grant caught by Storm with 39th pick in WNBA draft

Erin Grant will be sporting some new colors this summer after being drafted by the Seattle Storm in the 10th-annual WNBA draft Wednesday.

Grant was the 11th pick in the third and final round, 39th overall.

Collegiate players from all across the country were invited to Boston to take part in a pre-draft camp, a similar workout experience to the NFL combine in which players are given physicals, interviewed and put through drills.

Tuesday, Grant said the past couple of days had been tiring and grueling with all

the workouts, but it was not as hard as having to anticipate her name being called.

"It's hard because all you can do now is wait," she said Tuesday before the draft.

Some mock drafts on ESPN.com had the 5-foot-8-inch point guard as high as the No. 7 pick overall and no lower than 24.

Tech forward LaToya Davis was another player expected to go somewhere in the second round but apparently nobody had her on their draft board Wednesday afternoon.

Davis will wait to see if she has a chance at a free agent contract with a team

before the season starts May 20.

Former LSU guard and two-time State Farm Wade Trophy winner Seimone Augustus was the first overall pick of the draft by the Minnesota Lynx.

Sophia Young of Baylor and Christelle N'Garsanet of Missouri were the only other players from the Big 12 picked in the draft.

N'Garsanet is headed to New York while Young will get to remain in Texas after being drafted by the San Antonio Silver Stars.

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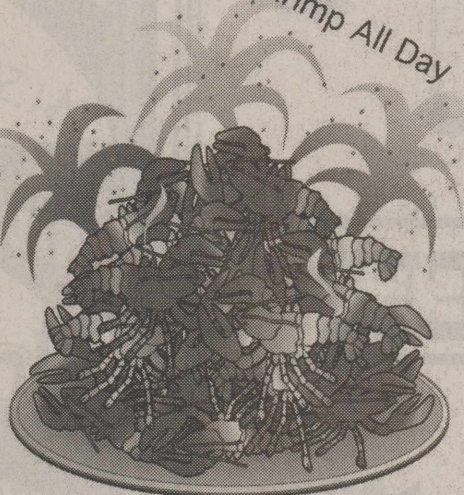
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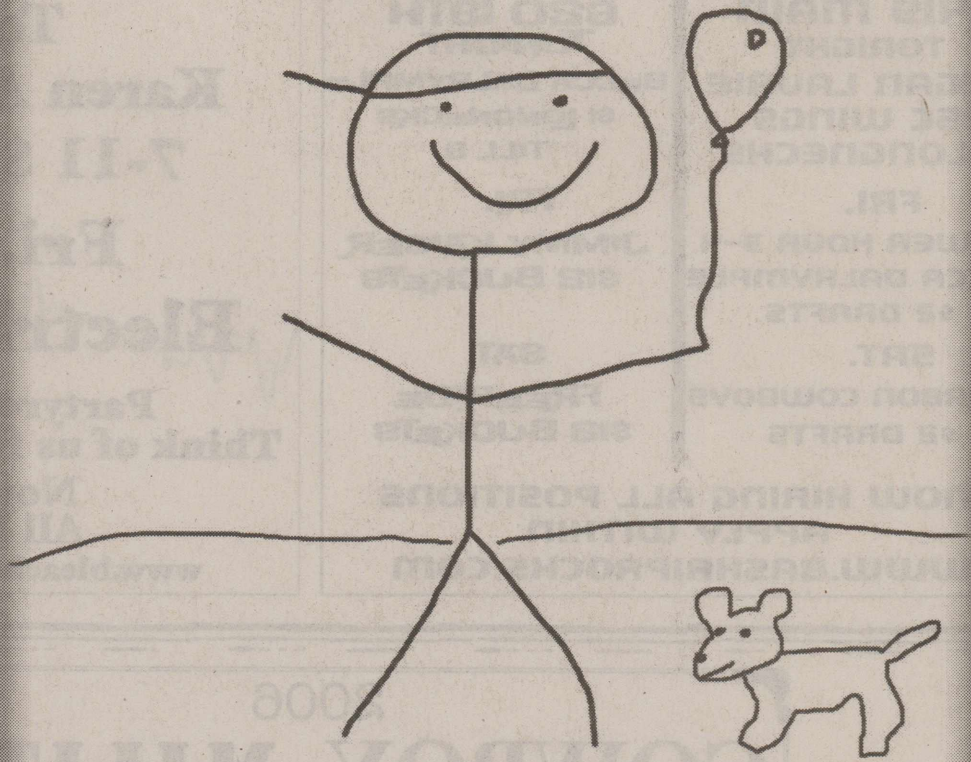
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AT&Tech? The Jones gets new partner

By **TRAVIS CRAM**
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

A newly refurbished stadium, with a newly refurbished name.

Texas Tech officially announced the renaming of the home to Red Raider football on Wednesday, Jones AT&T Stadium.

The announcement comes four months after AT&T and SBC joined forces and launched what AT&T Regional Manager David George said has been an aggressive campaign to let the world know about the new AT&T.

"It's all part of bringing excellence on and off the field," he said.

According to AT&T, The Jones becomes only the fourth athletic facility around the country to dawn the communications name in its title. The others include AT&T Center in San Antonio, AT&T Park in San Francisco, and AT&T Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City.

Jones is the only collegiate athletic facility with the AT&T name. Tech first joined with Southwestern Bell Communications in 2000 when Clifford Jones Stadium received the extra initials before its first home game Aug. 26, 2000,

against New Mexico. Tech won the game 24-3.

So if history repeats itself, Tech should have no problem against SMU when the Raiders open the 2006 season Sept. 2, riding a nine-game home winning streak.

Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said he is excited and pleased about the new name, and already has begun thinking about where to place the new logos on the field.

He said the new name adds to the prestige of the university and the image it is trying to build with the new construction on campus. He said the new name raises the stadium to a different level.

"It's just an exciting time," he said. "Our mission is to continue to build this stadium, increase the seating

capacity here, to build out the east side so it will be a comparable facade to the west side, and to make this one of the outstanding stadiums."

In February, Tech board of regents approved a \$45 million expansion to the east side of the stadium, which will be similar to the \$51.9 million west side expansion in 2003.

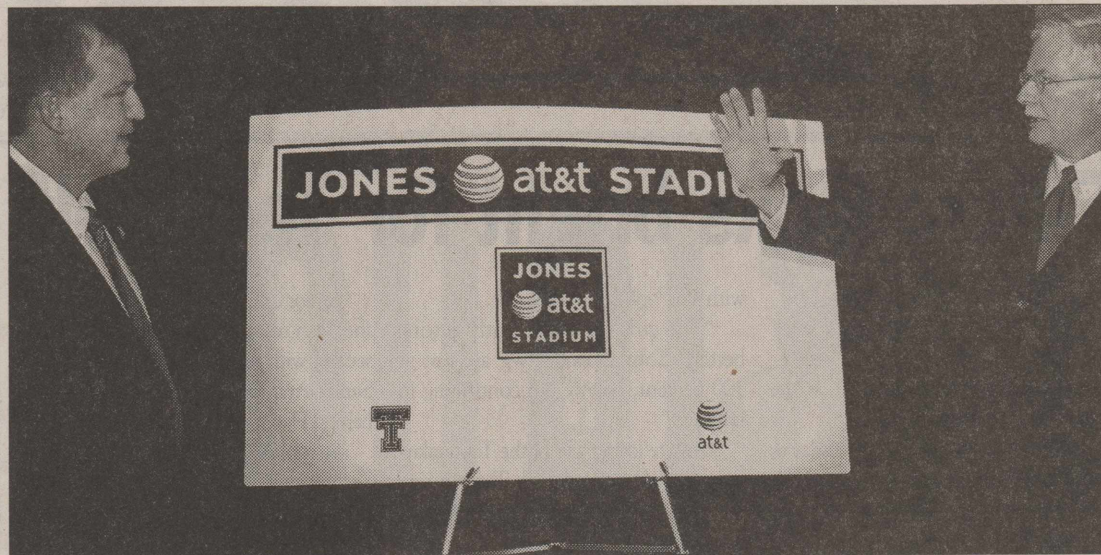
AT&T has given \$20 million in gifts to help renovate the stadium and \$10 million in 1999 for scholarships and endowed chairs.

According to the athletic department, the renovation will add an estimated 10,000 seats to the stadium including luxury suites, upper deck seats and sections to fill in the gaps currently in each corner of the stadium.

Add that to the current field

"We're better because of it. We believe that having the AT&T name on our facility will only enhance our reputation in the Big 12 Conference and around the country."

— **JON WHITMORE**
Texas Tech President



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DAVID GEORGE, LEFT, AT&T regional manager stands with Texas Tech President Jon Whitmore next to the new logo for Jones AT&T Stadium at a news conference Wednesday.

renovation going on at the stadium to replace the old-style turf with the new FieldTurf, which is turf made to look like natural grass.

Tech athletics said the turf should be ready by July 15, well before the 2006 season opener.

Tech President Jon Whitmore said the partnership is great for the Lubbock community, Tech and AT&T.

"We're better because of it," he said. "We believe that having the AT&T name on our facility will only enhance our reputation in the Big 12 Conference and around the country."

George said this relationship would not be possible if it were not for AT&T Chairman and CEO Ed Whitaker, was once an industrial engineering major at Tech.

The regional manager said the new slogan of AT&T encompasses everything the company is about and it carries over to what Tech is trying to do in West Texas.

"We're proud to be a part of the Red Raider program," he said. "And we look forward to celebrating many more victories to come."

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MLB player salaries up 9 percent

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's average salary soared 9 percent this year to nearly \$2.9 million, with Alex Rodriguez topping a sport in which more than half the players on opening-day rosters make \$1 million or more.

Rodriguez headed the list at \$25.7 million and was No. 1 for the sixth straight year, according to a study of major league contracts by *The Associated Press*. He was followed by New York Yankees teammates Derek Jeter (\$20.6 million) and Jason Giambi (\$20.4 million).

San Francisco's Barry Bonds was fourth at \$20 million, and Houston's Jeff Bagwell — who might not play because of a shoulder injury — was next at \$19.3 million.

"Baseball had record crowds last year," Giambi said. "Probably with Barry going to break the (home run) record, it will bump it up and more people will come out and watch it. That makes players more popular, and in turn guys make more money."

This year's record \$2,866,544 average was up 8.9 percent from last year's figure of \$2,632,655.

The Yankees' payroll dropped a

bit to \$198.7 million from \$205.9 million on opening day last year. Boston was second again at \$120.1 million, followed by the Los Angeles Angels (\$103.6 million), the World Series champion Chicago White Sox (\$102.9 million) and the New York Mets (\$100.9 million).

Payroll figures don't include cash transactions, such as money the Yankees are receiving from Texas for Rodriguez and the White Sox are getting from Philadelphia for Jim Thome.

At the other end were the Florida Marlins at just under \$15 million, including 17 players making the \$327,000 minimum. It's the lowest figure for any team at the start of a season since Pittsburgh and Montreal in 1998. It's also less than the top 12 players make and 1/13th of what the Yankees pay their roster.

While the biggest spenders kept their payrolls pretty much at the same levels as last year, many teams at the bottom made boosts. Toronto added free-agent pitchers A.J. Burnett and B.J. Ryan, and catcher Bengie Molina, among others, hiking its payroll to \$71.9 million from \$45.4 million.

Eleven of the bottom 15 teams increased spending. Baseball's labor contract expires Dec. 19, and the sport's economic system will be negotiated again by players and owners.

"There are still concerns at both the top and the bottom," said Bob Duvy, baseball's chief operating officer. "The goal would be to get a tighter range that would ensure that even more than 20 clubs at Labor Day still have a chance to compete for playoff spots, that playoff spots are based on skill and talent and blossoming stars and not just on plugging holes with economics."

Oakland, 21st at \$62.3 million, still has little margin for error. Some of the high-spending clubs, such as the Yankees, complain that the smaller-market franchises haven't spent their revenue-sharing money on major league payrolls.

"Certain teams are funneling it back in the right ways and there are some teams that aren't," Athletics outfielder Mark Kotsay said. "I think this club in the last couple of years has definitely shed that. They've used the money in revenue sharing and put it back into players' salaries."

Questions on Clemens continue in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Even Roger Clemens' sons want an answer.

Clemens watched on television Monday night as the Houston Astros beat the Florida Marlins in their season opener.

"My little ones, they're putting their two cents in every night," Clemens said, referring to some of his four sons. "I'm sitting there watching the game last night and they're looking over at me saying, 'What are you doing? Who are you going to play for?'"

"I said, 'I'm playing for the home team right now. We're going to go out and hit in the cage do the things we love to do around the house,'" he said.

The Clemens speculation tour came to Minute Maid Park on Tuesday as the Rocket and the rest of last year's Astros got their NL championship rings.

Clemens shook hands with owner Drayton McLane and pumped his fist to the crowd during a pregame ceremony before the Astros played the Marlins at Minute Maid Park. Then Clemens repeated what he's been saying for months: He hasn't decided if he'll play a 23rd season.

"If I'm going to get out here and decide to do this again, I'd have to really commit to it," Clemens said. "That's as far as I'm thinking about right now."

The Astros, Boston Red Sox, Texas Rangers and New York Yankees are interested in signing Clemens if he decides

to come back. The Astros can't re-sign him May 1.

Clemens certainly seems to be listening to every offer.

He was in Arlington on Opening Day as a guest of Rangers owner Tom Hicks. The Rangers played Boston and Clemens also met with Red Sox owner John Henry, chairman Tom Werner and other team officials. Clemens and his agents have also spoken to the Yankees.

"It's all about, do I want to challenge myself and help somebody win?" he said. "At this point, I don't have any feelings either way."

Clemens and his wife, Debbie, sat with McLane behind home plate on Tuesday night.

Houston would seem to be the logical place for Clemens to end his career. He grew up in Texas, lives in Houston and his oldest son, Koby, plays for the Astros' Class-A affiliate in Lexington, Ky. Clemens was flying to Kentucky on Wednesday to see his son play.

Clemens pitched to minor-leaguers at Astros' spring training camp, fueling speculation that he would return. He pitched in the World Baseball Classic and got questions from players from several teams.

"It's very flattering," he said. "But there's a lot that goes into it. If I just worked to go back, get a paycheck and be very average,

I could do that.

"If I come back, it's not necessarily a team that's winning its division, either. It's a team I still think can win and a team I can help in a big way. That's my approach," he said.

Clemens led the majors with his career-best 1.87 ERA last season but broke down with hamstring and groin injuries late in the year.

He felt fine after the World Baseball Classic and left the tournament impressed by the quality of the international teams — and the devotion of the Japanese and South Korean fans.

Remembering back to a Japan-South Korea game in Anaheim, Calif., Clemens said he took clothes to a dry cleaners and was told he wouldn't get them back for nearly a week.

"They said, 'You've got no chance,' they told me," Clemens said. "I said, 'I'm going to get it tomorrow, right?' And then she goes, 'No chance, we're going to the game.' So we couldn't get dry cleaning done out there, but I guess the neatest thing about them was there were about 50,000 of them at Anaheim Stadium, Korea and Japan."

"Even in Arizona, when we played Mexico there, it was so festive. It really makes you sit back and realize our game is played the right way in a number of different countries."

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Students strive to make poverty history

By **CHRIS ATWOOD**
FEATURES WRITER

The South Asian Student Association is hosting Poverty Week to raise awareness and to raise money to donate to a U.N. fund to help reduce poverty in Asia and Africa.

There will be a short film exposé about poverty and how it impacts different parts of the world at 7 p.m. today in the Escondido Theater in the Student Union Building.

Friday there will be a "Mr. Perfect" pageant in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building. Tickets for the event are \$3 and will be sold at the door. The show begins at 7 p.m. and all proceeds go toward the donation to the U.N. fund.

Neil Patwardhan, a senior marketing major from Charlotte, S.C., said the association's goal is to promote racial diversity among the student body, and the goal of the week's events is to promote knowledge and awareness about poverty, and to raise money.

The organization already has raised between \$700 and \$800 from family, friends, roommates, and generous faculty and students, he said.

"The primary reason for organizing the week is to raise awareness," he said.

Patwardhan said many students are unaware of poverty and its effects on people in different countries because it is easy to become closed to places outside Lubbock.

"A lot of students have never left Texas, let alone the United States,"

he said.

Meghna Gupta, a freshman biology major from Austin, said many people may not have the opportunities to travel east to Asia and Africa.

She said she wants to let people know there is more going on in the world than what bar to go to on a particular evening.

Gupta said she sees people throw away so much food all the time when there are people who do not know when their next meal will be.

This was one of the purposes of fasting during daylight hours as part of Poverty Week.

"Every grain of rice is important," she said about how many impoverished people have little access to food, and how people with resources should not

overuse or waste the food they have available.

Sheeva Chora, a freshman psychology and pre-pharmacy major from Plano, said she agrees with Gupta and Patwardhan when they say people do not know a lot about poverty.

"A lot of people — you'd be surprised, don't know about poverty," Chora said.

The South Asian Student Association has set up a display near the Student Union Building this week. The display features a tent of a homeless person to show what kind of conditions a person could endure.

The group also displays statistics about poverty. Patwardhan said many students are curious about the display and are curious about the statistics seen around the table.

"To get the higher calling — the need to help — people need to be aware," he said.

Chris Huynh, a junior mechanical engineering major from Plano, said he believes the Mr. Perfect competition will be a good way to end the week and will make the events more fun.

"The whole week has a serious mood, and this lightens it up," he said.

Huynh said the competition is similar to a typical beauty pageant



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SONYA SHAH, A freshman architecture major from Dallas, Sirisha Reddy, a freshman pre-med major from Fort Worth, Maia Ghandour, a sophomore biology major from Lubbock, Sanjeet Baidwan, a sophomore cell molecular biology major from Lubbock, Rapheal Ramos, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Grapevine, and Neil Patwardhan, a senior marketing major from Charlotte, N.C., add up donation money during the South Asian Student Association's Poverty Week outside the Student Union Building Wednesday afternoon.

where contestants will have to dance, perform a talent, answer questions and show off formal attire.

He said most are helping out either because they will have fun or because the event serves a good cause.

Association members said they got many of their statistics and video clips

from www.makepovertyhistory.org, the Web site of an organization with the goal of helping make poverty an issue globally.

For more information on the Poverty Week, visit www.orgs.ttu.edu/sasa.

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THE SUN RISES over a bronze bull at the National Ranching Heritage Center early Tuesday morning.

Eminem splits from Kim Mathers — again

DETROIT (AP) — Eminem's dysfunctional relationship with wife Kim has hit another low — he has filed divorce papers, less than three months after remarrying her.

"There has been a breakdown in the marriage relationship to the extent that the objects of matrimony have been destroyed and there remains no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be preserved," according to the

filing, which was made in Macomb County on Wednesday on behalf of Marshall Bruce Mathers III, Eminem's real name.

The filing also states that the 33-year-old rapper and his wife signed a prenuptial agreement a week before their Jan. 14 wedding ceremony in Rochester. It doesn't describe the specifics of the prenuptial agreement, other than to say that "the property of the parties should be divided in accordance with" the agreement.

It also says that Kim Mathers is not pregnant and that Eminem is seeking joint custody of their 10-year-old daughter, Hailie Jade Scott.

Kim Mathers' lawyer, Michael J. Smith, said the filing caught his client off-guard.

"It comes to us as somewhat of a surprise. But we have to deal with it, and we will deal with it," he said. "I was at their wedding. It's very unfortunate that he filed for divorce."



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