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Astronauts prepare for next month's launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The six crew members of the next space shuttle mission flew into the Kennedy Space Center from Houston on Wednesday for several days of dress rehearsal in preparation for next month's launch aboard Atlantis.

Three of the astronauts will be flying for the first time in space, including pilot Lee Archambault.

"I came here a number of times as a Cape Crusader," said Archambault, referring to the group of astronauts who help out fellow astronauts before they go on space shuttle missions. "It's great to be here on the other side of the deal."

NATION

Cheney at odds with McCain over Rumsfeld

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney on Wednesday challenged GOP presidential hopeful John McCain's assertion that Donald H. Rumsfeld was one of the country's worst defense secretaries. "John's entitled to his opinion. I just think he's wrong," said Cheney, a friend of Rumsfeld. He also disclosed that the Arizona senator had apologized to him for a previous comment that the vice president had "badly served" President Bush on Iraq.

WORLD

Iran refuses to budge on UN demands

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran called Wednesday for talks with the United States — but despite a U.N. Security Council deadline did not budge on council demands that it mothball its uranium enrichment program or face harsher sanctions. Amid Iran's nuclear defiance, the U.N. nuclear watchdog finalized a report to be released Thursday that is expected to formally confirm the Islamic republic's refusal to freeze enrichment — a conclusion that could subject it to tougher U.N. sanctions.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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## Blair announces withdrawal of 1,600 British troops

By DAVID STRINGER  
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LONDON (AP) — British troops have achieved many tangible successes in Iraq — securing oil platforms, rounding up rogue police units and driving smugglers carrying weapons and contraband from waterways and border crossings.

Now some of these tasks will be ceded to Iraqi troops for good.

Under proposals laid out by Prime Minister Tony Blair on Wednesday, Britain will withdraw about 1,600 troops from Iraq over the coming months and hopes to make other cuts to its 7,100-strong contingent by late summer.

British troops would likely stay in the southern Basra region until at least 2008, training local forces, working to secure the Iran-Iraq border and maintaining supply routes to U.S. and coalition troops in central

Iraq, Blair told legislators.

Britain could further reduce its force level to below 5,000 once a base at Basra Palace is transferred to Iraqi control in late summer, the prime minister said.

"What all of this means is not that Basra is how we want it to be. But it does mean that the next chapter in Basra's history can be written by Iraqis," Blair said.

The announcement, on the same day Denmark said it would withdraw

its 460 troops, comes as the U.S. is implementing an increase of 21,000 more troops for Iraq — putting Washington on an opposite track as its main coalition allies.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice played down the British pull-back, saying it is consistent with the U.S. plan to turn over more control to Iraqi forces.

"The British have done what is really the plan for the country as a whole, which is to transfer security

responsibility to the Iraqis as the situation permits," Rice said. "The coalition remains intact and, in fact, the British still have thousands of troops deployed in Iraq."

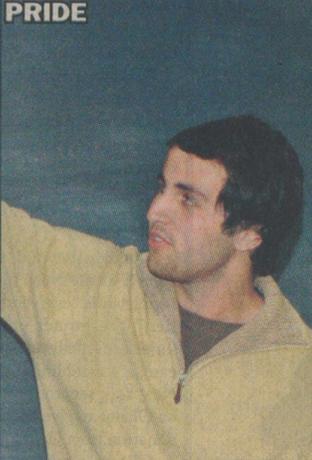
The Islamic State of Iraq, an al-Qaida linked insurgent group, called the British decision "the beginning of the disintegration of the crusader coalition," according to a posting on a militant Web site translated by

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# THE GREAT DEBATE

Candidates square off to secure votes in SGA race

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By MAGGIE KIELY  
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Texas Tech Student Government Association conducted a debate for executive officer candidates Wednesday night in the Business Administration building.

The debate was led by a panel of mediators who addressed each candidate with questions specific to each position. Mediators included Ryan Worley, the SGA president, Travis Cram, the editor of *The Daily Toreador*, Chris Huff, the SGA external vice president, Zeb Alexander, the SGA graduate vice president, and Josh Hull, *The DT's* assistant news editor.

Scott Gorenc, the candidate running for graduate vice president, said the biggest thing lacking between the SGA and graduate students is communication.

"I don't think students even know that there is a graduate SGA that represents them," Gorenc said. "The position has only been around for four years, so it is a very young position. The most important thing we can do next year is define that job description."

When asked about the newly established

"after 4:30 pass", Gorenc said he believes it is a great idea and a program that can be expanded.

"Kind of embellish the 4:30 pass and maybe make it an afternoon pass," Gorenc said, "or have it for all graduate students, not just GAs and RAs."

Gorenc said he wants to make it a mission of the SGA to really take on the needs and wants of the students.

Suzette Matthews, an internal vice president candidate, said she has been involved in SGA for the last three years and believes she really has a feel for how the SGA works.

"I was parliamentarian last semester and I feel I really know the ins and outs of senate and could run a successful meeting," Matthews said.

Kyle Crowl, an internal vice president candidate, said he thinks the SGA needs some change.

"I was talking to a group the other day and they were so upset because they only hear from the senators around campaign time," Crowl said. "I mean, what is that? We need to change that."

The internal vice president candidates were asked their opinions on the death toll count in

*The DT* and both similarly responded.

"I will be completely honest and it may not be the most popular opinion in the world," Crowl said, "I think that it is foolish of the SGA to try and censor *The Daily Toreador*."

Crowl said if he could change anything about the death toll, he would list the soldiers names who died.

Matthews said she feels the SGA has no jurisdiction on what the student newspaper publishes.

"I really have to believe in freedom of press," Matthews said. "So if *The Daily Toreador* feels good in what they publish, then I am going to have to respect that."

Parking and transportation issues were key topics for the external vice president candidates.

Tim Sansone, an external vice president candidate, said he plans on making changes in parking and transportation.

"There is a huge concern for parking on campus," Sansone said. "The goal here is to demolish Thompson Hall. It's expensive, but it is a must

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## Bomb threat investigation yields no leads

By NAOMI KASKELA  
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There are no good leads concerning the bomb threat that happened at the Business Administration building on Tuesday, said Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Texas Tech Police Department.

"All I know is that we got the information about the bomb a little after 3:00 p.m.," he said.

Three search dogs were used to check the BA, but nothing suspicious was found so individuals were allowed to re-enter the building, he said.

Bob Rhoades, the assistant dean for finance and administrative services at the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business, said classes resumed as normal after the building was opened back up.

"A very, very poor judgment on the part of the individual (who called in the bomb threat)," Rhoades said.

It is up to the faculty members who had their classes disrupted by the bomb threat to decide what action to take as far as whether or not to make up classes, he said.

Scott Bauguess, an assistant professor of finance, said he was told to leave his office Tuesday afternoon because of the threat.

"My overall reaction is I don't know what happened yesterday," he said.

A student trying to get out of a class or test is a feasible answer about who called in the threat, Bauguess said.

Having to leave his office in the middle of everything was annoying, especially since he had to leave his possessions behind, he said.

Bauguess stood outside with other individuals who were forced to leave the building, but he said he did not stay for long.

"I did for a while," he said, "and when I saw they weren't going to let us in anytime soon, I went home."

Hoffman said he agreed with Ron Seacrist, Tech's chief of police, that bomb threats do not occur often on the Tech campus.

A bomb threat, like the one called in Tuesday, would most likely be characterized as a terroristic threat.

"Terroristic threat is probably the best charge," Hoffman said. "It can be anything from a Class B misdemeanor all the way up to a felony."

A Class B misdemeanor could result in fines and jail time, while a felony could result in the individual being charged and getting sent to a penitentiary, he said.

According to Section 22.07 of Texas Criminal and Traffic Law, a terroristic threat can be defined as when a person "place(s) the public or a substantial group of the public in fear of serious bodily injury" or when a person or group of people "prevent(s) or interrupt(s) the occupation or use of a building, room, place of assembly, place to which the public has access ... or other public place."

Hoffman said although they have no leads, Tech police will continue looking into the matter.

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# Edwards needles Clinton about Iraq vote at Nevada forum

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Former Sen. John Edwards jabbed gently at Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton on Wednesday in the first all-candidates forum of the 2008 Democratic presidential campaign, saying her refusal to disavow a 2002 vote on Iraq was "between her and her conscience."

"It's not for me to judge," said Edwards, who — like Clinton — voted in 2002 to authorize the invasion of Iraq, but unlike her, has since apologized for his vote.

The event format did not permit Clinton to respond to Edwards'

swipe, which stood out on an afternoon in which Democrats launched serial attacks on President Bush's war policies.

"The worst we can do is tear each other down," said New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who called on his Democratic rivals to sign a pledge to avoid negative campaigning and concentrate their energy on taking the White House away from the Republicans next year.

Among Democratic presidential contenders, only Barack Obama skipped the event, which was hosted by the American Federation of

State, County and Municipal Employees Union. The Illinois senator campaigned in Iowa instead.

The convergence of so many candidates underscored Nevada's newfound importance in the 2008 nominating campaign. The state will hold caucuses on Jan. 19, five days after the lead-off Iowa caucuses and presumably only a few days before New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary.

In their time on stage, several of the candidates made an explicit pitch for the votes of union members, stressing their backing for legislation designed to make it easier to join unions, for example.

Edwards, Clinton and others

drew cheers when they voiced support for universal health coverage, and Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio vowed to pull the United States out of NAFTA soon after taking office in the White House.

But the Iraq war overshadowed all else at the two-hour event, Democrat after Democrat vying to show their eagerness to end U.S. participation in a conflict that has resulted in the deaths of more than 3,100 U.S. troops.

"Sign me up. No negatives," Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware said just after Richardson made his appeal. Moments later, though, he spoke dismissively of congressional efforts merely to stop Bush's plan to deploy additional troops. "Don't talk about capping and all that. Do something," he said.

Clinton and Obama support separate bills to prevent an increase in troop levels above those in effect in January.

Kucinich was more direct. He said he had voted against authorizing the war in 2002, adding, "People are looking for a president who does the right thing when it matters the most."

Former Sen. Mike Gravel of Alaska, a quarter-century out of office, was the eighth candidate. "I don't think it's a big deal whether I get elected president or not," he said at one point.

The event occurred on a day in which aides to Obama and Clinton clashed over remarks made by DreamWorks founder David Geffen, a one-time supporter of President Clinton who has lined up behind the Illinois senator in 2008.

The Hollywood mogul was quoted in the New York Times as saying while "everybody in politics lies," the former president and former first lady "do it with such ease, it's troubling." Aides to the New York senator promptly called on Obama to give back a campaign donation from Geffen.

Clinton sidestepped a question of whether Obama should denounce Geffen's remarks. "I sure don't want Democrats or supporters of Democrats to be engaging in the politics of personal destruction," she told moderator George Stephanopoulos.

# Withdrawal

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Washington-based SITE Institute, which monitors terrorism Internet messages.

The group, which has claimed responsibility for several recent downings of U.S. helicopters, also called on insurgents to block roads used by the coalition forces, saying time was "crucial."

British troops have performed many humanitarian tasks — helping open hundreds of schools, fitting hospitals with modern equipment and replacing leaky water pipes — but some say the real British legacy is likely to be a consolidation of Shiite control.

British forces already acquiesced to a "situation of quiet sectarian cleansing" in the south, said Anthony Cordesman, an expert on Iraq at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. The decision to pull out of Basra only underscored the political reality of Shiite primacy in the region, he said.

Rear Adm. Richard Cobbold, director of the military think tank Royal United Services Institute in London, said Britain's decision to pull back "needed to be made."

"I would admit that there is a sense of uncertainty, but things are not getting better with the British in Basra," he said. "The British are aggravating tensions by just being

there." British troops have mounted recent operations against Shiite militia, most notably raiding a Basra police station in December that had been run by a rogue police squad and freeing 70 people held captive.

Some analysts fear a militia resurgence once British troops withdraw and warn Iran may attempt to step up its influence in the region.

Blair's official spokesman, on customary condition of anonymity in line with policy, acknowledged British officials "still believed Iranian supplied ordinance is coming across the border."

But Blair said the decision to withdraw was made because the south had "no Sunni insurgency, no al-Qaida base, little Sunni on Shia violence." The Iraqi capital Baghdad, however, was suffering from what he called an "orgy of terrorism unleashed upon it in order to crush any possibility of it functioning."

The other major coalition partners in Iraq include South Korea (2,300 troops), Poland (900), Australia and Georgia (both 800) and Romania (600), according to the Brookings Institution.

South Korea plans to halve its 2,300-member contingent in the northern city of Irbil by April, and is under pressure from parliament to devise a plan for a complete withdrawal by year's end. Polish President Lech Kaczynski has said his country's troops would stay no longer than December.

# Italian premier resigns after losing Senate vote on mission in Afghanistan

ROME (AP) — Premier Romano Prodi resigned Wednesday after nine months in office following an embarrassing loss by his center-left government in the Senate on foreign policy, including Italy's military mission in Afghanistan.

His often-squabbling coalition ranged from Christian Democrats to Communists, and Prodi ultimately failed to command the loyalty of the radical left, who balked at giving unquestioned backing to Italy's traditional pro-U.S. policies.

President Giorgio Napolitano asked Prodi to stay on in a caretaker role while he sounds out political leaders to determine who might muster enough support for a parliamentary majority, thus avoiding the

need for new elections well ahead of their 2011 schedule.

Prodi was smiling in the backseat of a limousine as he left the presidential palace and made no comment to reporters.

Prodi aides did not rule out the possibility that Napolitano would ask Prodi to try to form a new government, and from first discussions among some allies, support for another Prodi government seemed to be building.

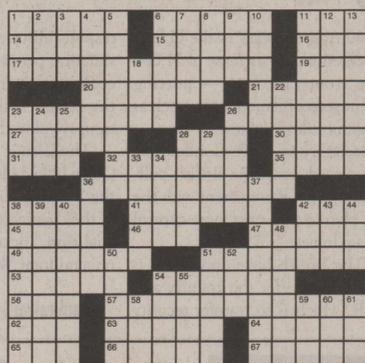
"We are ready to reconfirm our full faith in the Prodi government," said Dario Franceschini, a leader of the Olive Tree, the largest grouping in Prodi's coalition.

The loss, by two votes in the Senate, came on a bid by Foreign Minister Massimo D'Alema to rally the partners in the coalition. He was hoping the allies would close ranks in the vote on foreign policy, including Italy's military mission in Afghanistan, but his bid backfired.

"Foreign policy involves the role and image of Italy in the world and the life of our soldiers committed to international peace mission," said conservative opposition leader Silvio Berlusconi, whom Prodi had defeated in elections in April. The loss meant Prodi had the "obligation" to resign, Berlusconi insisted.

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Alan P. Olschweg  
Huntington Beach, CA

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### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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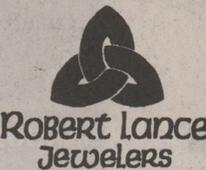
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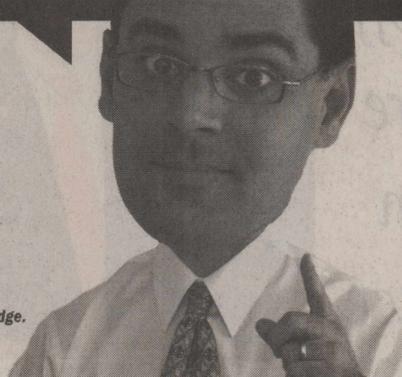
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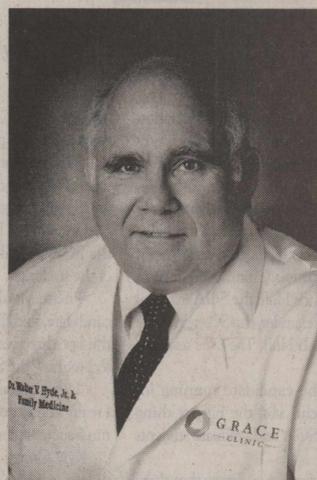
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# Chess Champion visits Lubbock school to inspire students

By **BEN MAKI**  
STAFF WRITER

A world champion has graced Lubbock with her presence.

Susan Polgar, a four-time world chess champion and grand master, visited Ramirez Charter School to participate in an exhibition with the school's chess club, the Ramirez Rooks.

Polgar played with her seven-year-old son Tommy Polgar in a simultaneous tandem match against 27 Ramirez students.

Tommy Polgar is the United States' second-grade champion.

According to her Web site, Susan Polgar once played in 1,131 games, winning 1,112 of them and

once played 326 games simultaneously. She lost three and tied 14 of those contests.

Her husband is Paul Troung, a World Chess Federation chess master and Polgar's manager. Troung said the Susan Polgar Foundation started in 2002 and the foundation has created so much attention for Polgar that her schedule is completely booked with appearances through 2009.

"It's simply not possible to visit every school," Troung said. "We would love to be able to go every school but there are just too many. We see this school as worthwhile because of its close involvement with Texas Tech."

Troung said there are a lot of

foundations that support chess, but his wife's foundation is the only one to promote girls playing chess as well as boys.

"Before she started this foundation, no one ever paid attention to girls, but she did," Troung said of his wife. "They told her 'You can't do that, no one will ever care.' The first year she sponsored a girls' national championship tournament we had forty girls. The next year, we had more than 3,000 show up to the regional qualifiers."

Polgar said she now sponsors three major tournaments for girls. Portions of the awards and scholarships given out at these tournaments are from schools including Tech, Texas A&M, the University

of Texas at Dallas and the University of Texas at Brownsville.

"My foundation gives a lot of opportunities to get scholarships and chances to get to know girls from around the world, who they might be the only girl from their school who plays chess," Polgar said. "So far, we have given over \$300,000 in scholarships and prizes."

She said the foundation is meant to give students the ability to be successful in the real world.

"The Susan Polgar Foundation is an educational tool that teaches students to focus, concentrate, be responsible for their actions, to plan ahead," Polgar said. "It translates into many life skills."

Haraldur Karlsson, adviser for

the Tech chess team, the Knight Raiders, said Polgar's presence got students who did not know how to play chess to come to Ramirez just for an opportunity to play a world champion.

Polgar said getting the opportunity to meet a champion will help encourage the students to start playing chess and learn those skills.

"I think it really motivates children to play chess," she said. "You normally don't get to meet a world champion and get to play them at chess. You don't get the opportunity to ask them questions about

their life. They get an opportunity to learn that anyone can play and be successful."

Karlsson said he hopes this visit will help get other elementary schools in Lubbock to create chess clubs and have tournaments between schools, but for now, he said he hopes it will impact Ramirez.

"This will hopefully get more kids playing, especially girls, because it gives them someone to look up to," he said, "but we know it will take a lot more than Susan showing up once to make a significant difference."

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## SGA

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and my goal is to have this completed by next year."

Taylor Hutcherson, an external vice president candidate, said he believes Thompson Hall should be turned into a parking facility and suggested other alternatives as well.

"A lot of the old ratty tennis courts need to be taken down," Hutcherson said, "and also I would like to use the band lot in the afternoons."

The expense of college was a big issue for the presidential candidates on the stage.

Matt Fowler, a presidential candidate, said he would like to continue what the SGA has started doing. He said one of the most important things he would like to see accomplished is the scholarship campaign.

"I am very proud of work we've got

done and I want to make sure that the campaign is recognized as one of the only student led capital campaigns in the nation," Fowler said. "A lot of student governments across the nation are recognizing this and trying to emulate us."

Fowler said issues such as fall break are also important to keep up with and defend.

Philip Pride, a presidential candidate, said he not only thinks scholarship money is important, but the way scholarships are awarded.

"Raising the money is good, but one thing I'm concerned about is how these scholarships are appropriated," Pride said. "Have an interview process perhaps, personal interviews can tell you a lot about a person."

Mason Moses, a presidential candidate, said he would encourage all members of SGA to contact people to donate to the scholarship fund.

"Every member of the SGA sit down and think of 10 to 15 friends or family

members who can help you out," Moses said.

Pride said he believes one way students could cut back on costs is if more textbooks were available for use in the library.

Moses said besides tax-free textbooks, he would also like to see school supplies become tax free.

Fowler said one of the most important things is communicating with the average student.

"We don't understand what it is to come to the valley where 10 percent have a college degree," Fowler said. "I really want to make sure we are getting out there and communicating."

Pride said after becoming elected, he would push for banning fraternities and sororities to create a more equal class system among the student body.

"I would like for the student body to be empowered with academic learning and thought," Pride said. "One thing that just has to go is the fraternities."

Moses said the most important thing to

him was making Tech more affordable and accessible. He also emphasized the importance of communicating with students.

"One committee I would really like to start up would be the Student Concern Committee," Moses said. "That is one way we can really get to know what students feel and want. We listen to y'all, but not as much as we should."

Thomas Schmeltz, a freshman business major from Dallas, said he believes the debate was well put together and well organized.

"Most candidates knew what they were talking about and answered in an educated manner," Schmeltz said.

Zeb Alexander, the SGA graduate vice president, said he thinks the debate was helpful in identifying candidates and their platforms, but he said he did not believe it was a very lively debate and thought some questions were repetitive.

Voting for the SGA is Tuesday and Wednesday at sga.ttu.edu.

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# OPINIONS



## I think the terrorists are after us

**Alan Brown**



I think the terrorists really are after us. The signs are there; the writing is on the wall. It says, "Death to Americans" and then points out our bad complexions and stupid haircuts. Damn these terrorists and their sneaky ways.

I can't believe I didn't make the connection until now — hours before I have to submit my opinion article to my school's newspaper. Speaking of which, you should check it out some time. It's mondo-bodacious. Wink.

So we're under attack, and I've figured out how. The terrorists are hijacking bacteria. I can still hear the mortar rounds of diarrhea going off around my neighborhood because of terrorist peanut butter.

The E. coli tragedies of last year were unsettling as well. Apparently our enemies are down with Taco Bell and spinach producers. They are gaining momentum fast, killing off America's vegetarian population and striking once again — this time it's our mushrooms.

Some have said these outbreaks are because of unsanitary conditions and undercooking (fictitious word of the day?). All I know is the ConAgra Foods plant in Sylvester, Ga., (where the contaminated better half of PB&J was linked to) had no problems with a 2005 Food and Drug Administration inspection.

Also, there is only one other known outbreak of salmonella in peanut butter. This outbreak took place in the mid-1990s in, oddly enough, Australia.

What's the news from Australia these days? Oh yes, it's doing away with the common light bulb. Australians have it in their heads they can emit four million fewer tons of carbon by doing away with the source of 12 percent of household greenhouse-gas emissions.

Apparently, the incandescent light bulb loses about 95 percent of the energy supplied to it as heat. The fluorescent light bulb, on the other hand, supposedly uses less energy and will cut household energy bills in the long run.

There you have it. The terrorists have already taken over Australia. That poor country wasn't strong enough to stand up to even one outbreak of salmonella in peanut butter. It broke them and now the terrorists slowly are poisoning the people through the release of mercury by way of fluorescent lighting.

Not only that, but I knew a girl who moved to Australia for music school, and I haven't seen her since. It could be because

she's still living there or because we just worked together. I mean, we weren't tight like Jessie Spano and Lisa Turtle, but that doesn't change the fact I haven't seen her.

Also, Australia's prime minister, John Howard, is criticizing our dear Barack Obama's stance on the war in Iraq. Obama wants our troops out by March 2008, but Howard, who has committed only 1,400 troops to the great fight, feels this would be a disaster.

"If I were running al-Qaida in Iraq, I would put a circle around March 2008 and be praying as many times as possible for a victory not only for Obama but also for the Democrats," Howard said, according to the BBC Web site.

Oh, Mr. Howard, but you are running al-Qaida — from down under. Not only is Howard the prayer-meeting agenda setter, but he is also in charge of punch and pie at the monthly meeting of terrorists — hosted by Dick Cheney. Terrorism is all good for business, you see, and as far as political power, well, just one observation: George W. Bush is President of the United States — for the second time. This concludes my point.

The terrorists killed our beloved Anna Nicole Smith and drove Britney Spears to baldness. What's next? Will Michael Keaton star in a romantic comedy? Now is the time to pull together. It is each and every American's duty to his or her country to be as paranoid as possible.

We have taken somewhat of a break, as of late, in regard to our overall level of freaked-outness. Sure, the Aqua Teens had some of us worked up, but that was entirely too short-lived. I want genuine fear.

Try this on for size, or at least to see if you have enough room in the waist: Fold this paper into a hat much like you did in first grade. Place it on top of your head and set it on fire. Trust me, it adds to the panic effect.

Next, run around campus screaming, "Wakka wakka wakka, vote Barack Obama." If it gets the blood going, cut yourself in the free speech area and use your hat to set a French flag on fire. You know, really set the mood. Welcome to the world of active participants.

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## A statement to the Texas Tech family

**By JON WHITMORE**  
PRESIDENT OF TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

When I became president of Texas Tech four years ago, I announced my highest priority was putting people first. The people I referred to are those who make up the Texas Tech family: students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends. I was obviously most focused upon those who spend their time living, working and learning on this campus.

Communicating with the Texas Tech family has always been my highest priority. Because of recent inappropriate pictures posted on the Internet that have been painful for members of the Texas Tech family, I feel compelled to reach as many of you as possible with my thoughts on how we respond to people we perceive as

different from us on this campus.

I would like to restate the importance of the core values that define this university. These are integrity, dignity, civility, compassion and diversity. These values help define ethical standards in human intercourse, and at Texas Tech, they are the foundation for achieving our goal of academic excellence. Our mission as a university involves teaching these values and how they engender respect for other people and other cultures, their customs and their contributions.

It is my hope that all people associated with Texas Tech become more attuned to the many positive dimensions of a diverse society and to the lifelong benefits of exploring and celebrating a variety of diverse cultures and appreciating people with

different experiences and world views than our own.

I think it is time for this campus to open a discussion on issues of diversity and equality so that all members of our community can express their opinions and seek to learn something from each other.

While the staff of Mentor Tech and the Center for Campus Life have met with concerned students on several occasions, I have asked my special assistant for institutional diversity, Juan Munoz, Ph.D., to immediately organize a series of meetings for the purpose of gathering student, faculty and staff input on how Texas Tech can best address issues surrounding the importance of diverse cultures in a learning community.

I hope you will plan to attend and ask your friends and associates

to attend as well. The results of these sessions will be a series of recommendations, which I will review for implementation.

The hallmark of all great universities is that they are bastions of open communication and communities that champion debate and the free exchange of ideas. Texas Tech must be a place where freedom to think, to question, to criticize, to invent and to create are woven into its rich tapestry of traditions and values.

The free exchange of ideas on our campus requires that we give special attention to issues that could divide us and damage our campus. I hope you will join me in a discussion on diversity at these upcoming sessions. Look for details of the meeting locations and times in *The Daily Toreador* ads and on TechAnnounce.

## Chancellor Hance key to Tech's growth

**By RYAN WORLEY**  
PRESIDENT OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Not only does Texas Tech have a chancellor with a strong political background, for the first time in the past few years, we have a leader who loves Texas Tech and has a strong focus toward students. In every meeting since December 1, 2006, the Chancellor has discussed ways to better serve the customer — the students.

You might be wondering why this is such a big deal. You are probably saying, "That is his job. Why would we expect anything else?"

I can tell you from personal experience we now have a chancellor who is genuinely concerned and interested in students and their opinions about the future of Tech and the Tech System.

Chancellor Hance is committed to having a strong faculty,

increasing research initiative and more, but one of his most consistent messages is we have to deliver the best experience to our students.

Chancellor Hance has made us a top priority in his administration and will ensure we are better served than ever before.

He has met the student senators from both the Tech main campus and Tech's Health Sciences Center and was the speaker at the first-ever student congress. He elaborated on his vision for the university as well as opened up for any questions the elected student leaders had for him.

Chancellor Hance also has encouraged student input like never before. The elected student officers from both campuses meet with him or someone on his staff at least once a week to discuss question such as, "Where are we? Where are we going? and "How are we going to get there?"

Tech has a very bright future and that is in part due to

Chancellor Hance. He is going to raise scholarship funding for our university like we have never seen before.

He is going to be able to work with the state legislature and Congress to ensure Tech and its research projects are fully funded.

Most importantly, he is going to work to ensure the students of Tech are satisfied with not only their education, but the culture of their university.

You might be wondering what this means for you as a student. As Chancellor Hance raises money, there will be more scholarships to lower the cost of attending Tech. We will have better facilities to learn in and perform research.

As this continues, we will attract more accomplished faculty members, more great students and the value of a Tech education will continue to increase. This means that we will be able to be proud of our alma mater, and our

diplomas will be more valuable after we graduate.

Chancellor Hance is a fast-paced leader who expects nothing less than the best at Tech. We are going to see fast bold changes throughout our university that are going to allow us to take that next step in solidifying ourselves as the third flagship university in the state of Texas.

I am excited about our chancellor and the future of the Tech system. You can expect him to under-promise and over-deliver, and if you have any doubt about his passion and love for our university, when his phone rings, listen as it plays the Tech Fight Song.

If you have any ideas or concerns for the chancellor, I would encourage you to contact the Student Government Association and let us know. We have been elected to represent the views of the students, and I can assure you we will get any issues you may have to the chancellor.

### Correction:

In Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Toreador*, in a story written by Glenys Bolls, it was reported the Honors College is hosting a Darfur lecture tonight in Holden Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event is actually scheduled to take place from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



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**WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF**

**U.S. helicopter shot down north of Baghdad**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. helicopter was shot down and crashed north of Baghdad on Wednesday, the military said after initially stating that the chopper made a "hard landing." All aboard were safely evacuated by a second helicopter.

At least seven U.S. helicopters have crashed or been forced down under hostile fire since Jan. 20. Military officials have said that militants are increasingly targeting helicopters amid the buildup of U.S. troops in Baghdad, firing simultaneously with an assortment of weapons from different directions.

The military has also detected another deadly insurgent tactic in recent weeks — the spreading of

toxic chlorine gas by combining it with explosives.

In Washington, two Pentagon officials said the tactic has been used at least three times since Jan. 28, when a truck carrying explosives and a chlorine tank blew up in Anbar province west of Baghdad. More than a dozen people were reported killed.

On Tuesday, a tanker filled with chlorine exploded and noxious plumes covered homes and schools north of Baghdad. Nine people were killed and 150 people were wounded, said one of the officials. A day later, a pickup truck exploded near a diesel fuel station in southwestern Baghdad, the official said.

**U.S. announcing investigation in Iraq rape case**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military on Wednesday weighed into the politically explosive case of a Sunni woman allegedly raped last weekend by three Iraqi policemen, announcing its own investigation after the Shiite-run government dismissed her allegations as false.

The announcement, made to reporters by the chief military spokesman, appeared aimed at containing the growing political storm. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's exoneration of the three officers after an investigation lasting less than a day has enflamed Sunni-Shiite tensions over a case that strikes at the heart of Iraqi attitudes toward protection of women.

Al-Maliki, a Shiite, stoked the political flames further Wednesday by firing a top Sunni official who called

for an international investigation into the woman's allegations, which were broadcast Monday by satellite television stations across the Middle East.

Rape is considered not only an assault on the victim but a grave offense against her entire family and community. The allegations harkened back to the dark years of Saddam Hussein's rule, when wives and daughters were raped in front of their husbands and fathers to exact confessions from the men.

Al-Maliki insists the charge was fabricated by Sunni politicians and extremists to discredit the police and the ongoing security crackdown in Baghdad. He announced a "reward" for the officers who were implicated.

**Anna Nicole's mother afraid for her granddaughter**

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Anna Nicole Smith's mother says she is afraid for the safety of her granddaughter in the custody of Howard K. Stern. "I knew she would be next. My grandson did not overdose. Howard was there when he died, and Howard was there when my daughter died. And he has my granddaughter now and it is not even his child. I'm afraid for her life as well," a crying Vergie Arthur said. "Please, help us."

Stern shook his head. Earlier in Arthur's testimony, he angrily rose from his seat, but Judge Larry Seidlin interrupted him before he could complete a sentence.

"You have no podium here, Mr. Stern," the judge said. "Appreciate you being here, though."

Since taking the stand Tuesday afternoon, Arthur had answered most questions directly, but when attorneys asked her if she had profited from her daughter's death, her

demeanor changed. She frequently said no to questions about arrangements with specific media outlets, but also often said she didn't understand or sidestepped inquiries altogether.

**Evening With the Pros brings students, professionals together**

By GLENYS BOLLS  
STAFF WRITER

The Association of Women In Communications hosted its second annual Evening With the Pros Tuesday evening in the Merket Alumni Center to help students connect with professionals in various realms of the media.

The event, also a benefit for the Children's Advocacy Center, allowed attending students to sit down and talk with the media professionals about their careers.

"The event went really well," said Danielle Mendoza, a member of the association and graduate student in business from San Antonio. "We had a lot of diverse professionals. There weren't as many girls as last year, but the banquet room of the Alumni Center was pretty much halfway, if not completely, full."

Anne Gepford, president of the Texas Tech chapter of the association and a senior advertising and political science major from Leawood, Kan., said she estimated 30 to 50 students attended the event.

"We had a lot of professionals come, and a good number of students," said Debra Sanderson, the association's secretary and a junior public relations major from Hutchinson, Kan. "There weren't quite as many students as I had hoped. There were a good number, but I was expecting more. I wish that for the number of professionals that came, there had been more students."

Amanda Gallagher, the adviser of the association's student chapter, said 11 or 12 professionals attended the event, which gave students an opportunity to speak one-on-one with them.

"There was a lot of interaction," Gallagher said. "That's something we always want to have happen. In

the professional chapter, I'm the vice president of student affairs, so it's my job to create opportunities for interaction between the students and the professionals. I think this event did that."

Because Evening With the Pros brought students and professionals together in a business-like setting, both sides were allowed to speak freely about the real world of media occupations.

"A lot of the girls seemed really interested in the things the professionals had to say," Mendoza said. "In a lot of cases it was one-on-one, and they were really talking a long time. They were very engaged."

Several of the professionals told Gallagher they enjoyed the opportunity to talk with students, and they benefited from the event.

"We had an overwhelming response from the professionals," she said. "It's valuable because there's closer interaction. It allows the students to ask questions and target who they talk to. And the professionals use this as a way to recruit students for internships and jobs. This is a really good way to make connections."

Gallagher said the world of mass communications was well-represented at the event.

"Since there were so many professionals, we had a really good representation of all aspects of mass communications," she said. "There was a wide spectrum and a wealth of knowledge."

Because the event was a benefit for the Children's Advocacy Center, students were asked to bring either a new teddy bear or a new children's book.

"The benefit went really well," Gallagher said. "There were a lot of teddy bears and story books, enough to fill up a big box. I think it's good when student organizations can show what they're giving back to the community."

Some students did not realize an individual from the advocacy center would be among the media professionals in

attendance. "One of the professionals I talked to was from the Children's Advocacy Center," Mendoza said. "She explained how non-profit works and the things they do in the community. She talked about how they get their name out there without exploiting the kids they help. It's all about public awareness."

According to its Web site, www.cacofsp.com, the Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains brings in resources from the community to help children who have been the victims of abuse and trauma. The books and teddy bears will be used to assist in the children's healing process.

"The Children's Advocacy Center really appreciated it," Gepford said. "I was really pleased. I love doing non-profit work, and I hope we continue to do work with non-profits in the future."

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— AMANDA GALLAGHER  
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2. (2) "AMERICAN IDOL" (WEDNESDAY), FOX, 28.89 MILLION VIEWERS.
3. (8) "HOUSE," FOX, 25.99 MILLION VIEWERS.
4. (5) "GREY'S ANATOMY," ABC, 25.76 MILLION VIEWERS.
5. (3) "CSI: CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION," CBS, 22.71 MILLION VIEWERS.
6. (8) "CSI: MIAMI," CBS, 19.9 MILLION VIEWERS.
7. (6) "DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES," ABC, 18.51 MILLION VIEWERS.
8. (X) "DAYTONA WINNERS CIRCLE," FOX, 16.4 MILLION VIEWERS.
9. (12) "SURVIVOR: FIJI," CBS, 16.08 MILLION VIEWERS.
10. (12) "DEAL OR NO DEAL" (MONDAY), NBC, 16.07 MILLION VIEWERS.

## WEEKLY REVIEW

# Stuffed jalapeños worth a trip to George's

"Quaint" is the word George's Restaurant IV impressed upon me as I drove into the parking lot of the 50th Street location. A bench rests along the wall outside the restaurant, and curtains line the windows. The walls inside the restaurant are a somewhat-blaring Pepto-Bismol pink. A sign by the entrance reads, "Please be seated."

Following instructions, I sat down at a small table by a front window. A bell sounded in the background as I took my seat, signaling a car was at the drive-through window, ready to pick up food.

The waitress promptly approached my table and plopped a roll of silverware onto the place setting before me. She seemed to be in a hurry, though the restaurant was not crowded.

I don't know why, but on this particular evening I was having trouble deciding on a dish — a few things looked good, but nothing stood out to me. I narrowed my choices down to the chicken strips, grilled chicken and hot steak plate. After some deliberation, I ruled out the steak because it's low price of \$5.99 made me doubtful of its taste. I will have to return one day and discover if it has a low price because it is a mediocre steak, or if it is actually an outstanding deal on a good cut of meat. I was not brave enough to find out on this visit. Between the chicken strips and the grilled chicken, I decided to go with the

**Anne M. Shepherd**



slightly healthier choice. The grilled chicken platter cost

generously were given an extra serving as this was the last of the soup left). The mashed potatoes, chicken and veggies weren't bad either.

What made the difference in my visit, though, was an appetizer of stuffed jalapeños. Not very spicy, but they had a great taste of rich cheese, fried jalapeño and ranch-style dressing ... I would go back just for these.

the restaurant also serves breakfast, which, to me, would be well worth a try — one reason simply being George's would be a cheerful, homey atmosphere to have a morning meal in.

The grilled chicken plate was mediocre; if I had not ordered the stuffed jalapeños, I would not have much to say about George's, but the appetizer



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Holly Erwin, an early childhood development graduate student from Fort Worth, and Kent McCarty, a senior finance major from Fort Worth, are served breakfast by Cindy Reed, from Lubbock, Wednesday morning at George's Restaurant IV located on 50th Street.

around \$6 and came with two chicken breasts, toast, soup or salad, mashed potatoes and veggies — a good price for all the food. The soup was rather watery but not bad (my friend and I

The stuffed jalapeño appetizer cost \$5.50.

The menu offers not only the dinner plates, but also a variety of hamburgers and sandwiches. I noticed

alone would bring me back. Good atmosphere, low prices and mainly the stuffed-jalapeños appetizer earn George's restaurant a thumbs up.

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# Hope Chest program offers aid to graduating foster children

By KATIE HARRIS  
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The PEGASUS program at Texas Tech has partnered with one student armed with a dream to implement the Hope Chest program, which makes graduating foster children's transition into life on their own easier.

Justin Bagwell, a junior creative

writing major from Amarillo, helped launch the Hope Chest project at Amarillo College four years ago, and he said the project is still going on.

Bagwell said he is teaming up with the PEGASUS program this semester because there is not an official club to carry the program on the Tech campus.

"I want to give credit where credit

is due," he said. "It was really amazing; I just called PEGASUS and the very first day they were very excited about this project and are doing anything they can to help get this started at Tech."

Kitchen utensils, bathroom necessities, bedroom furnishings and living room conveniences are among the items Bagwell hopes to collect from student organizations on the Tech campus.

Bagwell said the items the project is looking for are things that are usually taken for granted.

"They (foster children) have

had hand-me-downs all their lives, so we are asking for new brand-new things," he said.

Bagwell said the items can be purchased at anywhere from the dollar store to home stores.

After all the items are collected, there will be a ceremony to honor the graduation of the students.

"We have a dinner that honors them for their accomplishments, and we give them their things to start out," Bagwell said. "They get a certificate from the governor of Texas to congratulate them, and there will be a key-note speaker."

Bagwell said he hopes to get the project running at Tech, and his plans for the future include starting a trend statewide.

"It would really show a lot about Texas Tech and a lot about the students," he said. "We are not just a research and major university, but we are really focusing on the community and other types of things."

Bagwell said he hopes to get this project started at Tech, and hopes it develops into a registered club with Hope Chest being the main project focus.

Student organizations are the target of the project's outreach. Individual students and faculty will be able to donate, and they will be informed of more details, including how to donate, at a later date.

PEGASUS is the acronym for Pioneers in Education: Generations Achieving Scholarships and Unprecedented Success. The purpose of the program on campus is to help ease the transition for first-generation college students from high school to college. The program also helps

the students build study skills, learn about financial aid and discover how to avoid or overcome pitfalls they may encounter through their college careers.

Justin Lawrence, coordinator of the PEGASUS program, said he thinks bringing the Hope Chest program to Tech is unique and trendsetting.

"We look forward to the program being a tradition at Tech and get as many people involved as possible," Lawrence said. "The program promotes awareness of foster care."

He said PEGASUS is supporting Bagwell, as well as the other students and faculty members who are launching this project, 100 percent.

"It's awesome when you can help someone else," Lawrence said. "We are all about helping someone and we are thrilled."

Student organizations interested in donating to the Hope Chest program can contact Justin Bagwell at (806) 577-2820, or the PEGASUS program at (806) 742-2189.

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# Bicknell

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ian Bowl.

His budding relationship with Tech coach Mike Leach and the chance to be a part of a successful coaching staff persuaded Bicknell to choose Tech as his next career move.

"We hit it off; I got to know he and his wife, and since then we just became friends," Bicknell said of Leach. "I've always respected what he has done offensively and with the football program. I like Mike. That's very important to me that I am working for someone that I can respect."

Leach, who led the Red Raiders to a 44-41 overtime victory over Minnesota in the 2006 Insight Bowl, said Bicknell is a prime fit for the Air Raid style of offense.

"I have known him over the years — he has coached O-line most of his career," Leach said. "He played offensive line on that great Boston College team, and I think he does a great job coaching."

The past success of the Tech football program also lured Bicknell to the Red Raiders.

"I think the offense they run is a big draw to it," Bicknell said. "Being associated with all the success they've had, and learning what they do — I was interested in that."

After being hired, Bicknell immediately headed out on the recruiting

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trail for three weeks. He said he is confident in this season's offensive line recruiting class.

"They can all be great players, and I am real excited about getting them up here and get to working with them," he said.

Leach was impressed with Bicknell's recruiting ability and believes there are more great things to come from him.

"He has already proven he has done a great job of recruiting," Leach said, "and I expect more of what he has done through his career, which is working with players and making them over-achieve."

Bicknell said the toughest problem he faces will be replacing the four offensive line starters Tech lost to graduation and the NFL draft.

"Anytime you lose four starters on the offensive line, that's a big enough challenge right there," Bicknell said. "It'll be a big challenge trying to get five guys to play together as a unit and being able to compete at the highest level."

Although only visiting Lubbock once prior to his hiring, Bicknell said he is excited about what the future holds for him and his family in the Hub City.

"I was attracted to Lubbock as a town," Bicknell said. "I certainly had a strong sense of what it would be like — a nice town to raise children. I wanted to go to a place that there was some security, where I could have the opportunity to raise my kids."

Bicknell's family is comprised of his wife, son and two daughters, all of whom will be joining him in Lubbock in early March.

The adjustment from head coach to position coach has been a relief, Bicknell said.

"Head coaches have a lot on them, so this has been a nice change," he said. "But I think it is all about being on a staff, being a part of a program, and everybody working together to get the job done, you know, the janitor, the trainers, the managers, everybody has a big part in it."

Having been coached by his father, Bicknell knows what it is like to be a father figure to his players.

"You certainly hope that you are a good role model and someone that they can respect," he said, "and I do think it's important that you care about them, and they care about you, and you can have some sort of positive influence on their life."

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# Texas A&M downs OSU in Stillwater

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Acie Law IV scored 19 points and freshman Donald Sloan added 15 as No. 8 Texas A&M handed Oklahoma State its most lopsided home defeat in nearly 30 years in a 66-46 blowout Wednesday night.

The Aggies (23-4, 11-2 Big 12) made their first win in Gallagher-Iba Arena a memorable one. They had the largest margin of victory for a visitor since Texas won 108-87 in Stillwater on Dec. 12, 1977, embarrassing the Cowboys on a night when former head coach Eddie Sutton was honored at halftime.

Josh Carter added 10 points and Antanas Kavaliauskas had 13 rebounds for A&M, which cemented its best conference start since going 11-2 in the Southwest Conference to start the 1979-80 season.

Oklahoma State's Mario Boggan and James On Curry, who combined

to average 38.7 points entering the game, each had season lows in scoring. Curry had eight points on 3-for-11 shooting, and Boggan went 3-for-10 to finish with seven points and 10 rebounds.

Kenny Cooper scored 10 to lead the Cowboys (19-8, 5-7), who shot 30 percent.

The Aggies, who'd been 0-11 at Gallagher-Iba, took control early and led by at least 12 throughout the second half.

Texas A&M opened a 42-24 lead on Joseph Jones' layup under the basket early in the second half, but then went the next 4 minutes without a basket. Oklahoma State was only able to score five points in that span, and Curry's 3-pointer cut the deficit to 42-29.

Law drove for a layup to end the drought, and he combined with Sloan to score 13 of A&M's next 15 points as the Aggies began to pull away.

Law had a driving layup and a 3-

pointer during a 10-0 run that Marlon Pompey topped off with a three-point play that put A&M up 60-37.

Oklahoma State won its previous six home games against top-10 opponents and badly needed a win after four losses in a five-game span dropped the Cowboys from the top 25 for the first time since November. Instead, they lost their second straight home game, following a 75-64 loss to Missouri on Saturday that snapped a 17-game home winning streak.

And the Cowboys never put up much of a fight.

Law found easy paths to the basket early on, driving for a pair of layups during a 10-2 run that put the Aggies up 15-6. He had two more layups as Texas A&M continued to distance itself even with leading rebounder Joseph Jones on the bench with two fouls, and Kavaliauskas' 3-pointer from the left wing made it 26-13.

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## Lady Raiders fall to Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - Morenike Atunrase had 18 points and five rebounds to lift No. 16 Texas A&M to a 67-51 victory over Texas Tech on Wednesday night.

Atunrase was 5-of-8 from the field and 6-of-7 from the free-throw line. Danielle Gant added 13 points and seven rebounds, while A'Quonesia Franklin had 11 points and seven rebounds for the Aggies (21-5, 11-3 Big 12). La Toya Micheaux led Texas A&M with 13 rebounds.

Jordan Murphree had 19 points and six rebounds to lead the Lady Raiders (15-13, 6-8). She hit 6-of-14 from the field and made all seven of her free throws.

The Aggies scored the first 10 points of the game and led 37-24 at halftime.

Texas Tech pulled to 39-32 with 15:42 remaining in the game but could get no closer. Texas A&M went on an 8-2 run, with Atunrase scoring all eight points, to take a 47-34 lead with 12:02 left. The Aggies' lead grew to 19 points with 3:08 remaining.

Both teams struggled from the field. The Aggies hit only 40 percent of their shots for the game, but the Lady Raiders fared even worse. Tech shot only 33 percent and turned the ball over 20 times.

## Center of attention: Former BC offensive lineman ready to shine as new O-line coach

By JESSICA HENDERSHOT  
STAFF WRITER

With the home crowd roaring against them, six seconds left on the play clock and 48 yards to score, Doug Flutie and Boston College stared desperation in the face. But a blind hurl and a quick receiver would ultimately go on to make history with arguably the most famous "Hail Mary" pass to grace college football.

The day after Thanksgiving 1984 marked one of the most notable comebacks in NCAA history. Hurricane-like game conditions, along with an acquired "underdog" stereotype, did not deter Boston College from defeating Miami 47-45 at the Orange Bowl.

For Texas Tech offensive line coach Jack Bicknell, the mix of memories and emotions of that game forever will remain with him.

"That was just a great moment," said Bicknell, who was the starting center for the Eagles and the one

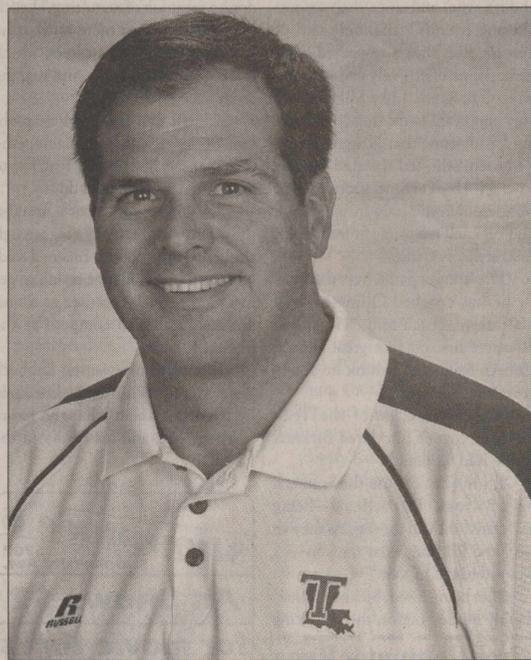
who snapped the game-winning ball to Flutie. "My dad was the head coach so that made it even more special for me. To me it's special that it has meant so much in the history of college football — it's great to be a part of something like that."

Although the game was more than 22 years ago, Bicknell never tires of reliving the moment.

"People just always think of that last play, but the game was unbelievable," he said. "The setting was great, the day after Thanksgiving. The whole thing was set up to be on a national stage, and of course, the way it ended was amazing. And the fact that Doug was the underdog, Heisman Trophy guy, all that stuff factored into it."

Bicknell played many other competitive games in his four-year football career at Boston College, which included three bowl appearances.

Being a part of college history fuels him to guide his teams to have as much or even more success than he amounted



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in his college career, Bicknell said.

After eight seasons as head coach for Louisiana Tech, where he compiled a 42-53 record, Bicknell chose another Tech football program in the Red Raiders as of Jan. 12.

At Louisiana Tech, Bicknell led the program to its first Top 25 ranking in 1999 and a Western Athletic Conference title in 2001 — resulting in an appearance in the Humanitar-

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