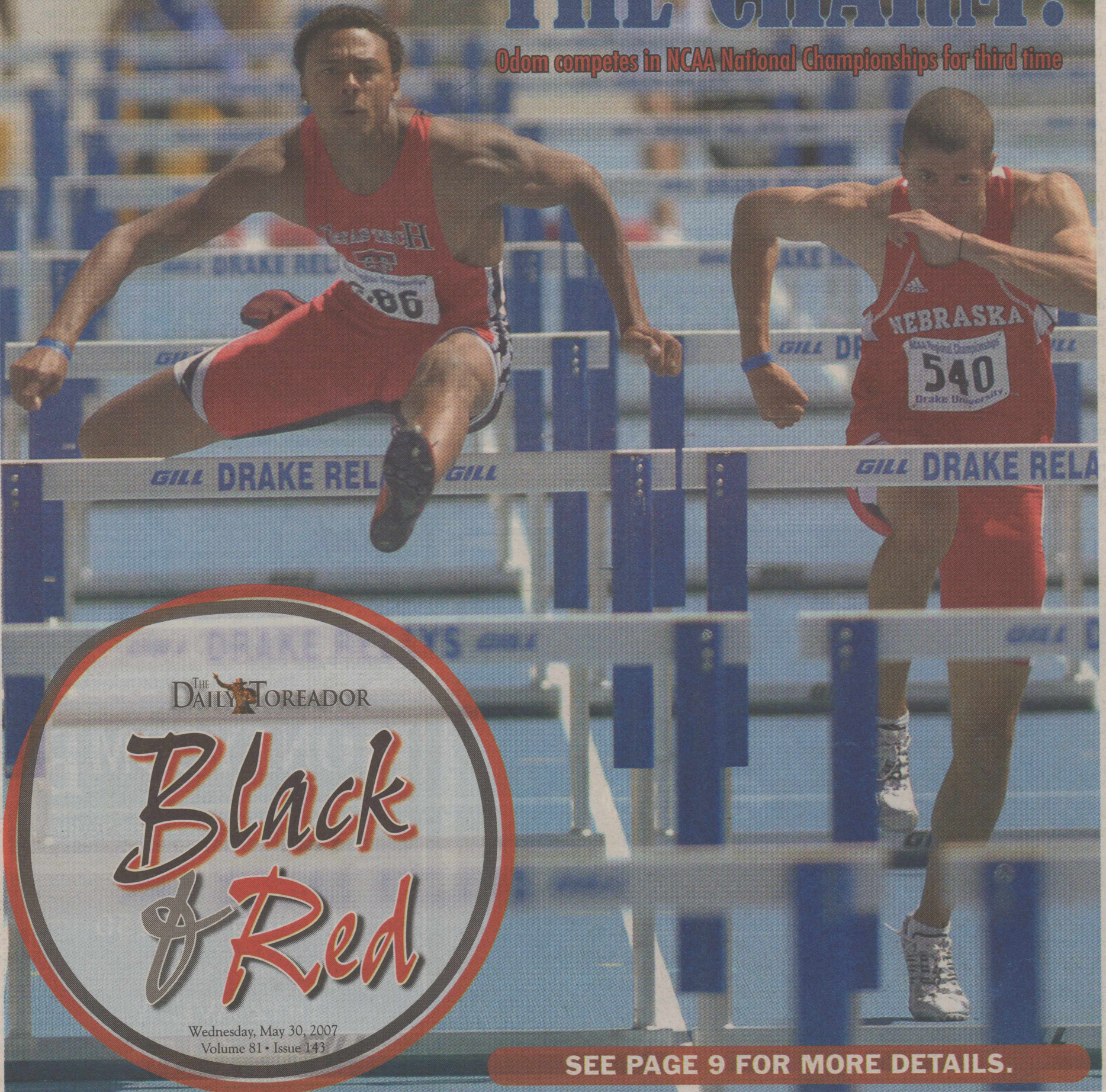


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Perry signs legislation to link Tech with Angelo State

By **RICHARD CAMPANARO**
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Governor Rick Perry signed legislation into law Thursday, which officially will affiliate Angelo State University with the Texas Tech University System September 1.

San Angelo Republican Rep. Drew Darby, one of the authors of House Bill 3564, said he expects Angelo State will transition seamlessly from the Texas State University System to Tech's system.

"What a great day for West Texas," Darby said in a press release issued Thursday. "I am honored the governor held this official signing and am ready to start working towards a successful transition."

Darby said the merger had been discussed over the last 20 years but was not tangible until the bill was filed in March.

"It was never the right time politically or legislatively," Darby said. "Now is the right time."

Lawrence Mayer, professor of political science and a Tech faculty senator, said the merger raises many questions, which he believes should be more openly discussed. He said he has not been

informed of how the acquisition will affect the admission standards of the universities, Tech's budget allocations and the requirements for professors to produce research and publications.

"There hasn't been much public discussion of the benefits and costs," Mayer said. "I wish it occurred earlier so we would have a chance to get discussions going. There are a whole lot of questions not being raised."

Mayer said he does not claim to have any answers to the questions he posed, mainly because the public has not been informed of many of the details surrounding the merger. The success of incorporating ASU, Mayer said, will depend on the details of the merger and its execution. He said he is not sure if acquiring a university that is considered to be a less prominent institution advances Tech's goal of becoming a first-tier university.

Allen Kelly, a senior human development and family studies major from Portland, Ore., said he believes the merger is positive for both universities.

"It is the responsibility of any institution to offer as many people

as possible the opportunity to receive a quality education," Kelly said.

By adding Angelo State to the Tech system, Tech is solidifying the West Texas community, Kelly said.

The legislature states the Tech Board of Regents will be responsible for management and operation of all land, buildings, facilities, improvements, supplies and property. The bill, which was signed into law with no amendments, also states Tech will be responsible for all tuition revenue bonds accrued by Angelo State. The Board of Regents scheduled a budget meeting Friday.

Darby said Angelo State has accrued roughly \$100 million in revenue bond debt. He said the bonds are paid with funds appropriated by the State of Texas regardless of the university system with which Angelo State is aligned.

"Whether the bonds are paid for through Texas State or Texas Tech, it is still through the state," he said.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Web site,

www.theccb.state.tx.us, reported during the State of Texas' 79th legislative session, institutions requested roughly \$3.1 billion in tuition revenue bond authority for 119 projects, requiring an annual debt service of \$286.7 million. During the Session, one project was withdrawn and seven additional projects were requested, totaling \$178.7 million.

Darby said the merger would help Tech become recognized as one of Texas' flagship universities. It also will increase competition between Tech and larger universities such as the University of Texas and Texas A&M, which do not have the capacity for growth like Tech.

Kelly said the allocation of Angelo State's debt is justified by the nature of the merger.

"By bringing ASU into the Tech system, it is only right that Tech become responsible for its debt," he said, "especially if the state is going to pay it anyway."

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Hance looks to increase security measures on Tech campus

By **MICHELLE CASADY**
EDITOR

In the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy, universities across the nation are taking a closer look at the security measures in place to handle similar situations. Texas Tech is no exception to this pattern.

Chancellor Kent Hance presented a list of recommendations to the Board of Regents May 11. Hance proposed adding more officers to the Tech police force.

"The positive news is that we were prepared," said Jodey Arrington, the chancellor's chief of staff. "But just like other universi-

ties, we are re-evaluating how we can make this better."

Arrington said measures have already been taken to train all 48 Tech police officers in the active-shooter response procedure. He hopes all officers will be trained by the end of the summer.

Money to fund these security increases will come from the general budget fund.

"It's just a matter of allocating and re-allocating based on our priorities," Arrington said, "and safety is our priority."

Tech Police Chief Ron Seacrist said the force is staffed sufficiently at the current time, but adding officers would help.

"In the two weeks following (the Virginia Tech shootings) we had officers doing increased walk-throughs of buildings," he said. "In order for us to do that we had a lot of our officers working overtime."

Seacrist said he believes by adding more officers to the force, they would be better able to become more creative with their methods of law enforcement and visibility.

"What we would like to do is supplement the security guards in the residence halls and at the Student Union (Building) with a patrol officer," he said.

In agreement with Hance, Seacrist said by adding officers, the department will be able to do

its job more efficiently.

Another aspect of the security plan being looked at is the mental-health component. Currently, the university has an assessment response team in place. The team comprises the directors of Housing and Residence Life, Campus Life and the Student Counseling Center, along with the chief of police, the ombudsman for students and the vice president of Student Affairs.

Arrington said if the team is contacted by a mental health professional worried about a student's wellbeing, the team will meet to discuss the situation and possible solutions. Arrington stressed this

is a rare occasion, but the team still meets regularly to discuss other issues.

In looking at all aspects of the security plan and possible changes, Arrington re-iterated the chancellor's main goal.

"The safety of our students faculty and staff is our number one priority and we will be vigilant in finding ways to improve our emergency response plan," he said.

A comprehensive review of current policies and procedures is currently underway. The chancellor will present his assessment and ideas to the Board of Regents Aug. 10 and Aug. 11.

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Housing services prepares for possible freshman overflow

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Incoming Texas Tech freshmen could face the possibility of getting acquainted with study lounges earlier than expected.

Tech Associate Housing Director Sean Duggan said Tuesday he is prepared for an overflow of freshman men, which could recreate a situation that occurred six years ago.

Duggan said in 2001, housing services placed students in temporary housing, which is common during a freshman overflow for Tech and other schools in Texas.

"We create temporary housing where we use lounge space or other space we can secure for the student where we move in beds and furniture," Duggan said. "So maybe for the first week or so they may live (in study lounges) initially as school starts up, and we will get them transferred to a permanent

space as soon as possible."

The situation in 2001 housed 100 freshmen in vacant floors at University Plaza until permanent housing became available in the spring semester. Yet, since this facility is under construction and will be transformed into the U Lofts Lubbock complex, it is not available to current freshmen.

Some students were placed four to a room in the study lounges at Weymouth Residence Hall and Coleman Residence Hall for two weeks before being moved into available dorm rooms.

As of Tuesday, housing recorded 5,850 accepted applications — 250 more than the figure recorded on last fall's opening date of Aug. 20.

Duggan said an obstacle that housing will need to overcome this year lays in the number of freshman men enrolling.

"An interesting phenomenon this year

is we have a lot more men coming in than women," he said. "So we've had to adjust some of our space and flip-flop space from female to male."

Duggan said Tuesday eight or nine beds remain available for male freshmen to choose from. He said the freshmen cancellations and confirmations present a fluctuating number of available rooms.

"We're prepared to take the men into overflow housing, but we haven't had to yet," he said. "When it becomes necessary, when we have 25 people that are trying to find a room and we don't have anything, we'll turn on the temporary housing space."

He said the availability of housing for men already has reached zero this summer. When that happened, Duggan said Tech canceled 150 housing contracts for non-payment in order to make space available.

Duggan said most of the temporary-hous-

ing students decided to come to Tech late. He said even though it is not the ideal situation, in most cases, students appreciate that Tech tries to accommodate them appropriately.

Other colleges in Texas experience housing shortages as well, such as Texas State University.

Kyle Estes, the associate director of Resident Life at Texas State, said the incoming number of freshmen every year is different. He said Texas State's first plan of action differs from Tech in that it does not use study lounges as an alternative for housing.

"We use resident adviser spaces, where you typically try to give your resident advisers a private room, we give them roommates for a while," Estes said. "In some cases we've had to triple up places, which happens nationwide as well."

Estes said Texas State uses apartment complexes as well as hotels off campus for

the first couple of weeks if necessary. Estes and Duggan agreed that informing students about housing limitations beforehand helps to lessen the number of negative reactions.

The overflow of students remains a possibility, but Duggan said he will watch housing availability carefully to try and avoid temporary housing as much as possible.

"So a lot of times now with getting space," Duggan said, "it takes patience and perseverance and understanding that this is a real fluid system."

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El Paso celebrates funding for 4-year medical school to be launched by 2009

EL PASO (AP) — The El Paso campus of the Texas Tech University medical school will expand into a complete four-year medical school by 2009 now that Texas lawmakers have approved startup funding, officials said.

The state budget approved this week by the Texas Legislature includes \$48 million for the El Paso branch of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. The budget is now in the hands of Gov. Rick Perry, who has supported

expansion of the campus.


Dr. Robert Suskind, the school's founding dean, said Texas Tech plans to hire 20 faculty members this summer and will add 80 world-class doctors to the campus staff in the next two years.

"We are so happy I cannot even tell you how happy we are,"

Suskind said. "We look forward to big things."

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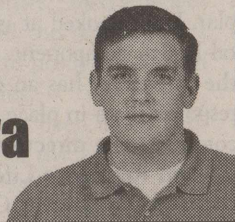
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Legislature fails Texas higher education

Three key higher-education topics came into focus during the 80th session of the Texas Legislature: tax-free textbooks, strict rules on gifts and favors given from student-loan companies to colleges and universities, and the tweaking of the state's top-10 percent law. Yet, by the end of the session Monday night, none of these measures were sent to Governor Rick Perry to sign into law.

If one bill were to directly impact students' lives, it would be tax-free textbooks. The initiative sought to extend the tax-free weekend created to help ease the financial burden during the back-to-school season. Backers of the bill hoped to bring the same relief to college students. Most Tech students can recall the Student Government Association's valiant effort to support the measure. Opponents of the bill, including Lubbock Mayor David Miller, believed the bill would be too much of a burden on

Trey Caliva



local tax revenues.

I had high hopes for the passage of the bill after the State Senate unanimously approved the measure. Fortunately for the mayor — and unfortunately for every college student in the state — the bill died in committee in the Texas House.

While the passage of tax-free textbooks would have dealt a major blow to individuals within the educational system, the inability of members of the legislature to reform student loan practices showed their lack of commitment to improving higher education.

In March, New York State At-

torney General Andrew Cuomo announced an on-going investigation into the business practices of several large student loan companies. Cuomo uncovered what he termed "kickbacks," situations in which student loan companies would give a percentage of loan proceeds to college officials. It also was revealed that nationwide, companies were giving gifts to college and university financial aid offices in exchange for recommended lender status.

Investigations in Texas have focused on Baylor University, Texas Christian University and the University of Texas. Yet, despite the glaring problem, the Texas Legislature failed to act.

While a state law would not be needed if proposed legislation succeeds in the U.S. Congress, Texas lawmakers should've taken the initiative to pass legislation of their own. It's never good to count

your chickens before they hatch. If the U.S. Congress somehow fails to enact legislation, student financial aid offices will have an open door to continue ripping off students.

Also sorely needing overhaul by the state was the so-called "top-10 percent rule." The rule forced state colleges and universities to automatically accept students if they were within the top-10 percent of their graduating high school class. Originally, the law was intended to be a tool to help increase diversity in Texas colleges and universities. After nearly 10 years in practice, however, schools have learned the rule decapitates their ability to admit the best students possible. UT President William Powers was among those seeking a revision of the current law. Powers' argument was that the top-10 percent rule prevented schools from admitting students who were strong in a particular area, but didn't fall within

the top-10 percent of their class. UT's enormous enrollment numbers are an easy indicator of what the law can and can't do. Certainly with Chancellor Hance seeking to raise enrollment in the next few years, this will become a topic of concern for Texas Tech as well. Yet again, the Texas Legislature failed to act on the proposed bill, leaving universities struggling with enrollment high and dry until the legislature is called together again, which is not scheduled to happen until 2009.

I had high hopes for this session. Prior to the opening gavel, lawmakers spoke positively about their goals for higher education. For all the promises and wishes, though, the Texas Legislature completely failed to address higher education issues in Texas.

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Price gouging bill protects consumers from greedy suppliers

STAFF EDITORIAL

IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — Wednesday, the Democrat-led House approved the "Federal Price Gouging Protection Act" in a 284-141 vote that would enforce strict penalties on the price gouging of oil by companies or individuals.

Price gouging happens during a time of supply shortage or an increase in demand, and occurs when a company or individual opportunistically charges

an unreasonable amount of money for the product - in this case, oil.

The purpose of the bill is to prevent gas stations from increasing prices to excessively high amounts that are unfair to the consumer, such as when hurricanes hit the Gulf Coast region in 2005. The bill would give the Federal Trade Commission the right to sue individuals and companies who run up gas prices that are "unconscionably excessive."

Price gouging is not necessary for a gas station to stay in business. If a

gas station gets charged 2 cents more per gallon of oil by the company it receives the oil from, the logical and fair solution for the gas station would be to raise the price of its gas by 2 cents per gallon. Price gouging occurs if the gas station instead raises the price 6 cents, for example. This is simply not necessary in order for the gas station to stay in business and is clearly taking advantage of the consumer.

Opposition to the legislation claims the bill is vague and would not clearly define what prices would

qualify as "unconscionably excessive."

"It's a flawed bill - the definitions are not there," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, in an article from www.cnn.com.

Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., the No. 2 House Republican, said the bill would mean "undue hardship for ... people trying to make a living," including mom-and-pop grocery or gasoline station owners, according to an Associated Press article.

However, once the FTC has a

law to uphold, it would be able to determine price gouging, said Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., in the same article.

Currently, only 29 states have price gouging statutes with wide-ranging enforcement. This would be the first federal law against energy price gouging. A nationwide level of enforcement is needed if we are to see any hope in controlling the outrageous prices of gas that will otherwise continue to rise in the following months and beyond.

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Tech Police Department participates in Click It or Ticket campaign

By **MICHELLE CASADY**
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Between the commercials on TV and the billboards on the highways, most Texas Tech students are aware of the Click It or Ticket campaign. However, they might not be aware of the Tech Police Department's participation in the program.

Since May 21 and lasting until Sunday, the Tech Police Department will be participating in the

nationwide campaign to promote seat belt use.

"We have notified all of our officers to be on heightened awareness for seat belt use," said Col. Gordon Hoffman with the Tech Police Department. "We want to take this opportunity to encourage (drivers) to buckle up — it will save them money."

Hoffman said fines for not wearing a seat belt could be as much as \$200, not including court costs.

Though there are not official statistics on seat belt usage for the Tech campus, Hoffman said he believes it is close to the state average of 90 percent compliance.

"Since we started the campaign here, we have seen an increase in the number of citations written," he said. "Instead of one or two a day, it's three or four. It's a noticeable increase."

One of the goals of the campaign is to increase the state compliance percentage from 90 percent to 92

percent. This 2 percent increase would affect 350,000 Texas drivers.

Mark Cross, information specialist with the Texas Department of Transportation, said this is the fifth year Texas has participated in Click It or Ticket.

"When we first started the campaign, we had about a 76 percent compliance rate," he said, "and now it's 90 percent. We like to attribute that increase in compliance to the Click It or Ticket campaign."

Cross said the campaign is publicized heavily during times when there is typically a high number of drivers on the road. This campaign is aimed at people going on summer vacations. Both Cross and Hoffman agree on the importance of wearing a seat belt.

"You never know when you could be in a collision," Hoffman said. "It's a matter of safety — it can save your life."

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10 U.S. soldiers killed in crash, roadside bombs

BAGHDAD (AP) — Ten American soldiers died in roadside bombings and a helicopter crash on Memorial Day, the military reported Tuesday, making May the deadliest month of the year for U.S. troops in Iraq.

In other violence, five Britons were kidnapped Tuesday from an Iraqi government office in Baghdad, driven away in a 19-vehicle convoy filled with men in police uniforms who headed toward a Shiite stronghold in the capital, the British government and an Iraqi official said.

The American deaths raised the number of U.S. forces killed this month to at least 112, according to an Associated Press count assembled from U.S. military statements.

Eight of the soldiers were from Task Force Lightning — six killed when explosions hit near their vehicles and two in a helicopter crash. The military did not say if the helicopter was shot down or had mechanical problems.

The military said two Multi-National Division-Baghdad Soldiers were killed the same day when their patrol was hit by a roadside bomb in

southern Baghdad.

The deaths were announced in three statements issued by the U.S. military public affairs office at Camp Victory at Baghdad Airport.

Maj. Gen. Abdul-Karim Khalaf, the Interior Ministry spokesman, said the abduction at the Iraqi Finance Ministry office was carried out by men wearing police uniforms who showed up in 19 four-wheel drive vehicles of the type used by police. He said the band of kidnapers drove off toward Sadr City, the Shiite Mahdi Army stronghold in northeastern Baghdad.

In London, a Foreign Office spokeswoman said the five people kidnapped Tuesday were British. The spokeswoman gave the information on condition of anonymity in line with government policy.

A senior official in the Iraqi Interior Ministry confirmed the five were British and that Mahdi Army militiamen were believed responsible. The official provided the information on condition that his name not be used.

Tech police officers make several arrests

May 26

Texas Tech police responded to an incident in which an unattended vehicle was left with its keys in the ignition. The owner was not located, and the vehicle was towed to Lubbock Wrecker Services' tow lot. The vehicle was parked in the service drive of the Biology building.

May 27

An officer responded to a medical emergency on the tennis courts near the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. A student had fainted on the courts and was transported to University Medical Center by Emergency Medical Services.

A non-student was approached by officers for riding his bicycle on the steps near the Student Union Building. After identifying the non-student, he was arrested for having one outstanding warrant with the City of Lubbock, evading arrest and for failure to identify-fugitive from justice. He was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

May 28

A non-student was arrested at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Synergistic Center for public intoxication. He was issued a criminal trespass warning and then transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

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June 16

Aquathlon, 8 am

June 19

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Bush announces new sanctions against Sudan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush ordered new U.S. economic sanctions Tuesday to pressure Sudan's government to halt the bloodshed in Darfur that the administration has condemned as genocide.

"I promise this to the people of Darfur: the United States will not avert our eyes from a crisis that challenges the conscience of the world," the president said.

The sanctions target government-run companies involved in Sudan's oil industry, and three individuals, including a rebel leader suspected of being involved in the violence in Darfur.

"For too long the people of Darfur have suffered at the hands of a government that is complicit in the bombing, murder and rape of innocent civilians," the president

said. "My administration has called these actions by their rightful name: genocide.

"The world has a responsibility to put an end to it," Bush said.

Bush had been prepared to impose the sanctions last month, but held off to give U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon more time to find a diplomatic end to the four-year crisis in Darfur where more than 200,000 people have been killed.

Ban said at the United Nations on Tuesday that he still needed more time to promote political negotiations and persuade the Sudanese government to accept more peacekeepers. Asked whether the U.S. sanctions would complicate his job of getting Sudan to agree to a larger U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force, Ban said: "We

will have to see."

Sudan's government criticized Bush's action. "We believe this decision is unfair and untimely," Sudan's Foreign Ministry spokesman Ali Sadiq told The Associated Press. He urged the rest of the world to ignore the U.S. move.

Beyond the new U.S. sanctions, Bush directed Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to draft a proposed U.N. resolution to strengthen international pressure on the Sudanese government of President Omar al-Bashir.

Save Darfur Coalition director David Rubenstein welcomed the sanctions, but said they might be too little, too late.

"President Bush must not give further months to determine whether these outlines measures work — the Darfuri people don't

have that much time," he said. "The president must set a short and firm deadline for fundamental changes in Sudanese behavior, and prepare now to implement immediately further measures should Khartoum continue to stonewall."

Bush said he delayed imposing sanctions last month to allow more time for diplomacy, but that al-Bashir has continued to make empty promises of cooperation while obstructing international efforts to end the crisis.

"One day after I spoke, they bombed a meeting of rebel commanders designed to discuss a possible peace deal with the government," the president said. "In the following weeks he used his army and government-sponsored militias to attack rebels and civilians in south Darfur. He's taken no steps

to disarm these militias in the year since the Darfur peace agreement was signed. Senior officials continue to oppose the deployment of the U.N. peacekeeping force.

"The result is that the dire security situation on the ground in Darfur has not changed," Bush said.

The conflict erupted in February 2003 when members of Darfur's ethnic African tribes rebelled against what they considered decades of neglect and discrimination by the Arab-dominated Khartoum government. Sudanese leaders are accused of retaliating by unleashing the janjaweed militia to put down the rebels using a campaign of murder, rape, mutilation and plunder — a charge they deny. The fighting in Darfur has displaced 2.5 million people.

Texas legislators wrap up session of rebellion

AUSTIN (AP) — All the rancorous debate ended, the final gavel fell and Republican Tom Craddick remained speaker of the Texas House as lawmakers finished a tumultuous five-month legislative session.

The House and Senate capped their 140-day session Monday with a last-ditch round of arguing over water and border security. Sprinkled in were moments of frivolity as lawmakers

wrapped up their work and headed home.

"Y'all have been a big barrel of fun the whole damn time," Rep. Anna Mowery, a Fort Worth Republican who doesn't plan to seek re-election, told fellow legislators.

The session's final weekend provided plenty of drama for all watching at the Capitol and on television and via the Internet.

Opponents from both political parties tried repeatedly to oust Craddick from power, with no success. Craddick refused to allow the opposition to even bring up a motion for a vote to "vacate the chair."

The longest-serving House member and the first Republican speaker since Reconstruction, Craddick took over in 2003 after the GOP won a majority of House seats.

Democrats and Republicans alike complain that Craddick has ruled with an iron fist. They say his win-at-all-cost style often forces them to vote against the interests of their own districts.

Frustrated by their failed attempts to overthrow Craddick, dozens of angry House members stormed out of the chamber in protest early Monday.

"This man is sitting here violating every rule of the House, every rule of parliamentary procedure to keep himself in office, and it's wrong," said Rep. Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso.

A prepared statement from Craddick's office chided those it said were trying to divert the House from important matters and drag lawmakers into a speaker's race. Several House members had filed paperwork to become speaker should Craddick leave the post.

House members who'd walked out earlier returned by Monday afternoon to pass more bills: mandatory high school steroid testing; daily physical exercise for middle school students; and strengthened protections for foster children.

Lawmakers approved the one bill they are legally required to pass — the state budget.

Despite some 11th hour fights and threats in the Senate to filibuster the budget bill, or talk it to death, the House and Senate signed off late Sunday night and early Monday on a compromise \$153 billion two-year spending plan, the state's largest ever.

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said he's proud of legislation passed this spring and lamented that the House fighting might distract from it.

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Set in Stone: Tom Stone announced as new women's soccer coach

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

After weeks of searching, the next coach of the Texas Tech women's soccer team finally is set in stone.

The Tech Athletic Department announced Friday Tom Stone will be the new head coach of the women's soccer team. Stone replaces Neil McGuire, who resigned May 2 to take on the head coaching job at the University of California. Stone was an assistant coach at Clemson for one season before coming to Tech.

Stone, who grew up in Dallas, said the availability of a head coaching position close to home and the overall state of the Tech women's soccer program proved difficult to ignore.

"When the opportunity first came

up I was immediately intrigued," Stone said. "The idea, again, to come back home, the reputation of this athletic department was a big draw. Also, the state of affairs within the team, coach McGuire had done a great job, I think, beginning the turn around and has laid a nice foundation."

The team finished last season with an overall record of 7-11-2 and a Big 12 record of 2-7-1.

The seven wins were the most recorded by a Tech women's soccer team since an eight-win season in 1999.

"We're excited that we have the opportunity to have a coach of his caliber," Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said. "He has a good staff of assistants that he's looking at bringing in to assist him, and we're really excited and looking forward to

Tom (Stone) taking over our soccer program and the quality of teams and recruits that he'll bring in here to get us up and be a viable and competitive team in the Big 12."

Stone said the team's initial goal is to get back in the Big 12 Conference Tournament for the first time since 1996.

"You certainly got to create realistic short term objectives, and this team has got to play in the Big 12 tournament in the near future," Stone said. "Winning a few games in the Big 12 does two things: It gives the players confidence, but it also means that you're not going to sneak up on anybody next year."

He said he believes the placement of a new coaching staff creates a feeling of unfamiliarity for the players and coaches alike.

"Anytime you have a coaching change there will be a little bit of a culture change," Stone said. "Players

have to feel out the new coaching staff; they have to get a feel for what their expectations are, what their demands are."

Junior midfielder Shannon Sims said she believes a new staff gives teammates the opportunity to prove themselves again, which adds another level of competition to the season.

"The most important thing, I think, is a clean slate," Sims said. "There is no pre-conceived notion about girls who played last year or how people played last year or before. I think it's great that we all can just prove ourselves."

Stone said once the team becomes comfortable with the coaching changes, he expects to see a soccer team that is different from what he has seen in previous seasons.

"I'm an extremely competitive person and love to compete," Stone said. "That's why the Big 12 again was so interesting to me, and I think the



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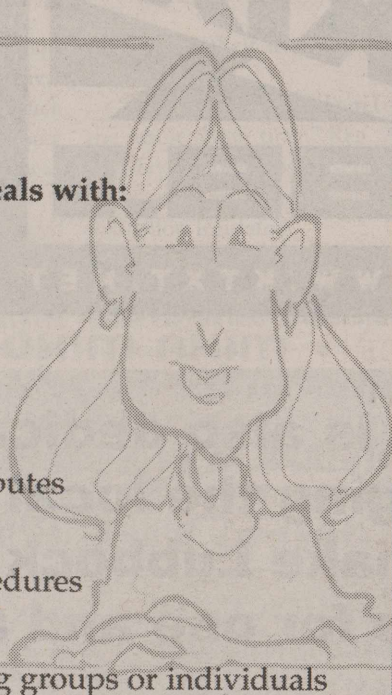
players will respond to that because I don't think anybody comes to a school like this and doesn't want to win. If we can feed off each other then that'll give us an edge at some point."

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Lawmakers pass steroid testing for Texas high school athletes

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas public high school athletes will face mandatory random steroid testing under a bill given final approval Monday by the Legislature and sent to Gov. Rick Perry.

If Perry allows the bill to become law — he has not publicly expressed any opposition — the state could begin testing tens of thousands of students at

the start of the coming football season. It would be the largest high school steroids testing program in the country.

"It will help secure healthy and safe lives for our young people," said Rep. Dan Flynn, R-Van, the House sponsor of the measure. "Coaches, parents and fans are going to appreciate it."

Steroid testing has been a major

component of Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's campaign to protect children. Athletes who test positive, or refuse to be tested, could be suspended from play. Athletes in all sports, from football to wrestling to tennis, could be tested.

"I made steroid testing of high school athletes a priority this session because I believe it will deter young people from putting that poison in their bodies and save lives all across Texas," Dewhurst said.

The House of Representatives voted 140-4 to send the bill to Perry. It requires the state to pay for testing, rather than force schools to raise ticket prices to cover the cost. The University Interscholastic League, the state's governing body for public school sports, will run the program.

The Senate's original plan was to test at least 22,000 students — about 3 percent of the 730,000 of high school athletes — for about \$4 million per year.

Budget planners set aside \$3 million per year, and the program now requires a "statistically significant sample" of students, said Sen. Kyle Janek, a Houston Republican who sponsored the bill.

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Jankovic advances to second round at French Open

PARIS (AP) — Jelena Jankovic easily advanced to the second round of the French Open on Tuesday by beating Stephanie Foretz of France 6-2, 6-2.

The fourth-seeded Serb, who won two clay-court warmups heading into the tournament at Roland Garros, converted four of her five break points in the first set, and then broke her unseeded opponent three more times in the second.

Jankovic, who is ranked fifth, won

the Italian Open earlier this month, making her one of the favorites.

In men's play, No. 13 Mikhail Youzhny advanced when Jan Hernych of the Czech Republic pulled out after only nine points in the first game of the match because of a back injury.

"I really wanted to play today, actually. But I have a little pain in my back, so one more day rest is good," said Youzhny, who has reached three finals this year. "After Hamburg, I

only practiced, so I think one more day for my back is good."

Later Tuesday, Roger Federer was to complete his match against Michael Russell. The top-ranked Swiss star, who needs to win the French Open to complete a career Grand Slam, was leading the American 6-4, 4-1 before rain halted play Monday.

Two-time defending champion Rafael Nadal was scheduled to play Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina

in the late match on center court.

On the women's side, No. 6 Nicole Pietrangeli of the Czech Republic was playing Emmanuelle Gagliardi of Switzerland.

Maria Sharapova and Amelie Mauresmo will play no earlier than Wednesday.

The first two days of the tournament were marked by rain. Only 14 matches were completed before Tuesday.

Venus Williams, a five-time

major champion who had not won a Grand Slam match in 11 months, reached the second round Monday by beating French teenager Alize Cornet 6-4, 6-3 on a damp court after a three-hour delay at the start of the day.

"I was already fortunate to be first on," said Williams, one of six women to advance as three rain delays at Roland Garros forced organizers to postpone or suspend 58 matches.

Fourth-seeded Nikolay Davydenko was the only man to reach the second round on Day 2. The U.S. Open semi-finalist easily beat Stefano Galvani of Italy 6-3, 6-1, 6-1 as the rain returned and eventually halted play.

"I'm lucky," said Davydenko, who arrived only five minutes before he was originally scheduled to walk on court because he was stuck in traffic. "I have (a) day off tomorrow."

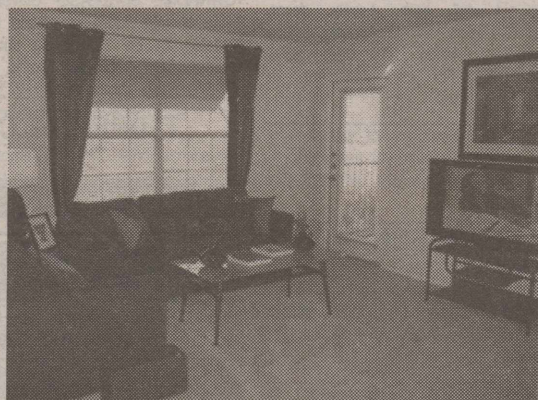
Williams, who lost to sister Serena in the 2002 final, survived a pair of breaks in the first set and another in the second against Cornet on center court.

"I had some chances to really take the match, but she always came back," said Williams, who faced 10 break points in the match, including at least one in seven of the first eight games.

"Sometimes the first round can be like that," Williams added. "I definitely was really clear, especially toward the end, on how I wanted to execute."

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