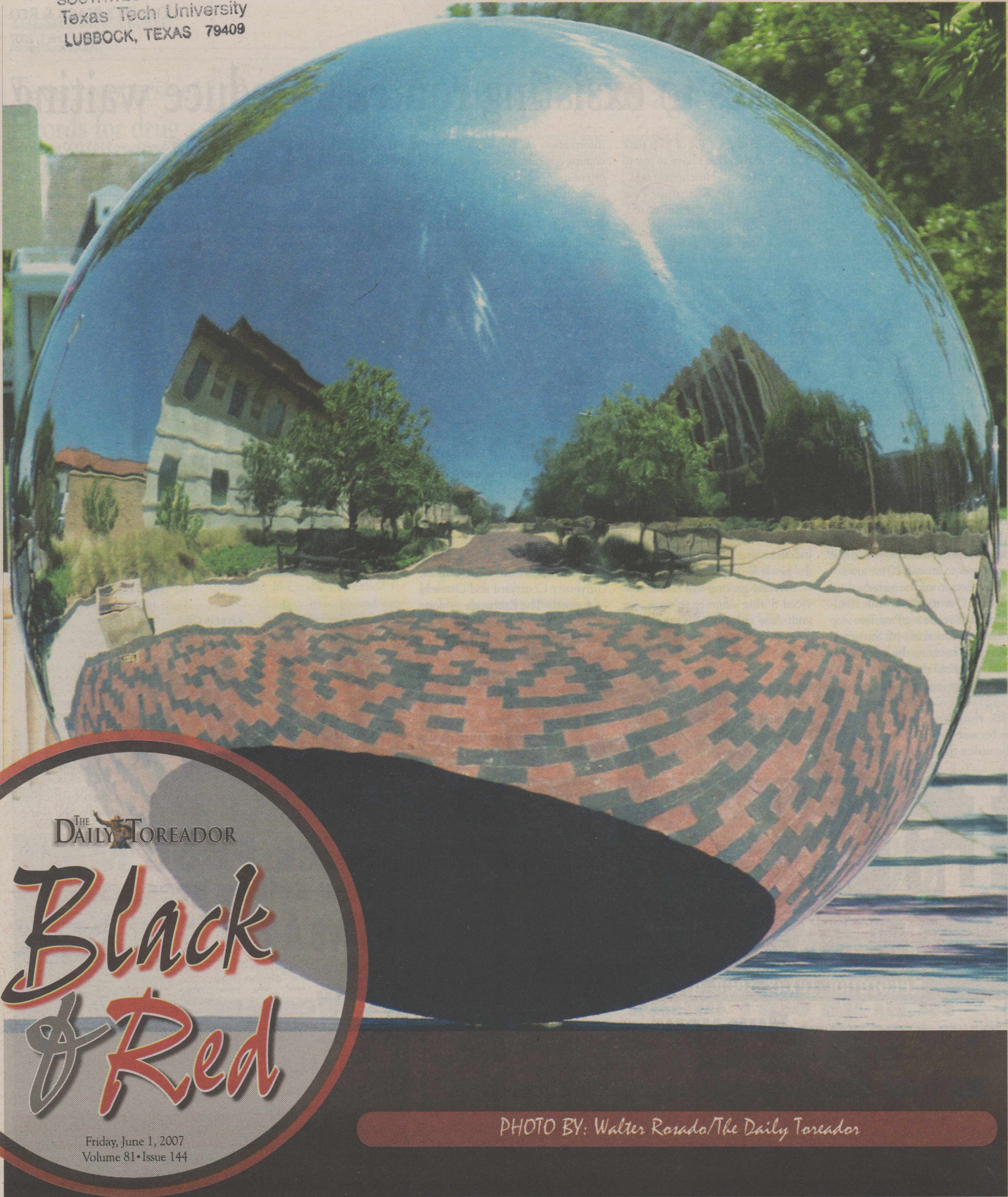


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SGA adds buses to existing routes to reduce waiting

By RICHARD CAMPANARO
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The Student Government Association is making changes to university bus routes and schedules, adding buses to existing routes and reducing times commuters will wait at each stop.

Taylor Hutcherson, external vice president of the SGA, said he is working on the final details of the on-campus and off-campus bus services for the 2007-08 school year. He has focused on reducing headway, which is the time students will wait between buses, increasing the number of buses on each route and plans to provide patrons with readily available, detailed information.

Hutcherson said on-campus bus routes should have headway of no more than 10 minutes throughout most of the day. Off-campus routes will have headway of roughly 12 minutes until around 2:30 p.m. when it increases to around 20 minutes.

Hutcherson said he added a third bus to the Overton route while eliminating the Riverstone/Pear Tree stop at the intersection of 14th Street and Avenue S because the complexes could not afford the \$10,000 fee.

Fees were increased 100 percent from \$5,000 because of increased fuel costs. Hutcherson added the extra bus because the number of students who utilize the Overton route.

"I understand a lot of kids park and ride so they don't have to pay to park on campus," Hutcherson said.

Although the Riverstone/Pear Tree stop has been eliminated, Hutcherson said drivers should make a stop when riders request one. He encouraged students who experience problems with bus drivers to contact the SGA offices.

"If you're on the bus and drivers don't stop, then call me," he said. "We're here to represent students."

Hutcherson said he believes students should take advantage of the satellite parking lot, located near 4th Street on Texas Tech Parkway for the 2007-08 school year. He added seven buses to the Masked Rider route, which services the International Cultural Center and satellite parking, reducing headway to five minutes throughout most of the day. Satellite parking also will be serviced by the Northwest and North Indiana routes, which will travel on the newly built Tech Parkway.

Satellite parking will not be serviced during summer sessions, he said. Any student who purchased a summer parking pass for satellite parking should contact University Parking Services to receive a full refund.

George Torres, an incoming freshman transfer student from South Plains College, said he has not been informed of any parking

information on behalf of the welcoming committee or at new student orientation, and he said he believes students should be informed of the availability of parking permits, costs and bus route information during orientation instead of simply covering information directly related to registration.

Hutcherson said he plans to provide updated bus route and time information at all bus stop shelters and on all buses, something he said has not been done in the past few years. The SGA also will be partnering with University Parking Services to distribute maps and time information to everyone who has purchased an on-campus parking permit.

A transportation committee, comprised of students and faculty members, is responsible for negotiating the prices each apartment complex pays for off-campus bus services.

The Northwest bus route, which services Lynwood Townhomes, University Courtyard and Gateway — formerly The Exchange — costs each complex roughly \$20,000 for around 230 days of service. University Courtyard pays additional fees for an exclusive route. It costs the university roughly \$9,000 per day to operate buses.

The West 4th Street route will not be reinstated because of increased fuel costs, unwillingness on

behalf of the complexes serviced by the route to pay the fees, as well as surcharges required by Citibus, Hutcherson said.

He said he understands students are inconvenienced, but the school cannot afford to operate the route.

"I don't have \$165,000 to run the route," he said.

College Pointe was eliminated from the North Indiana route because the complex, which has 90 units, cannot afford the costs.

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Texas troopers set records for drug seizures in 2006

EL PASO (AP) — Texas state troopers set several records last year by seizing more than 50 tons of illegal drugs worth nearly \$340 million, the Department of Public Safety said Wednesday.

The drugs included marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine, and carried a street value of about \$335.9 million, DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said.

The 95,653 pounds of marijuana seized were more than double the amount of the drug found in 2005 and topped the 2004 record by more than 20,000 pounds.

Troopers found 5,986 pounds of cocaine, beating the record of 4,009 pounds set in 1994. The 267 pounds of methamphetamine were nearly 100 pounds more than the 2004 mark.

Authorities also arrested a record 1,975 people during the seizures, most on routine traffic stops, Vinger said.

"We've been successful the last several years, so it doesn't surprise me that seizures have increased," Vinger said. "I don't know that more drugs are coming through Texas, necessarily. It's simply a matter of there's always a lot of drugs coming through Texas."

Vinger said the majority of illegal drugs are thought to be coming into Texas from Mexico. Some loads are believed to be bound for Texas cities, including Houston and Dallas, while others were likely destined for the interior of the country, where retail prices are higher and the availability of some drugs is limited, Vinger said.

While many of the methods for smuggling narcotics — hiding drug bundles in any available nook or cranny — have not changed, Vinger said troopers have noticed an increase in "clone trucks," tractor trailers designed to look like a hauler for a legitimate company.

Bush calls for global emissions agreement by end of 2008

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, seeking to blunt international criticism of the U.S. record on climate change, on Thursday urged 15 major nations to agree by the end of next year on a global target for reducing greenhouse gases.

Bush's proposal was welcomed by the leaders of Britain and Germany, who have been critical of the U.S. approach.

"I think it is positive, and the U.S. president's speech makes it clear that no one can avoid the question of global warming any more," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said in Berlin. "This is common ground on which to act."

Bush called for the first in a series of meetings to begin this fall, bringing together countries identified as major emitters of greenhouse gases blamed for global warming. The list would include the United States, China, India and major European countries. After setting a goal, the nations would be free to develop their own strategies to meet the target.

The president outlined his proposal in a speech ahead of next week's summit in Germany of leading industrialized nations, where global warming is to be a major topic and Bush will be on the spot.

The United States has refused to ratify the landmark 1997 Kyoto Protocol requiring industrialized

countries to reduce greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2012. Developing countries, including China and India, were exempted from that first round of cuts. Bush rejected the Kyoto approach, as well as the latest German proposal for what happens after 2012.

"The United States takes this issue seriously," Bush said. "The new initiative I'm outlining today will contribute to the important dialogue that will take place in Germany next week."

Environmental groups were quick to criticize Bush's plan.

Friends of the Earth president Brent Blackwelder called the proposal "a complete charade. It is an attempt to make the Bush adminis-

tration look like it takes global warming seriously without actually doing anything to curb emissions."

National Environmental Trust president Philip Clapp said, "This is a transparent effort to divert attention from the president's refusal to accept any emissions reductions proposals at next week's G-8 summit. After sitting out talks on global warming for years, the Bush administration doesn't have very much credibility with other governments on the issue."

And, Daniel J. Weiss, climate strategy director for the liberal Center for American Progress, said the Bush administration has a "do-nothing" policy on global warming despite U.S. allies' best efforts to spur U.S. reductions.

U.S. forces battle suspected al-Qaida gunmen in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — A battle raged Thursday in west Baghdad after residents rose up against al-Qaida and called for U.S. military help to end random gunfire that forced people to huddle indoors and threats that kept students from final exams, a member of the district council said.

A suicide bomber hit a police recruiting center in Fallujah, killing as many as 25 people, police said — though the U.S. military said only one policeman was killed and eight were wounded. Elsewhere, three policemen and three civilians were killed and 15 civilians were wounded when a suicide truck bomber struck a communications center on

the western outskirts of Ramadi, according to Anbar provincial security adviser Col. Tariq Youssef Mohammed.

The American military also reported the deaths of three more soldiers, two killed Wednesday in a roadside bombing in Baghdad and one who died of wounds from

a roadside bomb attack northwest of the capital Tuesday. At least 122 American forces have died in May, the third-deadliest month of the Iraq conflict.

U.S. forces backed by helicopter gunships clashed with suspected al-Qaida gunmen in western Baghdad's primarily Sunni Muslim Amariyah

neighborhood in an engagement that lasted several hours, said the district councilman, who would not allow use of his name for fear of al-Qaida retribution.

Casualty figures were not immediately available and there was not immediate word from the U.S. military on the engagement.

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Simply put, I'm agnostic

What would you do if your best friend or significant other told you he or she did not share your faith? Accept it? Try to convert that person to your belief system? Denounce him or her and renounce your once glorious friendship?

Most people have had a minor crisis such as that. People of my belief have it occur all too often. Usually, if we refuse to convert to the religion of choice, either the friendship ends or the relationship becomes very strained. Why all these problems with my views? Simply put, I'm agnostic.

That's right, I have no one true faith. I don't share your belief in your deity. Moreover, I'm not even sure there is such a thing as a deity. I'm not sure about the afterlife. I have no holy rites and no religious icons.

As some say Jesus or Buddha are the only answer, my only answer to religious questions is: "I don't know." That is all a statement of agnosticism is. It is a refusal to answer a question to which one does not have a true answer. None of us can be absolutely certain of what's "out there." People choose whichever religion or belief structure suits their rationale or emotions. As such, agnosticism is the idea that since one cannot be certain, one shouldn't guess.

Do not assume all forms of agnosticism are the same. In much the same way Christianity, Islam and Hinduism have various little sects and branches, so does agnosticism. It ranges from the atheist agnostic, who is nearly certain there is no such thing as

Jennifer Cheney



god, to the spiritualist agnostic, who believes there is something "out there" and doesn't know what it is. Reasoning ranges from science, "I have no proof and therefore have no answer," to strict refusal to take a position, "I just don't know, so I form no opinion."

Before you go berating those who share this faith or another belief structure that is not yours, remember this: They have probably already looked at your faith and found it not to their taste. In most cases, agnostics have searched far and wide for an answer to fit their structure of beliefs and found them all displeasing for one reason or another. If they are not aware of your faith and are amenable, they may request information or go to a service if possible. Thus, do not berate, disparage or try to convert them.

I do not advance agnosticism as greater than your faith, but rather that it is one more option, one many take. Before you go on, I ask you this: Is a blind need for everyone to be the same faith more important than a friendship or romantic relationship?

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Craddick problems create issues for Texas' 80th Legislative session

While at work Saturday morning, I watched the live online broadcast of the Texas Legislature as I had for most of the current legislative session. With the end of the 80th Legislative Session rapidly approaching, members of the House knew — because of the passage of critical transportation and budget bills — no Special Session would be called to finish up business.

Instead of working faster to finish the business for the people they represent as they should have, some members of the House had another plan. They wanted to waste as much time as possible, just to spite Speaker Tom Craddick and anybody associated with him.

The House was filled with a cacophony of cries for time-wasting procedures such as Parliamentary Inquiry and "Refer to the Ethics Commission." Once in a while, someone actually would get some business in, but it was a rare occurrence in these remaining days. Craddick refused to allow any of his political foes to bring a motion to the floor to vacate the chair and waste more time by having a speakers' race. The arguments escalated to the point of Craddick's opponents actually attempting to rush the podium and then later walking out in anger. After this childish display of arrogance disguised as righteous indignation, those who walked out came back to whine some more.

Cole Shooter



Following the close of the session, Gov. Rick Perry issued a summary statement and breakdown of the bills both approved and killed throughout the session.

"We can say as a result of this session that the border will be more

“However, like the old Clint Eastwood movie, this was a session of ‘The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly.’”

— **RICK PERRY**
Governor of Texas

secure, healthcare will be better funded, college will be more accessible and school property tax rates will continue to decrease," Gov. Perry said in his statement. "However, like the old Clint Eastwood movie, this was a session of 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly,'

much work was left undone," Perry said, "and I hope legislators will fix their eyes on the unfinished business of the people instead of the political squabbles when they return to Austin."

While I may be a little naïve in believing our elected officials should actually do the jobs they ran for, it's a sad thing to realize some members of the Texas House are so petty as to shut down work in the entire legislature because their people aren't running the show. In the battle of winning and losing, the entity that suffered the most was the state. Unfortunately, even one of the representatives from Lubbock, Delwin Jones, jumped on the bandwagon by offering to run for speaker.

I have nothing against Tom Craddick. He's a strong conservative force in the legislature, and takes care of business as effectively as the other representatives will allow. People in politics only complain about someone else's power simply because they're jealous they don't have it themselves. Unfortunately, Texans have now seen the priority of some of our lawmakers is to worry only about themselves, instead of their state and constituents. One of the considerations for getting and keeping a job is that the person will actually do the work assigned to them. Texans need to keep that in mind when choosing whom to support in the next election.

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Offer to resolve N.Korea dispute unheeded

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun said Thursday in an interview with The Associated Press that a Seoul offer to help resolve a banking impasse blocking North Korea's nuclear disarmament went unheeded by Washington and Pyongyang.

Roh, whose term expires in February, also said there could be time while he's in office to hold a summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il — but only if the reclusive North moves to abandon its nuclear program.

"We have offered to help in resolv-

ing the (bank) issue to both sides, but after our offer there has not been an answer from either side," Roh said during an interview with AP President and CEO Tom Curley.

He did not elaborate, but local news reports have said Seoul was considering asking a South Korean bank

to be the middleman for getting the money to a North Korean account.

"I really find it very difficult to understand" the technical issues holding up the money transfer, Roh said.

International talks on North Korea's nuclear program have been beset by repeated delays since the

crisis erupted in late 2002, and most recently are deadlocked over some \$25 million in North Korean accounts frozen in a Macau bank. That bank was blacklisted in 2005 by Washington for alleged complicity in counterfeiting U.S. dollars and money laundering by the Pyongyang regime.

College of Visual and Performing Arts receives new dean

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech officials recently announced Carol D. Edwards will be the new dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

For the past three years, Edwards has served as dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash., and she will begin working at Tech Aug 1.

Edwards said she is looking forward to interacting with the aspects of the university that helped make up her mind.

"The fact that (Tech) is a highly regarded university (played a role in the decision to come to Tech)," Edwards said. "I know that the students and the faculty, particularly in the College of Visual and Performing Arts, are very talented, and I'm really looking forward

to working with all of them."

Tech Provost William Marcy said the decision to hire Edwards came down to her versatility throughout Western Washington University.

"It is not one thing but a whole laundry list of things," Marcy said. "Her ability to work with all the different disciplines within visual and performing arts was probably the most important thing."

Marcy said when hiring a new dean, the potential candidates must have excellent cooperation skills, and one asset Edwards brought to the table was her positive reputation.

Patricia Lundquist has been Edwards' assistant since 2004 and said Tech was lucky to obtain Edwards.

"She is a great administrator," Lundquist said. "She is a wonderful human being, and we're going to miss her terribly."

Edwards said her first year at Tech

will involve gathering information from key leaders throughout Tech to get a feel for which direction the college should grow.

"I do know that Texas Tech has a commitment to a growth pattern over the next X number of years," Edwards said, "and I do know the (College of Visual and Performing Arts) will be growing right along with that. Growing not only in student population but also in programs."

Edwards received a bachelor's of fine arts in commercial art from Mississippi University for Women and a master's degree in art education from the University of Alabama. She earned a doctorate degree from Florida State University in 1992.

Edwards belongs to organizations such as Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, the International Council of Fine Arts Deans and

the National Art Education Association.

Lundquist said Edwards will continue to achieve new accomplishments at Tech.

"She is a visionary with her feet

planted solidly on the ground," Lundquist said. "Some people are visionary, but they don't get anything done. She's got her feet planted solidly in the ground."

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Mickelson withdraws from Memorial with wrist injury

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — The looming duel between Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson at the Memorial Tournament disappeared before Woods even hit his first shot: Mickelson withdrew with an injured left wrist after 11 holes.

Mickelson was intent on challenging Woods, who had yet to tee off, at Muirfield Village Golf Club.

"I don't think it's anything serious but it just got worse. I couldn't grab the club and I couldn't swing," said Mickelson, who was 2 over through 11 holes before returning to the clubhouse. "I hit a wedge on 2 and it got really aggravated."

Earlier this week Mickelson, second on the money list to Woods, played at Oakmont, site of the U.S. Open in two weeks. That is where he apparently injured his wrist, although he couldn't remember precisely when he first hurt it.

"I was hitting a lot of chip shots out of the rough at Oakmont and I think that kind of aggravated it. I hit some drivers today and it started hurting a little bit, but nothing I didn't think I could handle," he said. "When I hit a wedge on 2 (on Thursday), it shot up my arm and

it was OK. I kind of half-clubbed it around. The 5 iron on 4 really hurt. It just got worse."

Mickelson said he would ice his wrist, see a doctor and could possibly play as soon as next week's stop in Memphis. But getting ready for the Open takes precedence over that.

"The U.S. Open is more of what we're gearing up for," he said. "As much as I'd love to play here and as excited as I was to play here and get back into the swing of it, I couldn't swing."

The pain got to be too much after he hit his approach to the green on the par-5 11th hole.

"The wedge shot on 11 out of the divot jarred it pretty good," Mickelson said. "I just didn't feel like I could hit a shot on 12."

Mickelson's withdrawal erased one of the major storylines at the Memorial — Mickelson's challenge to Woods.

Woods is No. 1 by acclaim, not even close. But that doesn't stop everybody from trying to speculate about who could sneak up and steal his crown.

"I've had different guys make different runs," Woods said after

Wednesday's pro-am at Muirfield Village Golf Club. "It was (David) Duval and then probably Phil and Ernie (Els), Vijay (Singh), Goose (Retief Goosen) — a combination of those guys throughout the years."

With Mickelson coming off a big win at The Players Championship three weeks ago, some were saying he was primed to challenge Woods at the Memorial and then in two weeks at the U.S. Open at Oakmont.

It seems that every time Mickelson gets a big win — the Masters in 2004, the PGA Championship in 2005, the Masters again in 2006 — it gets Woods' attention.

A year ago, for instance, Mickelson won at Augusta and was in position to take his third major in a row before hitting that hideous drive on the final hole that cost him the Open at Winged Foot.

Still grieving the loss of his father, Woods wasn't a factor there, but then turned around and won the last two majors, the British Open and PGA.

With Woods facing impending fatherhood and the changes that can bring, now could be the time for someone to finally challenge for

the top spot in the world.

Woods doesn't seem to be conceding anything, though.

"As long as I'm up there in the conversation, I'm doing all right," Woods said. "I keep pushing myself pretty hard, regardless. I always try and get better. You can't stay stagnant in any sport. You've always got to keep getting better because you know the guys are training harder, they're finding their game, they're in the gym, you're getting better athletes playing the game. So you've got to keep getting better."

Even without Mickelson, the field mirrors that of a major. Nine of the top 10 money-winners are on hand, along with former Memorial winners Els, Jim Furyk, Singh, Tom Lehman and Paul Azinger.

Masters champion Zach Johnson, still on a victory lap after winning the Masters in April and the AT&T Classic two weeks ago, burns to remain in such elite company.

"This is one of my favorite places to be," said Johnson, who tied for second at the Memorial a year ago, two shots behind winner Carl Pettersson. "Golfwise, I absolutely love it. If you find a complaint here, it's hard."

Former Texas Tech coach dies

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Former Texas Tech basketball coach Gene Gibson, who led the Red Raiders to the NCAA tournament in his first year, has died. He was 82.

Gibson, of Dallas, died Saturday at Presbyterian Hospital in Plano from complications of five surgeries over the past few months, his daughter, Lisa Gibson, said Thursday.

"He just wasn't able to bounce back," she said.

Gibson played for the Red Raiders from 1947-50 and was All-Border Conference center in his last season.

In 1962, his first year as head coach, he led Tech to the second round of the NCAA tournament. The Red Raiders lost to Colorado. He compiled a 101-91 record from 1961-69.

In 1965, Gibson's Red Raiders team won the Southwest Conference title but had to forfeit because of an ineligible player.

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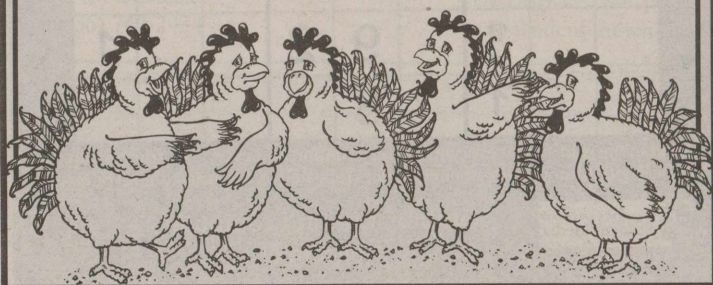
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Grizzlies hire Iavaroni as head coach

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)

— Marc Iavaroni was hired as coach of the Memphis Grizzlies on Thursday after a miserable season that sent the team to the bottom of the NBA.

Iavaroni, a 17-year NBA veteran as player or assistant coach, is regarded as one of the league's top assistants. He spent the past five seasons with the Phoenix Suns.

Tony Barone, the Grizzlies' former director of player personnel, was appointed interim coach last season when Memphis fired Mike Fratello with the team at 6-24.

"Mark is going to make an immediate impact on this organization, team and city, and we are honored that he will be making his NBA head coaching debut with Memphis," Grizzlies owner Michael Heisley said in a statement released before a news conference to introduce Iavaroni.

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Men's golf to participate in NCAA Championship

By **JESSICA HENDERSHOT**
STAFF WRITER

For first time since the 1959-60 term, the Texas Tech men's golf team will participate in back-to-back National Championship tournaments.

A seventh place finish at the May 17 to May 19 NCAA Central Regional in Sugar Grove, Ill., qualified the Red Raiders for their second consecutive NCAA Championship appearance.

"Last year I said that the next step is to consistently make the champion-

ships," Tech golf coach Greg Sands said in a May 19 press release. "It feels good to get closer to doing that. It is not easy to do anymore."

The tournament began Wednesday and will continue through Saturday in Williamsburg, Va., at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club. The golf course is held in high esteem by *GOLF Magazine*, who ranked the 16th and 17th holes of the Golden Horseshoe Gold Course as two of the "Top 500 Golf Holes in the World."

Tech's senior golfer Osear Floren

leads his team with a 71.34 stroke average and is ranked 33rd nationally among collegiate golfers. Floren led the team, finishing 5-over in the regional, good enough for a sixth-place tie with Andrew Landry of Arkansas. Floren has carded 23 top-10 finishes at while at Tech.

The Red Raiders are grouped with Charlotte and Arizona for the first two rounds. Third-round pairings were not available at press time.

The road to the championship for Tech began with a third-place finish

at the Big 12 Tournament, which was conducted April 23 to April 24 in Hutchinson, Kan.

Sands said he was proud of his team, but he had hoped for more.

"Our expectations were a little bit higher," Sands said in an April 24 press release. "We were trying to win. By finishing third, we are taking steps toward that. When all is said and done, it is the best Big 12 finish for us. It was a team effort and we had two decent rounds to help us out."

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Hewitt rallies, advances at French Open

PARIS (AP)—Lleyton Hewitt rallied from two sets down for the fourth time in his career Thursday and beat 2004 champion Gaston Gaudio 4-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 in the second round of the French Open.

Hewitt, a two-time Grand Slam champion, missed two months because of a back injury and returned at the Rome Masters in early May. He broke his Argentine opponent in the third and seventh games of the third set, and then again to open each of the two remaining sets.

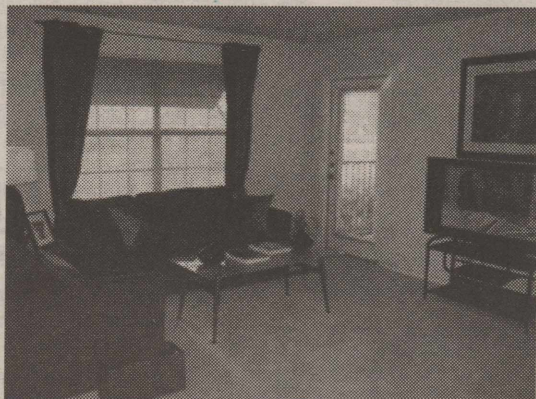
"He's got to be one of the toughest second-round players to play," said Hewitt, who lost to Gaudio in the 2004 French Open quarterfinals. "The first two sets he played fantastic."

Two-time defending champion Rafael Nadal also advanced, extending his record at Roland Garros to 16-0. Maria Sharapova, Serena Williams and Amelie Mauresmo won in the women's draw.

Hewitt made 25 unforced errors in the first two sets, but limited that to 19 in the final three. He also had 20 aces, while Gaudio double-faulted 13 times.

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