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STATE

Border-fence protest draws crowd

EL PASO(AP) — About 70 people crowded onto a pedestrian lane along a downtown international bridge Saturday in a brief protest against the proposed border fence.

The protest, dubbed "Hands Across El Rio" by organizer Jay J. Johnson-Castro Sr., a Del Rio business owner, was intended to attract enough protesters to form a human chain from the base of the Paso del Norte bridge in El Paso across the span into Ciudad Juarez.

But when El Paso Mayor John Cook met at the top of the bridge with Mayor Hector Murgia from Ciudad Juarez, Murgia was alone, save for a small entourage and several reporters.

NATION

Storm pounds Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of people were without power after their homes were battered by fierce winds and flooding rainstorms that slammed the rain-soaked Midwest.

Tornado warnings were issued Saturday afternoon for parts of central and southeast Ohio. Downed trees and power lines were reported in the southern part of the state, said National Weather Service meteorologist Andy Hatzos.

WORLD

Bombings kill 30 in India

HYDERABAD, India (AP) — A pair of bombings tore through crowded public areas in the southern city of Hyderabad on Saturday night, killing at least 30 people and wounding about 50 people, officials said.

Security forces were put on alert across the city, which has long been plagued by Hindu-Muslim tensions and occasional violence between the two communities.

"This is a terrorist act," Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, the chief minister for Andhra Pradesh state, told reporters.

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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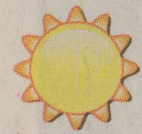
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Tech receives \$50 million donation

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center at El Paso accepted a \$50 million donation to its School of Medicine Friday morning in a press conference and announced the school will be renamed in honor of the donor.

The Paul L. Foster School of Medicine will focus on training

physicians, improving health care in El Paso, creating centers for scientific research related to border health issues and generating significant economic expansion in the region, according to a press release.

"We are so grateful to Mr. Foster for making an extraordinary gift to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso," said Tech System Chancellor Kent Hance in the press release. "His generosity

and foresight will enhance the El Paso community and touch future generations of physicians and researchers as they pursue cutting-edge advances in border health and other health care initiatives."

Foster, president and chief executive officer of Western Refining Inc., gave the largest donation the Tech system has ever received. Prior to this, the largest individual donation was Jerry Rawls's \$25 million gift to

the College of Business Administration in 2001.

"I can't tell you how excited we are," said Dr. Robert Suskind, dean of the El Paso School of Medicine. "Mr. Foster recognizes how important the School of Medicine in El Paso is to the community. He recognizes that it's the right thing to do, and it's a special opportunity for him to make a contribution to the community."

The \$50 million will help finance

faculty recruitment, salaries and state-of-the-art research equipment, according to the press release.

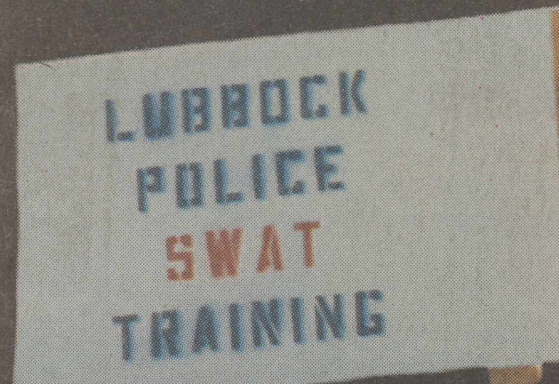
"Mr. Foster's gift to the El Paso School of Medicine is an outstanding example of the support this community has shown Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center," said President John Baldwin in the press release. "We are honored to

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COMING OUT IN FULL FORCE

Tech police force to add officers, increase visibility on campus

By MICHELLE CASADY
EDITOR



With the Virginia Tech shootings still fresh in the minds of many, Chief Ron Seacrist with the Texas Tech Police Department said visibility of officers on campus is a top priority.

"The more officers that can be seen, the lower the probability is that something will happen," Seacrist said.

Chancellor Kent Hance, along with the Board of Regents, recently allocated budget money to the police department to hire six new officers, bringing the total number of officers on campus to 54. Though these additions have been approved, Seacrist said the department was not under-staffed.

"I was the chief at a school in California with 29,000 students, and we had half the (police) staff," Seacrist said. "We weren't lacking, but I think the chancellor and the Board of Regents are really perceptive to how the community feels about things after Virginia Tech."

The Tech Police Department also has taken the 23 security guards who patrol the residence halls and academic areas under its supervision. Though the security guards do not carry weapons, Seacrist said their main function is to be the eyes and ears for the campus police force. Seacrist also requires the guards to go through field training.

Sean Duggan, director of University Student Housing, said the security guards used to be under the management of University Student Housing.

"After Virginia Tech, there's been a lot of discussion about what the best way to do things is," he said. "It just seems like the right time to move them back over to the management of the police department."

As a result of the change in management, there now will be a police sub-station in Residence Hall.

"This will allow

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Marsha Sharp Freeway construction limits access to campus

By JOSH HULL
NEWS EDITOR

Construction on the Marsha Sharp Freeway surrounding the Texas Tech campus may leave students frustrated with their morning commute.

With lane closures on Fourth Street, 19th Street and Indiana Avenue, traffic near entrances to campus has become congested with little chance of letting up soon.

"I think the traffic in the vicinity of Marsha Sharp over the next 15 months or so is actually going to get worse than it is now," said Jere Hart, Lubbock city traffic engineer.

East and westbound traffic from 19th Street to the Fourth Street has been detoured to the main lanes, known as "the cut," cutting off westbound access to the Drive of Champions.

The only direct access point to campus for eastbound traffic on Fourth Street has been diverted to the parking lot outside Jones AT&T Stadium.

"Getting to campus for the next nine months will be more difficult than the past," Hart

said. "There's really no way around that."

Construction on the Texas Tech Parkway, which many hope will alleviate some traffic issues, and the closure of Indiana Avenue in some parts of campus also could contribute to more confusion for drivers not familiar with the construction.

I think especially at the Texas Tech parkway there's going to be a significant amount of confusion during the first few weeks of school," Hart said of the lack of parallel entrances and exits along the main lanes of the freeway.

Penny Mason, public information officer with the Texas Department of Transportation, said traffic issues are common with high magnitude construction projects.

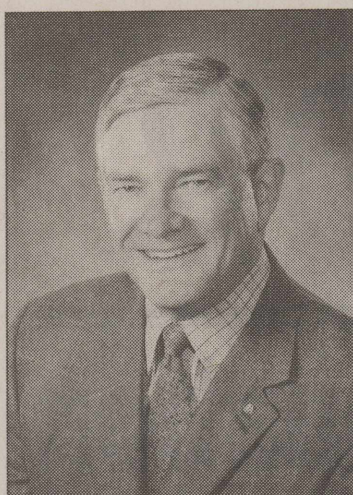
"The key here is communication about this was started a long time ago," she said.

Tech had a large part in the planning process, Mason said, and has been essential to the

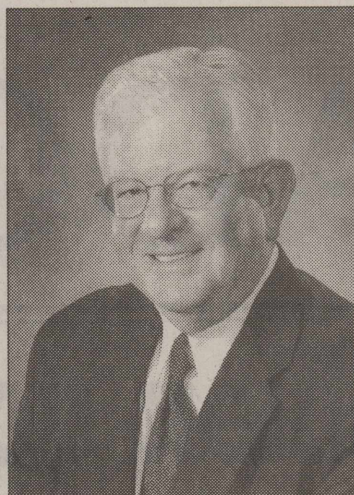
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SUMMER RECAP

City Council experiences many woes, much criticism



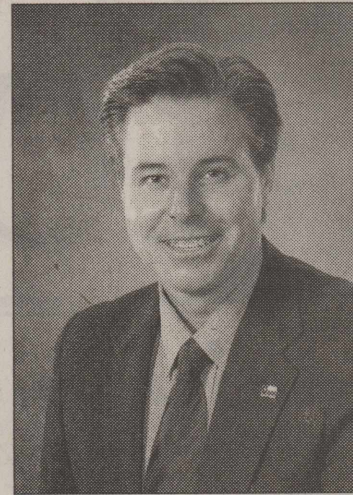
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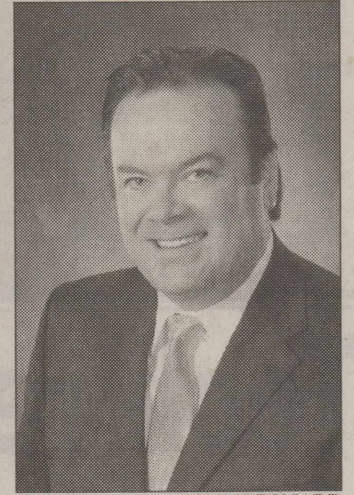
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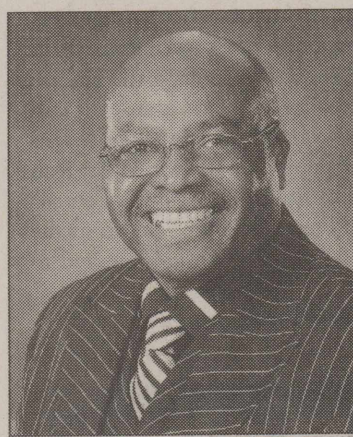
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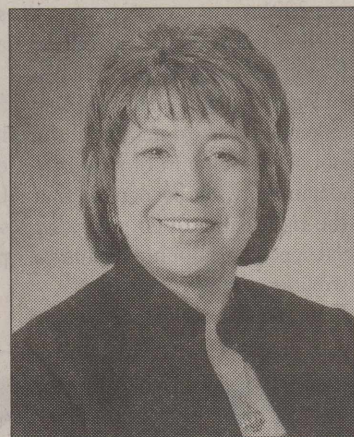
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LINDA DELEON

For those who were not in the Hub City this summer, here is a brief recap of some major events that took place:

Water line relocation leads to water restrictions

Despite high levels of rainfall, Lubbock was put on water restrictions because of a construction project to relocate a major water line. Residents were not allowed to run sprinklers, water their yards with hoses or wash cars. Following the shut-down, several water lines burst throughout the city, pouring water onto Lubbock streets. Heavy restrictions were lifted close to a month after they were put into place.

Former City Council Chief of Staff asks for his job back

Dixon Platt, former chief of staff for the city council, started a grievance hearing in July with the goal of taking back his job and getting a formal apology from the city. The two-day hearing process was supposed to lead into more hearings in August, though Platt terminated the process, claiming those involved with the event were too close with the city. Platt was fired in May for alleged sexist and racist behavior in the work place.

\$300 million bond project upsets residents

A \$300 million-capital-gains project was proposed; the project included plans for renovations to the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center and the construction of a new municipal auditorium. Heavily criticized by residents, the project would have relied on increased property taxes for funding. The Lubbock City Council voted against the bond election in August, citing the erosion of public trust in the council as a primary reason.

DeLeon still in office despite recall attempts

Linda DeLeon, council woman for District 1, kept her position on the council despite two recall attempts. The results of the second recall were made public Tuesday at a press conference. City Secretary Becky Garza took heavy criticism for not allowing a third party to observe the tallying of results for the second recall. The first recall failed by 22 signatures in June, while the second lacked 17 valid signatures to remove DeLeon from office.

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Ex-Kevorkian lawyer indicted

DETROIT (AP) — Attorney Geoffrey Fieger, best known for representing assisted suicide advocate Jack Kevorkian, was indicted on charges of conspiring to make more than \$125,000 in illegal contributions to the 2004 presidential campaign of Democrat John Edwards.

The indictment was returned Tuesday and unsealed Friday. It names both Fieger and Vernon Johnson, a partner in Fieger's Southfield-based law firm.

Fieger told radio station WWJ-AM that he would fight the charges and wasn't surprised by them. He blamed the Bush administration.

"We'll just embarrass these people," Fieger said.

Messages seeking further comment from Fieger and Johnson weren't immediately returned.

The indictment claims that Fieger, 56, of Bloomfield Hills, and Johnson, 45, of Birmingham, recruited 60 people, known as straw donors, to make contributions in the then-maximum allowable amount of \$2,000 per donor to the Edwards campaign. The contributions actually came from Fieger's firm, the indictment says.

The U.S. attorney's office in Detroit said that campaign officials for Edwards, then a U.S. senator, weren't aware of the alleged actions, and that Edwards and his campaign staff cooperated fully with the investigation.

Fieger has maintained he had nothing to do with his staff's financial support for Edwards.

Federal agents raided his Southfield offices in 2005, taking payroll and other financial documents, as well as ticket stubs for a fundraiser for Edwards and other campaign materials.

According to the indictment, Fieger and Johnson recruited a first round of employees or family members of employees as donors in March 2003, arranging \$38,000 worth of illegal contributions. They later solicited additional donors, including non-attorney employees, Fieger's friends and third-party vendors for Fieger or the firm, the indictment says.

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Conlon's catch helps Georgia to 5-2 win

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Cool and collected, 13-year-old pitcher Clint Wynn had to think a moment when asked about Georgia's streak at the Little League World Series.

Entering 2007, Georgia teams had twice before advanced to South Williamsport, each time leaving with a championship.

Warner Robins, Ga., can make it three in a row after advancing to this year's World Series title game following a 5-2 win Saturday over Lubbock, Texas.

"I want a repeat," Wynn said with a straight face.

Georgia will face Tokyo on Sunday after Japan beat Willemstad, Curacao, 7-4, earlier Saturday. Ryo Kanekubo's grand slam in the bottom of the sixth lifted Japan.

Georgia manager Mickey Lay said he'll be doing some quick scouting Saturday night. First, though, there was a little celebrating to do.

"Dance a little bit, talk to the families, just get ready," Lay said. "We'll be partying here in a minute."

Dalton Carriker homered, David Umphreyville, Jr. had a two-run

single and Zane Conlon snared a line drive to end a rally to lead Warner Robins.

With runners on second and third and Georgia leading 4-2, Conlon moved quickly to his left to catch a hard liner off the bat of Lubbock's Bryndan Arredondo to end the fifth inning. Conlon stumbled briefly to his knees before being mobbed by delighted teammates on his way to the dugout.

Wynn pitched four-plus innings for the victory.

The past two Georgia teams to advance to South Williamsport have come away with the World Series trophy, including Columbus last year and East Marietta in 1983.

As giddy Warner Robins players posed with the "U.S. champions" banner, their fans chanted, "USA! USA!" Even Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue cheered them on from the stands.

Also, U.S. teams have also won the previous two World Series titles — Hawaii in 2005 before Georgia's victory last year. The United States hasn't had a streak of three or more titles since 1959-1966, an eight-year stretch of American victories.

Forecasters predict warm, dry days in fall and winter

By JOSH HULL
NEWS EDITOR

After a rainy summer, Lubbock residents may catch a break.

Forecasters are predicting precipitation in the fall to stay right on average despite hurricanes and tropical storms that have recently threatened the Gulf Coast.

Marty Mullen, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said the number of hurricanes expected this year has dropped from the initial forecast. Long-

term trends do not indicate hurricane activity will have an adverse effect on weather patterns in West Texas.

"We don't typically see a lot of impact from hurricanes in Lubbock," he said.

Still, moisture from hurricanes in the Pacific Ocean and Gulf Coast, such as the remnants of Tropical Storm Erin that caused flooding two weeks ago in Texas and Oklahoma, can bring additional rainfall to the region.

Along with a decrease in rainfall, Mullen said temperature forecasts

show above-average temperatures in Lubbock through the fall and into the winter.

"It's kind of up in the air right now," he said.

Though hurricane activity on the East Texas Coast may receive more attention, Richard Peterson, a retired Texas Tech atmospheric science professor, said storms on the west coast of Mexico can have a greater effect on weather in Lubbock.

When water in the Pacific ocean cools, an event known as La Niña occurs, which greatly can increase the

number of hurricanes that develops in those waters.

"As we move into October, we usually see weather patterns over the central part of the country draw those storms northward," Peterson said.

Remnants of those storms can bring heavy rainfall to the South Plains, he said, such as in 1983, when eight inches of rain was recorded in Lubbock from a single storm.

"The effect here in West Texas is not usually what people would expect," Peterson said.

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Jessica Lunsford's murderer sentenced to die in Fla.

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) — A convicted sex offender was sentenced Friday to death for kidnapping 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford, raping her and burying her alive in his yard.

John Evander Couey looked straight ahead as Circuit Judge Ric Howard told him he should be executed for the 2005 crimes that led to new laws in many states cracking down on convicted sex offenders.

Sheriff's deputies hustled the handcuffed inmate out of the crowded courtroom.

The girl's father, Mark Lunsford, teared up as he listened to the judge

read a detailed history of the case for nearly an hour. He hugged relatives after the sentence was read.

Outside court, Lunsford had a message for Couey: "Skip all these appeals. Take your punishment. Stand up and be a man."

The jury that convicted Couey in March recommended 10-2 that he die for his crimes, but the decision was left to Howard.

An attorney for Couey, 49, had argued that he couldn't legally be executed because he is mentally retarded, but Howard brushed aside that claim in a strongly worded ruling earlier this month. Mentally retarded people cannot be executed under a

2002 U.S. Supreme Court decision.

The jury convicted Couey of taking the girl in February 2005 from her bedroom to his nearby trailer, sparking a massive search. The third-grader's body was found about three weeks after she disappeared in a grave in Couey's yard, about 150 yards from her own home.

Couey, already a convicted sex offender when he committed the crime, was arrested in Georgia and confessed

to the killing. That confession was thrown out as evidence because Couey did not have a lawyer present.

Despite the confession being tossed, Couey incriminated himself other times. Jail guards and investigators testified that he repeatedly admitted details of the slaying after his arrest, insisting that he hadn't meant to kill the third-grader but panicked during an intense, nationally publicized police search.

Donation

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gift. Its impact on El Paso will be profoundly positive."

Foster sponsors many non-profit activities in El Paso and the surrounding area. According to the press release, he is a member of the El Paso Downtown Rotary Club, the Young Presidents' Organization, the Business Advisory Council at University of Texas in El Paso, the El Paso Regional Economic Development Corporation and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

"He's the kind of person who believes that actions speak louder than words," said Chana Burton, executive vice president of Mithoff Burton Partners. "This is his way to give back

to the community that supported him. He's been very instrumental in the growth of El Paso."

Foster founded Western Refining Inc. in 1997, according to the press release. He moved to El Paso — the company's headquarters — in 2000 after Western Refining acquired the assets formerly owned by El Paso Refinery L.P. In 2003, Western purchased the Chevron Texaco refinery in El Paso and combined the two refineries into a single operation.

"He's a wonderfully generous person," Suskind said. "We're very pleased and very proud to have this opportunity to work with him. It's a very important contribution, and we will do our very best to make it a success."

Foster could not be reached for comment by press time.

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Democrats strip Florida of convention delegates for holding election too early

WASHINGTON (AP) — Florida Democrats would forfeit their votes in selecting a presidential nominee unless they delay their state election by at least a week, the national party said in a stern action Saturday meant to discourage others from leapfrogging ahead to earlier dates.

The Florida party has 30 days to submit an alternative to its planned Jan. 29 primary or lose its 210 delegates to the nominating convention in Denver next summer.

The state party chairwoman, Karen Thurman, said she would confer with state officials about the ultimatum. "It's going to be a difficult discussion," she said, because Floridians are wary of having their votes taken away.

Elected officials in Florida have said they would consider legal action and a protest at the convention if the national party barred the state's delegates.

There is general agreement

that the eventual nominee will seat Florida's delegates rather than allow a fight at a convention intended to show party unity. But the decision by the Democratic National Committee's rules panel could reduce Florida's influence because candidates may want to campaign in states where the votes are counted.

Florida party officials said they originally opposed the early primary date, which covers both the Democratic and Republican primaries. The Republican-controlled Legislature passed the change and the GOP governor signed it into law in an effort to give the state a more prominent voice in national politics.

But Florida Democratic leaders now are committed to the state-run election because voter participation would drop drastically if Democrats held an alternative contest.

Members of the DNC rules committee expressed skepti-

cism that Florida Democrats did enough to stop the change and they approved the harshest penalty. Florida's representative on the panel, Allan Katz, was the only vote against the penalty.

Refusing to seat the delegates would set a "terrible situation for Florida and a very bad situation for the Democratic Party," Katz said.

Party rules say states cannot hold their 2008 primary contests before Feb. 5, except for Iowa on Jan. 14, Nevada on Jan. 19, New Hampshire on Jan. 22 and South Carolina on Jan. 29.

The calendar was designed to preserve the traditional role that Iowa and New Hampshire have played in selecting the nominee, while adding two states with more racial and geographic diversity to influential early slots.

Several DNC officials said before the vote that they wanted to take the strong action against Florida to discourage Michigan,

New Hampshire and other states that were considering advancing their contests in violation of party rules.

Garry Shay, a rules committee member from California, said allowing Florida to move forward "would open the door to chaos."

"I hesitate to see what happens if we show somehow some wiggle room in our process."

— DONNA BRAZILE
DNC COMMITTEE MEMBER

DNC committee member Donna Brazile also argued for a strong penalty, saying, "I hesitate to see what happens if we show somehow some wiggle room in our process."

The shifting dates have added uncertainty to the presidential candidates' campaign plans with

the first votes to be cast in less than five months.

Advisers to Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has a wide lead in Florida polls, said she will go wherever elections are held. Sen. Barack Obama, who was campaigning in Miami on Saturday, said: "The national party has a difficult task, which is to try to create some order out of chaos. My job is really not to speculate on how to make it all work. I'm a candidate, I'm like a player on the field. I shouldn't be setting up the rules."

Campaigning in New Hampshire, Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico Democrat said it is important that the leadoff roles of Iowa and New Hampshire "not be usurped."

"As a candidate, I just want to get this settled and just appeal to all parties to get their act together and have some definitive roles," Richardson said. "Let's have an orderly process instead of states trying to outdo each other."

Florida's congressional delegation has raised the possibility of a voting rights investigation in response to the punishment.

National Democratic officials

insist there is no legal basis to force the party to seat delegates in violation of its rules. Florida officials could not say what law the DNC would have violated or where the case could be pursued.

Jon Ausman, a DNC member from Florida, pleaded for a role in what could turn out to be a historic election, with the potential of the first woman, black or Hispanic nominee, even if the state were the "black sheep" of the primary season.

"We're asking you for mercy, not judgment," he told the rules committee meeting in a hotel conference room.

The party's action comes seven years after Florida was at the center of an unprecedented dispute over presidential vote counting. In 2000, the election between Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore was held up for a recount in Florida. The Supreme Court stopped the recount, and Bush won the state by 537 votes.

Terrie Brady, a DNC member who helped present Florida's case, said the party's denial of delegates disenfranchises voters. Rules committee members objected to the term, saying Florida's votes would be counted if they followed the rules.

"I find your use of the word disenfranchisement to be an overstatement," said committee member David McDonald, who is from Washington state.

New Hampshire's secretary of state says he may move up the state's primary, but for now the party has submitted a plan for Jan. 22, with the notation that the date is subject to change. Michigan's Legislature has taken up a bill that would move its contest to Jan. 15, but the state party submitted a proposal that for now describes a caucus on Feb. 9.

Michigan Democratic Party chairman Mark Brewer said he hopes the ruling against Florida keeps the DNC calendar in place. "If it doesn't, we're going to move," he said.

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current success of the project.

With football season just around the corner, Tech officials are preparing to deal with elevated levels of traffic with drivers that may not be familiar with the changes.

Eric Crouch, managing director of University Parking Services, said little will change with parking on game days because commuter lots and the main campus will still be open to the public.

"It will be just like last year," he said. "There won't be any parking on the freeway itself."

To keep traffic flowing, Crouch said access through University Avenue and the Texas Tech Parkway will improve the flow of traffic to and from campus.

"People were avoiding Indiana

last year because it was so backlogged," he said.

Tech isn't the only spot in Lubbock experiencing pains because of the freeway.

Westbound traffic on Fourth Street has been moved to the frontage roads east of Avenue Q, with plans to have traffic split from Avenue L to Salem Avenue by December. Lane closures on Loop 289 are common near the 50th Street junction where concrete is being poured for the freeway overpass bridge supports.

Even with the major construction happening across Lubbock, Hart said he believes the benefits of the freeway will be apparent soon.

"We're only about 18 months away from it being substantially better," he said. "We'll probably see some improvement in less than a year."

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Security

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them to have a much more visible presence," Duggan said. "I think it makes perfect sense that the university is re-evaluating their safety measures."

Throughout the summer there have been several joint-training operations on the Tech campus. Joint-training operations are when the Lubbock Police Department or the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office get together with the Tech Police Department and participate in training activities. Seacrist said it is fairly common for local law enforcement to work in tandem with university police.

"Local police have a lot more resources," he said. "We have to depend on local law enforcement to assist us in case something gets out of our hands."

One of the training activities is active-shooter training. Active-shooter training has been in place since the Columbine shootings in 1999.

"All of our officers go through three eight-hour days of active-shooter training," Seacrist said.

He said the training has not changed since the Virginia Tech shootings.

Another training activity Seacrist requires his officers to participate in is teaching the officers how to deal with distressed students. This training was in place prior to the Virginia Tech shootings.

"We as an institution have been addressing this issue since 2003 or 2004," said Greg Elkins, dean of students. "We have a population of students on campus that could be in distress at any time."

Elkins said the collaboration between the Student Counseling Center and the Tech Police Department includes keeping an open line of communication and educating one another on what to look for.

"We have put together a brochure about working with students in distress," he said.

The six new officers will be added throughout the year. Right now, the police station is in the process of reviewing applications. Three officers will be added in the fall semester, and three more will be added in the spring.

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PHASE 1
Widening of West Loop 289 to six lanes, rebuilding of frontage road under main lanes, building of 50th Street overpass and extension of 50th Street to Frankford Avenue.
Completed early 2006.

PHASE 2
Constructing freeway from Salem Avenue to Avenue L, building 19th Street, Quaker Avenue, Fourth Street and Avenue Q interchanges at the cost of \$131 million.
To be completed in late 2008.

PHASE 3A
Construction of main lanes at US 82 and fly overs at the Loop at the cost of \$32.5 million.
To be completed fall of 2007.

PHASE 3B
Construction of US 82 from Chicago Avenue to Salem Avenue at the cost of \$34.3 million.
To be completed fall of 2009.

PHASE 4
Construction of the Interstate 27 interchange at the cost of \$60 million.
To be completed 2012.

PHASE 5
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Tech grad wins \$1 million deal on reality TV show

By MICHELLE CASADY
EDITOR

A Texas Tech graduate recently made headlines in the world of reality TV.

Will Bigham, star of the reality TV show "On the Lot," was announced the winner of the show Tuesday evening.

As the winner, Bigham received a \$1 million development deal with DreamWorks Pictures and also got to meet DreamWorks co-founder Stephen Spielberg.

"It was a lot of hard work, but it was truly amazing," Bigham said of the process.

Bigham graduated from Tech in 1998 with a degree in theater arts. His wife, Catherine Bigham, is also a Tech grad. She graduated in 1998 with a degree in theater arts.

"Will proposed to me on stage during the Texas Tech production of 'Guys and Dolls,'" she said.

During the filming of the show, Will Bigham was se-

questered from the outside world.

"We got to talk to him on the phone for 15 min-

utes once a week," Catherine Bigham said. "Then we would see him after the taping each week for 20 to 30 minutes."

Catherine Bigham said all calls and visits were monitored by the producers of the show. Will Bigham was not permitted to talk about anything relating to the show or the films he was making.

"He couldn't even say if it was good, if he liked it, or anything," Catherine Bigham said. "But I was always pleas-

antly surprised. They were always good."

Catherine Bigham said the separation especially was hard for their three-year-old daughter, Khara.

"She would have the most terrible tantrums and crying spells," Catherine Bigham said of the couple's daughter, "and then on a whim one day during her crying spell, I started talking about Will, and she just stopped."

During his time at Tech, Will Bigham did not have an interest in film production.

After he and his wife graduated, they moved to Virginia and worked as actors for five

years. After that he began applying to film schools and was accepted to Florida State University.

Will Bigham said he is thankful to those who voted for him.

"Making the movies is only half the battle," he said. "You know I heard stories of people hitting redial for hours and without them, I never would have won."

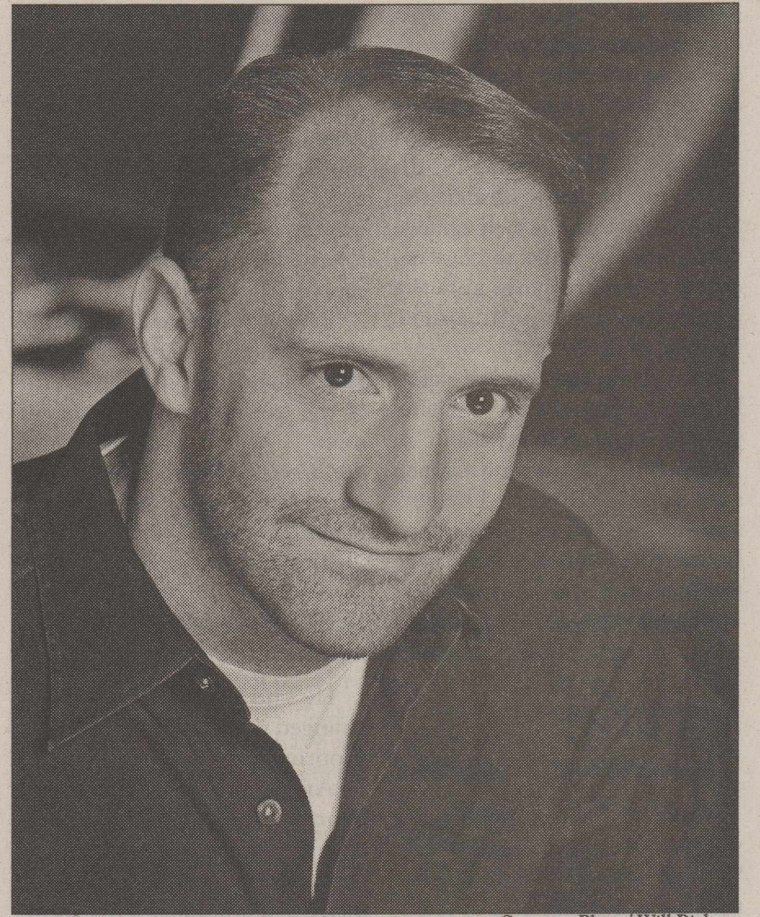
Catherine Bigham said she was pleased with the outcome of the show.

"I'm just so thankful. I knew he could do this," she said. "He's just such a solid person and such an amazing filmmaker. I'm relieved too because now he has a steady job that he loves."

Will Bigham is scheduled to start work with DreamWorks Pictures Wednesday.

"Our goal is to start production in one year," he said. "We gotta make sure we get the right product."

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Recorded cases of syphilis triple in Lubbock for 2007

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

The number of reported cases of syphilis almost has tripled since 2006, which led the Lubbock Health Department to issue an alert about the sexually transmitted disease in mid-August.

By Aug. 14, eight cases of syphilis had been diagnosed in Lubbock in 2007, two of which had progressed into the second stage of the disease. In comparison, three cases of syphilis were reported in 2006, all of which were in the primary stage, said Ricky Vaughn, a disease-intervention specialist with the Lubbock Health Department.

"It's hard to estimate how many cases there really are," he said. "There's really no way to determine that exactly, but we believe it's just the tip of the iceberg."

All the infected individuals were between the ages of 19 and 24 years old, Vaughn said.

"Typically we don't see very much of this," he said. "Most college towns don't

Syphilis Facts

- Syphilis is passed from person to person through direct contact with syphilis sores, which occur mainly on the genitals, anus or in the rectum. Sores also can occur on the lips or in the mouth.
- Syphilis cannot be spread through contact with toilet seats, doorknobs, swimming pools, hot tubs, bathtubs, shared clothing or eating utensils.
- Pregnant women can pass syphilis to their unborn babies.
- Pregnant women with syphilis may have higher risks of having a stillbirth or a baby who dies soon after birth.
- Infected babies may not show signs of infection, but without treatment, they may develop serious problems within weeks. Untreated babies may become developmentally delayed, have seizures or die.

Source: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — <http://www.cdc.gov>

— that's what raises our eyebrows when we do see it. These are people newly being diagnosed, it's not people who have had it for a while already."

Vaughn said the two cases of second-stage syphilis occurred in patients who also were diagnosed with HIV.

"It's scary because most of the cases have been coincided with HIV and syphilis," he said. "We think there are more cases out there; we're just looking at a snapshot right now."

Syphilis does not require broken skin or sexual intercourse to spread between

people. It is transmitted by skin-on-skin contact with an infected person's lesions or rash, Vaughn said.

"If you don't know the status of your partners, it's really dangerous," he said. "You should practice safe sex, but if it's in an area that the condom doesn't cover, it will still transmit."

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When symptoms disappear, the disease moves into the final stage, in which it progresses into other parts of the body, causing organ failures, dementia and potentially death, according to the CDC Web site.

"It's kind of common sense," Bennett said. "If you have a giant sore on your privates, you need to go in (to see a doc-

tor). Using condoms and good sense can prevent you from getting very common diseases."

In early stages, syphilis is easily treatable with penicillin or other antibiotics for people allergic to penicillin, according to the center's Web site. The disease can be identified through examination of a chancre or a blood test.

The Lubbock Health Department offers free, confidential syphilis testing, and appointments may be scheduled by calling (806) 775-2933.

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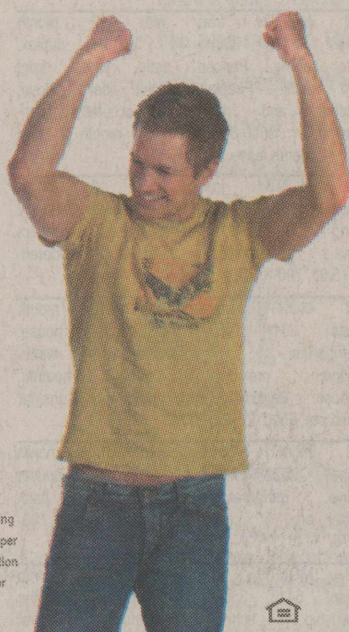
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Student Wellness Center to charge co-pay for visits

By MAGGIE KIELY
STAFF WRITER

When visiting the Student Wellness Center, don't forget to bring your wallet.

Starting Sept. 1, a \$10 co-pay will be in effect when seeing a physician at Texas Tech's one-stop shop for student health needs.

Evelyn McPherson, managing director of Student Health Services, said funding from the medical service fee, paid for by students, was no longer enough to cover the costs of services.

"We had gotten close enough on funding that we needed to talk about reducing services, increasing the medical service fee or beginning to charge (for services)," she said.

Tech was the only Big 12 university not charging for additional medical services such as labs, X-rays and procedures.

"We basically had a savings account and we had to pull money from our savings account to cover operation for at least the last five years," McPherson said. "The savings account can't do that indefinitely."

About \$4 million is needed by the SWC per year, she said, and the student medical service fee only covers about \$3.7 million of that budget.

McPherson and other administrators met with the medical service fee committee in fall 2006 to discuss options.

Matt Fowler, former Student Government Association internal vice president and former chairman of the medical service fee committee, said when he and other members met with the administration, it was clear

something had to be done.

The committee was comprised of SGA senators, students from the Health Sciences Center, business students, graduate students and staff members.

McPherson said her original suggestion to the committee was to start charging for services like lab work and X-rays.

Fowler said the committee members wanted students to be aware of any additional costs before making an appointment.

"We just (had) a fear from the students stand point that you go in there, you don't know what the procedures and such are going to cost, and it's always a mystery whether or not you're going to be able to afford this," he said.

The committee members thought it was in the students' best interest to charge a flat rate for seeing a physician and other procedures, Fowler said.

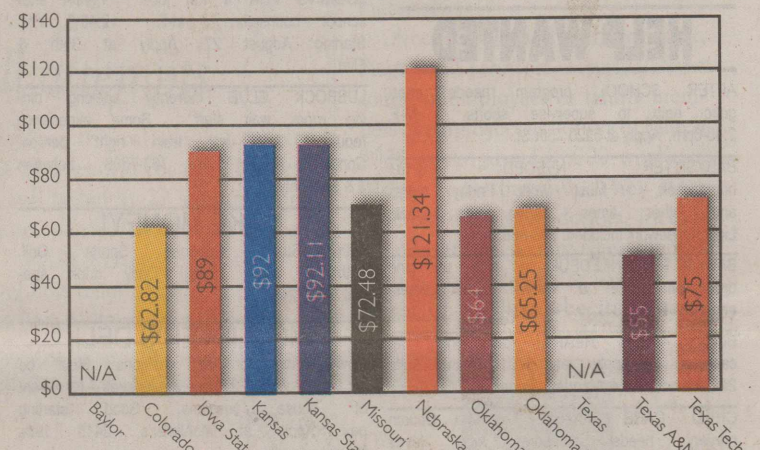
In addition to the \$10 charge to see a physician, a \$25 fee will be applied for a female health exam or a sexually transmitted disease culture check, and a \$60 fee will be applied to females who require a colposcopy.

A colposcopy is ordered when a Pap smear comes back abnormal and additional testing for cancer is necessary.

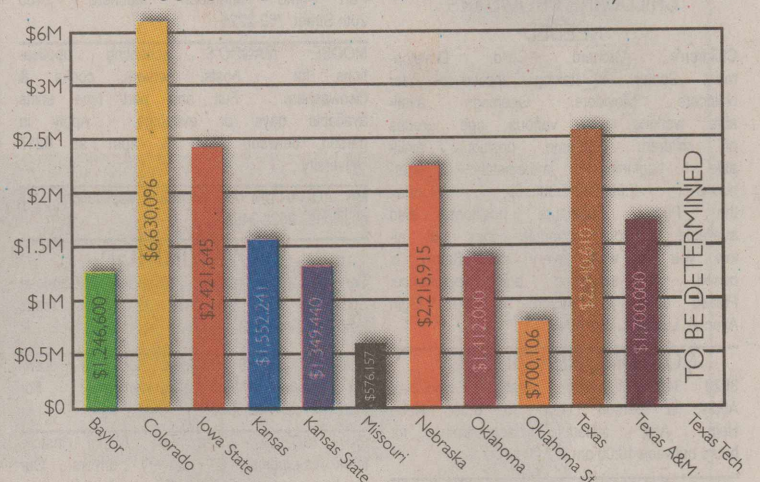
McPherson said she estimates there are about 36,000 physician visits a year, 4,000 female health exams and 100 colposcopies. Assuming the numbers average the same in 2007, roughly \$600,000 will be generated and added to the operating budget for the SWC.

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Medical Services Fee Revenue



Fee for Service Revenue After Co-Pay



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8 AM	Dragon Tales	Sales, preparing for kindergarten	Judge Mathis	Lopez	Lopez		Paid Program
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10 AM	Callou	Regis and Kelly	Price is Right	Judge Alex	Paid Program	The View (HD)	Tyra Banks
11 AM	Teletubbies	Jeopardy!	Young and the Restless (HD)	Jerry Springer	Paid Program	Paid Program	Dr. Keith Ablow
12 PM	Quit	News	KLBK 13 News	Maury	Cosby Show	All My Children	Access Extra
1 PM	Gary Spetz	Days of Our Lives	Boik & Beal	Paid Programs	Rossanne	One Life to Live	People's Court
2 PM	Puppy	Passions	Guiding Light	Jerry Springer Talk show	I Like	General Hospital	Cristina
3 PM	Reading	Oprah Winfrey	Brown	Maury	Reba	Paid Program	Ellen DeGeneres
4 PM	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Family Feud	Bernie Mac	Rachael Ray	Fox 34 News First @ Four
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7 PM	Antiques Roadshow	Thank God You're Here	Millionaire	How I Met (HD)	Everybody	Wife Swap "Bain/Fine"	Phish Break "Bat Blood"
8 PM	History Detectives	Heroes "Six Months Ago"	Two & 1/2 (HD)	Engagement	Wife and Kids	The Game	Prison Break "Wash" (HD)
9 PM	Warplane	Dateline NBC	CSI: Miami	70s	Will & Grace	Supernanny	Fox 34 News @ Nine
10 PM	Charlie Rose	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	(35) Late Show Feist	Malcolm	Sex City	(35) Nightline	Seinfeld
11 PM	News	(35) Late Night (HD)	(35) Craig Ferguson	Paid Program	Mad About	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Frasier
12 AM	TV 411	(35) Last Call	Paid Program	Shop at Home Programming	Cops	Paid Program	Friends



With drunken driving arrests increasing, Safe Ride provides alternative

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Though Texas took the national lead for drunken-driving fatalities in 2006, the number of deaths caused by intoxicated drivers is down in Lubbock.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Web site, <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>, a study released earlier this month found 1,354 out of 13,470 drunken-driving deaths in 2006 nationwide occurred in Texas.

The number of fatalities nationwide was down from 2005, when 13,582 fatalities occurred with drivers who had a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher.

According to a Lubbock Police Department document, as of July 2007 there had been one fatal collision in Lubbock involving alcohol while seven alcohol related traffic fatalities had occurred by July 2006.

Jere Hart, city traffic engineer for Lubbock, said he attributes the decline in fatalities to a state grant given to Lubbock police, which has funded additional DWI enforcement in the city.

"As DWIs go up, your fatalities associated with alcohol go down," he said.

According to the Lubbock police report, there has been a 2.6 percent decrease in collisions involving alcohol from 2006, but a 14.3 percent increase in DWI arrests.

Lubbock Police Sgt. Michael Steen said the Texas Department

of Transportation grant matches salaries for officers to work overtime to crack down on DWIs and speeding.

"We like to get drunks off the street because they're dangerous and they kill people," he said.

The grant allows Lubbock police to assign more officers to patrol the streets and focus on DWI enforcement.

Taylor Hutcherson, the Texas Tech Student Government Association external vice president, said the Safe Ride program provided by Tech and the Yellow Cab company is designed to encourage students to not drink and drive.

"The true intention of the program is just that — for a safe ride home — so students will not drink and drive," he said. "But we don't want to limit students' access to it. They don't have to be drunk to use it."

Hutcherson said students should not come to false conclusions about Safe Ride.

"They don't inform your parents if you've used it, and the university does not keep records of how many times you've ridden it," he said.

To use Safe Ride, students can call (806) 742-RIDE (7433), tell the operator their location and show their student ID upon entering the cab.

Steve Sexton, owner of Yellow Cab, said his company has provided service for Safe Ride since it began in 1998 to offer students a safe way to get home without putting themselves or others in danger.

"We want to do whatever we can to make it easier for students to take advantage of this because students are paying for it through their transportation fee," he said. "We feel that it's under utilized because there are so many people out there drinking."

Kerri Pike, SGA supervisor, said Safe Ride had 5,200 passengers from Sept. 2006 through July 2007.

Rhonda Glass, office manager at Yellow Cab, said Tech reimburses the company up to \$17.50 per ride based on its normal meter rate.

Pike said Tech's contract with Yellow Cab for the 2007-2008 school year is for more than \$35,000.

Because Yellow Cab needs student information to receive compensation from the university, Sexton said students are required to fill out an information slip with their name, signature and student ID number.

"We're not checking for underage and we're not trying to catch people doing things wrong," he said.

Demand for Safe Ride skyrockets after midnight on the weekends and on Thursday nights because of drink specials in bars, Sexton said.

Because Yellow Cab usually has 13 to 15 drivers on duty during the hours Safe Ride operates, trying to meet the demand can be hectic.

"It's a random demand," he said. "All of a sudden there's a hundred people that want a cab, and we can't respond to that very well." Sexton said he would like to



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see Safe Ride expand by adding a Safe Ride stop in the Depot District and by providing service year round instead of only during school semesters.

"Our problems are finding the people because they call us on their cell phones and then they sit there in the bar and we can't ever find (the people)," he said.

There are other organizations aiming to reduce the number of drunken drivers in Lubbock and the Tech communities.

Dawn Owens, victims advocate for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said the organization provided victims services to 10,291 victims and survivors nationally in 2006.

In Lubbock, MADD raises awareness about the dangers of driving under the influence of

alcohol with multi-media shows at public schools, including a Back To School Fiesta with Raiders Rojas on the Tech campus.

"We provide emotional support, give information about the criminal justice system and finding financial assistance and mainly just being there and being a friend," she said.

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Rate of U.S. women dying in childbirth on the rise; C-sections, obesity may play role

ATLANTA (AP) — U.S. women are dying from childbirth at the highest rate in decades, new government figures show. Though the risk of death is very small, experts believe increasing maternal obesity and a jump in Caesarean sections are partly to blame.

Some numbers crunchers note that a change in how such deaths are reported also may be a factor.

"Those of us who look at this a lot say it's probably a little bit of both," said Dr. Jeffrey King, an obstetrician who led a recent New York state review of maternal deaths.

The U.S. maternal mortality rate rose to 13 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2004, according to statistics released this week by the National

Center for Health Statistics. The rate was 12 per 100,000 live births in 2003 — the first time the maternal death rate rose above 10 since 1977.

To be sure, death from childbirth remains fairly rare in the United States. The death of infants is much more common — the nation's infant mortality rate was 679 per 100,000 live births in 2004.

Maternal deaths were a much more common tragedy long ago.

Nearly one in every 100 live births resulted in a mother's death as recently as 90 years ago.

But the fact that maternal deaths are rising at all these days is shocking, said Tim Davis, a Virginia man whose wife Elizabeth died after childbirth in 2000.

"The hardest thing to understand is how in this day and age, in a modern hospital with doctors and nurses, that somebody can just die like that," he said.

Some health statisticians note the total number of maternal deaths — still fewer than 600 each year — is small. It's so small that 50 to 100 extra deaths could raise the rate, said Donna Hoyert, a health scientist with the National Center for Health Statistics. The rate is the number of deaths per 100,000 live births.

In 2003, there was a change in death certificate questions in the nation's most populous state,

California, as well as Montana and Idaho. That may have resulted in more deaths being linked to childbirth — enough push up the 2003 rate, Hoyert said.

Some researchers point to the rising C-section rate, now 29 percent of all births — far higher than what public health experts say is appropriate. Like other surgeries, Caesareans come with risks related to anesthesia, infections and blood clots.

"There's an inherent risk to

C-sections," said Dr. Elliott Main, who co-chairs a panel reviewing obstetrics care in California. "As you do thousands and thousands of them, there's going to be a price."

Excessive bleeding is one of the leading causes of pregnancy-related death, and women with several previous C-sections are at especially high risk, according to a review of maternal deaths in New York. Blood vessel blockages and infections are among the other leading causes.

Co-pay

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Students who see a nurse, who can administer a variety of shots and often sees students when a doctor is not available, will not be charged.

Mason Moses, the SGA president, said he hopes the fee implementation remains an exception and does not become a trend.

"What's to say that down the road that to ride the bus you have to buy a \$5 bus pass or to use the rec you have to buy a \$10 a month membership or to use the Career Center you have to pay \$5 to get your resume looked at," he said.

McPherson said the additional charges may be applied to students' business service accounts and charges must be paid the same day as the visit.

"I do want students to know that the medical service that they have available to them is just as good or better than any other clinic in Lubbock," she said.

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Tech signs agreement with Vietnam for records

By **MAGGIE KIELY**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Vietnam Center became the first U.S. institution to sign a formalized exchange agreement with the State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam Aug. 17.

Steve Maxner, director of the Vietnam Center, said this is a milestone for Tech and the Vietnam Center because it allows a free exchange of information between the two archive centers.

"The exchange will really help students who are studying the Vietnam War," he said. "They're going to get good assistance in their research and endeavors."

Maxner said the archive in the Vietnam Center comprises more than 3 million pages of documents, more than 100,000 different photographs and almost 500 interviews.

Tran Hoang, director general of National Archives of Vietnam, said through a translator that he chose the Vietnam Center to be the first institution to sign such an agreement because of their reputation in Vietnam.

"The Vietnam Center is very famous in Vietnam," he said through a translator. "(It has a) good reputation because of the preservation of diaries."

In 2005, the Vietnam Center was given the diaries of Dang Thuy Tram, a physician for the North Vietnamese, who was killed in action in 1970.

James Reckner, former director of the Vietnam Center, said the diaries were very important to the Vietnamese people because everyone in Vietnam is familiar with Tram's story.

"Every person in Vietnam knows about Dong Thuy Tram, and they know that the diaries

came to Texas Tech University, so this is a big issue," Reckner said. "In fact, the director general told me that although our government doesn't appreciate the presence of those diaries at Texas Tech, it is very important to the Vietnamese people."

At a press conference, the Vietnam Center and the State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam made their first exchange.

The State Records Archive Department of Vietnam received digitized records of the Tram diaries and the Vietnam Center was given official military documents of Tram's service.

"This is basically the equivalent of a personnel file," Maxner said. "It includes official records of her service as they were documented when she

entered military service to be a surgeon, while she was going through any training and the



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TRAN HONG (RIGHT), Director General of the National Archives of Vietnam, gives Director of the Vietnam Center Stephen Maxner documents regarding Dang Thuy Tram, a Northern Vietnamese army doctor who was killed in action in 1970. Tram's personal diary, which was recovered after she was killed and since preserved, is due to be published later this year.

records that they kept of her while she was serving. They only exist in the (Vietnam National

archive, so they are very rare."

Maxner said this was the first exchange of many to come.

Researchers are hoping the agreement will help resolve cases of soldiers who went missing during the war.

The U.S. military has about 1,800 cases of missing soldiers while the Vietnam military has hundreds of thousands.

Maxner said next to the U.S. archive, the Vietnam Center is the largest Vietnam archive in the country, and he hopes the agreement will gain more attention for the center.

"It is kind of disappointing to hear that people haven't heard about us, especially when they are from Lubbock," he said. "We are hopeful that signing this agreement will help increase awareness."

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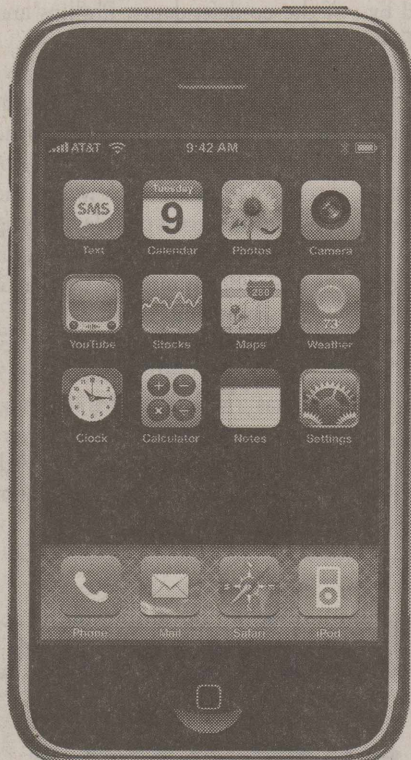
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New Jersey teen unlocks iPhone from AT&T network



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NEW YORK (AP) — A 17-year-old hacker has broken the lock that ties Apple's iPhone to AT&T's wireless network, freeing the most hyped cell phone ever for use on the networks of other carriers, including overseas ones.

George Hotz of Glen Rock, N.J., confirmed Friday that he had unlocked an iPhone and was using it on T-Mobile's network, the only major U.S. carrier apart from AT&T that is compatible with the iPhone's cellular technology. In a video posted to his blog, he holds an iPhone that displays "T-Mobile" as the carrier.

While the possibility of switching from AT&T to T-Mobile may not be a major development for U.S. consumers, it opens up the

iPhone for use on the networks of overseas carriers.

"That's the big thing," said Hotz, in a phone interview from his home.

The phone, which combines an innovative touch-screen interface with the media-playing abilities of the iPod, is sold only in the U.S.

AT&T Inc. spokesman Mark Siegel said the San Antonio-based company had no comment, and referred questions to Apple. A call to Apple was not immediately returned. Hotz said the companies had not been in touch with him.

The hack, which Hotz posted Thursday to his blog, is complicated and requires skill with both soldering and software. It takes him about two hours to perform. Since the details are public, it seems likely that a small industry may spring up to buy U.S. iPhones, unlock them and send them overseas.

"That's exactly, like, what I

don't want," Hotz said. "I don't want people making money off this."

He said he wished he could make the instructions simpler, so users could modify the phones themselves.

"But that's the simplest I could make them," Hotz said. The next step, he said, would be for someone to develop a way to unlock the phone using only software.

The iPhone has already been made to work on overseas networks using another method, which involves copying information from the Subscriber Identity Module, a small card with a chip that identifies a subscriber to the cell-phone network.

The SIM-chip method does not require any soldering, but does require special equipment, and it doesn't unlock the phone — each new SIM chip has to be reprogrammed for use on a particular iPhone.

Both hacks leave intact the iPhone's many functions, including a built-in camera and the ability to access Wi-Fi networks. The only thing that won't work is the "visual voicemail" feature, which shows voice messages as if they were incoming e-mail.

Since the details of both hacks are public, Apple may be able to modify the iPhone production line to make new phones invulnerable. The company has said it plans to introduce the phone in Europe this year, but it hasn't set a date or identified carriers.

There is apparently no U.S. law against unlocking cell phones. Last year, the Library of Congress specifically excluded cell-phone unlocking from coverage under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. Among other things, the law has been used to prosecute people who modify game consoles to play a wider variety of games.

Hotz collaborated online with

four other people, two of them in Russia, to develop the unlocking process.

"Then there are two guys who I think are somewhere U.S.-side," Hotz said. He knows them only by their online handles.

Hotz himself spent about 500 hours on the project since the iPhone went on sale on June 29. On Thursday, he put the unlocked iPhone up for sale on eBay, where the high bid was above \$2,000 midday Friday. The model, with 4 gigabytes of memory, sells for \$499 new.

"Some of my friends think I wasted my summer but I think it was worth it," he told The Record of Bergen County, which reported Hotz's hack Friday.

Hotz heads for college on Saturday. He plans to major in neuroscience — or "hacking the brain!" as he put it to the newspaper — at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

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GOIN' BAND CLARINET players Amanda Bridgeman, a senior fashion design major from Coppell, and Jacklyn Kirk, sophomore from Friendswood, stop to play the bell inside of "Comma," piece by Po Shu Wang, while walking past the Student Union Building, Friday morning.

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Michael Vick files plea

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Michael Vick filed his plea agreement in federal court Friday admitting to conspiracy in a dogfighting ring and helping kill pit bulls. He denied ever betting on the fights, only bankrolling them.

The Atlanta Falcons quarterback is scheduled to formally enter his plea Monday in U.S. District Court.

"Most of the Bad Newz Kennels operation and gambling monies were provided by Vick," a summary of facts in the case said, echoing language in plea agreements by three co-defendants who previously pleaded guilty.

The statement said that when the kennel's dogs won, the gambling

proceeds were generally shared by Vick's three co-defendants — Tony Taylor, Purnell Peace and Quanis Phillips.

"Vick did not gamble by placing side bets on any of the fights. Vick did not receive any of the proceeds of the purses that were won by Bad Newz Kennels," the summary said.

According to the statement, Vick also was involved in killing six to eight dogs that did not perform well in test sessions last April. The dogs were executed by drowning or hanging.

"Vick agrees and stipulates that these dogs all died as a result of the collective efforts" of Vick and two

of the co-defendants, Phillips and Peace, the statement says.

In the plea agreement, the government committed to recommending a sentence on the low end of the federal sentencing guideline range of a year to 18 months. However, the conspiracy charge is punishable by up to five years in prison, and the judge is not bound by any recommendation or by the sentencing guidelines.

U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson, who will accept Vick's plea, has a reputation for imposing stiff sentences, according to lawyers who have appeared in his court. Vick will not be sentenced for several months.

Former astronaut Nowak wants monitor removed

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Former astronaut Lisa Nowak, accused of attacking a romantic rival, asked a judge Friday to let her remove her electronic monitoring ankle bracelet, saying that it cuts her ankle and gets in the way of her military boot laces.

Nowak promised to abide by all court orders if the GPS monitoring device is removed, including not having any contact with Air Force Capt. Colleen Shipman, the woman she is accused of pepper spraying in an airport parking lot.

Shipman's attorney fought the request.

On the witness stand, Shipman told the judge she is still afraid of Nowak.

"When I'm home alone and there's nobody there with me, it is a comfort," she said of the Nowak's monitoring bracelet. She also acknowledged, however, that she had visited her boyfriend in Nowak's hometown of Houston several times since Nowak's arrest. She didn't say if that boyfriend was the same shuttle pilot.

Nowak, a 44-year-old Navy pilot, has pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted kidnapping, battery and burglary with assault.

Her attorney, Donald Lykkebak, said he planned to ask Circuit Court Judge Marc L. Lubet at the hearing Friday to throw out evidence in the case, including an interview Nowak gave to police and items found during a search of her car.

Nowak had told the detectives that she and Shipman were vying for the affection of the same space shuttle pilot and that she confronted Shipman in an Orlando International Airport parking lot because she wanted to know "where she stands."

She is accused of attacking Shipman with pepper spray and trying to jump into her vehicle. Police say Nowak also had a duffel bag with a steel mallet, 4-inch knife and a BB gun.

Lykkebak contends police searched Nowak's car without her permission or a warrant. He said in additional court filings that she gave the interview under duress — after

being held for three hours, deprived of sleep and a phone call and unadvised of her constitutional rights. The interview persisted, Lykkebak said, despite Nowak saying "Should I have a lawyer?" three times.

Orlando police Detective William Becton testified that he informed Nowak of her rights. He said she never asked for an attorney but did ask him four times if he thought she needed one.

The interview was like a "chess game," Becton said. He said Nowak bargained with information, like her car's whereabouts.

"I realized I was dealing with somebody who was more intelligent than I was, more educated," Becton said. "I was having a very difficult time gaining any information from her."

Nowak's main interest during the interview seemed to be how much Shipman knew, he said.

"There are chunks of the interview, if not large portions, where I'm actually the one being interviewed by her," Becton said. "She was very calculating and methodical in the manner in which she would answer my questions."

Becton also mentioned diapers, which made Nowak a joke on comedy shows and around the world.

He said Nowak told him she urinated in them on the 1,000-mile drive from Houston to Orlando to limit stops; Astronauts use diapers during space shuttle missions. Lykkebak said it wasn't true and that the baby diapers had been left in the car after a hurricane evacuation.

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Oregon campers tie peeping Tom suspect to tree

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A group of campers tied a peeping Tom suspect to a tree, keeping him bound until police arrived.

Richard H. Berkey, 63, was charged with private indecency, a misdemeanor, by sheriff's deputies who were called to the Big Fan Campground near Bagby Hot Springs last weekend, according to Clackamas County Detective Jim Strovink.

Campers told deputies they recognized Berkey from a similar incident at the campground last year and wanted to make sure he didn't get away.

The 2006 incident was reported to police but did not result in charges.

"Last year, we took down his license plate number and turned it in to the sheriff, but there wasn't a lot they could do really," said Jason Dugan, one of the campers. "This year, that wasn't happening."

Dugan and another camper, Michelle Brandow, said several friends were playing chess, eating and relaxing last Saturday, when they heard rustling in an area the women used as an open latrine. Dugan went to investigate, saw a man running from the area and tackled him.

With help from two other campers, Dugan led Berkey to the group's campsite and tied him to a tree. Another camper left to call police.

Berkey told KGW-TV in Portland he was surprised by the response. "I just didn't think it was that big of a deal," he said. A phone call to Berkey's house in Beaverton was not immediately returned Friday.

Berkey is scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 18.



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Scholarships, internships focus for SGA during summer

By **MAGGIE KIELY**
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Texas Tech Student Government Association who were busy planning for the 2007-2008 school year found summer to be anything but vacation.

SGA President Mason Moses said he has been focusing on several items over the summer, including ways the Student Union Building could be improved to better meet students' interests.

"I'm proud to announce that in the fall we are looking to put a game room in the basement of the SUB," he said.

The game room is scheduled to be completed by the middle of the fall semester.

Moses and other officers also have been working on the scholarship campaign started by former SGA President Nathan Nash in 2005. The money raised will go to opportunity and need-based students.

"We reached our \$5 million goal," Moses said, "but just because we reached our goal, that doesn't

mean that we are going to stop."

With a large portion of funding for Tech coming from the state Legislature, Moses said SGA is working to implement a Texas-State-Government internship program.

"We have an internship program in Washington D.C., and that is something that has been very successful," he said. "Basically what I'm proposing is doing the exact same thing, only in Austin."

Moses said he believes it is important for Tech to have influence in the state government in order to become a Tier I institution. SGA is in the process of securing funds for the program and planning the best way to execute the program.

Moses said he has been talking with different senators in order to gain support and hopes to see it come up at the next state legislative session.

Another item Moses said he worked on this summer is an undergraduate-law-school-mentor program to educate undergraduate students on the commitment required to succeed in law school.

"They don't know the time it

consumes, all the work, all the reading," he said. "This would be a way to make them aware of how much work goes into it."

Scott Gorenc, vice president of graduate and professional affairs for the SGA, said there are a variety of items he worked on over the summer, including the implementation of a recycling program.

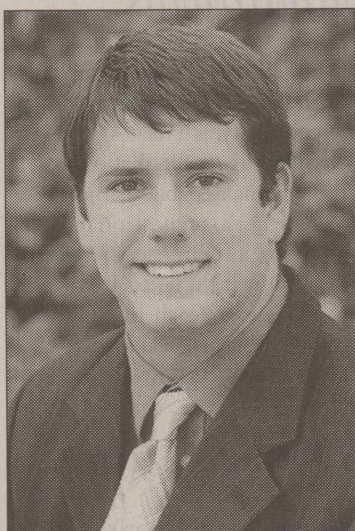
"The physical plant has agreed to bring back recycling in academic buildings," he said.

The program is scheduled to begin in September, he said.

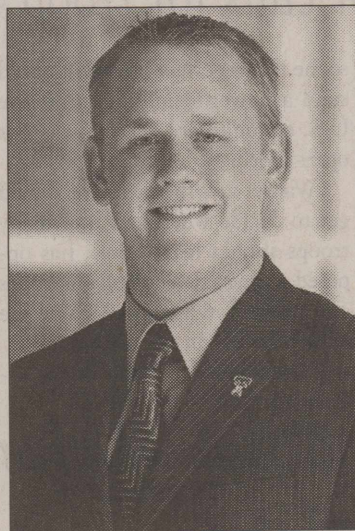
Another issue Gorenc said SGA addressed is reissuing the after-4:30 pass to teaching assistants, graduate assistants, research assistants, and graduate part-time instructors.

The pass allows eligible recipients to park in their respective academic parking lot after 4:30 p.m. All of these assistants are eligible for the pass and can request one at University Parking Services.

Gorenc said a Graduate and Professional Student Meet and Greet Coffee event is planned for 10 a.m. Sept. 4 in the SUB, which will allow graduate students to meet



MASON MOSES



SCOTT GORENC



SUZETTE MATTHEWS

each other and learn about different organizations to get involved with.

Also, a Graduate and Professional Student Colloquium has been formed and includes graduate and international student organizations.

"What that will do is hopefully allow us to have round table discussions," he said. "Hopefully we can get down to the real issues, and we can invite members of the

administration if there is a particular issue."

Suzette Matthews, SGA internal vice president, said the main issue she worked on during the summer was finding how senators can better communicate with students through a program called Contact-A-Senator.

"It's a new program where each organization is going to have a specific senator to call or e-mail

if they see something wrong," she said. "It's going to be a better way to communicate."

Matthews, also in charge of RaiderGate activities, said she is excited about the performers coming this fall, including Cory Morrow and Reckless Kelly.

"We're just really looking forward to getting started this year," she said.

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Bomb from American fighter jet kills 3 British soldiers, wounds 2 in Southern Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A U.S. warplane mistakenly dropped a 500-pound bomb on British troops after they called for air support in Afghanistan, killing three soldiers and seriously wounding two others in an accident that could re-ignite debate about America's heavy use of air power.

Friendly fire involving U.S. troops has led to the deaths of three British servicemen in the current Iraq war, but the incident Thursday night was the first confirmed case between the two forces in Afghanistan. British officials said they were investigating the error, which comes amid growing concerns about civil-

ian deaths from U.S. airstrikes.

The troops were patrolling northwest of Kajaki, a militant hotspot in southern Helmand province, when they were attacked by Taliban fighters, Britain's Ministry of Defense said in a statement.

"During the intense engagement that ensued, close air support was called in from two U.S. F15 aircraft to repel the enemy. One bomb was dropped and it is believed the explosion killed the three soldiers," it said.

In Washington, a Pentagon official said initial reports were that the airstrike was called in by a British forward air controller. The forward

controller is usually the person on the ground, who has the target area in sight and directs an aircraft to attack, giving target coordinates and ensuring that friendly forces are not in the way.

The incident has to be carefully investigated to try to learn where the problem arose, the official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the record. That is, officials have to try to determine whether human error, either by the troops calling in the coordinates for the airstrike or by pilots dropping the bomb, was behind the accident. They will also need to examine whether equipment failure, either in the ground or in the

air, was a factor.

"There are a handful of different reasons why this tragic incident has happened and we are not in a position at the moment and I don't think we will be for some time to find out exactly what has happened," said a spokesman for British troops in Helmand, Lt. Col. Charlie Mayo.

British Defense Secretary Des Browne declined to speculate on the cause of the friendly fire, which took place about 6:30 p.m. But he said he did not want "to get into a situation where we are blaming each other."

"As a matter of fact, U.S. air support has saved our people's lives on many, many occasions, particularly

over the last four months in that very theater," he told Sky News. "The nature of this war-fighting is such that there are comparatively small margins of error involved."

The British soldiers were traveling through typical Afghan terrain — semi-agricultural, with many ditches and walled compounds where insurgents can hide — when they came under attack, the British army said. It was unclear whether the soldiers were on foot or traveling in a vehicle.

Kurt Volker, principal deputy assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian affairs, said the United States was deeply saddened by the deaths.

"We offer our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the soldiers who died, and we wish those who were injured a speedy recovery," he said in a statement. "We will investigate this tragic incident thoroughly with our British allies. We are committed to making information available as quickly as possible."

Britain has about 7,000 troops in Afghanistan, most based in Helmand, the world's leading supplier of opium. The troops have been battling militants for months in Kajaki, where repairs are taking place on a hydroelectric dam that could supply close to 2 million Afghans with electricity.

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GOP senator calls for troop withdrawals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John Warner's call for troop withdrawals from Iraq is likely to ratchet up pressure on President Bush substantially and lend momentum to Democratic efforts to end U.S. combat.

Warner, R-Va., former chairman of the Armed Services Committee and Navy secretary during the Vietnam War, said Bush should bring some troops home by Christmas. Doing

so, he told reporters Thursday, would send a powerful message that the U.S. commitment in Iraq was not open-ended.

Warner says the president should get to decide when and how many troops should leave. Bush has opposed setting a date to pull out troops and contends that conditions on the ground should dictate deployments.

"I'm hopeful that this (redeploy-

ment) could lead to more emphasis on the Iraqi forces taking the major responsibility, as it relates to the internal insurgency in that country," the Virginia Republican said.

Warner's suggestion comes as a new intelligence assessment says Iraqis have failed to govern effectively or reach the political compromises believed necessary to tamp down sectarian violence.

Sharif says he will battle Musharraf in elections

LONDON (AP) — Immediately after Pakistan's highest court ruled he could return, former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said he would go home soon to lead his party's campaign to oust President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who exiled Sharif eight years ago.

Speaking to The Associated Press in his London office on Thursday, Sharif, who once dominated Pakistani politics, confirmed he planned to run for a third term as

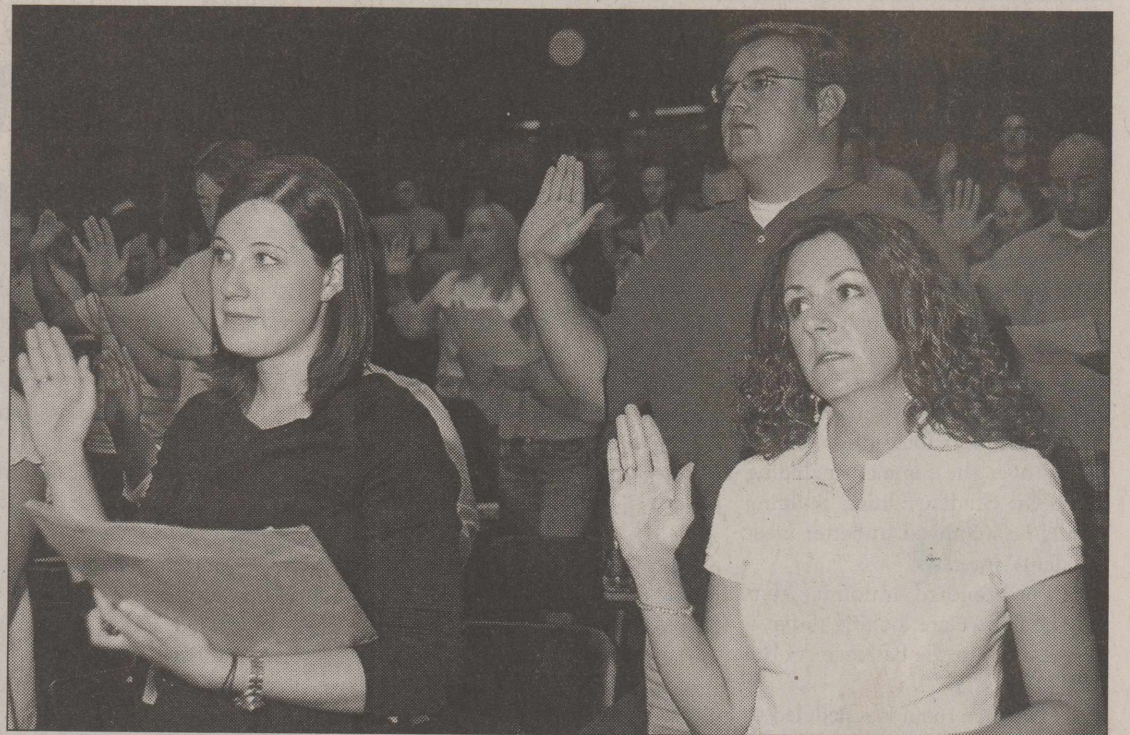
prime minister.

The ruling by Pakistan's Supreme Court on Thursday and Sharif's promise to return and run for office further complicate life for Musharraf, who as an army general overthrew Sharif in a bloodless 1999 coup.

Musharraf's recent failed attempt to fire the Supreme Court's chief justice triggered widespread pro-democracy rallies. He also faces U.S. pressure to crack down on Islamic

extremists in Pakistan's volatile northwest region near the Afghan border, where attacks on soldiers have increased and the security situation has deteriorated.

Sharif and Benazir Bhutto — another banished former premier with strong popular support planning a comeback — insist Musharraf must let them compete in year-end parliamentary elections if the vote is to be considered democratic.



INCOMING LAW STUDENTS Cindy Hernie, Matt Keith Morrow, both from Lubbock, and Katie Dubois, from Austin, take the pledge of professionalism from Chief Justice Brian Quinn as they begin their studies at the Texas Tech Law School; Friday morning at the BA building.

Law School hosts first professionalism pledge

By MAGGIE KIELY
STAFF WRITER

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The first Professionalism Pledge was administered to over 200 entrance-level Texas Tech School of Law students during law school orientation Aug. 17.

Jennifer Bard, a professor of law and director of health law, said she coordinated the Professionalism Pledge, which she hopes will become an annual event, in hopes the first-year law students would recognize the importance of the journey they were preparing to begin.

"I thought it was a wonderful way of sort of ending up orientation and emphasizing that even though it still looks like you're in school, it really is not just more school," she said. "It really is starting the legal

profession."

Leading the oath was Brian Quinn, chief justice of the seventh Court of Appeals and a Tech School of Law graduate.

One first-year law student, Andrew van der Hoeven of Austin, said he was honored to have Quinn lead the pledge.

"I think it is just the idea of professionalism and respect for others and serving others with integrity," he said of the pledge. "Hopefully that is the kind of pledge that any professional will be taking, not just law students."

Mark Gleason, a first-year law student from Waxahachie, said he believes the oath will serve as a reminder of professionalism to students.

"I already felt an obligation (to law school)," he said, "so I mean, I guess it just kind of reinforces it; sort of an outward reminder. Hopefully you're already thinking about it."

Since this was the first Professionalism Pledge at the Tech School of Law, faculty members will be checking in with the students throughout the semester to deter-

mine how the pledge is affecting the students.

Bard said she got the idea for the pledge after teaching at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

"That was my first opportunity to see a White-Coat ceremony for the incoming medical students," she said. "It was just very impressive and moving, and it got me to thinking and a few schools are starting to do it."

Tech is one of the first law schools in the nation to initiate the Professionalism Pledge, which will become an annual event. Bard said she wanted the students to realize this was not a warm-up period for becoming a legal professional, rather it is the beginning stages of the legal profession.

"My hope for the students to get out of this is to be able to have the idea, not just today, but all through their law-school career that they are progressing towards becoming professionals and they are progressing towards becoming attorneys," she said. "And so everything they do, treating their colleagues, their work, doing the reading, it's all part of being a legal professional."

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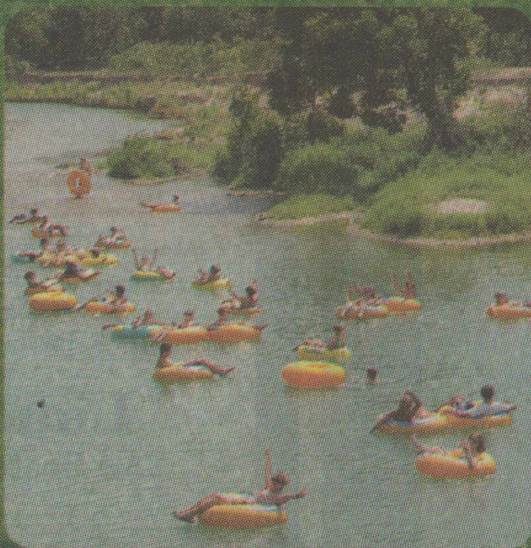
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Branching out: Tech's roots stretch across Lone Star State

By MICHELLE CASADY
EDITOR

The Texas Tech University System stretches far beyond the reaches of the Hub City. With the recent acquisition of Angelo State University, not only is the system growing in its number of students, but in land mass covered.

Chancellor Kent Hance said he believes the more land mass the Tech System covers, the more potential there is for increasing Tech's political power at the state and national levels.

"I think it helps us because we wind up having a lot more representation, and it gives us much more support in the State Legislature," Hance said. "Nationally, it may help us conduct research."

Tech has satellite campuses all across the Lone Star State, including locations in Junction, Fredericksburg, Highland Lakes, Amarillo and Abilene.

Junction

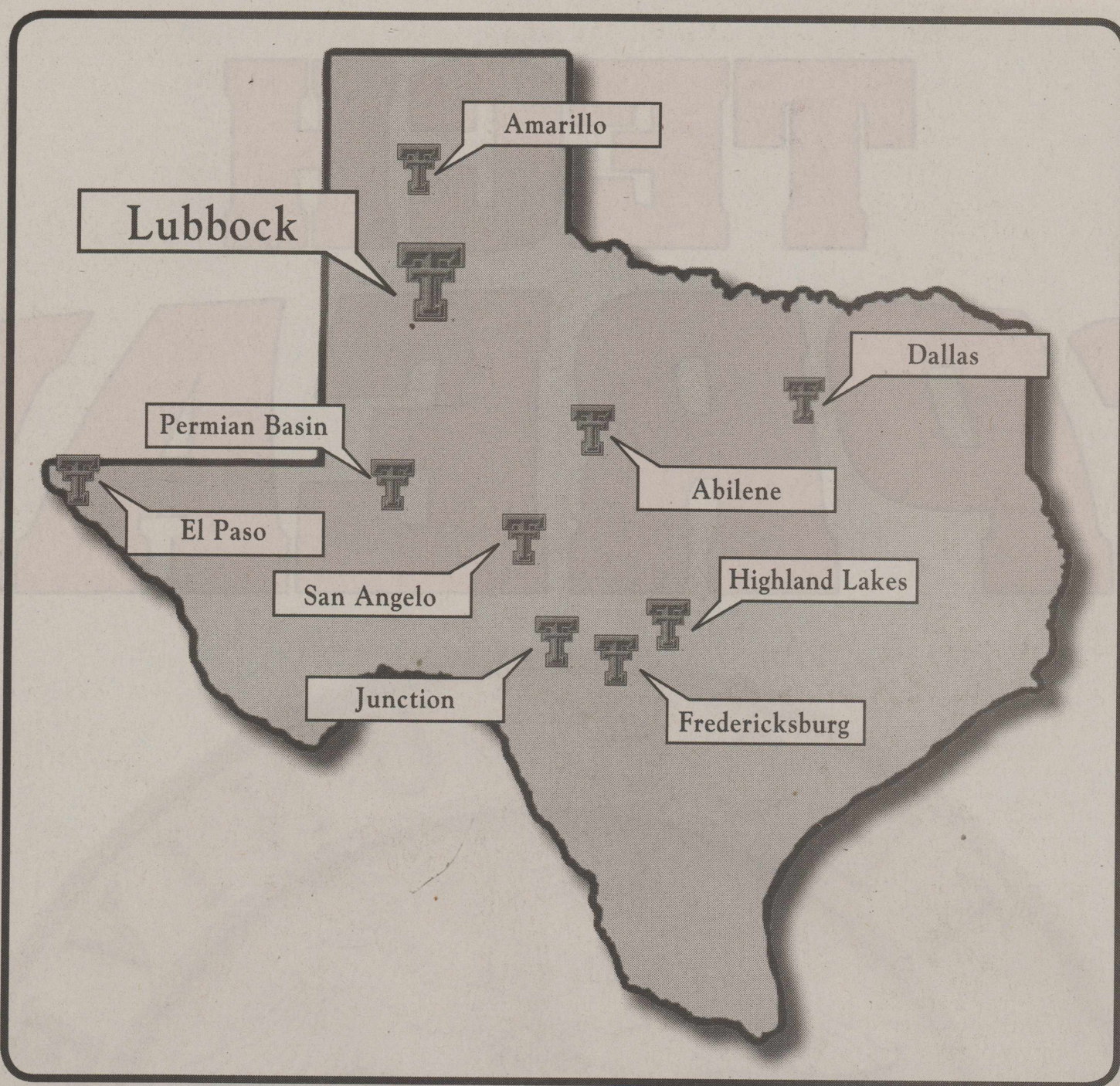
According to its Web site, the Tech center at Junction was assigned to the university in 1971 by the Texas Legislature. The campus is 400 acres and includes a section of the South Llano River. Many Tech students visit the center at Junction every year for Red Raider Camp.

"Over the years, Texas Tech has offered credit courses down here," said Grant Hall, director of Tech's Center at Junction.

The Junction Center offers four mini-mesters each year. One is the winter session, one is the inter-session (offered at the end of the spring semester) and there are two offered during the summer.

"It's a way of expanding your credit hours in a very interesting place," Hall said. "You're in this beautiful environment, a very intimate environment with small classes."

The Junction Center can accommodate approximately 100 students. Hall said he has seen a slight increase in the number of students who choose to take classes at the Junction Center in recent years. According to its Web site, the generally offered courses include art, biology, botany, zoology, geography, education and physical education. Undergraduate and graduate courses



are available.

Fredericksburg

Texas Tech University at Fredericksburg has been part of the University System since 2002. James Morris, the director of TTU at Fredericksburg, said it is mainly a campus for non-traditional students.

"Most of our classes are offered at night and on weekends," he said. "We're trying to deliver higher education

to a fast growing part of the state that is still mainly rural."

The campus is in partnership with Austin Community College. Students take lower-level courses (freshman and sophomore level) at the ACC campus and then can transfer to the Fredericksburg campus to take upper-level classes (junior and senior level).

"The number of students we have is rather small," Morris said. "It's prob-

ably between 80 and 100 students."

One unique aspect of the Fredericksburg campus is the incorporation of interactive video conferences into the curriculum.

"A professor on the main campus in Lubbock can teach from a classroom with the technology in place and deliver it to a range of off-campus sites in real time," he said.

Morris said he does, however, ask the professors to come to the Fredericksburg location a few times a semester to meet the students face-to-face.

Highland Lakes

The Highland Lakes campus also has been part of the Tech System since 2002. Will Cohen, the director of TTU at Highland Lakes, said the campus is equipped with a 10,000 square-foot building, and plans are in the works to double its size.

"The City of Marble Falls is paying for a 10,000 square-foot expansion of the facility," he said.

Currently, the campus offers a bachelor's degree in general studies among others. Cohen hopes to increase the number of programs offered in the

near future. The campus is home to about 150 students.

"Finding students is not my only problem; I have to recruit faculty to come down here as well," he said.

Cohen has hopes of getting the business school to start a program at the Highland Lakes facility as well as the restaurant hotel and institutional management program. He also is hoping to start talks with representatives from the exercise and sport sciences programs and the Tech School of Law.

"If you want to be in the pretty Hill Country, you can get a B.A. in education," he said. "You don't have to be on the high plains."

Part of the TTU at Highland Lakes mission statement is to "increase access to higher education programs in the hill country region; provide excellence in teaching, research, and service; and, promote professional development opportunities."

"That's why we're here," Cohen said, "to service those who might not have gone to college otherwise."

HSC Regional Campuses

The HSC has several campuses in West Texas. The locations include Amarillo, El Paso, Permian Basin, Dallas and Abilene.

Jeanne Guerra, managing director of communications and marketing for the HSC, said the El Paso campus is experiencing growth.

Beginning in 2009, the campus will become a four-year medical school. Currently, students attend the HSC campus in Lubbock for two years and then finish their schooling at the Amarillo, El Paso or Permian Basin campuses.

"The El Paso campus will be home to the first U.S. medical school on the Texas/Mexico border.

"This is an exciting opportunity for us. It's been in the plans for a long time," Guerra said. "We're thankful to the community of El Paso and the Texas Legislature."

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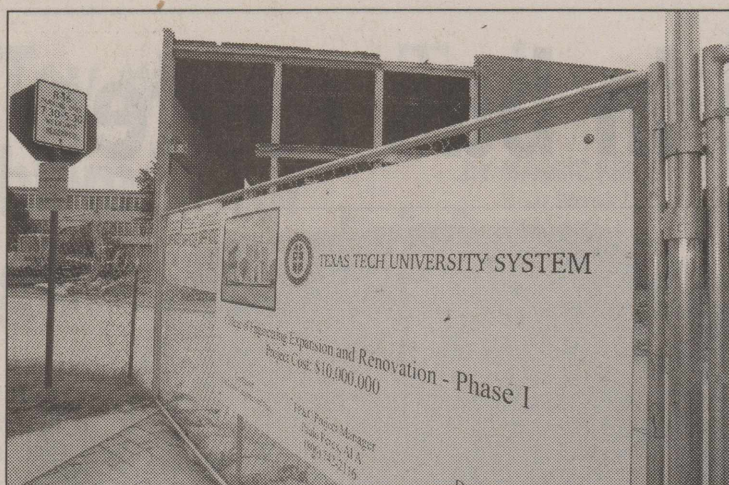
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A SIGN POSTED outside the Livermore Auditorium shows what the renovated building will look like after construction finishes.

Key construction

Engineering auditorium on the way as first phase of construction begins

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Work on a new space in the engineering key is underway.

Construction began in June on a \$10 million renovation project at the Livermore Auditorium in the engineering complex.

Phase 1 of a two-phase project features the renovation of the Livermore Auditorium, which will be converted into classrooms, labs, offices and an open-meeting area for students. The construction is set to be completed for the spring 2009 semester.

"This renovation is occurring to make much-needed lab space, office space and common engineering class rooms to be available to all departments," said Brent Guinn, senior director in the College of Engineering.

The auditorium previously consisted of a balcony and equipment room designed to store and display petroleum-engineering equipment.

Paulo Peres, senior construction project manager, said the Livermore Auditorium will be divided into two floors, with the second floor

designated for offices and labs for chemical engineering and the first floor divided into two classrooms. An elevator, stairs and rest rooms also will be added to the building.

Guinn said pedestrian traffic will be limited to the west side of Canton Avenue near the engineering building because of the renovation project, but crosswalks will be posted to allow access from Canton Avenue to the Chemical Engineering building.

For Phase 2 of the project, a new engineering center will be constructed in the southeast corner of the engineering complex.

The engineering center will be home to the dean's office, common classroom areas and a meeting area for students which will extend part of the way into the current adjacent parking lot.

Though the parking lot will be realigned and a handicap space added, Guinn said he does not anticipate the availability of parking spaces will be severely limited.

Phase 2 has not begun, and a time line will not be in place until funding has been secured for the project.

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White House administration office not subject to open records law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opening a new front in the Bush administration's battle to keep its records confidential, the Justice Department is contending that the White House Office of Administration is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

The department's argument is in response to a lawsuit trying to force the office to reveal what it knows about the disappearance of White House e-mails.

The Office of Administration provides administrative services, including information technology support, to the Executive Office of the President. Most of the White House is not subject to the FOIA, but certain components within it handle FOIA requests. Last year the Office of Administration processed 65 FOIA requests.

However, the Justice Department maintained in court papers filed Tuesday that the Office of Administration has no substantial authority independent of President Bush and therefore is not subject to the FOIA's disclosure requirements.

Regarding the Bush administration's conduct, "this behavior is perfectly consistent with the way they have handled freedom of information issues over the past six years," said Lucy Dalglish, execu-

tive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. "When they don't want to comply with the law, they just shamelessly argue they are not subject to the law. It's arrogant and disrespectful to citizens."

In its filing in U.S. District Court, the Justice Department said, "to be sure, OA currently has regulations implementing FOIA and has not taken the position" previously that it is exempt from the Freedom Of Information Act. To justify a change, the court papers rely on a court ruling in the 1990s that the National Security Council was not subject to FOIA. Previously, the NSC had handled FOIA requests.

The office of administration has prepared estimates that there are at least 5 million missing White House e-mails from March 2003 to October 2005, according to the lawsuit filed by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, a private advocacy group.

The White House has said it is aware that some e-mails may not have been automatically archived on a computer server for the Executive Office of the President.

The e-mails, the White House has said, may have been preserved on backup tapes.

TEXAS TECH BLOTTER

Student arrested for exposing genitals

Aug. 17

A female student had an allergic reaction at the Student Wellness Center. An officer responded, and the student was transported to University Medical Center by way of Emergency Medical Services.

Aug. 18

Following a traffic stop, a Texas Tech police officer requested Emergency Medical Services come to the Z6-A parking lot in response to an infant who was vomiting and unconscious. The infant was transported to the UMC.

A female had a diabetic reaction outside Jones AT&T Stadium. An officer responded to the scene. The female refused transport to the UMC. She was treated and released on the scene.

A Tech police officer arrested a student for exposing his genitals (disorderly conduct) and public intoxication in the 1700 block of Akron Avenue. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A non-student was arrested for public intoxication following a welfare check in the Z1-B parking lot. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

In the R-19 Weeks Hall parking lot, a student was arrested for public intoxication. The student was transported to Lubbock County Jail.

A student was issued a Lubbock County citation for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor in the 1000 block of Flint Avenue after an observed traffic violation. The student was released after the issuance of the citation.

Aug. 19

A Tech police officer responded to a fire alarm at Bledsoe Residence Hall. The alarm activated because of a pump shutting down. The building was evacuated. The Lubbock Fire Department did not respond to the call.

A Tech police officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in the Z4-P parking lot. An unattended vehicle was struck.

A Tech police officer responded to a medical emergency call in Sneed Residence Hall. A student was intoxicated and possibly had been assaulted at an off-campus fraternity party. The student was transported to the UMC for treatment and was released pending the filing of charges for a fictitious driver's license.

Two non-students were detained by a Tech police officer after an observed traffic violation in the 1900 block of Flint Avenue. One non-student was issued a Lubbock County citation for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor. The other non-student was issued a Lubbock County citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor. Both students were released.

Aug. 20

Two students were detained in

Sneed Residence Hall. A Tech police officer responded after reports of a suspicious odor coming from the room were placed. One student was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of alcohol by a minor and then released. The other student was released pending the filing of charges with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office for possession of marijuana. The same student was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and then released.

A Tech police officer detained five students in Coleman Residence Hall. Two of the students were issued Lubbock County citations for possession of alcohol by a minor and then released. The other three students were issued Lubbock County citations for consumption of alcohol by a minor and then released.

A student was detained in Coleman Residence Hall. The student was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of alcohol by a minor.

A student was arrested for public intoxication in the 3000 block of 18th Street. The student was transported to Lubbock County Jail.

Aug. 21

A fire alarm was set in the Hulen/Clement Residence Hall. The alarm was activated because of a faulty water-flow valve. The building was not evacuated, and the Lubbock Fire Department did not respond to the scene.

A Tech police officer issued a

criminal trespass warning to a female who recently had been terminated from the Preston Smith Library.

A Tech police officer investigated reports of a suspicious smell coming from a room in Weymouth Residence Hall. Two students were issued Lubbock County citations for possession of drug paraphernalia and released.

A student was arrested in Weymouth Residence Hall after a Tech police officer investigated reports of a suspicious odor coming from the room. The student was arrested for possession of a false driver's license and transported to Lubbock County Jail.

Two students were detained in the Z6-B parking lot by a Tech police officer. One of the students was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of alcohol by a minor and released. The other student was issued a Lubbock County citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor and released.

A student was arrested for public intoxication and evading arrest or detention on the north side of the Murdough Residence Hall. The student was transported to Lubbock County Jail.

After conducting a welfare check, a student was arrested by a Tech police officer for driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana. The incident occurred in the Z4-P parking lot. The student was transported to Lubbock County Jail.

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Memorial service honors former Tech employee

By ALLISON KOZLOWSKI
INTERN

A memorial service for Max Hinojosa took place Tuesday at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Lubbock.

Hinojosa, the vice president for operations at Texas Tech from 2001 to 2007, died July 5 of heart problems. He was 53.

The memorial service included scripture readings and a time for friends to share personal experiences they shared with Hinojosa.

Kathey Andrews, who was Hinojosa's neighbor, said when she and her family moved to Lubbock, Hinojosa invited them over for a steak dinner their first night in town.

"He was always happy and a joy to be around," she said.

Hinojosa retired in January because of increasing health problems.

Co-workers like Ethan Logan, director of Student Judicial Programs, said Hinojosa was a great colleague who always looked out for the best interests of the university.

"He was a welcoming person at Texas Tech, whether it was students, faculty, or staff, he always made you smile, and he loved Texas Tech," Logan said.

Monsignor Eugene Driscoll, pastor at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, presided over the memorial service. He said Hinojosa was a man of joy and hope who did not let pain and suffering get in the



COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

PICTURES OF THE late Max Hinojosa are displayed on a table in the entryway of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church during his memorial Tuesday evening.

way of finishing a project.

"He was a good friend and always put his family first," Driscoll

said. "He was a faithful man — to his country, family and career."

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Financial burden forces change in bus routes

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students who spent their summers outside the Hub City will find a few alterations have been made to the campus bus system.

Among changes to the Tech bus routes, which are operated by Citibus, are the removal of the West Fourth Street off-campus route and the expansion of on-campus routes.

"The biggest change will be the loss of (the) West Fourth Street (route) out to Walmart and The Reserve," said Hoyt Day, director of transportation at Citibus.

The West Fourth street route was one of the biggest routes, with five buses in 2005 before it was scaled down to three buses in the spring.

Taylor Hutcherson, Student Government Association external vice president, said the West Fourth Street route and stops on the North Indiana and Overton routes were discontinued because apartment complexes were not paying fees required by the university.

Off-campus bus routes now are partially subsidized by apartment complexes that pay a share of the cost, an average of \$10,000 per complex, as a result of rising fuel prices.

"For many years our budget has remained exactly the same, but gas prices have sky-rocketed," Hutcherson said. "When the fuel surcharge

goes above our set price, we have to pay the difference, and it's really cost us and we have less to spend on routes."

Michael Mangum, chief financial officer and assistant general manager of Citibus, said fuel costs have been lower this year, and Tech has saved \$14,769 for the year as of July.

Hutcherson said money saved by lower gas prices now will be reserved in a fund balance to pay for potential increases in fuel prices in the future.

"(More than) \$14,000 in a \$2.5 million budget is cutting it very close," he said. "We were afraid that if gas prices were to go above \$3 a gallon for a year that the university would be out over \$100,000."

Each bus route costs Tech between \$160,000 and \$220,000. For example, the three apartment complexes on the Overton route pay a total of \$30,000 for a route that costs \$160,000 to operate.

"They're not paying for the routes by any means, but they are helping out," Hutcherson said. "The advantage they get is they get to advertise they have a bus system and kids move where the bus goes."

Despite dropping, adding and changing routes for this year's schedule, Tech will be paying Citibus for the same number of hours as 2006.

Mangum said Tech's contract with Citibus, which begins in September, is for \$2.3 million, the same

amount as last year.

Citibus is experiencing its own financial burdens because this is the last year the government-funded service can use federal dollars for its operating costs.

"Next year, we lose \$484,000 out of our budget because we can't use that money for operating," Mangum said. "We still get the same amount of money, but the problem is you can't spend it on fuel, wages and that kind of stuff. You have to spend it on capital."

When the population of Lubbock increased to more than 200,000 individuals in 2004, it was no longer considered a small city by the federal government, changing the way federal funds are allotted.

"The amount of federal funds we get are a formula based on the population, the ridership and the miles we put on the street," Mangum said. "When you move up into the larger cities group you lose ability to use your federal funds for operating."

Citibus is \$561,000 short on next year's budget and is waiting for the Lubbock City Council to determine if the bus operator should raise fares from \$1 to \$1.25, which would bring in an extra \$125,000 per year.

Mangum said Tech students account for almost two-thirds of ridership on Citibus, and those numbers help bring in extra federal funding.

"We really don't even make money off of Tech," he said. "Tech

just helps us, and that's why we're pretty much able to give them a break-even rate."

Despite the loss of the West Fourth Street route, the university is paying Citibus for the same number of hours, by adding a bus to both the Overton and Masked Rider routes and offering extended hours in the evening.

The bus routes are covered by the student transportation fee of \$3.50 per credit hour up to 12 hours.

Hutcherson said on-campus bus routes are his biggest priority because only 3,000 of the approximately 25,000 students riding buses utilize off-campus routes.

The Masked Rider route, which travels from campus to the satellite parking lot near the University Medical Center will lose one bus, with seven buses running clockwise rather than four clockwise and four counterclockwise as in previous years.

"Last year, we had excellent



TEXAS TECH COMMUTERS file off of the West Fourth Street bus in front of Holden Hall.

service in the mornings, but in the afternoons it would be poor," Hutcherson said. "Now we're having good service all day."

Hutcherson said five to six minutes has been his target time between buses for on-campus routes during the day.

The Business Administration building's shuttle also will be discontinued because of poor ridership and the expansion of coverage by the Masked Rider route.

Because of limited service north of Fourth Street, Hutcherson said he

is concerned about students walking across the Marsha Sharp Freeway construction site and encourages students to walk or ride their bicycles to the Raiders Pass bus stop.

Exclusion of some apartment complexes temporarily could increase demand for on-campus parking, Hutcherson said.

"Unless there is a major, major serious problem, I do not think a route should be changed because it creates confusion for everyone else on the route," he said.

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Conner 400th inmate executed in Texas

HUNTSVILLE(AP) — Convicted killer Johnny Ray Conner was executed Wednesday evening for the slaying of a Houston convenience store clerk during a failed robbery 9 1/2 years ago.

The execution was the 400th in the nation's most active death penalty state since the U.S. Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976. Texas resumed carrying out executions six years later.

Conner asked for forgiveness repeatedly and expressed love to his family and his victim's family, who watched him through windows in the death chamber. Before he began speaking, he asked the warden his name, for permission to

speak longer than the usual two to three minutes allotted and to have his victim's daughter pointed out to him.

He specifically asked one of his victims' relatives to look at him, but she didn't and remained turned to the side with her hands clasped in prayer.

"This is destiny. This is life. This is something Allah wants me to do," he said in his lengthy statement.

"I want you to understand," he said. "I'm not mad at you. When I get to the gates of heaven I'm going to be waiting for you. Please forgive me."

"What is happening to me is unjust and the system is broken," Conner said. He was pronounced dead at 6:20 p.m.,

eight minutes after the lethal drugs began to flow.

Conner, 32, was the 21st put to death this year in Texas. Three more are scheduled to die next week.

Conner's lawyers earlier Wednesday lost an appeal to the Supreme Court to stop the lethal injection. In arguments rejected by the justices, Conner contended his trial attorneys were deficient for not investigating an old leg injury that left Conner with a limp. The disability would have prevented him from running away quickly from the store where Kathyanna Nguyen, 49, was gunned down on a Sunday afternoon in May 1998.

Tech's telepharmacy ventures see mixed results

By MICHELLE CASADY
EDITOR

When the telepharmacy in Earth, Texas, was launched in April of last year, the Center for Telemedicine at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center had hopes of success.

After more than one year in operation, reality has set in.

"Earth is not progressing as we had hoped," said Vicki Cecalupo, director of Internal Medicine at the HSC.

Cecalupo said she believes there could be several reasons for the telepharmacy's performance thus far.

"Earth is just so close to other areas with pharmacies," she said. "I think one of the things we need to look at when we pick a new site is its proximity to other locations with pharmacies."

There are currently two telephar-

macies operated by the HSC in Texas. One is located in Turkey, Texas, and the other is in Earth.

According to the center's Web site, telepharmacy is essentially "a system that monitors the dispensing of prescription drugs and provides for related drug-use review and patient counseling services by an electronic method."

Using this technology allows residents in rural areas to obtain prescription drugs more conveniently.

Cecalupo said she believes there are no more than four telepharmacies set up in Texas.

Though things for the telepharmacy in Earth are not going as planned, there are still individuals who are working toward success.

"We haven't given up complete hope yet," Cecalupo said. "In the near future we are going to try and keep it open. We're going to work on

educating people that it's there and that it is an option."

However, the other telepharmacy location in Turkey is being viewed by the center as a success.

Diane Kretschmer, pharmacist in charge and operations service chief for the HSC School of Pharmacy, said she believes the telepharmacy in Turkey is being well utilized.

"Even though we don't fill that many prescriptions a month, the people there really need us," she said.

If the telepharmacy in Turkey were not there, the residents of Quitaque, Turkey and surrounding areas would have to travel up to 60 miles to receive medicine.

As previously reported by *The Daily Treador*, the HSC and the Merck Foundation fund the project in Earth.

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Spy chief reveals classified details about foreign surveillance

WASHINGTON (AP)—National Intelligence Director Mike McConnell pulled the curtain back on previously classified details of government surveillance and of a secretive court whose recent rulings created new hurdles for the Bush administration as it tries to prevent terrorism.

McConnell's comments—made in an interview with the *El Paso* (Texas) Times last week and posted as a transcript on the newspaper's Web site Wednesday—raised eyebrows for their frank discussion of previously classified eavesdropping work conducted under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, known as FISA. Among the disclosures:

— McConnell confirmed for the first time that the private sector assisted with President Bush's warrantless sur-

veillance program. AT&T, Verizon and other telecommunications companies are being sued for their cooperation. "Now if you play out the suits at the value they're claimed, it would bankrupt these companies," McConnell said, arguing that they deserve immunity for their help.

— He provided new details on court rulings handed down by the 11-member Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which approves classified eavesdropping operations and whose proceedings are almost always entirely secret. McConnell said a ruling that went into effect May 31 required the government to get court warrants to monitor communications between two foreigners if the conversation travels on a wire in the U.S. network. Millions of calls each day do, because of the robust nature of the U.S. systems.

— McConnell said it takes 200 hours to assemble a FISA warrant on a single telephone number. "We're going backwards," he said. "We couldn't keep up."

— Offering never-disclosed figures, McConnell also revealed that fewer than 100 people inside the United States are monitored under FISA warrants. However, he said, thousands of people overseas are monitored.

McConnell's comments were a dramatic departure from the government's normally tight-lipped approach to disclosing any information about how it spies on electronic communications—some of its most sensitive and costly work. The FISA court's activities are particularly protected.

Even as he shed new light on the classified operations, McConnell asserted that the current debate in Congress about whether to update the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act will cost American lives because of all the information it revealed to terrorists.

"Part of this is a classified world. The fact that we're doing it this way means that some Americans are going to die," he said.

McConnell was in El Paso last week

for a conference on border security hosted by House Intelligence Chairman Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas. The spy chief joined Reyes for an interview with his local paper.

At the end of the interview, McConnell cautioned reporter Chris Roberts that he should consider whether enemies of the U.S. could gain from the information he just shared in the interview, Roberts said. McConnell left it to the paper to decide what to publish.

"I don't believe it damaged national security or endangered any of our people," said *El Paso* Times Executive Editor Dionicio Flores.

McConnell appeared days after Congress passed a temporary law to expand the government's ability to monitor suspects in national security investigations—terrorists, spies and others—without first seeking court approval in certain cases. The highly contentious measure expires in six months.

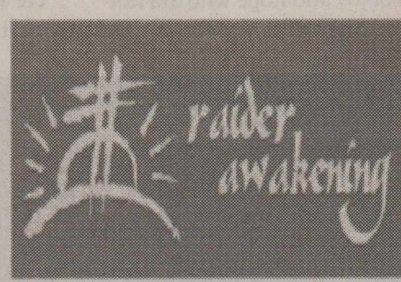
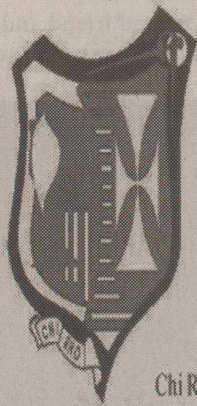
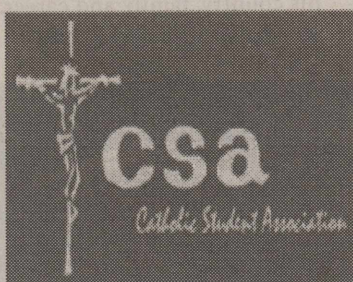
After Sept. 11, Bush authorized the terrorist surveillance program to monitor conversations between people in the United States and others overseas when terrorism is suspected. Until January, no warrants were required. But as the Democratic Congress took over, the Bush administration decided to bring the program under the oversight of the FISA court.

McConnell said the court initially ruled that the program was appropriate and legitimate. But when the ruling had to be renewed in the spring, another judge saw the operations differently. This judge, who McConnell did not identify, decided that the government needed a warrant to monitor a conversation between foreigners when the signal traveled on a wire in the U.S. communications network.

McConnell said the government got a temporary stay on the ruling, but it expired at the end of May. "After the 31st of May, we were in extremis because now we have significantly less capability," he said.

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Toy makers blamed for global recall

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese manufacturers and American toy giant Mattel Inc. are both responsible for recent recalls of millions of lead-tainted toys worldwide, a Chinese official said in an interview published Wednesday.

Li Zhuoming, executive vice chairman of the Guangdong Provincial Toy Industry Association, said blame "cannot be pushed to either side" in this summer's recalls, which included popular Sesame Street, Barbie and Polly Pocket products made in the province.

"The producers are responsible because they do not have tight controls over purchasing and production," Li was quoted as saying in Wednesday's state-run Guangzhou Daily newspaper. "But the buyer Mattel cannot evade responsibility."

Robert Eckert, Mattel's chairman and CEO, last week defended the measures the company has taken to ensure the safety of its toys, saying he was "disappointed in what has occurred and what has transpired."

But Li said Mattel neglected to "do its job well in quality inspections." He did not give any details or say how the producers did not follow standards.

Li said profit margins in China's toy industry are low and "it's hard to make money" because of the cost of labor and materials. He warned foreign companies run the risk of getting shoddy products if they demand too low a price from Chinese manufacturers.

"If you give a high price for purchasing, the factories will use high quality raw materials to produce. But if the price is low, they can only use inferior raw materials," said Li, whose group represents toy-makers in Guangdong, an export manufacturing base for a large percentage of Chinese products.

China's goods have come under intense scrutiny in recent months after toxic chemicals were found in exports ranging from toothpaste to seafood and pet food ingredients.

On Wednesday, a distributor announced a recall in Australia and New Zealand of Chinese-made blankets found to contain high levels of formaldehyde, a potentially cancer-causing chemical preservative that gives a permanent press effect to clothes.

Tech enrollment shows increase, on track with 2020 goal

BY MAGGIE KIELY
STAFF WRITER

As a new semester begins, the Texas Tech Enrollment Management Taskforce is looking to see more new faces on campus.

Chancellor Kent Hance, who created the task force, said exact 2007 enrollment numbers have not come in, but he is expecting an overall increase in enrollment of about 400 to 500 students for the fall semester.

The increase in numbers is on track for meeting the 2020 goal of 40,000 students.

"By going to 40,000, essentially what we're asking to do is grow by 2 1/2 percent a year," Hance said. "We don't want a surge of students; we want to keep the academic stature that we have gained over the past years. We're not going to lower academic standards in order to increase enrollment."

Hance said one of his main objectives over the next nine months is to raise scholarship money to help enrollment numbers grow.

He said he is counting on local community support to raise money

as well as community support outside the Lubbock area.

Juan Muñoz, special assistant to the president for institutional diversity, is the head of the Chancellor's Hispanic and African American Enrollment Taskforce teams. He said raising money for diversity scholarships is the top priority for his teams.

"That includes non-university community organizations also contributing to scholarships so that the responsibility is not just on Texas Tech," he said.

The diversity task force teams have come up with recommendations to increase minority enrollment numbers, which have been presented to the Board of Regents for consideration.

Muñoz said the board is in the process of deciding what recommendations to implement and how to do so.

When compared to competing schools such as the University of Texas, Texas A&M and the University of Oklahoma, the percentage of minorities enrolled at Tech is about average.

"We have about a 12 percent

Hispanic enrollment, which is above national enrollment," Muñoz said, "and we have about 3 percent of African Americans, which is significantly below national averages."

There is not a high demographic of African Americans in West Texas, which is one reason Muñoz said he believes African American enrollment numbers are so low.

"We need to do a better job recruiting in the Houston area, the Dallas/Fort Worth and the San Antonio area," he said.

For the last three years, the number of minority students enrolled has increased modestly.

Muñoz said he is expecting about a 20 percent increase in the enrollment of Hispanic students and about a 30 percent increase in the number of African Americans enrolling this fall.

Keeping the minority students who will enroll or are enrolled at Tech is a critical focus for reaching the enrollment goal. Muñoz said he hopes to keep minority students by getting them involved with the university.

"Students involved have a much higher retention and graduate rate," he said. "We need to do a better job identifying the students who are on

the brink of attrition, so that we get the answers for you before you are on the way out."

According to the 2008 budget overview, about \$1.5 million will be designated to the Enrollment Management Taskforce.

Hance said much of that money will go toward hiring more recruiters.

"We've been doing our recruitment with about 15 recruiters, while other competing schools have about 40 recruiters," he said.

Robert Shindell, associate vice president of the Office of Admissions, is in charge of recruiting and admissions and also a member of the Enrollment Management Taskforce. He said recruiters are taking an aggressive approach to attract more students.

"Our recruiters go to community colleges, they go to high schools, they talk with community leaders, they go to PTAs, they talk with boy scouts, girl scouts, you name it," he said. "We're going to be more aggressive than our competitors."

Sophomore, junior and senior level high school students are the primary targets for recruiters. Shindell

said selling Lubbock as well as Tech is key.

"It's a slam dunk if we get them (to Lubbock)," he said. "Reaching out and saying 'I know that this is what you think this is what Lubbock is, but will you please come out and visit, I guarantee you will have a different opinion when you leave' is important."

The Student Government Association also is involved with the Enrollment Management Taskforce.

SGA President Mason Moses said he agrees making Lubbock attractive to potential students is important.

"We can't separate Tech and Lubbock, so if we could make (potential students) feel not just part of Tech but also part of Lubbock, then we can attract students," he said.

One way Moses said he plans on doing this is by using the Freshman Council and Freshman Advisory Board, which act as conduits to gain incoming student's input.

"I'm going to create kind of my own task force and talk to the students who just went through the process," he said. "They know what brought them here."

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Utah mine boss defends search for miners; 5th hole breaks through into mine

HUNTINGTON, Utah (AP) — Coal mine boss Bob Murray said Wednesday he is hurt by critics who say he ran an unsafe mine and wasn't doing enough to find six missing miners trapped deep underground. He also said he emotionally "came apart" after a second cave-in killed three rescuers.

"I didn't desert anybody," Murray told The Associated Press in the middle-of-the-night phone call. "I've been living on this mountain every day, living in a little trailer."

Later Wednesday, he told the AP that the fifth narrow hole being drilled in the side of the mountain to try to locate the miners had broken through. Searchers planned to bang on a drill bit and wait for a response, take air readings, and lower a microphone and camera. Officials said they expect the results to be the same as from the four previous tries: no signs of life.

If searchers fail to find any sign of life, the rescue effort might be called off.

If that happens, the miners' family members, who have clung to the hope that the men would be found alive, will finally start "to grieve and to heal," said Sonny J. Olsen,

an attorney acting as spokesman for the families.

Murray, 67, did not comment on the possibility.

During the early phone call, he had described the scene of the second collapse inside the mine that killed the three rescue workers and injured six others last Thursday and how it affected him.

He said he rushed into the mine in his street clothes and began digging out the men, buried under five feet of coal, with his bare hands. "I never hesitated to go in there. I was the first man in and the last man out," he said.

Murray, who has been a target of families' anger over the suspended search for the missing miners, said he later dropped out of a debriefing with federal officials and began wandering around the mine yard in the moonlight, reliving the collapse. He said he broke down.

"I came apart," he said. "I was under a doctor's care for a couple days."

Murray spoke bitterly of the United Mine Workers of America, which has called his company callous for planning to resume mining at other parts of 5,000-acre Crandall Canyon.

"They're twisting it all around to discredit me and my company," he said during the 12-minute phone call.

Later Wednesday, he said he might resume mining in other parts of the mine, but not in the area where the miners are trapped.

"Had I known that this evil mountain, this alive mountain, would do what it did, I would never have sent the miners in here," he said. "I'll never go near that mountain again. It's alive and it's evil."

After the first collapse on Aug. 6, Murray became the public face of the rescue effort, saying repeatedly that the men could have survived and he would bring them home, alive or dead. But he retreated from that view after the deaths of the rescue workers.

He re-emerged Monday to announce that the trapped miners would likely remain entombed in the

Crandall Canyon mine.

With the trapped miners all but left for dead 1,500 feet deep inside the crumbling mountain, critics are saying the mine was a disaster waiting to happen and pointing fingers at Murray Energy Corp. and the federal government as the agents of the tragedy.

Families and friends vented their frustration at the mine's owner and questioned whether it was too dangerous to be working there.

At a funeral Tuesday for one of the rescue workers who died, a friend of one of the trapped miners confronted Murray and accused him of skimping on the rescue efforts. He then handed Murray a dollar bill.


"This is just to help you out so you don't kill him," the man said.

Murray's head snapped back as if slapped. When the man wouldn't take

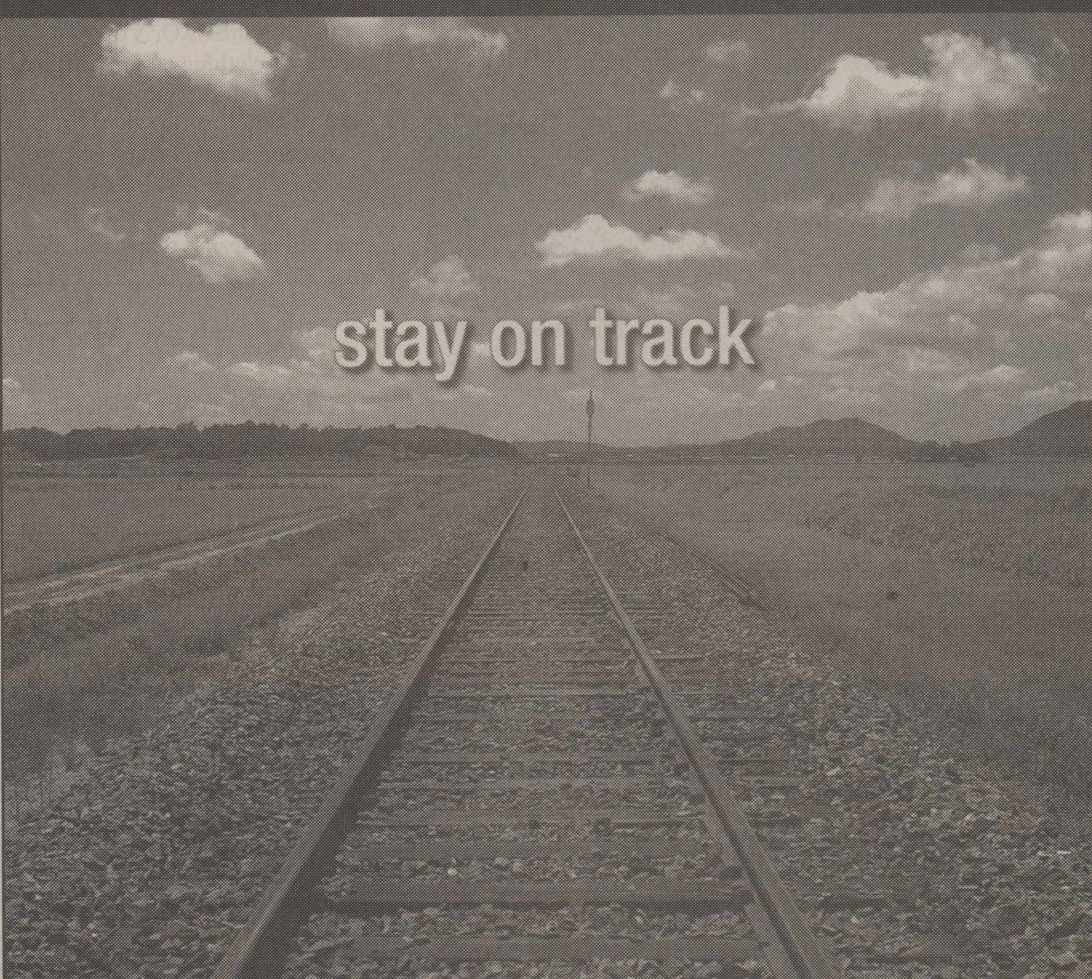
back the bill, Murray threw the money on the ground. "I'll tell you what, son, you need to find out about the Lord," Murray said.

It was an emotional exchange with an owner who had insisted since the collapse that the rescue of the miners was his top priority. And it revealed more than just the frustration of people in this mining community in central Utah's coal belt, where most still speak in whispers when criticizing the officials whose businesses pay their bills.

Miners' advocates accuse the Mine Safety and Health Administration of being too accommodating to the industry at the expense of safety. They also say MSHA was too quick to approve the mining plan at Crandall Canyon despite concerns that it was too dangerous for mining to continue when Murray bought it a year ago.



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Tech housing experiences growing pains with larger freshman class

By **ADAM YOUNG**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech will be starting this year with a full house.

An unanticipated increase in the number of students registered to live on campus this fall will bring Tech Housing and Residence Life close to full capacity.

Sam Bennett, managing director of Hospitality Services, said the university initially was expecting 5,800 residents in the residence halls this fall, but it now is anticipating 6,293 students.

"We're 500 residents over our estimation as well as a little over 700 residents more than a year ago," he said.

Tech, including Housing and Hospitality Services, is in the process of developing a master plan to accommodate the needs of a student body expected to grow from more than 28,000 to 40,000 individuals in the next 12 years.

Still, some departments already are

taking steps in the direction of preparing for such growth.

"Our capacity for hospitality is maxed-out, whether it be in the residence halls or at the Student Union (Building)," Bennett said. "There's no doubt that if we have growth to 40,000 students that we're going to have to have more space both for on-campus residents as well as hospitality service to feed everybody."

Sean Duggan, managing director of Housing and Residence Life, said 300 students are living one per room, which reduces the overall capacity because most rooms are designed to house two people.

"If we didn't have those we could house upwards of 6,600," he said of the single-person rooms. "Right now, I would say we are 99.5 percent full at 6,300 students, but that can change for next year by not allowing as many singles."

Because of concerns there would be a shortage of rooms in late July and early August caused by a large number of students requesting room assignments, preparations were made to place

some students in temporary housing.

However, Duggan said room assignments have been changed to make sure every student has a room.

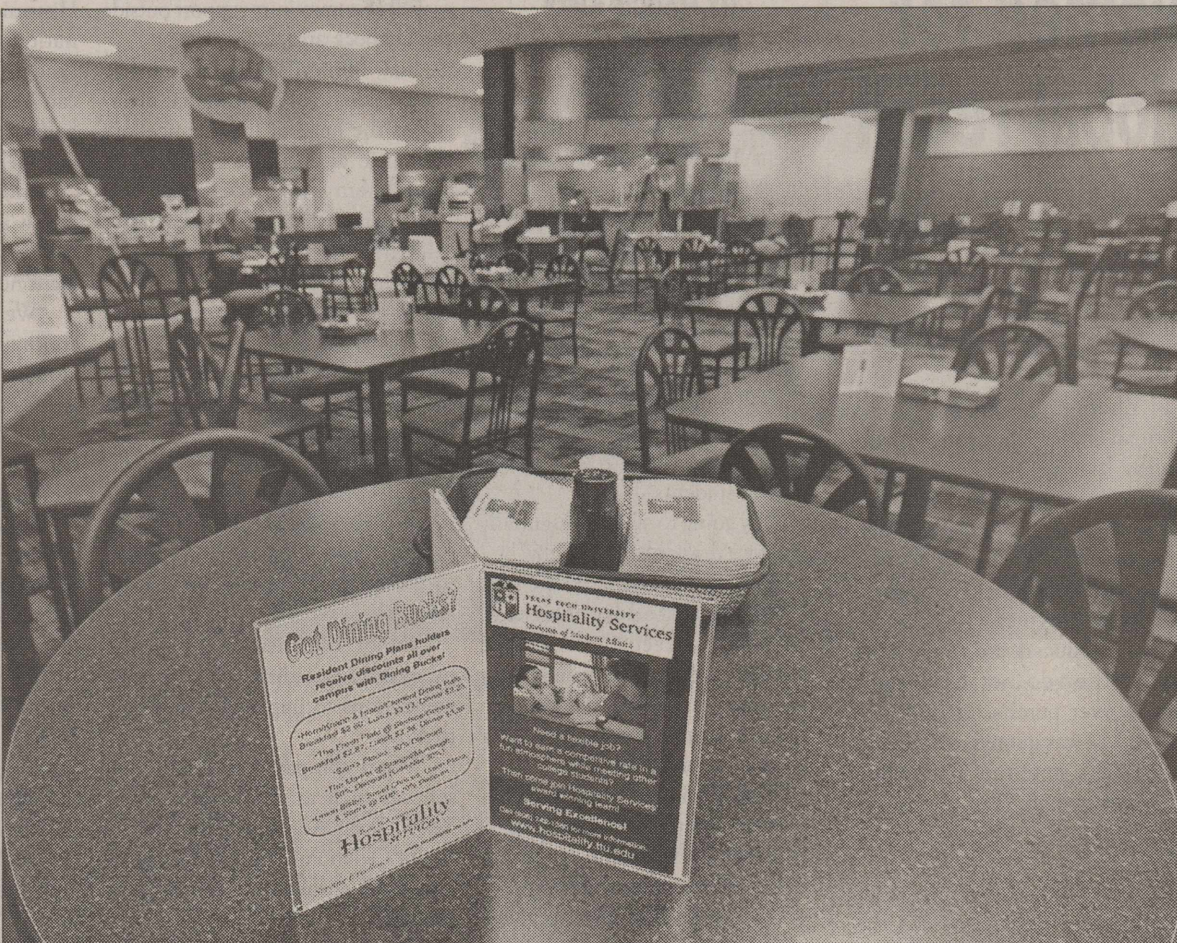
According to the Housing and Dining Web site, <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/housing/>, if more students desire housing than can be accommodated, housing officials temporarily can assign students into residence hall conference rooms, guest rooms, apartments, study lounges and recreation rooms until space becomes available.

Students assigned to — or living in — temporary housing can cancel their contracts at any time without penalty, according to the Web site.

Duggan said students have been temporarily assigned as recently as 2001 and 2002.

A \$6 million construction project in the Bledsoe, Gordon and Sneed residence halls included the installation of air conditioning in Bledsoe and Sneed at a cost of \$3 million in bond money to be paid over the next 20 years.

Also, \$750,000 in new furniture, \$250,000 in new carpet and roof re-



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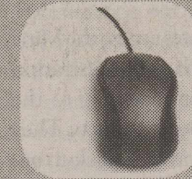
TEXAS TECH HOSPITALITY Services begins to prepare for the university's growth in population, including introducing a redesigned dining hall at the Bledsoe/Gordon/Sneed residence complex.

Total student occupancy in residence halls:

- 2007: projected 6,293
- 2006: 5,638
- 2005: 5,468
- 2004: 5,235
- 2003: 6,211
- 2002: 6,181
- 2001: 5,894

Information provided by Sean Duggan, managing director of Housing and Residence Life.

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Suburban Cincinnati food market cleans up in 'best restroom' contest

FAIRFIELD, Ohio (AP) — A suburban Cincinnati grocery store cleaned up Tuesday in an annual contest for America's tidiest toilets.

The restrooms at Jungle Jim's International Market appear to be portable toilets, but they actually lead to real jungle-themed

restrooms with flowers, marble and tropical pictures. They were named the nation's finest in a nonscientific online poll sponsored by a bathroom supply company.

"I'm all about putting smiles on people's faces," said store owner Jim Bonaminio. "People are so tense these days. Those bathrooms just

seem to make people laugh and that's what we're all about: laughing and having fun."

Cintas Corp., a uniform supplier and provider of bathroom products and services based in Cincinnati, said Tuesday that tens of thousands of online votes were cast in the sixth competition, choosing

from finalists selected for hygiene, style and public access. Also-rans included a Las Vegas hotel lounge and an upscale restaurant in Flushing, Mich.

"Anyone could nominate a restroom online, and Cintas picks the final list of 15 nominees to put to the Internet-based vote."

Vermont town drops temporary ban on public nudity

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. (AP) — Vermont's clothing-optional capital is stripping off its temporary ban on public nudity.

A month after passing the temporary ban, the Brattleboro Selectboard voted 3-2 on Tuesday to reject a proposed ordinance that would have

made it permanent. When the emergency temporary ordinance expires next month, public nudity will no longer be illegal.

It's all about tolerance, one board member said.

"We in this country are going down a slippery slope these days," said

Dora Bouboulis, noting a national newspaper recently published an article about the emergency ordinance under the headline "Tolerant town gets intolerant."

She said it wasn't up to the town to restrict anyone's right to dress or undress.

Before the vote, residents weighed in on both sides of the debate.

Michael Gauthier gave the Selectboard a petition with signatures of 967 people who support a nudity ban.

"What is the point, other than shock and awe, that the nudists are trying to make?" he asked.

Mother & brother of airman returning to Iraq plan skydive salute

THOMAS TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Tina Peters wanted to do something special as a salute to her son's service to his country as he heads back to Iraq for a second tour — so she's going to jump out of an airplane.

The thing is, the 57-year-old woman has never done that before.

"My mom's crazy," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason Peters, 31. "I'll be sitting back with the insurance agent, watching."

His older brother, Ray Peters, 32, plans to skydive with their mother Sunday in a "Jumping for Jason" event at Browne Airport in Saginaw County.

Tina Peters said she wasn't nervous about the jump.

"One of us will scream like a little girl, and it's not gonna be me," she told The Saginaw News.

Jason Peters, like his mother, has never jumped out of a plane, but unlike her he has no plans

to do so.

Jason Peters, a member of the 75th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is scheduled to be deployed next week for about 10 months.

"I'm not looking forward to going back, but I'm not crazy enough to jump out of a plane," he said.

School of Pharmacy opens in Abilene

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

The Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy celebrated the opening of its newest campus Aug. 12 in Abilene.

The Spanish-themed 36,000 square-foot building opens this fall to 40 students pursuing the school's single professional degree, the Doctorate of Pharmacy. The school expects to add 40 students each year until the fall of 2011, when 160 students will be enrolled at the Abilene campus.

"This reflects the continued expansion of the Texas Tech system into West Texas," said Scott Dueser, Tech system regent. "We can provide improved health care to the community and add to the economic welfare of the region."

Having the School of Pharmacy campus in Abilene raises the level of health care in the city and eventually could affect a wider area, Dueser said.

"The students will be doing clinicals at the hospitals and retirement centers," he said. "Their brainpower

is helping what we already have here. The hope is that a lot of these students will graduate and stay in West Texas to increase the level of health care in West Texas."

In addition to the quality of health care, the school also will have a positive effect on Abilene's economy, Dueser said.

"It also helps the economic engine of West Texas by having this," he said of the school. "By the time it's all said and done, there will be 160 students and 40 professors and staff. To bring 200 people to Abilene brings a lot of economy."

Tech has played a large role in the improvement of health care in West Texas, said Bernhard Mitemeyer, interim president of the Health Sciences Center.

"Less than 40 years ago, there was not one institution that taught health care between Dallas and Albuquerque, (N.M.), Denver and the Mexican border," Mitemeyer said. "This is a major milestone, the extension of the Health Sciences Center to Abilene. The community has stood up, been counted and made a difference."

Dueser said the Texas Legislature may not have approved the extension of the school to Abilene if the city's residents had not worked to bring the school in.

"I have to brag on Abilene," Dueser said. "Where else would you have everybody come together to make it happen? They raised \$15.5 million and built the building in record time."

Tech now has regional campuses in Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock and Dallas.

"This is a big benefit for Abilene, and equally for Tech," said Chancellor Kent Hance. "There will be a need for 25,000 additional pharmacists in the next several years. We're working on giving them the best training. This is something we're very proud of."

Mitemeyer said he hopes these students will take what they learn and share it with the next generation.

"These are the very pharmacists who will go back out there and teach," Mitemeyer said. "The most important thing is to touch the lives of the people you serve."

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COURTESY PHOTO
ADMINISTRATORS OF THE Texas Tech system participate in the ribbon cutting Aug. 12 at the School of Pharmacy building in Abilene.

HSC Women's Health Institute renamed after Laura Bush

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center renamed its Women's Health Research Institute Aug. 7 to honor the first lady of the United States.

The Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health will continue to provide the research institute's services to women and will expand to seek more funding for its services and research.

"It isn't just a name change," Tech System Chancellor Kent Hance said. "We're putting in additional resources. We're trying to set up a procedure to get women to have physicals as quickly and cost-effectively as possible."

Hance said he was hopeful the

Bush Institute would progress in the manner of the Betty Ford Center. Before being named after Ford, the alcohol and drug rehabilitation center was not well known, Hance said, but afterward it became one of the most-respected and recognizable centers in the country, if not the world.

"We want (the Bush Institute) to have a higher profile than it has," Hance said. "When it began, they held seminars and meetings to talk health issues, especially to lower economic individuals because most women set the standards for their children and husbands. We'd been getting a lot of success so we wanted to upgrade it."

The upgrades will give the institute and the patients a cyclical relationship, Hance said, allowing

the institute to better serve the El Paso, Lubbock, Abilene and the Permian Basin.

"This isn't really about what the institute will do for Tech. It's about what Tech is doing to help others ... Women will benefit from our research."

— MARJORIE JENKINS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Health Sciences Center established the research institute in 2000 in Amarillo and expanded it in 2006 to

health screenings," Jenkins said. "We thought it would be a good match for her. Women would recognize her name and appreciate our programs and research. We made the proposal to her staff and she gave us the go-ahead."

Bush said she is proud to be associated with the Institute for Women's Health because it has had such an impact on Texas residents.

"The institute makes a positive difference in the lives of Texans through (its) innovative research programs and efforts to educate women about health risks," Bush said in a press release. "I am grateful for their good work and honored by their tribute."

On Bush's Web site, www.whitehouse.gov/firstlady, the Women's Health and Wellness section ad-

dresses Bush's commitment to advancing health care for women. According to the site, she stresses educating women on the risks of heart disease, breast cancer and prevention and treatment of HIV and AIDS.

"This isn't really about what the institute will do for Tech," Jenkins said. "It's about what Tech is doing to help others. We're promoting women's health resources on all our campuses. We're calling attention to osteoporosis, ovarian cancer, breast cancer and heart disease. Women will benefit from our research."

Hance said he is in the process of scheduling an event with the first lady to celebrate the institute's renaming, and they are looking at dates this fall.

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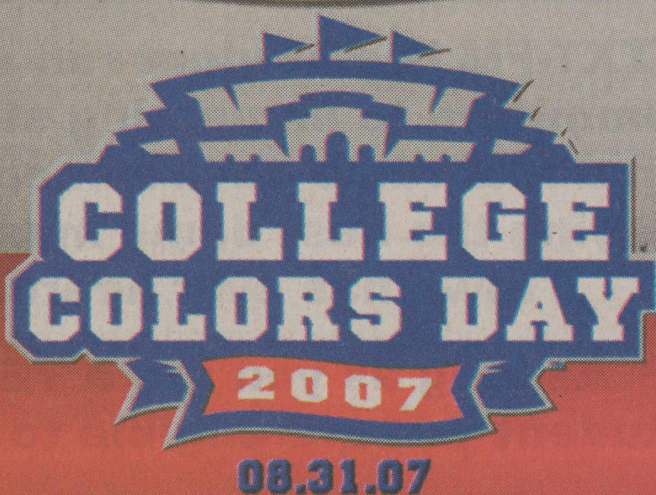
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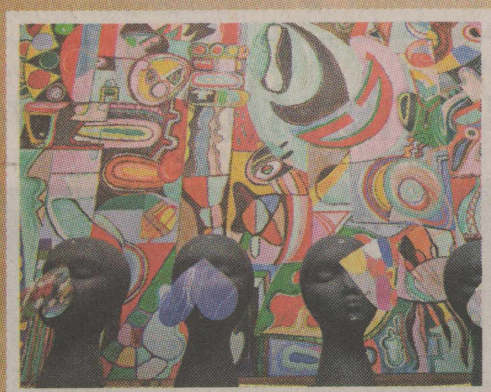
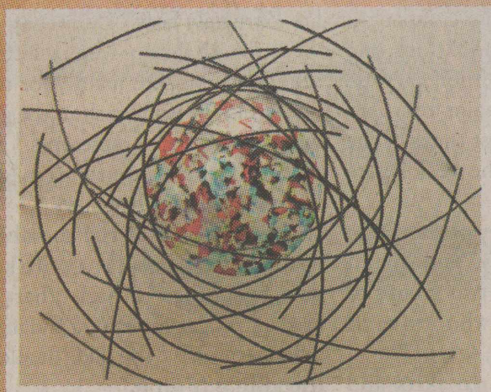
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From the glittering, candy-colored layer of shattered glass that lines the flower beds to the asymmetrical, metallic shell that consumes much of the building, the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts appears to be a melting pot for artistic vision. Yet, if visitors find the outside of the futuristic structure a pleasant surprise amid the dusty buildings lining Avenue K, the cheery fusion of different artistic exhibits inside might send their senses into overdrive.

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the underwood center for the arts

Movin' on up to the West side:

Tech students flood Hub City weeks before classes start to partake in variety of extracurricular activities

By ANN LUU
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again. Cars are crowding the roads and parking lots as students pull up from all over the state and country to good old West Texas.

Students are milling around, hosting meetings and organizing paperwork. The Student Union Building starts to be the gathering place for more than just the summer residents to study and socialize.

Some students moved back to Texas Tech weeks before school commenced to coordinate their organizations for the upcoming year.

This category of dedicated students ranges from athletes to community advisers to Greek Life members to members of the Goin' Band from Raiderland. They move back early to begin practice, training, agenda setting and recruitment.

Early in the morning, throughout campus, melodious sounds can

be heard coming from the band parking lot. At a closer look, anyone can see the determination in the eyes of musicians as they rehearse repeatedly.

Most members of the Goin' Band, and those wishing to be members, including musicians, twirlers and guards, were required to return on Aug. 18 to begin practicing music fundamentals, marching rhythms and audition pieces. Auditions were set for Aug. 20 to Aug. 25, with each day scheduled for separate sections of the band.

Freshman Patricia Orlik, a music education major from Angleton, plans to audition.

"I try to get in about 30 minutes to an hour of practice a day in order to prepare," she said.

Returning member Sarah Ragan, a sophomore music education major from The Woodlands, said summer rehearsals are much more intense than those in the fall.

"During the school year we practice for about five to six hours

a week. In summer band, which is the week of practice before school starts, we practice about five to six hours a day."

Ragan said the band meets early to prepare for the next shows, mostly consisting of games and performances.

"College band does not really compete," she said, "but when we bring our shows to Austin, the competition of school spirit is in everyone's mind."

Still, students involved in extracurricular activities aren't the only individuals who returned to the Hub City prior to classes starting. Faculty and staff members were also among those early to arrive.

Aug. 8, two-and-a-half weeks before classes started, an assembly of more than 100 community advisers returned to campus, according to a Tech campus calendar.

"Tech requires that community advisers come early to prepare the residence halls' facilities," said Matt Hackney, a junior broadcast

journalism major from Arlington. "We spent nine hours in training and learning how to deal with a crisis and the different personalities of our residents."

During training, the mass of CAs clustered all over campus to see a variety of presentations and listen to discussions about the different situations the job entails, Hackney said. The sessions also included hands-on practicums that involved reacting on instinct in situations such as roommate disagreements or eating disorders.

Outside those nine training hours, Hackney said CAs are still obligated to put in additional hours of their own time because they have to prepare their assigned hallways with door decorations and bulletin boards.

"I just want to try to have nice facilities for incoming freshmen so they can have the best experience living in the residence halls and at Tech," he said. "I believe training is important because it is preparation

to be a role model for over a thousand kids, but, as a returning CA, I feel a lot of it was redundant and that those returning should have been able to come a few days later. The new CAs should have to come earlier than returning. A lot of the information was just reiterated from the previous year."

Many of the earliest students to arrive are individuals hoping to enter the Greek community, Hackney said.

Greek life is a major component of Tech's student organizations, said Allison Dunne, a junior exercise and sports sciences major from Dallas. One of the busiest times of the year is Rush Week, the week before school starts.

Dunne, a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, said for all sororities, there are two groups of returning members who arrive at different times.

"Those who are in skirts and dances come two weeks earlier to prepare and rehearse and the other

members are required to be in town by the Sunday before rush began," Dunne said. "The skirts and dances are promotional to each respective sorority. They highlight the philanthropy and to show the diversity within the sorority."

Though members are expected to be in Lubbock two weeks before the busy week, the process begins much earlier.

"In the summer, we must get lots of rest because during that week, we are extremely busy," Dunne said.

"...In the two weeks before school, we prepare mainly for that one week. We want to show the girls what each sorority represents."

Still, Dunne said arriving in Lubbock early has its benefits.

"Since some of the members' apartments did not open until a later date, by staying with each other created a stronger sisterhood and unity among the girls," she said. "It allows friendships to grow."

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Forget-me-nots: Top 10 things students should remember when they move

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College life affords many people the opportunity to live on their own for the first time. However, as Kristin McGhee, leasing manager for Raiders Pass apartment complex, points out, the transition to independence can be difficult if individuals aren't prepared.

"You'd be surprised at the things people forget to bring," she said. "We send out a list of the items people will need to provide for themselves, so it's important to pay attention to that before you move."

McGhee said she has seen

her residents forget a wide range of items, including toilet paper, shower curtains, oven mitts, hangers, batteries and Ethernet/cable cords.

"Some of these things you won't think about until right when you need them," she said. "But like an oven mitt? You'll definitely want to have something like that because you don't want to reach into a 350 degree (Fahrenheit) oven with your bare hands."

Cameron Decker, a sophomore accounting major from Abilene, and Sam Kircus, a junior exercise science major from Midland, recently moved into an apartment at Raiders Pass.

"I only remembered to bring a lot of stuff because of my mom," Decker said. "You just get really excited about getting your own place, your own apartment and everything; that's all that mat-

ters." The men said they felt like they brought most of the major items they'll need throughout the year, perhaps with the exception of toilet paper.

"Yeah, we brought that," said Decker.

"No we didn't," Kircus said laughing. "You're trying to make us sound better than we are. I had to go out and get some last night."

Still, people moving into houses for the first time might face similar problems.

Kariss Lynch, a sophomore creative writing major from Dallas, and roommate Kaylee Whitehurst, a sophomore horticulture major from Abilene, also found themselves lacking several essential household items — like a bathroom plunger.

"That's just not the first thing you think about," said White-

hurst, "and it's not something you use everyday — hopefully."

Lynch said she never thought about keeping extra batteries around the house until the first time her TV remote stopped working.

"I was like, well, guess I'm going to Wal-Mart," she said. "We keep spares at the house now."

While she admitted having her own house is fun, Lynch offered a single piece of advice: "Remember to do all your shopping before your parents leave town."

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Top 10 items students forget when they live on their own for the first time:

- Shower Curtain
- Plunger
- Cleaning Supplies
- Oven Mitts
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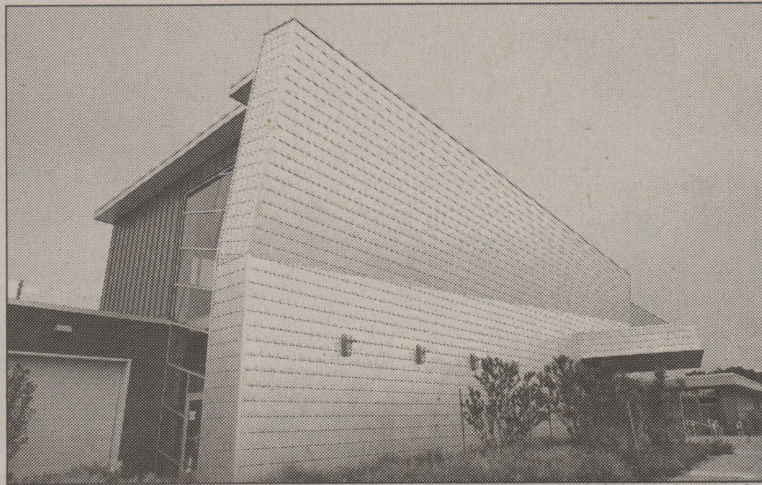
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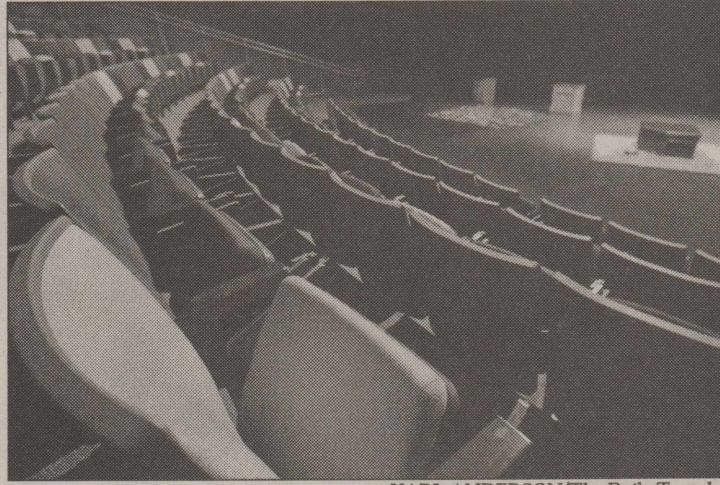
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KATHRYN OLER, THE executive director of The Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, stands in the Christine DeVitt Exhibition Hall.



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THE LOUISE HOPKINS Underwood Center for the Arts is located at 511 Ave. K and is part of First Friday Art Trail.



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THE FIREHOUSE THEATRE inside The Underwood Center for the Arts hosts performances from many groups, including Ballet Lubbock, Lubbock Community Theatre and the Hub Theatre Group.

Underwood

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At any given time, the Underwood Center for the Arts may host as many as five different exhibitions, said Kathryn Oler, executive director of the center, which houses visual, musical and performing arts.

"We provide spaces to other artists and other cultural organizations," she said of the 34,000 square feet that comprise the center. "Our mission is that we are to make these spaces affordable to artists and the cultural community."

Oler said displaying a wide variety of art exhibits in a single venue spawns a creative energy visitors can absorb.

"One of the things about what we do is when you have many organizations in one place, a sort of synergy happens," she said.

Jay C. Brown, artistic and managing director of Lubbock Community Theater, agrees the Underwood Center is special because of its collision of artistic variety.

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"This is a space unlike anything else in the entire area," he said. "It serves a need because it's all in one space. People can come away kind of stuffed full of art."

Brown said the influence the center has had on the Hub City's community-theater program has been unmistakable.

"This is the first time we've been in a space as outstanding as the Underwood Center is," he said.

Additionally, the center draws in audiences from many of the smaller towns planted outside Lubbock to radiate a community atmosphere, Brown said.

Among the exhibits currently on display are Pieced and Printed, a blend of prints and quilts created by a pair of artists who happen to be married, and the group exhibition Common Denominator, according to the center's Web site www.lhuca.org.

Cinema, another branch of art embraced by the center, is also

housed within the building's unique walls; the Firehouse Theatre, which is located in the center's main facility, hosts various features — including the Saturday Night Cinema Series.

Oler said she feels film is an under-supported media in the Hub City, and she and others have worked to launch the Flatland Film Festival, which will make its third appearance

in Lubbock in September.

Aside from the cinematic ventures the center hosts, many Texas Tech students also may recognize the building from the monthly Lubbock tradition First Friday Art Trail, Oler said.

"We feel it's important for students at Tech to come (to the Underwood Center) to have a truly well-rounded college experience," she said. "... We're also

convenient to campus."

Students can experience the next First Friday Art Trail Sept. 7, according to the center's aforementioned Web site. Trolleys carry guests to various downtown venues, where visitors can sample food, wine and, of course, a healthy helping of art.

For a full list of the center's rotation of programs and exhibits as well as information concern-

ing how to make donations visit the Web site www.lhuca.org.

"We are here grow the arts," Oler said in brief summation of the center's goals. "(We are here) to be a catalyst."

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Street Smarts

LUBBOCK STREETS:

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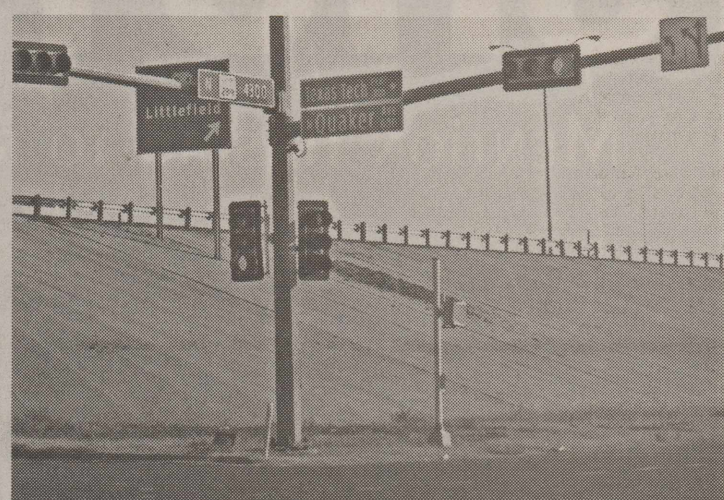


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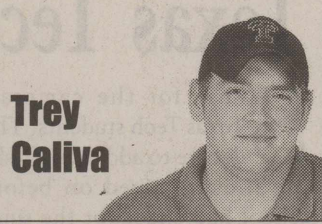
Poor street conditions highlight city's incompetence

Welcome back, Texas Tech students.

For those of you returning to Lubbock for the first time since the end of the spring semester, several surprises await you. Temperatures have, so far, avoided hitting the century mark this summer (if this is how Lubbock will be during global warming, count me in), the Cracker Barrel has opened a restaurant in Lubbock and a sports team other than one from Tech is making national headlines.

Unfortunately, so much in Lubbock remains the same. Construction still stifles your commute to school, and our existing roads remain in the same state of disrepair.

With such a large problem, it's nearly impossible to correctly identify who's at fault. But as with most problems Lubbock faces, where you find ineptitude and incompetence, the Lubbock City Council can't be far behind.



Trey Caliva

The problems are glaring. Much of University Avenue resembles a patchwork quilt of different types of road-construction techniques. Large cracks, mid-road, make up portions of University Avenue directly in front of campus.

Broadway, and much of downtown, fares even worse. Travel on these streets is a bone-jarring adventure ride, and certainly not good for any motorized vehicle. Currently, the city only works on brick streets where there are utility or water-line problems. No routine maintenance occurs.

The Street Maintenance/Improvement Plan, presented to the

Lubbock City Council May 24, acknowledges the poor condition of Lubbock streets. According to the report, 80 percent of Lubbock streets are 20 years or older, and it estimated the cost of full replacement of Lubbock's 2,944 lane miles at \$872 million.

The proposed 2007-08 city budget allots \$2.7 million for the city's street maintenance. The recommended budget, as suggested by the Street Maintenance/Improvement Plan, called for an increase to \$3.5 million. Yet, even those figures fall well short of what actually could improve Lubbock streets.

The city of Midland budgets \$5.1 million for transportation, which includes street maintenance and traffic engineering, covering fewer than 1,000 lane miles.

I happened to travel to Midland this summer, and the condition of its streets astonished me. Living in Lubbock for the past five years, I've

grown accustomed to ugly cracks in the road, potholes and uneven intersections. Midland has clean streets, smooth surfaces and a drainage system that actually works. It's shocking how something as seemingly unimportant as road conditions can affect your impression of a city.

Lubbock has adopted a different philosophy altogether. It has created a huge citywide park and recreation system, and subsequently, an even larger maintenance budget. But how often do visitors to our city actually use those amenities? Judging by my use of the Midland parks, I'd guess pretty infrequently. Now, how often do you think visitors use Lubbock's streets? All the time.

It doesn't matter how much money the city council throws into a visitor's center or campaigns to bring visitors to Lubbock. If our roads remain in such a dilapidated condition, I can guarantee their first trip will be their last.

The road woes, regrettably, don't end there. As several construction projects in Lubbock begin to come to completion, new traffic issues have been highlighted within the city. The most glaring is the intersection of Erskine and N Quaker avenues.

Before completion of the Texas Tech Parkway, most traffic in and out of the area utilized Indiana and Quaker avenues. Quaker Avenue now joins with the Tech Parkway, and as Indiana Avenue from campus is now closed, carries the majority of traffic in the area.

Traffic numbers tallied by the City of Lubbock June 26 show approximately 20,000 cars traveling through the intersection at Erskine and Quaker avenues every day. Remember, these numbers were taken during the middle of the summer, when most Tech students aren't in town. Even so, anyone traveling through the intersection can attest

to the danger faced by the lack of a traffic signal.

During 2006 — pre-Texas Tech Parkway — the city recorded 19 accidents at the intersection. With the inevitable increase in traffic, it's only a matter of time before the problems at this intersection results in serious injury or death.

That example is only one of many where construction has created problems elsewhere, but along with the condition of Lubbock streets, it's a good example of how poor planning and leadership can affect an entire city. The last part of the city's mission statements reads to "commit to excellence," and residents of Lubbock must hold their government accountable for failing to do exactly that.

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Simple alternatives can prevent parking woes

Parking on campus ain't always easy.

For one thing, it costs more than \$100 — not an insignificant detail given the rising cost of education and the even-more-excruciating gas-price spikes. Endless construction projects and oversold parking lots thwart Techsians on a daily basis. To make matters worse, during winter, ice can shut down entire lots.

Those privileged enough to actually encounter open parking spots count themselves lucky to complete the process of squeezing through the clogged entrances to campus and combating peers for prime parking locations in fewer than 30 minutes. This phenomenon is nicely summed up in a popular bumper sticker that reads, "Tell my prof I'm still looking for a parking space."

Parking space found, students who drive to school usually can count on enjoying either a lovely half-mile jaunt across campus, or, if feeling particularly sluggish one morning, a 15-minute wait for a campus bus.

And, of course, it practically is guaranteed at least five times in the course of a year that battles will be waged with our friendly neighborhood parking-enforcement team, who we all endearingly refer to with names perhaps not appropriate for printed materials — especially the lovely men and women who fearlessly guard our campus each day in their plastic lookout posts.

There will be boots. Yellow envelopes filled with nasty slips of paper that will whittle your paycheck down to pocket change. There is a strong possibility your car will eventually be towed. It's a jungle out there.

Given the inherent expense, dangers and inconveniences associated with driving to campus, it's somewhat of a mystery as to why so many people put



Sarai Brinker

up with the hassle. I certainly don't.

Though contrary to what an alien life form might believe should he or she observe the transportation habits of the average Techsian, the human body actually does not require a personal vehicle to transport itself from one location to another.

Normally at this point I would tout the many advantages of utilizing public-transportation systems. However, let's face it, we live in Lubbock, and I might as well recommend all students invest in nice pairs of fluffy wings or broomsticks as their primary mode of transportation. So then, moving right along.

My primary mode of transportation is the bicycle. These contraptions are rarely sighted in Lubbock, though recently they have been becoming increasingly popular around campus. Most are easily recognized by their two front wheels and lack of doors. They are operated by legs, which people in most places in the world use to get themselves from one place to another.

Although bicycles appear to be much slower than cars, they actually harbor many advantages.

I live approximately a mile from campus. Each day last semester, my neighbor and I left at approximately the same time for class. Each day, my neighbor drove past me and waved to me on his way to park on 22nd Street and Boston Avenue. Each day, I rode by him on my bicycle a few minutes later and waved back as he walked across

19th Street. He never seemed to catch on that it was actually much faster to bike from where we live.

Additionally, our campus furnishes bike racks in front of just about every building on campus. This is the equivalent to a front row parking space. No waiting for a bus or walking across from the United Spirit Arena to your political science class in Holden Hall. There are no tickets — unless you manage to run over a stray pedestrian a time or two. Best of all, it's absolutely free. The campus even has painted lanes just for bicycles — it really makes one feel quite special.

I do realize, however, a lot of people live several miles away from campus, and given the anti-biker atmosphere prevalent in most of Lubbock — I biked on 50th Street one day and only narrowly escaped with my life — biking or walking to school just isn't a realistic option. People would fair better with the aforementioned wings and broomsticks.

This is where carpooling comes in. There are about 30,000 students attending Texas Tech. Find someone who lives near you and ask for a ride, or just get a friend to do so. Take turns, split the cost of gas. If everyone carpoled instead of driving separately to the same location, imagine how much easier it would be to find a space.

It's amazing how well alternative transportation systems like carpooling, walking or biking can work. It's often much easier than paying for a permit, searching for ages for a space, paying literally hundreds of dollars in fees, fines and gas bills, and fighting construction and University Parking Services on a daily basis.

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VIEWS FROM AROUND THE BIG 12

Partisanship in cable news networks poisons journalism, raises skepticism

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(U-WIRE) LAWRENCE, Kan. — Depending on who you ask these days, something is always dying. According to Nas, hip-hop is dead. Ask any writer for "TV Guide" and he or she will say the three-camera angle sitcom is dead (and reality TV killed it). However, watch an episode of "The O'Reilly Factor" and it will be made perfectly clear that most investigative journalism perpetuated by men and women in coastal enclaves is effectively killing journalism.

But is this really so? People like Mr. O'Reilly and Keith Olbermann believe that activist, biased reporting is responsible for the demise of journalistic integrity. Take case in point: Mr. Olbermann has a rather humorous moniker for Fox News Channel; he calls it Fox Noise Channel. The basic premise behind this nickname is that Fox News blatantly disregards the nobility of serious journalism.

By constantly employing conservative commentators who seemingly give slanted views on liberal Democrats, Olbermann asserts that this new form

of TV journalism sullies the name journalists like William Allen White and Walter Cronkite had endeavored to create.

Hey, don't get me wrong, I would absolutely jump at the chance to contribute to or work for the Fox News Corporation or MSNBC. I feel both media outlets are very much authentic and worthy of their reputations, but both companies could ease up on the mudslinging of each other.

So, enough of those two. How about that New York Times? Almost every conservative pundit nominates this

prestigious institution as the bastion of all things liberal, biased and contemptuous of the Bush administration. While the Times has printed some questionable columns, I still believe this paper has the wherewithal to back up its creed of "all the news that's fit to print."

The major issue here seems to be one side of the political spectrum blaming the other side for journalism's death, when journalism appears to be doing just fine. I really don't buy Ann Coulter's shtick about liberal universities pumping their little liberal graduates into the media in order to keep some imaginary

stronghold on the public and force it to adhere to liberal philosophy. Just in the same way, Fox News or conservative radio hosts are not out to destroy all that is holy and free in the media or broadcasting.

Sadly, the pink elephant in the room remains to be that these aforementioned news and opinion journalists aren't willing to accept articles and editorials written or spoken with a differing point of view. It seems like every other week some liberal goes into an apoplexy over some article written by a conservative that may suggest that Osama Bin Laden

is a real terrorist, not Rupert Murdoch or any branch of the U.S. military. However, as with most prophecies of doom and gloom, the inevitable silver lining rears its head. Lil' Wayne is giving the breath of life to hip-hop, and Julia Louis-Dreyfus (Elaine on "Seinfeld") continues to generate high ratings and Emmy nominations for CBS.

So perhaps Keith Olbermann is a bit premature in pronouncing Fox News as the assassin of all things spoken and scribed with journalistic integrity. But really, can we do something about that Glenn Beck guy?

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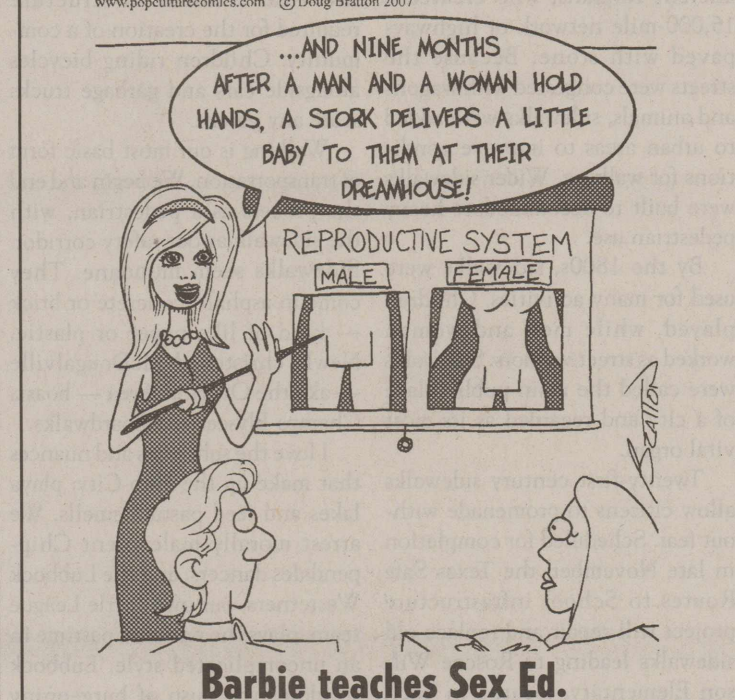
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Reporting events in the community and how those events affect citizens is our primary goal. It is our job to provide comprehensive and objective coverage of daily events and decisions that have the greatest effect on the student body. Even for those who feel Lubbock is a temporary home, every Tech student is part of the Lubbock community and should be aware of how that relationship affects their daily lives.

Some readers, past and present, have accused The DT of being a self-serving entity plagued with biased reporting and inaccuracies.

It is not our intent to push opinions on readers, but rather, it is to give them the necessary start to investigate the world around them.

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Giving Lady Liberty a new look

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(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Lady Liberty could use a makeover.

For generations, the Statue of Liberty has greeted immigrants and represented American ideals; she faced away from our coast, projecting our best to the world.

Standing proud and resolute in a robe with broken shackles at her feet, she fits in well with hundreds of years of artistic tradition and the mythology of statehood.

But like any symbol, she could use some updates to stay modern. A few suggestions:

First, get some new clothes. The robe and crown worked well, but a cap and gown would be a good change.

Freedom ultimately comes from our ability to triumph over "the darkness of ignorance and man's oppression," as President Cleveland remarked at the

Statue's dedication. Our most prominent national figure ought to reflect the role of education in that triumph.

Second, get rid of the torch. While the torch is an enduring symbol — "the light which illuminates the way to man's enfranchisement," to again quote President Cleveland — a reference to fossil fuels is a bit contradictory to the message we should be sending to the rest of the world.

Consuming fossil fuels might imply financing leaders of oil-rich countries who have turned their back on liberty (see: Iran, Russia and Venezuela). A college degree makes for a better accessory — and one which serves as an affront to despots everywhere.

With the new outfit, keep the broken shackles. They should remind America and the world of the human bondage which still continues in the forms of sexual slavery and political tyranny.

Third, consider relocating to the West Coast.

Lady Liberty's current residence outside New York was a wise choice for the 19th and 20th centuries, but the shores of the Pacific seem a more appropriate choice for the coming century.

This change would allow the statue to look out to China and India. We would do well to recognize the important role these two rising nations will play in the next hundred years and the skills their immigrants will bring to America.

A move west would welcome these new citizens and provide them with an image befitting their thirst for education.

Aside from those suggestions, Ms. Liberty is holding up nicely and could be quite modern. As a woman clad in graduation attire, she does justice to the role of women in American universities.

Since the dedication of the statue in 1886, two of the most powerful and positive changes in America have been increased access to college and the equal opportunities provided to women.

Lady Liberty was the first glimpse of America for many immigrants a century ago. Those immigrants and their children quickly became valuable assets to our country, in part because of the message of hope which greeted them and the opportunities our nation provides.

These hopes and opportunities are still very real in America. At our best, America provides a powerful symbol to the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free," as Emma Lazarus wrote. The American dream can help these masses become free, educated and contribute to the welfare of the world.

I don't seriously suggest altering the Statue of Liberty, but I do suggest we should recognize the changes, which have occurred over generations. A new, enduring icon would benefit immigrants and the rest of America today, and help remind college students of the importance of their studies, an importance that they often overlook.

Smile for the cameras, Texas Tech students

Smile for the cameras, Texas Tech students! The debate to add these flashing flickers raged on before school had ended for the summer, and now red-light cameras are a very real part of a Lubbock motorist's life. The Lubbock City Council, save District 3 Councilman Todd Klein and District 5 Councilman John Leonard, decided to ignore the data and numerous studies showing the use of photographic traffic-signal-enforcement systems actually increases the number of accidents.

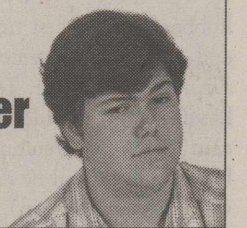
Following the installation of these traffic systems by numerous municipalities in Texas, the Texas Legislature began looking into the pros and cons of these systems. Over the summer, Gov. Rick Perry signed House Bill 1623 into law, designating cities to give half of their red light-camera revenue to the state. The legislation, which officially goes into effect on Saturday, uses the revenue collected to fund trauma facilities and emergency medical services. Cities must use whatever might be left of the money to fund public-safety programs. Although, after paying the traffic-camera companies their fees, there usually won't be anything left.

This wonderfully appropriate piece of legislation has the opportunity to be a great filter against money-hungry municipalities that fill out contracts with these camera companies with dollar signs in their eyes.

In addition to this, Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, authored an amendment to Senate Bill 1119 requiring cities to prove to the Legislature the cameras actually reduce the number of accidents in given cities. The Legislature must be convinced by Sept. 1, 2009, or the cameras will come down statewide. The new amendments to the bill require the Texas Department of Transportation to issue annual reports on camera effectiveness by performing a comparative analysis on intersections with red-light cameras against those without.

This is good news because many surveys throughout the years show red-light cameras actually increase the number of accidents in given cities. A 2007 survey by the Virginia Transportation Research Council showed exactly that fact. According to the report, "Cameras were associated with an increase in total crashes. Arlington and Fairfax counties saw significant increases, Falls Church and Vienna counties saw non-significant increases, and Fairfax City county saw a nonsignificant decrease." Arlington, Va., was hit the worst by these cameras, seeing a 139 percent increase in rear-end collisions, a 53 percent increase in angle collisions and an 89 percent rise in injuries.

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Averages for the state of Virginia included a 42 percent increase in rear-endings, a 20 percent increase in angle collisions and an 18 percent rise in injuries.

These particular findings were released July 5 and remained consistent with a 2005 study by the Virginia Department of Transportation that found the cameras were associated with an 8 percent to 17 percent increase in accidents. Those findings, along with many others, were available to the Lubbock City Council, yet some members still voted in favor of the cameras, thereby risking Lubbockites' safety in exchange for extra money.

I realize the council's monetary dreams have been crushed by the Texas Legislature, but when the council made the decision to add the cameras, it lamely claimed to do so for our safety, not the revenue. Backing out of the contract following this recent legislation would be the same as admitting the council members' intentions were less than pure.

A possibility to decrease red-light running would be to improve signal visibility and have longer yellow periods. A study by the Texas Transportation Institute showed improving signal visibility reduced redlight running by 25 percent, and lengthening signal yellow times by one second more than the Institute of Transportation Engineers recommended time yielded a huge decrease of red-light running by 53 percent, and a collision reduction of 40 percent.

These implementations would be quite a step above a system that many believe violates a citizens' Sixth Amendment right to face their accusers. A camera cannot exercise the discretion that a police officer can in issuing citations.

Being an advocate of smaller government, I cringe at the fact these cameras are among the many ways the Lubbock City Council has bloated local government to unseen levels. For a city once ranked as the second most conservative in the nation by the Bay Area Center for Voting Research, even if only by national voting patterns, it seems Lubbock has strayed far from the conservative values our elected local representatives formerly stressed. In the next election, our voters may want to look into candidates who want to keep Lubbock's local government small and make the city worth staying in after graduation.

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Potholes, problems exist on other side of Lubbock

Chunks of asphalt on the street pile up like dirty clothes on a laundry-room floor. The to-and-fro motion of the wind complement my mid-morning saunter down Main Street. Rain and dust clump to the sidewalk's cracks and crevices, leaving my shoes with a new, tawny hue.

My thoughts drift back to the ancient Romans, who created a 15,000-mile network of highways paved with stone. Because the streets were congested with wagons and animals, sidewalks were added to urban areas to improve conditions for walking. Wider sidewalks were built to accommodate heavy pedestrian use.

By the 1800s, sidewalks were used for many activities. Children played, while men and women worked as street vendors. Sidewalks were called the main public place of a city and regarded as its most vital organ.

Twenty-first century sidewalks allow citizens to promenade without fear. Scheduled for completion in late November, the Texas Safe Routes to School infrastructure project will repair and replace old sidewalks leading to Roscoe Wilson Elementary, located in Tech

Matt
Wisnewski



Terrace.

Cities without sidewalks lack the vital element of structure required for the creation of a community. Children riding bicycles alongside cars and garbage trucks scare any parent.

Walking is our most basic form of transportation. We begin and end the process as a pedestrian, with the sidewalk as our safety corridor. Sidewalks seem mundane. They come in asphalt, concrete or brick — kind of like paper or plastic. Newly christened McDougalville — aka the Overton Area — boasts Champs-Elysees-size boardwalks.

I love the subtleties and nuances that make up the Hub City: playa lakes and feed pasture smells. We arrest morally malevolent Chippendales dancers, and the Lubbock Westerners, our own Little League team, plays the national pastime in an uncomplicated style. Lubbock straddles the cusp of burgeoning

suburbia, only to be yanked down by its Sisyphus stone, East Lubbock.

The neglect of the town's blind spot gets passed on from city council to city council. Infrastructure is haphazardly there, construction nonexistent.

Why is it that many think Lubbock only exists west of I-27? I am sure the city's suits and skirts would say, "Progress is being made, business are lined up out the door ... development is here and now." If I asked for particulars, they would point to Mackenzie Park, then stammer and dismiss my question. East Lubbock is what it is — a blighted chunk of land that's not on McDougal's or the council's radar.

Revitalization along University Avenue with Bar PM, Starbucks, Chili's and Freebird's is a chest sticking out, point of pride for the city — and rightly so. The Marsha Sharp Freeway — when completed — appreciably will alter our morning drives and afternoon exits. Think of the traffic muddle between Covenant Health System's buildings and Quaker Avenue being gone. You sigh and lean back, yearning for that convenience. That's the summation of Lubbock: expediency over necessity.

Large sections of the city appear dilapidated in comparison to the cool, cookie-cutter condos and apartments continually shooting up. McDougalville is a status symbol limiting the sense of community. The few houses remaining on Main Street are leftovers waiting to be squashed, evicted by eminent domain and *Kelo v. New London*, so Daddy Warbucks can give his child an appropriate living arrangement.

Walk the streets of East Lubbock and the disparity becomes clear as day: unpaved streets, faulty traffic signals — a plebeian existence. There's no Starbucks on every corner; rather, there are potholes on every street and sidewalk.

Let's make this a start of a new beginning. I am fed up with the lies coming from the Patricians. We gotta speak out: No longer can we keep our hands in our pockets. Societies are judged by how they treat their poor and downtrodden. As of now, Lubbock's running dead last. Demand change in your city.

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KELLERMAN'S MOVIE REVIEW

'Superbad' is Superhilarious

"Superbad," directed by Greg Mottola, has been raking in money at the box office lately, and it's no surprise: The ridiculously crude adventures of these high school boys make up one of the best teen comedies in recent memory.

Chris Kellerman



Best buds Seth (Jonah Hill) and Evan (Michael Cera) are somewhat loser-ish high school seniors nearing graduation. The guys' plans to go to college together evaporate when Evan is accepted to Dartmouth, but Seth isn't — though they try to play it cool and pretend they won't miss each other. Instead of any deep conversations about the future, the guys revel in disgusting each other with sex jokes and insults, most of which revolve around the penis.

about 20 minutes of useless material in the middle. It involves a strange plot twist which lands the guys at a rough party. Thankfully, the film is never boring, though any scene which didn't include Mintz-Plasse only made me miss him more.

When Seth and Evan are invited to a party on a Friday night (the whole story takes place in one day), the guys solicit help from their nerdy friend Fogell (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) to buy booze, each hoping to use alcohol to woo the girls of their dreams. Fogell confidently buys a fake ID representing a 25-year-old Hawaiian named McLovin and enters the liquor store — only to be caught in the middle of a calamitous situation taking the boys on a wild ride through a night, which, scene after scene, worsens when it can't seem to get any worse.

The issue of the crude humor and language must be addressed. I have never heard more penis jokes or such a steady stream of the F-word in my life.

As I remember high school, considering it was only four years ago, there was a lot of sex talk and cussing — but this is overkill. When used properly, vulgar language can sharpen scripts and provide shocking, yet funny dialogue — "The Departed" comes to mind — but when overused, vulgar language just gets annoying.

And it gets bad — but not for the audience. I simply never have laughed in a theater as much as I did during "Superbad," and I tend to despise teen comedies. What makes this one better is the sharp script, written by Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg (the namesakes of the film's main characters), and a cast with perfect timing.

Despite these flaws, "Superbad" is charming. Sure, the guys appear to have less than moral intentions at the beginning, but they ultimately have good hearts and share a strong, loving friendship — a trait teen comedies often refuse to show between males. In fact, it's the charm of "Superbad" that raises it levels above the film industry's usual trashy attempts at humor for the high school and college crowd.

Hill, and especially Cera, do well as awkward friends with separation anxiety, but newcomer Mintz-Plasse is easily the best thing about "Superbad." Every teen movie has an annoying nerd, but Mintz-Plasse steals each of his scenes by refusing to descend into the cliché brainiac with a snorting laugh and no common sense or social skills.

No doubt Hollywood will continue pumping out those mindless comedies that assume the audience doesn't care about a good script or fine acting. Meanwhile, I'll be buying an "I am McLovin" T-shirt.

RATING:

(out of five "Guns Up")

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Instead, Fogell is a lovable, scrawny teen who thinks he's the most suave guy in school. Mintz-Plasse's delivery is stunning, and his facial expressions are impeccable. You've got to see it to believe it.

The plot takes some ludicrous turns, especially when Fogell finds himself in the backseat of a police car with two goofy officers played by Bill Hader and Seth Rogen. The officers turn on their sirens to run red lights and drink copious amounts of beer while driving to their next stops, where they're more than willing to brandish their guns.

Sure, Fogell is having fun, but one often wonders why he just doesn't ask the cops to take him to the party where his dream girl awaits.

But this is a movie that doesn't require a lot of thought. We don't need to sit and analyze why certain things occur or why none of the characters seem to have last names. Unlike the "American Pie" series and similar films, "Superbad" doesn't take itself that seriously. Only at the end is there a brief splash of sentimentality, which is entirely appropriate and humanizes the boys just enough to make you wish they were your best friends.

The film runs a little too long with

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In over his head: Man tells tale of drug abuse, edge of death

GILBERT, W.Va. (AP)—When his craving for painkillers got to be too much, Steve Dotson lay down and let his wife drive a car over his leg. It hurt, but he could dismiss the pain with thoughts of the medicated bliss that would follow.

Soon, he lost his house, the state took his children away and he was spending nights under a bridge, where he hoped to die.

"You get to where you don't even want them (pills) anymore, you just do them so you can get through the day," said the 43-year-old southern West Virginia resident.

Dotson is one of millions of Americans who have experienced the harm that can come from addiction to the prescription narcotic hydrocodone. Less regulated than similar prescription painkillers, drugs containing hydrocodone have quietly become the most widely prescribed — and, perhaps, widely abused — opiate painkillers on the market.

With 124 million prescriptions in 2005, drugs containing hydrocodone are the most popular of their type in the country, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's Office of Diversion Control.

They are sold under hundreds of brand names and generic titles, and hydrocodone can be found in medication ranging from cough syrup to painkillers.

The most commonly prescribed product combines hydrocodone and acetaminophen, which is marketed under brand names like Vicodin and Lortab.

The DEA reported in 2006 that legal retail distribution of drugs with hydrocodone had grown by roughly 66 percent nationwide since 2001.

Its illicit use had grown as well, and by 2005, hydrocodone was the most frequently encountered pharmaceutical of its kind in drug evidence submitted to the National Forensic Laboratory Information System. The Drug Abuse Warning Network has said hydrocodone products are linked to more emergency room visits than any other prescription painkiller.

As abuse has grown, treatment for addiction and dependence has become more common — and more controversial.

While abstinence-based programs that encourage addicts to quit painkillers like hydrocodone are common, there is also a widespread drug-based way of treating the addiction with

methadone, another opioid.

In many parts of the country, methadone clinics have drawn fire from residents and politicians who contend they attract crime. West Virginia's legislature earlier this year passed a moratorium on any new clinics that use methadone until a study can be completed.

"A lot of these people are soccer moms buying Vicodin off the Internet," said Timothy Lepak, a Connecticut-based advocate for alternative addiction treatments. "They wouldn't even think of going to a methadone clinic."

Some physicians now prescribe Buprenorphine, another drug, to help patients cope with addictions. But only about 11,000 physicians nationally are certified to prescribe it, experts said.

The extent of prescription painkiller abuse in central Appalachia drew national attention about five years ago, when oxycodone was the drug of choice for many people. The drug, most commonly known under the brand name OxyContin, was so widely abused it earned the nickname "hillbilly heroin."

As OxyContin came under scrutiny, doctors were more careful about how they prescribed it. Many switched to hydrocodone products, which were already popular but didn't have the same stigma.

All 50 states saw increases in the distribution of hydrocodone between 2001 and 2005. But the trend was particularly significant in the South, where all of the top 10 states in terms of increased distribution are located, the DEA says. Four of the top five — Tennessee, West Virginia, Kentucky and Alabama — include parts of Appalachia.

Authorities say hydrocodone is so popular in this region partly because it's easy to acquire. Street drugs like heroin are harder to come by in sparsely populated rural areas. Prescription painkillers can be found at every pharmacy and pain clinic, as well as ordered over the Internet.

"When I started in this field, the primary client was involved with alcohol," says David Bailey, a community resource specialist with the West Virginia Prevention Resource Center.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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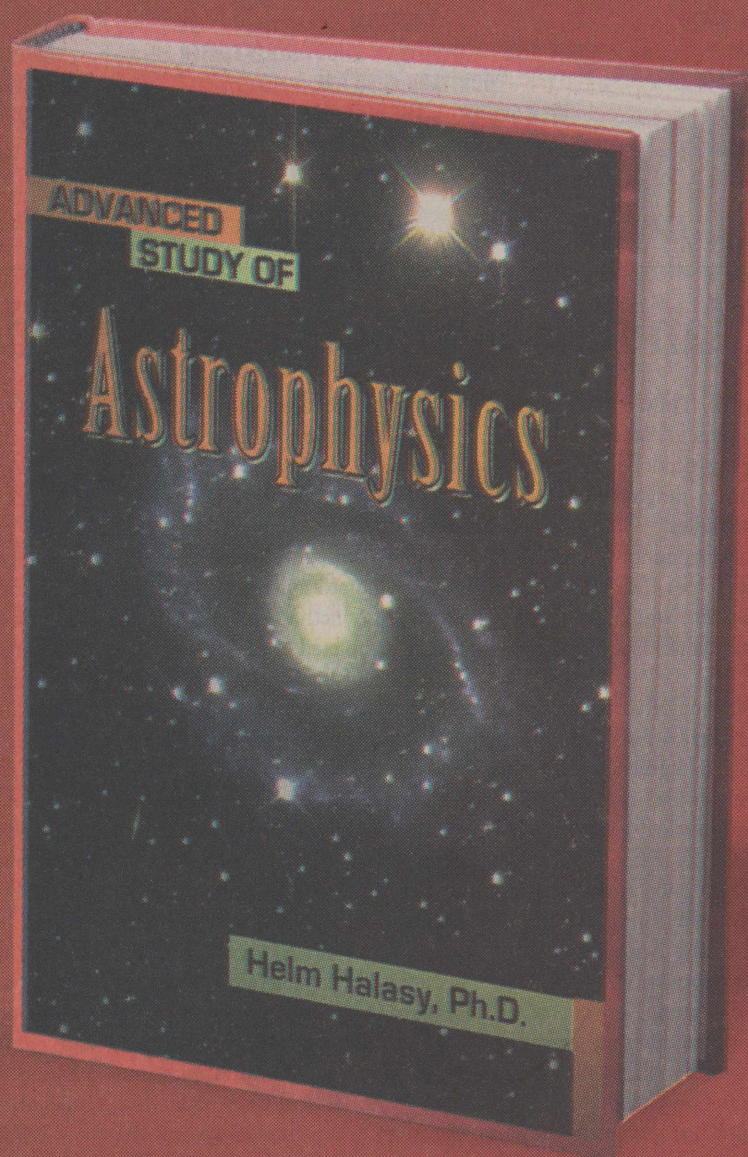
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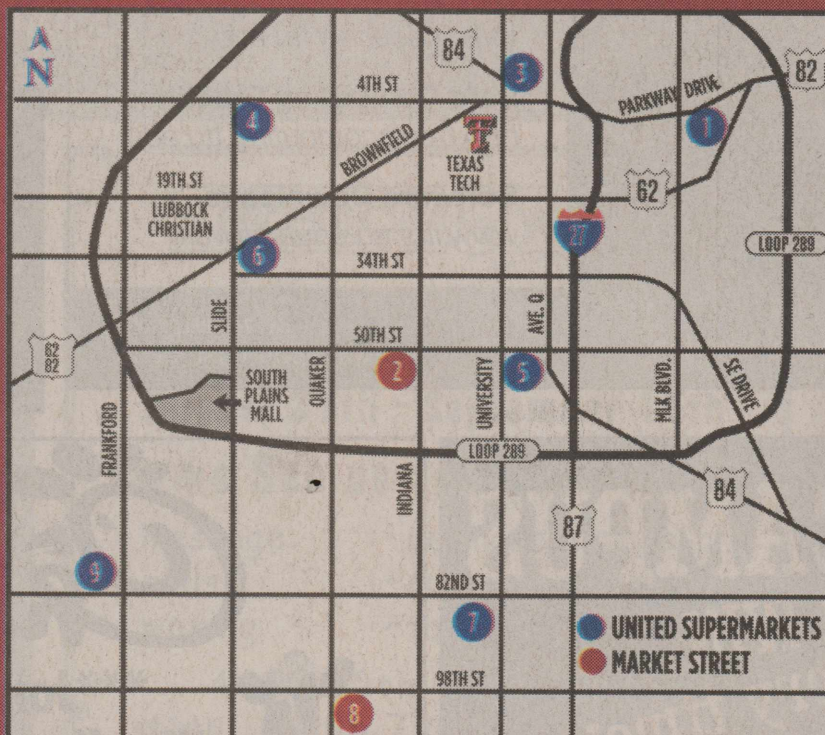


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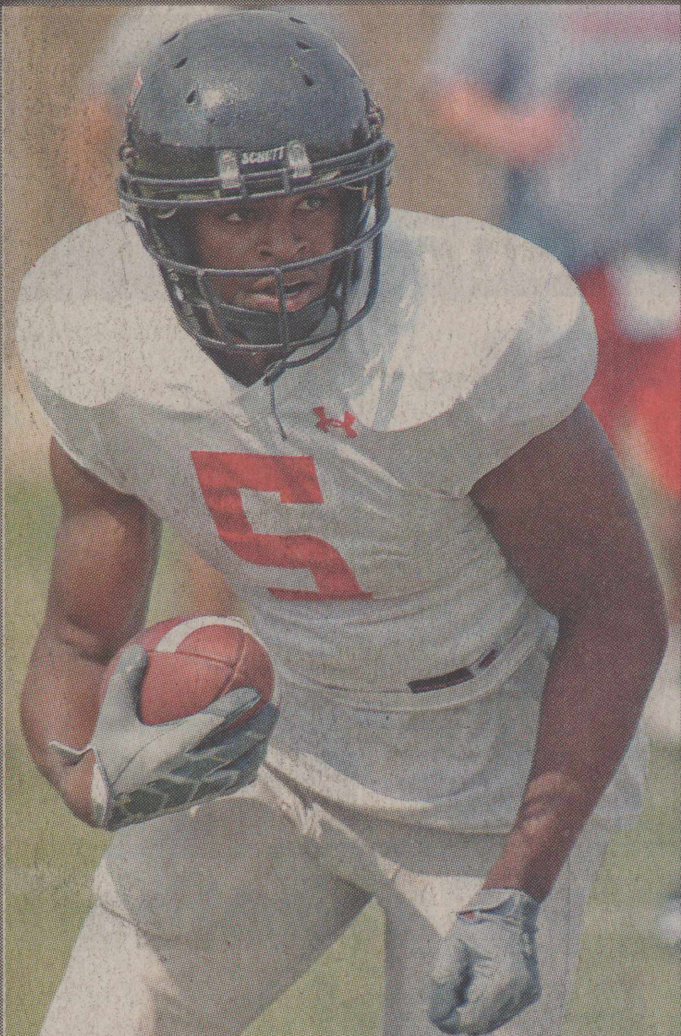
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OFFENSIVE LINE

Under construction: Coach Mike Leach says starting positions 'not set in stone'

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

With one returning starter up front, the Texas Tech offensive line continues to look for the best combinations of offensive linemen.

Offensive line coach Matt Moore said he sees room for change in the future, but tampering with a blocking scheme that allowed 18 sacks in 656 pass attempts is not one of them.

"Scheme-wise, we're not changing anything," Moore said. "A team that led the (Big 12) in giving up the least number of sacks last year per attempt, it's not like (the scheme) is broke, so I'm not trying to fix it."

A change made during fall practice involved junior Louis

Vasquez, the line's most experienced blocker, moving outside to left tackle, and sophomore Marlon Winn moving inside to guard.

Moore said moving Vasquez to left tackle was an idea former Tech offensive line coach Jack Bicknell was tossing around before he left to coach at Boston College.

Moore agreed with the move because of the amount of attention the left side brought last year.

After a week with Vasquez at left tackle, Moore and coaches decided to move the line around again, inserting junior Rylan Reed at left tackle and junior Jake Johnson to right tackle.

Moore said moving Vasquez back to left guard had nothing to do with the lineman's performance.

"He's one of those guys that's

one of your most dominant, and you have to put them where they're most comfortable and build your players around him," Moore said. "It wasn't him at all. He's done a great job. Moving out to tackle has helped him out a lot in the offense."

Vasquez said he welcomed the move to left tackle.

"Everything is pretty much the same with this offense," he said. "Me switching out to left tackle wasn't really big to me. It's just about playing football."

Head coach Mike Leach said the offensive-line situation will fluctuate because coaches want to see every possibility in hopes of finding the right fit.

"No, nothing is set in stone," Leach said. "(Coaches are) just trying to try some things out

and see what combinations work together."

Moore said members of the line have shown they get along well, and he credits the strength-and-conditioning coach Bennie Wylie for molding their relationship.

"They really came together in that weight room this year," he said. "Bennie did a great job of bringing in those guys and they really responded to what he was preaching, and how he worked them."

Junior Stephen Hamby said the friendship of this year's line will substitute well for the players' inexperience.

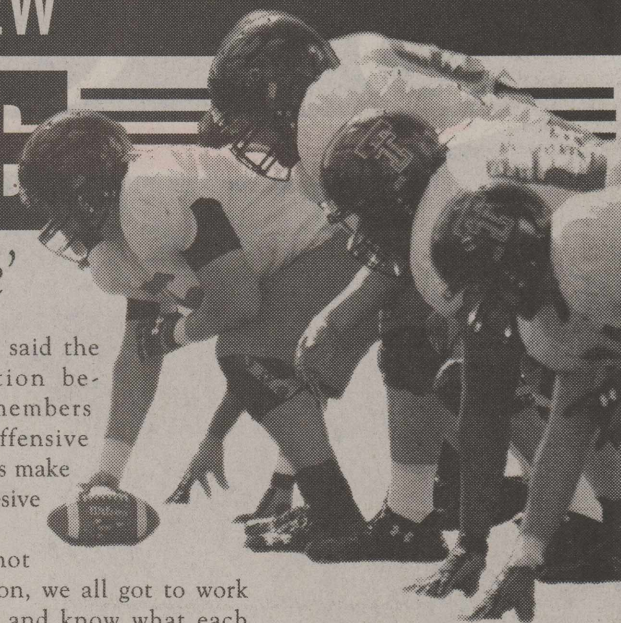
"Everybody has been criticizing us a lot because we're all young and stuff," he said. "I've probably never seen our team in the past three years this united."

Winn said the connection between members of the offensive line helps make for a cohesive unit.

"It's not one person, we all got to work together and know what each other is thinking," he said. "It's not uncommon for myself to get up there and look at Louis and know what he wants to tell me without him saying anything or vice versa."

Moore said he believes three sophomores show potential to start this season, with Shawn Byrnes at center, Brandon Carter at right guard and Winn at left guard.

Competition continues to



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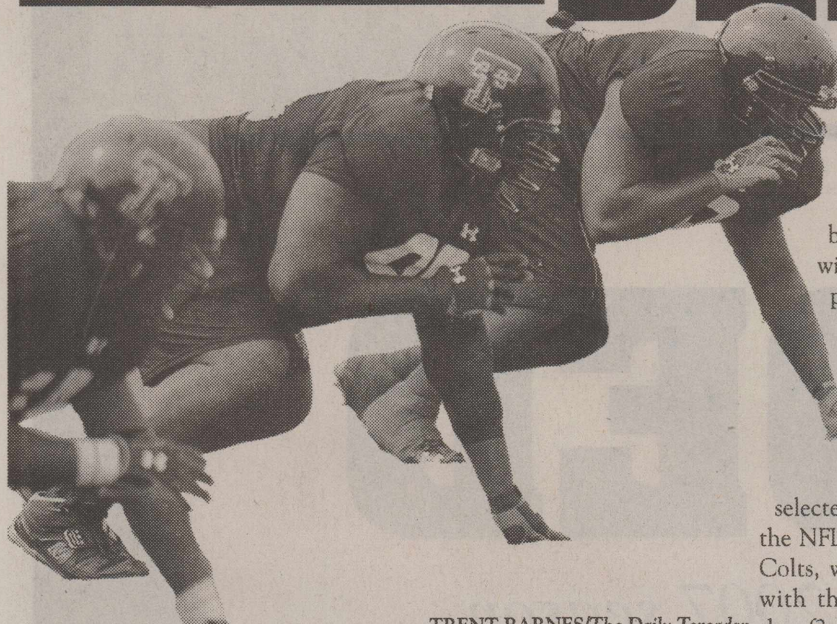
fuel the offensive line, and Moore said he enjoys every second of it.

"The young guys are working real hard out here," he said. "They all want to get playing time. They all see that there's a chance that they could be a solid back up or be a rotation guy and they're all battling to get that spot."

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DEFENSIVE LINE

D-line reloads with freshmen talent seeking starting roles



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TEXAS TECH'S DEFENSIVE line looks to be a force in the Big 12 this season starting 2007 with a combination of returning starters and young talent.

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech football team's defensive line will feature a rotation of experienced and inexperienced players in the 2007 season, as coaches try to replace players who went on to play in the professional ranks.

Keyunta Dawson was selected in the seventh round of the NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts, while Chris Hudler signed with the Lubbock Renegades of the af2, a minor league of the arena football league.

The freshmen linemen look to join a defensive line that returns

players Rajon Henley, Richard Jones, Brandon Williams and Jake Ratliff.

Henley received significant playing time in 2006, playing 11 games while making 14 tackles, and Jones recorded six tackles and one sack in 10 games played.

Defensive line coach Ruffin McNeill said he believes freshmen Colby Whitlock and Bobby Agoucha present excellent potential up front and could be part of a six-man rotation McNeill intends to incorporate this upcoming season.

Agoucha's football experience may be limited — the 6-foot-4, 328-pound lineman played four high school games his senior season — but McNeill said the freshman's raw talent is an intriguing advantage when

it comes to coaching.

"Everything is new to him, which I like because everything I know will be what he knows," McNeill said. "The thing that (Agoucha) brings is he's got as much talent or more at the position. He's got a great first step, great power at the point of contact. He uses his hands well, and he understands body position during pass rush."

Agoucha said he believes his fundamentals at the position continue to get better as his reps increase during practice.

"I look at it like everyday I step out here like I'm still at the bottom of the ladder," he said. "I just come out here everyday with an open mind ready to learn and just try to mature

myself everyday."

McNeill said it is obvious Whitlock's experience as a high school wrestler gives him a considerable advantage.

"He understands balance and change of body momentum on an offensive lineman for pass rush, which is the hardest thing to teach," he said. "You only have a split second to take advantage of a guy's off-balance posture. Colby's wrestling experience helps him understand that. He gets them leaning one way, and knows how to counter that and come opposite."

Another freshman defensive tackle that could help the Red

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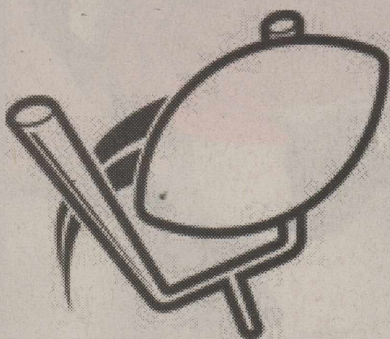
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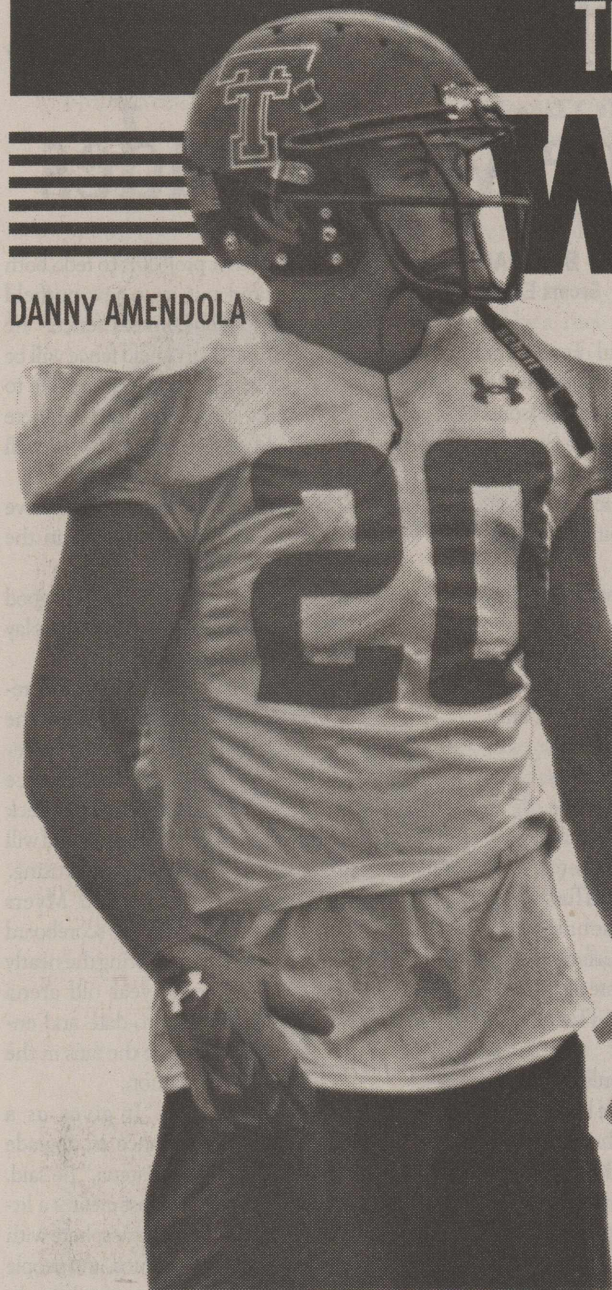


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WIDE RECEIVERS

Talented receivers fight for playing time, starting positions

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech football team welcomed several freshmen receivers during the off-season in order to replace the departures of Jarrett Hicks, Robert Johnson and Joel Filani.

Tech offensive coordinator Dana Holgorsen said he believes freshmen Detron Lewis, Tramain Swindall, Lyle Leong and Jacoby Franks might be the best group of receivers brought in since he began coaching at Tech in 2000.

"If you look back on Hicks and Filani when those guys were freshmen, these guys are further along as far as their skills go. They catch the ball better. They come out of their breaks better. They run faster. Their body types are about the same. These guys have a little more speed there too; their hand-eye coordination is better at this point."

Lewis, a three-star recruit according to rivals.com, said he is going through the learning process with regards to the quickness of college plays.

"Everybody is going fast, I got to get

that down," he said. "Everything else will come as time goes. We do a lot of running and that gives us conditioning; 7-on-7 helps me with the plays.

The tempo really is different than 7-on-7 in high school and 7-on-7 in college. It's just helping me, the workouts, the weights. I'm getting stronger. All the guys in the college level are a lot stronger."

Swindall, of Oklahoma City, also is a three-star recruit according to rivals.com. He practiced with the team during two-a-days along with Leong and Lewis.

While the freshmen battle

for playing time, wide receivers such as junior L.A. Reed, sophomore Edward Britton, and redshirt freshman Michael Crabtree could help

replace the trio of Hicks, Johnson and Filani, which amassed 52 percent of total passing yards and 26 touchdowns in 2006.

Reed and Britton saw playing time in 2006 and combined for 288 yards and three touchdowns.

Danny Amendola and Grant Walker return as the only senior wide receivers.

Amendola caught 48 passes for 487 yards and five touchdowns during the 2006 season,

while Walker caught 23 passes for 264 yards.

Holgorsen said he believes summer workouts and experienced advice helped speed up the learning process for the young receivers.

"They've been doing 7-on-7 for two months so that gives them a jump start," he said. It helps having the smarter guys like Amendola and Eric Morris so they can kind of coach those guys."

Reed said he sees the potential in the young receivers and offers them advice when they have trouble with different parts of their game.

"They're doing a good job," Reed said. "They're young so they're coming in fresh. We got a lot of young people all the way across. Anytime they need answers to something technique-wise or running routes or something like that, I just help them out because I know the plays."

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Offensive Coordinator

PUNTERS

Freshman LaCour, junior Berg compete for starting punter job

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Punters understand timing presents an important factor for their position, which can explain why punters Grant Berg and Jonathan LaCour feel pressure to lock up the starting position with one week remaining until kickoff.

"I'm definitely ready for (the season to start)," Berg said. "These

two-a-days and the reps we've been getting have been good for us. We're fit for a game-time situation because of the pressure put on us for the punting spot."

Special teams coach Ruffin McNeill explained what each punter needs practice on to become the starter.

He said LaCour's operation time needs to speed up, and he must get accustomed to kicking in the South Plains.

"(LaCour's) leg is strong," McNeill said. "We had him kicking into the wind today, which he's got to get used to in West Texas, kicking into the wind. He's got to know how to drive the ball a little bit, that takes time, but I like the way he's progressed."

LaCour said he understands his long steps and traditional two-step punting style slow down his operation time, so he decided to switch to a one-step punt to lower his time and meet coach McNeill's expectations.

McNeill later acknowledged LaCour's style changes lowered the time between the snap and when the ball leaves his foot.

Berg said he recently changed to a one-step style and cut down

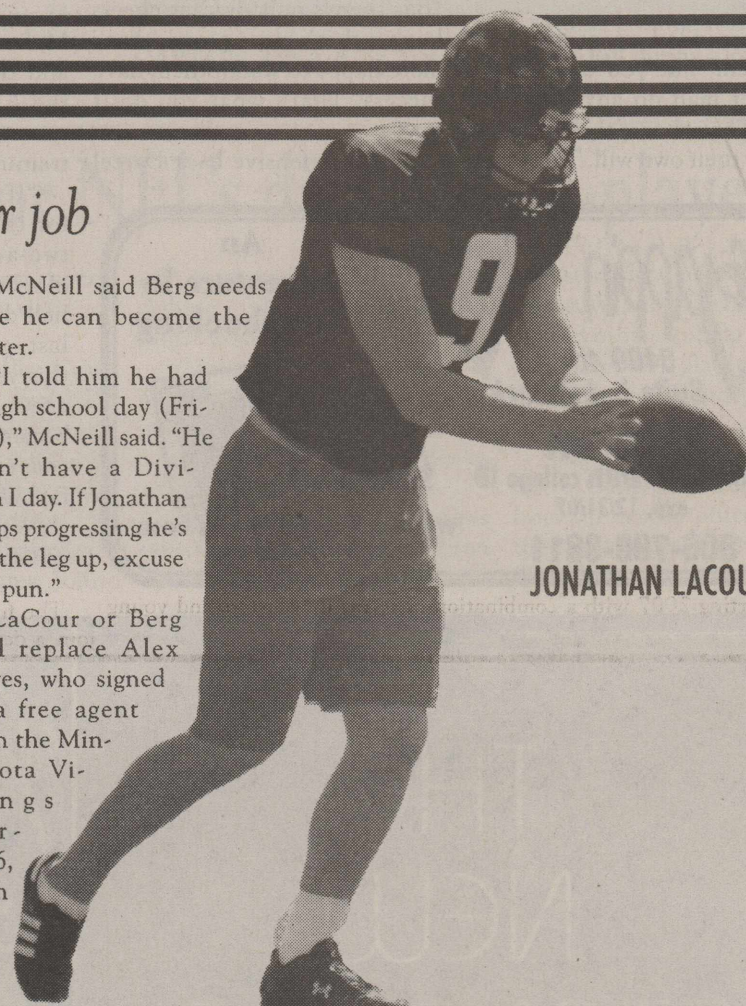
his operation time, but McNeill said Berg needs more consistency before he can become the starter.

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— GRANT BERG
Texas Tech punter

In 2006, Reyes punted 43 times with an average of 45.2 yards per punt. He placed 14 punts inside the 20-yard line.

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JONATHAN LACOUR

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Confident Wariner takes aim at hallowed 400 record

(AP)—Jeremy Wariner enters the world track and field championships in the best condition of his life and confident he is close to breaking Michael Johnson's 400-meter world record.

His recent efforts, in races and in practice, support the young Texan's optimism about bringing down a mark held by one of the sport's greatest performers.

Wariner, at age 23 the event's reigning Olympic and world champion, was timed in 43.5 seconds at the DN Galan meet in Sweden on Aug. 7, making him the third-fastest 400-meter runner in history. Only Johnson and Harry Reynolds have run faster. Wariner's personal best came four days after a 44.05 in London.

Based on those to races, so close together, Wariner said on Monday, "there's no telling what I can do in Osaka."

He spoke during a conference call before heading to Osaka, Japan, where the world championships begin Saturday. The 400 preliminaries are next Tuesday.

Clyde Hart, the 400-meter guru who also coached Johnson, has had Wariner running most 200s this year to build up his strength. It's working.

In practice on his home track in Waco, Texas, last week, Wariner said, Hart brought out the workout records of Johnson seven days before he set the world record of 43.18 on Aug. 25, 1999, in Seville, Spain. Wariner's practice times last Wednesday were faster.

"My workouts have been getting better. I'm stronger, I'm quicker," Wariner said. "This year I know it's a big year. I'm trying to defend my world championship. I can get the world record, I know I can, especially the way I ran in Stockholm."

Not that he's guaranteeing the mark will fall.

"I'm not going to go after it," he said. "If the record comes, it comes. It's winning that's im-

portant. With the victory hopefully I'll have the world record at the same time. I've got a whole long career ahead of me. It's one race."

When Johnson broke Reynolds' record at the 1999 world championships, it seemed it would be unbreakable. So did Johnson's 19.32 world record in the 200 set at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. That one is being challenged, too. Tyson Gay ran the second-fastest 200 ever, 19.62, at the U.S. championships last month.

Gay is threatening the 100 record, too, and Wariner believes that mark will be broken in Osaka, either by Gay or Jamaican Asafa Powell.

One big reason for all the record talk is the ultra-fast Osaka track.

Wariner ran a 44.02 — second-fastest in the world this year — on the Japanese oval on May 5, a time that surprised him because he wasn't in top condition that early in the season.

Wariner also expects a U.S. sweep of the event. Even a 1-2-3-4 U.S. finish would be no big surprise. Wariner and fellow Americans Angelo Taylor, LaShawn Merritt and Kerron Clement are the four fastest in the event this year.

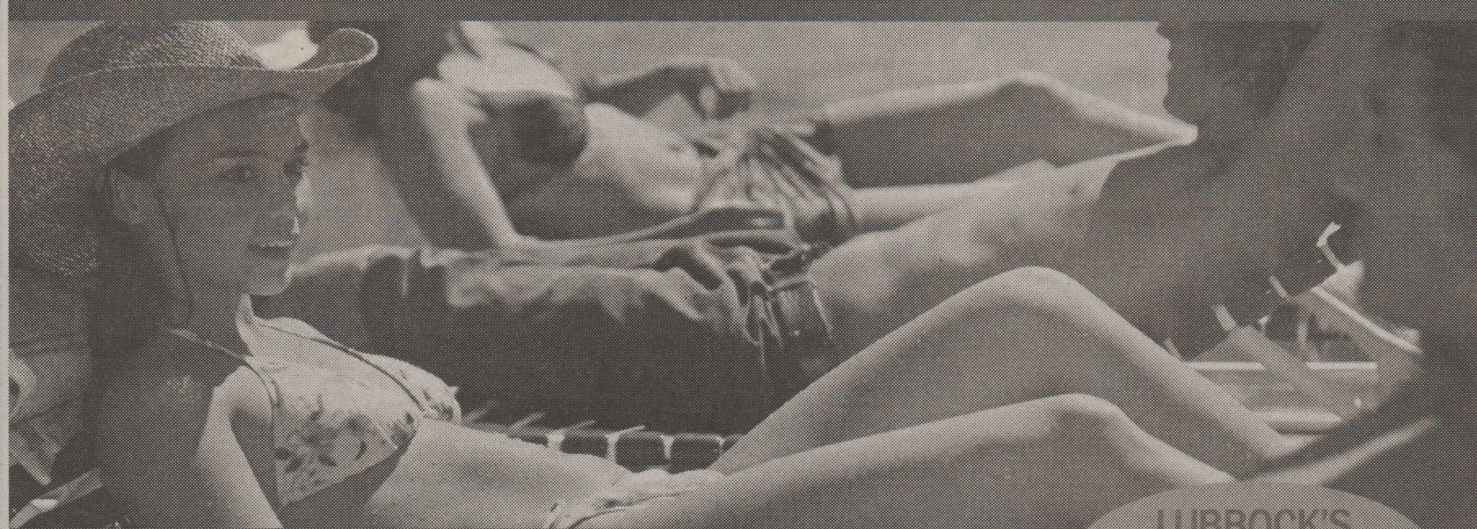
That kind of talent makes a world record in the 1,600-meter relay in Osaka a strong possibility, too.

"I think the world record could be taken easily," Wariner said. "We have so much talent, we could throw anybody in there and win. If we have the four right guys, we can break the record."

The relay is on Sept. 2, the meet's last day and two days after the 400 final that Wariner seems virtually certain he will win.

"If I run my race like I have been," he said, "like I did in Stockholm and like I have in the last year, they're not going to beat me."

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Summer sweat out

Offseason workouts prepare Tech football team for upcoming season

By **BEN MAKI**
SPORTS EDITOR

In the 2003 film "S.W.A.T.," Jim Street, played by Colin Farrell, is a former Navy SEAL who lived by the motto "If anyone knew what we did, we failed."

That's not quite what the summer workout program was like for the Texas Tech football team, but strength and conditioning coach Bennie Wylie said they adhered to another SEAL motto: "The only easy day was yesterday."

Players went through a regimen that included weight lifting, running and conditioning drills in the sand pit at the training facility near Jones AT&T Stadium, but Wylie says does not believe he should receive credit for the players' progress.

"I provided an atmosphere for them, but you can't make another man do anything," he said. "They choose to do it or not do it at their own will. These guys

had the will to be pushed outside their own comfort zone."

Freshman receiver Jacoby Franks, who began taking classes during the summer, said when he showed up for the first workout he knew things would not get easier with Wylie there to push the group of players.

"The first day I met Bennie Wylie he had us out here running 500, 400, 300, 200, 100," Franks said. "I knew I was in for a long summer. That was my first day; I knew it was just going to get harder and harder."

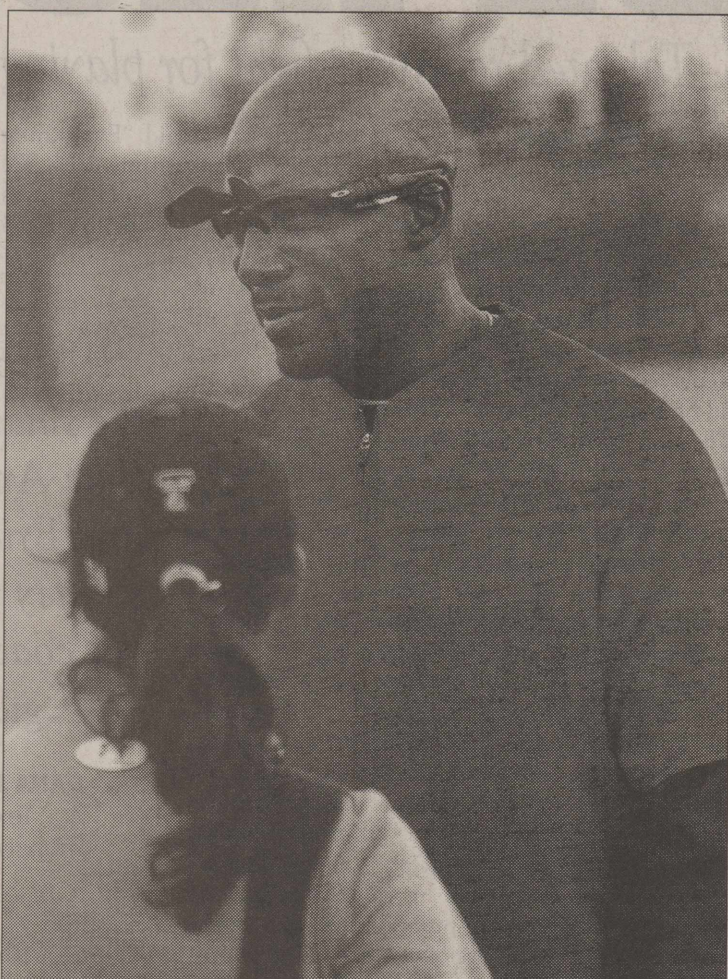
As the Red Raiders' self-proclaimed biggest fan, Wylie said he is motivated to push the players to be their best.

"I'm as hard on them as any human on the earth during off-season, during practices, all that," Wylie said. "But there's nobody that cheers louder, that's more proud, that's more happy to watch them have success. That's what you do it for."

Junior defensive back Darcel

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— **BENNIE WYLIE**
STRENGTH AND
CONDITIONING COACH



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TECH STRENGTH AND Conditioning Coach Bennie Wylie puts members of the football team through multiple drills during the summer.

McBath, who recorded 75 tackles and three interceptions during the 2006 season, said this year's summer program was the best training he has been through.

"It definitely prepares you for the season, and camp and two-a-days," he said. "For lack of a better word, we go through hell during the summer. Unlike last year, nobody complained this year, and we just hit it. We came close as a family and it became fun to do the things and (have the workouts) not even faze us."

Wylie agreed with McBath's assessment of the program.

"This is the best summer

we've had, team-wise, since I've been here," Wylie said. "Guys enjoy being around each other. Guys enjoy being here. (There has been) great leadership from the seniors. (This is the) best group of incoming freshmen we've had in a long time."

Sophomore defensive tackle Richard Jones said Wylie has helped him on and off the football field.

"If it wasn't for Bennie I probably wouldn't be here right now," Jones said. "He always stayed on me when I was down. He would pull me into his office, talk to me, help me as far as weight lifting. He's the reason why I'm so strong, the reason why I'm in shape."

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Athletic facilities receive upgrades

By **BEN MAKI**
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Several Texas Tech athletic facilities will receive face-lifts for their upcoming seasons.

The Tech Board of Regents approved renovations to Dan Law Field, Rocky Johnson Field and the United Spirit Arena at its Aug. 9-10 meeting.

Dan Law Field will receive a new playing surface. The infield and outfield will be FieldTurf, a long-bladed synthetic grass, similar to the turf in Jones AT&T Stadium.

Tech baseball coach Larry Hays said Tech is one of only a handful of schools to receive FieldTurf for a baseball playing surface. Kansas State also has a FieldTurf surface.

"The only experience we have had on (the surface) is at Kansas State," Hays said. "We enjoyed playing on it. In Lubbock, it is very seldom we lose games to rain, but this will completely eliminate that. You will only have to tarp the mound, and that's easy to cover."

He said the ball will roll slower and more naturally than on the AstroTurf surface.

Rocky Johnson Field will receive FieldTurf for the outfield, a new wooden outfield fence and the dugouts will be demolished and rebuilt. Also, a covered outdoor batting cage and a practice infield will be built.

"We're going to redo the field, the grass," Texas Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said. "It'll improve the drainage over there; it will be a new infield over there. It'll be a lot more compatible to the players playing; it'll be softer."

Myers said the softball renovations will make Rocky Johnson Field one of the best fields in the nation.

"Part of that project is to redo both dugouts, and put in a new outfield fence, a wooden outfield fence," he said. "Beyond the outfield fence will be a practice infield. The coaches like to maybe have hitting practice over here and infield practice over here, as well as some covered batting cages."

Myers said the upgrades will have a positive effect on the teams in the long term.

"I think good facilities attract good players," he said, "and good players play better than bad players."

The United Spirit Arena will receive a ribbon scoreboard around the arena. The scoreboard will replace the four upper-deck scoreboards and will feature advertising.

Gerald Myers said the scoreboard will bring the nearly 10-year old arena up-to-date and engage the fans in the action.

"It gives us a chance to upgrade the arena," he said. "It just creates a little atmosphere with the fans, and people enjoy watching it. Plus, it produces

revenue. We sell sponsorships and advertising and things like that. It'll pay for itself eventually."

The advertising along the floor will be digital, like the ribbon. He said the advertising will roll during pregame, timeouts, halftime and postgame, and they will not be a distraction during the game.

Before the board meeting, construction on the softball and baseball facilities had already begun.

Board Chairman F.Scott Dueser said the delay on the approval for the projects can be attributed to the board only meeting once every three months.

"When you only meet quarterly, things have to move along prior to us approving them," Dueser said. "It shouldn't happen that way, but logistically it does from time to time."

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Women's soccer team to begin season under new coaching staff

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

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The Texas Tech women's soccer team hopes to build off a foundation set in 2006 that included the highest win total recorded by a Tech women's soccer team since an eight-win season in 1999.

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

New coach Tom Stone said the excitement of year's season a major strength because of the girls' desire to continue their recent success, but he expects more than seven wins this season.

"The team found success last year on a small scale and I think they liked it," he said. "I think the strength is they're wanting more of that. Seven wins was good for the history (at Tech), but seven wins is not enough for the players we have."

Practice began on Aug. 15, and the first item coach Stone addressed was defense.

Stone said he believes it is imperative to instill the concept of defending,

but he does not want to be known as a team with a defensive style.

"We're not going to have a defensive style, but we want to play great defense, and there is a stark contrast between the two," Stone said. "Defensive style means slow the team down, sit back and wait. We don't want to play defense that way. But, we do want people to be employing sound defensive principles. Otherwise when you attack, you open yourself up to get beat."

With a new coaching staff on hand, Stone said the players were timid during the first practice. Still, after a few days they began to open up to the newcomers. With the season two weeks away, Stone said he is beginning to get a feel for the team he took over.

"Assessing each player, and assessing which players play well together and what system we needed to get into needed to happen pretty quickly," he said. "We're not all the way there yet, but we're starting to get an idea on what kind of shape we'll play in, and who the personality players are, and who wants to lead and who wants to fight."

Stone recently acquired Aaron Gordon and Ashley Gordon as assistant coaches.

Aaron Gordon served as the director of coaching for FC Dallas and said he and wife Ashley Gordon bring recruiting advantages with them.

"My club back home is one of

the more successful clubs," Aaron Gordon said. "There's a lot of kids that we have relationships with that we'll tap into in hopes of making them Red Raiders. I try to make sure that I keep an eye on what's going on there as much as possible."

Junior goal keeper and captain, Tina Rincon, said she sees a connection between the three coaches.

"The chemistry of all three of the coaches is really good together," she said. "It seems like they have the same feeling on which way the team should go."

Rincon said she looks forward to building off of last season and becoming one of the best teams in the conference next season.

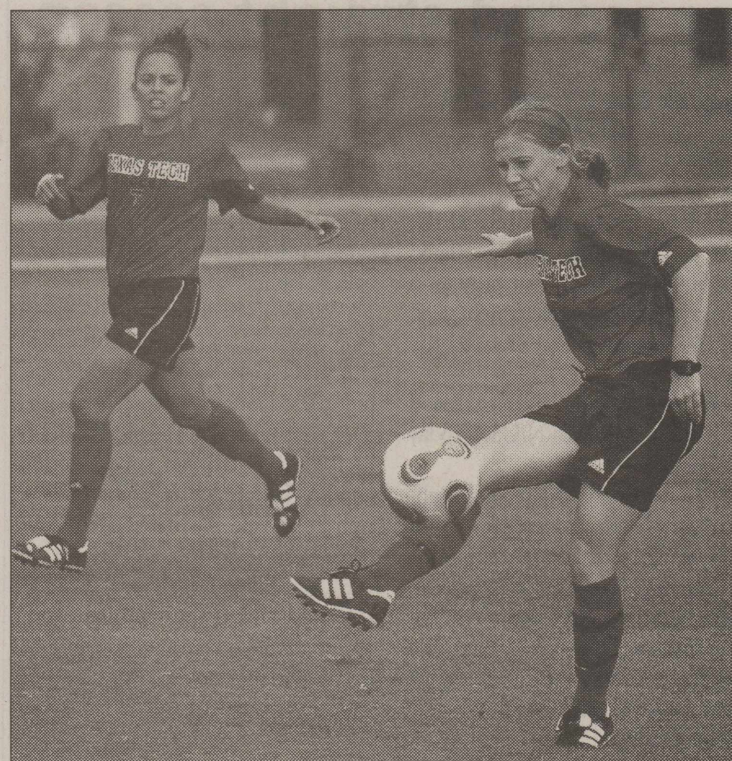
"We just look to keep building up wins and keep building up the program," she said. "We can keep building the program to become one of the best in the conference and then in the nation."

Senior forward Priscilla Esquivel, who had a career high 52 shots and 18 shots on goal with two assists and two goals, said she plans to help the freshmen girls transition into collegiate soccer.

"The seniors try to guide (the freshmen), so I remember my freshman year whenever I got here," she said. "Our seniors always came in and told us what to do, what not to do, and if they have any questions I'm here to answer them."

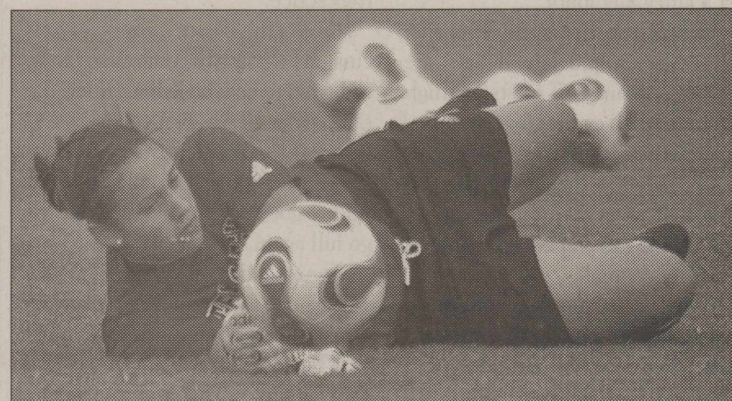
The women's soccer team begins the season at Georgia Aug. 31.

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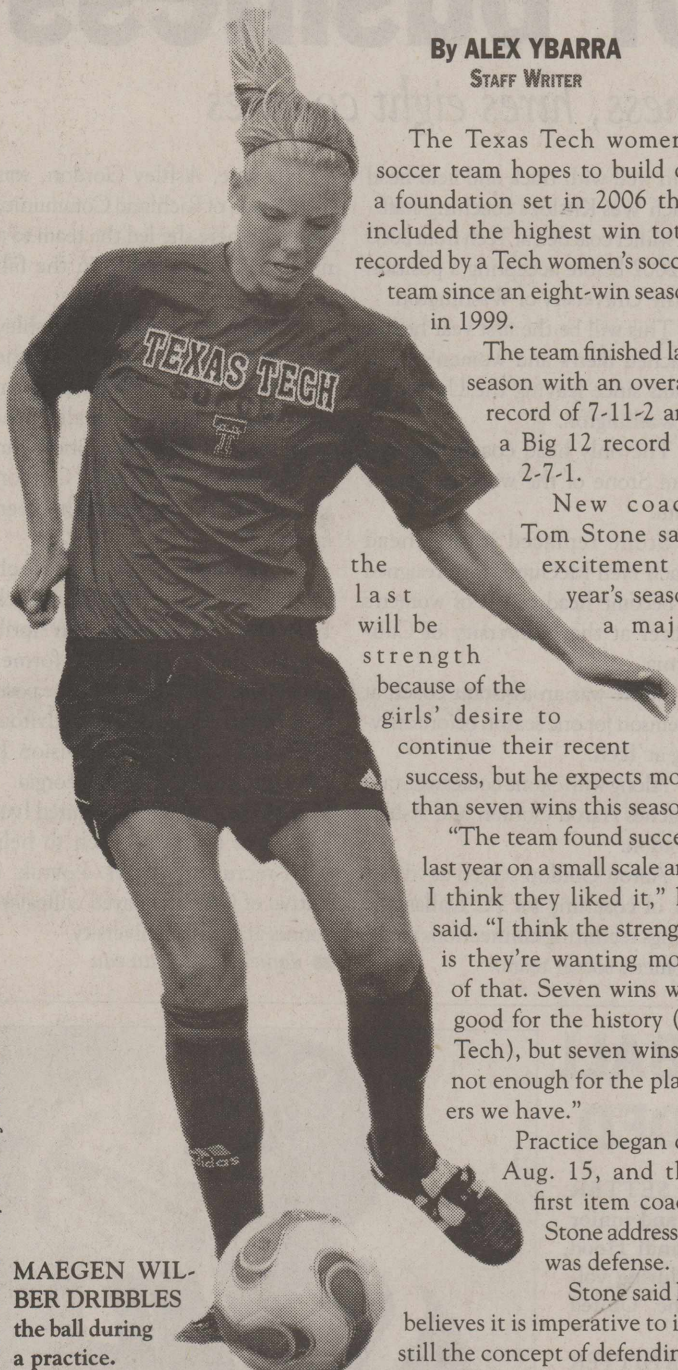
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SENIOR KIM CYPERT attempts to score a goal while teammate, Priscilla Esquivel, anticipates a rebound.



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CAPTAIN TINA RINCON dives for the ball during a practice drill August 17.



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MAEGEN WILBER DRIBBLES the ball during a practice.

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Johnston joins fight for NFL's disabled ex-players

IRVING(AP) — Daryl Johnston is one of the lucky ones. Despite literally breaking his neck opening holes for Emmitt Smith, he walks without a cane or a limp and is able to hold down a lucrative second career in broadcasting.

Yet Johnston sympathizes with broken-down former players who need help with medical bills and

aren't getting it. His own experience with the system was eye-opening.

So the former Dallas Cowboys star and current Fox NFL analyst jumped into the ongoing battle over disability payments on Monday, albeit with a twist. Rather than continuing the name-calling that has overshadowed many of the issues, John-

ston went with a new tactic by making a plea to commissioner Roger Goodell.

"The system is broke and it needs to be fixed. That's the issue," Johnston said. "I think we have the guy as commissioner to get this fixed."

Johnston spoke out at a news conference organized by Gridiron Greats, a nonprofit organiza-

tion started by Jerry Kramer and fronted by Mike Ditka, Gale Sayers and others to help down-and-out former NFL players. Fourth & Goal is another group waging a similar campaign.

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Bears ranked in top 15 for second-straight season

By RYAN GORCEY AND GERALD NICADO
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(CSTV U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — On Saturday, the Associated Press released its annual preseason poll, and for the fourth straight year, the Cal football team cracked the Top 25.

The Bears merited the No. 12 slot, the same as in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll.

The ranking is the second highest that Cal has received in that four-year span, as last year the Bears was ranked No. 9 before its season-opening loss to Tennessee. The last time Cal was ranked four years in a row, it was part of a five year stretch from 1950 to 1954 under coach Pappy Waldorf.

Saying that senior running back Justin Forsett has a track team beneath him on the depth chart is not just a fancy metaphor.

Two of the Bears' top recruits, Shane Vereen and Jahvid Best, are not only coming off of stellar high school football careers, but were also legitimate track stars. Since their season ended in the spring, the two have had to make adjustments in their training to prepare for the rigors of college football.

Best has earned the nickname "Jahvid the Jet" among his Cal teammates, and for good reason. When asked to describe Best, Tedford had one word: "Fast."

While running for Salesian High, Best won a gold medal in the 200-meter race at the 2005 U.S.A. Track and Field Junior Olympics. Vereen, nicknamed "Shane the Train" for his bruising straight-ahead style, recorded the fastest 100-yard dash time of any junior in Southern California during the 2006 track season.

"The running is a little bit different," Vereen said of the transition from the track to the turf. "The distance in track is a lot longer than it is in football. The longest you have to run in football is 100 yards. Definitely, track helps with endurance and stuff like that."

Another key difference: 300-pound men running after them.

"You know you're going to take punishment in football, so you just prepare yourself for that," Vereen said. "There's really no way, besides mentally, that you can prepare yourself for that."

Best and Vereen have put on

more muscle in order to deal with the pounding, and now weigh in at 182 and 191 pounds, respectively.

But even with added size and strength, there is one thing that both agree on halfway through their first college camp.

"It's long," Best laughed. "It's been long and hard, but we were up for it and we feel like we've been doing a pretty good job. We just have to keep our heads up and keep going at it."

Redshirt freshman James Montgomery suffered a minor concussion last week, but has made a full recovery.

"I was doing a little pass protection, and my helmet popped off and I kept going and I got a little cut on my head to show for it," Montgomery said of the incident.

With the No. 2 running back slot still the subject of one of the tightest races in camp, Montgomery has gone full-bore since he returned to practice.

"If you (hold back), another (concussion) is going to come even faster, so I tried to go a little bit harder," he said. "When I was first coming back, I wore the yellow jersey, and was no-contact for the first couple days, but once I got back into it, they let me go full again."

Junior fullback Will Ta'ufou will be out for the next three to six weeks after spraining a knee ligament in Thursday's practice. This means that Ta'ufou will miss the team's season-opener against Tennessee on Sept. 1. He was expected to be the team's starting fullback.

After Sunday's practice, Tedford held an extra meeting with the team's freshmen and junior college transfers. Sunday marked the half-way point for the team's fall camp.

"I just wanted to tell them I appreciate all the hard work that they've been doing," Tedford said. "Now they're over the hump. Now it's time to get fresh. They fought through the hard times. Now it's time to get fun."

Tedford praised his most recent signing class as one of the best he's had while with Cal. Many of them, like Best and Vereen, are competing for playing time.

"I think top to bottom this group is probably the most well-rounded, deep, talented group we've had," Tedford said. "It's really encouraging to see that these guys are right there and it's not going to be a long time before they're ready to do it."

Takin' care of business

Tech Athletics handles business, hires eight coaches

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

A combination of Texas Tech alumni and newcomers alike have been selected to fill vacant coaching positions in several sports for the 2007-08 seasons.

Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said the goal every year is to fill vacant positions with the best candidates.

Three of the newly-hired coaches are former student-athletes from Tech. Myers said bringing in people who are familiar with Tech and the Big 12 Conference is a positive action.

New assistant head baseball coach Dan Spencer helped Oregon State build a pitching staff that led the team to back-to-back national championships.

Trent Petrie, who coached at the University of New Mexico, will coach the infield and assist Spencer with recruiting.

"I think coach Spencer and coach Trent Petrie, both of those guys are young, enthusiastic guys that I think will generate a lot of excitement and maybe rejuvenate the baseball program," Myers said. "I know coach Spencer, since he was the pitching coach at Oregon State, winning the last two national championships will be exciting for our players."

Spencer played baseball for three years at Tech with one season under coach Larry Hays.

Spencer's coaching in 2006 and 2007 led Oregon State's pitchers to compile a cumulative 3.41 ERA and a 3.48 ERA, respectively.

Tech track has hired Dion Miller, a former Red Raider athlete and coach.

He coached sprints, hurdles and relays to help the Arizona State University's women's track and field team win the 2007 indoor and outdoor national championships.

Myers said he believes Miller will

fit in well with track and field head coach Wes Kittley's coaching staff.

Miller coached at Tech from 2000 to 2002 before accepting a position at the University of Washington.

This will be the first year he has coached men's and women's track teams since leaving the University of Washington.

The only head coach hire was Tom Stone of the women's soccer team.

Stone replaced former head coach Neil McGuire, who resigned to become head coach of women's soccer at the University of California.

Stone was an assistant coach at Clemson for one season before arriving at Tech.

Along with Stone comes assistant coaches Aaron Gordon and Ashley Gordon.

Aaron Gordon served as director of coaching for FC Dallas and brings recruiting connections to the women's soccer team.

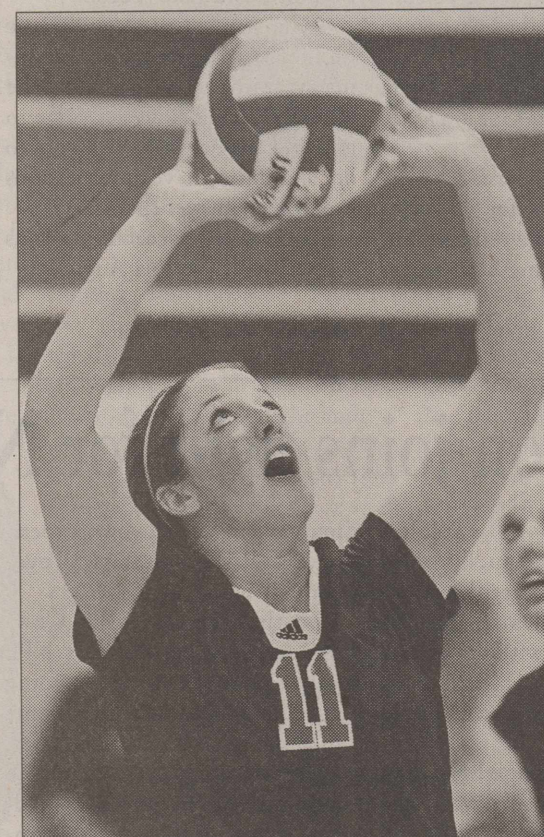
His wife, Ashley Gordon, was head coach of Richland Community College where she led the team to a national championship in the fall of 2006.

"One of the reasons why Ashley and I wanted to move here was the opportunity to help build a program that worked out, but, really concentrate our efforts on one team on a daily basis," Aaron Gordon said. "So from that aspect, it's been fantastic."

With the departure of Tech football offensive line coach Jack Bicknell to Boston College in April, coach Mike Leach hired former player, Matt Moore, to take the position. Moore played under Leach from 1992-1994 at NCAA Division II school Valdosta State in Georgia.

The Tech tennis team hired Ivor Lovrak as assistant coach to help with recruiting duties. Lovrak, a native of Croatia, played collegiate tennis at Baylor University.

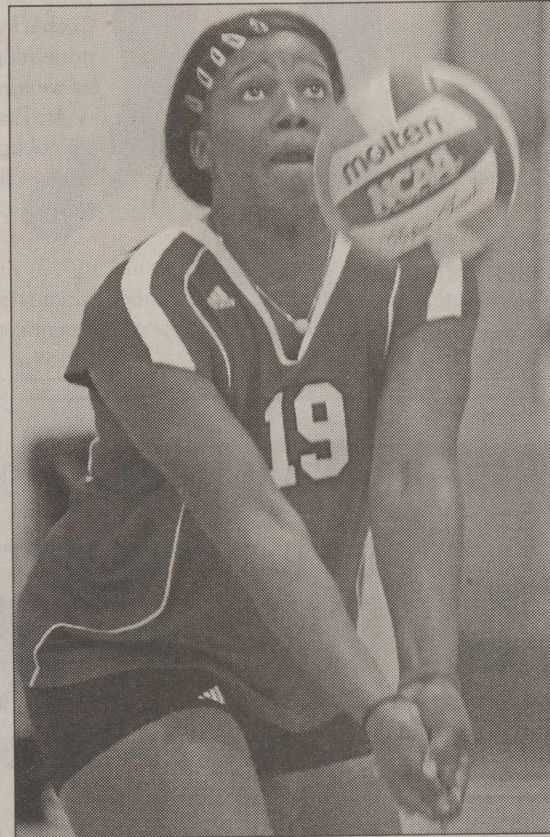
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(LEFT) SENIOR SETTER Emily Ziegler (11) and junior middle blocker Brandi Hood run through drills during volleyball practice at the United Spirit Arena Friday. (RIGHT) OUTSIDE HITTER Evelyn Britton (19) passes the ball during volleyball practice at the United Spirit Arena. The Lady Raiders played their first game Friday against University of Virginia in the University of Nevada Las Vegas Tournament. Their first home game will be Aug. 31 against Villanova University. Their first game of Big 12 play will be Sept. 12 against the University of Colorado Lady Buffs.

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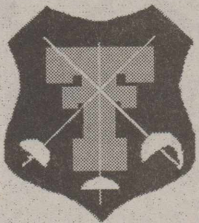


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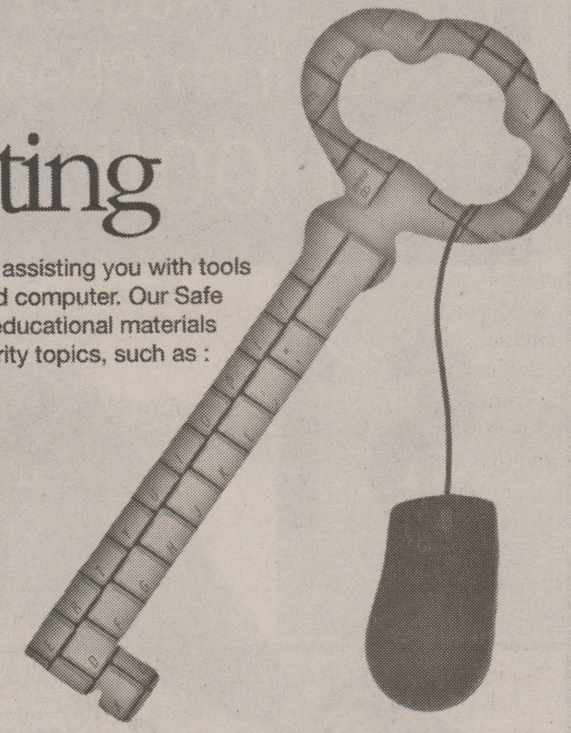
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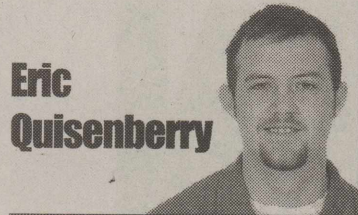


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Sports media focused on controversy, not sports

Not very long ago, I was the poster child for water-cooler talk the day after a game. Everyone knows at least one person like that — the guy who apparently watched all 12 re-runs of the day's "SportsCenter" and memorized every random statistic and polarized opinion offered by analysts.



Eric Quisenberry

actual piece the audience waited to watch.

"Expert" analysis on these programs often serves as comic relief more than insightful commentary on the day's events. For example, no real sports fan truly can believe that completing 10-of-11 passes in a preseason game means Tony Romo has turned the corner and now has all the skills and experience needed to lead the Cowboys to a return to

Super Bowl glory.

This sort of outrageous coverage was able to change my opinion on one of the most infamous sports figures of our day. I found myself cheering for Barry Bonds to break the career home-run record as soon as possible so we could turn our eyes away from the polarized and pointless debate and move on to more important stories.

Now that Bonds stands alone with the record, steroid suspicion and all, we can turn our eyes to exciting action on the field of play. Wouldn't that be nice? Instead, we fill the time talking about the legal proceedings of Michael Vick's alleged dog-fighting ring and the scandal of former NBA referee Tim Donaghy's gambling.

For these reasons, I have never been happier to see the football season begin, and not solely because of Romo's certain Hall of Fame run after one strong preseason showing.

On that note, the analysts who proclaimed Romo as having arrived now are the same ones who said he might never recover from the botched field goal during the Dallas playoff loss at the end of the 2006-07 season. How quickly things change.

The 2007 professional and college football seasons should breathe some new life into the sports media, giving them a chance to talk about something other than scandal and cheating for once. Baseball still may be the nation's pastime, but a long summer of Bonds and mediocre ball

makes a sports fan grow hungry for something more.

It may all be coming to an end very soon. Donaghy already has pleaded guilty, Bonds has the record and no shot at the playoffs and Vick appears headed for a cell with iron bars instead of a grassy gridiron.

For those conspiracy theorists out there, I urge you not to worry. There will be plenty of controversy to discuss in the future. No Atlanta Falcons game this season will be complete without play-by-play men questioning how Vick would change the game, were he playing. No close NBA contest will go without accusations of officials intentionally changing the outcome of the game.

As soon as the baseball season is

over, analysts will immediately begin speculating if Bonds will come back for another season, not to mention looking ahead to Alex Rodriguez as the next challenger to the career home run record.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have created a monster. Sports media is a snowball rolling down a hill, gaining momentum and size with every broadcast. Despite all of my complaints, however, I know I will continue to watch every second of it. Somehow, I get the feeling I'm not the only one.

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Summer puts sports in a bad position — now more than ever

By **BRYAN ESLER**
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(CSTV U-WIRE) GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan — So, there's usually a few days in sports that are remembered for something big happening.

But this summer was a different story.

For the first time since I can remember, watching SportsCenter was actually quite depressing. Michael Vick being indicted for dog fighting, Tour de France steroid scandals, an NBA referee caught gambling on games he officiated, Adam "Pacman" Jones arrested (again) and suspended by the NFL for what should turn into

a Ricky Williams-type suspension (finally). And we can't forget Barry Bonds, who hit lucky number 756.

By the way, I'm so happy the countdown to 756 is over with. Now, with a little luck, I can go about my daily life without thinking of how the San Francisco slugger helped ruin the sport of baseball.

Bonds went from a measly 150-something in his days as a Pittsburgh Pirate to now weighing 228 pounds. Isn't that enough evidence that he took steroids?

And who knows if the Spurs would have won the NBA Finals this year. Game three against the Suns had several calls that were out of the ordinary - many of which never

should have been called. Would the Suns have won if it weren't for referee Tim Donaghy? Does Tim Duncan's ring really belong to Steve Nash?

I smell a flagrant foul there.

Then there's Michael Vick. Being a dog owner myself, I can't even imagine my family's golden retriever getting involved in something like that.

Then again, she doesn't have a pudgy face and big vampire-like teeth, either.

But that's besides the point.

Why on earth would you watch bulldogs duke it out to see who would win? It's like watching a chicken fight.

And, of course you have to ask

why in the world Vick would even want to get involved something like this. He's a professional athlete — a successful one at that.

That alone automatically puts him in the same category as a mentor, a leader and a role model. Kids look up to him. And when kids hear about him being involved in dog fighting, who knows what they might think.

I guess we should've seen it coming after he flicked off his own home fans, though.

And I'm not going to touch on the whole "Pacman" Jones issue. He's just stupid. Being arrested as many times as he has (which, according to him, is only two), should be a sign that he belongs in prison.

For good.

But I will discuss the Tour de France, which, ever since Lance Armstrong's retirement, has gone way downhill.

I'm sure Versus is pleased they own the television rights to something literally no one in America bothers watching anymore. And it's not just because of the whole doping scandal.

For me, I guess it's because I just can't get excited about watching a bunch of skinny guys ride on their bikes on the streets of France.

I don't know, but that sort of resembles NASCAR to me, which I also will never, ever watch.

So this summer was the worst

summer in sports — ever. And from what I've seen, it's not really going to get any better.

In fact it was so bad that SportsCenter had to hold a "Who's Now" competition, which meant absolutely nothing in the long run. It let fans decide who is the greatest and most well-known sports athlete of today. The competition eventually put Tiger Woods up against LeBron James.

And who won? Tiger, of course.

For our own sake, let's hope that a summer like this doesn't ever happen again. If things go right, maybe we can get around to enjoying Paris Hilton suffer in jail.

Or just root for the Tigers.

Preseason wins against Colts, Broncos help justify Cowboys' big expectations

IRVING (AP) — While two preseason victories don't guarantee success for the Dallas Cowboys in the regular season, winning certainly provides some justification for the high expectations they do have.

"We've always thought about the expectations and the things that we want to accomplish, but it manifests throughout the preseason," linebacker Bradie James said Monday.

After a win over Super Bowl champion Indianapolis in the opener, the Cowboys won 31-20 over Denver on Saturday, when the starters built a 24-6 halftime lead with an effective offense and new coach Wade Phillips' aggressive defense.

"The biggest thing for us is having our expectations higher and just believing we can win," tight end Jason Witten said. "It is preseason, and you don't want to get your expectations up too high and think you're better than you are, but I think that the transitions we had from game one to game two and seeing us get better, I think that shows a lot."

The first-team offense with Tony Romo, a Pro Bowl quarterback while starting only half last season, went at

least 13 plays for field goals on each of its only two drives in the opener. The starters were on the field for seven possessions against the Broncos, gaining 219 yards with three touchdowns and a field goal.

Dallas' defensive starters haven't allowed a touchdown so far, and Denver's first-team offense was 0-for-5 on third-down conversions.

"It's a confidence builder," James said.

"Our team looks pretty solid right now. I think everybody can see that," Phillips said Monday. "We're not weak in an area where we're, 'Gosh, our potential starter is not going to be good enough to play in the league.'"

Dallas has to play twice on the road before the games really start to count Sept. 9, when the Cowboys play their regular season opener against NFC East rival the New York Giants. The Cowboys play their next preseason game Saturday night at Houston, when Phillips expects the starters to play into the third quarter.

The Cowboys made the playoffs last season, but lost in the opening round against Seattle to extend the

five-time Super Bowl champions' postseason losing drought to 10 seasons.

Despite two playoff losses in four years under Bill Parcells, the former coach left a roster of talented players, primarily on defense that he switched to a 3-4 scheme. Phillips also runs three-man fronts, but with more of an attacking style the players love.

Then on offense, they have Romo, the running duo of Julius Jones and Marion Barber, NFL TD-reception leader Terrell Owens and a solid offensive line.

With all that, Phillips' primary concern is getting his team ready for the start of the season, not trying to fill deficiencies on the roster.

"We don't really have that. They could show up. Certainly, I could be misjudging some of it. I don't think I am," Phillips said. "It's based on performance, not just based on what I think of the team. It's based on what they've done so far, and I know the firsts against the other firsts have been limited, but we don't look deficient."

Still, it's a long way from the postseason.

Doctor's lawyer suggests Chris Benoit had hormone disorder

ATLANTA (AP) — Chris Benoit had a hormone disorder that permitted the amount of steroids he was prescribed before the pro wrestler killed his wife, son and himself in June, an attorney for Benoit's personal doctor said in court papers on Monday.

A federal agent failed to tell the judge, who issued search warrants in the case, about the legitimate uses of steroids, according to a motion to suppress

evidence against Dr. Phil Astin.

Astin's attorney, Manny Arora, wrote the government should have consulted with a hormone disorder specialist and learned "the amount of medication in question was not excessive and would be medically appropriate based on the medical condition of Mr. Benoit."

Arora did not elaborate on Benoit's condition, but said, "Had the magistrate judge known all these things, perhaps she

wouldn't have issued the warrants, and there wouldn't have been a case here."

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office declined to comment.

Investigators have not given a motive for the killings, but the question of whether steroids played a role has lingered. The drug was found in Benoit's home, and tests showed Benoit had roughly 10 times the normal level of testosterone in his system when he died.

Defensive Line

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Raiders this season is walk-on Clint Stoffels.

Stoffels was redshirted last season and was not recruited out of high school, though he was a two-time all-state defensive tackle.

At 6-feet, 269 pounds, Stoffels said his size was the reason he flew under the radar.

Regardless of size, McNeill said he likes what he's seen out of Stoffels, even drawing comparisons to how former Red Raider Zach Thomas proved himself by making play after play for the Miami Dolphins when McNeill interned there in 1996.

"After he makes three, four, five, six plays in a row, it's not luck anymore," McNeill said. "There's something to that. If he makes plays for us, he's going to play. If he makes the most plays for us, he's going to start."

Henley said he enjoys showing new defensive linemen the ropes. He said he believes the young players can help the defensive line exceed expectations if they can perfect what McNeill is coaching them.

"Our run defense, we need to work on our run and pass rush," Henley said. "We have a lot of quick young guys on the front line so we should be pretty good. The defensive line should be straight by the time the season comes."

McNeill said when older players guide younger players through drills and plays, he makes a point not to interfere because of his philosophy that a player can help another player more than a coach can.

"I do my job. I tell them in the meetings. I go over drills," McNeill said. "But a player like Rajon who's

been around me for a year can go tell Bobby something and he'll be like, 'Oh OK.' That's valuable. My ego is very small. I just want to win. I want to come out and play good. I want our fans to be happy with a Red Raider victory."

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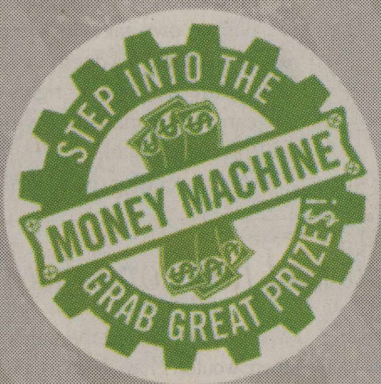
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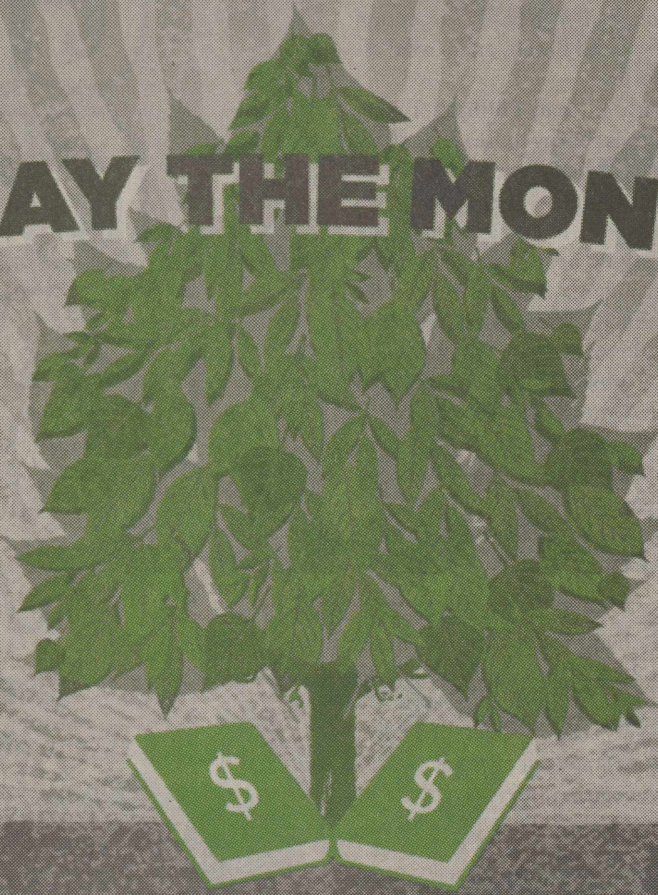
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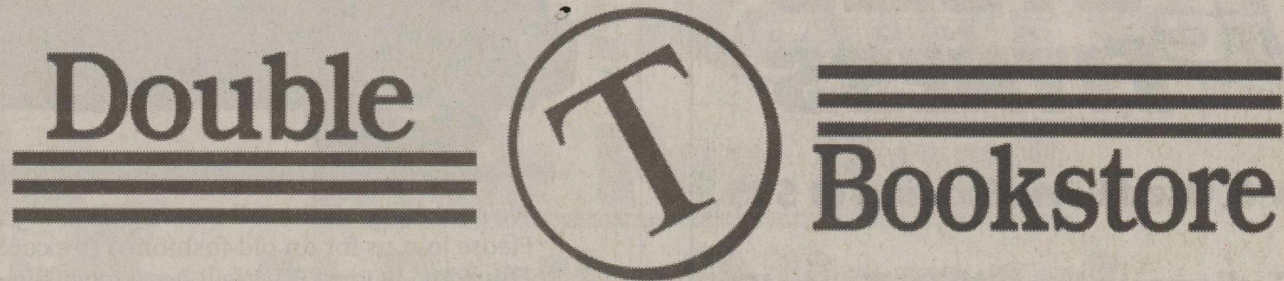
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