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### STATE

#### Prosecutors rest in TSU president case

HOUSTON (AP) — After nearly five weeks of testimony, prosecutors on Thursday finished presenting their case against Texas Southern University's former president, who is accused of wasting more than half a million dollars of school money on lavish spending sprees for her homes.

Defense attorneys for Priscilla Slade were set to begin their case on Friday.

Mike DeGeurin, Slade's main attorney, said he didn't know how long he would take to present his case and hadn't yet decided if his client would testify.

### NATION

#### Defendants blamed for 10 murders in mob trial

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal jury held three aging mobsters responsible for 10 murders Thursday after an extraordinary trial that included colorful witnesses who exposed the seedy inner workings of organized crime in Chicago.

Jurors deadlocked on blame for eight other murders after eight days of deliberations in one of the biggest mob trials in the city's history.

### WORLD

#### Iraq's VP meets with top cleric

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's Sunni vice president held a rare meeting with the country's top Shiite cleric Thursday to seek support for a 25-point blueprint for political reform, the latest effort by both Islamic sects to promote unity amid unrelenting violence.

A wave of bombings and shootings has swept Iraq, killing more than 50 people on Wednesday and raising fears that al-Qaida had launched a promised new offensive. The U.S. military acknowledged that violence was rising and blamed it on the terrorist movement.

Another parked car bomb struck a predominantly Shiite area in eastern Baghdad.

### DEATH TOLL

3800

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

### WEATHER

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## Alcohol citations concern administrators

By JOSH HULL  
NEWS EDITOR

An unusually high number of Texas Tech students receiving alcohol-related citations has university administrators concerned.

Tech Student Legal Services has reported a tripling in the number of cases handled this semester in comparison with past years.

Jill Stangl, managing director of legal services, said the increase is the result of more citations being issued by Lubbock police at parties where warnings may have been issued in the past. The citations include minor in possession, consumption by a minor and noise violations.

"It looks like everybody is getting some kind of a ticket," she said of those attending parties. "The

numbers that are happening here are much bigger than anything going on at football games."

Stangl said she is concerned by the drastic increase because it appears officers may be issuing tickets to anyone attending parties whether there is proof of wrongdoing or not.

"How can they do that when they write 100 tickets at a party, and the keg is in the garage and people

are everywhere," she said. "I think there are problems in proving the allegations."

Underage students aren't the only ones receiving tickets, Stangl said many times it appears those 21 years or older at parties are receiving noise violations since they can't be ticketed for alcohol-related issues.

Because of the high volume of tickets being issued and the surround-

ing circumstances, 20 criminal defense lawyers in Lubbock have made themselves available to Student Legal Services to take on party-related citation cases free of charge.

"We don't want students getting down there and paying these tickets and getting a conviction without getting help," Stangl said. "Lawyers are also there to help those that are

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## SAFE HAVEN



### Texas Tech Fight Song

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ANIMALS AT THE Haven Animal Care Shelter are allowed to live at the shelter until they are adopted. The Haven Shelter has a no-kill policy.

## Haven shelter provides alternative to euthanization

By MAGGIE KIELY  
STAFF WRITER

One animal lover has some ideas on how to overcome the problem of the 24,000 animals that are euthanized every year in Lubbock.

Joe Wilbanks, owner of Lubbock Haven Animal Care Shelter, said he and his wife founded the no-kill animal shelter in 1977 to provide a safe home for lost or stray dogs.

The shelter, currently full with 230 dogs and 110 cats, is where the animals will stay until they are adopted.

Wilbanks said he believes the responsibility of stray or lost animals is in the hands of Lubbock residents, animal shelter administrators and city officials.

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## 'Booking Bus' an alternative to jail

By ADAM YOUNG  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students who are noticeably intoxicated while attending football games at Jones AT&T Stadium could find themselves in the "booking bus."

The "booking bus" is a Citibus rented by Tech police to process and hold students and other people arrested at Tech football games, said Deputy Chief Gordon Hoffman of the Tech Police Department.

"It's just a place to put them where they can get out of the elements, and they sit there temporarily until they can be transported by other means," he said.

Using the bus as a processing and holding center saves law-enforcement officers the trouble of making multiple commutes to the Lubbock County Jail, Hoffman said.

"We want as many cars on the street so the visibility factor comes into it again," he said.

The bus is a good environment to keep intoxicated people, Hoffman said, because it provides an air-conditioned place to sit out of the elements.

"You can get heat exhaustion pretty quick, especially if you've been drinking quite a bit," he said. "You don't want anybody passing out on you or anything like that."

Hoffman said not all alcohol-related arrests result in the suspect going to jail, but it is the officer's discretion as to whether the suspect is a danger to the public or himself.

"We can arrest for (public intoxication), but we usually don't," Hoffman said. "If we can ticket them, we'll give them a ticket, or we'll release them to somebody responsible, like an adult if they're not so intoxicated."

Approximately half of the 17 people who were arrested during Tech's football game against the University of Texas at El Paso were not students, Hoffman said.

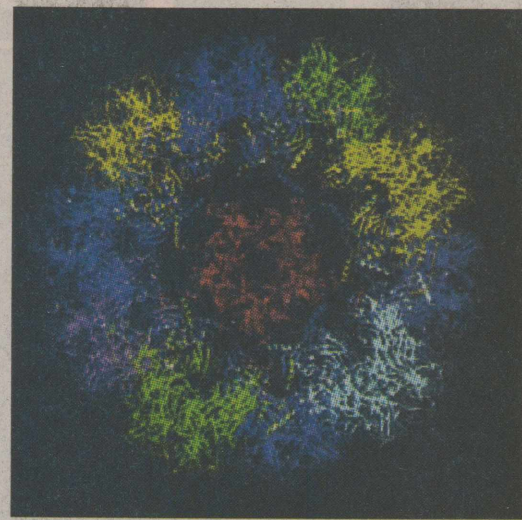
"Sometimes somebody will come into the game who's been drinking, and they'll call attention to themselves,"

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## HPV vaccine recommended for women through age 26

By GLENYS BOLLS  
STAFF WRITER

Human papillomavirus, a disease that causes 70 percent of cervical cancer cases and 90 percent of genital warts cases, is most common for people in their late teens and early twenties, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.



HPV bacteria PHOTO COURTESY OF CDC

HPV was publicized widely earlier this year when Texas Governor Rick Perry tried to make the vaccine, called Gardasil, mandatory for all girls entering the sixth grade. The vaccine, generally thought of in regard to pre-teenage girls, actually is recommended for women through the age of 26 years old.

"If I were a 26-year-old who had never had intercourse or had never been exposed to the virus, I'd get the vaccine," said Dr. Roger Yandell in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. "It definitely has more impact on younger girls, though. The

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## Texting, Facebook used as security tools after Va. Tech

By VERENA DOBKIN AND RYAN J. FOLEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — When a masked freshman came to campus at St. John's University with what police said was a loaded rifle sticking out of a bag, the school alerted students via cell-phone text messages within 18 minutes.

And when a suicidal gunman was reported to be on the loose at the University of Wisconsin, the school sent out mass e-mails and took out an ad on Facebook to warn students.

As the school year starts, colleges around the country are applying the lessons of Virginia Tech and using high technology to get the word out fast in a crisis.

"This was certainly a surprise. No one thought that we would be testing this latest technology this quickly for an

emergency," said James Pellow, executive vice president of St. John's.

The 20,000-student Roman Catholic school in Queens activated its new text messaging system just three weeks ago. The scare came on the same day that the student paper ran a front-page story on the system, under the blaring headline: "In case of emergency."

This week's incidents at St. John's and UW-Madison — both of which ended without bloodshed — underscore how campus security has changed since Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people on the Virginia Tech campus in April.

Cho shot his first two victims just after 7 a.m. More than two hours later, he massacred 30 people in a classroom

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# TEXAS TECH POLICE BLOTTER

## Texas Tech police investigate several thefts, damage to property on campus

**Sept. 20**  
A Texas Tech police officer documented a report of a parking permit taken from a vehicle belonging to a Tech Physical Plant employee. The permit was taken at an unknown location.

Tech police investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle in the Z5-B parking lot. The vehicle's left rear quarter panel was scratched.

Tech police investigated a hit-and-run accident involving an unattended vehicle; the accident occurred in the Z2-B parking lot. There were no injuries reported.

A police officer issued a Lubbock County citation to a female student for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor after a traffic stop in the Z4-M parking lot. Police pulled the vehicle over after an officer observed suspicious activity in the 1700 block of Flint Avenue.

**Sept. 21**  
Police investigated a burglary of a vehicle that occurred in the Z1-B parking lot between Sept. 19 and Sept. 21. The plastic rear window of a jeep was cut, and a Kenwood amplifier, a subwoofer box and two

subwoofers were taken. Police responded to a report of graffiti in a men's restroom at the Administrative Services building.

An officer investigated three vehicle burglaries in the Z4-P parking lot. The door-lock mechanisms were punched out, and electronic equipment was stolen from each vehicle. The burglaries are believed to have occurred on either Sept. 20 or Sept. 21.

A police officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in the third floor of the Flint Avenue Parking Garage. The vehicle that had been struck was unattended, and there were no injuries reported.

An officer investigated a report of criminal mischief in the Z4-P parking lot where a vehicle's passenger door had been scratched.

Police detained a student for public intoxication in the Z4-M parking lot. The student was released pending charges and released to a responsible person.

A student was arrested in the Z6-B parking lot for driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana. The student was transported to Lub-

bock County Jail, and the student's vehicle was impounded.

**Sept. 22**  
Police investigated the theft of an Apple iPhone, which was stolen from Chitwood Residence Hall.

Police investigated a report of criminal mischief in the Z1-B parking lot where a vehicle's driver's side door had been scratched.

Officers investigated a report of criminal mischief on the fifth floor of Murdough Residence Hall where ceiling tiles had been damaged.

A student was arrested for public intoxication on the north side of Coleman Residence Hall and transported to Lubbock County Jail.

After an observed traffic violation, a student assistant was arrested for driving while intoxicated in the 600 block of Indiana Avenue.

The student assistant's car was impounded, and he was transported to Lubbock County Jail.

**Sept. 23**  
Police investigated a hit-and-run accident involving an unattended vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot. There were no injuries reported.

Police responded to a report of

suspicious activity in a dorm room in Hulen Residence Hall. One student was detained and issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and released. Another student was arrested and transported to Lubbock County Jail for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a fake driver's license.

Police detained a student in the Z4-P parking lot after a report of a suspicious activity and issued a citation for possession of alcohol by a minor and for possession of a fictitious license. The student was released.

Police investigated a hit-and-run accident involving an unattended vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot. There were no injuries reported.

Police responded to a report of suspicious activity in the Z4-P parking lot and arrested a student for assaulting a public servant, evading arrest and detention, resisting arrest and public intoxication. The student was transported to Lubbock County Jail and released pending charges.

**Sept. 24**  
Officers documented damaged

property to a staff member's vehicle, which had occurred at an unknown location and on an unknown date.

An officer documented information about a locker that had been tampered with at the Central Heating and Cooling Plant. The locker had not been successfully opened, and nothing was taken.

An officer investigated the theft of a bicycle and a bicycle lock at Coleman Residence Hall.

An officer investigated a burglary of a habitation in Murdough Residence Hall. An iPod had been taken from a secured room.

An officer investigated a theft of a pair of unattended soccer cleats outside Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Halls.

After responding to a report of suspicious activity in Gates Residence Hall, police arrested four students for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. All four students were taken to Lubbock County Jail.

An officer investigated possible Internet fraud at the Philosophy department.

After responding to a report of

suspicious activity in Coleman Residence Hall, two students were issued citations for possession of drug paraphernalia and released pending the filing of charges for possession of marijuana.

Police responded to an accident in the R-8 parking lot. There were no injuries.

Police arrested two students for criminal trespass at the Athletic Training Center after they were observed on top of the bubble. Both students were transported to Lubbock County Jail.

**Sept. 26**  
Police investigated a possible harassment of a faculty member in Holden Hall after reports that the faculty member had received two letters from a non-student that she felt needed to be documented.

Police investigated a report of criminal mischief involving two broken windows in the Jones AT&T Stadium.

Police documented information involving a verbal altercation between two students in Murdough Residence Hall.

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## Florida judge rules father fit to get girl in Cuban custody case

MIAMI (AP) — A 5-year-old Cuban girl at the center of an international custody dispute should be

returned to her father, unless separating the child from her Miami foster parents would cause her extreme

harm, a judge ruled Thursday.

Circuit Judge Jeri B. Cohen said she would not immediately return the girl to her father, farmer Rafael Izquierdo, who wants to take her back to Cuba. But she said he is a fit father and the state would have a difficult time proving a reunion would harm her.

The Florida Department of Children & Families wants the girl to stay with the foster parents. Cohen said she would hold a follow-up hearing to listen to the state's arguments but urged agency attorneys to "take their blindfold off and see the

forest for the trees."

"I have read the cases in Florida, and you're going to have a very steep mountain to climb here, and you know it," she told attorneys for the state. She suggested all parties enter into mediation.

The girl went into foster care after her mother brought her to the U.S. in 2005 and then attempted suicide days before Christmas. For the past 18 months she has been living with foster parents Joe and Maria Cubas, a wealthy Cuban-American couple.

State attorneys said Izquierdo

abandoned the girl by not keeping in contact with her. Izquierdo denied that and professed his love for her.

Cohen ruled that Izquierdo neither abandoned nor neglected his daughter, even though he went months without communicating with her after she moved to the U.S.

The state's attorneys have said removing the girl from her foster home after such a long time would cause her serious emotional trauma. The department maintains the girl has bonded with the Cubases and wants to remain with her half brother, whom the couple adopted.

Cohen said the court couldn't deny Izquierdo custody of his child unless it would endanger her.

At a news conference held outside the courthouse, Izquierdo, a pig and potato farmer, said in Spanish:

"Truth wins."

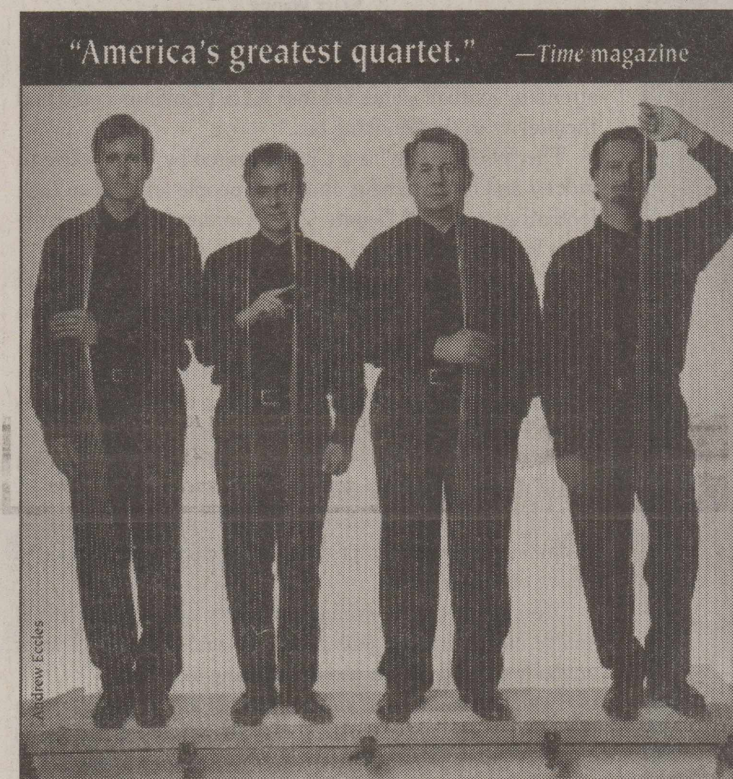
Izquierdo said the Cubases knew all along that the girl had a loving father who wanted her back and he wants to return home as soon as possible to the central Cuban town of Cabaiguán.

"I want to be with my family, be together," he said.

His lawyer Ira Kurzban said he was unaware of any cases in Florida where a father, after being found to be fit, was denied custody based on "nebulous" psychological harm a child might suffer from being separated from foster parents.

"Unless a father is unfit, he has a right to his child. Period," Kurzban said.

DCF spokeswoman Flora Beal said afterward, however, that "to separate siblings from each other does have an emotional and psychological effect."



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### CORRECTION:

There was an error in the article "Hang your guns up" in Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Toreador*. The lead should have read: "The only change House Bill 2112 made to Texas state law is extending a previous ban of unlicensed firearms to campus parking lots and buses." The DT regrets the error.

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### Security

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building across campus. It was not until 9:26 a.m. that the school sent the first e-mail to students and faculty. An investigative panel concluded that lives could have been saved if alerts had been sent out earlier and classes canceled after the first burst of gunfire.

Since then, hundreds of schools administrations have installed text-messaging systems to communicate with students.

Omnilert, a company based in Leesburg, Va., saw its business surge after the Virginia Tech rampage. It is now supplying more than 250 colleges and universities around the country with instant messaging capa-

bility — a system called e2Campus.

St. John's purchased its inCampuAlert text-messaging system from a California company called MIR3 Inc. over the summer, also in response to the Virginia Tech slayings.

The system sends a message not only to cell phones, but also to digital signs in public places like student unions or dorms, as well as to computers, PDAs and beepers.

"Nearly every major college and university in the country is either in the process of implementing a text message warning system or seriously considering do it," said S. Daniel Carter, senior vice president of Security on Campus, a nonprofit organization based in King of Prussia, Pa., that pushes for safer college campuses.

School officials have not completely given up more traditional ways of communicating with students.

Last week, after two students were shot and wounded at Delaware State University, campus police and residence hall advisers knocked on doors and told students to stay in their rooms, and warnings were posted on the school's Web site and at dorms.

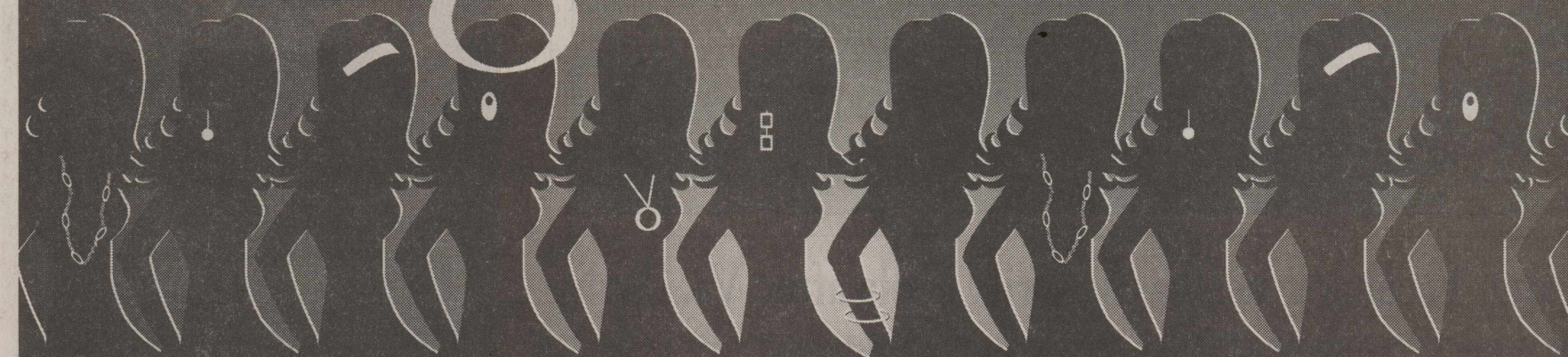
But it is clear that schools are taking advantage of every innovation they can.

In Wisconsin, officials paid the popular social networking site Facebook \$100 to post a flier on the UW-Madison social network. The ad asked users to click on a link for an update on the campus emergency. That took them to the university's home page, which carried the latest information on the search for a suicidal gunman. Authorities still had not located the man as of Thursday.

In the St. John's incident, text messages were sent so quickly that a student who helped subdue the suspect felt his cellphone vibrate with the information while he was restraining the gunman.

The message to student read: "From Public Safety. Male was found on campus with rifle. Please stay in your buildings until further notice. He is in custody, but please wait until the all clear."

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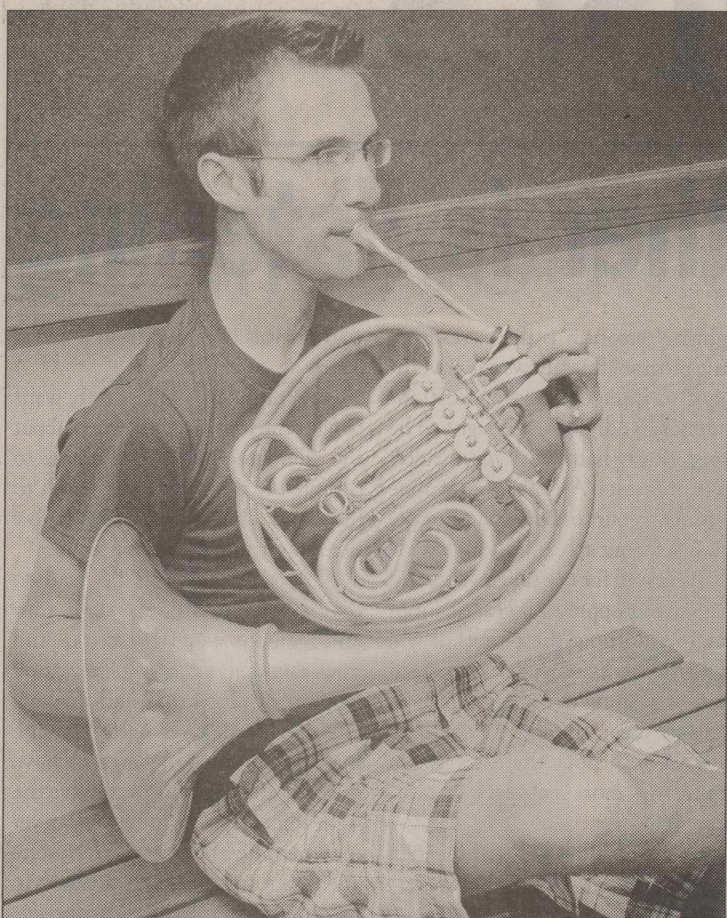


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WITH ALL THE practice rooms taken, Trevor Kay, a senior music education major from Carrollton, finds a seat Thursday morning in the Music building hallway to warm up for the day.

## NASA launches spacecraft on double-encounter mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA took aim at the heart of the asteroid belt Thursday, launching a spacecraft on a nearly decade-long journey that will include two never-before-attempted close encounters.

The scientific probe Dawn is on a 3 billion-mile course that will have it meeting up with an asteroid named Vesta in 2011 and a dwarf planet called Ceres in 2015. They are the biggest members of the crowded asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, and scientists hope that by studying them up close, some of the secrets of the early solar system will be revealed.

Dawn's sunrise liftoff was especially emotional for Christopher Russell, the mission's lead scientist from the University of California at Los Angeles. He waited 15 years to see Dawn rise, and during that time endured two funding-related project cancellations and two

years of postponements.

Russell monitored everything from inside Launch Control and was half-expecting yet another delay. His wife, watching from outside, cried.

"This was an intense relief," Russell said, adding that he was "very, very happy at what happened today." He considered it vindicating, given all he'd been through.

Dawn's mission is the world's first attempt to journey to a celestial body and orbit it, then travel to another and circle it as well. Ion-propulsion engines, once confined to science fiction, are making it possible.

"To me, this feels like the first real interplanetary spaceship," said Marc Rayman, chief engineer. "This is the first time we've really had the capability to go someplace, stop, take a detailed look, spend our time there and then leave."

# SGA sponsors 'classy' campaign

By KENDALL WHEELER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The next time Texas Tech students see a photo of "Anchorman" character Ron Burgandy, it might be encouraging them to say the right thing.

The Student Government Association is partnering with the Center for Campus Life to bring a new campaign to Tech students.

Suzette Matthews, internal vice president of SGA, said the campaign focuses on promoting the use of the traditional words of the fight song. Campaign workers will hand-out T-shirts featuring the

correct words to the fight song and a picture of Burgandy with the phrase, "Stay Classy Texas Tech."

"The 'stay classy' campaign is like the Raider Power campaign, but with a student perspective," said Matthews, a senior English major from Perryton.

Matthews said the SGA hopes the campaign will be on a personal level with students, which might help them remember to sing the right words to the fight song during athletic events.

"We just wanted to do something to help encourage students to do the right thing," Matthews said.

Anna Malouf, a junior human

development and family studies major from Dallas, said she believes the Burgandy idea is great.

"I know that I love anything that Will Ferrell does," she said, "and people were really into 'Anchorman' when it came out, so I think that people will definitely respond to the shirts in a good way."

Audrey Ibarra, a sophomore chemistry major from Dallas, said people who like "Anchorman" will like the campaign.

"Anchorman' is a classic," she said. "All my friends will definitely want to get one of those shirts."

Conversely, Michael Ostrowsky said he believes the campaign will

stir students' emotions.

"Since there's authority telling students what to do," said Ostrowsky, a sophomore accounting major from Carrollton, "I think students will just want to rebel more."

Ostrowsky said he believes Tech students will not change their ways.

"Maybe a shirt would help," he said, "but I don't think anything will change."

Matthews said the SGA is in the process of getting the copyright approved for the picture on the back of the T-shirt, and it should be done in the next few weeks. She said the T-shirt will be free.

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## Citations

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guilty."

Greg Elkins, dean of students, said the administration is aware of the situation and is gathering more information to determine if any action will be taken at the university level, including educating students about the laws.

"These are some of the things that we've been made aware of and are aware of, and we want students to be aware and make informed decisions," he said.

Despite concerns over the increase in ticketing, Elkins said the university will do its best to maintain a cooperative relationship with the city.

Though all indications point to a change in the way police are issuing citations, Asst. Chief Dale Holton with the Lubbock Police Department said no official mandates have been issued to encourage officers to crack down on parties or alcohol-related offenses.

"We've really not done anything differently," he said. "We've had party patrols assigned to loud party calls for the last several years."

Holton said any increase in ticketing has been made at the patrol officers' discretion.

"We've tried warnings, and we've tried to ask for voluntary compliance, and that hasn't worked," he said. "It's apparent

that officers have decided voluntary compliance isn't working."

Attendance at a party without any indication of illegal activity is not grounds for a citation, Holton said, and the allegations that students not breaking the law are

*"It's apparent that officers have decided voluntary compliance isn't working."*

— DALE HOLTON  
ASSISTANT CHIEF  
LUBBOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

receiving tickets is unlikely.

"We still have to be able to make a case," he said. "There may be situations like that where everyone in attendance would receive a ticket because the officers observed illegal activity."

Still, some are concerned the cases resulting from the increased enforcement may not be ironclad.

Trey McClendon, an attorney in Lubbock, said the legal community is aware and ready to represent students who feel they were ticketed unfairly by Lubbock police.

"We're just seeing large, large numbers of citations being given, and it certainly appears that they are targeting Texas Tech students and parties," he said.

With the high volume of tickets being issued, McClendon said he believes many cases may present factual or constitutional problems if they were taken to court.

"It's my understanding that they've been going out and writing 200 tickets at one party," he said. "It seems to me that the students have been treated more like cattle than individuals. They've been herded to one side of the room and

issued citations."

Because he has not seen any of the cases through the full legal process yet, McClendon said it is difficult to determine what the outcome will be, though he warned students to stay away from situations that could create legal problems.

Students who received citations can contact Student Legal Services at (806) 742-3289 or go to the service's offices on the third floor of the Student Union Building for free and confidential consultations.

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# OPINIONS

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## Big Brother is listening

By RICK ROJAS  
THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas — When I think of the great mission of the United States after Sept. 11 to search out terror wherever it lurks, I think of a figure like Jack Bauer and "24." We've got a worldwide information gathering network with innumerable resources, but when something happens there's only one man to call: a made-for-TV character with beyond-human crime-fighting abilities.

Bauer is the all-American man who holds no bars, pulls no punches and gets the job done. He's like every other virile crime-fighting man from the realm of Hollywood: deal with the bad guys now, worry about the rules later. I think President George W. Bush believes the fight against terrorism is much the same.

A crown jewel in his arsenal in

fighting terrorism is the eavesdropping program that allows the government to intercept communications involving individuals thought to be conspiring to harm the United States or its interests. All this can be done without a court order. And, the program is facing an expiration date.

Bush said for the sake of security, the eavesdropping program cannot expire. "Without these tools, it will be harder to figure out what our enemies are doing to train, recruit and infiltrate operatives into America," he said. "Without these tools, our country is more vulnerable to attack."

Congress allowed for the eavesdropping program on a temporary basis, granting greater authority and leeway. Warrants being no longer necessary is the foremost of these leeways. Such a program has existed for more than 30 years, after the establishment of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. This act allowed for eavesdropping after a

warrant was obtained from a secret court.

The president doesn't only want to fight the terrorists and worry about the rules later, he wants the rules to completely disappear. The catch to his wishes, though, is this is not how the American republic operates.

Our rule of law is devised so that this is not a police state. Law enforcement can fight crime and track criminals in order to meet their mission of protecting and serving, but they don't have carte blanche power in doing so. Warrants have to be obtained and suspects have the right to be silent or to have a lawyer present. The ability to search, seize and interrogate are necessary tools in fighting crime on American streets. But if the safeguards and the rights of the accused are yanked away, the police have all the power to do as they please. That's martial law -- and certainly no environment for a free people.

Big Brother is listening.

## Flowery vocabulary not so useful

By PREET ANAND  
THE SANTA CLARA (SANTA CLARA U.)

(U-WIRE) SANTA CLARA, Calif. — What's the difference between vernacular and language? To the common word user, there is no difference, except one is meant to sound impressive. Speaking with a complicated vocabulary is like getting a manicure as a guy — only a few people can pull it off.

There are those who are insecure about their ability to influence and communicate, so they use words like esoteric, juxtapose and muff while describing simple ideas like a trash can. Probably not muff, actually, but it sounds nice. These people might as well be teenagers using Viagra, because it's overkill.

In my opinion, the only people who can truly impress while

utilizing an advanced vocabulary are those whose personalities make you expect that. They impress upon you a quiet confidence. Often, one is already impressed before such people speak, and the delivery is the icing on the cake. Personality and confidence serve as foreplay to the speech.

I believe words are tools. Remember, the best speakers make simple words carry big meaning, rather than using big words that carry simple meaning.

Worse than people who use complex-sounding words are people who sound like business letters. They will say things like, "In order to begin the initiating process of starting how to plan the design of..."

They invented the never-ending story. Most often, these are people of the bureaucracy or "staff" that have loosely defined "nodding" jobs. They just sign off

on pre-determined decisions or monitor someone else. To them, the word "yes" becomes a long paragraph of cushion words that have been picked randomly off of dictionary.com and have no meaning.

To clarify, I do not think that people who are assistants or secretaries do "nodding" jobs because their work has obviously tangible results and they are quite succinct and efficient.

An example of business people "fluffing" with words can be seen with things like vision statements and mission statements. Here is an example:

"A Real Smoothie Company Not Operated By Bon Appetit Management Inc. begs to fulfill the market-oriented goal of offering liquid consumables designed to create a massively diverse arrangement of options to provide sustained enjoyment of a customer's tasting experience."

## Entrance exams are overated

By COLLEEN LINDSAY  
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(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. — If you are a senior with an extra \$140 on your hands, I would consider canceling that party. With grad school just around the corner for some of us, the next step forward is probably to take the GRE.

The idea of a standardized test gives some the heebie-jeebies. After all, one exam lasting around two and a half hours will determine if you make the cut for grad school funds or have to scramble for a loan. Just one exam. That one exam is supposed to tap into all the knowledge that you have gained over a lifetime.

So, does it? That is up for debate. After all, your knowledge is much different than anyone else's. So, unless that exam is written for you, it will probably not examine your ability. It will simply examine your's in comparison with a baseline of accepted, this-is-what-you-need-to-know information.

One of my big complaints about standardized exams is the cost. For a college student, taking an exam like the GRE, or other exams to enter master's programs, is expensive -- especially when many of us live below the poverty line. Now, many take their exams more than once to try to get a better score. This requires reaching into the piggy bank again to exchange the savings account for an exam.

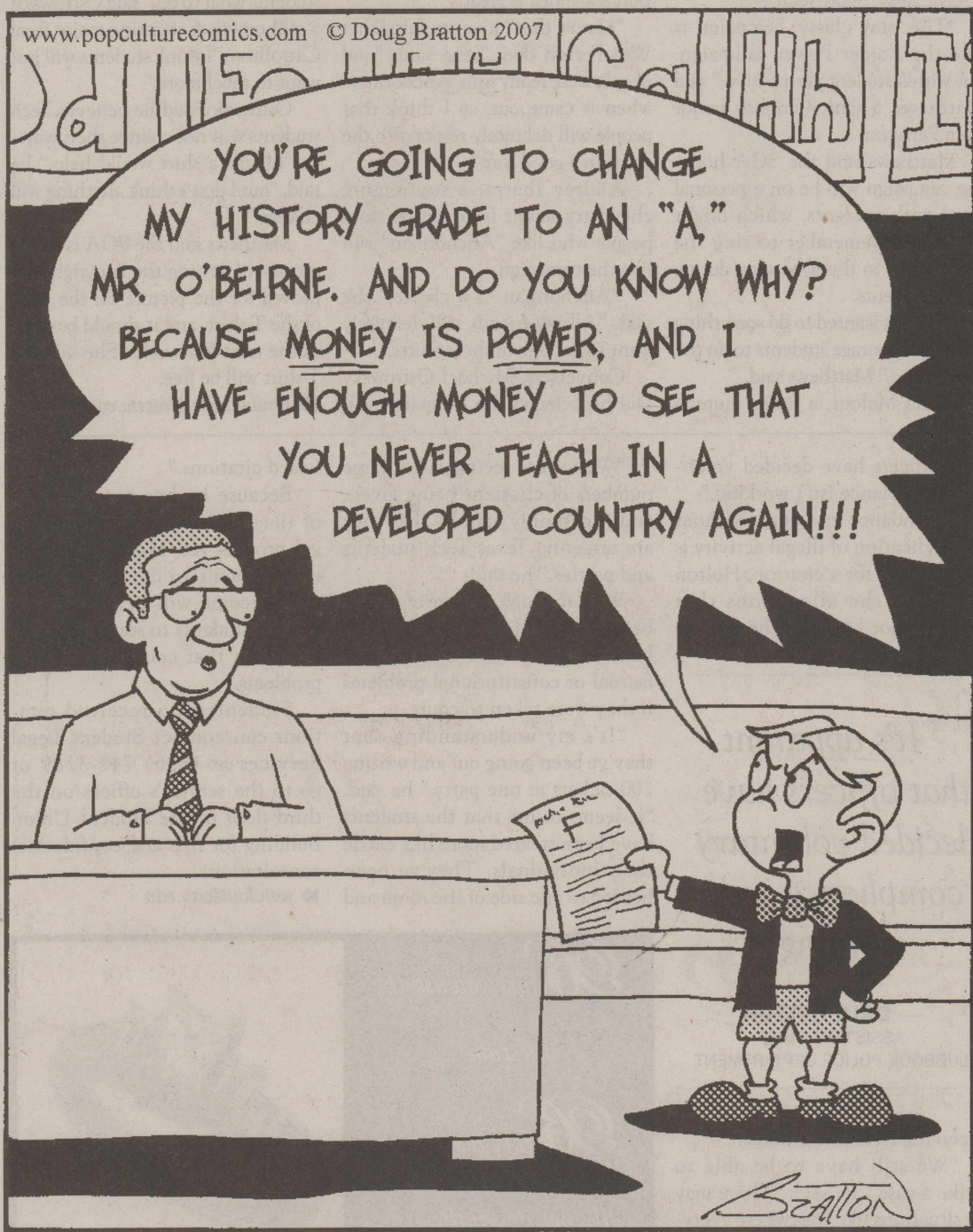
Another problem with these exams is that people tend to take them over and over again. This may not seem like such a big problem on the surface. After all, if you get an unsatisfactory score, it is your prerogative to take it again and try to get a better one. If the master's program that you are wanting to get in to requires a better score than the one you received, you can try again for a better score. However, with so many taking the exam again, the results are skewed.

An average score is no longer acceptable -- you must retake. Therefore, there is no longer such a thing as "this was the best I could do." You can do better if you take it again.

Now, after taking the exam once already, you have helpful hints and understand the structure of the exam. It puts you at an advantage over the first-time test takers. This may mean that a better student that took the exam once gets placed lower than an average student that took the exam many times.

Is this a problem? Does persistence count when you are going to grad school? Some would argue that it does; however, that is not what the exam was scoring or what the grad program set out to analyze.

My final complaint with standardized exams is that they are the standard for any aid that you get from the school. Generally, the program looks at everything else you have done but bases a substantial amount on an exam that probably took less than three hours to complete. Therefore, your academic career is made or broken in a little less than the amount of time it takes to watch "Gandhi." That is a little far-reaching for me. To think that my entire lifetime of learning is scored by one exam that did not take very long to finish is bizarre.



## Richie Rich, When the Cameras Aren't Rolling

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

By BRIAN MORRIS

Dear Editor,  
At the start of every home football game, I see a tortilla fly down from the stands and either hit members of the visiting team or land on the field, which brings in penalties for our team. What are a "few" people thinking? Seriously. Maybe these are the same "few" who need to be coddled over at the Department of Finance; I'm referring to Wednesday's opinion column "College: It's the new high school."

I walk around campus, and I see red and black everywhere, and it's great. I go to the game, and I see red and black everywhere, and it's great. Beyond that, there are not a lot of sights and sounds at the game, besides the band. I rarely hear cover music during time-outs like I hear bleeding through during live broadcasts of different schools. At Texas Tech, we kill our national, free airtime to promote our school. Instead of playing some cover music, giving the camera time to fade to commercial with shots of us, the station has to jump to commercial because it is not going to advertise the Chicken Express commercial

for free. I watch our games on television, and they are boring to watch, as far as sideshow activities. The football is great to watch: It's like we have two offenses, but I still love the Red Raiders. What I am getting at is our marketability for a live audience. We have some major televised games coming up. Why let teams like Texas A&M get all those cut-away shots of Reveille, A&M's mascot, going into commercial?

If this is "our house," and if we "must protect it," then I say bring back those tortillas. Sure, there are always those sneaky bench guys who sneak in a crescent wrench to free up the seating arrangement, but tortillas look way better flying everywhere on camera. If students in the "new high school" crowd can reach out with a little common sense, they could have their cake and eat it too.

I say throw as many tortillas as you want. But here's the catch: Keep them off the field of play, stupid. That means the visiting team, referees, etc. Imagine watching a game at home and seeing hundreds of tortillas flying back and forth in the stands. It would look great, and the

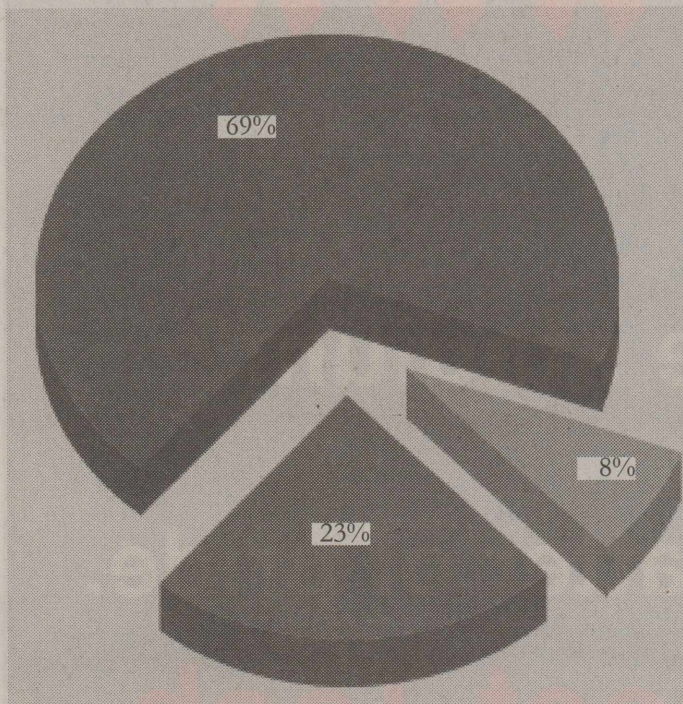
cameras would love it. I like our rowdy attitude -- just be smart about it. If you're in the crowd and someone starts to mess the experience up, turn around and say something. I do all the time. I have a big mouth, and I'm not afraid to use it.

Let's get it together and make ourselves look better. Don't we deserve it? Get those pirate hats, eye patches and tortillas, and let's rock the game. It's no wonder other schools get the blue chips and our coaches have to search for diamonds in the rough. Watch an introduction to a Florida State game or those lousy Irish at the University of Notre Dame. They put on a show. Watch as the camera pans the crowd, many members of which are "fist-pumping rowdy towels" -- a move that now is so copycatted, it's officially lame.

The point is, the camera loves it, people love it, recruits love it and it's called spirit. All the spirit I ever hear is the altered lyrics of our fight song. I like that too. We're Tech, we're rowdy. We are not the red-headed stepchildren of Texas football anymore. We are in contention for the Big 12 South title every year -- kind of. It's high time our fans act like contenders too. Throw those tortillas. Throw them at each other. Trust me, nobody likes "that guy" who does something stupid. I'm that guy who asks questions in class and you laugh at him for it. Matthew Porter was right. This is the new high school, and I'm bringing some tortillas to the game to bring for all those who laugh at me, so watch out for flying tortillas, and Go Tech!

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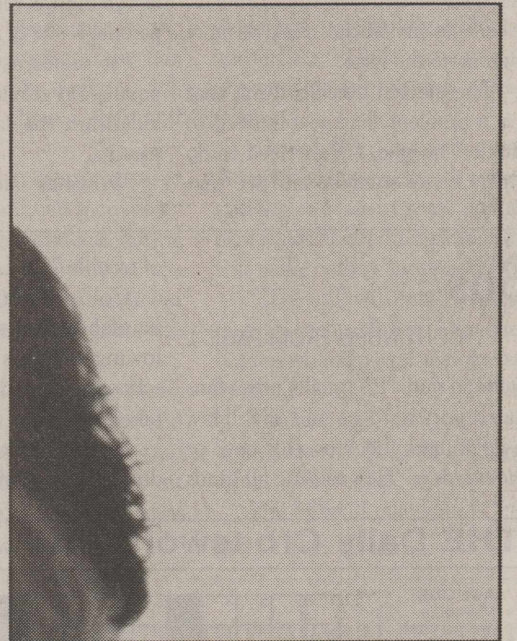
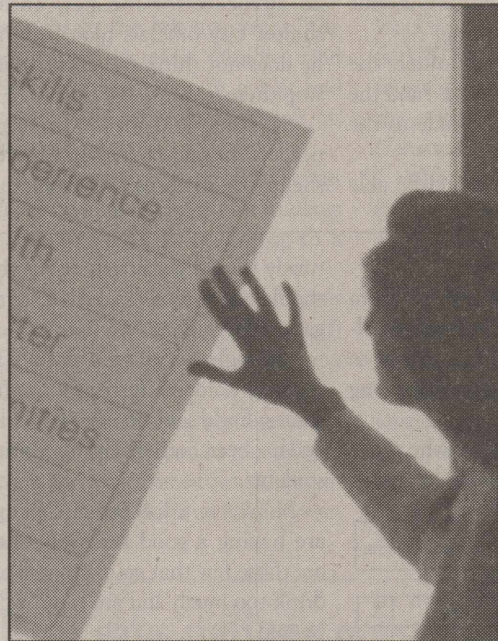
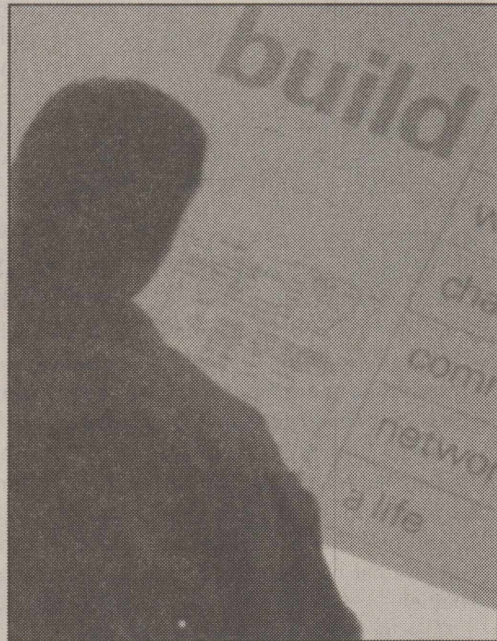
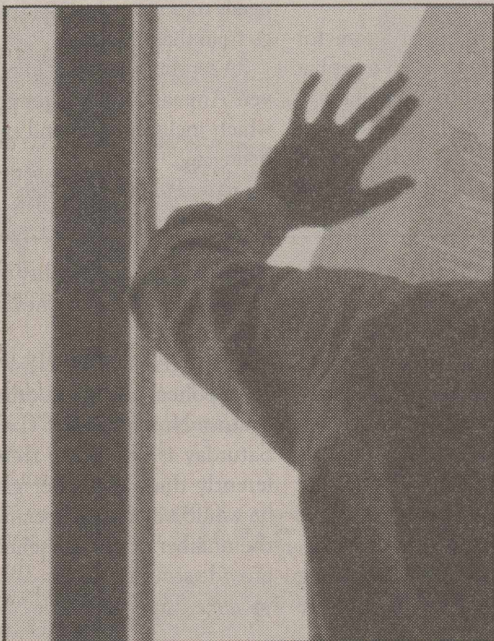
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# Haven

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Creating spay and neuter programs would lead to fewer animal deaths, he said.

"(Euthanizing animals is at a) high rate because Lubbock hasn't found a system," he said. "There are cities Lubbock's size that are using a spay/neuter program, which would be cheaper than using the shelter."

Although Wilbanks said he believes pet owners should be responsible for spaying or neutering their animals, he believes city officials could do more to promote the issue.

"The elected officials think that it is a problem that people need to handle," he said. "They need to do a little bit of studying and see that

even though (residents) are supposed to (spay or neuter their pets), they don't."

Kevin Overstreet, director of Lubbock Animal Services, said he also believes spaying or neutering an animal is important, but he cannot force the pet owner to do so.

"I certainly don't disagree with the public being responsible pet owners," he said, "but it is also a choice. If they have a particular breed and want to breed their pet, they can."

Wilbanks said he believes responsible pet ownership should be instilled for a young age, yet the attitude of some parents is one of not caring.

"It seems as we get older, the population grows," he said, "and the kids learn the same attitude as the parents."

Wilbanks said he would be able

to do more education around the community if there were more volunteers.

"We try to have some pet-therapy programs with kids," he said, "teaching kids how to better treat animals."

Overstreet said he plans to hire a volunteer coordinator to help create education programs on responsible pet ownership.

He said he also believes education should begin during childhood, and the programs will target elementary school students.

Although Wilbanks said he is an advocate for the new animal shelter city officials plan to build, he does not think the effort should stop there.

"I think that a new shelter is needed," he said, "but also with a new shelter, there needs to be some new

training for the people who take care of that shelter. Somebody from Lubbock probably needs to go to Austin to see how they do things."

Traveling to cities with successful animal shelter programs is on his agenda, Overstreet said.

"We're already planning trips to some cities our size," he said, "and also we've discussed going to look at their facility and see what they did to make it a successful situation."

Specifically, he said he will be visiting with shelter employees to discuss the efficiency of a shelter and exactly how shelters are run.

Because his shelter is full, Wilbanks said he is forced to turn animals away.

"We just have to tell them, 'no,'" he said. "In fact, today I turned down a couple. It is a hard thing to do, but

there just is not enough room for everyone. We'd love to take them all, but we can't."

He said he believes it would take about 50 no-kill shelters in Lubbock to end the killing of animals altogether.

He said the Haven Animal Care Shelter has critics who claim animals are kept at the shelter too long.

"Sometimes when an animal gets sick, we just take them into our house," he said. "We've bought wheels for their legs. We go as far as we can."

Wilbanks said Texas Tech students often play a major role in supporting the animals.

He said he has a program for students who want to adopt a pet but cannot take the cat or dog home.

"We have had real good luck with the Tech students," he said. "Some of them come and adopt the animal and

leave it here. It is an adoption option where they can take the pet to the park and play with it. It is really good for the dogs because they get attention; it makes them more adoptable."

Wilbanks said he encourages community members to contact their respective city council members to emphasize the importance of no-kill shelters.

"The kids at Tech maybe have a little bit of voice if they want to write to the mayor or city council members," he said. "Talk about, study some shelters that are no-kill, see what Lubbock needs to do to get to that place, and go from there."

Adopting an animal from the Haven Animal Care Shelter costs \$60, which includes shots and spaying or neutering.

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# Bus

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Hoffman said. "It's usually other fans that report it to us and say, 'Hey, go down and check on this guy,' or whoever it is. 'He's causing all kinds

of trouble."

Collin Earle, a freshman from Garden Ridge, said he believes allowing students to sit on a bus to sober up is a good alternative to being taken to jail.

"I don't think students who get to drunk at the game and are being too

rowdy should get arrested, but they should be definitely kicked out of the game," he said.

Though he said he enjoys attending RaiderGate before football games, Earle said he does not drink and has been bothered by intoxicated students.

"I like it a lot because people are having a good time, but there are those few that go overboard and drink too much and are too rowdy," he said.

Though Tech police operate the bus, Hoffman said Lubbock County Sheriff deputies and Texas Highway Patrol officers are hired to provide extra security at games.

"Sometimes we'll have as few as maybe 30 or 40 highway patrolmen," Hoffman said. "Sometimes we'll have 50 or 60, just depending on the size of the game and the crowds, and what's going on."

Nick Whittlesey, a freshman international business and broadcast journalism major from Dallas, said he believes the bus is a good idea but has mixed feelings about it.

"They're doing their jobs," he said of Tech police, "but of course I'm going to be against kids getting arrested for just having a good time."

Tamara Milner, a victim ser-

vices specialist with Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Lubbock, said M.A.D.D. is supportive of the Tech police bus because it can prevent drunken driving and underage drinking.

"Our mission at M.A.D.D. is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of drunk driving crashes and to prevent underage drinking, and the police at Tech are doing that exactly," she said. "If they are

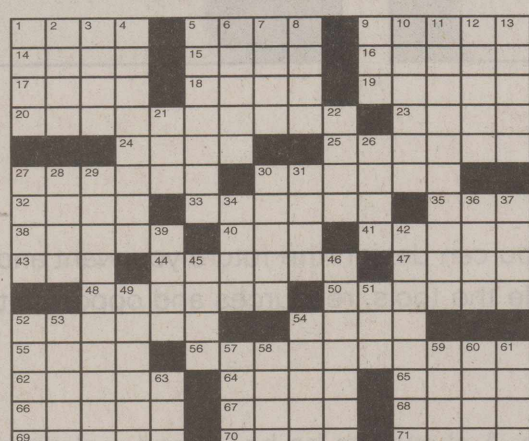
eliminating the possibility of having 17 alcohol-related crashes, then we support that."

Capt. Heath Steele with the Tech police, said the football game against Northwestern (La.) State Saturday is not being treated differently than any other game, but he would not discuss specifics about the number of officers scheduled to provide security.

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# HPV

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cervix changes during menarche, a girl's first period. That's when it's most susceptible to the virus, so we try to start the vaccine just before that takes place."

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices consists of 15 experts — selected by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services — who provide advice and guidance to the CDC. The committee recommends women through age 26 years old receive catch-up vaccinations, according to the CDC Web site.

"You have to look at what we're trying to treat," Yandell said. "Cervical cancer is really what we're talking about here, and on a lesser scale, genital warts. This is the most common disease for causing either of those."

Unlike many vaccines, Gardasil is a recombinant vaccine, which means it does not contain any live forms of the virus. According to the CDC Web site, the vaccine is comprised of proteins from the outer coat of the virus.

"There are a lot of different ways to make a vaccine," Yandell said. "In this case, it works extremely well."

The Food and Drug Administration first licensed Gardasil in June, 2006, according to the FDA Web site.

The vaccine protects against four different strains of HPV — types 6, 11, 16 and 18, according to the CDC Web site. At least 50 percent of all sexually active people will get HPV at some time in their lives. Approximately 6.2 million Americans get HPV each year.

Yandell said the reason college students need to be aware of this is that the risks increase with higher rates of sexual activity.

"For years — and I mean centuries — we've known that women with higher numbers of sexual partners have a greater risk for cancer," he said. "It's a sexually transmitted disease, and we've known that for a long time."

There are approximately 100 types of HPV, Yandell said. The virus usually infects a woman's cervix, altering the cells there. Most strains cause no symptoms and go away on their own, after which the cervical cells return to normal. Some types, however, do not go away. Instead, they continue to change the cells, which eventually can lead to cervical cancer.

"The virus invades the cells," he said. "It changes them into something half-virus, half-human."

According to the American Cancer Society Web site, www.cancer.org, approximately 11,150 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2007. About 3,670 women will die of it this year. According to the Web site, women can prevent most precancers of the cervix by avoiding exposure to HPV.

"We have a vaccine with the potential to eliminate one type of cancer," Yandell said. "The sooner you get the vaccine, the higher your chance of being protected for the rest of your life."

There is no treatment or cure for HPV, according to the CDC Web site. It is recommended that all women get the vaccine before contracting any form of HPV.

However, women who already have contracted one form still can benefit from the vaccine because it prevents four strains of HPV.

"The key is to get the immune system to recognize the virus," Yandell said. "This could be a cure for a very nasty type of cancer. This has the potential to eliminate maybe 90 percent of that."

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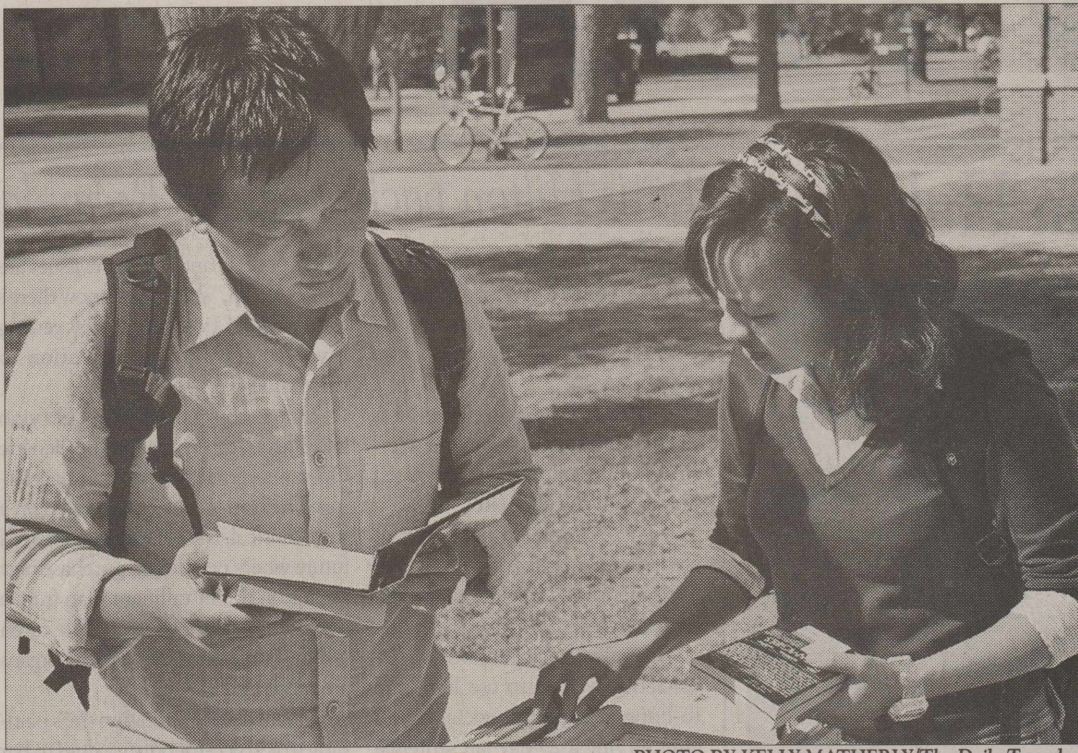


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ANH NGUYEN AND Van Nguyen, both in Lubbock from Vietnam participating in the Intensive English Program, check out the Used Books sale Thursday afternoon in front of the Child Development Research Center. The sale will go on again today behind the Human Sciences building. All proceeds go to the Research Center.

## TAKE IT FROM THE TOP



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CONNIE DiGRAZIA, A graduate theater major from San Diego, and Jen Watson, a graduate theater major from Stonewall, act out a scene from a play by Bertolt Brecht during their scene study class Thursday afternoon outside the theater building.

## New legislation cuts college costs, increases grants

By KIM GRIFFITH  
STAFF WRITER

There is new hope for cutting the cost of college expenses for students and their families.

President George W. Bush signed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act into law Sept. 27; the act reduces subsidies to student lenders by \$20 billion.

According to the House Education and Labor Committee, the cost of college has increased nearly 40 percent in the last five years. The legislation decreases subsidies paid by the government to banks and other loan providers without an increase in taxes.

The new legislation is the largest increase in financial aid for students since the GI Bill, according to a press release.

The bill will cut interest rates on subsidized loans, such as Stafford loans, in half during the next five years.

The bill ensures borrowers will not pay more than 15 percent of their annual income toward loan repayment, and loans will be forgiven after 20 years.

Becky Wilson, managing director of Student Financial Aid, said approximately 4,600 Texas Tech students received the Pell Grant in the 2006 fiscal year. The total amount received by Tech students the same year was nearly \$12.7 million.

Eligibility for the scholarship is expected to expand, serving more students in financial need. Wilson said the bill could increase enrollment figures at Tech.

"The main way this would affect Tech students is that it would increase the Pell Grant award," she said. "The more students who can receive assistance in financial aid, the greater the chance they will come to college."

The amount students receive from the Pell Grant will increase by at least \$500 per individual during the next five years, finally reaching \$5,200. In 2006, the maximum scholarship offered to students was \$4,050.

Ben Williams, a junior broadcast journalism major from Gruver and recipient of the Pell Grant, said an increase in the grant's amount would help curb the growing cost of tuition.

"It would be great for me and my family because it is becoming increasingly difficult to pay for the rising cost of college," he said.

The bill includes tuition assistance for qualified undergraduate students who agree to teach in public schools in high-poverty areas, ensuring that qualified teachers will be in classrooms.

To encourage students to pursue careers in public service, the legislation will provide loan forgiveness for law enforcement officers, public defenders, early childhood educators and others. Public servants will be allowed loan forgiveness after 10 years.

Alex Carter, a Campaign for America's Future research associate, said the increase in grant aid for students and the declining interest rates will make college more accessible.

"(The bill) will entail loan repayment, which will help alleviate the burden when you get out of school," he said.

The average Tech student owes approximately \$17,000 after graduation, Wilson said.

The bill will take effect Oct. 1.

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## Rice says nations must find ways to reduce global warming

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush's climate meeting opened Thursday with its main problem on full display: The biggest polluters — industrialized and developing nations alike — say their economies are more important than global warming.

Not for the richest nations, replete with Europe, the United Nations and some developing nations.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, anticipating such divisions, urged all sides to work together to "accelerate the prospects" of a U.N.-led solution later this year at talks in Bali, Indonesia.

"Pitting the developed and the developing countries against each other will not lead to economic development and environmental sustainability," he said in remarks prepared for Thursday night. "We must tear down artificial barriers that impede the spread of today's

clean technologies. There is no moral or economic reason for tariffs or non-tariff barriers on environmental goods or services."

The U.S. talks, following on the heels of the United Nations' climate gathering Monday, is an attempt to influence what happens after 2012, when the U.N.-brokered Kyoto Protocol mandating greenhouse gas cuts by industrial nations expires. The emphasis, as with much of Bush's climate approach, is on the sharing of green technology.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called for a solution "that does not starve economies of the energy they need to grow and that does not widen the already significant income gap between developed and developing nations."

But she left it to nations to set their own goals and priorities.

"Let me emphasize that this is

not a one-size-fits-all effort," Rice said at the start of a two-day climate meeting called by Bush. "Though united by common goals and collective responsibilities, all nations should tackle climate change in the ways that they deem best."

Rice also called for nations to "cut the Gordian Knot of fossil fuels, carbon emissions, and economic activity."

Though the White House-led meeting includes Britain, France, Germany and other nations in the Kyoto accord, many European officials expressed concern that Bush's meeting would sidetrack the U.N. negotiations that have been the main forum for addressing global warming.

On Thursday, German Environment Minister Sigmar Gabriel said that he did not think that the Bush administration would be an impediment to global talks.



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## Third annual Flatland Film Festival lands in Hub City

By ELLIOTT COCHRAN  
STAFF WRITER

Preparation for the third annual Flatland Film Festival is "in the can," as the event will begin at 7:30 p.m. today at the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts and conclude late Saturday evening.

According to the festival's Web site, www.flatlandfilmfestival.com, tonight will showcase two invitational feature films, "CHALK" and "Tackle Box." The film "CHALK" features two Texas Tech graduates, executive producer Mike McAlister and star Shannon Haragan.

Carol Edwards, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, said this was one of the reasons the college became a Grassroots sponsor of the festival.

"We're there to support them as well as support the Louise H. Underwood Center and support the arts community," she said of the Tech graduates in the film festival. "We're proud of how successful our students have been in the real world."

In addition to McAlister and Haragan, David Kneupper, an award-winning sound designer and Tech graduate, will be the guest of honor in the industry professionals' panel discussion. Dawn Wolf-Taylor, coordinator of education, programs and exhibits at the Underwood Center, said the discussion is one of the

most famous attractions of the festival. "One of the most popular events associated with this film festival is the panel discussion," she said. "We have film-industry experts and filmmakers on the panel, and anyone can ask them questions."

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DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

year, but organization and planning of the event took nearly five years to orchestrate. Local artist James W. Johnson, one of the catalysts who brought the festival to life, said the process of bringing the event to the public grew from a small nucleus of people with similar interests.

"There was probably six or eight people who have known each other for years and thought, 'Wouldn't it be great to have a film festival,'" he said. "We took

it to the Underwood Center and found a few more people to start a committee. We spent like a year and a half just planning the first one."

Through the years, the festival has made some changes. One such change is the month the event is to be conducted, changing this year to late September, instead of early August like in previous years.

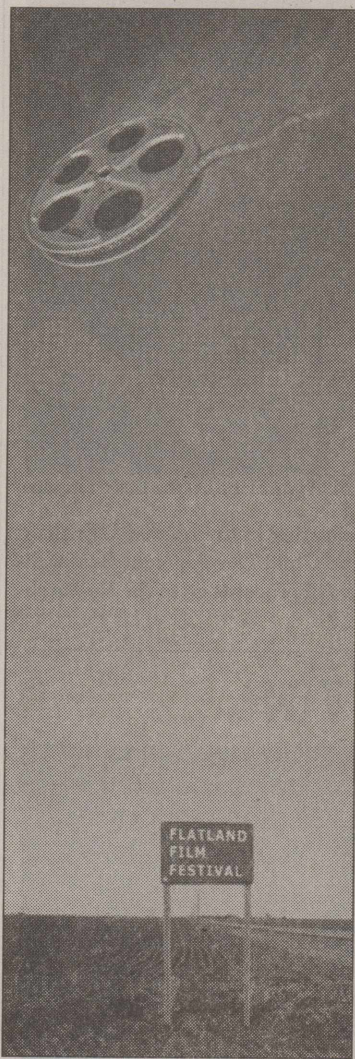
Wolf-Taylor said the festival shifted dates to cater to Tech students, and the move has been successful for the event.

"We moved the film festival so the Tech students can come because we realized we were missing this really viable and really fabulous component of our community," she said. "One event sold out last year, there's usually some elbow room, but we never know. Usually there's some space available for people who want to come last minute."

Johnson agreed with Wolf-Taylor, who said the films catered to Tech students enough to move the date of the festival, forcing it to compete with school-sponsored and other seasonal festivities.

"A lot of the films we were getting, and the films entered into the festival, were geared towards college students and appealed to people in their 20s," he said. "We decided to compete with the fair and football games in order to cater to students."

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## Paris Hilton packs bags for Rwanda

NEW YORK (AP) — Paris Hilton plans to visit Rwanda as part of her post-jail commitment to use her celebrity status to bring attention to social causes.

"I'll be going in November, after I get back from filming my movie," she tells E! Online in a story posted Tuesday on the Web site.

"There's so much need in that area, and I feel like if I go, it will bring more attention to what people can do to help," Hilton says.

The 26-year-old hotel heiress-vixen vowed to use her fame to bring attention to social causes after serving a 23-day jail sentence earlier this year for violating probation in an alcohol-related reckless driving case.

"I want to visit more countries

where poverty and children's issues are a big concern," she says. "I know there's a lot of good I can do just by getting involved and bringing attention to these issues."

Hilton co-stars with Paul Sorvino and Alexa Vega in "Repo! The Genetic Opera," a movie about organ harvesting. The horror rock opera, based on a stage musical, is set in a plague-ravaged future where people can purchase new organs on the installment plan from a corporation called Geneco. The catch is that if the payments stop, the organs are repossessed.

Meanwhile, Hilton says she's planning to add eco-friendly touches to her new home in Beverly Hills, Calif.

"I just bought the house and haven't been able to work on it yet," she says. "But I intend to."

## Extra role in Ferrell movie goes for \$47,100 in cancer charity auction

SAN MARCOS, Calif. (AP) — A 10-year-old boy will get a chance to play an extra in Will Ferrell's new movie after his father bought the role in a cancer-charity auction for more than \$47,000.

The money will go to the Cancer for College foundation run by a fraternity brother of Ferrell's at the University of Southern

California. The \$47,100 high bidder, a man from Dallas, asked to remain anonymous. The opening bid was \$5,000.

"Winning this auction means a lot to me on a very personal basis," the winner said in a statement released by the foundation. "I lost my mother to ovarian cancer a few years ago, so I feel fortunate that my 10-year-old and I are able to participate in an event involving Cancer for College and Will Ferrell."

Ferrell came up with the idea to auction off a non-speaking part as an extra in his new movie, "Step Brothers."

"We are overwhelmed with the response and generosity to the auction," Ferrell said. "This money will help so many young people with their dreams of attending college."

The winner is scheduled to meet Ferrell on Friday at the 14th annual Cancer for College golf tournament dinner in Temecula, then join the actor on the movie set next month.

Ferrell's friend Craig Pollard, a two-time survivor of Hodgkin's disease, started Cancer for College to provide scholarships to current and former cancer patients. The charity has awarded \$200,000 to 50 cancer survivors since 1993.

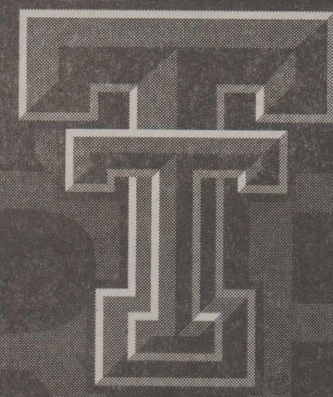
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# Chemicals found in artificial sweeteners may be unhealthy

By **THERESA JENKINS**  
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(U-WIRE) BOISE, Idaho — Artificial sweeteners developed and became a healthy and alternative trend to the use of sugar. They are lower in calories and are supposed to be safe for use.

As the use of artificial sweeteners increased, the medical community found an emergence of multiple health problems. Are the claims that artificial sweeteners contain chemicals that cause cancer or other medical conditions fact or fiction? The current vote in the medical community is fact. Artificial sweeteners do contain chemicals that can have adverse reactions in the human body.

Toxic build-up of chemicals can occur in body cells if artificial sweeteners are used in excess amounts for long periods of time. Likewise, if a person has known or even unknown allergies to the chemical components of these sweeteners medical problems can occur. However, some medical professionals would argue the moderate use of sweeteners is not detrimental to a person's health.

The most popular artificial sweeteners in the market are Splenda, NutraSweet or Equal and Sweet-n-Low.

Splenda has received the most controversy lately. Splenda is a no-calorie sugar substitute that contains a modified sugar

compound named sucralose. Sucralose was discovered in 1976 and approved by the FDA in 1988. The active ingredient of Splenda is sucralose, a modified sugar compound, contains chlorine. The chemical structure of the compound is C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>. From the perspective of a chemist, chlorine-containing compounds are toxic and hazardous. For this reason, chemists would rank Splenda in the same groups as other chlorine-containing compounds such as DDT.

Chlorine does have potential-

*Artificial sweeteners do contain chemicals that can have adverse reactions in the human body.*

ly hazardous effects on the human body and in people who overuse sweeteners. People who have used Splenda have complained of gastrointestinal problems for example, bloating, gas, diarrhea, as well as skin rashes, itching, heart palpitations, shortness of breath and other symptoms related to anxiety and depression.

Equal and NutraSweet both

contain aspartame. Aspartame contains four calories per gram, was discovered in 1965, and approved for use by the FDA in 1981. Aspartame, whose chemical composition is C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, is a sugar substitute that contains the combination of the two amino acids aspartic acid and phenylalanine.

There are been many complications due to the use of phenylalanine. The most problematic is PKU or Phenylketonuria. Phenylketonuria is an inherited disease that occurs mostly in children, and causes mental retardation, learning and behavioral problems, neurological problems, and other forms of mental illness such as panic attacks, personality disorder and agoraphobia.

Kids who have PKU lack a gene that codes for the enzyme phenylalaninehydroxylase. The enzyme is important, as it is needed to convert phenylalanine to the amino acid tyrosine. Because children cannot properly convert phenylalanine to tyrosine, they have to avoid foods containing phenylalanine. This may include restricting protein rich foods that contain phenylalanine such as eggs, milk or bananas, as well as other protein rich foods such as fish, meat, chicken, nuts and other dairy products.

For the lay population, use of aspartame containing sweeteners

has been known to cause a list of neurological, metabolic and endocrine problems ranging from weight loss, ulcers, bloating, fibromyalgia, headaches, psychological irritability, depression, asthma or irritated respiration, excessive thirst, drowsiness, diarrhea, nausea, tinnitus, to a damaged immune system.

Sweet-n-Low is a sweetener that whose active ingredient is the no calorie substitute saccharine, whose chemical composition is C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S. Saccharine was discovered in a chemistry laboratory in 1879. The product was used through the 1950s and 1960s until bladder cancers began to emerge in the population. Due to the emergence of these cancers, in 1977 warning labels were put on products containing saccharine.

On Dec. 15, 2000 the product ban was lifted and products were no longer required to carry the label. Originally, saccharine was thought to be safe for use especially among diabetic patients because the artificial sweetener does not disrupt insulin levels.

However, controversy exists over saccharine due to reports of brain tumors, dementia, behavioral problems, vision disturbances, headaches, hair loss, depression and anxiety attacks.

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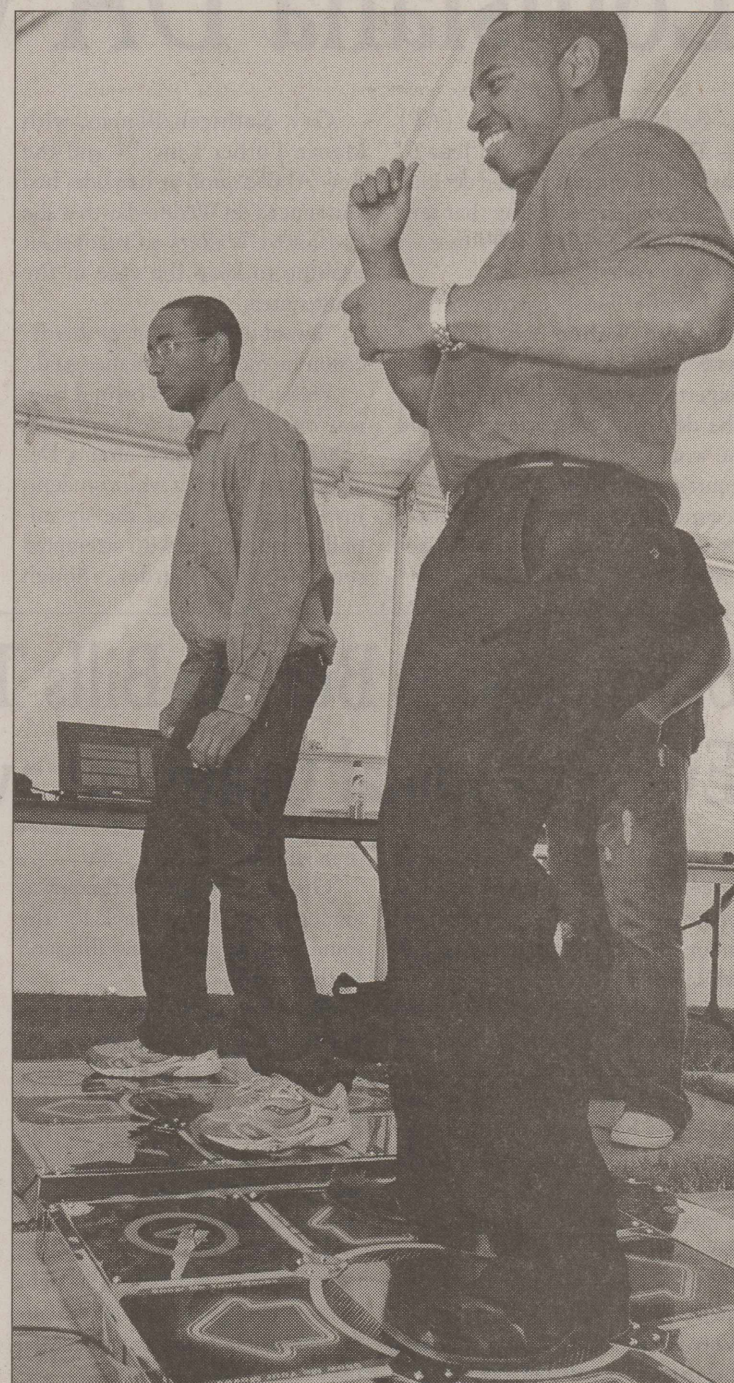


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TEXAS TECH GRADUATE Daryl Ellis and Samson Hidad, a senior mechanical engineering major from Amarillo, play Dance Dance Revolution in the National Instruments Display at the end of the Engineering Key, Tuesday afternoon.

# Axe body spray campaign: Iowa State student helps dirty boys get clean

By **DAVID MERRILL**  
IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — Being flown to New York in a private jet, ushered around in a Hummer limousine, and enjoying the NYC nightlife sounds like activities for A-list celebrities.

But for Andrew Kraemer, junior in landscape architecture, it's just job training.

Kraemer is in his first semester as the Iowa State University representative for the Axe body spray company. Kraemer became interested in becoming an Axe rep because he thought marketing would be a nice hobby to have aside from his design studies.

"It looked like a lot of fun, and Axe is one of the fastest growing companies in America right now," Kraemer said.

Kraemer's main responsibilities are giving out free Axe gear, and, with the help of fraternities, hosting parties to promote the company.

"The main theme of these parties is to give guys advantage in the dating game and try to make sure they can hold their own in conversation and be confident when they are trying to get the girl," Kraemer said.

Kraemer will also go around to tailgating areas before football games and hand out free stuff while promoting Axe as well as be a part of commercials and promo videos for Iowa State and the surround-

ing area.

Kraemer's favorite part of the job, however, is meeting and networking with various celebrities, such as David Spade.

"Although I will admit, talking and meeting with our Axe Angels [female models] is quite fun as well," Kraemer said.

Kraemer said one of his favorite events so far has been the paint Slip 'n Slide where Kraemer and other Phi Delta Theta fraternity members put a Slip 'n Slide on a hill on the

edge of the intramural football fields by Maple-Willow-Larch.

"We started out with just water and soap, but then decided to add paint to the mix," Kraemer said. "It was crazy. That stuff took almost an hour to wash out."

Kraemer and the other 25 Axe reps are coordinated by Axe coordinator Chad Anderson. Anderson is responsible for putting people in place to run sponsored events. He said he chose Kraemer from among 30,000 applicants.

"This is his first semester as an Axe rep, and he seemed like a smart guy who had a good sense of humor and was very tied into the social scene, which is exactly what we're looking for," Anderson said.

Time management is very important to Kraemer, because he must be able to balance the job

duties with his Axe rep duties.

"I'm trying to do more as a rep than the reps before me, so my schedule does get busy at times. Being a junior helps, I think, because I have a little bit better grasp on how to manage my time and make everything work," Kraemer said.

main qualities that make a good company rep: confidence, determination and being outgoing.

"Those are very important, because it's all about going up to people and having a conversation while being able to represent the brand as best as possible," Kraemer said.

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# Louisiana DA won't challenge 'Jena 6' ruling

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The prosecutor in the "Jena 6" cases said Thursday he had decided not to challenge a ruling that sent 17-year-old Mychal Bell's case to juvenile court.

LaSalle Parish District Attorney Reed Walters said he spoke with the beating victim and legal experts in the state before making the decision. He earlier had said he would appeal the state appeals court's decision to set aside Bell's second-degree battery conviction on the grounds that Bell should not have been tried as an adult.

Gov. Kathleen Blanco, with Martin Luther King III and the Rev. Al Sharpton at her side, had announced on Wednesday that she had asked Walters to reconsider pushing to keep the case in the adult system.

"I want to thank him for this decision he has made," Blanco said.

Bell, who remains behind bars, was one of six black Jena High School teens arrested after a December attack on a white student, Justin Barker. Five of the six initially were charged with attempted second-degree murder, though

charges against four of them, including Bell, were later reduced. One teen has yet to be arraigned, another was handled as a juvenile and records are sealed.

Sharpton said he hopes bond will be set low enough to allow for Bell's release, and he thanked Blanco for getting involved.

"I want to congratulate her for showing leadership," Sharpton said. "And I want to congratulate the district attorney for good judgment."

The case brought more than 20,000 protesters to the central

Louisiana town of Jena last week in a march that harkened back to the demonstrations of the 1960s.

Critics accuse local officials of prosecuting blacks more harshly than whites. They note that no charges were filed against three white teens suspended from the high school for allegedly hanging nooses in a tree on campus — an incident that was followed by fights between blacks and whites, including the attack on Barker.

Walters condemned the noose incident, calling it "abhorrent and stupid" in a New York Times op-ed

piece this week, but he said the act broke no Louisiana law. He said the U.S. attorney also could not find a federal crime on which the three students could be charged.

In the article, Walters defended the aggravated second-degree battery counts most of those charged in the attack on Barker now face. He said Barker was "blindsided," knocked unconscious and kicked by at least six people, and would have faced "severe injury or death" had another student not intervened.

Schools Superintendent Ray

Breithaupt also said in a news release Wednesday that the attack was no ordinary schoolyard fight.

"It was a premeditated ambush and attack by six students against one," the superintendent said. "The victim attacked was beaten and kicked into a state of bloody unconsciousness."

In the case of the students involved with the nooses, Breithaupt said the expulsion committee found the three had no history of behavior problems "and no violent act was intended when the nooses were hung."

## Surgeon says Buffalo Bills TE Kevin Everett's spinal treatment available to all

MIAMI (AP) — If Dr. Barth Green had his way, there would be no space program. His idea of a moon-shot is curing paralysis, and while he's at it, poverty.

"I'd disband NASA for 10 years and take half its budget to avert natural disasters. We could do it, we've got the technology. I'd take the other half to deal with disease and suffering," the neurosurgeon said. "The time has come to do something bold instead of buying wheelchairs."

Those sorts of audacious statements make the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis' president stand out. But some doctors believe there is not enough evidence yet to prove the experimental cooling therapy Green advocates works on people with spinal cord injuries.

Still, Green has spent his career redefining what is possible for people who suffer catastrophic injuries in less spectacular ways than Buffalo Bills tight end Kevin Everett, a native of Port Arthur, Texas.

He suffered a life-threatening spinal cord injury Sept. 9 in the season opener against Denver. Everett, who underwent moderate hypothermia in the ambulance, had immediate access to doctors familiar with the experimental cooling therapy.

"So do you!" Green insisted, barely pausing for breath or a question in a rapid-fire phone interview. Paramedics anywhere can be trained to administer the moderate hypothermia therapy, as emergency responders in Miami will be, said the chairman of the neurological surgery department at the University of Miami school

of medicine.

Green described the therapy as analogous to an ice pack for the spine, helping prevent swelling and further damage.

Doctors initially said Everett might not walk again, but he began moving his arms and legs days after the injury. Now continuing his recovery in Houston, he has been able to lift his right arm and sit up in bed for four hours, his doctors said.

Everett's case is no miracle, Green said — just proof the right treatment will help people who suffer catastrophic injuries live normal lives again.

*"There's absolutely no way to determine the role that hypothermia played in one case."*

— DR. JOE MAROON  
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"It's the first high-profile evidence of it. Let's begin to offer this type of treatment to everybody," Green said.

Other neurosurgeons cautioned that Everett's case alone cannot be considered proof that the treatment works, and more evidence is needed

before the therapy can be widely applied.

"There's absolutely no way to determine the role that hypothermia played in one case," said Dr. Joe Maroon, a professor of neurological surgery at the University of Pittsburgh and team neurosurgeon for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Maroon said he used a different variation of spinal cooling therapy on patients in the 1970s, but abandoned the technique because it was difficult to get patients treatment fast enough and wounds were open for too long. He said he would consider using hypothermia treatment again, but only after seeing more evidence of its success.

Green, 62, co-founded the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis in 1985 with three families whose loved ones had suffered spinal cord injuries, including Marc Buoniconti, son of pro football Hall of Fame linebacker Nick Buoniconti.

Green's attitude stood out among the neurosurgeons the Buonicontis consulted after Marc suffered a paralyzing spinal cord injury while making a tackle for The Citadel in 1985.

"It was a real big difference under Dr. Green's care," Marc Buoniconti said. "He made it sound, through his actions and other people under his care, that living with a spinal cord injury, while an inconvenience, you can still live a full and productive life."

Among Green's other surgical patients is Bills owner Ralph Wilson. In 1997, Green operated to relieve a narrowing around the spine that was pinching off the nerves to Wilson's feet.

## Disgraced former Oklahoma QB returns to state

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Rhett Bomar's outlook mirrors the slogan on a billboard advertising Sam Houston State along Interstate 45 — "No Better Time. No Better Future."

Now 22, the disgraced Oklahoma quarterback has found a comfortable niche on this quiet, wooded campus about 70 miles north of Houston, the ideal place to make a fresh start after a bad decision that could've cost him his career.

The crowds are smaller where Sam Houston plays, in the Football Championship Subdivision, formerly I-AA. The uniforms and facilities aren't as fancy, the media attention is scant and Bomar's new team makes most of its road trips on buses, not chartered planes.

But Bomar's aspirations haven't changed. He still believes he's one of the best quarterbacks in the country, still capable of leading a team to a national championship and good enough to play in the NFL.

This week, all the old, ugly questions have resurfaced one more time because, in an ironic twist, the Bearkats (2-1) visit Oklahoma State (2-2) on Saturday. It'll be Bomar's first trip back to the state since he and offensive lineman J.D. Quinn were dismissed from Oklahoma for getting paid for work they didn't do at a car dealership in 2005.

The NCAA stripped Oklahoma of its eight victories in 2005, when Bomar played as a redshirt freshman, and took away two scholarships from the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years. The school is appealing the scholarship reductions.

Bomar, meanwhile, landed at Sam Houston, a program with a history of resurrecting quarterbacks

who came from the higher division. Chris Chaloupka (Oklahoma State), Josh McCown (SMU) and Dustin Long (Texas A&M) are among the products, and McCown now plays for the Oakland Raiders.



in from such a big school and act different. But he came in and he wanted to be one of us. He wanted to put everything at OU aside and just become a Bearkat."

After anxiously sitting out in 2006, Bomar has put up spectacular numbers this season, averaging 323 yards of total offense per game, which ranks sixth in the nation at the FCS level. He's completed 69 of 111 passes for 819 yards and eight touchdowns and the Bearkats are ranked 15th nationally.

By all accounts, he's fit in perfectly.

"Rhett is very thankful to be at Sam Houston," said third-year coach Todd Whitten. "Rhett's working very hard and I think he is certainly making the most of his second chance. And we're thankful to have him."

The big difference now, of course, is that Bomar is playing in obscurity, in places like Fargo, N.D., and Thibodaux, La., instead of Austin and San Diego, where Bomar and the Sooners won the Holiday Bowl after the 2005 season.

The national spotlight never aims here, but that doesn't seem to faze Bomar.

"Even though it's a smaller place, it doesn't matter," he said. "When you're out there playing, you don't notice that there's 15,000 or 80,000 in the stands. You don't pay attention to that stuff. The good players don't. It's been a blast playing so far. I'm just looking forward to the rest of the season."

Bomar has one more season of eligibility left after this season and Gil Brandt, an NFL draft analyst, said Bomar is still a mystery to many pro scouts right now. But Brandt said it shouldn't hurt Bomar's stock in the long run that he's dwelling in the second tier of college football.

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# NSU prepares for defense with new mentality

By ADAM COLEMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech football defensive unit will enter Saturday's game with a new look thanks to a new coach.

Coming off a (42-14) loss, the Northwestern State Demons (2-1) prepare for a Tech defense under new interim coordinator Ruffin McNeill.

"They're going to change a little bit regardless of what they do and how they call things," NSU coach Scott Stoker said about the Tech defense. "Just makes it that much harder for us offensively trying to get prepared for I guess some of the unknowns."

The Tech defense has allowed 28.2 points per game, which is similar to NSU's production — 28.7 points per game, offensively. On the ground, the Demons have gained 223 yards per game compared to the Tech defense, which has allowed 198.9 rushing yards per game. So far in 2007, the Demons also have averaged 407.7 yards of offense per game. In the Demons' two wins, the team averaged 13.4 yards per completion, while Tech's defense has seen opponents gain 12.3 yards per completion.

Northwestern State features running back Bryan Lawrence, who leads the Southland Conference in rushing, averaging 115.3 yards per game, with three touchdowns on the season. He also is second in the conference in all-purpose yards.

Going into the Red Raiders' final non-conference game of the year, Tech coach Mike Leach said there is no implication for Tech in Saturday's

game against NSU.

"I don't think it is huge," Leach said. "You just adjust and go on. You just have good practices and have good preparation, go out and play your best and do it all over again. It's not this whole series of milestones as much as it is staying focused on your work and doing it the best you can with the best attitude you can."

Tech linebacker Paul Williams leads the Red Raiders in tackles with 21 in 2007. Williams has 3.5 tackles for a loss of 13 yards. The defensive

unit has 102 total tackles in 2007, with 25 tackles-for-loss, ranking the team No. 62 nationally.

The Tech defensive backs have accumulated four interceptions with first-year starter Jamar Wall leading the pack with two. Tech's interception total ranks No. 45 in the country. The Red Raiders have found themselves at No. 95 in rushing defense and at No. 47 in passing defense going into Saturday's game. Tech is also No. 47 in the nation in turnover margins.

Tech defensive back Chris Parker said the coaching change will not matter if the defensive unit is unable to get back on track.

"You can put the best coach out there, but if the players don't go out there with the right mentality, it's going to be the same way each and every play," he said. "I think we need to go out as the defensive players and fix our attitudes and go out there with the mentality that we're going to get after somebody on every play."

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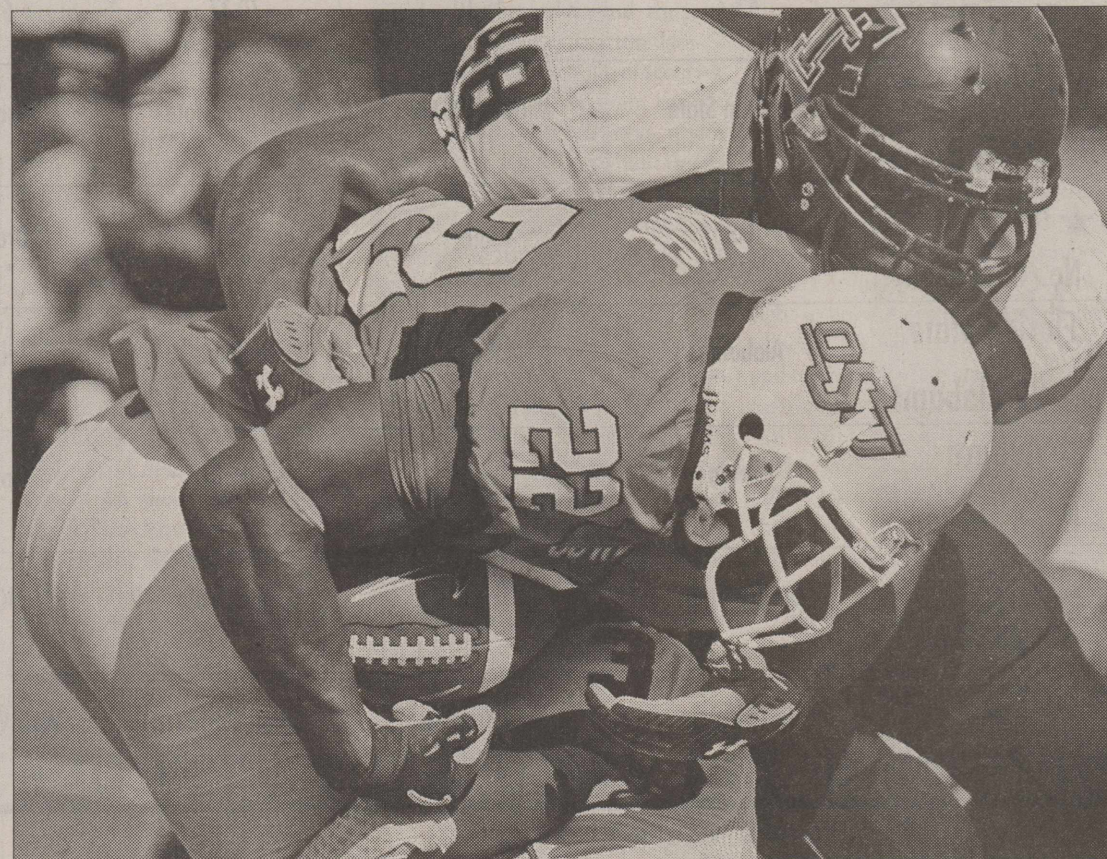


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# Texas Tech soccer opens conference play with pair of road games

By ALEX YBARRA  
STAFF WRITER

The relationship between Texas Tech women's soccer coach Tom Stone and Colorado women's soccer coach Bill Hempen goes deeper than on the field.

Hempen was a groomsman at Stone's wedding, and Stone is godfather to Hempen's daughter. Today will be their first time

to meet as Division I head coaches.

"You end up playing against close friends at some point in your career," Hempen said. "This isn't going to be the first time, but it will be the first time I have ever competed against him at this level, and him being the head coach, and me being head coach of another (team)."

No matter how strong their friendship may be, on the field the two are all business, he said.

"We're both competitors," he said. "We both want to beat each other's brains in."

The two will get their chance as Tech travels to Colorado to begin its first week-end series of Big 12 Conference play.

Tech (2-3-1) plays Colorado at 5 p.m. today at Prentup Field in Boulder, Colo., before traveling to Austin for a game against No. 5 Texas Sunday at Mike A. Myers Stadium.

Colorado (4-2-3) is 9-1-1 all time against Tech and 5-0 at home against the Red Raiders.

Nikki Marshall leads the offensive

attack for the Buffaloes. The sophomore forward has scored three goals with 15 shots-on-goal and two game-winning scores. She finished the 2006 season with 17 total goals.

Tech forward Priscilla Esquivel and midfielder Emmie Bennett share the goal scoring lead with two each.

Senior goal keeper Tina Rincon, who has 28 saves with 8 goals allowed, will have her hands full against a Buffalo team with 122 shots this season.

Stone's sister-in-law, Brittany Dornseif, is on the Colorado roster but suffered a stress fracture during the summer and will not play in Friday's game.

Tech has not played a game since an SMU draw Sept. 16 in Dallas because Sunday's scheduled game at home versus Jackson State was canceled.

Stone said while the two-week hiatus allowed the team to acquire ample rest, there was a drawback.

"That game was going to be a gauge for us to determine exactly who is going to start against Colorado," he said, "and who

is going to get the bulk of the minutes."

Hempen said regardless of his team's abilities, he told his players Stone has instilled a new intensity at Tech.

"The one thing that I was certain of as soon as Tom took the job is that they would immediately be competitive," he said. "That's his nature. He's going to squeeze everything he can possibly squeeze out of his student-athletes as far as effort is concerned."

Defending Big 12 champion Texas (6-1-1) has out-scored the opposition 22-6 this season.

Texas' freshman forward Niki Arlitt has scored 7 goals on 16 shots, while the Longhorns have 22.9 shots per game on the year.

Assistant coach Aaron Gordon said Tech's performance Sept. 16 improved against SMU, but the team needs to continue recouping between matches.

"We just try to make sure that our training, our recovery, and from a travel aspect we try to maximize the amount of rest that we can get to play good on the second day," he said.

Junior midfielder Shannon Sims, who leads the team with two assists, said the teammates feel differently at this point in the season than they felt in the previous two seasons.

"We know what it takes; we have what it takes to constantly work hard in games," she said. "At this point, the good thing is we've won some games. You know what you have to do, so you just perform and play on that field."

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## Tech football attempts to rebound against Northwestern State

By **BEN MAKI**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Red Raiders are taking Texas Tech coach Mike Leach's rant to heart as the team prepares to take on Northwestern (La.) State 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"Coach has lots of ways to try and get us going, and that was just what he felt like he needed to do for us after that game," Tech quarterback Graham Harrell said. "It was a tough loss, and I think everyone was frustrated with the

loss, and I think (Leach) was frustrated with the loss, and whatever he thinks he needs to do to get us going is what he does. It usually works, and he's had success in the past doing what he does, so I don't think I can really argue with it."

A day after Leach's post-game press conference in which he chastised his team and his coaches, defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich resigned. Defensive tackles coach Ruffin McNeill was named his replacement.

Tech coach Mike Leach said he is

anticipating McNeill's intangibles to be evident in the Red Raiders' mid-season non conference game.

"I am really excited about Ruffin," he said. "I think he has a high level of enthusiasm and motivation, and I think his mentality is what we need right now."

The coordinator said he knows what he wants to see out of his players, not just in Saturday's game, but for the rest of the season.

"I just want the kids to have a good time playing football," Mc-

Neill said. "The personality I want to set with them is a defense that's swarming, that's very aggressive, that makes and finished plays and then causes turnovers. I want it to be a consistent personality from the beginning of the game to the end."

McNeill said the Demons (2-1) have an offense that can hurt Tech (3-1, 0-1 in Big 12 Conference play) on the ground and through the air. Northwestern State averages more than 28 points per game and more than 400 yards per game.

"They do a lot of different formations, so we have to be really simple on our calls to get lined-up quickly," he said. "We want to make sure we do a good job of covering them up in the pass and breaking on the football. I think they have a really good quarterback and a really good running back."

Harrell is coming off a game in which he threw for a career-high 646 yards and five touchdowns in the Red Raiders' 49-45 loss to Oklahoma State.

Michael Crabtree is two touch-



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Shannon Woods attempts to escape from Oklahoma State defenders Saturday in the Red Raiders' 49-45 loss to the Cowboys at Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Okla.

down receptions away from breaking the NCAA freshman receiving record and three away from breaking the all-time single-season receiving record for Tech.

"(Crabtree) had 14 catches for 200 and something yards and three touchdowns, so I think he played really well," Harrell said. "He's a competitor, and it was a tough loss for him, like it was a tough loss for me. He's ready to get back on the field and play another week, and I think that's what we're all looking forward to."

After Appalachian State's victory over Michigan earlier this season, Tech center Shawn Byrnes said the Demons cannot be overlooked.

"You can't take anyone lightly," he said. "This is the year of the upset, and anyone can beat anybody on any given day, so we're not going to take them lightly at all, and we're going to prepare for them just like we would any other team. They're not a weaker team, so we can't take them lightly at all."  
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## NFL teams near borders look to expand fan base

(AP) — Buffalo Bills executives started looking east a decade ago, conscious that the small market couldn't sustain an NFL franchise unless they expanded the fan base to Rochester.

That helped, but it wasn't enough.

"We dried up that market," owner Ralph Wilson said. "We turned over every stone."

So the Bills shifted their gaze north, crossing not just city lines but international borders. Wilson believes that the franchise's increased success at attracting Canadian fans is critical to its continued viability.

For NFL teams near Canada and Mexico, the proximity to another country offers unique opportunities to augment not only game attendance, but merchandise sales, broadcasting revenues and corporate sponsorships.

Bills ticket sales in Canada are up 18 percent this season, Wilson said, boosted by the greater parity between the American and Canadian dollars.

About 100 miles away, the Toronto metropolitan area has a population of 4.68 million — compared with 1.15 million in the Buffalo area.

The potential impact for the Bills comes not just from the size of the city but the economic makeup: Toronto

boasts many affluent consumers willing and able to buy tickets, Wilson said.

"It's no secret that western New York is declining in population and businesses," he said.

For clubs close to Mexico, marketing across the border goes hand in hand with appealing to burgeoning Hispanic communities in their own cities.

"They get almost a double benefit," said Mark Waller, the NFL's senior vice president of marketing and sales. "They grow the fan base in the local market. At the same time, they build a second fan base in the international market."

So many people travel back and forth between the U.S. and Mexico and have family and friends in both places that when a resident of either country starts rooting for an NFL team, it can resonate across the border.

Consider how someone in Mexico may become a Cowboys fan.

"If there are family and relatives living in Dallas, then obviously there is a connection," Waller said. "They start communicating, visiting, coming back wearing Dallas Cowboys shirts and talking about them."

## Cowboys say Ellis 'probably 50-50' for finally playing this week

IRVING(AP) — Cowboys line-backer Greg Ellis didn't sound very optimistic about his chances of finally playing this weekend. That was before he practiced for the second straight day Thursday.

"I think you need to talk to him again," coach Wade Phillips said after the two-hour session. "He practiced and he seemed to be confident after practice. ... He practiced more."

Phillips said it was "probably 50-50" that Ellis would play Sunday for the Cowboys (3-0) against the St. Louis Rams (0-3). Ellis hasn't played since he ruptured his left Achilles' tendon in a game in November.

Ellis wasn't available after practice, but didn't sound as confident about playing when he talked in the locker room beforehand.

"I know it's not there right now," Ellis said. "I can do nothing without getting some pain."

On Wednesday, Ellis went through his most extensive practice

since getting hurt.

Ellis said he felt some pain, but it wasn't unbearable like when he tried to return for the start of training camp in July. He really wants to play, but wants to make sure he's ready.

"The hard thing, you've got to be smart. You want to get out there, especially when your team is doing real good," Ellis said. "The older you get, the more wisdom comes in, and has to factor in your decision-making."

Ellis hasn't had any big setbacks since returning to workouts two weeks ago. He went through team drills for the first time Friday.

What about playing Sunday?  
"I don't rule it out, I don't rule it in," he said. "I can say I'm making progress, definitely. ... You get to see why people say it's kind of a year deal from the time when I was first having problems in training camp to right now. It's a huge difference. Still, it's not all the way back."

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