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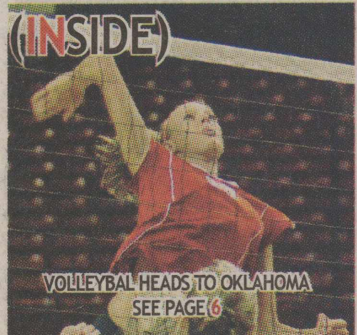
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STATE
Celis accused of impersonating lawyer

AUSTIN (AP) — There was a time when it paid to be friends with Mauricio Celis, who rustled up clients for Texas' swaggering trial lawyers and contributed generously to Democratic candidates, including Hillary Clinton.
But now, Celis' friends are running for cover.
The luxury-loving Corpus Christi businessman is under investigation on suspicion of impersonating a lawyer and a sheriff's deputy.

NATION
Girl given detention for hugging 2 friends

MASCOUTAH, III. (AP) — Two hugs equals two days of detention for 13-year-old Megan Coulter.
The eighth-grader was punished for violating a school policy banning public displays of affection when she hugged two friends Friday.
"I feel it is crazy," said Megan, who was to serve her second detention Tuesday after classes at Mascoutah Middle School.
"I was just giving them a hug goodbye for the weekend," she said.

WORLD
28 killed in Afghanistan factory bombing

BAGHLAN, Afghanistan (AP) — A bomb attack struck a group of lawmakers Tuesday as they were being greeted by children on a visit to a sugar factory in Afghanistan's normally peaceful north. At least 28 people were killed, including five parliament members as well as children.
U.S.-backed President Hamid Karzai blamed the "the enemies of peace and security," a euphemism often used for the militant Taliban. But such a spectacular attack could also have been the work of al-Qaida. The Taliban denied involvement.

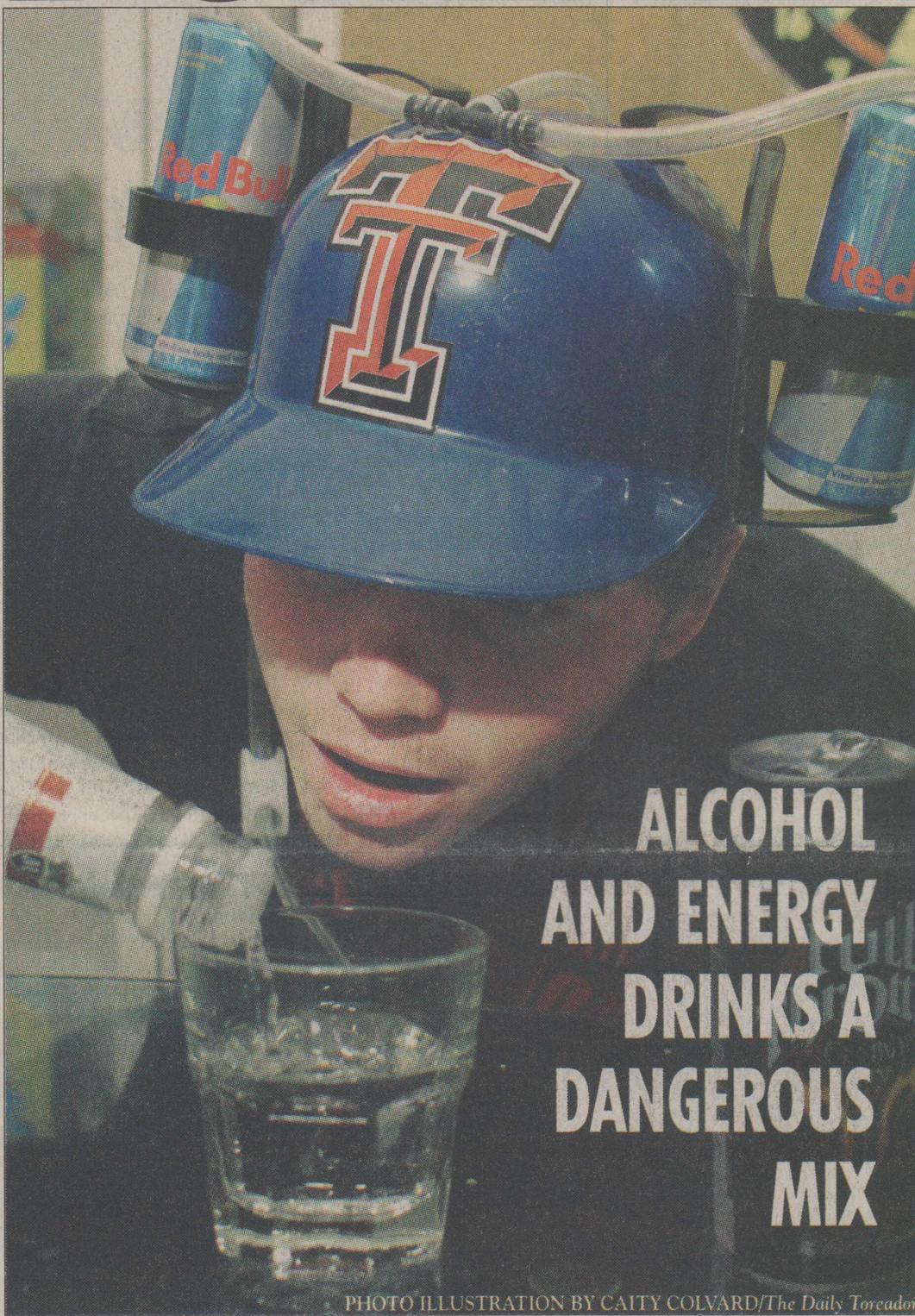
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SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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GETTING BOMBED



ALCOHOL AND ENERGY DRINKS A DANGEROUS MIX

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreador

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

Mixing alcohol with energy drinks can have serious consequences. College students who drink alcohol mixed with energy drinks are far more likely to participate in risky behaviors than those who drink just alcohol, according to new research from the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C.
"We asked college students why they mixed," said Dr. Mary Claire O'Brien, associate professor of emergency medicine and public health sciences at Wake Forest and lead researcher on the study. "They said it was because they could drink longer, drink more and not feel drunk."
Students who consumed the mixed drinks were twice as likely to be injured as students who drank straight alcohol, according to a press release from the university. These students also were twice as likely to require medical attention and twice as likely to ride with an intoxicated driver as students who did not mix the beverages.
"I like the analogy of getting in a car and stepping on the gas and the brake at the same time," O'Brien said. "Your judgment is impaired when you're intoxicated, but because you don't know that you're intoxicated, your judgment is even more impaired."

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Current year deadliest for troops in Iraq

By STEVEN R. HURST
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. military announced six new deaths Tuesday, making 2007 the bloodiest year for American troops in Iraq despite a recent decline in casualties and a sharp drop in roadside bombings that Washington links to Iran.
With nearly two months left in the year, the annual toll is now 853 — three more than the previous worst of 850 in 2004.
But the grim milestone comes as the Pentagon points toward other encouraging signs as well — growing security in Baghdad and other former militant strongholds that could help consolidate the gains against extremists.
A senior Navy officer, meanwhile, announced the planned release of nine Iranian prisoners and was at pains to say that a major cache of Iranian-made weapons and bombs displayed for reporters Tuesday appeared to have been shipped into Iraq before Tehran made a vow to stop the flow of armaments.
Defense Secretary Robert Gates said last week that Iran had made such assurances to the Iraqi government. He did not reveal when the pledge was issued.
A decline in Iranian weapons deliveries could be one of several factors for the decrease in both Iraqi and American deaths over the past two months.
"It's our best judgment that these particular EFPs ... in recent large cache finds do not appear to have arrived here in Iraq after those pledges were made," Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, director of the Multi-National

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Pakistan's deposed justice urges lawyer resistance

By STEPHEN GRAHAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's deposed chief justice called on lawyers Tuesday to revolt against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's imposition of emergency rule and a crackdown on the opposition that has left thousands under arrest.
The government considered a delay in parliamentary elections despite Western demands they be held on schedule in January to bring democracy to a nuclear-armed country dogged by political uncertainty and rising Islamic militancy.
Fragile security in the northwest — cited by officials as a reason for the suspension of the constitution — deteriorated further as pro-Taliban militants seized a town from outnumbered security forces.
While Musharraf says emergency powers are needed so the government can better fight Islamic extremists, his crackdown has been aimed at lawyers and liberal political activists opposing his rule. The Supreme Court, in particular, had chipped away at his powers this year.
Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry, a figurehead for the resistance, has been under house arrest since Saturday night. But he managed to address hundreds of lawyers using a cell phone from his Islamabad residence, which he said was surrounded by security forces.
"Go to every corner of Pakistan and give the message that this is the time to sacrifice," Chaudhry said over loudspeakers. "Don't be afraid. God will help us and the day will come when you'll see the constitution supreme and no dictatorship for a long time."

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Valves fail, business administration basement floods

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Students splashed out of class and elevator shafts filled with water after a valve failed during routine maintenance Tuesday in the basement of the Rawls College of Business Administration.
Parts of the 12-story building's basement were flooded with several inches of water after high-pressure valves connected to a pump that distributes water through the building failed during repair work a little after 9 a.m., said Bob Rhoades, assistant dean for finance and administrative services in the college.
Water flowed into classrooms, offices and a conference room and filled two elevator shafts with 4- to 5-foot of water until a maintenance crew from the Texas Tech Physical Plant stopped the flow and began the clean-up process with mops, vacuums and dehumidifiers.
"We did the things you're supposed to do," Rhoades said. "You got a problem, you go fix it."

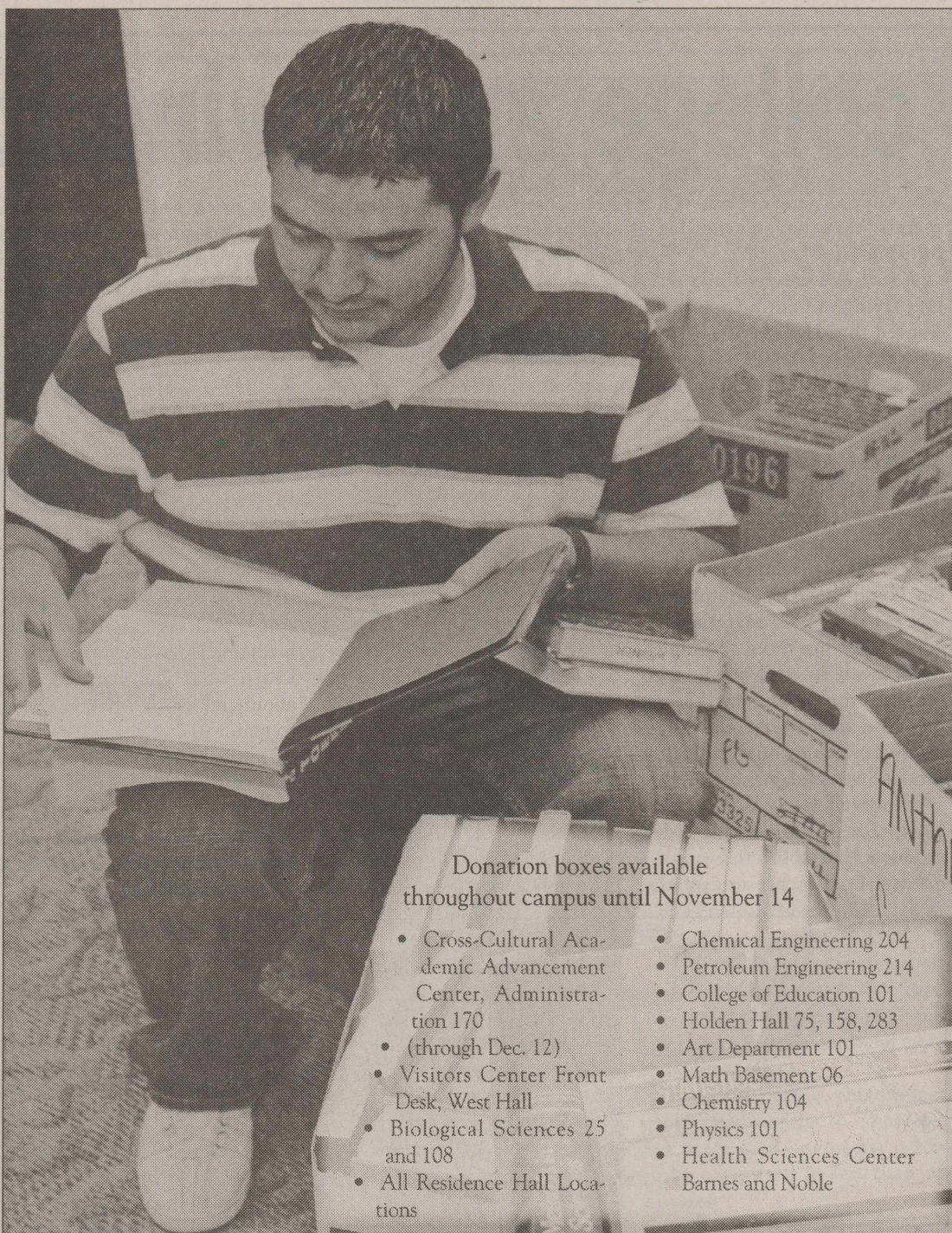
We've had problems in here before, and they'll put the dehumidifiers in here to get water out of the air, and it literally sucks it out of the wall."
Several classes in the basement temporarily were relocated to other rooms in the building until the floors were dried in the early afternoon, Rhoades said.
"Fortunately, we didn't get anybody hurt," he said after slipping in a puddle of water. "That's what I was afraid of. People walking around in water are going to slip, and they're going to fall."
Though Rhoades said little damage was produced by the flooding, it came just days before the college was expecting a shipment of 300 new computers for faculty and staff, many of which would have been stored on the floor of one of the flooded rooms.
"If it had taken (maintenance crews) another 10 minutes to get here, we'd have had a lot more water," he said. "We were pretty lucky. I like luck, and the older I get, the more I like luck."
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AN EMPLOYEE FROM THE Texas Tech Physical Plant uses a squeegee to clean up water Tuesday morning in the basement of the Business Administration building. A water pump burst covering much of the basement and elevator shafts in up to 5 feet of water. No significant damage was reported.

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Book drive to benefit Comanche Nation College



Donation boxes available throughout campus until November 14

- Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center, Administration 170 (through Dec. 12)
- Visitors Center Front Desk, West Hall
- Biological Sciences 25 and 108
- All Residence Hall Locations
- Chemical Engineering 204
- Petroleum Engineering 214
- College of Education 101
- Holden Hall 75, 158, 283
- Art Department 101
- Math Basement 06
- Chemistry 104
- Physics 101
- Health Sciences Center Barnes and Noble

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GABRIEL GONZALES, A sophomore advertising major from Slaton, catalogues books for the Comanche Nation College Book Drive on Tuesday morning in the Administration building.

By CHASE YORK
STAFF WRITER

In celebration of National American Indian Heritage Month, the Texas Tech community is hosting a book drive to benefit the Comanche Nation College Library.

The book drive is a new component of Tech's third-annual American Indian Event Week, which will kick-off Monday.

Comanche Nation College is a two-year college that operates out of a former elementary school building in Lawton, Okla.

The college was founded in August 2002 to educate and train Comanche Nation community members for jobs of the 21st century while maintaining Comanche culture, heritage and values. The college, comprised of 330 students, is preparing an application for accreditation with the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Its library, however, has approximately 50 usable books.

Juanita Pahdopony, acting academic dean of Comanche Nation College, said the college recently has remodeled its computer room to serve as a student resource center and library, and it is ready to receive additional books.

"In order to be accredited," she said, "we have to have books that are up to date. The book drive will help us bring our library up to standards. It is a very generous offer by Texas Tech, and we greatly appreciate it."

The student-led drive is a collaboration among the Society for Advancement of Chicanos & Native Americans in Science, the Social Justice Committee of University Housing Services, Beta Beta Beta Biological Honors Society and the Phi Theta Kappa Delta Chapter

of Texas.

Representatives from the organizations said this book drive is an opportunity to perform community service and raise awareness about other cultures.

Demetrius Gary, graduate hall coordinator for the Social Justice Committee of University Housing Services, agreed.

"One of our learning outcomes is civility," Gary said, "so this is not only an opportunity for community service but to recognize the Native American community."

Organization representatives said they are accepting any and all books in the drive. Donation boxes can be found in several additional buildings

on campus through Nov. 14. After that, donations can be dropped off at the Cross-Cultural Center office in the Administration building, Room 170, until Dec. 12.

"At the end of the semester, we all have those books that the book stores won't buy back," said Noemi Guerrero, a senior biology major from Garden City and member of

the Society for Advancement of Chicanos & Native Americans in Science. "This is an opportunity for students to give them away rather than throw them away. What's trash to you can be a treasure to someone else."

Andy Wilkinson, an artist in residence at the Tech Southwest Collection involved with the planning of the drive, said the book drive is part of an ongoing project between Tech and Comanche Nation College to further education.

"The southern plains is where the Comanche used to live, so we feel a sense of, not obligation, but connection with the Comanche people," Wilkinson said. "It is important to this university to see what all

“It is important to this university to see what all the people connected to this place have to offer. We have much we can learn from the Comanches just as they can learn from us.”

— ANDY WILKINSON
ARTIST AT THE TECH
SOUTHWEST COLLECTION

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For more information on donation drop off sites, the donation wish list or a schedule of events for American Indian Week, Nov. 12-16, visit www.depts.ttu.edu/diversity or chase.york@ttu.edu

Pakistan

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Attorneys gathered at the Islamabad Bar Association cheered.

"Chaudhry! Chaudhry!" they chanted. "Musharraf is a criminal! We will not accept uniforms or bullets!"

Moments later, mobile phone service cut off in Islamabad, but Chaudhry's message had already been recorded as an MP3 file. It spread swiftly, and local TV stations aired it via satellite. Cell phone service resumed hours later.

After Chaudhry spoke, hundreds of police in the central city of Multan blocked about 1,000 lawyers from leaving a district court complex to stage

a street rally in defiance of a ban on protests. Both sides pelted each other with stones and officers swung clubs to scatter the crowd.

At least three lawyers and three officers were injured, some bleeding from the head. Violence also was reported at a rally by lawyers in the eastern city of Gujranwala.

The clashes marked the second straight day of unrest since emergency rule was declared Saturday by Musharraf, who took power in a 1999 coup. He has ousted independent-minded judges, put a stranglehold on the media and granted sweeping powers to authorities to crush dissent.

Many of those detained have been lawyers, who have been in the forefront of protests against the military ruler, but

opposition party supporters and human rights activists also are under arrest. The government says about 2,500 were detained; the opposition says 3,500.

The United States and other West-

ern nations have urged Musharraf to stick to the election timetable, but so far no date has been set. They also want the president to fulfill his promise to give up his second post as army chief.

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Tech engineering students design plans in preparation for competition



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MEMBERS OF A Texas Tech civil engineering team weld supports in preparation for a bridge-building competition sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

By ANN LUU
STAFF WRITER

It is not the London bridge, and it is not falling down.

A team of Texas Tech civil engineering students started designing bridge plans Friday to prepare for a regional competition in January 2008, sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Austin Boyd, president of the project, said 10 universities in Texas and Mexico are a part of the competition.

"Schools like University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M-College Station and University of Houston participate in a timed competition based on construction and design of a bridge that will support a certain amount of weight," said Boyd, a senior civil engineering major from Houston.

The bridges are not small models made out of popsicle sticks, either. The designs are made of steel and can be up to 20-feet long and more than 2-feet tall.

For most people, this project could take months to complete. For these civil engineers, it has to be completed in less than 25 minutes.

"It has to be done fast," Boyd said. "Last year, A&M won, and it took them three minutes. U. of H. took 18 minutes. This extracurricular activity gives students the opportunity to use skills they learned in the classroom. Design skills are used on the computer, and we have to cut, weld and put the pieces together."

This kind of competition can cause pressure on students and

the project, so team members start planning for the event months in advance. They work on designs and accuracy, and they practice welding.

"In the early months of planning, we start designing and coming up with a model on a program," said team captain Derek Hammond, a senior civil engineering from Colorado Spring, Colo.

Hammond said the program can tell the students everything they need to know, including the kind of materials they need, how much of each material and the scale they need to work with.

"It's a really good program," he said. "It's pretty accurate and comprehensive. When we take it to competition, we'll probably guess it is only about 10 percent off."

To build a bridge to the scale, the participants need will take a lot of supplies and money, Hammond said. He estimated it could take up to \$4,000 or \$5,000. However, the students receive help in funding the project.

"We get donations from steel companies that can be worth about \$1,200," he said. "The school also gives us about \$600 worth, and we also have other people doing fundraising for us."

Hammond said the rules and regulations of the competition are strict. Everything has to be a certain height, and, this year, the bridge must be able to hold 2,600 pounds.

Bridges are judged on how much the bridge bends under the weight.

"Our goal this year is three-tenths of an inch," Hammond said.

The last time the Tech team went to the national competition was in 1991, so the team hopes to advance this year, Hammond said.

Third-year team member and former captain Thomas Coronado, a senior civil engineering major from Red Oak, said the team works on the bridge about three to four hours during the week and four hours during the weekend.

"It gives students a chance to learn and understand the process for working on a project like this," he said.

From his previous experiences, Coronado said the biggest challenge is the design aspect.

"It depends on the rules," he said. "It changes every year. Sometimes, they can judge us the lightest bridge, or the one that can hold the most weight, but it always comes down to the design."

Coronado said the whole process consists of three parts: design, fabrication and construction.

The team members will design the bridge and put it together in the early months, but they will then take it apart and take it to competition to re-construct in front of the judges.

In order to work quickly and efficiently under pressure, Coronado

said a team's ability to work well together is best to get the job done.

"I think this year it will be a close competition," he said. "We all have a good understanding of the project and will probably be neck-to-neck with UT, A&M and Texas A&M-Kingsville — they're our biggest competition, I think."

Coronado said this competition is a good way to get experience and exposure in the aspects of design and construction.

"Getting involved is a great way to help students see the engineering side of things," he said. "It helps to understand how everything comes together through the design, fabrication and construction of everything."

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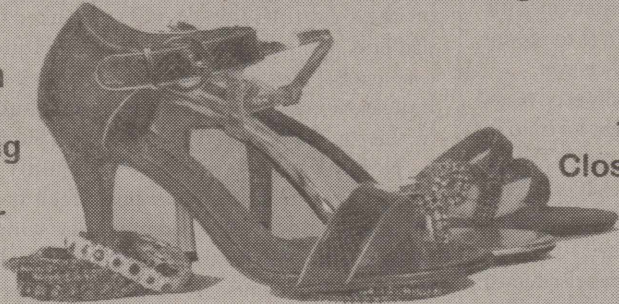
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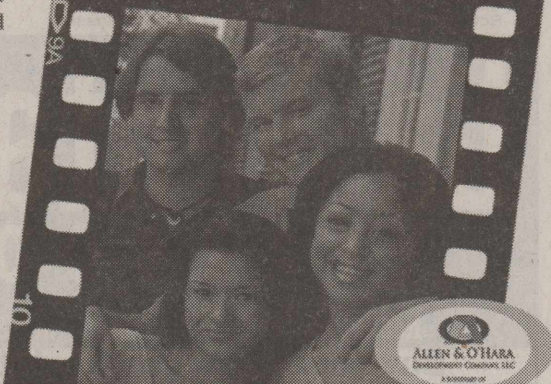
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Let Student Health Services and FIT/WELL at the Rec Center help! All students, faculty, and staff are invited to come by our Great American Smokeout table Tuesday, November 13th and Wednesday, November 14th between 9-12 p.m. at the Student Wellness Center or between 3-6 p.m. in the Student Rec Center.

The booth will help take a closer look at the underlying issues of their tobacco use, provide tips for quitting, and supply resources of long-term support in their quest to become tobacco-free.

Aquatics



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The Aquatics Center will be accepting applications for lifeguard positions for the Spring Semester. Interviews will be conducted the week after Thanksgiving. Get your application in to the Aquatics Center as soon as you can!

For more information about what working in the Aquatics Center entails, please call Melissa at 742-3896 or stop by the pool during normal operating hours. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have!

Club Sports

Congratulations to Kelsey Wright (Women's Lacrosse) and Tennis for being named Officer and Sport Club of the Month for October! Scores and Results from Club Sports:

Club Volleyball Team "A" (6-2)

The team was handed its first two losses of the season at this weekends tournament in Austin, Texas. The team went 2-2 winning matches against Palo Alto College and University of Texas San Antonio and lost to Texas State "A" and Texas State "B". Outstanding plays were made by Kristen Doyle (Sophomore Defensive Specialist), and Kelsey O'Connor (Senior Right Side Hitter) who stepped up to play middle blocker for the team. The team is now 6-2 on the season.

Team "B" (2-6)

The went 1-3 this weekend at the Austin Tournament, beating University of Texas Arlington and losing to SMU, Texas "A" and Texas "B". Their last match of the tournament against Texas "B" was hard fought but they fell just short of victory losing 15-10 in the third game of the match. Outstanding plays were made by Kenzie Spoons (Sophomore Setter) and Katie Chastain (Freshman middle blocker). The team is now 2-6 on the season.

Club Baseball
TTU 14 Rice 0
TTU 4 Kingwood 3
TTU 11 Kingwood 1

Past Scores:
TTU 10 UNT 3
TTU 7 UNT 6
TTU 10 UNT 0

Inline Hockey
TTU A 8 UTA 2
TTU A 3 UNT 6
TTU A 6 TAMU 3
TTU B 1 UTA 7
TTU B 1 UNT 11
TTU B 0 TAMU 9

Men's Rugby
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TTU 46

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TTU 1 TAMU 2
TTU 0 Texas 2

Men's Lacrosse
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TTU 9 Tulane 2
TTU 2 UNT 10

Intramural Update and Champions

Swim Meet is tomorrow!

-Check in starts at 6:00pm, and events start at about 6:30pm!

-Sign up before in Rm. 203 or at the event!

-Events include 200 yard medley relay, 200 yard freestyle relay, 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard individual medley, 50 yard butterfly, 100 yard freestyle, 50 yard backstroke, and 50 yard breaststroke.



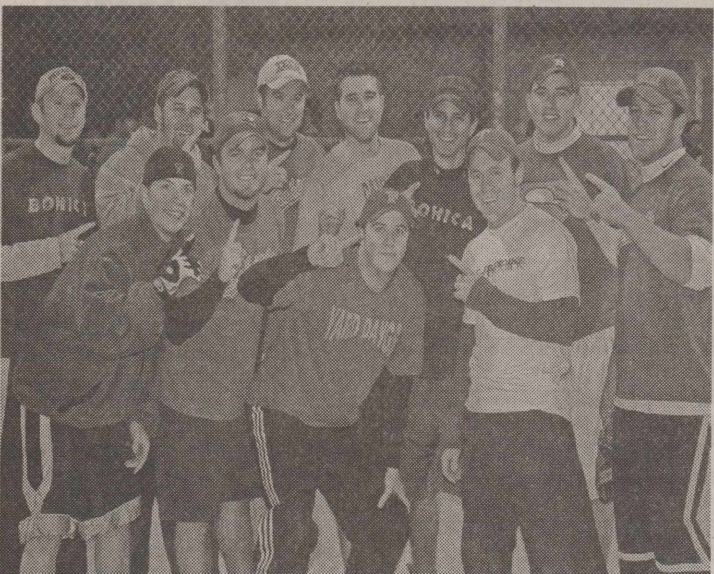
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After Hours Coffee House - Open Mic Night

Tuesday, November 13, 2007
SUB Matador Lounge | 7:00pm - 9:00pm

College Bowl - (Registration Deadline November 8, 2007)

Thursday, November 15, 2007
SUB Escondido Theatre | 6:00 pm

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student organization update...

S.O. Registration Meeting

Wednesday, November 7, 2007
SUB Tradition Room | 2 pm

Don't miss the opportunity to register your student organization for 2007-2008.