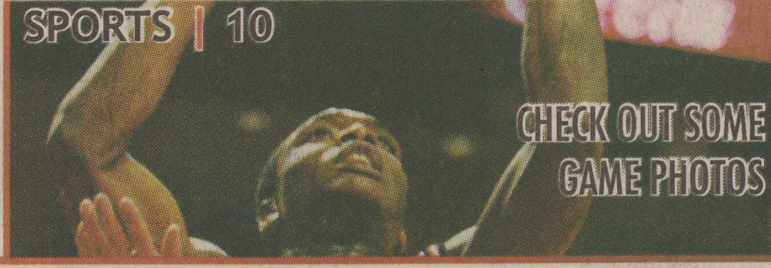




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Reward reinstated in infamous KFC slayings

HOUSTON (AP) — KFC Corp. on Wednesday reinstated a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a third person believed involved in one of Texas' most notorious mass killings, the 1983 shootings of five people abducted from an East Texas Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant.

A convicted burglar, Romeo Pinkerton, 49, of Tyler, pleaded guilty in October to his role in what became one of Texas' longest unsolved mass murders. In his plea, made in the midst of a capital murder trial that could have resulted in a death sentence, he accepted five life prison terms.

NATION

Agreement would tighten control over Blackwater

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military would have more control over Blackwater Worldwide and other private security contractors working in Iraq under a new agreement between the Pentagon and State Department, officials said Wednesday.

The agreement was signed at the Pentagon by Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England and Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte, whose department uses Blackwater to guard its diplomats.

WORLD

Iran calls US reversal a victory

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Wednesday called the U.S. turnaround in a new intelligence review a victory for Iran's nuclear program.

Moderate opponents are hoping the assessment's conclusion that Tehran shelved its effort to develop atomic weapons will boost a diplomatic resolution of the nuclear stand-off with the West.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Man opens fire in Omaha mall, killing 8

By OSKAR GARCIA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A man opened fire with a rifle at a busy department store Wednesday, killing eight people before taking his own life, in an attack that made holiday shoppers run screaming through a mall and barricade themselves in dressing rooms. Five more people were wounded, two critically.

The gunman left a suicide note that was found at his home by relatives, said a law en-

forcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the shooting. Omaha television station KETV reported that the note said he wanted to "go out in style."

Witnesses said the gunman fired down on shoppers from a third-floor balcony of the Von Maur store.

The gunman was found dead on the third floor with a self-inflicted gunshot wound, and his victims were discovered on the second and third floors, police said.

"My knees rocked. I didn't know what to do, so I just ran with everybody else," said Kevin Kleine, 29, who was shopping with her 4-year-old daughter at the Westroads Mall, in a prosperous neighborhood on the city's west side. She said she hid in a dressing room with four other shoppers and an employee.

"Everybody was scared, and we didn't know what was going on," said Belene Esaw-Kagbara, 31, a Von Maur employee. "We didn't know what to do. I was praying that God protect us."

Mickey Vickory, who worked at Von Maur's third-floor service department, said she heard shots at about 1:50 p.m.

She and her co-workers and customers went into a back closet behind the wrapping room to hide, then emerged about a half-hour later when police shouted to come out with their hands up. As police took them to another part of the mall for safety, they saw the victims.

"We saw the bodies and we saw the blood,"

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'DOGS GET PAST DOWN

Tech defeats Louisiana Tech 86-31

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

When Louisiana Tech's Keith Smith scored at the 10:59 mark in the second half, Texas Tech fans cheered as the Bulldogs scored their 15th point.

The Red Raiders did not need much offense with the turnovers and lack of offense Louisiana Tech produced throughout the game, allowing Texas Tech to cruise to a 86-31 win.

"From our standpoint, great game for us," Texas Tech head coach designate Pat Knight said. "We needed it. Last few days have been really tough from a staff standpoint, team standpoint, just because of what happened down in Centenary. For these kids to bounce back like this and play this well, I think, speaks a lot for them."

The Red Raiders (6-3) took advantage of the Bulldogs' mistakes and never took their foot off the accelerator.

The first half set the tone for the rest of the game, as Texas Tech caused 16 turnovers while scoring 20 points of those turnovers.

The Red Raider defense prevented Louisiana Tech from staying close from the start, as it capitalized

PHOTO BY SAM GRENIER/The Daily Toreador

SENIOR GUARD MARTIN Zeno drives the lane on a Bulldog defender. He finished the game with 16 points aiding Tech in its 86-31 victory over Louisiana Tech Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena. The game marked Tech's largest margin of victory since 1978 when Tech defeated Northern Montana 109-54.

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Fall break forces condensed finals schedule, causes conflicts

By MATT MCGOWAN
STAFF WRITER

After this year's implementation of a fall break, several conflicts have arisen in this semester's exam schedule, particularly for those students in 3:30 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday classes.

Students in classes held at those times now will take their finals from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 11.

Additionally, the new break forced administrators to shorten the time allotted for some exams by 30 minutes, because there is now one less day for exams to be conducted.

The rescheduling of the exams, however, still presents a conflict, said Alan Arwine, an associate professor who teaches a political science class affected by the scheduling conflict. Time allotted during the afternoon of Dec. 11 for the Tuesday/Thursday classes conflicts with finals scheduled within the physics department for that day and time.

Arwine said he believes the rescheduled exam only

moved the problem from one day to another.

Most of the conflicting physics exams, Arwine said, are freshman/sophomore-level classes. His political science classes also are primarily freshman/sophomore-level, which he said is his primary concern.

"I actually have quite a few students in my class who are trying to scramble to find other times," he said. "It is causing a considerable amount of work."

Although he has made the announcement about the new exam schedule several times during lectures, Arwine said there is bound to be a handful of students who arrive at the wrong time to take the final.

Arwine said he has not yet decided what he will do about those students' exams when that situation arises.

Student representatives, faculty representatives and university administrators are reviewing the conflicts created by fall break to ensure a smoother exam schedule next year, said Mason Moses, president of the Student Government Association.

"This is certainly something we are going to try and

fix," he said. "We're not going to get it right the first time. I think we'll work together to find some compromises. I think, for this to work next year, it is going to take some time and some effort on the students' part, the faculty's part and the staff's part."

Gene Wile, president of the Faculty Senate, said he has heard faculty members discussing the issues surrounding the fall break conflicts. Another issue surrounding the condensed schedule is that some students now having multiple exams on the same day, adding to the already stressful nature of final exams.

"What Mason and I have been communicating on is that we want to get this under way, you know, look at (exam schedule conflicts) and issues like this," Wile said. "Is it something that is solvable? Is it a fatal blow, and how can you address it? We've been talking about these things."

Tech President Jon Whitmore and Vice Provost James Brink were unavailable for comment.

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Class plagiarism project aims to have university-wide impact

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

A Texas Tech English project meant to provide the university with an audience-friendly, easily accessible, multi-media project focusing on plagiarism and the student code of conduct were unveiled Wednesday.

Sarah Rockwell, a senior English major from Weatherford, said her senior-level English class, "Issues in Composition," saw a need to address plagiarism in a way she believes the university has not.

"We tried to really raise awareness of how plagiarism impacts everybody and not just the people who are guilty of doing it," she said. "We wanted to let the administration know that not everybody knows about, and hardly anyone has actually read, the (student code of conduct), and we kind of wanted to just make it more accessible to students."

Rockwell said throughout the course of the semester, her class produced a video and Web site, www.ttuftspiracy.com, to address issues of plagiarism and collusion, which students may not realize are in the university's student code of conduct.

"I think what really upset us is that when we tried to go look for the student code of conduct, we actually had to search for it," she said. "We

had to go on Google and do it because the Tech search doesn't work very well, and it's not very easily accessible from the home page."

Included in the class' project is a video comprised of man-on-the-street style interviews with students and faculty members, and a Web site with clips from the video as well as a link to the student code of conduct.

Katie Schmidt, a junior English major from Spring who is in the class, said she hopes the project will increase student interest in being familiar with Tech's code of conduct because she believes, at present, "no one's going to take the time to go and find the student code of conduct, and even if they could, they probably wouldn't, and so this is the way to get it out there."

Schmidt said she believes students' current lack of knowledge and interest is one reason plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty are an issue at Tech.

"That's what Texas Tech is: It's the kind of school where people can get away with cheating, and we just don't really care about it," she said. "That kind of attitude, I think, just follows kids from high school to college."

Rockwell said although the university does address academic integrity through its anti-plagiarism initiative, "Integrity Matters," she believes other universities provide more easily

accessible links to their student codes of conduct, as well as other resources stressing academic integrity.

"That's why we were kind of embarrassed whenever we went to the other schools' Web sites and saw how much emphasis they place on their codes of conduct, and ours seems so hidden," she said. "We just wondered why the disparity is there. Why not put it out in the open?"

Rich Rice, an assistant professor of English who teaches the class, said he believes the class' project will encourage people to read and be aware of the code of conduct's guidelines about plagiarism and collusion because it is a student-driven project as opposed to one lead solely by administrators.

"There's a lot of talk about plagiarism from professors and talk about 'Integrity Matters' bus wraps, and things like that, but it's all top down and it's not student-driven," he said. "If it's not student-driven, you have an extra challenge of getting students to pay attention."

Rice said he anticipates distributing approximately 200 of the class' DVDs, which the English Department's media lab sponsored and helped produce, mainly to faculty members at Tech and other educators in the community, including high school teachers and counselors.

He said the student-conducted,

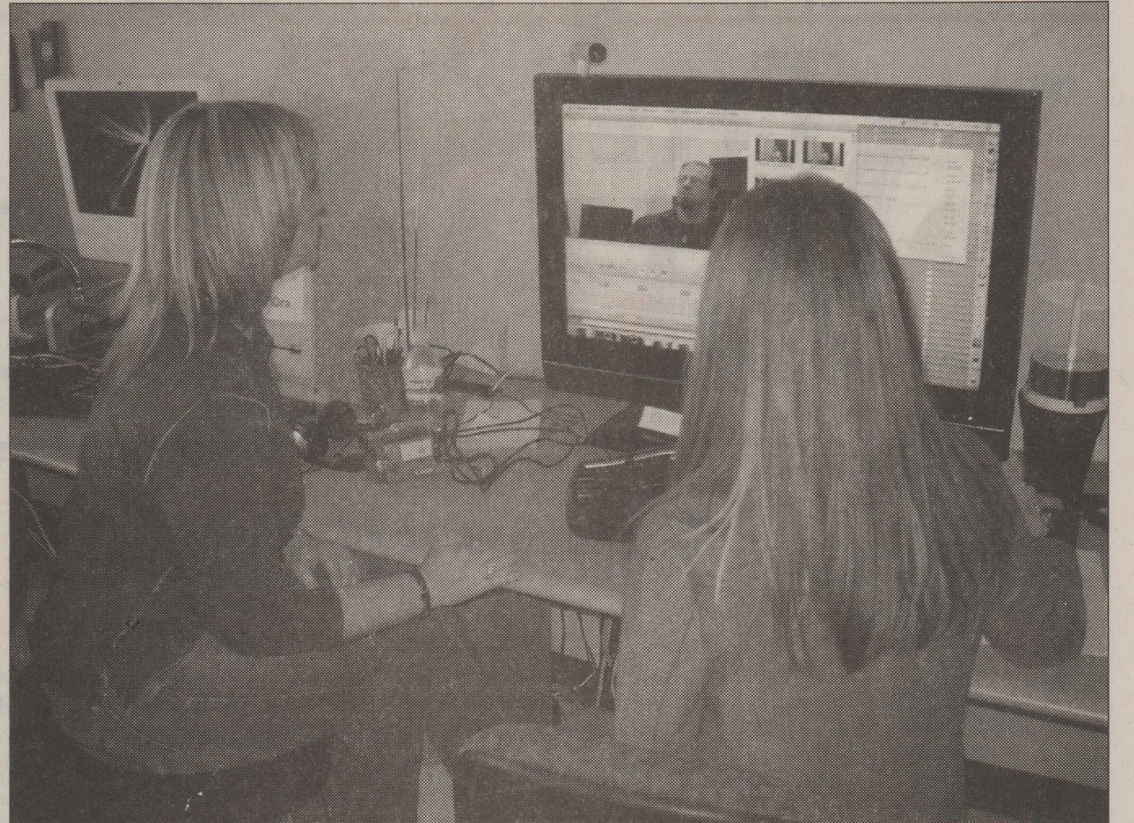


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STUDENTS WORK ON a multimedia project about plagiarism Wednesday in the English building.

man-on-the street style interviews could provide a more relevant format students can relate to and find entertaining, and he hopes to see the program expand beyond the class project.

"We are a YouTube generation, YouTube was created and sold within a year and a half for \$1.65 billion, and what that says is people like that form of literacy," Rice said. "They value impromptu,

a little bit of humor, low production quality video. I think the impromptu, lots of voices and lots of student voices is going to be very receptive."

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Mall

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she said.

Sgt. Teresa Negron said the gunman killed eight people, then apparently killed himself. His name was not immediately released, and authorities gave no motive for the attack and did not know whether he said anything during the rampage.

Police received a 911 call from someone inside the mall, and shots could be heard in the background, Negron said. By the time officers arrived six minutes later, the shooting was over, she said.

Keith Fidler, another Von Maur employee, said he heard a burst of

five to six shots followed by 15 to 20 more rounds. Fidler said he huddled in the corner of the men's clothing department with about a dozen other employees until police yelled to get out of the store.

A witness, Shawn Vidlak, said the shots sounded like a nail gun. At first he thought it was noise from construction work at the mall.

"People started screaming about gunshots," Vidlak said. "I grabbed my wife and kids we got out of there as fast as we could."

Shortly after the shooting, which came three weeks before Christmas, a group of shoppers came out of the building with their hands raised. Some were still holding shopping bags.

Police told people to park their cars at businesses across from the mall and to wait for their loved ones, then directed them to an Omaha hotel to await information.

President Bush was in Omaha on Wednesday for a fundraiser, but left about an hour before the shooting.

The sprawling, three-level mall has more than 135 stores and restaurants. It gets 14.5 million visitors every year, according to its Web site.

It was the second mass shooting at a mall this year. In February, nine people were shot, five of them fatally, at Trolley Square mall in Salt Lake City. The gunman, 18-year-old Sulejman Talovic, was shot and killed by police.

U.S. works to hold together anti-Iran alliance

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — The Bush administration scrambled Wednesday to hold together a global alliance of suspicion against Iran, saying the clerical regime still has much to answer for despite a U.S. reversal of its claim that Tehran is seeking nuclear weapons now.

President Bush opened a trip to Nebraska with a warning about Iran — his second in the two days since U.S. intelligence agencies jointly concluded that Iran had long ago dropped active military nuclear ambitions.

Bush's top diplomat, who must explain and sell the shifted U.S. position among European allies later this week, pushed anew Wednesday for international solidarity on Iran. No allies have told Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice they want to back out of a U.S.-led drive for new sanctions on Iran, but the administration is worried that the

new assessment weakens its leverage over Iran and drains the urgency from international efforts to roll back Iran's nuclear program.

The re-evaluation of the Iranian threat has overshadowed diplomatic meetings Rice attended in Africa.

"It is the very strong view of the administration that the Iranian regime remains a problematic and dangerous regime and that the international community must continue to unite around the Security Council resolutions that it has passed," Rice said in Ethiopia.

Bush demanded that Tehran detail its previous program to develop nuclear weapons "which the Iranian regime has yet to acknowledge."

"The Iranians have a strategic choice to make," he said before a political appearance in Omaha, Neb. "They can come clean with the international community about the scope of their nuclear activities," and accept U.S.-backed terms for new nuclear negotiations, "or they can continue

on a path of isolation."

The idea of talking truthfully about a past illicit program is something the United States is pushing hard as it tries to make sure that a useful diplomatic coalition against Iran does not fracture. That alliance was built partly on the strength of U.S. assertions that Iran had an ongoing ambition to build a bomb and could not be trusted with sensitive technology that could speed that process.

Rice reminded reporters that the U.N. Security Council has already demanded that Iran halt its uranium enrichment and reprocessing activities, "because those enriching and reprocessing activities permit, if they are perfected, a state to acquire fissile material for a nuclear weapon."

The National Intelligence Estimate essentially backs up Iran's long-standing claim that its nuclear program is peaceful, although it says Iran once had a covert weapons program.

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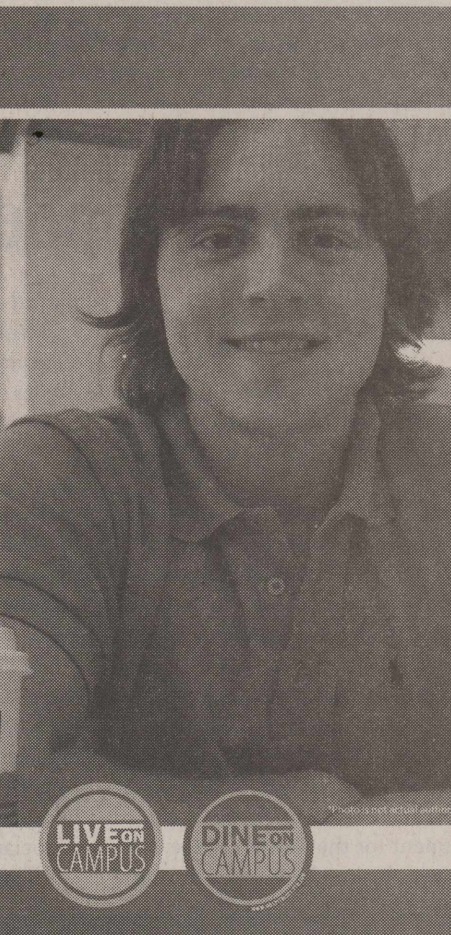
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Tech offers new master's degree in forensic science

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

Two areas within the Texas Tech system have teamed up to create a new master's degree in forensic science, the first of its kind in the United States.

The Tech Health Sciences Center's Institute for Forensic Science and the Tech Graduate school are working together on the unique degree program that offers both forensic science and forensic examiner study tracks by bringing together classes from the HSC, the sciences, psychology, sociology, human development and family studies and the Tech School of Law.

Kathy Sperry, senior director of the institute and program director for the new degree, said interest in forensic science has risen because of shows like "CSI".

"The program was started to offer students opportunities in forensic science," Sperry said. "Depending on the track they choose to study, students can customize their program. If they want to do forensic accounting, they can make that their area of expertise. If they want

to do forensic pathology, they can do that, too. The variations have been worked in, so there's almost a limitless number of options."

Sperry said Tech's program offers a wide variety of options, unlike most forensic science programs.

"To our knowledge, this is the only program that does this," she said. "We've done a lot of research and a lot of traveling to study other programs. They're good programs, but they're very narrow in their scope. They may say they offer forensic science, but that's actually forensic chemistry only, or forensic biology only or forensic psychology. When you come to Tech, it opens up many opportunities to do what you really want."

Because of the number of potential study track options, Sperry said it is important to understand what each branch of forensics does.

"The people dissecting the bodies are the forensic pathologists," she said. "Forensic scientists are the ones working in a lab doing bench science like DNA or some form of toxicology. Forensic examiners can be crime scene examiners, but they can also be more in depth than that.

Forensic examiners do anything with examination that's not specifically science."

In a press release, Tech system Chancellor Kent Hance said he believes one of the program's largest assets is its interdisciplinary nature.

"Texas Tech has the best of both worlds with an academic institution and a health sciences center — not only under one system — but on the same campus," Hance said. "And in this case, students studying each area of forensics, as opposed to focusing on only one area, will walk away better prepared students."

Sperry said working with the Tech Graduate School has been a welcome opportunity.

"It's fabulous," she said. "We're going through the interdisciplinary area. There are no detrimental effects on the education offered. The courses are those that are always offered, they're just done in conjunction with whatever you want to focus on."

Clifford Fedler, associate academic dean of the Tech Graduate School, said he sees major benefits in bringing so many programs together.

"You're getting more than simply science in for the science back-

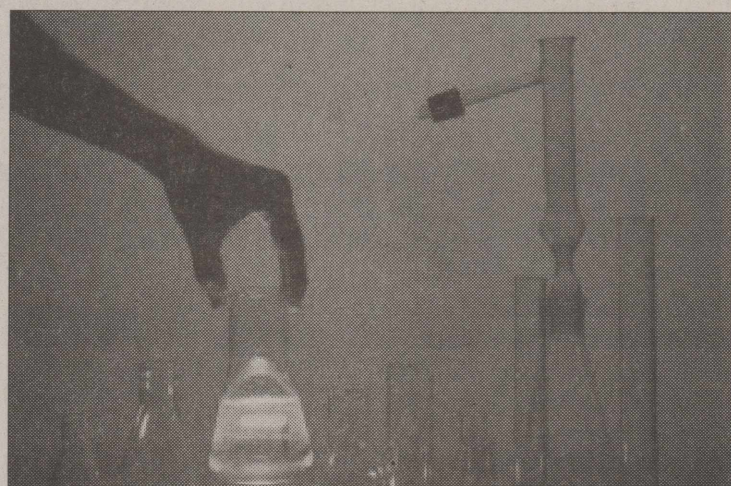
ground," he said. "We're adding in classes from the law school as well. I think students who get this degree will be very satisfied with the way it's developed."

Although the new program has not been widely publicized, Sperry said she expects to see hundreds of students interested in the program, which already is approximately one-third full.

"It has not been publicly announced yet, but we've got about 10 students who have gone through the graduate school process," she said. "We will have to limit it to about 30 students at the start, so it will be highly competitive. We have to make sure there's room for students to take the courses that currently exist. We don't anticipate staying at 30 for long."

One way the program will benefit students is by giving them real-world experience in their chosen fields.

"The students will have the opportunity to do practicum internships with the Texas Department of Public Safety," Sperry said. "That's one of the things we're very committed to — we want



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TEXAS TECH'S NEW Master's degree in forensic science is the first in the United States.

the students to have not only a theoretical base but also practical skills. That way, they can get hired and pretty much hit the ground running. They'll be very highly sought after."

Sperry said she thinks this unique program will benefit Tech, the Southwest and the entire nation.

"Someone once told me that if you can be the first, the best and

the only, then you've hit a home run," she said. "I think that's what we've done here."

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Congressional study finds high risk of catastrophic runway collision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air travelers face a high risk of a catastrophic collision on U.S. airport runways because of faltering federal leadership, malfunctioning technology and overworked controllers, congressional investigators said Wednesday.

The investigators gave the Federal Aviation Administration credit for reducing runway safety incidents from a peak in 2001. But they said the agency's "runway safety efforts subsequently waned" as the number of incidents settled at a lower level.

Then, in the 2007 budget year that ended Sept. 30, the incidents spiked to 370 — 6.05 incidents per 1 million air traffic control operations. That approached the level in 2001, when there were 407 runway incursions and 6.1 rate. An incursion is any aircraft, vehicle or person that goes where it should not be in space reserved for takeoff or landing.

At this time, "no single office is taking charge of assessing the causes of runway safety problems and taking the steps needed to address those problems," the Government Accountability Office said in a report requested by Rep. Jerry F. Costello, D-Ill., and Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg, D-N.J.

Then-Federal Aviation Administrator Marion Blakey stepped into that leadership void in August by calling an industrywide conference to produce ideas for quick action. In October, the FAA reported progress on recommendations from the conference, including speeding improved runway markings and pilot training. The GAO report approved of those moves but also recom-

mended more leadership from the FAA, better data collection and less overtime required of controllers.

"This report makes clear that the Bush administration is cutting corners and failing to put passenger safety first," Lautenberg said. "The FAA is taking too many chances and ignoring too many red flags."

Serious incursions, where a collision was narrowly averted, declined to a record low 24 in 2007, compared with 31 the year before. But the report said they have stayed high enough to pose "a high risk of a catastrophic runway collision."

In response to the report, the FAA said it had reached its goal of reducing the most serious incursions by almost 25 percent in 2007. The agency said the overtime was a short-term issue that could be resolved through stepped-up hiring.

Hiring is focusing on two dozen facilities with high overtime or six-day work weeks, according to the FAA, and a working group is studying whether scheduling changes could minimize fatigue.

FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown

said runway safety is a priority and the agency "is safely staffing all of its air traffic facilities."

To Costello, "When there is great public attention and attention by the Congress, then the FAA acts. As soon as the attention goes away, the FAA reduces their attention." He is chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee on aviation.

Costello and Democratic Rep. James Oberstar of Minnesota, the full committee chairman, urged quick approval of a House-passed FAA bill that would provide \$42 million for incursion reduction and \$72 million for runway lighting; require an FAA runway safety and technology plan; and force the FAA

to reopen contract negotiations with controllers. The Bush administration opposes that provision.

Since 1990, 63 people have died in six U.S. runway collisions. The FAA's previous definition did not classify some serious runway errors as incursions, including an Aug. 27, 2006, crash in Lexington, Ky., of a Comair jet that took off from a too-short runway, killing 49.

This year has seen dramatic near-misses:

—On Aug. 16, two commercial jets carrying 296 people came within 37 feet of colliding at Los Angeles International.

—A Delta Boeing 757 touched down in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on July 11 and had to take off immediately to avoid hitting a United Airbus A320 mistakenly on its runway.

—A Delta Boeing 737 landing at New York's LaGuardia Airport on July 5 narrowly missed a commuter jet mistakenly cleared to cross its runway.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating those incidents, two others in Denver and one in San Francisco.

The GAO endorsed a board recommendation that the FAA reduce mandatory overtime for controllers. Since the FAA imposed a contract on the controllers' union in 2006, experienced controllers have retired much faster than the agency predicted. The FAA also cut controller staff to respond to traffic pattern changes from airline mergers and bankruptcies.

The union says the cuts are too deep and reduce safety; the FAA says air travel has never been safer.

The GAO said 52 percent of controllers at the nation's busiest airport, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International, regularly work six-day weeks. Overall, between 20 percent and 52 percent of controllers at 25 FAA facilities, including seven of the 50 busiest towers, are on six-day weeks.

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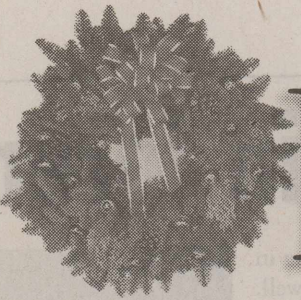
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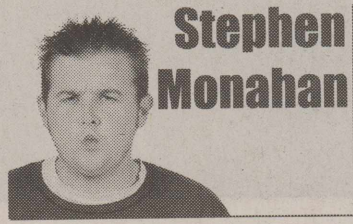
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PINIONS

I'm graduating huh? Welp, see ya later

My life is over now. It's time for me to grow up, get a job, pump out some kids and eventually retire (or become Hugh Hefner's successor).



Stephen Monahan

Six and a half years in school (not all at Texas Tech, but still — eat that Graduate-on-Time program) and finally, I will get to experience what I've been waiting for all of these years: A four-hour procession in order to walk across a stage to obtain a momento that says, "Hey, here is a \$25,000 piece of paper, good luck finding a job ... oh, and yea, we're going to need all of that money we lent you, returned in full over the next 10 years, plus interest."

OK, so my life isn't over — I am well aware of this. I basically have a "brand new car" to pay for, in terms of reimbursing my loan provider for my education, but it's going to be money well-spent when I look back.

This may sound like a farewell column, but it's not; it's a "Welp, see ya later" column, because I don't want to make any of my friends burst into tears — (actually, my friends most likely would throw a party upon my departure, because they no longer have to endure my filthy mouth).

Anyway, the rest of this space is dedicated to the triumphs and tribulations

of my experience at Texas Tech and in Lubbock — in poetry form.

"Ode to Lubbock the Pot Hole ... Literally"

Dearest Hub City: You rock my world and my car's suspension system. You have more holes to fill than ... well, I won't go there, but you get my drift. "Men's Health" magazine ranks you as one of the fattest and drunkest cities in the nation, yet driver safety is one of the best. I guess that's why it takes me 45 minutes to get from 19th Street to the Loop.

Oh little Hub, construction is your forte. I'll miss missing my turns because of Marsha Sharp Freeway, and promise me that one day you will acquire the Bob Knight Frontage Road.

"Ode to Kristy Curry, the Cajun Beauty Queen"

You are a spicy, sweet thang from Louisiana. Your Cajun twang makes my heart twinkle and sang. With you, I'd like to share cups of Tang over candle-

light at P.F. Chang's. If you weren't married, and I were to propose, would you accept my rang? On the court, you teach them Lady Raiders how to bang for the boards. For you, my love is like that boomerang sport. As a coach, you are a basketball whiz, and none of your players get arrested like those Cincinnati Bengals. This poem might seem like I'm giving you the biz, but dearest Kristy, it is what it is. (Coach Curry, please don't kill me — I lost a bet).

"Ode to Stomping the Hell Outta Those Damn Aggies"

I've been at Tech for three football seasons, while we never beat Texas, those years were great for all the right reasons — beating the Aggies and their coach's letters of treason. In 2005, Reggie McNeal told me to "suck it" as a fan, but I just asked him where he thought his Heisman chances stand.

In 2006, Graham threw a perfect touchdown strike to Rojo, once again diminishing the 12th-man's mojo. And this year, a 35-7 ass spanking maintains our reign. Despite a guarantee, the Red Raiders basked in victory Lane.

"Ode to Rushing the Court at the United Spirit Arena and the Field at Jones AT&T Stadium"

Funny how some students were scorned and arrested, not even the

"Super Troopers" could stop those who contested. Last season, A&M and Kansas were both ranked sixth in the nation, but Bob Knight's faithful pulled off the upset and the arena basked in elation.

As for the Sooners, you were ranked as the fourth-best team, but Taurean Henderson's score two years prior kept the Red Raiders focused with a full head of steam.

You're damn right I rushed the field, the f a t

guy in a hoodie did not hesitate, nor yield. I had the perfect headline for your defeat, it wasn't subtle nor discreet, so when it failed to be published I became a grouch, but I'll say it now — Dear Sooners, "Eff your cOUch." "Ode to the Rest" Some of you have been there for me

when I needed you the most, for that I am thankful. This is not goodbye; it's only a hello and a beginning of the rest of my life. I will keep in touch, that I promise. I will never forget those who I love, those who I have pissed off nor those who I have hurt. I've enjoyed the "Parties at the Purp," my alternative home known as "The Daily Toreador newsroom," and most of my experiences at local dives such as Bash's.

I will always remember the bad movies such as "Norbit," and calling a tiny, brown friend "My Mexican Midget."

My nights with my imaginary friend "Isabel," I'll carry that with me to my grave, and "Boogers" will always be something to pick at constantly throughout life.

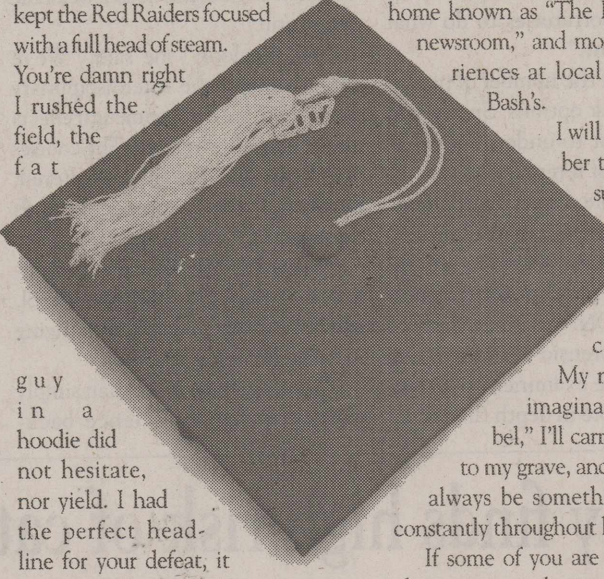
If some of you are feeling seziury, please sit in a chair and calm down, we'll go have a beer, please just give me a call whenever you feel the need. To the others, you're welcome for the dances at Wild West, and thank you for the trips to Sonic for a No. 2 hamburger and

medium vanilla Dr. Pepper. Drunk dialing my ex-girlfriend's mother after five margaritas at Chimy's was a bad idea at the time, but now, it's a legendary tale. My college life has become what dreams are made of, and for that, I feel privileged to have experienced everything I ever wanted to, including "apple-pie shots," first kisses, creating "Pop Rocks and Chocolate," the exciting play of Martin "Zenon," bludgeoning the dorm room with my "chemical warfare," all-nighters, pumpkin carving, walks to IHOP just for a bowl of ice cream, "Drinkle," the audio bond between myself and karaoke, how to say "catch it" in the whiniest voice ever, and of course, the resurgence of "That's what she said."

In the end, my experience with this publication has always been about "teammanship" and ultimately, I hope my life veers west in hopes for success just like Fievel in "An American Tail."

OK, so shoot me for being sentimental after all, it's not like I gave you a bunch of Bible verses or something.

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Christmas Break

We've worked long and hard for this, enjoy every minute of the break

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Man, I love Christmas Breaks



Once again the time has come to drop all studies and drink with your buddies.

Jason Bishop

Reflection on a year full of headlines

Ah, 2007 — the year has come and gone.

Many of you are celebrating the fruits of your labor by graduating this December and coming to grips with the sobering reality of the real world.

Some of you may be finishing your first semester and are still attempting to explain that MIP to your parents.

Some of you will drop out. This is the way college works, so for those of you leaving the fine campus of Texas Tech, I bid you farewell and the best of luck in your endeavors. Keep it clean folks.

"2008 will see the rise of the Antichrist when Donald Trump and Rosie O'Donnell reveal their love child."

Now, as for 2007, this was the year for headlines. We had "Senator Craig is old and gay," "Imus says something ignorant, again," "Attorney General suffers stroke and loses memory" and for just a touch of home, "Vick 'em T-shirts."

Politics, dog fighting and racism weren't the only ones with a big show-

David Ward



ing in 2007; the music industry also had its share of pot stirring.

Radiohead gave us a donation-based album, where many bloggers and music nerds viewed them as the saviors of a failing recording industry.

As many came to find out, it was a plan devised by their marketing team, but nobody cared because it was a fresh move, and they delivered a great album at that.

Wired Magazine reported CDs could be facing a death by vinyl scenario, with LP sales increasing nationwide. In other news, tapes still haunt the dreams of former 8-track collectors.

Now I will leave you with a few predictions for the following weeks into 2008:

— Santa will win the war on Christmas. Yet, Dec. 26 will be deemed a memorial day for all the reindeer and elves lost at the hands of the enemy — the three wise men. Jesus will now have to celebrate his birthday in the summer, when he actually was born.

— Alan Greenspan will concoct an economic algorithm that will provide free health care, tax cuts for all classes and even distributions of funds to create equality for all. Before he can

deliver his message to the people, his life will be lost in the great war on Christmas 2007. He will be taken out by a stray candy cane rocket. He will be sorely missed.

— Britney Spears will follow Radiohead's lead and offer her album to her fans by donation. Unfortunately for her, the Web site designers allow users to take away her money if they are dissatisfied. She will lose her entire estate in two hours.

— 2008 will see the rise of the Antichrist when Donald Trump and Rosie O'Donnell reveal their love child.

— George W. Bush will create everlasting peace and stability in the Middle East; Iran will allow

UN inspectors to freely visit the country and cut the opening ribbon on Afghanistan's first Dairy Queen. President Bush will be lauded abroad and praised as one of the greatest presidents of America. He will then wake up.

— The BCS ranking system will be reworked, going from "dropped-on-your-head" stupid, to "you-voted-for-him-twice!" stupid.

Have a relaxing break, enjoy your friends and family and celebrate whichever holiday coincides with your beliefs.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For the last few weeks, I've seen the constant TechAnnounce messages telling everyone "Because fall break forced a four-day final examination period that created numerous conflicts, students and faculty members with classes meeting TR 3:30 p.m. will be rescheduled to test on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 3-5 p.m." I get frustrated every time I read this.

As someone who worked hard to help get fall break implemented, I am well aware that some members of the administration fought hard to keep fall break from happening, and they are still bitter that they were forced to accept it.

I know fall break caused the finals schedule to be shortened and caused difficulty in scheduling the exams, but it really frustrates me to see fall break getting blamed for a scheduling glitch. If it was possible to reschedule the final that caused problems to a later day, then it should have been possible to schedule it correctly from the beginning. Nobody would have cared if the TechAnnounce had just said, "Due to a scheduling error ..." rather than leading in with, "Because fall break ..."

Fall break didn't cause this error; someone didn't double check the schedule. Instead, this is being used to further a political agenda aimed at ending a fall break that was overwhelming supported by students. It disappoints me that the administration doesn't have the integrity to simply admit there was a mistake and move on.

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Walking to the library from the Student Union Building, I saw two guys on bikes getting tickets, from a cop on a bicycle no less, for riding their bikes on the sidewalk. I heard the guys saying "Wait, why?" and "Where do we even go to take care of this?"

Apparently, you aren't allowed to ride a bike on the sidewalk. I didn't know this. Then, to make it even more ridiculous, another guy on a bike rode through the same area and the bike cop yelled out at him "Hey, bicyclist, there's no riding here." I started to laugh out loud. This is absolutely hilarious. Riding your bike on the sidewalk instead of the street on a college campus is pretty much the last thing I would think would be ticket worthy in college.

Biking to school has never been my thing. In fact, I have never been on a bike on this campus, and I'm in graduate school now after four years of undergraduate work. So, as a non-bicycle person, I could not care less if a guy on a bike rides on the sidewalk. It's probably safer than riding around on the street, where you are likely to get hit by one of the crazy bus drivers.

I park in Commuter West everyday, and everyday there are at least three bikes on the sidewalk from the parking lot, across the football fields to the business school. I would never have known, or even guessed, that it was a crime to do so. Campus police, please find something better to do that helps the campus rather than stealing money from students for no good reason at all.

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ODDBALL DAILY

Fired detective who says he unknowingly ate pot-spiked meatballs sues to get job

NEW YORK (AP) — A counterterrorism detective who says his failed drug test came because his wife had spiked his meatballs with marijuana has filed a lawsuit to get his job back.

Anthony Chiofalo asked the court to declare that his firing in August from the New York Police Department was unreasonable and unconstitutional, to declare that a damning hair sample was improperly taken and to order his rehiring with back pay plus interest, seniority and all benefits.

Chiofalo, a 22-year veteran assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force, was suspended without pay in November 2005 after a random drug test found marijuana in his system. He denied using drugs and demanded a hearing.

During an investigation, Chiofalo's wife, Catherine Chiofalo, said she secretly put enough marijuana for about six cigarettes in her meatball recipe in July 2005, hoping a failed blood test would force him to retire, court papers say.

Catherine Chiofalo, according to court papers, testified at the hearing that she "just wanted my husband not to die of a heart attack or get killed. I wanted him to be around to help raise my son."

The couple later took and passed lie-detector tests about how the marijuana was ingested, Anthony Chiofalo's court papers say.

Chiofalo says his wife had marijuana at home because she used it to relieve nausea caused by medications she took for back pain. He said he did not know where she got it.

An administrative judge recommended that Chiofalo be reinstated. But police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, who has the last word on firings, rejected the recommendation and fired Chiofalo.

A police department spokesman, John Kelly, said in an e-mailed comment on Chiofalo's firing, "The officer's excuse was not credible."

Christmas tree farm finds tops chopped off large firs

FLAG POND, Tenn. (AP) — Authorities are on the lookout for a Grinch who stole the tops off more than two dozen Christmas trees from Danny Tipton's farm.

The thief or thieves raided the farm in eastern Tennessee sometime between Nov. 24 and last week and cut the top off the Fraser firs that were 10 to 12 feet tall.

"It's like the Grinch stealing Christmas trees," Sheriff Kent Harris said. Tipton grows the taller trees for use in businesses, churches and homes with high ceilings and they usually sell for about \$100 each.

The culprit sawed the top six feet off about 28 trees and hauled them off the property, probably to sell off for use in smaller homes. Tipton estimates they would get about \$15 to \$20 each.

"It's a very low person who commits such a crime as this at Christmastime," Sheriff's Maj. Ronnie Adkins said.

Tipton still has about 6,000 trees growing on his farm near the North Carolina border, but they are in various stages of maturity. The pilfered firs were ready for sale when they were taken sometime last week.

"I had gone to harvest the trees," Tipton said. "That's when I noticed there had been somebody in there cutting them. (It was) sort of disbelief. I couldn't believe anybody would go to the extremes they went to get them."

Authorities have a description of a vehicle, but a lack of evidence may hinder catching the Grinch.

Italian court orders Tweety, Donald Duck, other 'toons to witness stand

ROME (AP) — Tweety may get a chance to take the witness stand and sing like a canary.

An Italian court ordered the animated bird, along with Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and his girlfriend Daisy, to testify in a counterfeiting case.

In what lawyers believe was a clerical error worthy of a Looney Tunes cartoon, a court in Naples sent a summons to the characters ordering them to appear Friday in a trial in the southern Italian city, officials said.

The court summons cites Titti, Paperino, Paperina, Topolino — the Italian names for the characters — as damaged parties in the criminal trial of a Chinese man accused of counterfeiting products of Disney and Warner Bros.

MAKING THE MOLD



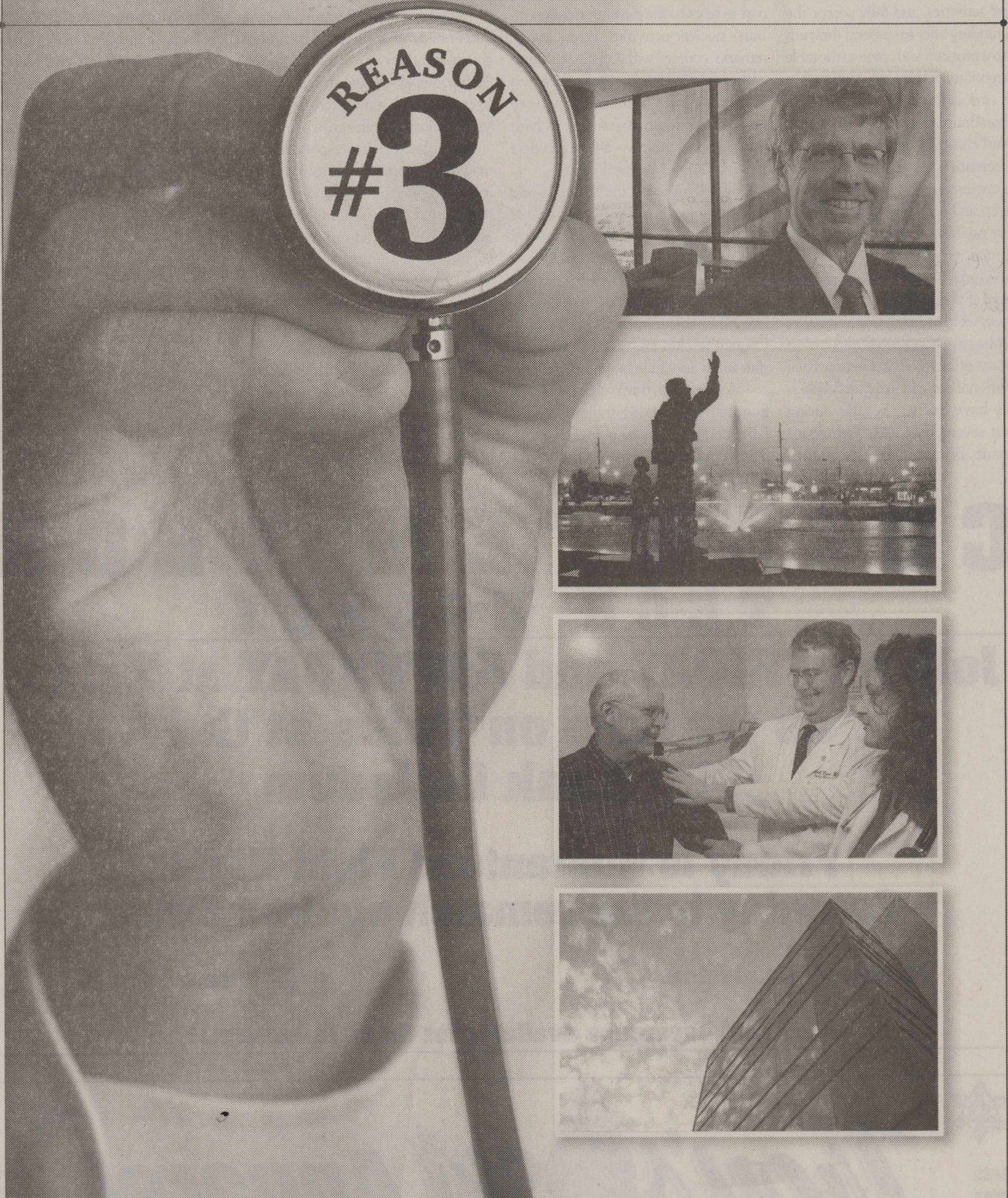
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JOSEPH SMITH, A sophomore sculpture major from Lubbock, paints a mold he's creating for Mixed Media class Tuesday in the Art building.



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New Mexico & Colorado Ski Report

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Ski Apache	12"	2"
Santa Fe	14"	6"
Sipapu	14"	2"
Taos		Opens December 14
A-Basin	18"	2"
Aspen	18"- 20"	6"
Beaver Creek	18"	4"
Breckenridge	20"	2"
Copper Mtn.	18"	6"
Crested Butte	34"	Free Lift Tickets thru 12-15
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DIRECTOR OF CHORAL Studies John Dickson leads the Madrigals in the singing of Deck the Halls during the 31st Texas Tech Madrigal Dinner Monday evening in the Student Union Ballroom.

Bush urges Iran to disclose nuclear activities

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — President Bush, trying to keep pressure on Iran, called on Tehran Wednesday to “come clean” about the scope of its nuclear activities or else face diplomatic isolation.

Two days after a new intelligence report said that Iran had halted its nuclear weapons program four years ago, Bush demanded that Tehran detail its previous program to develop nuclear weapons “which the Iranian regime has yet to acknowledge.”

“The Iranians have a strategic choice to make,” he said. “They can come clean with the international community about the scope of their nuclear activities, and fully accept the long-standing offer to suspend their enrichment program and come to the table and negotiate, or they can continue on a path of isolation.”

The administration is worried that the new National Intelligence Estimate — representing a consensus of all U.S. spy agencies — weakens its leverage over Iran and its ability to build global pressure on Tehran to stop its uranium enrichment program.

Bush, arriving here on a campaign fundraising trip, said he had consulted with members of his national security team, who gave him a report about what Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley have learned in talks during the past several days with their counterparts in Britain, Germany, France

and Russia. “These countries understand that the Iranian nuclear issue is a problem, and continues to be a problem and must be addressed,” Bush said.

Backing the U.S. intelligence community, Bush said he appreciated its work in helping people to understand past and present activities in Iran and helping the administration develop a sound policy.

“It is clear from the latest NIE that the Iranian government has more to explain about its nuclear intentions and past actions,” Bush said.

His statement Wednesday came a day after a news conference called in part to react to the new information on Iran’s nuclear activities. Bush’s public remarks, coupled with frenzied contacts with world leaders by Bush, Rice and Hadley, show a White House trying to keep the world on board with its hard line against Tehran — an uphill effort now, according to most analysts.

Also Wednesday, the White House said the United States will continue “actively pushing” for a third, tougher round of United Nations sanctions against Iran. Deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said Iran continues to hide information, remains in violation of two U.N. Security Council resolutions, tests ballistic missiles and is enriching uranium.

“Anyone who thinks that the threat from Iran has receded or diminished is naive and is not paying attention to the facts,” Fratto told reporters flying aboard

Air Force One with Bush en route to Nebraska.

Fratto disputed Iran’s claim that the intelligence estimate was a vindication for Tehran. “I think that’s absolutely absurd, and Iran should take no comfort or vindication from the NIE,” he said.

He rejected calls, since the new report, for the administration to enter into unconditional talks with Iran, something the White House has said it would only do once Tehran stops enriching uranium.

Tehran says its nuclear program is only for civilian energy purposes. It says it is allowed to enrich uranium for that reason.

Rice, traveling in Africa Wednesday, questioned the openness of the Iranian government after President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said the new U.S. intelligence review amounted to “a final shot” against Tehran’s critics.

Rice declined to respond to Ahmadinejad’s remark, but told reporters in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa that the public release of the NIE showed the administration was committed to transparent democracy, while Iran was not.

“I am not going to comment on that comment except to say that what the National Intelligence Estimate shows, and the transparency with which the administration released it, is what it means to live in a democracy and I hope one day that the people of Iran will live in a democracy too,” she said.

WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Bush mortgage plan will freeze certain interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has hammered out an agreement to freeze interest rates for certain subprime mortgages for five years to combat a soaring tide of foreclosures, congressional aides said Wednesday.

The aides, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the details have not yet been released, said the five-year moratorium represented a compromise between

desires by banking regulators for a longer time frame of up to seven years and mortgage industry arguments that the freeze should last only one or two years.

Another person familiar with the matter said the rate-freeze plan would apply to borrowers with loans made at the start of 2005 through July 30 of this year with rates that are scheduled to rise between Jan. 1, 2008, and July 31, 2010.

The administration said President

Bush will speak on the agreement at the White House on Thursday and the Treasury Department announced that Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson would hold a joint news conference Thursday afternoon with mortgage industry officials.

Treasury also announced there would be a technical briefing to explain more of the proposal’s details.

U.S. defense secretary: secure and stable Iraq is within reach

BAGHDAD (AP) — U.S. military commanders in northern Iraq told Defense Secretary Robert Gates here Wednesday that they need more troops to battle increased attacks by al-Qaida terrorists who have fled north after being pushed out of the Baghdad region.

The call for the movement of Iraqi and U.S. forces into the north comes as Gates hailed the improved security in Baghdad and said a stable Iraq is within reach. Just before Gates spoke in the heavily fortified Green Zone,

however, a car bomb exploded across the Tigris River in a largely Shiite Baghdad neighborhood, killing at least 14 people, police said.

Up in Mosul, Army Col. Tony Thomas, deputy commander of U.S. forces in the north, told reporters traveling with Gates that commanders would like more U.S. troops, as well as the return of 1,400 Iraqi troops who were sent to Baghdad as part of the military buildup there earlier this year. The plan could shift extra troops from other areas of the country that are more secure.

Thomas would not say how many troops are needed or where they would be deployed, but he said the U.S. needs more combat power to help stabilize a number of areas — including Diyala province, Mosul and Samara — to help counter an uptick in violence, including suicide bombings. He said military leaders are still discussing the issue, and have made no final decisions.

Gates, who met with commanders in Mosul before heading to Baghdad for talks with Iraqi leaders, acknowledged the new challenges in the north.

Justices debates rights of detainees held at Guantanamo Bay

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court debated the rights of foreign terrorism suspects held at Guantanamo Bay on Wednesday for the third time since 2004, a legal struggle that could still be around when a new president takes office in 13 months.

Most questions from the justices seemed to accept that the 305 men held at the U.S. naval base in Cuba, many for nearly six years, have some rights to chal-

lenge their detention.

Instead, the key question that emerged Wednesday was whether the limited court review created by the Bush administration and Congress in response to earlier Supreme Court rulings for the detainees is good enough.

The court’s resolution of this matter, expected in a decision in the spring, could determine whether the detainees receive prompt hearings that might result in freedom for

some or face many more months, even years, of legal proceedings and imprisonment.

Justice Stephen Breyer tried to capture the inadequacy of the review process when he talked about a detainee who, after six years in jail, may want to argue that the Constitution says he must be charged or released. “I don’t see anything,” Breyer said, “that permits me to make that argument. So I’m asking you: Where can you make that argument?”

U.S. teen births rise for first time in 15 years

ATLANTA (AP) — In a troubling reversal, the nation’s teen birth rate rose for the first time in 15 years, surprising government health officials who had no immediate explanation.

The birth rate had been dropping since its peak in 1991, although the decline had slowed in recent years. On Wednesday, government statisticians said it rose 3 percent from 2005 to 2006.

U.S. health officials said it was possibly a one-year statistical blip and not the beginning of a new upward trend.

But several experts said they have been expecting a jump. They blame the increase on increased federal funding for abstinence-only health education programs that do not teach how to use condoms and other contraception.

Some key sexually transmitted disease rates have been rising, including syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia. The rising teen pregnancy rate is part of the same phenomenon, said Dr. Carol Hogue, an Emory University professor of maternal and child health.

“It’s not rocket science,” she said. The new report is based on a review of more than 99 percent of the birth certificates from last year by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A final report is due next year, but the findings are not expected to change significantly, CDC officials said.

The new teen birth numbers are based on the 15-19 age group, which accounted for about 99 percent of the more than 440,000 births to teens in 2006.

The rate rose to nearly 42 births per 1,000 women in that age group, up from 40.5 in 2005. That translates to an extra 20,000 births to teen mothers in 2006, according to CDC data.

The CDC also reported that births to unwed mothers reached an all-time high in 2006, but that is part of a continuing upward trend and was expected.

Health officials cautioned that the rise in teen births is not the chief cause of births to unwed mothers, however. Teens account for fewer than a quarter of unwed mothers, said Stephanie Ventura, head of the CDC’s Reproductive Statistics Branch.

About thirty years ago, more than half of unwed mothers were teenagers.

Women in their 20s and 30s represent the largest proportion of unwed mothers, Ventura said.

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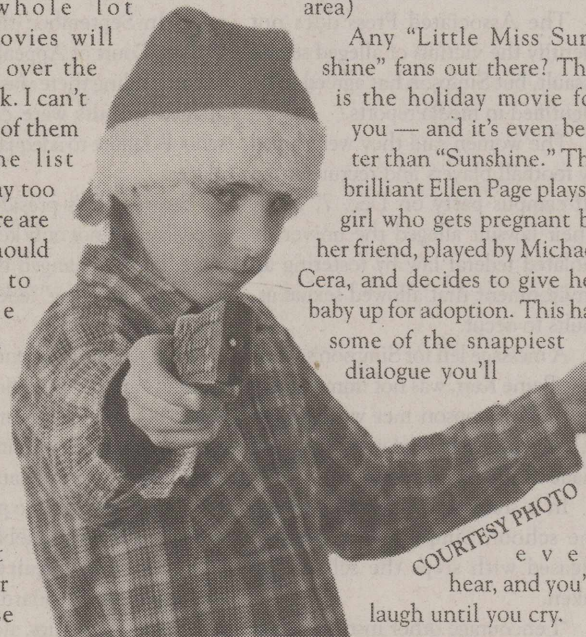
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The Kellerman Holiday Movie Guide

Get excited Texas Tech students, because a whole lot of great movies will be released over the holiday break. I can't mention all of them because the list would be way too long, but here are a few you should make sure to see. I've only seen "Juno" and "Charlie Wilson's War," but the buzz on all these is good. Most dates are for wide release



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unless otherwise noted. "Juno" (Dec. 5, limited viewing area)

Any "Little Miss Sunshine" fans out there? This is the holiday movie for you — and it's even better than "Sunshine." The brilliant Ellen Page plays a girl who gets pregnant by her friend, played by Michael Cera, and decides to give her baby up for adoption. This has some of the snappiest dialogue you'll

ever hear, and you'll laugh until you cry.

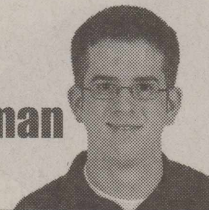
"The Golden Compass" (December 7)

Nothing says Christmas like atheism, right? Well, there's no reason to be up-in-arms over this version of the children's book, which certainly does have some anti-Christian sentiments. The movie is toned-down, and it's more anti-authoritarian than anything else. It's supposed to be a visual treat, and I am planning to see it.

"Atonement" (December 7, limited viewing area)

Here is 2007's big love epic. Set in pre-World War II Britain, the story tells of a young girl who witnesses a blooming love affair between Keira Knightly and James McAvoy, and unintentionally drives them apart. Directed by Joe Wright,

Chris Kellerman



of last year's beautiful "Pride and Prejudice," this is sure to be one of the best movies of the year.

"I Am Legend" (December 14)

I don't know if this will be any good, but it certainly has the potential to be amazing. Based on a 1950s book by Richard Matheson, Will Smith plays the last man alive on earth, who, unfortunately, has a bunch of vampires trying to kill him. According to my dad (he's a good source, right?), the book was terrifying. Hopefully, this won't be screwed up, as most horror movies

have been in the past 10 years.

"Charlie Wilson's War" (December 21)

I couldn't believe it when I heard Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts would be starring in the same movie. I was even more shocked when I heard Mike Nichols ("The Graduate") would be directing and Aaron Sorkin ("A Few Good Men") would be writing it. These four pros have made a movie that is flawlessly executed. In 90 minutes, it tells the story of a Texas congressman who helped defeat the Soviets in Afghanistan by running a covert war. It's extremely funny, never preachy, and while it tackles the issue in depth, anybody will be able to understand it.

"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" (December 21)

Johnny Depp in a dark Stephen Sondheim musical? Really? If director Tim Burton can pull this off, I'll proclaim him a genius. This could be the big hit of the year, and early reviews are calling it a masterpiece.

"The Kite Runner" (December 28)

I'm sure many of you have read this best-selling book by Khaled Hosseini, which explores the lives of two young boys who grow up in Afghanistan before the rise of the Taliban. The rape of a child fuels the story and controversy surrounding the film. The book was touching, and this movie is supposed to be just as beautiful.

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Eating habits may influence ability to study for final exams

By ANN LUU
STAFF WRITER

With final exams beginning Saturday, many students may be trying to find the most creative ways to stay awake and alert to study.

Students can be seen sitting at tables, chugging energy drinks and munching on snacks, doing their best to memorize a semester's worth of information.

However, food for the body may not necessarily be the best food for the mind.

Julian Spallholz, a professor in the Texas Tech Department of Nutrition, Hospitality and Retailing, said there are three important guidelines when it comes to being successful during finals.

"First, you must be well-rested," he said. "After that, you must be academically prepared. Then, you need to make sure you are not operating on a full stomach."

The stomach needs to be at a place where a student is just not hungry, Spallholz said. When a student is hungry, most of the focus is on trying to eliminate the hunger, which makes it hard to concentrate.

Depending on a student's eating habits, Spallholz said, there are different precautions.

"If you're trying to stay awake, drink coffee and an adequate amount

of caffeine," he said. "If you want to sleep, it's the reverse. Do not drink anything, and make sure not to eat heavy meals. If you're going to take a stimulant like caffeine, don't overdo it and know how it affects behavior."

Spallholz puts taking exams in perspective by comparing them to a football game.

"Players have to train, eat right and practice," he said. "In order to win, they have to practice. It's the same academically, except instead of practice, it's called studying. Finals are the big game, and students are not spectators, but participants. The professors score the game."

Still, there is no magic elixir that will guarantee an "A" on an exam, but students can be sure they will do their best by taking proper care of themselves.

"Research has proven that eating breakfast will allow students to function better in school," said Mallory Boylan, Ph.D., an associate professor of fitness and nutrition. "Students need a normal schedule of sleep and well-balanced meals."

As far as energy drinks are concerned, Boylan said students need to be careful of consuming too much caffeine.

"It can lead to being nervous and jittery," she said. "Students won't be able to concentrate. Too much of

anything could have a negative impact on studying. The key is to study; there is no pill to replace that."

There are myths that eating certain products, such as tuna fish, can lead to better academic performances, but Boylan says there is a catch.

"Food can affect your brain and nervous system," she said. "It has an impact on your overall health, not just for the immediate time. There is no difference if someone eats tuna before an exam or yogurt and fruit."

Boylan said many students will try to enhance their study habits by using energy drinks, but those alone cannot help.

"Trying to exist without food won't be beneficial," she said. "You need B-vitamins for the health of the nervous system. The food pyramid is a good guide to get enough nutrients to support students' health. The body is not meant to thrive on Red Bull alone."

Granted, everyone has his or her own study habits, but everyone is an individual and there's always one person who does well when he or she eats a specific product, Boylan said.

"There is no direct research on

this, but some of it can be psychological," she said. "Some students do better when they think it's because of what they eat. In any case, students should avoid what they know will not work. Finals are not the time to experiment with food that might make you sick, feel full or get gas. Physical symptoms can be very distracting."

Lance Reese, a sophomore public relations major from Dallas, said around finals time he tries to eat healthier items such as salads and fruits and cuts down on fried food.

"If I eat better food, I feel better," he said. "I can focus and be mentally stronger."

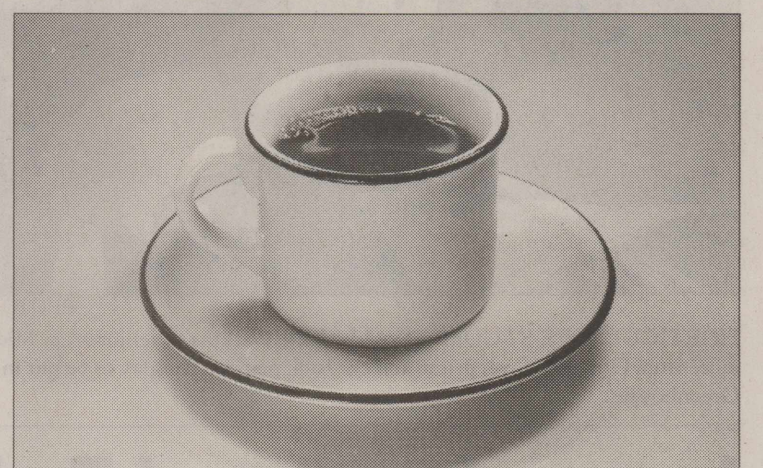
Reese said he learned from his past studying habits.

"One time I thought caffeine would help," he said. "Instead, it messed up my whole sleeping schedule, and I'm not the type of person to cram all night. It wasn't good."

Boylan also said finals are not a good time to overindulge in alcohol.

"Students tend not to perform so well when hung over," she said. "Don't celebrate too soon."

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HORTICULTURE STUDENTS ALLISON Watkins, a senior from Midkiff, and Jennifer Harlien, a sophomore from Orange Grove, prune and cut back pansies Tuesday to be put in a garden outside of the Horticulture Greenhouses.

U. of Colorado settles suit for \$2.85 million

DENVER (AP) — The University of Colorado has agreed to pay two women \$2.85 million to settle a lawsuit alleging they were sexually assaulted by football players and recruits, school officials said Wednesday.

The allegations had sparked a football recruiting scandal at the school, prompted broad university reforms and led to a shake-up of its top leaders.

University spokesman Ken McConnellogue said the school also agreed to hire an adviser to monitor compliance with federal laws governing equal treatment of women and add a position in the university Office of Victim Assistance.

The agreement came two months after an appellate court revived the lawsuit.

University President Hank Brown said agreeing to the settlement was "a difficult decision, painful in some ways, but it's my sense that it was in the interest of the university."

He said the school faced years of litigation over the case, and fees for outside attorneys had already reached \$3 million.

One of the women, Lisa Simpson, will receive \$2.5 million, Mc-

Connellogue said. The other woman, who did not wish to be identified publicly, will receive \$350,000. The school did not admit fault or liability.

The Associated Press does not identify the victims of alleged sexual assault, but Simpson has agreed to be identified in media reports.

The women said they were raped by football players and recruits at an off-campus party on Dec. 7, 2001. Their lawsuit alleged the university violated federal law by fostering an environment that allowed sexual assaults to occur.

A message left for Simpson's attorney, Baine Kerr, was not immediately returned. Simpson met with Brown at his office Wednesday but was not made available for comment.

In a statement released through the school, Simpson said she was pleased with steps the school has taken.

"I encourage other institutions of higher education throughout the nation to take similar steps," she said.

Simpson fought hard to make the school change, said Janine D'Anniballe, director of Boulder's rape crisis center.

"She wanted change in the university. I think that's what she got. Even more important than money is

change," D'Anniballe said.

A federal judge dismissed the suit in 2005, saying the women failed to show evidence of deliberate indifference. In September, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals revived the lawsuit, ruling there was evidence the alleged assaults were caused by the school's failure to adequately supervise players.

Brown, CU's president, said the appeals court not only kept the lawsuit alive, but it "changed the law and it ended up rewriting" federal law or the application of it.

The recruiting scandal prompted a grand jury investigation, which resulted in a single indictment charging a former football recruiting aide with soliciting a prostitute and misuse of a school cell phone. He pleaded guilty and was placed on probation.

A separate inquiry, backed by the university's Board of Regents, concluded that drugs, alcohol and sex were used to entice blue chip recruits to the Boulder campus but said none of the activity was knowingly sanctioned by university officials.

The school responded by overhauling oversight of the athletics department and putting some of the most stringent policies in place for any football recruiting program.

Houston's backups will get opportunities against Tampa

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans' growing list of injuries is creating opportunities for others thirsting for a chance to play.

Coach Gary Kubiak said Wednesday he doubts quarterback Matt Schaub will ready Sunday against Tampa Bay because of a dislocated left shoulder. Sage Rosenfels is the likely starter, and that would make former Kentucky star Shane Boyd the backup.

Boyd, cut by Arizona before the season, was taking snaps at the end of Wednesday's practice.

"It all boils down to being ready at all times," said Boyd, who's been on the practice squad since joining the Texans in October. "Your number can be called at any time. You know how football is. You're always one play away."

Even if Kubiak doesn't need Boyd, he'll still have a virtually untested player starting on his

offensive line.

Second-year pro Mike Brisiel and rookies Kasey Studdard and Brandon Frye are competing at right guard after Fred Weary broke his right leg in last week's loss to Tennessee. Weary's backup, Chris White, is out with a knee injury.

The Texans were already missing starting center Steve McKinney, who's out for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

Studdard finished last week's game, his first significant NFL action. Neither Frye nor Brisiel has played a single snap. Frye was the Texans' fifth-round pick this year, and Brisiel has been on the practice squad for two seasons.

"They're all nervous," Kubiak said. "They understand what's at stake and the opportunity for all of them to step in there and be a player."

The 6-foot-3, 299-pound Studdard is confident he's learned enough from more seasoned linemen to hold his own against the Buccaneers and their fifth-ranked defense.

"Watching these older guys work, there's a lot more to this game than there is in college," Studdard said. "You're going against guys who are 10 times better. Everyone's good out here. You've got to be real sound with everything you do."

Studdard, if he wins the job, will take Sunday's game as a chance to prove he belongs in the pros.

"They drafted me for a reason," he said. "It's my time to step up

and show them that they picked somebody worth drafting."

The 6-5, 296-pound Brisiel says his preparation this week has been the same as when he watched the Texans from the sideline.

"Practice will be the same," he said. "We've just got to keep working hard. If things turn out, and I get a chance to play on Sunday, it'll just make things a lot more fun for me on the weekend."

At center, Mike Flanagan has started every game since McKinney's injury, and this week the Texans signed Drew Hodgdon to back him up.

Cut in the preseason, Hodgdon stuck to his normal workout schedule, and it paid off.

"I think as you get in the first couple weeks, it's easy," he said. "But you get into Week 6 and Week 8 and half a season goes by, it gets tough. It's just routine. I think every player's used to regimen, and that's what I tried to do."

Running back Ron Dayne sat out Wednesday's practice with a sore left ankle, but Kubiak said Dayne will be ready to play Sunday.

The news on Ahman Green remains the same.

The high-priced free agent, who's missed six games since Week 2 with a knee injury, practiced Wednesday, and Kubiak was hopeful he would play on Sunday. Kubiak also said that last week before Green was deactivated Friday.

"Let's see how he wakes up tomorrow morning," Kubiak said Wednesday.

Lawyer for alleged Taylor gunman wants to work with prosecutors

MIAMI (AP) — An attorney for the 17-year-old accused gunman in the killing of Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor wants to work with prosecutors to resolve the case.

Sawyer Smith, who along with his father Wilbur is representing Eric Rivera, said Wednesday his client was admitting no wrongdoing yet.

"When the State Attorney's Office is ready, we would like to sit down and begin discussion with them so we can move towards a resolution in the case that has the best interest of all parties in mind," Smith said. "We want to minimize the impact of case resolution on the Taylor family and find a result that's

in the best interest of justice." Smith added: "Plea negotiations are typical in criminal cases. However, we don't know when or if that will occur."

Circuit Judge John Thornton Jr. denied Rivera bail Wednesday in his brief appearance via videoconference in a Miami-Dade County courtroom. His three co-defendants were denied bail a day earlier.

All four — Rivera; Charles Wardlow, 18; Jason Mitchell, 19; and Venjah Hunte, 20 — have been charged with first-degree felony murder and armed burglary. Their arraignments are Dec. 21.

Richard Sharpstein, Taylor's former lawyer, said he expected them all eventually to be "se-

verely punished."

Taylor died Nov. 27, a day after he was shot in the bedroom of his home. Police have said the 24-year-old player was a victim of a botched burglary.

Smith said he was happy Rivera had been moved to Miami and had his first appearance in court. He said he understood it most likely would be some time before prosecutors would speak with him.

"When they're ready and in a position to discuss this case with us we're looking forward to that day," Smith said.

Wardlow's attorney, David Brenner, distanced his client's actions from those of Rivera and said he expected to go to trial.

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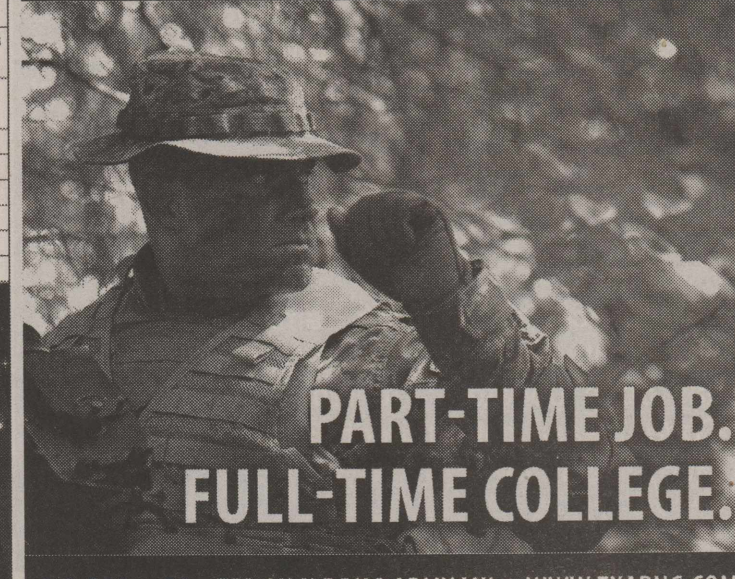
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PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador
Texas Tech's John Roberson shoots a jumper during the first half of Tech's game against Louisiana Tech Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

Basketball

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on the Bulldogs' shooting 22.7 percent from the field.

Although Tech had 10 turnovers of its own to start the game, Louisiana Tech scored just three points off those turnovers.

The Bulldogs (1-5) did not attempt a free throw until the first minutes of the second half, which helped the Red Raiders take a substantial lead.

"We got taught some hard lessons tonight by a coach and a team that are doing all the things that we gotta do," Louisiana Tech coach Kerry Rupp said. "I thought we came out in the first with some energy and enthusiasm. Tried to play to our game plan defensively. Offensively, I thought we struggled all night."

The Red Raiders received a boost on the defensive end from center Esmir

Rizvic, as he accumulated four of Texas Tech's nine steals in the first half. He finished with nine points as well.

Texas Tech scored the majority of its points in the paint, scoring 24 in

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the first half.

In the first half, Tech held the Bulldogs to 12 points, including a

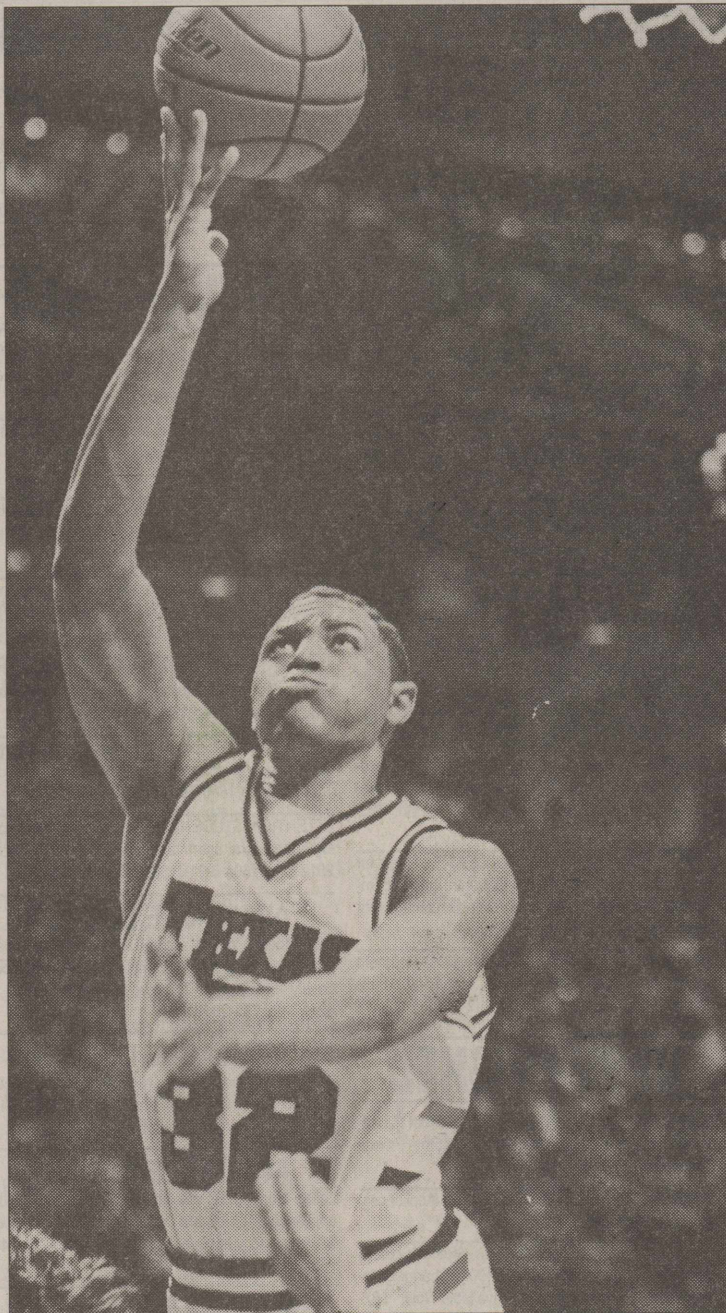


PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador
Tech forward Mike Singletary shoots a layup up during the game against Louisiana Tech Wednesday.

stretch where the Red Raiders went on a 27-2 run.

Zeno led the first half in points for both teams with 12.

The Bulldogs' leading scorer, Keith Smith had four points at the end of the first half and finished with nine.

With 2:04 left in the first half, Zeno came up with a block and on a fastbreak scored a basket to finish

the play.

The Red Raiders did not want to let a big lead escape, like what happened against Centenary.

"You can't take any lead for granted," Knight said. "You have to get the killer instinct. We were up a dozen or so, we put in (Charlie) Burgess, our lead gets up to 20. They gotta get a killer instinct. They cannot relax.



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Esmir Rizvic takes the ball to the hoop during the first half of the Red Raiders' game against Louisiana Tech Wednesday.

That's been their M.O. all year. Relax is what the Red Raiders did not do, as a 27-2 run soon turned into a 42-3 run early in the second half."

Zeno finished the game with 16 points, while Burgess added 12 and Texas Tech guard John Roberson scored 13.

While there were three Red Raiders in double figures to finish the game, Louisiana Tech did not have a player with more than 10 points.

The Red Raiders helped their own

cause, winning the assists battle by 14. The Bulldogs had three assists to finish the game.

Texas Tech's stretched its lead to 53 points with 7:03 left in the game. From there, the Red Raiders stretched it even more into a 61-point lead with four minutes remaining in the game.

This is the largest margin of victory by a Red Raider team since 1978, when they defeated Northern Montana 109-54.

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