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**Dell to cut more than 8,800 jobs**

ROUND ROCK (AP) — Dell Inc. is committed to reducing costs and will cut more jobs than the 8,800 previously announced as it tries to make itself more competitive, Michael Dell, founder and CEO of the world's second largest computer maker, said Thursday.

At the first full analyst meeting since 2005, Dell addressed the ongoing turnaround of the computer company, which was eclipsed as the world's largest PC maker in 2006 by Hewlett-Packard Co.

**NATION**

**Fire in home kills 10 in western Pennsylvania**

BROCKWAY, Pa. (AP) — A pre-dawn fire engulfed a western Pennsylvania home where three generations of the same family lived Thursday, killing 10 people, most of them children, while the patriarch worked an overnight shift.

Authorities identified the dead as a 40-year-old woman and nine people under 20, including two infants. Most of the younger ones were children or grandchildren of the woman, Kimberly Peterson.

**WORLD**

**Iraqi PM to expand crackdown on militias**

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's prime minister pledged Thursday to expand his crackdown on Shiite militias to Baghdad, despite a mixed performance so far against militants in the southern city of Basra.

The U.S. ambassador, meanwhile, said that despite a "boatload" of problems with the Basra operation, he was encouraged that the Shiite-led government was finally confronting extremists regardless of their religious affiliation.

**DEATH TOLL**

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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## NATO gives Bush support on missile shield

By **TERRENCE HUNT**  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — NATO allies gave President Bush strong support Thursday for a missile defense system in Europe and urged Moscow to drop its angry opposition to the program. The unanimous decision strengthened Bush's hand for weekend talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Secretary of State Condoleezza

Rice said it was "a breakthrough document on missile defense for the alliance." At Bush's first NATO summit in 2001, "perhaps only two allies gave even lukewarm support for the notion of missile defense," Rice said.

This was Bush's final meeting with members of the 26-nation alliance, and White House officials described it as a day of freewheeling talks in which leaders and their foreign ministers got off script and

gathered in crowds to debate the wording of a statement. "It doesn't happen in NATO meetings a lot," said Bush's national security adviser, Stephen Hadley.

He said a group of leaders — "men in suits" — gathered around German Chancellor Angela Merkel to talk about putting former Soviet republics Ukraine and Georgia on a path toward NATO membership, a step she opposes. Moscow heatedly opposes any further eastward

expansion of the alliance.

Summit leaders refused to grant the two countries a membership plan now, but said they would look at the issue again in December and they empowered their foreign ministers to decide it. The Balkan nations of Albania and Croatia were invited to join the alliance. Macedonia was turned aside at the insistence of Greece, which says the country's name implies a territorial claim to a northern region of

Greece, also called Macedonia.

France helped resolve a sensitive issue for NATO by pledging to send as many as 1,000 more combat troops to Afghanistan's eastern part. That would free up U.S. forces to move into the south, home of fierce fighting with Taliban and al-Qaida forces. Canada had threatened to pull its soldiers from the south unless it received 1,000 reinforcements from another ally.

## OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Part 5 of a 5-part series looking at the struggles, inspirations of international students at Tech

### Tech international student finds foothold in Lubbock

By **MATT MCGOWAN**  
 STAFF WRITER

As his plane flew east across the International Dateline high above the Pacific Ocean in 2004, an international student with a head full of second thoughts embraced his return to the day before.

Far below his airplane window, the terrain gradually shifted from dense Vietnamese jungle to the dusty flatness of the South Plains in August.

When Thu Dinh's plane landed in Lubbock four years ago, he realized the world he knew had faded completely. In its place, he found a peculiar West Texas town draped in red and black.

He struggled with the painful thought of his wife, whom he left in Vietnam. They had been married less than a year when he left. He thought of the baby in her womb.

He closed his eyes to battle her absence. He felt the homesickness sink deeper into the pit of his stomach and sabotage the excitement of his arrival in Lubbock.

Clutching two suitcases — the precious sum of his American possessions — Dinh found a pay phone at the Lubbock International Airport and looked for a number that looked like it might belong to a taxi company.

It was a struggle just to understand the man on the other end. Dinh hung up the phone and tried to remember the other voice's words so he could practice them aloud to himself. He wrestled with the English syntax, the changes in tone and the subtleties of English rhythm.

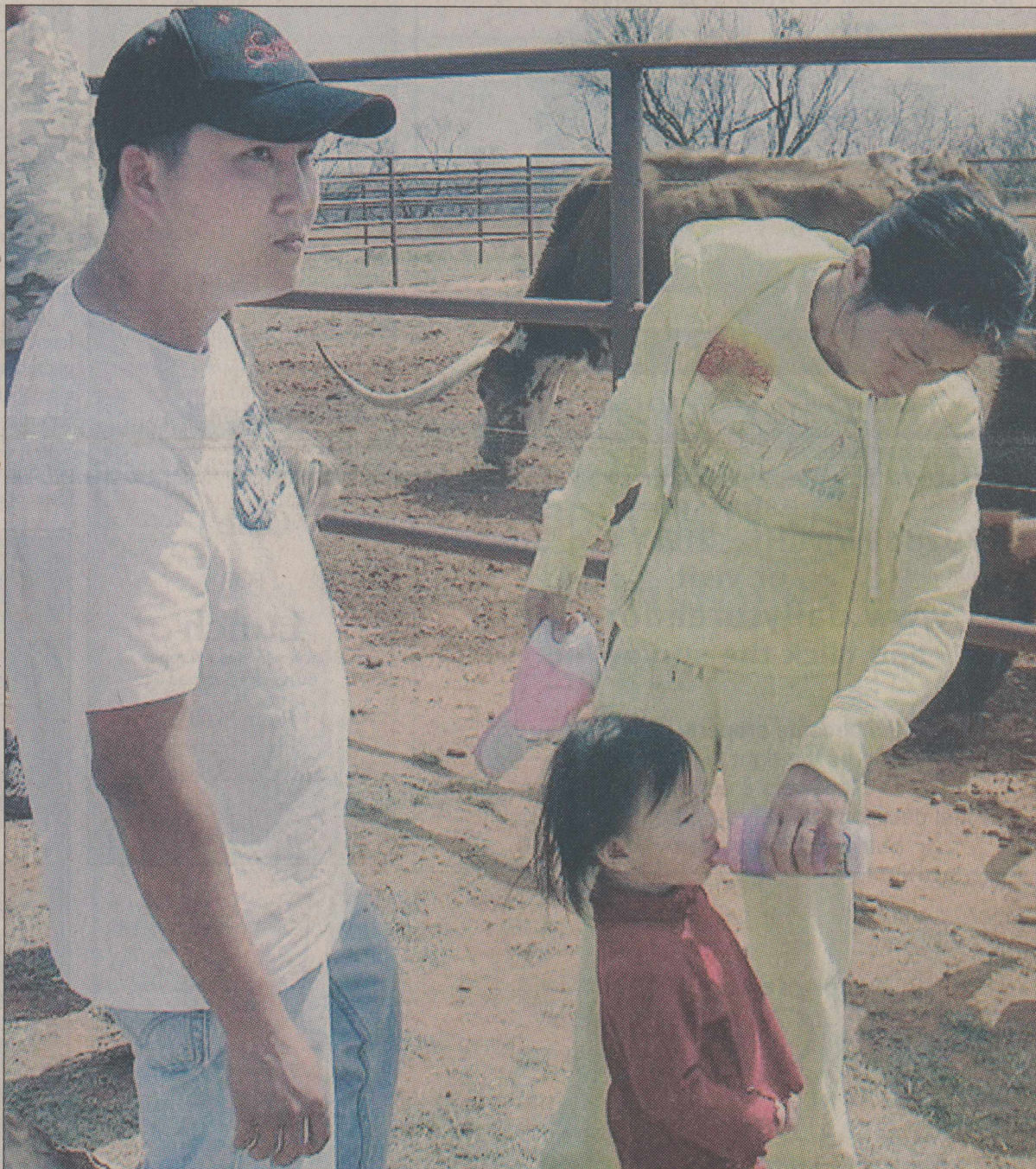
"When talked to them, I wanted to tell them to take me to the International Cultural Center so I can register with the counselor there, but I couldn't say it," said Dinh, now a doctoral candidate studying animal and food science at Tech. "They didn't know what the hell I'm talking about, so they can't take me there."

For Dinh at the time, he said his inability to speak English crippled his ability to plan ahead because the simplest of communication devoured concentration.

He tried to enunciate it all to the taxi driver, Dinh said, but the phrase stopped short of its target and floated up into the dry summer sky that carried him there in the first place.

They scratched their heads until Dinh tentatively wrote "International Cultural Center" on a piece of paper. He said that worked. The pen picked up from where his language left off.

Awaiting Dinh on campus, he said, was a dorm room, where he spent his next few weeks getting used to the climate. Because he arrived during August, when campus mostly was deserted, renovations were under way on the dorm in which he was staying. It had no hot water or central air.



THU DINH, HIS wife and daughter have lived in Lubbock together for two years. Dinh originally came to Lubbock four years ago to study animal and food science.

The first night, Dinh said, was an especially tough one. "I was freezing," he said with an ease of speech under his Vietnamese accent. "You know, in my country, it's 75 (degrees) all the time and humid. Here, it's dry — my skin was cracking — and I couldn't sleep because I didn't have a blanket. How can you fit a blanket into a little suitcase?"

After a few trips to Wal-Mart and a diet consisting mostly of tepid noodles throughout the next week, he said, the trans-

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## NASA designer explains robotic spacecraft to Tech students

By **CLINTON MUSSELMAN**  
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Three, two, one, liftoff — Butler Hines, an asteroid physicist for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, spoke about his current design plans to develop small, low-cost robotic spacecraft to the members of the Association of Computer Machinery in the Texas Tech Computer Science building Thursday afternoon.

Hines is the project manager for the "Modular Common Bus Spacecraft" at the Ames, Calif., division of NASA.

Hines has been working on the design of the "Common Bus" for a year and a half.

"The 'Common Bus' will be used to deliver scientifically useful payloads to lunar orbit and the lunar surface. The 'Common Bus' will do missions involving different orbits on the surface of the moon, librations points and asteroid rendezvous," he said.

He said the first mission of this bus is called the Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer — LADEE — and the mission will take place in 2011.

"The missions for the 'Common Bus' will cost under \$100 million per mission," Hines said. "A robotic mission usually costs around \$500 million and human-manned missions can cost \$1 billion."

Hines said the LADEE mission is going to measure the elevated

dust around the moon.

"The 'Common Bus' will have the ability to do a variety of missions depending on what kind of sensors are attached on the bus," Hines said. "The real driver for this was to create a spacecraft that is very low cost. It allows you to do much more frequent space missions."

Hines said the whole "Common Bus" weighs 130 kilograms — 286 pounds.

Hines showed a presentation on how the "Common Bus" was developed to its current state and explained many of its features, including the "Common Bus's" trajectory pattern, descent guidance, structure, propulsion and thermal power.

"Currently, the design team, which consists of 12 people, are building test versions of the 'Common Bus,'" Hines said. "Six people developed the software for the 'Common Bus' in March of 2007 and began debugging it in September (2007)."

Brad Nemanich, the chairman for the Association for Computing Machinery at Tech, said he thought the lecture was helpful.

"I thought it was good because it showed students what real-world situations computer science is used in," Nemanich said. "This was our best meeting; we try to get about four speakers a year. Having people like Hines speak helps expose the students to things they wouldn't normally see in Lubbock."

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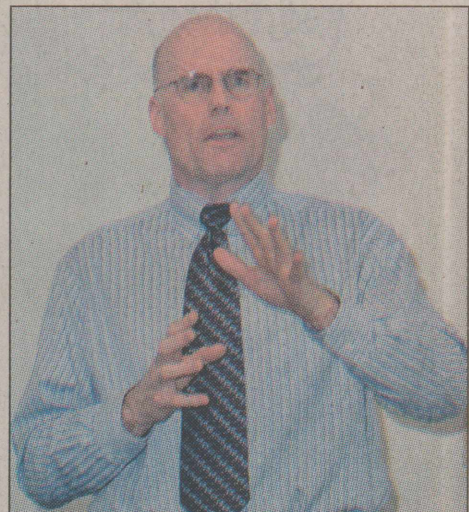


PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador  
 BUTLER HINES SPEAKS about his current project of designing a small, low cost spacecraft to deliver scientifically and technically useful payloads to lunar orbit and the lunar surface for NASA Thursday afternoon in the Computer Science building.

## Obstacles

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tion got easier, though he still missed his wife.

Dinh said he was glad to finally meet Leslie Thompson, the chair of Dinh's department, who helped recruit him and who helped him find work as a research assistant.

"It was amazing because he didn't know any English," Thompson said. "(Dinh's counselor and I) were concerned about that because we didn't know how he would do, but we were amazed by how quickly he picked up his language skills."

Initially, he did not know a lot of English, Dinh said, because the opportunity to study in the United States sprang up on him somewhat unexpectedly.

It was not until two years after he received his bachelor's degree in 2000 from The Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, he said, that the Vietnamese government offered

Dinh a fellowship to pay for foreign graduate work and prompted him to consider U.S. colleges.

He chose Tech, he said, because the Department of Animal and Food Sciences offered him a position as a research assistant while he learned English, a rare concession.

"Actually, I marked my progress so I would know how I do," Dinh said about the language-learning process. "When I first came to meet with my adviser, I could not understand whatever he said."

For two months, Dinh said he understood practically nothing in English. After three months, he had intermittent comprehension as people spoke to him. Understanding others was the first step. The ability to express himself, even on a very basic level, took much longer.

After extensive English classes in Lubbock, he said he could begin to "imitate the way other people talk and keep up with the words."

"The first year is horrible, because you go to class and you don't know what the professor said to

you," he said. "That was horrible. That's why I had to record it."

Merely reading English from textbooks consumed 12 hours of every day, Dinh said. In the beginning, he averaged only a few hours of sleep per night.

"I tried to get out of (my apartment) and meet a lot of people and be in a lot of situations, you know, ask questions when I go to Wal-Mart to buy stuff," he said. "When I was in the dorms, I would go to the restroom and I would talk to myself in there. I would talk to myself everywhere. When I had a chance to go to sleep, I laid there and talked to the wall."

Fortunately for Dinh, upon his arrival, a friendship blossomed between Dinh and Dianne Crowley, senior director of Tech's K-12 International Education Outreach program, who met Dinh shortly after his arrival to Tech.

Crowley said she met Dinh not long after she, herself, returned from a trip to Vietnam. Because his culture was so fresh in her memory, the two quickly became close friends.

Much in the same way she has done for many other international students, Crowley said she helped Dinh hunt for various household amenities for his new apartment.

Dinh, like many of his fellow international students, started to look to Crowley as a sort of local "mom" who was there for him as a friend and mentor in a place far from the consolations of home in Vietnam, where something went wrong.

As 2004 came to an end, the stress of Dinh's absence took its toll on his wife's pregnancy. He said his wife, Hien Truong, had a miscarriage in December.

"She worried," Dinh said. "She didn't sleep. She worried about me, and that's probably the reason."

His distance from Truong, he decided at the time, proved too much for him to bear. The separation bothered Dinh so much he returned to Vietnam in April 2005 and brought his wife back with him to Texas.

"We decided that she needed to come here with me, so I did all of the paperwork, got all of the financial assistance ready and all of that paperwork," he said. "I put some money in the bank and got some money from my family to bring her here."

By the end of April, Dinh said, another baby was on its way, giving Truong just enough time to settle into her new home in the United States.

During the next several months, Dinh moved forward with his studies and he said the couple settled in, awaiting the birth of their daughter.

As his English improved, Dinh recalled, he began to establish friendships with a handful of other Americans, most of whom he worked with in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences. People began to gravitate toward his gregarious nature, a language every culture understands.

Building upon those friendships, however, took even more time and better familiarity with American culture, he said. Even now, with three years at Tech under his belt, he only now is beginning to understand many bits and pieces of American culture.

"In situations when people are joking, you don't really understand," Dinh said. "I didn't start to understand some comedy shows until about the last two years. Before that, people would laugh and you didn't know what they were talking about. That's why a lot of Vietnamese students only have Vietnamese friends."

In early 2006, Dinh said he and Truong became the proud parents of a daughter, Gracie Mae Dinh.

"We picked an English name for her because we knew — and we wanted — her future will be in America," Dinh said. "We knew we like it here."

Anticipating the arrival of her granddaughter, Crowley said she invited the Dinh and Truong to move into a guest house on her and her husband's property not far outside of town, where they would have more space.

A few renovations later, she said, the family settled in and lives there now, almost two years later.

"It just helps out a lot," Dinh said, after referring to Crowley as "probably one of the nicest people" he has met.

As Gracie gets older, Dinh said, he and Truong will encourage

their daughter to embrace cultural identity that blends her Vietnamese heritage with her American birthplace.

"We want my daughter to learn Vietnamese first because I think it's no problem for her to pick up English later on," he said. "If now, she will not forget it. We try to keep the (Vietnamese) culture. We still eat Vietnamese food at home, but I give her a lot of American food, especially cheese."

Having received his master's degree and currently working on his doctorate, Dinh said his wife, who received her bachelor's degree in journalism while in Vietnam, hopes to apply for graduate school at Tech if she can change her visa status.

A return to Vietnam, he said, almost certainly will follow his doctoral studies.

"I would love to teach what I learned here to Vietnamese students," Dinh said. "I want to do that because most Vietnamese students — and a lot of them are good students — they don't have a chance to know what is good out there."

When he arrived approximately four years ago, Dinh said, he hoped to gain two very important educations in the United States.

"I had a philosophy that 50 percent was the degree and studies," he said, "and 50 percent was the life and the culture and just making your life more diverse, more cultured, more interesting."

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The DT Reader's Choice Awards has just gotten easier. The survey will be available only online, so don't miss your chance to choose Lubbock's best. Use the link provided and give us your opinion. The survey will be available until April 20, 2008.

The most popular answers will be published in the April 25 edition of *The Daily Toreador*.

Many questions have options listed that were popular choices from last year's survey. There is also a field to write in a choice not listed.

# Reader's CHOICE

## AWARDS

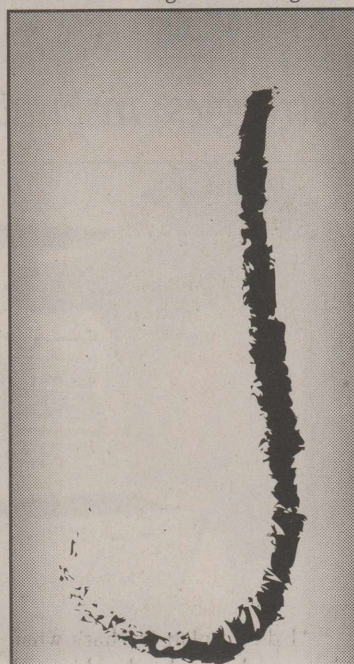
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## Zimbabwe opposition offices raided, foreign reporters detained as state media hit Mugabe foes

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Intruders ransacked offices of the main opposition party and police detained foreign journalists Thursday in an ominous sign that President Robert Mugabe might turn to intimidation and violence in trying to stave off an electoral threat to his 28-year rule.

Earlier, Mugabe apparently launched his campaign for an expected run-off presidential ballot even before the official results of Saturday's election were announced, with state media portraying the opposition as divided and controlled by former colonial ruler Britain.

Five days after the vote, the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission still had not released results on presidential election despite increasing international pressure, including from former U.N. chief Kofi Annan, who recently mediated an end to Kenya's postelection violence.

The opposition Movement for Democratic Change already asserted its leader, Morgan Tsvangirai, won the presidency outright, but said it was prepared to compete in any run-off.

The police raids came a day after official results showed Mugabe's party had lost control of parliament's

210-member lower house. The election commission was slow on the 60 elected seats in the Senate, releasing the first returns late Thursday that gave five seats each to the opposition and ruling party.

MDC secretary-general Tendai Biti said hotel rooms used as offices by the opposition at a Harare hotel were ransacked by intruders he believed were either police or agents of the feared Central Intelligence Organization.

"Mugabe has started a crackdown," Biti told The Associated Press. "It is quite clear he has unleashed a war."

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## Neglect, abuse seen in 1 in 50 US infants; many victims are newborns

ATLANTA (AP) — About 1 in 50 infants in the U.S. have been neglected or abused, according to the first national study of the problem in that age group.

Nearly a third of the victims were one week old or younger when the maltreatment was reported, government researchers said Thursday. The study focused on children younger than 1.

Most of these cases involved

neglect, not physical abuse. In the case of the newborns, experts said the data suggests drug abuse by the mother may have been the cause for reports of neglect, but they couldn't be certain.

Maternal drug abuse is often discovered through blood tests while newborns are still in the hospital, CDC researchers and others said.

"That is the story here," said Dr. Howard Dubowitz, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

The researchers counted more than 91,000 infant victims of abuse and neglect during the study period Oct. 1, 2005 to Sept. 30, 2006. About 30,000 of those cases were newborns aged one week or younger.

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# Art is alive at Texas Tech

By **CHELSEA ROE**  
STAFF WRITER

People are always so surprised to hear there is an art scene in Lubbock — whether it is painting, sculptures, literature or music. The idea that a conservative town could be full of creative energy has been too perplexing for some to grasp.

However, art is not dead in Lubbock.

It is, in fact, very much alive. The First Friday Art Trail gives students an opportunity to display their work for Depot District patrons to enjoy. Visitors are encouraged to view the groups' exhibits and ask questions from the artists themselves. The show will be today from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The artists displaying their work today are testaments to

Lubbock's growing subculture.

This event is not all Lubbock has to offer for the first weekend of the month.

On Saturday, dozens of local musicians will come together for one great festival of music sponsored by Hideous Liquor. Just like this year's successful Easterbash, the event — formerly known as "Greek Fest" — will be at the Lonestar Amphitheatre located on 602 E. 19th St.

The Hideous Music Festival begins at noon, when the first band will take the stage. The show won't end until 2 a.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. The event includes a full bar with beer and a Hideous liquor bar as well.

Entertainment for this year's festival entails a wide range of sound

— everything from reggae to Texas Country to the Blues. Headlining bands include The Archtext, Outside the Loop, Cellus and the Loose Grip, Lowrise and many more.

If festivals are not your thing, no worries. There are plenty of bars in town hosting shows this weekend.

Tonight at Blue Light in the Depot District, the Bart Crow Band — currently No. 12 on the Texas Music Charts — will stop in with their new record, "Desperate Hearts."

Also, if you don't catch Lowrise at the Amphitheatre, they will entertain at Bar PM late Saturday night after finishing their set at the Hideous festival.

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# Iran assembles more advanced centrifuges as it continues enrichment program, diplomats say

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran has assembled hundreds of advanced machines reflecting a possible intention to speed up uranium enrichment, diplomats have told The Associated Press.

One diplomat said more than 300 of the centrifuges have been linked up in two separate units in Iran's underground enrichment plant and a third was being assembled. He said the machines apparently are more advanced than the thousands already running underground, suggesting they could be the sophisticated IR-2 centrifuge that Tehran recently acknowledged testing.

But a senior diplomat said that while the new work appeared to include advanced centrifuges, they were not IR-2s. He added that it was unclear whether the machines were above or below ground.

The location is significant, since the aboveground site at Natanz is for experimental work and the underground facility is the working enrichment plant.

A third diplomat — who like the other two closely follows Iran's nuclear program — confirmed that Iran had started linking up

advanced centrifuges in a configuration used for enrichment. But he said all remained above ground and none of the machines were running.

Uranium enrichment can produce both fuel for power plants and the fissile core of nuclear warheads. Tehran insists its nuclear program is intended only to produce energy, but there is growing international concern that it could lead to the development of weapons.

Two of the diplomats spoke to the AP earlier this week and the third Thursday. All are linked to the Vienna-based International Agency for Atomic Energy, the U.N. nuclear watchdog, but asked for anonymity because their information was confidential.

Their reports underlined Iran's determination to push ahead with its enrichment program despite U.N. Security Council sanctions. One of the diplomats said officials in Tehran would likely detail the new centrifuge work on April 8, which Iran has designated National Nuclear Technology Day.

Preliminary assembly is only a first step in the complex enrichment process; in comments to the

AP earlier this year, Ali Ashgar Soltanieh, Iran's chief delegate to the IAEA, acknowledged that his country's uranium enrichment program was experiencing "ups and downs." It appeared to be the first time Iran admitted its enrichment activities were facing difficulties.

It was unclear whether the linkups of the more advanced centrifuges would ever be used to churn out enriched uranium or whether they were only experimental configurations.

"Something new is definitely going on," said former U.N. nuclear inspector David Albright, whose Washington-based Institute for Science and International Security tracks countries under nuclear suspicion.

Albright said that with information contradictory on the type of centrifuge, it was difficult to speculate on the significance of the new work.

In comments to the AP earlier this week, the first diplomat said two linkups or "cascades" of 176 centrifuges each had recently been assembled and a third was in the process of being put together.

# Citibus employee calls for greater police enforcement after bicyclist collides with bus

By **JON VANDERLAAN**  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech police and a Citibus official discuss bicycle safety after a bicyclist collided with a bus Tuesday afternoon.

According to a Tech Police Department incident report, a bicyclist collided with the bus after traveling east on Main Street and failing to yield the right of way to the bus when turning south onto Flint Avenue.

Ron Seacrist, chief of the department, said the bicyclist was not injured as he refused medical attention.

Contrary to the report in the Wednesday edition of *The Daily Toreador* police blotter, Seacrist said the bicyclist, a Tech student, was at fault and initiated the collision with the bus.

The student was not issued a citation, as Seacrist said issuing a citation on traffic violations is at the discretion of the officer, partially based on injuries and damage, as well as if the officer

determines there was an intent of malice.

"Bicycles are held to the same level of responsibility as a motor vehicle," Seacrist said.

Kimberlie Majors, the safety training coordinator with Citibus and a bus driver, said she has heard of and been involved in several incidents in which a bicyclist was at fault.

"Several bicyclists on campus are not following traffic laws," Majors said.

One of the reasons for this, Majors said she believes, is that there are not enough police patrols, and officers do not enforce the traffic laws with bicyclists as often as they should. She also said the lack of a bicycle lane at the intersection is another reason the incident occurred.

However, Seacrist said the Tech Police Department has a number of officers whose primary focus is to enforce traffic regulations with bicyclists. He said the department even has a program to make sure bicyclists abide by traffic laws.

Seacrist said a lack of knowledge about traffic laws for bicyclists is part


of the reason there is a problem on campus.

"There is really no considerate educational effort, I think, given by the state or anyone, towards bicycle drivers that let them know, 'Hey, this is your responsibility,'" he said.

Majors said Citibus would not file a civil lawsuit against the student and believes bicyclists and drivers should be "road-friendly" and should work together to make the roads safe for everyone.

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# Minneapolis woman may need rabies shots after biting pit bull to save her dog

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Amy Rice feared for her dog's life when a pit bull jumped over a fence into her yard and attacked her pooch. So she took matters into her own mouth.

Rice says she bit the pit bull on the nose Friday after trying to pull the dog's jaws off her Labrador retriever, Ella. The dog had jumped a fence

to get into Rice's northeast Minneapolis yard, and Rice says she feared the pit bull would kill Ella.

"I didn't plan it, that's what happened. I broke the skin and

had pit bull blood in my mouth," said Rice, 38. "I knew what happened, and I knew that it wasn't good."

The pit bull was quarantined Wednesday by Minneapolis Animal

Control officers while rabies tests are being completed. Rice's doctor will determine whether she needs shots for rabies.

"I was sure that my dog was dying in my arms; it was horrible,"

Rice said.

Ella is recovering with staples and stitches to her head and a crushed ear canal, but she is afraid to go for walks, Rice said.

“I didn't plan it, that's what happened.”

— **AMY RICE**  
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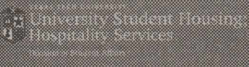
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# Tech track and field continues to compete in 81st Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays

By BRAD DUFF  
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In Texas Tech track coach Wes Kitley's opinion, the 81st Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays in Austin this weekend do not determine how successful the outdoor track and field season is.

"It's kind of a mini-National meet to see where people are, what kind of shape they're in this time of the year," Kitley said. "But it really doesn't mean a lot when you're running June 15."

Competition is already under way for the Red Raiders; it started Wednesday. Julianne Kennedy is in fifth place in the heptathlon after scoring 4,098 points through Thursday. She set personal bests in the 100M hurdles and shot put Wednesday, with marks of 13.47 seconds and 43 feet 10 inches, respectively.

A handful of Red Raiders competed Thursday including Ozie Okolie and pole-vaulter Brian Porter. Okolie claimed first place in the hammer throw and eclipsed her

previous school record with a throw of 207' 3". This is Okolie's second school record achieved in less than a week.

The Red Raiders are coming off two meets where they recorded 20 NCAA regional marks at Rice and UTEP, March 28 and Saturday, respectively.

Porter begins competition after vaulting an NCAA regional mark at UTEP.

With his recent success in El Paso, Porter says he is ready for Austin.

"I'm excited," Porter said. "I have a set of poles I'm jumping on right now that are really consistent. I like them a lot, so it makes me excited for this weekend and what can happen."

The remainder of Kitley's 35 competing athletes begins competition today. Shawn Harris, Jansen Hyde and Omo Osaghae are scheduled to compete in the 110M hurdles. Julius Walker and Skye Green round off the men's running events, competing in the 100M dash.

Both Bobby Evers and Anthony Flemons will participate in the long jump. Flemons will compete in the triple jump, as well.

Harrison Benjamin and Tyler Menges will throw shot put for the Red Raiders while the remaining throwers for the men will be Brett McDaniel in the discus and Michael Cast in the javelin.

Kitley admits he is somewhat reluctant to travel to Austin despite the team's performance at Rice and UTEP.

"It's a meet that's too early," Kitley said. "There's a lot of pressure on you because you've got to go down there and try to look good. There's a lot of high school recruiting down there. I really wish it was a week or two later."

In the long run, however, Kitley said this meet will have little impact.

"We're not in total shape yet," Kitley said, "so whatever happens, we're not near as good as what we're going to be later."

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# Men's tennis attempts to continue winning ways

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Momentum can come and go very quickly.

The Texas Tech men's tennis team (16-2, 1-0 in Big 12 Conference) hopes to make sure momentum does not leave its side against conference opponents No. 67 Oklahoma (7-9, 0-2 in Big 12) at 6 p.m. today in Norman, Okla., and No. 21 Oklahoma State (11-6, 1-1 in Big 12) at 1 p.m. Sunday in Stillwater, Okla.

No. 18 Tech is coming off a 4-3 win against rival Texas A&M March 22, which followed an appearance in the finals of the Blue-Gray Classic March 16.

"You worry sometimes; we've had a lot of momentum obviously, and now we had that week off," Tech coach Tim Siegel said. "I think some of the guys definitely needed the week off, physically. Some of them, Bojan (Szumanski) in particular, needed a week off emotionally, mentally."

This weekend's matches feature two more ranked opponents for the Red Raiders, adding to the 17 ranked teams Tech has faced this season.

This is a factor Siegel said adds to the importance of the matches against Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

"These two matches are obviously very important for two reasons," he said. "No. 1: They're the next two. No. 2: because these are two teams that are ranked. Oklahoma is a much better team than their ranking. Oklahoma State, they have as good of Top 3 players as there is in the country."

The next match is always

the most important one, which is something Siegel said he will not let his players forget.

"The main thing is, nobody on this team will get ahead of himself," he said. "I won't allow it. All we are focusing on is Oklahoma. We are worried about Oklahoma State on (Sunday), but Friday we are getting ready for Oklahoma. We know it will be a tough environment."

Siegel said his team's doubles play will be big in this weekend's matches.

"I think our No. 1 doubles team hasn't played as well in the last few weeks as they were earlier in the year," he said. "We try to mix it in practice — put in a good couple of hours. The success of this weekend will come down to how well we practice."

The team's toughness is something Siegel said he is not worried about coming down the stretch of the regular season.

"This team is tough," he said. "This team is mentally tough. They don't let situations rattle them. They don't let the crowd or other

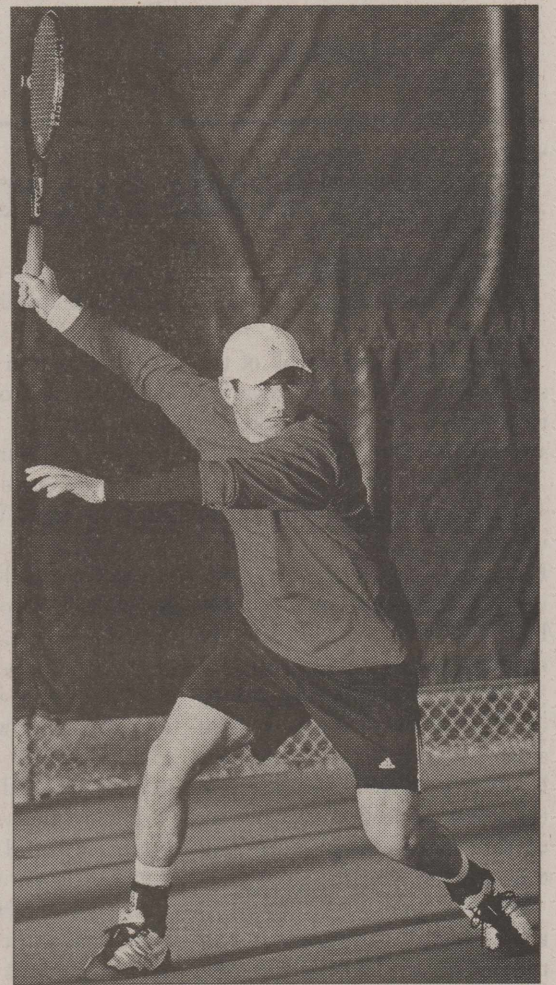


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TEXAS TECH'S BOJAN Szumanski hopes to lead the Red Raiders to a pair of victories in Oklahoma.

things get to them. To me, if you had to pick one thing, this team knows how to compete. We have gotten better as the season has gone along."

Oklahoma State carries one of the top singles players in the nation in No. 8 Oleksandr Nedovyesov. Oklahoma's Andrei Daescu is the No. 32 singles player in the nation.

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# Softball

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in games and finish when it needs to, then a win against Nebraska will come a lot easier.

"You hear about all these people beating different people," she said. "I think if we just play our game like we did against Texas, I think we'll be fine. I don't really think about the record that we have in the past because anybody can beat anybody on any day."

Tech's Ashly Jacobs (3-9) leads the Red Raiders in the circle with a 2.40 ERA in 99 innings of work. She mostly likely will start against Nebraska, while freshman Tye Coats could see a start in the second game or an appearance in relief. Coats has a 3.43 ERA on the season.

Offensively, Tech only has two starters hitting on a consistent basis, with Leah Legler and Zaragoza, who are both at the top of the order, batting above .300.

Wilson said even though Ne-

braska and Tech are somewhat a mirror image of each other, her team will need to counter the speed and solid batting order of the Cornhuskers.

"They do have a lot of returners, but they have some newcomers who are key contributors as well, as far as batting average, and they have a lot of stolen bases this year," she said. "I think speed is going to be a factor. I think they have some good kids in the middle of the lineup who produce RBIs and a lot of extra bases for them."

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