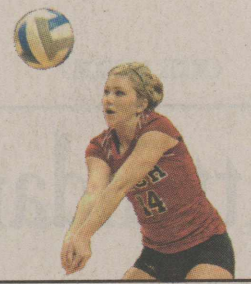




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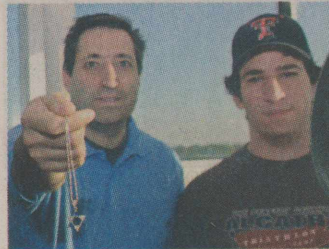
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STATE

Jury convicts man in KFC murders

BRYAN (AP) — A convicted robber already serving a life prison term for perjury was convicted of capital murder Tuesday for the fatal shootings of five people abducted from an East Texas Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant 25 years ago.

Darnell Hartsfield, 47, of Tyler, was found guilty on all five counts. He stood between his attorneys and had no visible reaction to the verdicts.

He received five automatic life sentences, which State District Judge Clay Gossett ordered be served consecutively.

NATION

Voting for president begins in pivotal Ohio

CLEVELAND (AP) — In the state that may again determine the presidency, voters started casting ballots Tuesday as Barack Obama struggles to thwart a John McCain victory in Ohio four years after it tipped the election to President Bush.

Both candidates visit often while spending millions of dollars flooding TV and radio with advertisements, mailboxes with literature and even voicemail with automated phone calls to get supporters to the polls, particularly during the one-week window in which people can register and vote in one swoop.

WORLD

Pirates celebrated Muslim holiday on ship

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Somali pirates said Tuesday they celebrated a Muslim holiday aboard a hijacked freighter and denied reports that three comrades were killed in a shootout on the vessel, which is being closely watched by a half-dozen U.S. warships.

The hijacking of the MV Faina — laden with 33 Soviet-made T-72 tanks, rifles and heavy weapons that U.S. defense officials have said included rocket launchers — was the highest-profile act of piracy in the dangerous waters this year. The U.S. Navy has said it wants to keep the arms out of the hands of militants linked to al-Qaida in impoverished Somalia, a key battleground in the war on terrorism.

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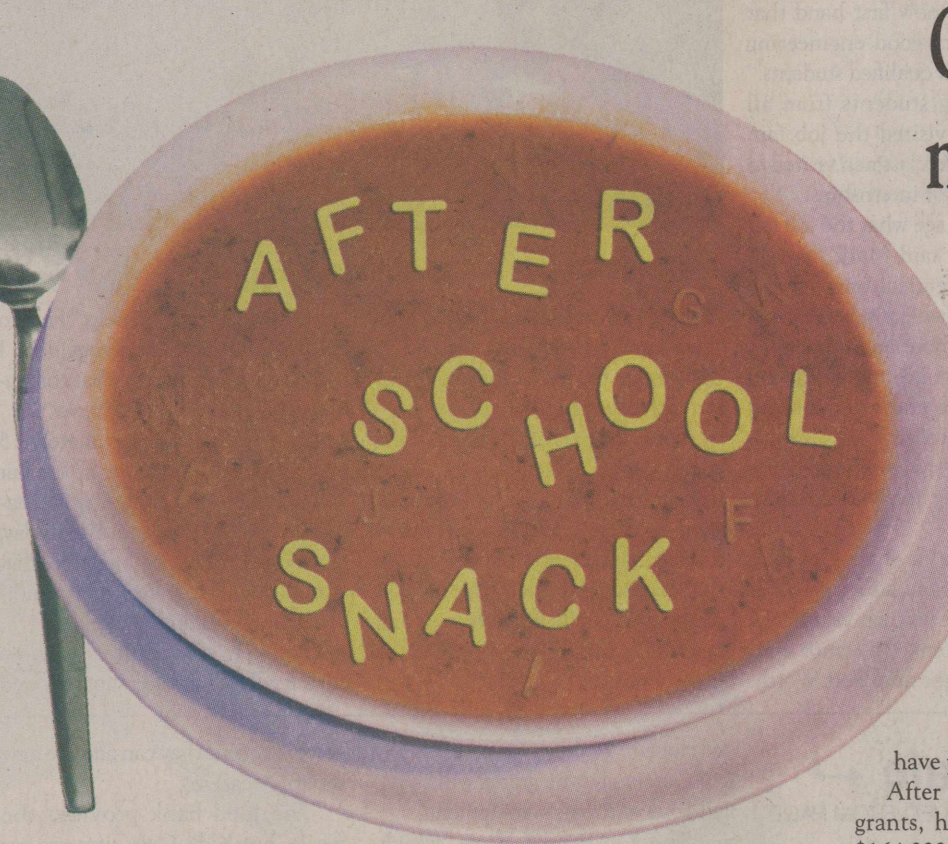
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Grant, new facility to provide more meals to Lubbock youth

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Since 2000, the South Plains Food Bank's Kid's Cafe program has provided after-school meals to hundreds of local students.

Kid's Cafe is now planning expansion with a recent grant award. An assistant professor of technical communication in Texas Tech's Department of English lent her writing skills to the South Plains Food Bank in hopes of expanding an eating program for local youth.

And Angela Eaton's attempt seems to have paid off.

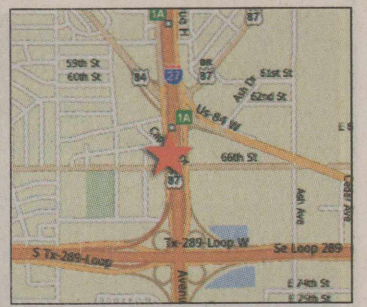
After writing two proposals for two different grants, her efforts led to the total awarding of \$164,000 that will go to the food bank from the grants, one from the Helen Jones Foundation and

the other from the CH Foundation.

Kids Cafe provides hot meals to more than 500 local students at 13 locations after Lubbock's schools dismiss students each day.

Tammy Hester, the after-school program's director, said the grant money will allow the program to expand into more rural areas and hopefully will help the program add more serving locations, possibly doubling the number of meals it serves in Lubbock,

where she said one out of four children go hungry each day. "We feed kids who would probably



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Experts urge students to wait out economic uncertainty

By MATT MCGOWAN
AND ADAM YOUNG
THE DAILY T O R E A D O R

A two-day roller coaster on Wall Street following Congress's rejection of a \$700-billion bailout bill is setting an uncertain economic future for college students.

In the wake of Wall Street's unstable week and considering the significant gains the markets reclaimed Tuesday, experts urge college students not to make any rash decisions as they plan for what could be an economically uncertain life after graduation.

"We're not anywhere damn close to having an economic catastrophe on our hands ... Actually, we should feel blessed about where our economy is," said Scott Hein, a Tech professor and the Robert C. Brown chair of finance in the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration. "There are opportunities out there. They're just harder to find."

According to a survey released Tuesday by CareerBuilder.com, a Web site that cosponsored the survey with USA Today to analyze the current job market in the United States, the employment outlook for graduates may not be as bleak as some may think.

About 23 percent of polled employers said they expected to recruit full-time, permanent staff in the fourth quarter of 2008, according to the report, which is only 2 percent less than the third quarter.

Alternatively, according to the report — which was conducted between Aug. 21 and Sept. 9 — 10 percent of participating employers said they anticipate layoffs at their company in the remaining months of 2008.

But the survey's finding may fail to reflect the most recent developments in the financial sectors, said Allison Nawoj, a career counselor with the company.

Also, she said, the developments' economic ripple probably will bypass some industries.

"At this point, as this survey was conducted before the most recent developments on Wall Street, our data foresees much of the same as last quarter for the remainder of the fourth quarter," she said in an e-mail. "It's a waiting game at this point to see how the situation ultimately unfolds. Certain sectors such as IT and healthcare are still showing strong job growth and we expect this to continue through the fourth quarter."

Hein said he believes the market for this year's business graduates will be tighter because of a significant amount of job layoffs in the financial sector.

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Injury reports not headed to the Big 12 Conference any time soon

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Some coaches choose to talk about their players' injuries, while others like to make it a weekly guessing game for the media.

Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach chooses the latter.

Leach has a long-standing history of not discussing injuries with the media, and by his record, none of his players have ever been injured since he arrived in 2000.

"It violates student privacy," Leach said of discussing injuries. "So that's why everybody here is healthy and it will remain that way pretty much forever. It's just a remarkable run we have going."

Leach was reacting to news that the Atlantic Coast Conference became the first NCAA football conference to release weekly injury reports, similar to how the NFL's policy works, despite a few differences.

"It's stupid, who cares what the ACC does? We're not gonna do it," he said. "If we had it in this conference I would comply with it as little as I possibly could. Whatever is the most I could do to not comply with it, that's what I would do."

Mike Finn, associate commissioner for media relations in the ACC, said the guideline organizes the process of putting out injury reports for the media.

The program's sports information directors release the information every Monday and Thursday.

On Monday, they list if a player was lost for the season or if the player is going to have surgery. On Thursday, they list any

players who remain hurt for the upcoming game, classifying them as either, "probable, questionable, doubtful or out," Finn said.

However, ACC teams are not required to adhere and no consequences await those who decide against it.

"This is a minimum standard guideline, which our schools don't have to follow if they don't want to," Finn said.

The reason for the flexibility, Finn said, was for coaches who have a problem with a non-reciprocal situation during the non-conference schedule.

Finn added the possibility of gamblers benefiting from the release of injury information was not considered a major factor while creating the guideline.

"Most of our coaches have chosen to do it regardless," Finn said. "Even for non-conference games just because the benefits. They feel there's a benefit there that outweighs any supposed competitive advantage."

Virginia coach Al Groh said the benefit is not hearing injury-related questions anymore, which is a relief for any coach.

"I just write it down on a piece of paper on Thursday evening, and I'm done with



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

SOME BIG 12 coaches such as Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops and Tech coach Mike Leach disagree with the ACC's choice to adopt injury reports.

it," he said. "Somebody asks me any questions, I don't have any answers, the doctor gives me the report, what he thinks, I take a look at it. I write OK on it, and I give it to him, and that's

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Bailout revival sought, with better deposit safety

By CHARLES BABINGTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a surprise move to resurrect President Bush's \$700 billion Wall Street rescue plan, Senate leaders slated a vote on the measure for Wednesday — but added a tax cut plan already rejected by the House.

Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and GOP Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky unveiled the plan Tuesday. The Senate plan would also raise federal deposit insurance limits to \$250,000 from \$100,000, as called for by the two presidential nominees only hours earlier.

The move to add a tax legislation — including a set of popular business tax breaks — risked a backlash from House Democrats insisting they be paid for with tax increases elsewhere.

But by also adding legislation to prevent more than 20 million middle-class taxpayers from feeling the bite of the alternative minimum tax, the step could build momentum for the

Wall Street bailout from House Republicans. The presidential candidates Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Barack Obama, D-Ill., intend to fly to Washington for the votes, as does Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, the Democratic vice presidential candidate.

The surprise move capped a day in which supporters of the imperiled multibillion-dollar economic rescue fought to bring it back to life, courting reluctant lawmakers with a variety of other sweeteners including the plan to reassure Americans their bank deposits are safe.

Wall Street, at least, regained hope. The Dow Jones industrials rose 485 points, one day after a record 778-point plunge following rejection in the U.S. House of the plan worked out by congressional leaders and the Bush administration.

Before Reid and McConnell's move, lawmakers, President Bush and the two rivals to succeed him all rummaged through ideas new and old, desperately seeking to change a dozen House members' votes and pass the \$700 billion plan.

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Attendance of 1,300 students exceeds job fair expectations

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

Approximately 200 engineering firms convened for the Texas Tech College of Engineering 2008 fall semester job fair Tuesday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The companies assembled in the Civic Center's Exhibit Hall and hallways hoping to recruit Tech students for internships, co-ops, part-time and full-time jobs.

Shelli Crockett, director of the Engineering Opportunities Center, said 1,300 students were expected to visit the job fair during the day, but as of 2:45 p.m., it was evident that more students than expected already had attended the event.

"I know we're over 1,300," she said. "We're out of nametags for the students already. I believe that between 1,500 and 1,800 students will have attended by the end of the day."

The job fair consisted of nationally-known companies such as Ex-

onMobile, Citgo, Lockheed-Martin and Halliburton as well as regional engineering firms from across Texas and several firms from New Mexico, Louisiana and Oklahoma, she said.

Many Tech Engineering alumni were at the Civic Center to recruit students to their respective firms, Crockett said.

Tech alumni wore a red ribbon with the Double T emblem. Crockett said this was done so recruiters could show off their school pride and to make students feel more comfortable approaching the recruiters. Some of the recruiting engineers have only been out of college for a year.

Matthew Fisher, an employee of FM Global, graduated with a degree from Tech in constructional engineering in 2006. He is working in FM Global's Plano division and is part of the company's team visiting Lubbock to recruit Tech students.

"I had a lot of success at Tech," he said. "FM Global has recruited a lot of Tech students in the past and

they have all been very successful in the real world."

Some companies, like Richardson-based Childress Engineering Services, are familiar with the College of Engineering's reputation and the caliber of the college's students, said Dustin Payne, an engineer with the company.

"Our boss graduated from Texas Tech," he said. "I graduated from Texas Tech in 2006 and the majority of our engineering staff graduated from Texas Tech, so we know Tech is the best way to go when we recruit. Going here, I know first hand that Tech has a very good engineering school with well qualified students."

Engineering students from all classifications visited the job fair. Most of the undergrads visited to make contacts for internships.

"I'm here to see what the job fair is really like," said Mark Spaeth, a freshman chemical engineering major from Dallas. "I just want to get my name out there and, hopefully, I can make a good impression on a company here and work towards getting an internship."

Many older students visited the job fair seeking jobs rather than internships.

"There are a lot of great companies out here today, so it's worth it for every minute you can visit here," said Andrew Franko, a senior civil engineering major from Fort Worth.

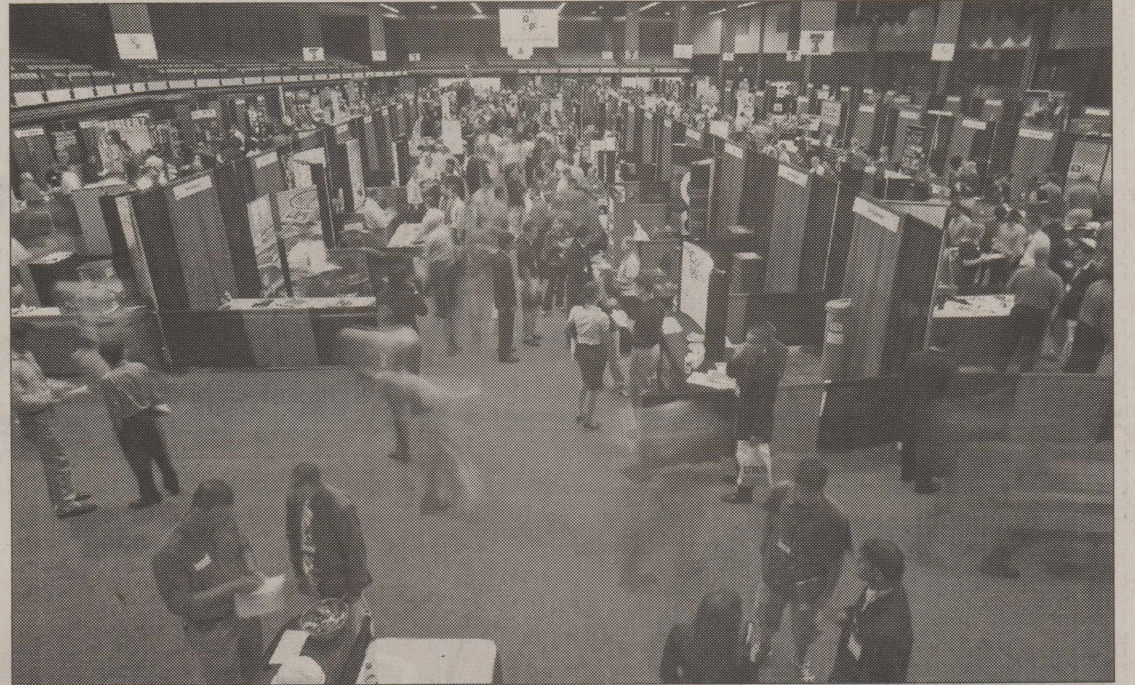


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THE COLLEGE OF Engineering Job Fair took place Tuesday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

"I try to talk to the guys here and let them know a little about myself and then move on to another company I'm interested in."

The organizers of the job fair color coordinated the nametags of students by major and coordinated companies' signs by their field of work to make it easier for students to find positions that correlated to their major and so companies could actively seek out students walking the floor of the Civic Center.

"The dots really do help," Franko said. "I'm looking for orange dots. I can notice immediately what companies might be interested in me."

Crockett said approximately 15 percent of the companies at the fair will be interviewing potential internship, co-op and job candidates today, and most of the other companies that attended will interview their candidates in the upcoming weeks.

Crockett said most of the job fair's feedback from companies and

students has been positive.

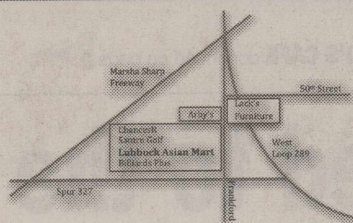
"Corporations are excited to be hiring Tech students," she said. "They believe our students are well rounded and hard working. Students are excited about the opportunities they have to meet with so many experts in their fields and possibly get an internship or job."

Crockett said the next College of Engineering job fair will be in February.

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probably go home after school and not have another meal until they get back to school the next day," she said. "Their last meal is usually at 11:30 a.m., because that's when they go to lunch."

Lyn Garcia, director of development for the food bank, said the goal of the program is to provide safe places for kids to go to after school, places where they also can find a hot meal.

The grant will allow the food bank to purchase kitchen equipment for its new cooking facility, which will be named the Kitchen

of Hope.

Garcia said the grants will cover all costs of the new equipment.

The Kitchen of Hope, which planners will place in a renovated building in southeast Lubbock, will serve as a central food-preparation facility that will send meals out to satellite serving locations, Garcia said. The kitchen could prepare enough food to expand Kid's Café by as many as four serving locations in Lubbock.

"We have four locations wanting to be food sites," said Garcia, "but because of the size of the kitchen we have now, we can't accept them into the program."

Garcia said the cooking facility hopefully will be open by April 2009,

at which point they can add the new serving locations.

The food bank provides the meals, but Kid's Café sites are required to provide servers and after school activities.

All 13 of the program's serving locations need either paid staff or volunteers to assist with serving and after-school activities.

Area locations include the Boys and Girl Clubs of Lubbock, community centers and churches.

Shon Walk of Killeen has been a volunteer for the South Plains Boys and Girls Club for longer than a month.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, he said he goes to the club to help set up and serve kids

after school.

The junior marketing major at Tech said he appreciates the program because he remembers his own after-school hunger as a child.

He said the program gives kids energy to do homework and play in the afternoons after school, which is another aspect of the program.

"After the meal, we have power hour," he said, "where students work on homework or arts and crafts, then play in the gym."

Walk said more meals in more locations would be a good thing because he has seen the how much the program benefits the students with whom he works.

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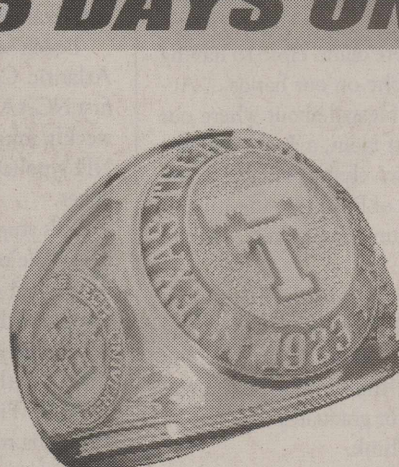
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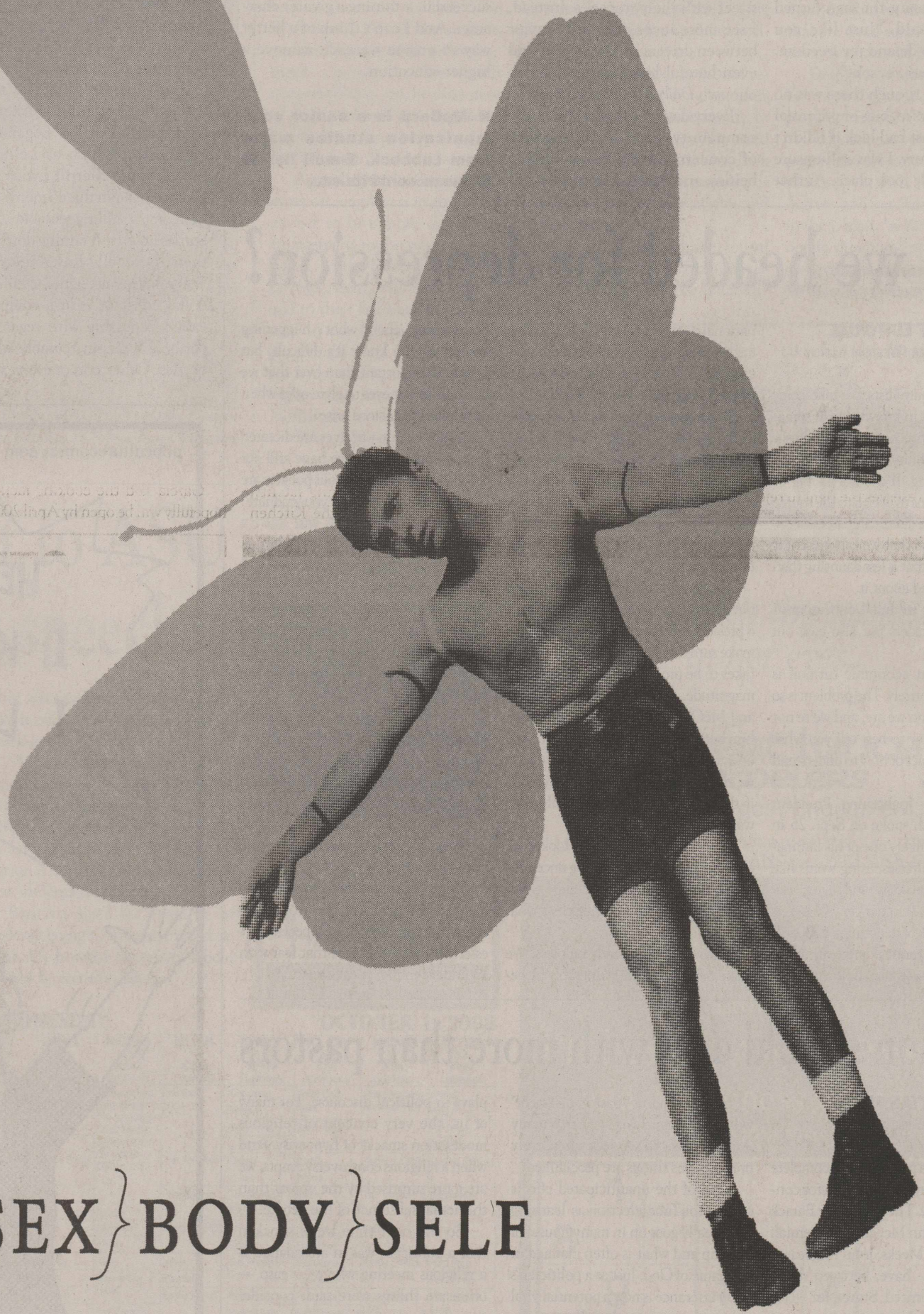
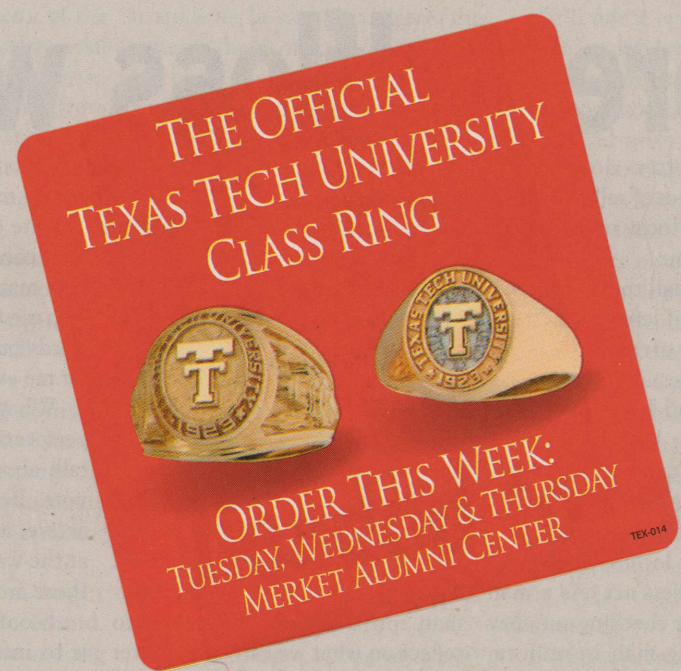
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Today's world needs more selfless works

Not often do we hear stories of selfless acts in our local news media, and what a shame.

I read an e-mail the other night that I must admit left me skeptical. We are all weary of the 'forward this to 10 people' messages that plague our inboxes, and I was afraid this story just might be one of those. But, as I reluctantly continued, what I read moved me.

A woman from San Angelo was shopping at our local Dillard's and witnessed a selfless act. As a man and his wife were checking out, they noticed a young man in uniform behind them also ready to check out. The husband took the clothes from the serviceman's hands and proceeded to pay for them.

When the soldier pleaded that it wasn't necessary, the man turned around and said, "Just like you didn't have to defend my freedom. This is my pleasure, son."

Now, even though there was no promise of any freebies or potential warning against bad luck if I didn't forward the story, I was still unsure this story really took place. At that

Janine McCord



point, I made a crucial decision for my own moral well-being. And it no longer mattered.

Whether or not this actually happened (and I hope as a native Lubbockite that it did), it inspired me to realign myself with the human spirit. It's never too late to reflect on what we can do to better our society, the world and each other.

I know we can do more. We can recycle more, we can volunteer, we can help little old ladies cross the street with their groceries. Instead, I see more inconsiderate behavior between drivers on the streets, and even hateful language in posts on our own *Daily Toreador* Web site.

Every day on campus and in the community, I see a genuine lack of concern for my fellow human beings, and I feel saddened by this

fact. I too am guilty of such egotism. But it reminds me of one of my favorite quotes by James D. Miles: "You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him." Those words put things into perspective for me every time.

What will it take to put it into perspective for everyone else? We talk about how important it is to vote, how we should be socially active, and yet we neglect to look at the way we treat each other and those around us.

I confess, the main reason I write is to inform. The other? Well, in many ways I hope to inspire you; Inspire you to learn more, say more and give more. Selfish perhaps, but if even one person helps his fellow student today, then really, we all succeed in attaining a greater character. And I can't think of a better way to ensure we each achieve a higher education.

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Reusable bottles, while good, are not enough to save planet

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It's not hard to remember the green chants. "Go Green." "Recycle — it's good for the bottle, it's good for the can." Etcetera. Now that everyone has finally agreed we need to take better care of the environment, it's time to leap off the cheerful slogans and into that pool of eco-friendliness.

A lot has been done, but more is needed. As the United States cannonballs into the green movement, it is impossible not to notice the strange by-products of our fervor. Tree hugging hasn't influenced individuals to take a new look at the Kyoto Protocol, or to take steps toward banning the multitude of nonrecyclable plastic bags that choke our oceans and rivers. Nope, we've taken the environmental bull by its horns in our own way, and it has produced both great and bizarre results.

For example, take the new and oddly booming market of shiny water bottles. Legendary corporations such as Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch are gasping for air in this economy, but newcomers shilling reusable water bottles have cash raining down on them. Seychelle Environmental Technologies just signed a million-dollar contract with a company called Ecousable with regard to personal filters in reusable water bottles. Other corporations such

as Klean Kanteen are focusing on manufacturing sleek, attractive stainless steel bottles in the name of the environment.

And consumers are drinking it up. A 27-ounce "orange sunset" Klean Kanteen bottle will set you back \$17.95. With that amount, the ad campaign lets you think you've also bought an eco-hug from the planet, thanking you for your kindness.

Plastic takes 700 years to decompose, so I agree that buying reusable bottles is a great way to promote sustainability and take a step toward arresting our addiction to wasting water.

However, we can't stop there. We can't just smugly walk away from our overheated planet with water bottles. California especially is a great place for solar panels. Let's make that sunshine that we're known for start working for us.

But solar panels aren't immune from odd consequences. The New York Times reported that a California resident named Glenda Hoffman sleeps with a shotgun next to her bed and a .22 under her pillow. She is ready at a moment's notice to protect her solar panels. Hoffman, who lives in Desert Hot Springs, has had 16 solar panels snatched from her roof in three separate burglaries.

It comes as no surprise that California is the largest consumer of solar-panel technology in the nation. However, the fact that solar-panel theft is getting to be just as common as their consumption has caught our state officials completely off guard.

Those darlings of the green movement have been increasingly favored by homes and businesses, and stealing them has apparently become a lucrative side business. Stolen panels turn up on Web sites like eBay, where kleptomaniacs-at-large can sell them for as much as \$1,500 apiece. Law-enforcement agencies are advocating various strategies to protect the protectors of the environment, such as stamping a license plate number on them and painting them with bright colors. Bright bottles and bright roofs in the land of the brave.

Our crash landing into environmental awareness doesn't exactly mimic our European brothers. After all, Denmark deals with pollution by charging luxury taxes on cars. Spain and the Netherlands invented asphalt and paving stones (respectively) that turn harmful nitrogen oxide into a nitrate that's better for the environment.

But we are getting there. After all, we have a history of improving on other countries' inventions. France invented the movie, but we built Hollywood. Italy gave the world coffee, but we blessed it with the passion-fruit, soy, no-foam, chai latte.

The United States just hasn't taken the large steps to raise our newfound eco-enthusiasm to the next level, but with time and initiative from educated and dedicated individuals, who knows? We could be the first country that finally heals the hole in the ozone layer. Here's to hoping.

Are we headed for depression?

STAFF EDITORIAL
WESTERN COURIER (WESTERN ILLINOIS U.)

As journalists, we take comfort in knowledge. If something confuses us, we usually have the ability to find out what's really happening. If a crisis — big or small — frightens us, we go to the source of the issue, then discuss and disseminate what we learn so that we can present it to you in a way that is less daunting than when we learned about it.

In this way, we fulfill our responsibility to our readers but also ease our own fears.

The current economic turmoil is another issue entirely. The problem is so much bigger than we are, and we're not entirely sure how to best tell you what to do, how to react or how to understand what's going on.

The issue is frightening. President George W. Bush spoke on Sept. 25 in what was most likely one of his last major national addresses, using words like "serious financial crisis" and saying "our entire economy is in danger." Congress is in the middle of debating a \$700 billion bailout — money our government doesn't have — that would take the

national debt to \$11.3 trillion. Looking further down the road, the bailout may take the U.S. national debt to a level we haven't seen since World War II.

In his address, Bush said that today's problems were a long time coming, which makes us wonder why nothing was done to ensure that it wouldn't come to this. It's hard to believe the might of the federal government didn't foresee pending doom and do anything to prevent it.

But looking backward won't get us out of this mess. We're in the middle of a presidential election, and we need to make sure the man we elect has what it takes to be proactive with issues of this magnitude. Bush called Sens. Obama and McCain to discuss the crisis with him because they will ultimately be the ones who have to clean it up, and now we need them tell us what they will do if they're elected. We can't afford to wait and see.

As college students, we're looking at entering the workforce during uncertain times. We're here to take charge of our lives, but right now it's not clear what we can do.

But we're not entirely helpless. We make ourselves more vulnerable by be-

ing ignorant about what's happening around us. We know it's difficult, but it is more important than ever that we don't allow our eyes to glaze over when economic discussions arise.

Like it or not, our lives are dictated by how much money we have and our ability to secure it when our pockets are empty. Want a job when you graduate? Want to buy a house? A car? Raise a family? What those 535 old men in Congress are deciding right now will affect all of that.

You don't want to be unprepared for how this will affect you when you enter the "real world," if you haven't already. Make sure you understand the situation.

We pledge to do our best to make sense of this for you. But that won't be enough. Ask a professor to explain the situation in class. Make time to watch the evening news as they discuss what's going on. Or watch any of the cable networks — they're focusing on the crisis nonstop.

Being frightened and confused only makes the impact of the worsening economy more difficult to cope with. It's essential that we replace that fear with an understanding of the situation.

Election should deal with more than pastors

By **RYAN SEALS**
EMORY WHEEL (EMORY U.)

It seems a politician is incomplete these days without a pastor controversy. The pastors for Barack Obama and John McCain — Jeremiah Wright, James Meeks, John Hagee and Rod Parsley — have, between them, blamed the United States for 9/11, called HIV a plot against people of color, attributed Hurricane Katrina to gay parades in New Orleans and called for the destruction of Islam.

To this list of divine controversy we can now add the erstwhile pastor to Sarah Palin, Thomas Muthee, and her longtime church, Wasilla Assembly of God. Muthee, in a spirited bout of intercessory prayer, exhorted God to "bring finances her way" and to protect her from "every form of witchcraft" during her recent gubernatorial race. All as she stood next to him, head bowed and hands upturned in front of her fellow congregants. Her church has at other times linked opposition to Bush with eternal damnation and colored the war in Iraq as a war about faith.

It's pointless to argue against the actual claims made in these sermons — those who preach such ridiculous concepts and believe in them are too far gone to respond to reason. The fact that these controversies are controversies at all speaks to the common belief that these claims are self-evidently ridiculous, and that mere association with those who propound them brings a politician's character into question.

So how many "pastor disasters" will it take before we realize that many Americans go to services where truly preposterous things are proclaimed?

One of the unanticipated effects of the YouTube election is learning what really goes on in many houses of worship and what is often claimed in the name of God. Just as a politician's every utterance is now a potential viral video, every sermon has the capacity to taint those in attendance.

Moderate religious followers try to enforce a kind of cognitive dissonance — faith on Sunday, real world the rest of the time. When the two overlap, as they do in debates over evolution, abortion, or the very place of faith in public life, it's rarely pretty. For many of the faithful, reason means — in practice — a disregard for what they consider their fundamental beliefs. The other six and a half days of the week are lived in blatant disregard of Sunday morning's perorations. It sure isn't faith that makes the car run or the vaccine work.

I can't help but think that some of the uproar surrounding the pastor controversies has come from the faithful themselves, as if they're saying, "how dare you publicize our beliefs?" Once a biblical view is adopted, it's not a stretch to combine belief in a punishing God with the sin of homosexuality to get a tidy explanation for Hurricane Katrina, as was suggested in some quarters.

At its core, this is a debate about faith and reason and the role faith

plays in political discourse. For many of us, the very concept of religious moderation smacks of hypocrisy. And when a religious controversy erupts, we are more surprised by the uproar than the actual substance of the debate.

So the next time we're shocked that a politician was in attendance at a religious meeting where — gasp — offensive things were said, consider this: the book on that pastor's pulpit, the private pews, or your bedside table says homosexuality is a sin, women are chattel, and any number of other "controversial" things. So really, what's offensive here?



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JESSI SAILORS, A senior studio art major in ceramics from Bastrop, attaches handles to coffee mugs Tuesday afternoon in her ceramics class.

Economy

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As the economy rebounds, Hein said, job opportunities will return as financial institutions regain footing.

"Things are going to be a little more difficult than in the last three to four years for business students particularly," he said. "but there still are opportunities."

Jeffrey Mercer, director of the Institute for Banking and Financial Studies at the college of business, said the layoffs resulting from Wall Street's instability should not impact finance students quite as severely or directly as they at first might think.

Drawing from experience with what he said was a limited cross section of finance students, Mercer said students typically apply for entry-level positions. The anticipated downsizing at financial firms, on the other hand, probably will affect veterans of the industry — veterans who rarely compete with recent graduates for job openings.

Most of the positions sought by new graduates, Mercer said, will not necessarily be a thing of the past and could proliferate as a result of the current market.

"There will definitely be some shakeout," he said. "We've seen tens-of-thousands of layoffs on Wall Street. I think the students are clearly aware of these developments. I'm not sure how terribly concerned they are, because most of them stay in Texas, and Texas has been more insulated than New York, for sure."

According to the CareerBuilder report, employers in the South expect to hire more than their counterparts to the west, east and north. In the South, 25 percent of respondents said they plan to add to their full-time, permanent staff in the fourth quarter — 1 percentage point higher than in the West, and 3 percentage points higher than in the Midwest and Northeast.

"We could only speculate why the survey indicates that there is a slightly better outlook for employment in the South as we did not ask any other questions specific to this," Nawoj said. "It is important to point out that the employment

outlook is pretty steady across all regions, as they are only separated by a few percentage points in our survey results."

David Kraus, director of Tech's University Career Service, said the fallout from September's financial instability has yet to strike Tech students who are looking for jobs. This, however, does not indicate a total immunity to Wall Street's woes.

A proactive attitude during the job application process is essential to students, he said, regardless of the state of the economy. Job markets fluctuate significantly over time, and, instead of trying to control the uncontrollable, students should continue doing what they normally would do to land a good position.

"I think one thing we try to remind students of all the time is the things we can control, not the things we can't," Kraus said. "Job market ups and downs happen. I think what's important isn't so much to worry about, 'Oh my gosh, there aren't going to be many jobs out there,' but taking a more positive approach to it."

When it comes to the overriding health of students' post-graduation investments, Mercer said, a diamond may be buried in the economic rough.

"I guess, from a long term perspective, a big selloff like this will be viewed as positive, he said. "If you're a relatively young person about to be a graduate and you're looking at investments, you'd want to invest at lows, not highs, so these kinds of big markets shocks downward are positive for young savers."

Mercer said students should remember that recent developments on Wall Street may not equate to long-term devastation. He cited relatively promising gains in stock markets on Tuesday afternoon as proof of market self-correction and "volatility."

He said students have found it prudent to refrain from knee-jerk reactions to the current

situation.

Greg Jones, executive vice president at locally-based American State Bank, said Lubbock's mortgage market has escaped the fallout from New York thus far, so students should not be too quick to worry about the availability of credit for students and new graduates in West Texas.

As usual, he said, it is those with poor credit scores who are most likely to suffer most from the credit crunch.

"It'll affect everyone, but if everyone is taking care of business and only borrowing what they can afford to pay back, the impact shouldn't be too bad here," Jones said. "Due to recent developments, it's for the marginal borrowers that things will get more difficult."

Students observing the market may stand to learn valuable lessons from the smaller firms who are faring well through the economic downturn as well as from the mistakes of failing institutions, Hein said. For instance, the "more conservative and sound decisions" of smaller banks and firms like City Bank or Plains Capital Bank will allow them to emerge from the economic downturn better than larger, national institutions.

Potentially smaller salaries, Hein said, could be offset by the on-the-job training and lessons learned from working at firms rebuilding from the turmoil on Wall Street.

"Stabilizing means there are more opportunities for smaller institutions that are more soundly run as well as recently chartered banks," he said.

Despite the economic outlook, Nawoj said, students can, for the most part, rest assured.

"Education is very important, and people should continue to develop themselves with the appropriate degrees and certifications," she said in the e-mail, "regardless of the economic situation."

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Students, faculty react to ASU state of the university speech

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After President Joseph C. Rallo gave his address on the state of the university Sept. 15, junior John Bautista said he left the C. J. Davidson Center feeling like "a bag of Chucky Cheese coins." Bautista, who was present at the address for a class assignment, said that he felt like Rallo only spoke of the students as "money-makers" for the university.

"Whenever he mentioned students, I felt like a dollar sign," Bautista said. "He said, 'For each student, we get \$40,000.' Go ahead and spend me on whatever you want."

Bautista said he understands that the university is trying to keep more students to reach the goal of 10,000. However, he said, that is the extent of it.

"It's like you are trying to attract me and retain me and that's it," Bautista said.

Senior Wendy Ripley also said the speech did not have much appeal to the students.

"I thought that it was aimed more at the faculty and staff than students," she said.

Rallo ended the speech by asking

the audience how individuals and the collective efforts of the institution could put meaning into the phrase "More than an Education." Bautista said the students can not be the ones to answer that.

"We can't make this more than an education because we're not the ones educating," he said. "We are being educated."

Bautista said he considers himself at the institution, "not a part of the institution."

Most students said the speech was geared toward a different audience, however, they still agree with some of Rallo's goals for the future.

"It's good to see the university setting goals to increase student success," Ripley said. "The only thing I think he should add to what he said is that the school should do more to help students succeed not only in getting to graduation but also in finding jobs and success after graduation."

Bautista said he agreed with Rallo's first point for the future of the university.

"We need to find out what's working ... and not working, (with existing programs)," he said. "What's not working, we need to either pay

more attention to it and grow it, or take it out of the system because it's wasting time and money."

Vice President of Strategy, Planning and Policy Dr. James Limbaugh said retention of students is one of ASU's highest priorities. Bautista said he agrees, but believes the administration is not doing enough to ensure that students are staying.

Bautista used an example of students going to a band concert to symbolize how the university should approach retention efforts.

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Jewish Tech students celebrate new year during Rosh Hashana

By **TINA L. ARONS**
STAFF WRITER

A 10-day period of atonement began Monday evening for members of the Jewish community at Texas Tech who celebrated Rosh Hashana.

"Rosh Hashanah represents the new year for the Jewish calendar," said Holden Wilen, a sophomore business major from Dallas and vice president of Tech's chapter of Hillel, a Jewish student organization.

The Jewish new year, he said, is a time when Jews ask God to forgive the sins they committed during the previous year and to give them strength in the new year.

It is a time when the Jewish tradition teaches God is more accessible, according to the Web site for Hillel's international organization. It is also a time of favor and forgiveness, a time of growth and improvement and a time of new beginnings.

Wilen said Jews take this time for repentance because they believe God chooses during Yom Kippur — which is the second holiday that occurs at sunset 10 days after Rosh

Hashana — whether he is going to put people in the Book of Life or the Book of Death.

"It's about personal reflection," said Hillel member Daniel Moss, a freshman anthropology major from Lubbock.

He said he uses this time to reflect on the previous year and find ways he can become a better person in the new year.

Garrett Boroda, a education doctoral candidate from Boston, Mass., and secretary for Tech's Hillel, said Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the two most important holidays in the Jewish calendar.

He said these Jewish High Holy Days are the time "to show you really mean business."

Boroda said, even for those who do not regularly attend worship services at the synagogue, it is important to follow Jewish traditions during the High Holy Days.

It is traditional for Jews to eat apple slices dipped in honey during Rosh Hashanah, he said, which represents the hope of ushering in a "sweet" new year.

Wilen said another tradition

includes sounding of the shofar, a ram's horn, and the accompanying prayers during worship services at the synagogue.

It is also important to wear white or other light colors during worship services, he said, because dark colors symbolize death or sin.

"My parents took the holiday very seriously," said Wilen.

Although they did not follow the strict rules of the Sabbath throughout the year, he said, they followed them during the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

Wilen said this meant he and his family were not supposed to use energy, which included both electronics and physical exertion. This meant no telephone calls and no basketball playing.

"We weren't even allowed to turn on the television," he said.

Although he does not always adhere to the strict rules of the Sabbath now, Wilen said, he still celebrates the High Holy Days actively and encourages other Jewish students to do the same.

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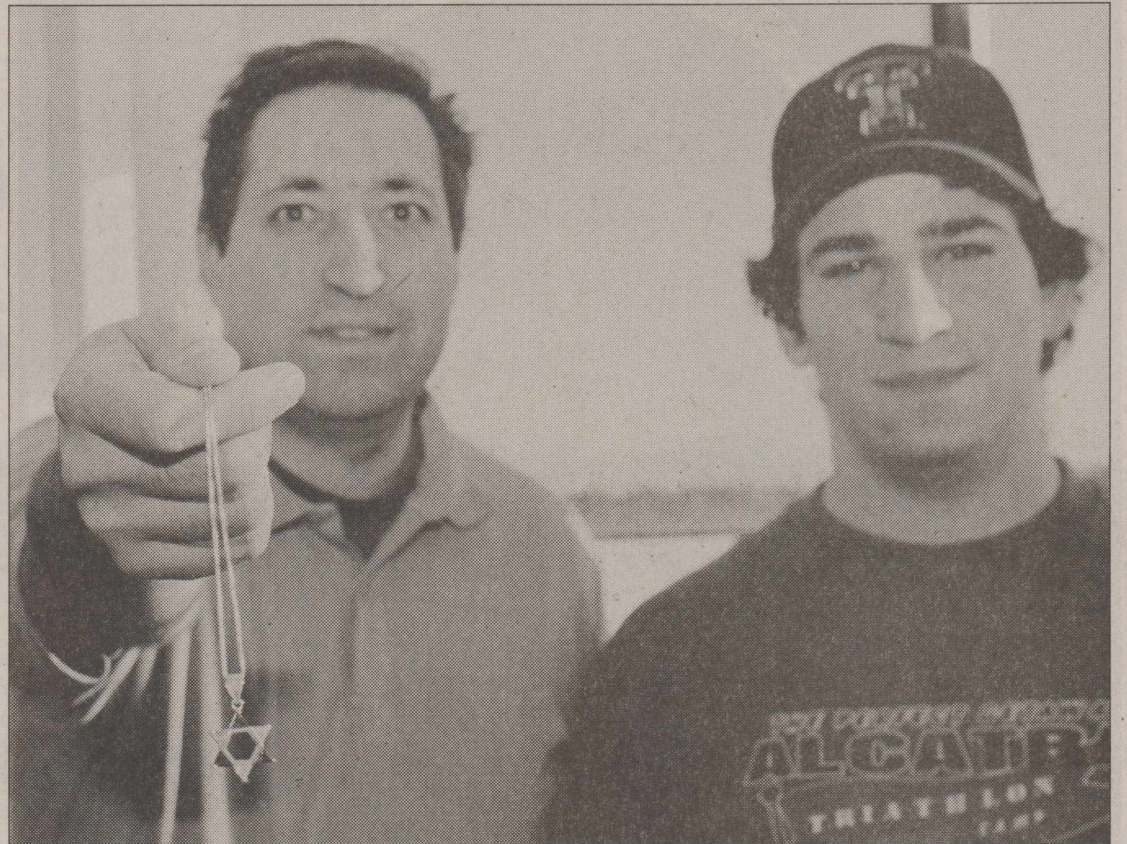


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GARRETT BORODA, HILLEL secretary and a doctoral education student from Boston Mass., and **Holden Wilen**, Hillel vice president and a sophomore business major from Dallas, pose for a photo Tuesday in the Student Union Building.

More than half of Miami University students prefer Macs to PCs

By **CATHERINE COURETAS**
THE MIAMI STUDENT (MIAMI U.)

More students buying laptops through the Miami Notebook program chose Macs over PCs this year, according to Debi Allison, interim vice president for information technology.

Of the 72 percent of the first-year class that purchased a Miami Notebook, Allison said 63 percent chose a Mac.

Robert Howard, senior director for support services and partnerships, said Apple's marketing has created a halo effect and he's not surprised students have become more interested

in buying Macs.

"If you watch TV, we all love the 'I'm a Mac, I'm a PC' ad," Howard said. "And you can't walk across the street without seeing the white earbuds."

Howard said Macs have been effective for college students.

"There is really good integration of the multimedia aspects of peoples lives, like podcasting and sharing pictures," Howard said about Macs.

On the other hand, students that have purchased an HP laptop through the Miami Notebook Program are equally happy.

Junior Lindsay Nicoletti has always used PCs.

"It's similar to what I have at home," Nicoletti said of her HP laptop. "I was used to it. I've never had a Mac so I don't know the difference, but I feel like [a PC] is easier to navigate."

Junior Lauren Regueyra recently switched from a PC to a Mac and is very happy with her decision.

"I like the way that they're organized better," Regueyra said. "Once you learn how to use them, they're much easier to use than a PC."

Regueyra said she likes how easy Macs are to transport as well.

"[Macs] weigh a lot less than most laptops do and I wanted to be able to take it with me most places,"

Regueyra said.

She also said that she'd had her previous laptop, a PC, for two years, and it was already slowing down and having other issues.

According to Allison, Macs cost \$400 to \$500 more than the PCs—an HP laptop—offered in the Miami Notebook program.

Howard said although many students do not mind the higher price for the Mac, many students purchase the less expensive PC laptops.

"We don't want things to be too expensive because we want to provide access to all income levels of students," Howard said.

The increase in the purchase of

Macs has had an impact on IT support as well.

"We want to make sure that Mac users have access to the same services as PC users," Howard said. "We're heavily engaged in making sure there aren't problems for Mac users. In the past, we worked more to fix PCs, and now it could be more Macs."

Howard said this process does not involve hiring more support staff, but rather training more staff on Macs.

"There are challenges because sometimes with the software we have, there is a difference in how it works on a Mac," Howard said. "We have to allocate staff time to keep up

with different technologies."

Howard added that when it comes to the Miami Notebook program, Miami wants parents to have peace of mind that their [childrens'] computers will work on campus, and that the support is there if they need it.

"If the computer doesn't work, they have a place to rely on to provide that service," Howard said. "We're trying to make sure we can stand behind that regardless."

Nicoletti chose to purchase through the notebook program because service was readily available if something happened to her computer.

Injuries

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munications in the Big 12 Confer-

ence, said discussions to implement a policy in the conference took place last year between media relations directors, and the main concern was the lack of "competitive equity."

"The reason why the policy works in the NFL is that all 32 teams have to adhere to the policy," Burda said. "There's only 32 teams in the NFL, while in college football there's 119 Division I-A teams. So if we did it amongst our 12 schools, and the other 107 were not, there were some concerns."

"So then if you've got two teams playing, and 'Team A' releases (injuries) and 'Team B' doesn't, what's the motivation for 'Team A' to release its injury information because of that provision?"

In addition, he said the Health Insurance Portability and Account-

ability Act or HIPAA, restricts the release of personal information, which provides another reason why he cannot see a provision coming to the Big 12.

Chris Cook, Tech assistant athletic director for media relations, said before student-athletes begin their collegiate careers they sign a HIPAA waiver.

The waiver provides players the opportunity to choose whether they want coaches, the media or family to know about their injury if one should occur.

Cook said if a student signs the waiver and allows the release of injury information, the decision gets left to the coaches.

So the issue in regards to HIPAA is some coaches do not want to release that information, even if the student's signature says it's not an issue.

"The waiver says its OK for Tech to release information, but the school doesn't have to release that information" Cook said, "It's up to the coaches."

"The reason we don't give it out is because coach Leach does not want injury information to be public."

During a general membership meeting last year, Groh said Texas coach Mack Brown shared his views on releasing injuries during a discussion on the topic, which Groh took into consideration.

"I really didn't think about taking it any further than our own situation," said Groh, who prior to this season was quiet on injuries. "It was an item of interest to consider."

Groh said North Carolina State coach Tom O'Brien, an unlikely proponent considering his long-standing record of injury secrecy, got the ball rolling on the idea at the general session of ACC coaches in the spring.

Some Big 12 coaches have gone about releasing injuries their own way.

For example, Brown said when a player goes down with a season-ending injury the information is released immediately by trainer Kenny Boyd. The Longhorns have had a few similar cases this season. Tight end Blaine Irby dislocated his right knee against Rice on Sept. 20, and fullback Luke Tiemann tore his anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee Saturday against Arkansas.

In both cases, the information was released on the following Sunday.

"It's a very important thing at the University of Texas," Brown

said. "And I'm sure throughout our league."

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops has the same principles as Leach. The two worked together when Leach coordinated Stoops' offense in 1999.

Stoops said he does not and will not release injury reports, citing a couple different reasons — one being gambling.

"A guy that's going to play," Stoops said. "I don't think it needs to be detailed how injured he is or just for his protection, and the only reason you would have to is for bettors. It's a college game, I don't believe that should be a factor in what we have to participate in."

Jamie Vaughn, Tech assistant athletic director for compliance, said the reality of how often bettors use injury information is unknown, but he said the possibility of it presents a problem in NCAA sports.

"I know it's something that the NCAA discourages very strongly," he said. "When we talk to our athletes about gambling, that's one of the examples that we give, is that information that you're sharing regarding what's going on in the training room could be used in that manner."

Therefore, the NCAA educates its institutions accordingly, he said, making sure teams understand that releasing information about a star tailback or receiver publicly could impact gambling.

"It could affect how people bet on a sport," he said, "it could affect the betting line in Vegas, for example."

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New defensive lineup working well for Tech soccer

By **STEVEN RYAN**
STAFF WRITER

No one ever said offense wins championships.

Freshmen Lauren Yelinek and Casey McCall are the new kids on the backline, as Texas Tech soccer coach Tom Stone has counted on them both this season, giving a combined 16 starts and 1,472 minutes played between them.

Yelinek has been an aggressive player on defense, with tendencies to push the ball up the field after turnovers. Yelinek has five assists this season, good for second in the Big 12 Conference.

Meanwhile, McCall is the main reason Stone said he was able to move Tech's fastest player, junior Brittney Harrison, up to forward where she has scored seven goals. The backline to start the season included Harrison, Lexi Castellano, Jennifer Kammerer and Sarabeth Clopton.

"We couldn't release the team of its fastest defender unless we had another fast defender to put in her place," he

said. "When Casey was ready to start and play side-by-side with Sarabeth, we knew that it meant we could free up Brittney to go forward."

Stone said McCall has received so much playing time — nine starts, 849 minutes—because she learns from her mistakes and does not repeat them. He also said her intensity and aggressiveness has made the transition to the college game easier on her than it has been for others.

The changes leave the backline as a mix of experienced upperclassmen and talented young freshman.

Clopton and Kammerer are two of those upperclassmen, starting in all 10 matches for Tech this season and have a combined 80 starts between

them dating back to their freshmen years. Clopton is the vocal leader of the defense, often communicating with her teammates to make sure everyone is in position.

"You cannot be a good defensive team if everyone is quiet, and Sarabeth is not quiet," Stone said. "She is the leader because she sees the game, understands the system, is not afraid to organize the defense and is a very intense individual."

So far, the Red Raiders allow 1.3 goals per game, good for seventh in the Big 12. Tech also allows a .112 opponent shot percentage this season.

"We will be a team that makes defending a priority," Stone said, "but from

good defending comes good attacking. We distinguish between being a good defensive team and being a team that plays great defense. We want to be a team that plays great defense because that creates offense."

The defense continues to be anchored by Tech's all-time leader in career shutouts, goalkeeper Tina Rincon, who is tied for most shutouts in the Big 12 this season — four — and is third in saves with 42.

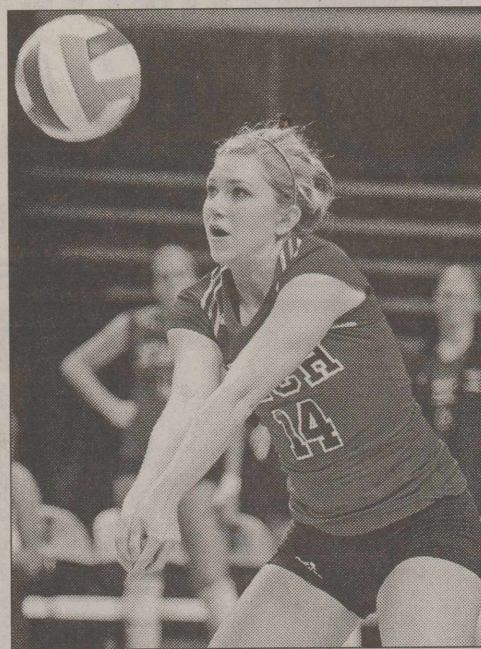
Although Rincon's numbers stand out, she said she would be in bad shape if it was not for the four-person defensive line that plays in front of her.

"For the past two years I've thought that our defense has been pretty solid," Rincon said. "It takes a lot to get past us. I love it back there because I know that if I mess up stuff that (the back line) are gonna be there for me and they know if they mess up I will be there for them so it's kind of a mutual respect type thing."

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Tech takes on No. 2 Nebraska

By **KEVIN CULLEN**
STAFF WRITER



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador
TECH'S HAYLEY BALL and the Red Raiders look for their first conference win against No. 2 Nebraska at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

Rarely is a team with an 0-4 conference record said to have an advantage.

The Texas Tech volleyball team takes on No. 2 Nebraska (12-0, 4-0 in Big 12 Conference) at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

The Red Raiders (5-10, 0-4 in Big 12) are searching for their first conference win in more than a year. Tech's last Big 12 win came Sept. 12, 2007 against Colorado — a span that stretches 23-straight conference losses.

Tech assistant coach Mike Moffitt said the fact that the team will be trying to end that streak against such a highly-ranked squad may prove to be an advantage.

"They're a very good Nebraska team, like always," he said. "A lot of new faces for them, but they are very good. For us, it's just a matter of work on our side of the ball and then obviously for the match there would be a whole lot more pressure on them than there would be on us."

Tech libero Jenn Harrell said playing the No. 2 team in the country is an opportunity Tech should look forward to as it is always good to face a team of Nebraska's caliber.

"It's kinda like David and Goliath," she said. "It is very, very tough, but at the same time it's very encouraging to get to (play them). Nebraska is a great team, and they're a great team to play early on because, no matter what, they're great practice and it's good to see the best. If we can compete with them, we can compete with anybody."

Adjustments will play a big part in the match, said Moffitt, and the Red Raiders may be close to a breakthrough.

"It will take the best we've played all year," he said. "We have not had a stretch of an entire match yet that I think would knock off Nebraska. That's not to say that it won't happen because it certainly can at any time. These girls could be close to catching fire (with) some of the adjustments we've been making, they just have

to pick it up."

Playing in her first match against the perennial national-championship-contending Cornhuskers is Tech freshman Amanda Dowdy, who leads the Red Raiders with 162 kills and a .350 hitting percentage.

"Personally, I'm very excited," Dowdy said. "It's gonna be a good test for us, and, yeah, we haven't had the best record so far, but (today) is not a bad day to turn it around."

Getting to play teams like Nebraska is something Dowdy said lured her to play in the Big 12 in the first place.

"I always knew I wanted to play in the Big 12 just because of the competition and everything," she said. "It's my dream, and I'm actually living my dream."

The Cornhuskers entered this season having lost one of the most prolific players in NCAA volleyball history.

Former right side hitter Sarah Pavin was an integral part of the Nebraska program for the last four years, all of which saw Pavin selected as an American Volleyball Coaches Association First Team All-American.

Attempting to replace Pavin this year is Lindsey Licht, who is third on the team with 101 kills.

The hard-hitting, 6-foot-5, left-handed Licht is a player Moffitt said the Red Raiders will keep their eye on throughout the match.

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Tech men's cross country rebuilding with limited scholarships

By **KAYLA PARHAM**
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Ranked No. 10 out of 15 in the Mountain Region, the Texas Tech men's cross country team does not have all that much room to grow.

The men also have fewer scholarships distributed to this year's team, leaving 2008 as a rebuilding year for the Red Raiders.

Tech offers the NCAA regulated 12.6 scholarships to the men's track and cross country teams, which can be given in small percentages or a full scholarship.

It is difficult to put together a cross country team, Murray said when scholarships are focused more on track.

"It comes down to scholarships is what it does," Murray said. "There aren't any cross country scholarships. We have about 1.5 scholarships for men's distance running. So the majority of our scholarships are in sprints and jumps type stuff. That is just where the money is invested."

The Tech men have two veterans redshirting, forcing younger athletes to step into the spotlight

for the team.

Senior Zachary Quinones and junior Silas Kemboi, two of the team's most experienced athletes, are the two redshirting this season, leaving Eric Ayala as the only senior on the men's team this year.

The top five men to finish in the Red Raider Invitational on Sept. 19 were freshman Zack Dawson, sophomores Gilbert Limo and Nathan Milles and juniors Jake Szo and Cory Higgins.

No. 15 Brigham Young — in the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association poll and No. 3 in the Mountain Region — offers the full amount of scholarships available to the men's track and cross country team.

Brigham Young coach Ed Eye-

stone said they rarely give full scholarships and divide the scholarships into as many pieces as possible.

"We kind of take the tact, that it is better to maybe offer them a little less early on," he said. "Then reward (the athletes) from year to year, make adjustments to the scholarships depending on the performance, consistency and dedication to the program and other criteria."

On the NCAA Division I level, track and field and cross country are allowed 12.69 scholarships for men and 18 scholarships for women.

Tech track and field coach Wes Kittley said he rarely gives scholarships to cross country athletes who do not compete in track and he tries to

give two to four scholarships toward cross country athletes every year.

"What's sad about cross country is that it is not separated," he said. "I mean we have a separate championship, but you have to use track money for cross country."

Cory Higgins said the new athletes have really helped the team, even with the losses of Quinones or Kemboi.

"Everybody is having to step up a lot more," he said. "We're having rely on guys when normally they wouldn't have to run in the Top 5. It puts a lot more pressure on everybody, but everybody steps up."

Tech coach Jon Murray said the team is very young and lacks experience — the main difference when compared to the women's team this season.

"(For) men's distance runners you have got to have some age," Murray said. "They have to be strong and good. If you look at the men versus the women, the men you have juniors and seniors. A freshman girl can come in and can make an impact right away."

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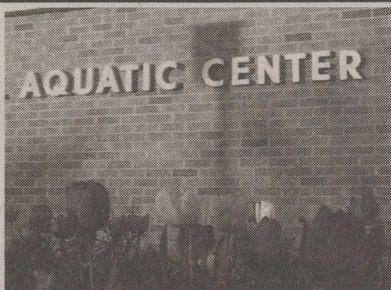
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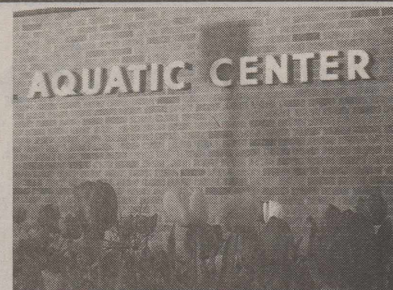
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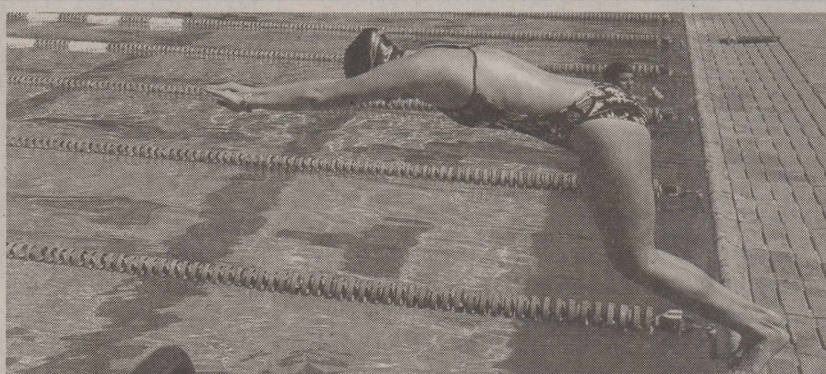
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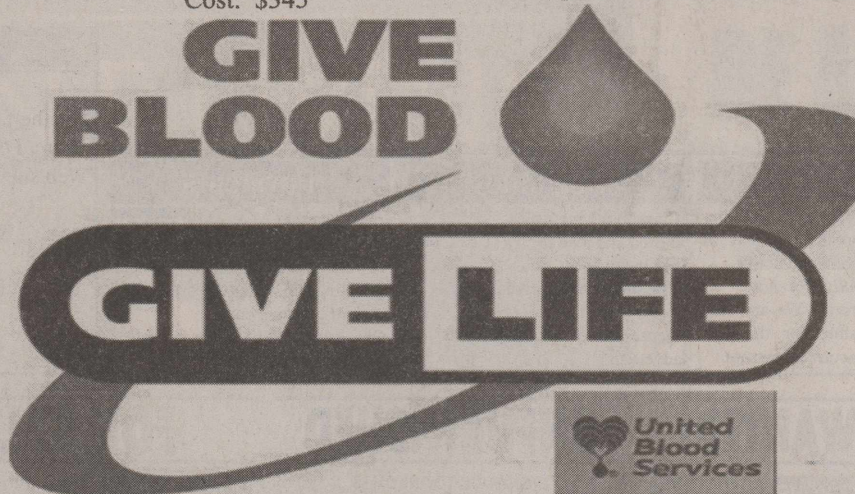
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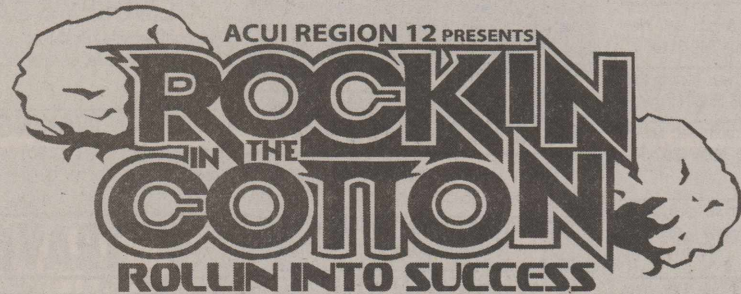
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50th and Slide | 6:00 pm

Homecoming Kickoff
Monday, October 6
SUB North Plaza | Noon

Snap Shotz
Monday, October 6
SUB North Plaza | 11:00 am

Homecoming Student Organization Sing
Monday, October 6
United Spirit Arena | 8:00 pm

Homecoming Candidate Showcase
Tuesday, October 7
United Spirit Arena | 8:00 pm
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S.O. Registration
Tuesday, October 7
SUB Senate Room | 2:00 pm

