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## Board wants Tech as top research school

**JAMES WALKER**  
*UD Staff Writer*

EL PASO — Members of Texas Tech's Board of Regents affirmed their desire to make Tech a top research school at their meeting Friday.

The regents approved a five-year strategic plan for the university that included increasing research to the same levels as Texas A&M University and the University of Texas.

"For the first time, you included our ambition to become a tier-one university," Tech

Chancellor John Montford told regents during the meeting at the El Paso branch of the Health Sciences Center.

Montford also announced at the meeting that Tech's capital campaign, the largest fundraising drive in the university's history, is three years ahead of schedule and on target to reach its \$300 million goal.

In other business, the regents approved two major outdoor sculptures which will be displayed on campus.

One, called the "Millennium

Circle," will have a Stonehenge-like shape and will be located in Urbanovsky Park near the United Spirit Arena. Sculptor Edwina Sandys is building one such circle on each of the seven continents to celebrate the beginning of the third millennium. Tech will be the North American site.

Another, called "Park Place," will feature sculpted bronze figures sitting on a long, winding bench.

The bench will be made of the red brick commonly used on campus, and feature open areas

for students to sit, said Doug Mann, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction.

This gives students the ability to "interact" with the art, Mann said.

Regents also approved a plan to set aside 1 percent of the budget for each new building to pay for landscaping, and another 1 percent to acquire art for the building.

"What we're trying to do here is make a strong statement that aesthetics are important on our campus," Mann said.

Often, when projects go over budget, art and landscaping allowances are the first to be cut, he said. The new policy guarantees that money will be available for landscaping and displaying art in new buildings.

A new University Art Committee will be responsible for selecting the art for the new buildings, Mann said.

A new, stricter policy on skating and skateboarding also came out of the meeting.

"We've had a significant problem with skateboarders on  
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## Sharp lobbies for break on student taxes

**APU NAIK**  
*UD Staff Writer*

Student employees at Texas Tech can expect larger pay checks if Texas Comptroller John Sharp's lobbying efforts are successful in Congress.

Sharp is asking members of Congress to change the Social Security tax so that Texas can exempt some student employees from the tax.

The exemption would only apply to students employees who are on the university payroll.

In 1950, the Social Security Act enabled Texas to place all higher education students under the law. Since that time many states have modified their agreements, and now 47 states do not require their student employees to pay Social Security taxes.

Texas, Pennsylvania and  
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Brian White/The University Daily

**Discover It!** As part of a new awareness campaign, workers at the Texas Tech Museum, located 4th Street and Indiana Avenue, place new signs about the campaign on the outside of the building Monday.

## El Paso welcomes recruitment center

**JAMES WALKER**  
*UD Staff Writer*

EL PASO — Encouraging minorities to apply to Texas Tech is just one of the goals of Tech's new El Paso recruiting center.

The center opened for business Friday at a ceremony attended by administrators, students and alumni.

The court case known as the *Hopwood* decision, which prohibits race as a factor in admissions or scholarships, discourages many Hispanics from even applying to college, said Sofia Rodriguez, a graduate student in higher education administration and Tech's regional recruiting coordinator for El Paso.

"One of my goals is to just encourage students to apply," said Rodriguez, a former president of Tech's Hispanic Student Society. "We need to let them know they still have opportunities."

More than half of El Paso's residents are minorities, which makes the city important in increasing Tech's cultural diversity, she said.

Dallas, Houston and Austin already have similar centers, and officials said they hope the new center will help Tech expand its recruiting efforts westward into New Mexico.

Rodriguez said the center will actively promote Tech by visiting high schools and junior colleges to encourage applicants.

Nearly 500 students from the El Paso area attend Tech right now, but officials hope to double that number in the near future, said Tech President Donald Haragan.

"We're West Texas, and El Paso is West Texas," Haragan said. "We want to become the West Texas school of choice."

Tech is the only Texas school involved in this type of aggressive recruiting.  
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## Letters to the Editor:

### U.S troops in Balkans needed

To the editor:

In response to J.S. Warnick's comments, I would like to say that in the United States, no one has the right to not defend this country.

No matter how much some may dislike it, one of the reasons we have a military is to guarantee the right to dissension.

As for not having any business in the Balkans, that excuse was used once before and an estimated 250,000 people died. The existence of concentration-style camps in Europe during that time should have been enough to make it the world's business.

Does anyone remember that the U.S. government at the end of WW II declared that it would not allow such a thing to happen again?

If I understand J.S. Warnick,

human beings being killed is not a valid reason to interfere. But say something really important like oil, would that be a valid reason?

I would rather "interfere" than do nothing.

Maybe we should recall the basis for the creation of this country, and then maybe the arrogance of "its not our business" would make sense.

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## Odds & Ends

### Coin toss to decide ND elections

ST. THOMAS, N.D. (AP) — Call it in the air: Heads! Congratulations. You may now take your seat on the city council.

When the vote in rural northeastern North Dakota is too close to call and a recount fails to determine the winner, municipal elections are now decided by coin toss.

The law requires communities to conduct recounts in cases of tie votes, or in races decided by less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the total votes cast.

The law also says that if a recount doesn't decide the issue, then it becomes a matter of heads or tails.

St. Thomas city officials will flip a coin Tuesday to see whether Eleanor Stuberg or Lark Oihus gets a four-year term on the city council. The recount left each with four votes.

In Clifford on Friday, Marilyn Anderson made the right call in the air to capture a four-year term on the Clifford City Council. In last week's election, she and two other residents each received six votes. Friday's recount failed to break the tie, so a coin flip was used.

### Salesmen follow El Nino damage

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Three guys are really cleaning-up this year in the wake of the wild El-Nino-inspired weather. Cleaning up in terms of profits, that is.

Bill Kay, Brett Randall and Chris Murray — dubbed "the hail punks" — spend nine months out of the year holed up in motel rooms across the nation, logged onto the Internet and glued to The Weather Channel in search of severe weather.

They stay in the towns as long as business is good, pushing their paintless dent removal method they say can save customers up to 50 percent off of traditional body work that usually requires a new paint job.

"In my best year I made about \$400,000. We had storm after storm. I was smokin'," Randall said.

### Church adds ATM for collection

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Thou shall not forget thy PIN number.

When the collection plate comes around at the Unity Center of Peace Church, giving is a little easier thanks to the ATM machine installed in the lobby.

"We don't harangue people about financial giving," said the Rev. Steve Colladay, the church pastor. "But we believe it's in our nature to give."

Church member George Smart first had the ATM epiphany and went to the board.

"I thought they would think it was too 'out there,'" said Smart, a Durham business consultant. "A small church is always asking for money. I told them, 'We have to consider making it easier to give.'"

At least \$100 is donated electronically each Sunday, with most people making a \$20 donation before services, the church secretary said.

Most people drop the yellow receipt the machine spits out into the church's wooden offering bowl.

## Clinton visits weakened China

BEIJING (AP) — When President Clinton arrives in Beijing, he will meet a Chinese leadership beset by deepening problems — from a slowing economy to challenges to its own political authority.

For China, the summit is a chance to show itself as an emerging, responsible global power. But global power ultimately depends on internal stability, and China's leaders are struggling to keep the world's most-populous nation on a stable course.

Among the problems now troubling Zhongnanhai, the high-walled leadership compound in central Beijing:

—New Premier Zhu Rongji, touted as a pragmatist, wants to keep economic growth strong and force failing state industries

and banks to play by capitalist rules. But his plans are imperiled by Asia's financial upheaval, worsening unemployment and bureaucratic resistance.

—As the economy quavers, risks are growing for the ruling Communist Party. Outbursts of protest and crime by dispossessed members of the once-protected proletariat are rocking cities.

—Morale in the military — the ultimate protector of party power — is sinking. Feeling the economic pinch, the People's Liberation Army's own industries are laying off workers, many of them the wives of servicemen. Officers worry about how to support their families on meager salaries.

The domestic unease has

stripped some gloss off the bright prospects for Zhu and his Cabinet, which marks its 100th day in office Friday, the day Clinton lands in Beijing.

For Clinton, eight days of negotiating and toasting Chinese leaders offers opportunities. They may be in a mood to compromise to preserve their huge stake in the U.S. market and win a presidential seal of approval to inspire foreign investors.

"The initiative is all in the United States' hands," said Wang Shan, an author and political commentator. "China needs so many things from the United States."

Exports declined in May for the first time in nearly two years. Foreign investment in the first five months weakened.

## Florida fires out of control

PERRY, Fla. (AP) — In the rolling hills of the Florida Panhandle, wildfires have consumed thousands of acres of sparsely populated pine forest.

In dozens of neighborhoods built in densely-wooded areas of north Florida, smoke and the threat of fire have forced thousands of residents to leave their homes.

In Jacksonville, Daytona Beach and other cities in northeast and central Florida, thick blankets of gray smoke has caused burning eyes, scratchy throats, stuffed noses and heavy wheezing.

Desert-like dryness and heat have caused one of the worst outbreaks of wildfires in Florida in more than 50 years.

For almost a month, fires have blackened thousands of acres of forest land, destroyed dozens of homes, and forced thousands of people from their homes.

"Probably in the last 50 years, none of our people has seen a state of emergency that we experience today in the state of Florida with fires," state

Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford said Monday.

Since Memorial Day, fires have burned more than 80,000 acres in 40 counties stretching from Lake Okeechobee to the Panhandle. The state is seeing an average of 80 new fire starts a day, 90 percent of them started by lightning.

The blazes have destroyed more than 100 homes and structures, and damaged an estimated \$10 million in commercial timber. The dry conditions also have caused an estimated \$100 million in damages to corn, hay, soy beans, watermelons, peanuts, cotton and tobacco crops.

At least 17 people have been injured and one person died of a heart attack.

Crawford has urged all 67 counties to suspend July 4th fireworks displays because of dangerously dry conditions. Nine counties already have imposed a ban.

Crews in Volusia County were fighting 10 wildfires, including some that threatened homes, as the area around

Daytona Beach became covered in smoke. Officials urged residents of two large subdivisions to leave their homes.

"Right now our concern is to get these fires under control and prevent any loss of structures," said Dave Byron, a Volusia County spokesman. "At this point, we're not even suggesting we can put them out."

On Monday, a smoky haze hung over Perry, about 50 miles southeast of Tallahassee and the heart of the state's timber industry.

More than 10,000 acres, mostly unpopulated pine forest, has burned in Taylor County since the weekend.

"They told us Friday night to get ready to evacuate. I hope to God we don't," said Denna Stephens, a fire watcher for the state Division of Forestry in the small community of San Pedro Bay about six miles east of Perry.

"When we started packing our valuables that's when we got upset, because it's day to day."

# Rolling Repertory

## Summer theater group meets challenging plays head on

No two characters were the same. That seemed to be the theme for this year's Summer Rep performances produced by the Texas Tech University Theatre Department. Summer Rep presented itself as challenging for the actors with all but one of the productions requiring the actors to change characters throughout the course of the evening. Overall, the actors proved themselves talented in presenting their many faces to audience members for a successful start to the Summer Rep season.

An appropriate choice for university audiences was "Help Wanted: A Comedy That Works for a Living." This play, by Terri Wilson with additional material by Amy R. Harbaugh, is a series of skits about recently graduated college students looking for work in the real world. Anyone who has sought a full-time job can appreciate the humor of this play.

The audience watched five cast members portray characters who find themselves in various situations from resume writing to interviewing. Though many of the scenes were fun and most of the script was witty, a few of the scenes seemed out of place with lengthy, dry lines. But the cast did an especially great job in portraying the many personalities of this play.

One cast member who stood out the most was Selandra Simpson. She took advantage of the intimate theater with hilarious facial expressions. Her ability to switch so completely from polite and eager to bla-

tantly rude brought a lot of humor to her interviewing scenes.

Simplicity allowed the set design to be versatile and serve as a wonderful backdrop to the career world. "Help Wanted" is a lighthearted look at the realities of finding work in an all too serious world.

A wonderful Summer Rep selection was "Nunsense" as it took great advantage of the small stage and close audience. This musical comedy by Dan Goggin is about five nuns who find themselves in a jam when one of the sisters accidentally poisons the majority of the convent. With some dead nuns in the freezer, the sisters spend much of the play worrying about the health inspector and rehearsing for the talent show that will raise the funds to bury their sisters. In rehearsals, the nuns reveal more about their off-the-wall personalities.

This play required a lot of audience participation, and the actresses in "Nunsense" were perfectly playful with the audience.

Overall, the acting was strong, and each of the actresses fit her part so well, it would be hard to imagine them playing any other nun. Tobaugh Leigh, Simpson and Bethany Carter have

great, booming voices that complemented the play's musical content. Though Sandra Swan's and Susan Draper's voices were not so powerful, their talent made up for it. Draper performed a marvelous scene on pointe as her character explained her love for dance. And each time Swan appeared on stage with a newly sculpted habit, she left the au-



**Sister, Sister:** Tobaugh Leigh and Sandra Swan play nuns in the Summer Repertory production of "Nunsense."

dience in stitches with her dramatic entrances.

Velicia Daniels did a great job adding modern-day adaptations to the nuns' jokes. With references to "Seinfeld," "Saturday Night Live" and Ted

Kaczynski, the audience followed easily along with the humor of the wild sisters. The cast of "Nunsense" brought such life to their characters that fits of laughter were unavoidable. Giggling at the nuns'

silly antics will be the highlight of this year's Summer Rep.

The third show to run last weekend was "All in the Timing" Saturday. This

was yet another play to test the actors' versatility, since no two scenes carried the same characters. The actors faced a tremendous challenge in having to switch personalities sometimes in the middle of a scene. The



**Going Bananas:** Becca Fields and Bethany Carter play monkeys in "All in the Timing," one of Summer Rep's productions

play, by David Ives, showed five short plays depicting the nature of time.

The first scene was the most humorous and least obscure. Stephen Jeffries and Rachel Greene play

strangers in a coffee shop acting out different scenarios in meeting each other. With the sound of the bell, the situations change from flashes of para-

noia to flickers of romance. Jeffries and Greene were wonderful in this scene. Their abilities to transfer quickly from character to character were impressive.

Greene, Carter and Becca Fields play typewriting monkeys challenged to write "Hamlet" in Scene 3. Along with creative monkey imitations, the costumes were magnificent in this scene. Watching the actresses jump around stage and scream like apes was unexpected and fun.

The fourth scene follows with Jeffries playing the teacher of "The Universal Language" and Carter as his pupil. Jeffries and Carter carry on, switching back and forth from English to this universal language, in a surprisingly understandable manner. The two actors deliver their tongue-twisting lines almost flawlessly and make it easy for the audience to understand with expressive body language. The scene's humor comes mostly from the playwright's cleverness, but it could not have been successful without talented actors.

Fields was a great gum-smacking diner waitress in "The Philadelphia," the final scene of this play.

The selections for this year's Summer Rep comprise a collection of plays that test the actors' creativity. Each of the participants in Summer Rep were successful with their productions. Overall, this is a great opportunity to see the wide range of talents associated with students of Tech's theater department.

The plays run in a rotating fashion every day through July 5. Performances begin at 8 p.m. For ticket information call 742-3603

*Reviews by Caren Carnefix and photos by Brian White*

# Professor says TI shutdown will hurt city economy

**APU NAIK**  
**UD Staff Writer**

Texas Tech economics professor Lewis Hill says Thursday's announcement of Texas Instrument's shutdown comes at a terrible time for Lubbock and raises disastrous implications for Lubbock's economic future. But city officials say options are still open for Lubbock after losing the city's biggest taxpayer.

The plant's shutdown will cost Lubbock 680 jobs, and the plant's annual estimated value to the city is \$50 million.

Lubbock will lose more than \$1.5 million annually on Lubbock Independent School District taxes, along with an estimated \$500,000 drop in utility revenues and more than \$600,000 in lost property taxes.

Hill, who has worked closely with the city's economic development for 10 years, predicts a rough path for the future of Lubbock's economy.

"Had this happened to an economy which was in the process of expansion, this would have gone unnoticed," Hill said.

"But when something like this happens to a city whose future is already in question, it puts the city's future in serious jeopardy."

Last year's shutdown of Reese Air Force Base left the city with 2,500 less jobs and soon was followed by the recent hospital merger which Hill predicted would cost the city an additional 1,500 fewer jobs.

The recent drought may cut into Lubbock's agriculture industry, which is the main source

of the city's income.

Hill, who has been predicting difficult times for some time now, also said this could mean increased taxes for citizens.

Regardless of all the ominous-looking factors, Hill said he expects a slow turnaround to begin early in the next century.

Hill bases this prediction on Tech's new Center for the Study of Regional Economics and Industrial Development, which he co-founded with fellow Tech economics professor Robert McComb.

With the support of Chancellor John Montford, the quickly growing program has expanded from 10 to 63 researchers.

Of all the programs Hill has been involved with, this one is the most promising, he said.

"We should be able to turn these disasters around, but it's

going to take some time," Hill said.

Like Hill, many of the community's leaders also said that like any other disasters, the city has to turn its head to the past and look confidently toward the future.

"We have a lot of options as to what we are going to do with the site," said Tony Privett, Lubbock's corporate communications director. "We have to assess the situation, look at our options, and tackle this problem accordingly."



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campus defacing property and ruining flower beds," said deputy chancellor James Crowson about the skateboarding situation.

The new skateboarding policy, unanimously approved by the regents, prohibits skating or skateboarding on streets, elevated sidewalks, access ramps and architectural elements such as fountains, benches and handrails.

The policy forbids using a

skateboard in an unsafe manner and requires that skaters or skateboarders yield right-of-way to pedestrians, bicycles, motor vehicles and wheelchairs.

The regents approved a new faculty review procedure program which requires professors to receive regular performance reviews even after receiving tenure.

The board also approved renovations for the art building on the Tech campus and construction of the new Texas Tech Boulevard.

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New Jersey are the only three states left who still require students to pay for those taxes.

An estimated 30,000 students in Texas work for their universities and pay the tax, including more than 3,100 Tech students.

In a letter to U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, Sharp concluded that Texas' colleges and universities should be given the

opportunity to designate any of their part-time employees as exempt from this tax requirement.

"If this tax were eliminated, schools would save \$14.5 million a year of the total \$29 million which this tax is costing," Kelly Ferro, public relations secretary for Sharp, said.

In response, Gramm agreed with Sharp's plea, concluding that he would work with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson and introduce legislation which would eliminate the tax.

Dave Gruver, manager of wage and salary administration at Tech, however, said that any time students hear of an opportunity to receive quick money, they should be cautious.

"When you hear about a tax cut that's going to result in quick money in your pocket, you should keep your eyes open," Gruver said. "I'm not sure whether this particular legislation is an example, but this is often the case."

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sive recruiting, he said.

Recruiting is especially important in light of Tech's recently increased admission standards, Haragan said. Tech is interested in increasing the quality, not the number, of its

students, and recruiting is a major part of that.

Chancellor John Montford stressed the center's importance in his address to the Tech Board of Regents meeting Friday morning.

"Our ambition is to become a more diverse university," Montford said.

"We are spreading our tentacles far and wide."

Paul Strelzin, vice president of the Texas Tech Dads and Moms Association, was just one El Pasoan thrilled to see the recruitment center operational. Strelzin said he often promotes Tech on his El Paso talk radio program, "Backtalk."

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# Action, adventure flies in 'X-Files' movie

**JAMES WALKER**  
UD Staff Writer

Here's a friendly word of advice to remember when you go see Chris Carter's newest creation, "The X-Files: Fight the Future." Use the restroom before the movie starts.

Don't even think about taking a five-minute jaunt to get your popcorn bucket refilled, then coming back and asking your friends, "What did I miss?" They are likely to just stare at you like a freak. If you missed it, you missed it. It would take too long to explain.

Those people who go to this movie looking for an exciting, supernatural thriller won't be disappointed. They may not understand what's going on at first, but they will catch on fast.

Although the movie is light on character development, they



do answer some questions fans have been asking for years. They even answer some questions nobody thought to ask.

As the end-all, be-all X-Files experience, however, I have to say this movie falls short of the hype. The effects were incredible and the dialogue was well-written (better written than the

series, in my opinion), but people who appreciate the intricacies of the series will understand how much more this movie could have been.

The five-minute cameo by the Lone Gunmen is insulting. It is obvious that the trio was added in as an afterthought, instead of being woven into the plot.

A character we have seen little of, the Well-Manicured Man, is fleshed out in more detail, but opportunities to delve further into the rich pasts and

psyches of Mulder, Scully, Cancer Man or even Skinner are largely ignored.

This is an excellent movie. Both fans and non-fans will be

on the edge of their seats. Miss it, and you'll be totally lost come the season premiere. But for the X-Files epic, you'll have to wait for "X-Files II."

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# Jordan: Jackson departure is 'strictly rumor'

AUSTIN (AP) — Michael Jordan said Monday he hasn't heard from Phil Jackson that the Chicago Bulls coach turned down an offer to stay in Chicago and won't be back next year.

"That's the first I've heard of it," Jordan said at a children's

basketball clinic.

"Until I hear it from Phil, that's strictly rumor. If that's his choice, that's his choice. I respect Phil. But I haven't heard it from Phil yet."

Asked about the matter further, Jordan declined to answer questions.

Jordan repeated that if the Bulls, who just won their sixth NBA championship, change too much he would strongly consider retiring.

"The coaches may not be the same and the players may not be the same, and that would be like starting over," Jordan said in listing possible reasons to

leave the game.

Jordan, however, sounded like a man who would continue his career if things didn't change too much. Whether that meant playing without Jackson as coach, he wouldn't say.

He did, however, say he was optimistic about the possibility of bringing Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman back to Chicago next year.

"I hope Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman will come back," Jordan said. "It will take some time for them to think about it, but I think there's a chance they will."

When asked by a child at-

tending the clinic if he was really going to retire, Jordan said, "I don't know. I want to play with the same guys I've been playing with. If that happens, great. If not, those things happen."

Asked why he would keep playing, Jordan smiled and said, "I still enjoy the game, and there are some young players in the league who still need some lessons."

Jackson, meanwhile, made good on his pledge that this was his last season, turning down an offer from Chicago chairman Jerry Reinsdorf to coach another year, the coach's agent,

*"Until I hear it from Phil, that's strictly rumor."*

**-Michael Jordan  
Chicago Bulls  
guard**

Todd Musburger, confirmed Sunday.

Jackson's departure first was reported in an interview with *Newsweek* magazine which went on sale Monday.

## No Duncan for Spurs in 1998 draft

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — More suspense and less celebration await the San Antonio Spurs in the upcoming NBA draft.

One year after jubilantly selecting Tim Duncan with the No. 1 overall pick, the Spurs are

quietly scouting low first-round players in hopes of finding a perimeter shooter with promise.

"We'll have a wish list," said R.C. Buford, director of scouting for San Antonio. But, Buford noted, many other franchises also are looking for out-

side shooters.

The Spurs have the 24th and 52nd picks Wednesday.

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