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Death row inmate still at large

Huntsville authorities believe escapee missing amid snake-infested woods near prison

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Still confident an escaped death row inmate is on prison property, authorities kept up a dogged pace Sunday, scouring snake-infested woods and creekbeds for convicted killer Martin E. Gurule, who scaled two razor-crowned fences and disappeared three days ago.

Since Friday, when Gurule dodged prison guards' assault rifle fire and made it over two perimeter fences at the Ellis I Unit, helicopters, trucks and dogs have slowly combed more than 17,000 swampy, wooded state-owned acres that surround both Ellis I and the neighboring Estelle Unit.

The rifle blasts stopped six other death row inmates before they could reach the fences about 20 feet away.

On Sunday, Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials braced for Gurule to make his move, certain that three days without food will motivate him to move from his hiding place.

"He just passed 48 hours," noted Glen Castlebury, a TDCJ spokesman. "If he's laying down, he's not doing a great deal of movement, exertion, so he is conserving his strength. For an able-bodied man, 48 hours without food, you are coming up on the time you will expect him to start moving."

Some 500 prison guards, sheriff's deputies and police officer fanned out across a seven-mile area, concentrating their search mainly on the 11,672 acres of the Ellis I grounds, where woods, a few adjacent homes, even deer hunters' blinds could easily hide a man.

Gurule, 29, was sentenced to death for shooting Minnie "Mike" Piperis on Oct. 12, 1992, during a robbery at U&I Restaurant, which Piperis co-owned with his brother, George. Gurule also was charged with killing restaurant worker Anthony Staton, but that case never went to trial.

People in the area, where the prison complex is the main employer, profess no fear at having an inmate on the loose, but admit they're wondering how it happened.

"I don't see how he got out," said Cecilia

York, 36, a former TDCJ guard who now works as a cashier at Mel's Meat Market about 8 miles southwest of the prison.

"No, I'm not worried," she added. "If he comes here, we have lots of knives to throw at him."

Prison officials say Gurule and the six other death row inmates escaped late Thanksgiving evening from a recreation yard fence by cutting a fence with a hacksaw, which has yet to be recovered.

They waited for more than three hours atop the Ellis I Unit's flat-topped roof before making a run for the fences at about 12:15 a.m. Friday. As Gurule hit the second of the two fences circling the prison, a motion detector was set off and tower guards made out the moving bodies in heavy fog and began shoot-

ing. No one was hit.

On Saturday, a homeowner claimed he fired shots at an intruder who fit the fugitive's description, spurring authorities to shift their search about four miles east of the unit. The search was moved back to the prison grounds after authorities concluded Gurule wasn't there, officials said.

Prison spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said Sunday that authorities now believe the homeowner made up the whole incident.

By Sunday morning, searchers redoubled their efforts, targeting the southeast quadrant of the Ellis I grounds, where Gurule's scent had been detected on Friday by dogs.

"There will come a time that he will move, that he will have to move and it is his movement that will be undoing," Castlebury said.

Officials plan relocation of Student Health

Move could take place within the next few years

By Apu Naik
 Staff Writer

Details for the relocation of Student Health Services are being discussed and the move could happen in the next few years.

The Board of Regents introduced the passage of a number of different changes in facilities on campus, including the approval for the relocation of Student Health Services to a new Student/Employee Health center can be established at a location to be determined on campus.

The proposal was the first of its kind, asking for authorization for the Office of the Chancellor to select an architect for the project to establish a planning budget and to develop a schematic design for the new Student/Employee Health Center.

Under the proposal, Thompson Hall, which currently serves as the student and employee health center, would be demolished and a facility would be established on the "general academic campus."

Dee Jackson, director of student health services at Thompson Hall, said she had already begun the process of working with the project's architect, Liz Lonngren, but said the final decisions regarding what to do with the existing building are still being discussed.

"Our major concern right now is to find out how we can provide the most efficient services possible for the students of Texas Tech," Jackson said. "We are conducting surveys and have formed a discussion group to study what needs to be done and what facilities it will take to get it done."

Proposals to switch some of Thompson Hall's operations back to the HSC have been discussed for the past two years.

Doug Mann, vice chancellor of facilities planning, said because the planning and construction of a new student health center would require nearly three to five years, the urgency to finally begin planning became inevitable.

And although many students may be worried the demolition of Thompson Hall may result in their student health services being administered at the Health Sciences Center, Mann said this is not an option.

"The new student health services building will be located somewhere on the main campus, which is what we're trying to determine right now," Mann said. "The HSC functions, which exist within Thompson Hall right now, will eventually go back to the HSC, but within the next five years, Thompson Hall will be replaced by a new building."

Rough and Tough

Red Raider rugby kicks up some risky business

By John Davis
 Staff Writer

It's a game something like American football crossed with soccer. They play with a similarly shaped ball. They try to get a goal at the end of the field.

The difference is, it's illegal to wear padding, and players have to tape their ears down to keep them from getting cauliflower ear or having their ears ripped off. Also, the game doesn't stop after the ball touches the ground. Instead, the players fight one another for the ball until someone gets possession.

It's rough. It's risky. However, to the men who play on the Red Raider Rugby Team, it's a way to relax, deal with stress and make close friends.

"I love every single guy on this team," said Marc Villarreal, president of the rugby team.

"We get the bad reputation of being a bunch of hooligans, but that's not the way it is. Yeah, tempers flare when we're out there playing — which is completely natural because it's a competitive, physical sport — but, immediately afterwards, it's shaking hands and slapping butts. We make up real quick."

Villarreal also said there is a rule in rugby, in which players leave their anger on the field.

"No one's ever tried to retaliate," Villarreal said. "We always get together with the opposing team and have drinks. There's a tradition where the host throws a party for the opposing team."

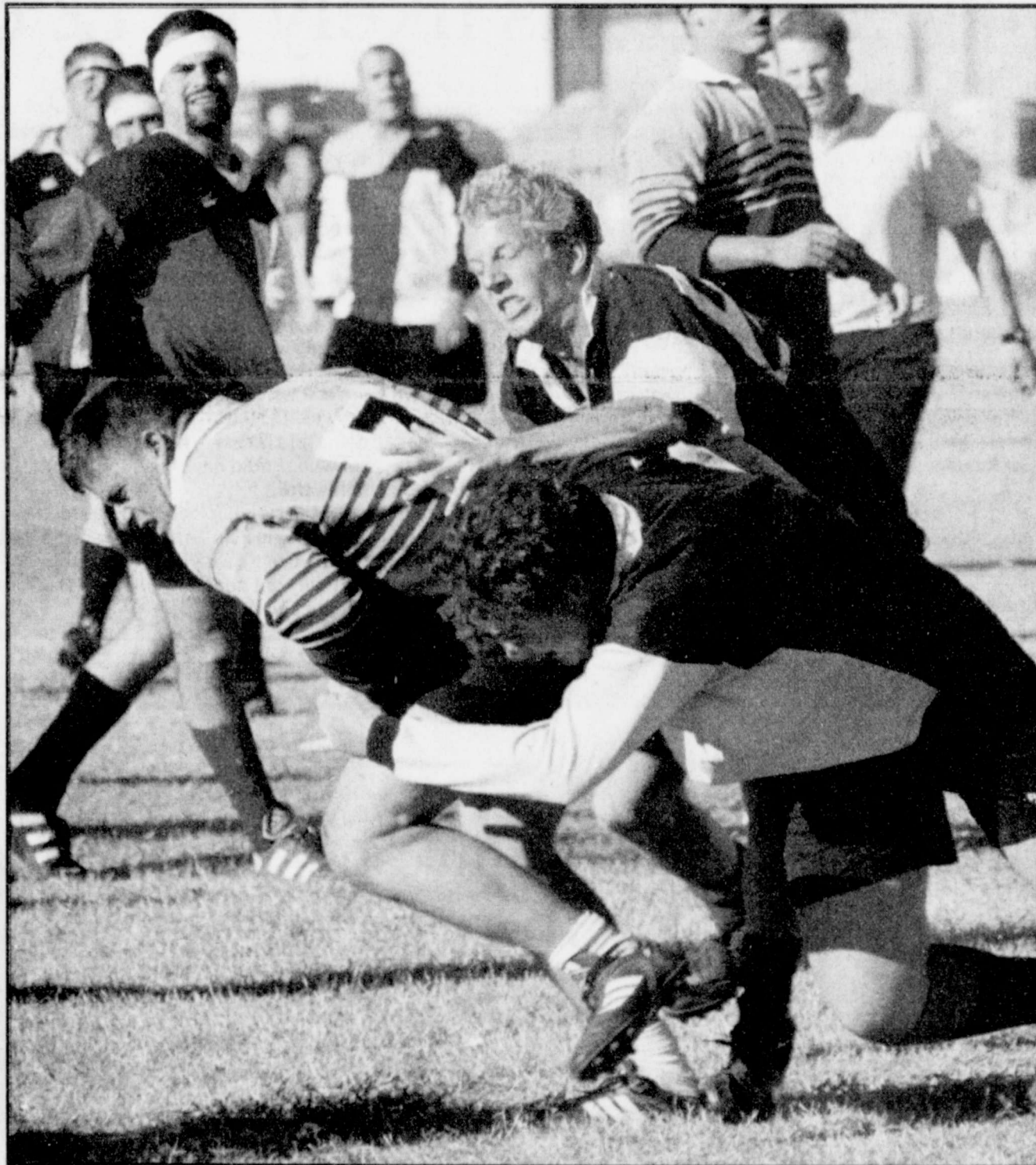
Currently, Villarreal estimated the rugby team's players at around 45, with about 25 players who show up regularly. He also said he is trying to recruit new players to replace those who will graduate.

Two weekends ago, the rugby team beat Midland 56-7, and San Angelo 10-5.

However, their next game will not be until the spring semester.

"There's a saying from Shakespeare — I think it's 'Hamlet' — 'He who sheds blood with me today shall be my brother.' You'll find that on a lot of rugby shirts," said Jason Zubik, the team's social coordinator and a senior MIS, marketing, and business major from Dallas.

Zubik was first exposed to rugby watching and playing with his brother, who played for a Dallas



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Bring Him On Down: Two Texas Tech rugby players take down a San Angelo opponent. The Tech team dominated their opponents, 10-5. The next game will be in the spring.

rugby team.

According to *American & British Sports In Dresden*, Rugby is believed to have been invented in 1823 when a player picked up a soccer ball and ran with it at a game at

the Rugby School in England.

For more information about the Red Raider Rugby Team, visit their website at www.ttu.edu/rugby, or call the Student Recreation Center at 742-3351.

Tech, HSC officials hope to eliminate campus Y2K problems by end of year

By Gretchen Verry
 Staff Writer

Texas Tech and Health Sciences Center analysts hope to have solved Y2K problems facing both entities by the end of the year.

"As for our side, we should have about 98 percent of the project finished by the end of this year, notwithstanding any major setbacks," said Robby McCasland, programmer analyst for HSC.

The problem, named Y2K, which stands for year 2000, is one that faces computers and per-

sonal electronic devices around the world.

When they were designed, most computer designers created computers to only store the last two numbers of the year.

The internal clocks on these computers and other personal electronic devices will read 00 and roll back to 1900. This malfunction could cause some of the devices to cease to work, said Jim Brunjes, vice president for fiscal affairs for Tech.

"We have already replaced about \$300,000 in equipment for the HSC," McCasland said. "All of that is related to the Y2K problem."

McCasland said that the HSC has

contracted with the College of Engineering graduate students to analyze the problem and take steps to correct it.

He said the students should be wrapping up the Lubbock campus this week. They will proceed to the other campuses before the end of the year.

The HSC Student Information System has already been updated, and should be up and running by the end of the year, McCasland said.

Much that remains is research equipment that doesn't need to be updated.

"There are some pieces of equipment where the Y2K problem is not

really an issue because the date on the research is not important to the researcher," McCasland said.

On the Tech side of the issue, about 35 systems remain to be updated, Brunjes said.

"The physical plant side is where the most work remains to be done," Brunjes said.

The team has corrected all of the major aspects of the administrative side, including student records and university records systems, Brunjes said.

"We're hoping to be ready to go with this by the beginning of next year," Brunjes said.

Federal judge, wife found shot to death

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A federal judge and his ailing wife were found shot to death in their home Sunday, federal authorities said.

U.S. District Judge Earl O'Connor, 76, and his wife, Jean Ann O'Connor, 66, were discovered after a nurse who regularly visited the couple's Mission, Kan., home found no answer at their door, the FBI said. The nurse notified a relative, who called police.

Both apparently had been shot once, and investigators found no sign of forced entry, said Jeff Lanza, special agent in the Kansas City office of the FBI.

"The initial investigation would not lead one to conclude that a third person was involved," Lanza said.

The FBI would not say if the case was being treated as a murder-suicide and refused to comment on possible motives.

Police in Mission, Kan., a suburb of Kansas City, were also investigating, but deferred all questions to the FBI.

U.S. District Judge G. Thomas VanBebber, who had known O'Connor since 1960, said O'Connor was in good health and active. But O'Connor's wife had been "quite ill recently and had been in poor health," VanBebber said.

"I think that stressed the judge considerably," he said.

Lanza said autopsies were scheduled.

lifestyles

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MTV, Eve 6 hit Tech with campus invasion

By Sebastian Kitchen Staff Writer

Seven months ago, the members of Eve 6 were touring the country in a van. In August, the band was touring the southern United States as temperatures were scorching and the van's air conditioner was failing. Life was not easy for the Los Angeles-based pop punk trio. And heat was not the only thing. Some nights Eve 6 would play to crowds of only 10 people.

As the single "Inside Out" hit radio airwaves, reaching No. 1 on the charts, Eve 6 graduated to a bus. Since then, life has been a little easier for the three young men, of which none are more than 21.

Eve 6 has been on the road with Third Eye Blind for four months. First, Our Lady Peace was on the

bill, then Third Eye Blind started the Bonfire leg of the tour and picked up Eve 6. Now, the two bands are on the MTV Campus Invasion Tour set to hit Texas Tech Tuesday.

"The crowds have definitely been different," said drummer Tony Fagenson on the phone from Tampa, Fla. "The crowds have been older. In some places, the tickets were not opened to the public, they were just sold to college students. They seem to be a little more in tune with what you are doing. They understand the lyrics better."

Fagenson has been with the band for two years. Lead singer and vocalist Max Collins and guitarist Jon Siebels started playing together in high school.

Through mutual friends, Fagenson met Collins and Siebels

auditioned to play for the band.

Fagenson, then a freshman at the University of Southern California, was in search of who to do with his life. After auditioning and joining what would become Eve 6, Fagenson's schoolwork started to suffer. His mind was not on school. "I was going to college, and I was lost at the time," Fagenson said. "At the first rehearsal, we knew it was going to be cool."

The rehearsal was almost supernatural. The connection between the current members of the band and Fagenson was immediately obvious.

"And that's when my college grades started to dip," he said. Most people were clueless as to who Eve 6 was until "Inside Out" tore apart radio and video.

The video for the song "Leech" is being played now on music tele-

vision stations. The band manages to combine anger, unrest and a longing for acceptance into catchy punk and power pop music. The trio was proud of the self-titled debut but did not know how the album would do at radio.

"We had a feeling if it got to people through radio, they would listen," Fagenson said. "If it got the attention it deserved, we felt it would get played. We were not sure how people would react."

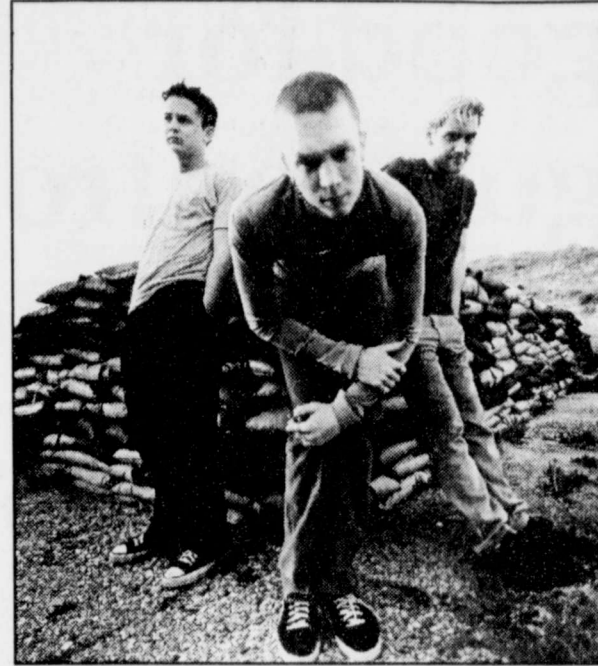
Since the release of the album, the band has been featured in Rolling Stone magazine and has appeared on many television shows including "The Late Show with David Letterman."

"We didn't expect it to stay around as long as it has," he said. "It hit number one. We released the song in March. It's great."

For now, Fagenson is happy on

Eve 6

TIME: 7 p.m. doors open, 8 p.m. Eve 6 takes stage
DATE: Tuesday
LOCATION: Fair Park Coliseum at South Plains Fair Grounds
DETAILS: General Admission tickets are \$24.25. Tickets are available at both Ralph Records, 909 University and 3322 82nd Street, at Area Select-A-Seat by calling 790-2000 and at the UC ticket booth



Eve 6 Courtesy photo

the road. Eve 6 is prospering. College life or life in a van are no where in the near future for the three young men in Eve 6.

Students balance pressure of school and ballet

By Laura Hensley Staff Writer

Between school, a 40-hour-work week and two hours of rehearsal each day, Nisa Ward and Angie Gulio must stay on their toes.

The two Texas Tech students flutter from class to work at Ballet Lubbock, to teach dance classes and then on to their own ballet practice. They say only their love of dancing is what keeps them going.

"I look forward to dancing everyday," said Gulio, a junior early childhood development major from Houston. "After coming from school and then teaching two dance classes, it's my time to relax and let go."

Despite a few aches, pains and final exams, the two dancers will perform in the classical ballet, "The Nutcracker" Dec. 11-13.

"It's hard being a dancer and going to school," said Ward, a junior fashion design major from Providence, R.I. "It's hard to discipline yourself. It's hard work and it's challenging."

Ward said her first exposure to ballet came when she was about six years old when her mother took her to see "The Nutcracker." Ward was fascinated with the graceful dancers and the beauty of their movements.

"That's when I knew I wanted to dance," she said.

After years of practice and perfection, Ward has made her dream of becoming a dancer come true and

now is a veteran to the ballet that stole her heart. This year will mark Ward's fourth performance in "The Nutcracker." She will be a featured soloist in the production as the Dew Drop Fairy.

Gulio will be featured as the Sugar Plum Fairy and also is dancing the role of the Arabian Princess. Gulio said she is little nervous about dancing with guest dancer from the American Ballet Theater in New York, Jonathon Fagen. He is one of three guest artists who will perform this year.

"He's a big-time pro," Gulio said. "I can't even sleep at night because I only get to practice with him three

days before the performance."

Gulio and Ward are only two members of a cast of about 145. "The Nutcracker" is directed by Yvonne Racz.

She said the production will help kick off Ballet Lubbock's 30th anniversary season.

"There are going to be a few new changes in the ballet this year," Racz said. "There are some new costumes, backdrops and an increased level of difficulty in the choreography."

Performances of "The Nutcracker" are Dec. 11-13 at the Lubbock Civic Center Theater. The show will be at 8 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available through Select-A-Seat by calling 770-2000.

Ticket costs range from \$10 to \$18. Students can receive a discount of \$1 off the original price.

It's hard being a dancer and going to school.

Nisa Ward Tech student/dancer

Big bargains rule for holiday shopping

NEW YORK (AP) — Bargain hunters flocked to stores during the first days of the holiday shopping season, with merchants who offered deep discounts and low prices faring best over the Thanksgiving weekend.

"Price remains No. 1 on everyone's list, and we saw that shoppers would buy if they thought the price was right," said Kurt Barnard, a retail consultant and president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report in Upper Montclair, N.J.

Retailers are optimistic about the holiday season, thanks in part to the recent rise in consumer confidence and sharp gains on Wall Street.

But even in these healthy economic times, consumers put value above most else when making a purchase, and discount stores like Wal-Mart and Target were big winners over the weekend.

Many merchants are going to great lengths to encourage shoppers to buy early in the season, rather than wait until the days before and after Christmas, when stores slash prices significantly to clear out inventories.

The biggest push came Friday, when more merchants than ever opened before dawn and used incentives — ranging from giveaways to significant price cuts — to entice shoppers to arrive early.

The promotions drew record crowds to some malls, with some stores reporting that thousands of people were waiting for their doors to open.

"I saved \$100," Joe DiMattia said proudly after he bought a new coat for his wife at the Quakerbridge Mall in Lawrence Township, N.J.

TeleCheck Services Inc., a check approval service, said the amount of sales paid for by check on Friday rose 4.4 percent from the same day a year ago.

Many stores, however, reported that sales slowed as the weekend progressed. That was attributed to fewer promotions and warmer-than-usual weather throughout much of the country.

"The stores that offered the great deals early on were absolutely the most successful this weekend," said Kimberly Baughman, general manager of the Great Lakes Crossing mall in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Even with the slowdown Saturday, many stores reported healthy sales for the weekend, and merchants hope that the season will end with as much excitement as it started with on Friday.

But many remained cautious, knowing that any stock market volatility or unusual weather in the coming weeks could keep shoppers home.

Forget the ham, Thanksgiving was for bugs and rats

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "A Bug's Life" broke box office records for Thanksgiving weekend and "The Rugrats Movie" remained strong against tough competition. But the troubled porker sequel "Babe: Pig in the City" got walloped, estimates showed Sunday.

It was a banner weekend for Disney, which had three of the top five films — "A Bug's Life," "Enemy of the State" and "Waterboy" — and about 60 percent of the total box office take for the Top 10.

Overall, the studio reaped more than \$92 million over the five-day

holiday weekend, making up for such recent financial duds as "Beloved" and "Holy Man."

In its first weekend of wide release, "A Bug's Life," the computer-animated story of an ant colony threatened by greedy grasshoppers, brought in \$46.5 million over the Wednesday-through-Sunday weekend. That made it the biggest Thanksgiving movie for Disney, topping the live-action "101 Dalmatians," which had \$45.1 million in 1996.

The big loser this holiday weekend was "Babe: Pig in the City," the sequel to the successful 1995 film

about a lovable pig. It opened to just \$8.5 million for fifth place.

Also getting buried in the crush of bug and rugrat films was the Drew Barrymore-starring, "Home Fries," a quirky romantic comedy that grossed just \$5.2 million for ninth, behind Jerry Springer's lowbrow "Ringmaster" with \$5.3 million for eighth.

It was also a very bad weekend for "Very Bad Things," the black comedy about a bachelor party.

Here are estimated grosses at North American theaters for Wednesday through Sunday as compiled by

Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

- 1. "A Bug's Life," \$46.5 million.
2. "The Rugrats Movie," \$27.6 million.
3. "Enemy of the State," \$25.7 million.
4. "The Waterboy," \$19.9 million.
5. "Babe: Pig in the City," \$8.5 million.
6. "Meet Joe Black," \$8.1 million.
7. "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer," \$6.5 million.
8. "Ringmaster," \$5.3 million.
9. "Home Fries," \$5.2 million.
10. "Very Bad Things," \$4.7 million.

People Briefly

Michael Jackson wants son to attend boarding school

LONDON (AP) — Michael Jackson wants to send his 21-month-old son, Prince, to an expensive British boarding school when he reaches high school age. The Sunday Telegraph reported.

Jackson has sent a representative to inspect Stowe and to inquire about booking a place for the boy at the private school in Buckinghamshire, about 50 miles northwest of London, the newspaper said.

The best-known past pupil of Stowe — which costs nearly \$25,000 a year — is Richard

Branson, the flamboyant tycoon whose Virgin company name adorns everything from record stores and clothing to an airline.

The school declined to comment. But approval came from another past pupil, Lord McAlpine, whose family made a fortune out of construction and who is a former treasurer of Britain's Conservative Party.

"All (Stowe) old boys are individuals and it's just the place for someone slightly eccentric, as I imagine this boy will be," said McAlpine.

'Practice' star prefers TV to movies

NEW YORK (AP) — Dylan McDermott turned to TV hoping that audiences would finally start looking beyond his handsome face.

"One of the reasons I took 'The Practice' was because I was sick of the movies I was getting," McDermott says in the December issue of US magazine. "I was happy it wasn't about the guy's looks, but about what his struggle is."

McDermott debuted in the 1987 film "Hamburger Hill," appeared in "Steel Magnolias" in 1989, and had a decent role opposite Clint Eastwood in the 1993 film "In the Line of Fire."

Then came a string of forgettable parts in box-office flops like "Destiny," "Til There Was You," "Turns on the Radio" and "Where

Sleeping Dogs Lie."

"The Practice," in which McDermott plays a fiery attorney leading a firm of right-minded lawyers fighting for justice, won an Emmy for best drama in September, beating better-known shows like "ER" and "NYPD Blue."

Feeling like he's finally arrived, McDermott realizes he got into acting as a way to deal with the pain of growing up without a mother.

His died when he was 5 years old.

"When my mom died, I felt invisible psychologically, so from that point on, my goal was to be seen," McDermott said. "Acting wasn't about making a career choice. It was almost like I had to become an actor to heal that scar."

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VIEWPOINTS

Measure good for gun control

December gun buyers will hit a snag during the busiest gun-buying month of the year. A new system of background checks is beginning today.

The system, part of the 1993 Brady Act, will begin new federal instant background checks.

According to *The Associated Press*, the new law will require background approval for people buying long guns and shotguns, as well as handguns.



Laura Hipp
Editor

In the past, state and local police performed voluntary background checks on handgun buyers only.

There's only one thing to say about the newest Brady development — finally.

Now, buyers of guns must be checked out before buying.

About 12 million firearms are sold each year in the nation, according to *The AP*.

The new measure will cover those guns and another 2.5 million "when an owner retrieves a firearm from a pawn shop."

I truly am glad the government is taking more measures to ensure the safety of its citizens.

The sad part is that we can't be trusted to not shoot each other during moments of rage or recent releases from prison.

But of course, this will upset one loud group — the hunters.

Card-carrying NRA members will just have to plan a little in advance before buying their weapon of choice.

They'll soon have Charlton Heston arguing about how this further infringes on the Second Amendment.

Just remember, it was an amendment written when men in wigs took time to load their guns and shot bears and other North American wildlife.

Unfortunately, that's not what these guns are used for anymore.

Too many times they are used to punish a wife for standing her ground or an enemy for wearing a clashing color.

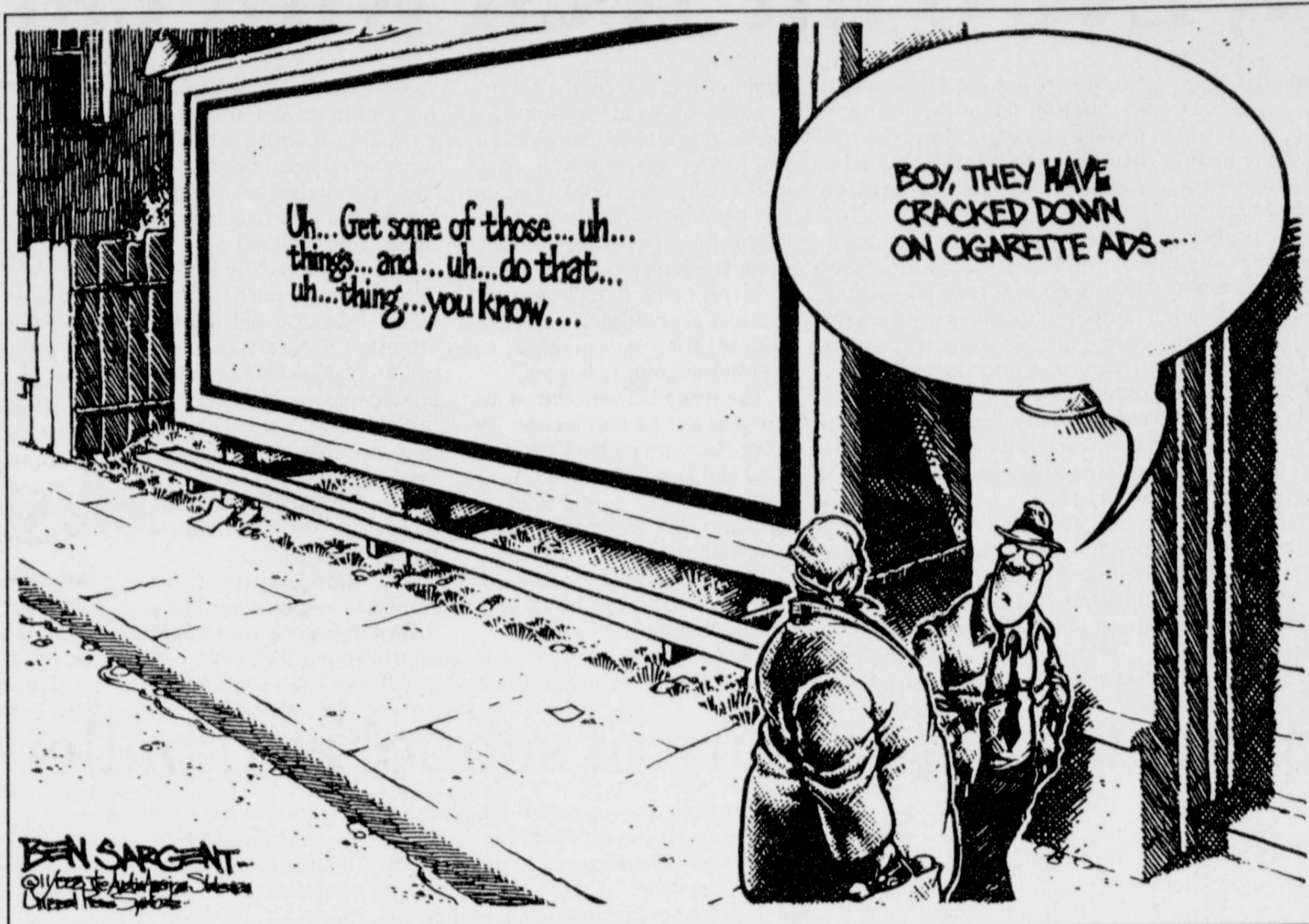
The other argument thrown around is usually used toward women.

"You wouldn't want that pretty face of yours blown away while you were waiting for your gun."

Yes, that's true.

But I also wouldn't want to be shot by someone who escaped from death row and bought a gun an hour before he saw me.

Laura Hipp is a senior journalism major from Mesquite.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lubbock police cause problems after games

To the editor: I would like to sympathize with Brandon Couch's letter to the editor about the situation he encountered with Lubbock police. I work at the Texas Tech University Library. Even though a big game is going on, the library is still required to stay open until 10 p.m. on Saturdays. I had no trouble getting to work; (I was dropped off). However, it was a whole different situation when I got off of work.

I was not too worried when my sister did not arrive early to pick me up like she usually does.

So, I walked outside after the library closed, expecting her to be waiting in the parking lot. Little did I know that my poor sister was frantically trying to find a way onto campus to pick me up. After driving around to each campus entrance and finding no access, she decided to try and explain her situation to an officer.

No sooner had she stopped and opened her mouth, the officer proceeded to interrupt her and rudely demand her to leave the area. He also lectured her on pulling up into a place where a police officer had set up a road block, even though the officer had not turned on his road block lights until after my sister pulled up.

Meanwhile, I was waiting outside in the cold and poorly lit campus, having to listen to guys shout things at me as they passed by in their cars, after leaving the game.

I was unable to go back into the library because the

security guard locks the library at closing time and cannot let anyone in. I had to wait outside for 45 minutes, so I would not miss my sister.

I think that Tech and the LPD must and need to consider that some people have to get on campus for reasons other than the football game. If this is not possible, then Tech should close the library and other facilities before, during, and after game time. Otherwise it would be helpful for employees to be notified ahead of time, or officers should at least try being a little polite and helpful as I was brought up believing they would be.

Christina Medina
library student assistant

Tech student deserves recognition for kindness

To the editor: You hear a great deal these days regarding the young people who are getting into trouble on a constant basis, but not much is said about the responsible, hard-working, caring individuals whom I have had the privilege of associating with during my 17 years of employment at Texas Tech University in the School of Mass Communications.

There are far too many to list in this limited space, but one of those outstanding students is Todd Crosswhite. He has maintained a high grade point average during his career at Texas Tech as well as being involved in numerous organizations and activities outside of class.

He has also managed to retain his friendly, helpful attitude which he exhibits toward everyone he encounters in his routine daily living endeavors.

I was very honored to have been selected by Todd to attend the "Apple Polishing" event which is sponsored by Mortar Board.

The members are asked to choose two acquaintances whom they have encountered during their college career who have significantly contributed to their learning and living experiences and perhaps helped them through some hard times as well. I sincerely appreciate Todd selecting me to share in this very special and rewarding event.

As I said, I have been most privileged to have known many, many fine students (and faculty and staff) over the years.

It is quite heartwarming when a former student comes back to Lubbock for a visit and contacts me either by phone or in person — just to say "Hi!" and thank me for all the help I gave them during their college days. I always convey to them that it is not difficult to be nice to nice people.

I felt I needed to write this letter of thanks and have it published in order for Todd to receive the recognition he deserves, and know how much it has meant to me to work with and get to know him during these past few years. When I do retire, I will certainly miss all the exceptional people I've worked with and developed friendships with during my years at Tech.

Vicki K. Raymond
School of Mass Communications

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All holidays important to celebrate

Gretchen Verry
Staff Writer

Well, I think we should all pat ourselves on the back and be thankful that we've survived one more Thanksgiving holiday.

The family has all been sent packing, the memories of yet another holiday still linger in the form of leftovers. However, this year, I've felt like something is missing — Thanksgiving.

Maybe it's the fact that my family read our Christmas lists at the Thanksgiving table or that my neighbors had had their own rendition of Santa's workshop in their front yard for the past month, but I don't feel like we have given any rec-

ognition to what we were celebrating in the first place.

Whatever happened to paper turkeys and first grade plays about the Pilgrims and the Indians?

What about falling leaves and pumpkin pie? If it were not for newscasts of turkey orphans, this whole holiday would have passed me by. I woke up one day at the dining room table with a fork in my hand and turkey in front of me and wondered what is this all about?

Don't get me wrong, Christmas is a very important and magical time of year, but since when did the Christmas season start in October and end around mid-July?

Just walking through the mall, we are bombarded with plastic snowmen and guys with bells.

My family follows Northern traditions, we always put the Christmas tree up the week before Christmas. I used to wonder about people that had their trees up at the beginning of December.

I went over to a friend's house in mid-November and felt like I had entered some twisted version of the North Pole.

My question is why? What's the rush? Why do we even bother to take down the lights and tinsel if only for six months? I mean, I'm as lazy as anyone else, I still have Halloween

decorations up, but lately, it's seemed that holidays have begun to overlap themselves.

Stores have Halloween decorations in August, and Christmas is all year long.

Whatever happened to the lesser known, less commercial holidays?

In the hustle and bustle of this holiday season, let us remember and be thankful for our many and varied holidays and history, and keep in mind that Christmas is not the only important day of the year.

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Tech chops down Cardinal

STANFORD, Calif. (Special) — A three-game road trip ended on a high note for the No. 15 Texas Tech Lady Raiders with a 75-69 over the Stanford Cardinal Friday night at Maples Pavilion.

"I think it's huge for us," Tech guard Rene Hanebutt said after the Lady Raiders' first-ever victory at Stanford. "This win does a lot for our basketball team. It really gives us the confidence going into the Big 12. Coming into Maples Pavilion and getting a win is huge for any program."

The Lady Raiders (3-1 overall) started to score on the Cardinal early. Stanford's (1-4 overall) only win on the season came against former No. 1 Purdue.

Tech post Angie Braziel, who scored a team-high 17 points, poured



in the first five points of the game to help the Lady Raiders take a 5-0 lead at the 18:22 mark of the first half.

Stanford crept back to an 8-8 tie with less than 13 minutes to go in the first half, but an 18 percent shooting percentage from the field in the first half held the Cardinal back from making any huge runs on the lead.

After Hanebutt hit a three-pointer at the 11:08 mark to put Tech up 11-8, the Lady Raiders began to make a run. Tech was a combined 7-of-14 behind the three-point arc in the contest.

"I think it was really key for us to shoot the ball well from the outside

because it really opened the floor up for our post players," Hanebutt said. "Angie did a great job tonight. Keitha (Dickerson), A.J. (Aleah Johnson), all of our post players did a great job of knocking down their shots. I think the reason why they got a lot of those because we knocked down some early outside buckets, which opened up inside play for them."

After more key three-pointers and strong inside play, the Lady Raiders took a 31-18 lead into the locker room.

The Lady Raiders improved on their first-half performance early in the second stanza by jumping out to leads as big as 20 points, but Stanford was not done for the night.

Cued by a 19-point, second-half effort from Lindsey Yamasaki, Stanford began to slice into the Lady

Raider lead.

The Cardinal cut the lead down to five in the final minute of the game, but Tech drained key free-throws down the stretch to pick up the win.

"We felt like they had some great shooters out there on the floor and they were going to push it at us," Hanebutt said. "They weren't going to give up. So we tried the best we could to go out and get those shooters. We knew it was going to come down to them fouling us, and we knew we had to make those free-throws down at the end for us to win. Luckily, everybody stepped up and knocked down some key free-throws for us."

The Lady Raiders are next in action at 7 p.m. Wednesday against Texas-San Antonio at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Ragin' Cajuns hand Red Raiders first loss

The Texas Tech men's basketball team went 1-1 over the Thanksgiving holiday beating New Mexico State, 70-43, Wednesday in Lubbock but losing to Southwestern Louisiana, 60-56, Saturday in Lafayette, La.

In Wednesday's defeat of the Aggies, Tech's (3-1 overall) defense held New Mexico State to a 25 percent field goal percentage as the Aggies managed only 15 points in the first half.

Junior guard Rayford Young had a double-double with 13 points and 11 assists.

Junior forward Cliff Owens led the way in rebounding for Tech, pulling down 16 rebounds against

the Aggies.

Saturday, Tech suffered its first loss of the season on the road against the Ragin' Cajuns of Southwestern Louisiana.

Tech was hampered by 19 turnovers, while Southwestern Louisiana had only eight turnovers.

The Red Raiders led 28-27 at half time but were outscored 33-28 in the second half en route to their first loss of the season.

Reginald Poole poured in 27 points for Southwestern Louisiana as the Ragin' Cajuns picked up their first victory of the season. Poole drained two key free-throws with time running out to help pick up the victory.

College football set for dramatic conclusion in final week

(AP) — This could be close.

College football is set for a dramatic finish next weekend, when three games will determine which two teams play in the Fiesta Bowl with the national title on the line.

And if each of the top three teams — No. 1 Tennessee, No. 2 Kansas State and No. 3 UCLA — win on Saturday, the Bowl Championship Series and its computer chips decide which team gets left out.

"It's been a tight race throughout the season and if all three win on Saturday, it would have been a tight race to the finish," Roy Kramer, chairman of the BCS and commissioner of the SEC, said Sunday.

"We feel confident in our system and look forward to next week when we designate teams for each BCS bowl."

The new BCS standings, based on the AP media poll and the coaches'

poll, three computer rankings, strength-of-schedule and number of losses, will be released Monday.

The final standings come out on Sunday.

Tennessee (11-0) is expected to remain in first place this week after its 41-0 rout of Vanderbilt on Saturday. UCLA (10-0) had a comfortable lead over third-place Kansas State (11-0), but the Wildcats are still hopeful of overtaking the Bruins after Saturday's games.

Saturday's glamour games include a makeup, a potential mismatch and a Midwest showdown for the Big 12 title.

— UCLA travels cross country for its rescheduled game with Miami (7-3). The game was originally set for Sept. 26, but postponed due to Hurricane Georges.

Miami was clobbered 66-13 by No. 18 Syracuse on Saturday, giving the

Orangemen (8-3) the Big East title a berth in either the Sugar or Orange Bowl.

— At Atlanta, Tennessee should be big favorites to win their second straight SEC title when they play No. 23 Mississippi State (8-3). The Bulldogs, who beat Arkansas 22-21 last week, topped Mississippi 28-6 on Saturday to get a shot at the Vols.

— At St. Louis, K-State takes on No. 10 Texas A&M (10-2) for the Big 12 title. The Aggies enter the game wounded after a last-minute 26-24 loss to Texas that ended their 10-game winning streak.

The stakes are huge for the Wildcats. Even a win doesn't guarantee them a spot in the Fiesta, but they'll do no worse than the Sugar. A loss, though, could drop them to the Alamo Bowl, with the Aggies ending up in New Orleans.

Notre Dame (9-2) fell out of the

BCS picture after its 10-0 loss to Southern California (8-4) on Saturday night. It looks like the Irish will play in the Gator Bowl against Georgia Tech (9-2), a 21-19 winner over Georgia (8-3) on Saturday.

No. 6 Arizona (11-1), a 50-42 winner over Arizona State on Friday, is the likely Rose Bowl opponent for No. 8 Wisconsin, but only if UCLA beats Miami. If the Bruins lose, they will play in the Rose and the Wildcats could end up in the Holiday Bowl.

Four of the eight BCS berths have been clinched — by conference champions UCLA (Pac-10), Florida State (ACC) Wisconsin (Big Ten) and Syracuse (Big East).

The Big 12 and SEC champs get the other automatic bids, with No. 5 Ohio State, Arizona and No. 7 Florida the top candidates for two at-large spots.

One of the more intriguing



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Roy Kramer
BCS chairman

matchups could be No. 20 Texas vs. No. 11 Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl, a rivalry renewal from the days of the old Southwest Conference.

Other possible matchups could find Florida against No. 15 Michigan in the Citrus, Georgia vs. No. 22 Penn State in the Outback, and No. 13 Nebraska vs. No. 21 Oregon in the Holiday.

Also, No. 9 Tulane (11-0) is set to

play BYU (9-3) in the Liberty Bowl, while No. 14 Virginia (9-2) will likely meet Kentucky (7-4) in the Peach. Look for Central Florida (9-2) to play North Carolina State (7-4) in the Miron PC Bowl, Alabama (7-4) vs. Miami or West Virginia (8-3) in the Music City and Missouri (7-4) vs. Miami or West Virginia in the Insight.com.

The final bowl matchups should be set by next Sunday.

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Nightlife offers shows in spring

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From actress/activist Yolanda King (daughter of Martin Luther King, Jr.) to acclaimed theatrical director/designer Julie Taymor, the 1998-99 NightLife Series offered by Texas Tech University Center Activities, provides all kinds of opportunities that you don't want to miss.

In February, the NightLife Series is back in full swing when it opens with respected jazz artists, Chick Corea & Gary Burton in their Duets program Feb. 2.

Dana Bowman, the only double-amputee to re-enlist in the U.S. Army's elite Golden Knights (a sky diving team) will inspire audience members with his tale of drive and determination on Feb. 11.

Feb. 18 brings Yolanda King to the UC Allen Theatre.

Ms. King will combine her dramatic talents with information on her involvement in such organizations as the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc., the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

The Urban Bush Women, a contemporary dance company, will bring a really different program of music, movement and spoken word that is rooted in the folklore and spiritual traditions of African-Americans on Feb. 24.

March offers even more imagination. The Watts Prophets, the poetic forefathers of Rap, will give their per-

spective on time and wisdom Mar. 6.

On Mar. 9, Julie Taymor, Tony Award winning director and designer of Disney's "Lion King on Broadway," will share her road to Broadway success, and explain the vision behind all those amazing puppets, special effects and unreal scenery found in her shows.

April provides truly different visions of culture and history. The Orquesta Sinfonica Nacional De Mexico (The National Symphony Orchestra of Mexico) offers the unusual opportunity to hear music composed by Mexican composers at the hands of the very popular conductor, Enrique Diemecke, on Apr. 18.

The 1998-99 season will conclude with a performance by one of the top-touring classical theater companies in the United States. The Acting Company will perform Moliere's "Tartuffe" on Apr. 6, posing the question, "Would you give up your family and all your possessions for a little piece of heaven?"

NightLife Series tickets can be purchased now in a "choose your own" package, or you can get them in the form of a NightLife Gold Card. The NightLife Gold Card costs \$25 for Tech students (\$50 for the general public) and can be exchanged for any four tickets the patron desires (four tickets to one event, two tickets to two events, etc.).

Individual tickets are on sale about two weeks before each event. So, if you want to be sure that you do not miss out or you want to give the gift of one or more great nights out call 742-3610, or come by the UC Ticket Booth in room 228 of the UC.

Honoring AIDS victims

College friends speak to Tech about experiences



HIV-positive Joel Goldman and college friend T.J. Sullivan will educate students about coping with AIDS at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the UC Allen Theatre.

One of the most life-changing experiences that college students choose not to be aware of is HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Joel Goldman spent a portion of his college life at Indiana University at fraternity parties, drinking and having unprotected sex. But when Joel Goldman discovered he was infected with HIV, he was thrown into the challenge of living with this disease.

Goldman and his fraternity friend T.J. Sullivan are now touring the United States to bring their message to college students across the nation. They will speak at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the UC Allen Theatre. Admission is free.

Goldman and Sullivan are teaching students how to reduce the risk of themselves and their friends becoming infected with HIV, as well as challenging the stereotypes involving AIDS.

Their program, "Friendship in the

Age of AIDS," blends humor and real-life college scenarios to convey a message to the college audience. Goldman and Sullivan travel full-time with their program to more than 100 campuses each academic year. Since they began travelling in 1993, their program has become one of the most popular programs among the nation's colleges.

Their program centers around Goldman's experiences as a fraternity member and the risks that he took when mixing unprotected sex with alcohol.

Sullivan teaches students about the effect of alcohol on decision-making, the workings of the HIV virus and ways students can reduce risk and prevent infection. The program appeals to college students because it resembles a comedy concert with the use and adult themes to capture the audience.

For more information, call UC Programs at 742-3621.

UCP programs remember World AIDS Day

AIDS at this time has no cure. It is caused by the HIV virus and leaves the body defenseless against many rare illnesses.

Last year alone, about 22.6 million people around the world were living with the HIV virus. There were three million new infections last year. Many people still do not realize this horrendous disease affects students. Current estimates suggest one out of every three students at Tech has some form of an STD, some being HIV.

University Center Programs is once again recognizing World AIDS Day with a number of programs. World AIDS Day activities will span two days. Events are taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday and most are free.

HIV/AIDS affects all populations, including the art community. To show what the world would be losing, many artists across the country have banded together to present A Day Without Art.

Works of art are draped in black to show how lifeless our world would be without art. A Day Without Art will take place around the Tech campus and other locations in town on Tuesday.

An educational session will be presented by Impact Tech about the dangers of the HIV/AIDS virus. This will be at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday in the UC Senate Room.

Free confidential HIV testing will be available from 1-5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the UC Bell Tower Room. Testing is being provided by the Texas

Department of Health.

Christopher Reeve's directorial debut, "In the Gloaming" will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the UC Allen Theatre. The film deals with a family coming to terms with a son who is dying from AIDS and the emotional problems that have kept them apart. Cost is \$4 for the general public and \$2 for Tech students.

Wednesday in the UC Courtyard, there will be a theatrical presentation at noon for free. Panels from the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt will be displayed on in the UC Courtyard.

The Art Department is presenting a short commemoration program titled "Memories and Lives" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Art Department studio gallery. The Art Department will be presenting The Wall: Living

Memories and Tributes from 8 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Art Department Hall Gallery.

The highlight of these two days is the Friendship in the Age of AIDS program. Joel Goldman, after finding he was HIV positive, joined together with an old fraternity friend, T.J. Sullivan to educate students on the dangers of HIV and the college student. The program will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the UC Allen Theatre. Admission is free.

Take a stand in the fight against AIDS by recognizing World AIDS Day. Most of the World AIDS Day events are free and are an excellent opportunity for education on HIV/AIDS. If you have questions or need information on events, contact University Center Programs at 742-3621.

Program looking to carry on tradition

The 45-year-old Masked Rider tradition soon will be seeking the next Texas Tech student who will wear the symbolic mask and cape.

The 1998-1999 Masked Rider, Dusty Abney, is presenting the last Masked Rider information meeting.

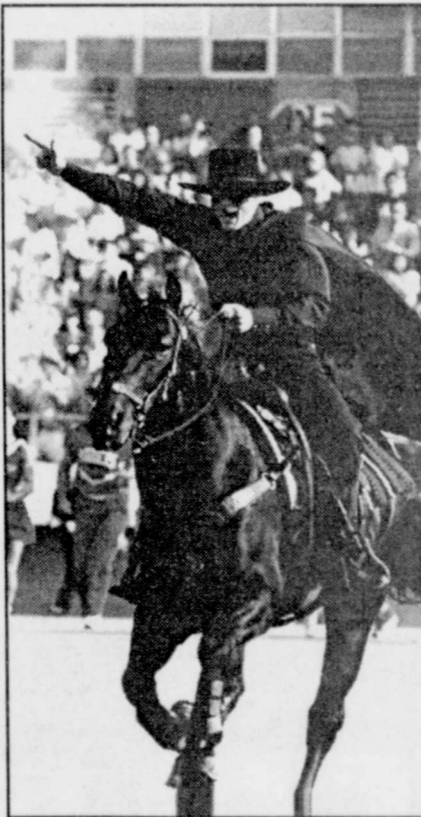
Abney, an animal science major from Athens, is currently representing Tech as the 37th Masked Rider.

If you would like to be entered into the history of Texas Tech as the 38th Masked Rider (or subsequent years), you need to attend this informational meeting offered by the Masked Rider program.

This last meeting will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Masked Rider Room of the University Center.

You can find out about requirements necessary for the tryout process and discuss what is involved in being the Masked Rider.

Don't let the opportunity of serving as the icon of Texas Tech pass you by.



Mark your calendar

- Nov. 30 Spirit of Sharing continues through Dec. 9
- Dec. 1 World AIDS Day, Day Without Art
- The Wall: Living Memories and Tributes, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Art Department Hall Gallery
- Free, Confidential HIV Testing, 1-5:30 p.m., UC Bell Tower Room
- World AIDS Day Commemoration Program: Memories and Lives, 6:30 p.m., Art Department Studio Gallery

- UCP Films presents "In the Gloaming," 7:30 p.m., UC Allen Theatre
- Dec. 2 Breakout! noon, UC Courtyard
- Friendship in the Age of AIDS, 8 p.m., UC Allen Theatre, free
- Dec. 5 Project Impact Service Project, 7-9 p.m., South Plains AIDS Resource Center
- Dec. 9 1999-2000 Masked Rider Information Session, 6 p.m., UC Masked Rider Room

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Raider ace Hughes shines

By Jeff Keller
Staff Writer

Texas Tech sophomore outside hitter and defensive specialist Heather Hughes has played volleyball since the seventh grade.

The Arizona native is the all-time leader in aces for a sophomore in Red Raider history with 43 so far this season, and she has 76 career aces at Tech.

She started every match her freshman season and leads the team in games played this season as well.

But a back injury suffered in high school made the road to her success at Tech a little harder to travel.

"My freshman year I was playing Junior Olympics and it was the championship match," Hughes said. "I went up to hit a ball back row and I came down and landed on my tail bone and that ruptured a disc in my back."

Hughes went through 18 months of therapy following the injury, and then she had surgery to repair the injury.

After her injury, Hughes returned to the volleyball courts to lead Xavier College Prep to the 1996 Arizona state championship, and she was named SA Arizona State Player of the Year.

Having coached Hughes before she came to Tech, Red Raider coach Jeff Nelson said he was familiar with Hughes' back injury and was impressed with the way that she came back from it.

"At some points they wondered if her career would be over," Nelson said of Hughes' back injury. "She knew she wanted to keep playing and she had back surgery. She went through a solid year of rehab and worked really hard through it. She traveled to San Diego from Arizona to do rehab a number of times with a really good doctor.

"To me it's amazing that she can still play at this level. Backs are pretty intricate things. It's not like a foot or a knee. All of those things are important, but a spine injury can be so critical and it really is amazing that she has been able to come back and play."

Hughes is majoring in exercise and sports science and hopes to be a coach when she graduates.

Hughes is coaching club volleyball this spring and hopes to coach at the college level someday.

"Hopefully, I can coach at the varsity high school level," Hughes said.

"After that hopefully at the college level some day. But I really want to coach."

Nelson said Hughes has had experience with good coaches which helped her to be a good coach.

"Heather has had a number of good coaches," Nelson said. "I'm not the only person who has coached her, and I'm not the person to say that I made her what she is or anything like that. But she has had a lot of good coaching. She has been involved in really good programs. Hopefully from each of those situations, she has learned something. I think she will be a great coach."

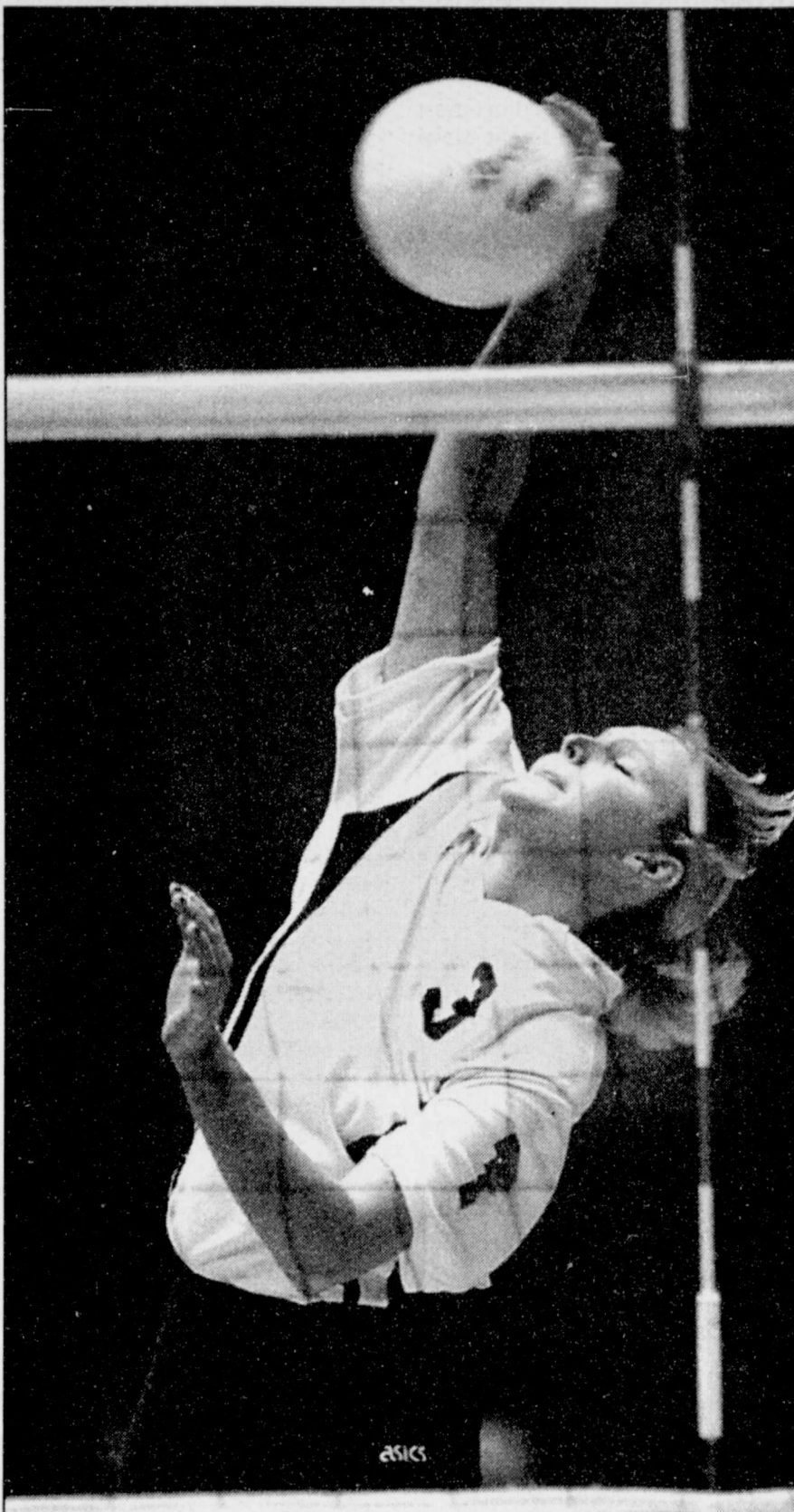
"But more importantly, I think coaching will make her a better player. Because all of things that she has been told now she is going to start saying and thinking about. I think that always makes you a little better player. It makes you a little bit more thoughtful and more intuitive to the game."

Hughes has two more years of eligibility after this season and already has moved into 13th place on the all-time Tech service ace list.

Nelson said he is pleased to have Hughes on his team for two more seasons.

"But more importantly, coaching will make her a better player."

Jeff Nelson
Red Raider coach



Wes Underwood/The University Daily

Ace: Red Raider sophomore Heather Hughes has been an important force for the Tech volleyball team this season.

Big 12 bowl picture beginning to clear

DALLAS (AP) — The regular season is over. All that's left for the Big 12 is settling the championship and sending teams to bowl games.

The champion will be decided Saturday between No. 2 Kansas State and No. 10 Texas A&M in St. Louis.

The bowl bids will be handed out Sunday.

Here are some early, educated guesses at how the postseason picture will look.

If the favored Wildcats (11-0, 8-0 Big 12) win against the Aggies, their rags-to-riches ascent could reach its peak with a spot in the Fiesta Bowl likely facing No. 1 Tennessee or No. 3 UCLA for the national title on Jan. 4.

But they're going to need help to get there.

For Kansas State to jump into the top two spots of the Bowl Championship Series formula, the Wildcats need No. 23 Mississippi State to surprise Tennessee in the SEC championship or unranked Miami to shock UCLA in a makeup of a game postponed by bad weather.

At the very least, the Wildcats must walloper the Aggies — like, say, 54-15, as No. 13 Nebraska did to A&M in last year's championship — and the Volunteers or Bruins must stumble to victory.

If Kansas State beats A&M but doesn't end up in Sun Devil Stadium, the Wildcats likely would usher in 1999 in New Orleans taking on No. 5 Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl.

The Aggies (10-2, 7-1), of course, would love nothing more than to render the whole issue of the BCS formula moot by pulling off the upset Saturday against the Wildcats.

That would likely allow A&M to be the one enjoying New Year's on Bourbon Street.

A Kansas State loss wouldn't necessarily knock it out of the BCS picture.

Remember, Nebraska lost to Texas in the inaugural championship and still ended up in the BCS mix.

If the Wildcats don't get an at-large bid into the BCS games, they'd likely return to Dallas and the Cotton Bowl.

As long as Kansas State maintains its BCS spot, look for Texas to be the Big 12's representative in the Cotton Bowl, even if A&M is available.

With No. 11 Arkansas the probable choice as the SEC opponent, a Longhorns-Razorbacks reunion would be the Cotton Bowl's biggest matchup in years.

The Holiday Bowl has the next pick of Big 12 teams and surely will ask Nebraska to play Dec. 30 in San Diego against a Pac-10 representative.

It could be a tough choice for the Holiday Bowl, though, if hometown hero Ricky Williams and the Longhorns aren't invited to the Cotton Bowl.

The Alamo Bowl will take the Aggies if they're available. Unless one of the previously mentioned teams slides, No. 24 Missouri would be the next pick to take on a Big 10 foe Dec. 29 in San Antonio.

The Tigers appear headed to the Insight.com Bowl Dec. 26 in Tucson, Ariz., against a Big East representative.

Colorado may have hoped to be better than the sixth choice in the Big 12.

But getting to spend Christmas in Hawaii playing in the Aloha Bowl should more than make up for that. The Buffaloes will face another Pac-10 team.

Texas Tech, which bowed out of bowl consideration last year as part of its self-imposed penalty for NCAA violations, is likely to return to the postseason at the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La. on Dec. 31.

Texas running back Williams takes big step to Heisman

AUSTIN (AP) — Now that Ricky Williams owns one of college football's greatest individual records, is the Heisman Trophy next?

Already considered the Heisman favorite, the Texas tailback enhanced his position with 259 yards rushing in Friday's 26-24 win over Texas A&M in a nationally televised game.

Longhorns coach Mack Brown said it would be hard to deny the



1-A history.

"Hopefully, voters saw things today," Brown said after the game. "I've never seen a better performance from Ricky than I did today."

Williams' brightest moment of the game and biggest boost for the Heisman came in the first quarter.

Needing 11 yards to break Tony Dorsett's career rushing record, Williams ripped off a 60-yard touchdown run in which he broke a tackle near the line of scrimmage and carried an A&M defensive back into the end zone.

"That's a run I'll remember for the rest of my life," Brown said.

Williams finished the game with 6,279 career yards, surpassing Dorsett's mark of 6,082 set at Pittsburgh from 1973-76.

Several previous Heisman winners were at the game Friday to congratulate Williams. Dorsett, Texas' Earl Campbell and Texas A&M's John David Crow all made their way to the sideline for Williams' memorable run.

"It's special to me that those guys were on the sideline to watch me play," Williams said.

Williams has broken national and school records held by Dorsett, Campbell and Ohio State's Archie Griffin, the only two-time Heisman winner.

Williams would be Texas' first Heisman winner since Campbell in 1977.

One player who could stand in Williams' way is Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop, who has led the Wildcats to a No. 2 ranking and a berth in the Big 12 championship game Dec. 5. Two weeks ago, half of the Big 12 coaches said Bishop should get serious consideration for league offensive MVP. The idea didn't go over well with Brown.

"Anybody who saw Ricky today would know he's the most valuable player in the Big 12 Conference," Brown said.

Bishop has been hurt by a lack of national exposure after Kansas State coach Bill Snyder imposed a media ban on him for several weeks. Will-

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iams, meanwhile, has met with the media every week and his smile and dreadlocks have consistently appeared in newspapers, magazines and on television.

Williams said he won't think about the Heisman until after final exams this week. And he said he hasn't given much thought to his place in college football history.

"Hopefully I'll be considered one of the best," he said.

Surely he will be. He owns 16 NCAA records. Along with the rushing record, Williams' marks include touchdowns (75), points (452) and all-purpose yards (7,206).

Williams surprisingly returned for his senior season after leading the nation in rushing in 1997.

Part of his decision to stay was to help the Longhorns' transition to coach Brown, who came to Texas from

North Carolina. But he also knew the Heisman Trophy was a possibility and Dorsett's milestone was in reach.

And so far he has answered all the questions that came up when the season started.

Could the Heisman winner come from a losing team? Texas was 4-7 last year, but rebounded behind Williams to finish 8-3 this year.

The Longhorns came up one game short of playing for the Big 12 championship.

Could Williams break Dorsett's record when defenses would be stacked up to stop him?

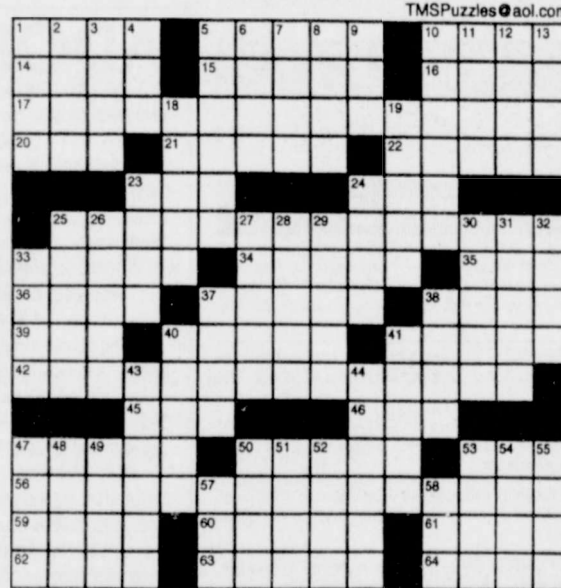
Williams' 2,124 yards this season are the fifth-highest single-season mark. He also set the record for average yards per carry, 6.22.

His only subpar game this season came against Kansas State, which held him to 43 yards on 25 carries.

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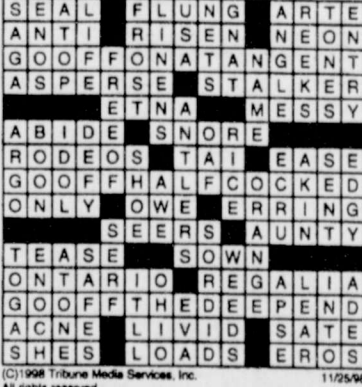
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