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Wednesday's closing figures

STATENEWS

Witness: Inequalities make TAAS testing unfair

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The use of a standardized test to determine who gets a high school diploma is unfair to minorities because of inequalities in the Texas school system, an education professor has testified in federal court.

Walter Haney, a Boston College professor and an expert in testing, offered that opinion Tuesday during his second day of testimony in a lawsuit filed by Hispanic and black plaintiffs over the state's use of the exit-level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test.

The legal challenge will determine whether the exit-level TAAS test given in high school has discriminatory effects for minorities, who have closed the gap in test scores with their white peers but continue to pass the exam at lower rates.

Haney provided a sweeping summary of how high student retention rates, invalid test construction, teacher dissatisfaction with the exam and a mismatch between what students learn and what they're tested on indicates the state must end its strict use of the TAAS.

NATIONALNEWS
Second explosion at black Florida university

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A pipe bomb exploded Wednesday in a building at Florida A&M University, the second blast at the historically black school in less than a month.

No injuries were reported. Damage was minor.

Warning calls were received before both explosions, but investigators would not provide any details about Wednesday's call.

In the Aug. 31 blast, a caller said he wanted to "get rid of some of them niggers." No one was hurt and there was little damage from that blast.

Authorities also received a call Wednesday warning of a bomb in another campus building, but a search turned up nothing.

"There are obvious, common-sense connections you could make," said Byron Price, FBI supervisor in Tallahassee. But he added that authorities have no concrete evidence linking the two explosions.

Authorities have offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the first bombing.

WORLDNEWS
As Taiwanese die in quake's rubble, anger builds

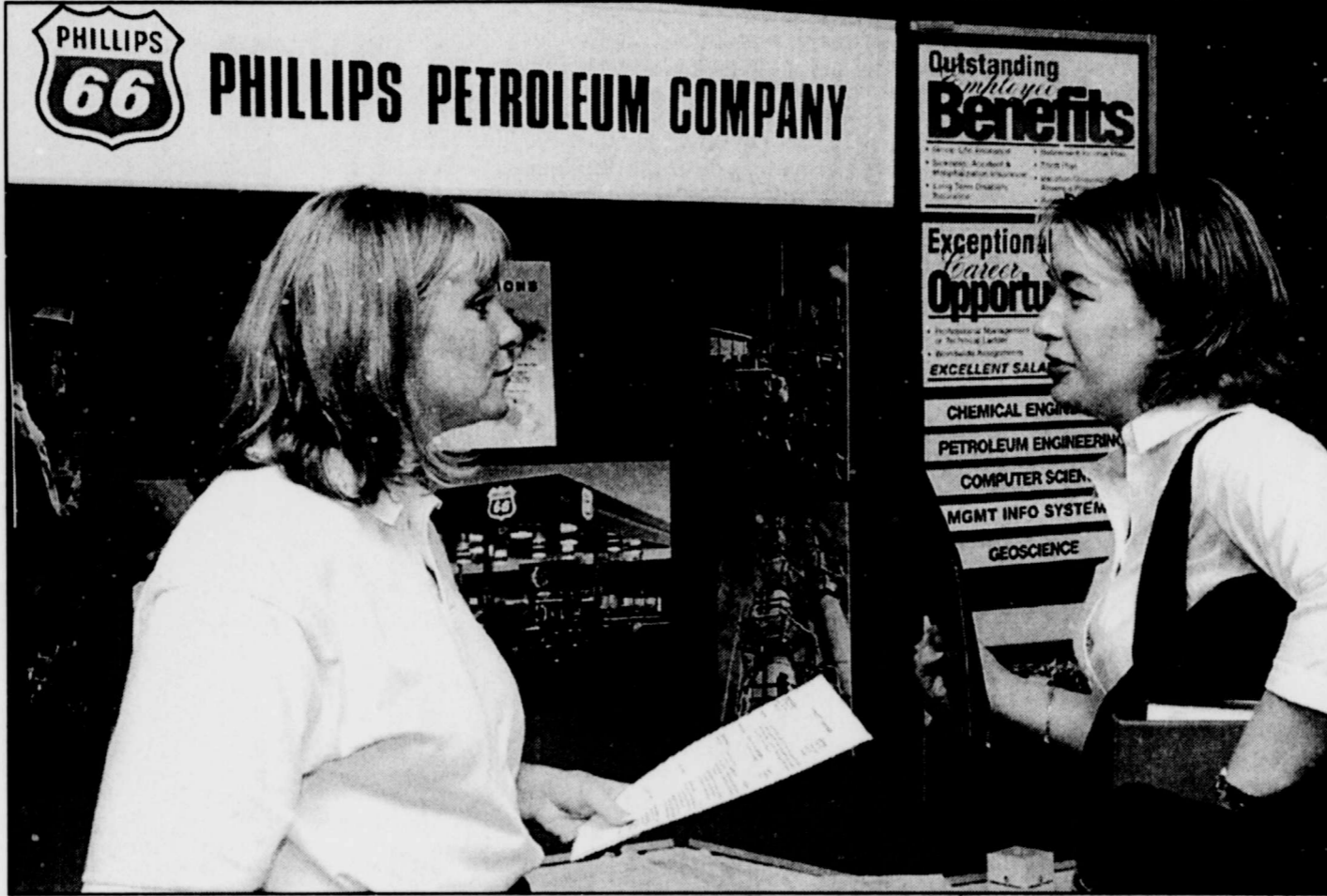
TUNGSHIH, Taiwan (AP) — In hushed voices, people talked about victims crying through the night, beneath the hulk of fallen concrete and brick that was once a 14-story apartment building.

By Wednesday, the second day of Taiwan's earthquake disaster, the moans and pleas for help were fading away, one by one.

Neighbors were full of grief and anger, saying more should have been done to dig out their friends and families.

Tuesday's quake, which was followed the next day by three strong aftershocks, killed 2,003 people, injured 4,400 and left 100,000 homeless, the Disaster Management Center said.

Career Aspirations



Shonna Boyer, a drilling engineer with Phillips Petroleum, discusses the company with Christie Ward, a senior petroleum engineer major from Mexico.

Students flood University Center in hopes of finding employment

by Kelly Padgett
Staff Writer

Pens, posters, drink holders, yo-yos, toys and even T-shirts were among the attention-getting devices used by companies Wednesday at the Career Information Day at the University Center.

More than 170 companies and governmental agencies set up booths throughout the UC for the 26th annual event sponsored by the Career Planning and Placement Center.

The day is designed to help students from all majors and classifications get information on businesses, said Tom Casey, assistant director of the Career Center.

"Undergraduates can use the event to explore career options, research companies, discuss job market demands and inquire about summer employment," Casey said.

In addition to helping undergraduate students, the information day serves as a way for graduating students to explore possible job opportunities, salary information, skills in demand and interviewing tips.

Chris Wright, a 1998 Texas Tech graduate,

attended Career Day as a representative of Anderson Consulting.

"This day is the main avenue for students of getting information from companies," Wright said.

"The student really needs to use the Tech Career Planning Center to register because without that step, we cannot go forward in the hiring process."

Benjamin Long, a senior MIS major from Houston, also attended, but as a job-seeker.

Long said of the 10 companies he visited, the day was discouraging because the companies seemed to focus too much on GPAs instead of overall achievement and skills.

"I've been doing other things in college and I don't want these companies to let a number tell them who I am," Long said.

Other students said Career Day was a success and allowed them to network with big companies.

"Even though I have over a year left at Tech, I used the fair to get a good idea of what companies are out there and to find out what I need to say and do next year," said Michael Tomes, a senior public relations major from Houston.

Rebecca Stevens, a senior MIS major from Sunray, said the day gave her a unique approach to prospective employers.

"The information day gave me an opportunity to meet some great company personnel that I would not have been able to do by simply submitting a resume," she said of her networking experience.

Not all companies attended Career Day to accept resumes, such as the Texas Department of Prisons, but simply to inform students about their program.

"We want to show and tell people who we are and what we do," said Oscar Natividad, affirmative action recruiter for Prisons.

"We also want to lay to rest the myths of prison systems sometimes shown in Hollywood."

Companies like Anderson Consulting, Frito Lay, Halliburton and Tharaldson Properties said they consistently hire students right out of Tech.

"We do hire seniors and have internships available to juniors," said James Dining, Americas controller for Halliburton.

Course offered for new athletes

by Christy Stephens
Contributing Writer

Texas Tech is offering a course this fall to all freshmen student athletes to help them adjust to collegiate sports and academics.

Red Raider Life Skills, a program within Athletic Academic Services, will provide the information for student athletes to be academically, personally and professionally successful.

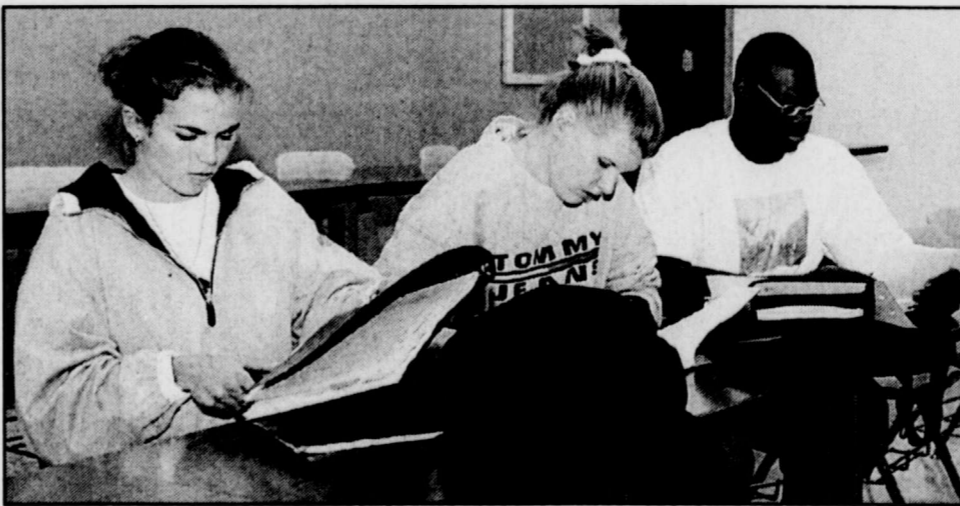
The course follows the NCAA Challenging Athletes Minds for Personal Success/Life Skills Program. CHAMPS, created in 1991, was initiated in an effort to create a total development program for student athletes. Today more than 100 Division I schools participate.

"NCAA CHAMPS provides the information and resources for the program, and then each institution can take from that model and design their own," said Brian Evans, assistant director of athletic services and Life Skills coordinator.

The CHAMPS/Life Skills Program is supported through the promotional and financial efforts of the NCAA Foundation, the NCAA and the Division I Athletic Directors' Association.

At Tech, 59 student athletes are enrolled in the two sections of the semester-long course, and three walk-ons are taking part in the program. All new freshmen scholarship athletes are required to take the course.

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Tech student athletes Courtney Pastner, Jamie Nagle and Jason Young study during the Red Raider Life Skills course. More than 100 Division I schools participate in the program.

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Airline may have known about defects

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Swissair and the company that made the MD-11 airplane knew that wiring aboard Flight 111 posed a fire risk at least seven years before the plane crashed off Nova Scotia, an attorney for the crash victims' families charged Wednesday.

While the exact source of the fire aboard the plane has not been identified, attorney Lee Kreindler said an electrical wire failure ignited insulation.

The plane, flying from New York to

Geneva, crashed on Sept. 2, 1998, killing all 229 people aboard.

Kreindler said he had evidence that the airline and the manufacturer, McDonnell Douglas — which was bought by Boeing in 1997 — knew the insulation on the wiring could wear down in ordinary use and pose a fire danger.

"This is some very strong evidence that shows the defendants knew about the problem with the airplane before the flight. That goes to the heart of why the

manufacturers are liable, and conceivably liable for punitive damages," Kreindler said.

The allegations were filed in a 23-page summary to accompany the families' lawsuit in U.S. District Court.

Mike Holland, an attorney representing Swissair, Boeing and Delta, which is being sued because it had a ticket-sharing arrangement with Swissair, was not in his office Wednesday and did not return a message seeking comment.

Bush focuses battle on guns

by Ashley Johnson
Staff Writer

Gov. George W. Bush announced earlier this week that \$1.6 million will be given to the Attorney General's office to help fight the battle against guns.

Of the total amount, \$1.28 million will be used to hire eight lawyers, who will help prosecute criminals who use guns.

About \$360,000 will go toward a public awareness campaign to inform criminals of the program, and what they face as a convicted gun felon.

The slogan, "Gun Crime Means Hard Time," was chosen by Attorney General John Cornyn.

Officials in Bush's office said the money for the program came from discretionary funds within the governor's office.

Democratic Party officials said they support the measure, but want to know why Gov. Bush waited until after the Fort Worth church massacre to initiate the program.

Party officials could not be reached for comment.

Rev. Jim Gerlt, senior pastor of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church, thinks the Exile program will help, and he said repeated offenders need to be persecuted.

"There is no need for new laws, and prosecution of existing laws is the way to go," he said.

Gerlt said a society who does not abide by rules sows its own seeds of destruction.

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Changes made in response to audit

by Andrew Thompson
Staff Writer

In the wake of the audit released Monday concerning the Office of Facilities, Planning and Construction, major changes will be instituted in the way construction projects are managed at Texas Tech.

Project managers will be assigned to major undertakings, and will work in conjunction with private agencies in charge of construction. The managers will not be directly in charge of the projects, but will oversee the entire process.

Construction will be handled by firms outside Tech.

Chancellor John Montford said the reason for this is FP&C is not a large enough office to handle major construction on the Tech campus. The office will be restructured in accordance with the Office of Internal Audit's recommendations. Also, Montford said some Tech employees have either resigned or left as a result of the audit.

Vice Chancellor Doug Mann, who resigned in February, headed the office and cited his reason for leaving as a desire to return to the private sector.

Mann could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

When asked about Mann's resignation, Montford said Mann resigned and was not terminated, and Montford did not know of Mann's current status.

"He was in charge of FP&C," he said. "That's all I can really say."

The audit released Monday cited many problems with the FP&C. According to the

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Feminine product dispensers installed after petitions signed

by Carla Hays
Staff Writer

After circulating petitions during the spring semester, dispensers for feminine hygiene products have been installed in various buildings across campus.

TexSan Vending installed the dispensers in the bathrooms of Holden Hall, Human Sciences, Foreign Language and the English building on a trial basis.

The dispensers will be in the bathrooms until the end of the semester. Then, representatives from TexSan will determine whether the dispensers were cost effective.

The dispensers were installed in

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assistant coordinator of the Women's Studies Program

the buildings with the highest traffic and most amount of women utilizing each facility.

"I've been on campus 12 years, and this is the first time I can remember something like this happening," said Esther Lichti, assistant coordinator of the Women's Studies Program.

"It is not a big thing, but it is nice that people came together to work

toward one single goal. It is equally as nice that the administration cooperated."

English department director Madonna Miner had this problem called to her attention last semester. She said she spoke with Jane Winer, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, after her initial request for the dispensers was denied by the Space Committee. The committee handles

minor construction around campus.

A petition drive was started, and Lichti sent out an e-mail to all of the departments and looked for contacts in each building.

"I had to find people who would put up the petitions on a certain day and take them down on a certain day," Lichti said. "We had to prove a need for the sanitary protection dispensers."

More than 1,400 signatures were gathered from female students, faculty and staff. Winer then took the signatures to the Space Committee, and the committee went on to find the distributor, TexSan Vending.

"It made me feel good to work for this and accomplish it," Miner said.

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transition from high school to college academics.

"I just hope to learn to manage my time a little bit more and work on my study habits," said Ryan Aycock, a Tech football player. "Unlike other classes, this one teaches you how to do that."

Along with academics, the course also stresses the importance of giving back to the community.

"This, in our mind, kind of solidifies the administration and our commitment to really help the student athlete be successful and to help our program graduate good kids," said Uryasz.

Although this course is strictly for freshmen, AAS provides a variety of components to help meet the academic and personal goals of every student athlete at Tech to help prepare them for life after college.

Organization promotes mass comm profession

by Lenzi Diggs
Staff Writer

For those interested in mass media communications, Women in Communications, Inc., can act as a stepping stone to a profession in any field involving media relations.

WICI is an organization created to help introduce students to the professional aspects of mass media.

The size of the organization is what attracted Kerri Howell, a junior agricultural communications major from White Deer, to join.

"WICI is a small, yet competent organization," Howell said. "I feel that I can play an active role in the group because the size is not intimidating."

Howell also joined because she feels that WICI will help her in future career choices.

Rhonda Gibson, assistant professor of mass communications and adviser to the group, said the organization's main objective is to introduce students to their job field from a professional point of view.

"Women in Communications strives to allow students to see the real world of media relations and assists in giving them the opportunity to experience more outside of the classroom," Gibson said.

The group invites a variety of guest speakers from the mass communications field.

"We are fortunate to have a vast array of quality speakers to visit us from the Lubbock area," Gibson said.

Dawna Walls, an Internet consultant in Web page design, is scheduled to speak at the group's next meeting.

Walls will show members how to produce a resume on a Web page.

"We are also looking forward to Shadow Day," Gibson said. "Students are paired up with specialists from the professional chapter of Women in Communications for an entire business day."

During the day, students will go through the daily activities of their "shadow," learning the ropes of the job and meeting with the employer's clients, she said.

Gibson said not to let the organization's name mislead students interested in joining.

"Women in Communications is not a group solely for women," she said. "Men are welcome to join, also."

The group's next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 5 in 223 Mass Communications building.

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U.S. authorities say drug cartel dismantled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal and local drug-enforcement officers arrested 93 suspects in cities across America in a sweeping crackdown that one official said Wednesday had dismantled "from top to bottom" the operations of notorious late drug trafficker Amado Carrillo Fuentes.

The arrests over the past 18 months resulted from an investigation into one of the largest drug cartels in Mexico.

The cartel is believed to have funneled tons of Colombian cocaine through Mexico into major U.S. cities, including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, Miami, Atlanta, Philadelphia and Houston, and from there throughout the country.

The investigation, dubbed "Operation Impunity," targeted alleged "cell heads" running the drug operation after the death of Carrillo.

He was known as the "Lord of the Skies" because of his use of large aircraft to transport drugs.

Carrillo was considered Mexico's No. 1 drug lord until he died in July 1997 while recovering from plastic surgery designed to help him evade law enforcement.

"We have substantially hindered their ability to move cocaine and other drugs into, and around, this country," said Attorney General Janet Reno.

"It means we have taken another step forward in making our streets safer," she said.

While authorities were careful to point out that drug players and operations are usually replaced, Donnie Marshall, acting administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, said: "We effectively dismantled this operation from top to

bottom ... right down to their local distribution networks."

"This operation was undertaken to prove that traffickers in Mexico and the United States no longer operate with impunity," Marshall said.

It also had the cooperation of the Mexican government, a stark contrast to last year when Mexican officials were incensed at a U.S. sting operation that snared some 160 people suspected of laundering drug profits.

The arrests included two dozen Mexican bank executives who had been lured to the United States and arrested.

Mexican officials at that time objected to the use of U.S. undercover agents in Mexico without the government's knowledge.

This time, Mexican Attorney General Jorge Madrazo Cuellar told re-

porters, "We were completely involved in this operation in the United States."

Indeed, shortly after the U.S. announcement, authorities said they had been informed that the Mexican government on Wednesday had arrested one suspect indicted in this country — Jaime Aguilar-Gastelum. He was arrested in Reynosa, Mexico, the DEA said.

Authorities said they had to over-

come sophisticated criminals who hid drugs in crates of cilantro or watermelons and used sophisticated telephone systems to disguise calls.

"It's an example of creative law enforcement overcoming creative criminals," said

Most of the arrests were in the United States, but two suspects are in custody in the Dominican Republic.

The key lieutenant of the organization, Gilberto Salinas-Doria — a former Donna, Texas police officer — was already in Mexican custody on unrelated charges, authorities said.

U.S. officials have asked for Mexican assistance in locating another suspect indicted in this country — Victor Ortega.

The three main "cell heads," believed responsible for directing the Carrillo cartel's operations in U.S. cities, were arrested in this country.

Arturo Arredondo allegedly had overall responsibility for U.S. transportation and distribution of the organization's drugs and is also the highest-ranking trafficker of the U.S. operations.

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Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner of the U.S. Customs Service.

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The program allows law enforcement to apply the most severe punishment on violators of gun laws. Texas' program is a spawn of Project Exile, started in Richmond, Va., to reduce crimes involving guns.

After Project Exile, the murder rate in Richmond has dropped 33 percent, according to published reports.

Officials in Richmond could not be reached for comment.

The Texas Exile will give gun felons a minimum of five years in prison without parole.

Ken Walker, chief of police for the City of Lubbock, believes the program will help battle gun-related crimes.

"The grant will really assist counties with prosecuting resources, and able them to go after criminals who use guns," he said.

After a two years, the program will be evaluated to determine its efficiency.

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audit, the office had "blatant disregard" for policies regarding the management of the office and projects across campus and was cited for "numerous instances" of failure to pay project invoices as they were due. The report also stated FP&C employees also changed numbers on invoices causing money to be allocated for projects from the wrong accounts.

Montford said all the money used has been put into the correct account, and no money was lost as a result of the misallocation.

"There was no intent to misappropriate funds," Montford said. "All the money was used for Tech. It wasn't stolen or pocketed, so in a sense that's good. I released this audit so we couldn't be accused of trying to sweep anything under

the carpet."

Montford said he asked for the audit because of some "questionable transactions" brought to his attention. He would not elaborate on how he became aware of those transactions.

"There were a couple of red flags we noticed, and so we asked for an audit," he said. "We ask for audits all the time."

A follow-up audit will be released within the next couple of weeks, Montford said.

Criminal District Attorney Bill Sowder is out of town until Monday, but said he will review the audit.

Montford said Sowder made a "preliminary" statement and he had found no wrongdoing thus far.

FP&C will not start any new projects until the office has been restructured, with the exception of the English/Philosophy/Education complex and the women's softball field.

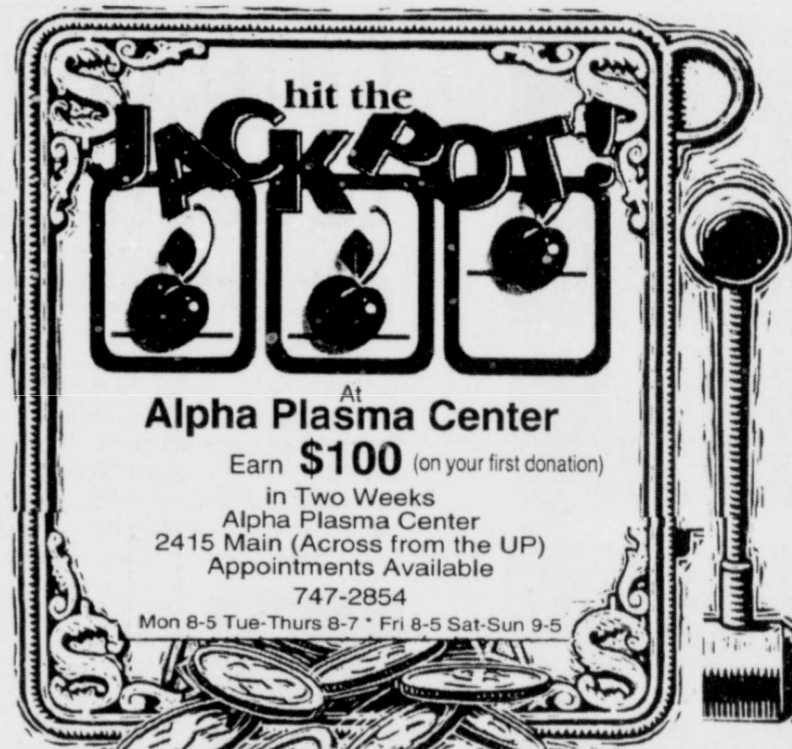
That decision came from recommendations made by the Office of Internal Audit.

Robert Cameron, project manager of the \$42 million English/Philosophy/Education complex, said construction should start by the end of the year.

"There are some internal things we're trying to work out before we do anything," he said. "But I hope we can be under way by the end of 1999."

Burt Moffitt, project manager for the women's softball complex, said construction should also begin sometime this winter. According to Moffitt, the audit has not caused any delay, although the complex will not be ready for the spring season.

"We're concerned with getting the seating and the grass and everything else ready before we open it up," he said.



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Gun laws to blame for recent killings, not killers

Gov. George W. Bush blames "a wave of evil" in the country for the recent mass killings and says the antidote is "more love in society."

Until we get more love in society, here are some other actions we might consider. With the 20-20 hindsight that's always so useless in these situations, we can see clearly that Larry Gene Ashbrook had a raging case of



Molly Ivins
Columnist

paranoid schizophrenia, and somebody should have done something about it.

Even then, of course, there is no guarantee that all this shooting wouldn't have happened anyway.

Assume that Ashbrook had been delivered to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, examined and diagnosed with schizophrenia. The hospital could hold him no more than 30 days.

At least he would have been given medications that are often quite effective in treating the disease. The weakness of the system, in addition to not being able to hold violent patients, is that there is no way to ensure that patients who are mentally ill take their medication, even if they have it.

The outpatient treatment system is pathetically underfunded and needs backup. For example, each patient should have someone responsible for seeing that the patient takes the meds daily. Patients often stop taking medication, either because they don't like the way it makes them feel or simply because in the chaos of their lives — many are homeless — getting and keeping track of a prescription is too difficult. A relative, a responsible friend, even a storekeeper (many mentally ill people have a sort of "territory") willing to make sure that the meds are taken regularly would be of infinite value.

In this case, none of the gun laws currently on the books would have

prevented Ashbrook from buying weapons, as he had no officially-recorded history of mental illness. But that doesn't mean we should say, "Oh, this proves that gun laws don't help" and forget it. Most of the 65 people killed with handguns in this country every day could be saved by simple, far-from drastic gun-control measures.

We are so blasé about gun violence in this country that only these multiple killings now get much media attention. Without three or four or more dead, the media hordes don't show up. But the fact remains that the overwhelming majority of victims of gun violence are single shootings.

In this category, our easiest choices are:

— Close the gun-show loophole. This was the bill that died this year in the Texas Legislature, killed by the National Rifle Association and its supporters. We already know that the Brady law is effective, so what excuse is there for leaving this idiotic loophole?

The bill was actually killed in committee the night of the Littleton shootings. The next day, Gov. Bush said he favored some such measure, but then he backed down, opposed the House bill, and wouldn't propose one of his own and didn't like the federal version, so the whole project died.

— Trigger locks and/or requiring that guns be locked up.

This is the common problem with legal weapons. It's what happened in the Jonesboro school killings. The boys went first to one home where all the guns were locked up. So when they went on to another home, where the guns were just lying around.

Granted, it is a considerable imposition to have the government tell you how to handle something inside your own home, but we do it with pesticides and other fatal things. The

FBI says that 750,000 guns a year are stolen — because they're not locked up. And trigger locks to keep kids from using guns are no different from myriad special legal protections for children.

— Straw purchase. When the state of Virginia passed its one-a-month limit on gun purchases, a curious thing happened. The guns traced in crimes in Wash-

ington, D.C., Philadelphia and New York City — all with gun control laws — had been overwhelmingly linked to purchases made in Virginia. Traffickers would buy cases of guns at a time and transport them to the city streets for resale with no checks required. Since Virginia passed that law, the East Coast cities are finding that guns used in their crimes now trace back to sales in Florida, Georgia and Texas.

This year, the legislature passed, and Bush signed, a bill that prevents Texas cities from suing gun manufacturers as Chicago and others have done.

This happened as the legislators were also debating how to divvy up the state's settlement from the tobacco industry — another legal industry that makes a lethal product and markets it to children.

The latest marketing wrinkle by the gun makers is to tout the TEC-9 as the gun that leaves no fingerprints — it is "fingerprint-resistant."

Now let's see, do we think that particular marketing approach is aimed at people so neat that they just hate seeing fingerprints on their guns? Or perhaps at shooters who regularly eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches just before shooting?

Who do you think might be interested in a gun that won't take fingerprints?

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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Solution to Tech parking problem: campus input

It's time for a bit. A family decides to go out for dinner one night at the local diner. The meals they order are local upon arrival, and the service by the waiter is below par. When the family arrives back at home, the husband and wife fill out the diner's customer comment card and mail it to the restaurant. They hope their comments will be heard, and the areas in need of improvement will be addressed so that the overall dining experience at the diner will improve for all the customers.

One week later, the phone rings at the family's home, and the husband proceeds to answer the incoming call.

"Hello," says the husband.

"Yes, this is John Doe, the manager down at the local diner," announced the diner's manager. "I was calling about the customer comment card you sent to us a few days ago. Let me tell you that the service and the food at this diner are just fine. There is no need to make improvements to our food or our service. Furthermore, if you ever send another customer comment card to this diner like that again, we will refuse your service if you ever set foot in our establishment."

Click.

OK, answer this question very quickly. Do you think that this was a good example of soliciting and responding to feedback on the part of the diner and its manager?

You're 100 percent right. The manager seems to have been more concerned with defending his restaurant rather than looking into how things could be improved to address the family's reasonable and helpful comments. Essentially, the customer comment card was only a prop that was used by the manager to pay lip service to the family.

Understanding how the family might have felt in this situation will give you an idea of how many faculty and staff must have felt after hearing a presentation made by members of the Texas Tech administration on Sept. 8. The material presented dealt with the plan currently under consideration to deal with traffic and parking on this campus in the future.

The presentation shared detailed cost figures, projected drawings of the campus' appearance under the

proposed plan and other pertinent information to the traffic and parking plan with those in attendance. However, when it came time to ask for comments or questions from the faculty and staff in attendance, the presenters quickly went on the defensive to protect their proposed plan rather than remain open-minded to possible changes that would make the plan a more workable solution.

Deputy Chancellor James Crowson stated at the Sept. 8 meeting that the final traffic and parking plan would not be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval until December to allow for some time to listen to concerns about the plan and make some adjustments. In theory, this sounds good, but in reality, the handling of feedback on this issue does not seem to match the theory.

Maybe, in reality, we should think of the interim period between now and December as a time for the administration to convince everyone that the current proposal is the one we all should say "yahoo" about rather than a time to assess what the faculty, staff and students place the most value and importance on when it comes to parking our vehicles.

The final traffic and parking plan is something that everyone here at Tech is going to have to live with once it's implemented. Right the first time by really listening to and addressing the concerns of the most affected by the plan in the end?

The comments of the faculty, staff and students are, for the most part, very practical (sorry, there is no way that everyone can park for free in the chancellor's spot) and are intended to make the final plan more workable and acceptable. Here's the kicker: If the views shared are addressed and incorporated into the final plan, the approval rating for the plan will be much higher and there won't be as many nasty complaint letters flowing in.

The proposed traffic and parking plan is only a microcosm of the way that other aspects linked to the Master Plan are being handled. Those responsible for devising the final traffic and parking plan should welcome and be open-minded to the comments and suggestions shared by the faculty, staff and students.

In these next few months, let's see if the administration will make a concerted effort to effectively solicit and address the concerns of the faculty, staff and students so the final traffic and parking plan will be one that can be supported by everyone.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smelly solution

To the editor: Well what do you know, an office at Texas Tech is spending too much money and not following procedures—what a surprise!

Looks like the Office of Facilities, Planning and Construction got caught with their hand in the cookie jar.

Tech's "growing pains" was Montford's elegantly-stated (yes, this is sarcastic) explanation of this problem. According to Montford, Tech is "trying to do too much, too soon."

Well, I know that way back at the beginning of "Operation: Let's Make Tech Something It's Not" or otherwise known as the Master Plan. This is just the first in a long line of problems that will come about as Tech strives to become Tier 1 status or whatever they lowered their goal to be last month. I say they should focus on becoming the best Texas Tech they can be, instead of striving to be another over-enrolled college

with more buildings than a small town.

Now back to the topic at hand. Let's discuss the ingenious plans they have come up with to solve FP&C's problems. Well, since they already spent too much and they owe past due invoices, why not waste some more money by bringing in a consulting firm to state the obvious?

I'll give them the solution right now for free: stop spending money when you are over budget. Another solution is to take each project a step at a time, instead of expanding everything at once. Those are some obvious solutions, and Tech spent \$250,000 on a plan that probably spends more money. Well, in fact it does suggest to spend more money.

Let us discuss this fabulous plan. First of all, they want to pay another consulting firm to come up with a "vision" for the FP&C and to completely "restructure" the office. Next, they want to write some new "specific policies and procedures" to prevent overspending. These are in addition to the policies that were disobeyed in the first place. Why would anyone believe they would go by new guidelines? Remember how I talked about stating the obvious

earlier?

Well, the next recommendation is a perfect example. They suggested that FP&C make cost estimates and project budgets before presenting them to the Board of Regents. What a stroke of genius, someone should get a bonus. Isn't it usually standard procedure to figure out how much something costs before you purchase it?

I don't see how the Tech administration expects to implement the Master Plan when they cannot even execute a basic part of a planning procedure.

With this in mind, consider a suggestion by Montford to hire more project managers to overlook, I mean, oversee new problems that may arise from projects. There goes some more money out the window.

It's a great idea to hire more people and create more bureaucratic positions to pass the blame onto. It really is!

While on the topic of passing the blame, let's examine some issues in this case. I would see FP&C as a patsy in this situation.

I see where the blame should really fall and that is on the higher administration, the almighty "masters" themselves. I would wager that the

higher administration puts heavy pressure on FP&C to get things completed. Maybe if they weren't so overburdened with making the "masters" unrealistic dreams of grandeur come true, they might not have the troubles they are having.

I would imagine many students do not see how this fiscal problem affects them or their education, well, it does. This is only one small part of a larger problem, which is the issue of institutional motives in public institutions.

Texas Tech is a public, state-funded school and should not be or act like a for-profit entity. If people would look deep into the Master Plan, they would see it for what it really is — a marketing plan.

The administration wants to use the "master" campus and the athletic teams as marketing ploys to get students so the tuition can make more money from tuition and donations from ex-students. Which in turn goes toward their projects and toward new marketing projects to gain more students, and so forth and so on.

The student is only a tool used to gain more power and further the economic gain of the administration and to boost the image of the school.

I think the administration needs to remember that the taxpayers and the students are their bosses; therefore, they should be working toward student issues instead of ego issues.

Some students may not see the power they have, but just consider what would happen if a large population of the campus dropped out. Tech would not receive state money for those students, and they would lose the tuition and fees from the students.

That is just an example of the power the students could have if they would only realize it.

I think Tech would be a lot better off if the "masters" would focus on being here now. They need to look at all the problems the school currently has and solve them, instead of creating new ones.

The "masters" should put their egos aside and realize that putting up new buildings and entrance gates of gold as a facade will not make Texas Tech a better school. Bigger is not always better.

Even if you put flowers on crap, it still smells the same.

Jason Landers
Class of 1997

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Race is on to find cure for breast cancer

by Angela Loston
Staff Writer

The race is on for a cure to save the lives of those who have been devastated by breast cancer.

To help breast cancer patients make it to the finish line of survival, Saturday The Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation will have its fifth annual Komen Lubbock Race for the Cure on the Texas Tech campus.

"It is hard to find, these days, someone whose life that has not been touched by breast cancer," Kathy Smith, co-chairwoman for the 1999 Komen Lubbock Race for the Cure.

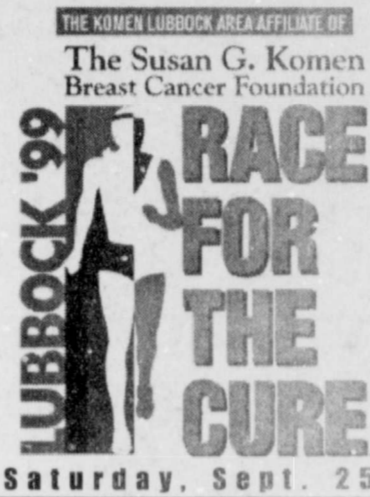
"A lot of people want to get involved in this because it's something they want to contribute to."

Activities for the fund raiser in-

clude the 5K and the 1-mile fun run/walk. The 5K run/walk will begin at 8 a.m. at the corner of Sixth Street and Canton Avenue. The 1-mile run/walk will begin at 8:45 a.m. at the corner of Sixth Street and Boston Avenue. The finish line for both races will be at the R.P. "Bob" Fuller Track.

Through raising funds to battle breast cancer, Smith said the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation wants to heighten awareness in the community about the effects of this disease.

David Leake, executive vice president of The Thomas Agency, said he is aware of the importance of educating the public about breast cancer. Leake said breast cancer has closely affected him since his mother is a breast cancer survivor and his wife is an oncology nurse.



Leake also is the promotions chairman for the 1999 Komen Lubbock Race for the Cure. He said this

disease does not only affect women, but it also can impact the lives of men.

"It's something that no one thinks about until it happens to them or someone in their family or to their friend," Leake said. "It's something that everyone needs to think about."

Smith said organizers of the event plan to raise \$115,000 in donations. Seventy-five percent of the net proceeds received from the race will benefit the Lubbock community in the form of grants.

These grants will be used toward breast cancer screening, treatment and education. The remainder of the funds will be given to the Komen National Headquarters in Dallas, which will use the donation for breast cancer research.

Smith said the foundation wants

to reach a goal of having 3,500 participants in the race. So far, she said, 140 teams of five people are participating in the race, and more than 2,000 people have registered to be involved in the event. Smith said various Tech organizations are among those who will run or walk in the race.

One of the organizations that will be involved in the program is the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. A national sponsor for survivors of breast cancer, Zeta Tau Alpha actively has participated in this race for five years.

"I think a lot of people that have participated in the past ... do it for the cause," Smith said. "Once you have done it before, then you want to do it again."

Smith said registration forms are available for people who are inter-

ested in becoming involved with the race. Locations for registration forms are at United Supermarkets, all area hospitals, the Student Recreation Center and the South Plains Mall.

Representatives from the 1999 Komen Lubbock Race for the Cure will register participants from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Friday at the JC Penney entrance of the South Plains Mall. The entry fee for individual 5K participants costs \$21 and \$18 for 1-mile runners or walkers. Each member of a team have to pay a \$15 entry fee.

People who want to run in the 5K also can register at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the Frazier Pavilion, located at the corner of Red Raider Avenue and the Drive of Champions. The entry fee for the 5K on the day of the race costs \$25.

In rush to claim millennium, cities plan to ring in Y2K early

BOSTON (AP) — Cities across the country are jockeying for the best, the earliest, or the priciest millennial New Year celebrations.

Boston, for example, is poised to beat everyone in the United States to the New Year by celebrating with fireworks five hours early — at midnight Greenwich Mean Time.

In Maine, they're fighting for the distinction of which town will be the first to see the sunrise of the new millennium.

"There are all sorts of little contro-

versies over who is first and who deserves the title of first," said David Kessler, executive administrator of the Center for Millennial Studies. "Part of it is just the intuitive idea that the millennium is too perfect of a marketing ploy to pass up."

Boston officials say they orchestrated their 7 p.m. fireworks for the first time this year so children might participate in revels usually well past their bedtimes. (There will still be midnight pyrotechnics here for the purists.)

The evening fireworks also give people who are fearful of a Y2K cataclysm, such as computer meltdowns and electric surges, a chance to party and return home by midnight, organizers said Wednesday — 100 days before the big night.

Boston's early bird celebration will coincide with midnight in Greenwich, England, which is the universally accepted standard of world time, Mayor Thomas Menino said.

In truth, New Year's Day actually first begins at the international date-

line in the Pacific Ocean, 12 hours before it reaches Greenwich. But fireworks at 7 a.m. over Boston Harbor just wouldn't have the same panache.

Los Angeles is making no pretenses about the 4 p.m., Pacific time, start of its taxpayer-funded \$1 million New Year's Eve party. It's an effort to get national attention.

"It's complicated, because at 12 midnight, it's 3 a.m. in New York, so who's going to be watching our celebration?" Mayor Richard Riordan said.

UC to present Internet ethics discussion

Internet ethics is a topic on people's minds as the World Wide Web becomes a larger resource for information and entertainment.

University Center Programs

will host a discussion on Internet ethics at 3:30 p.m. today in the UC Red Raider Lounge.

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Lyrics not just words for Temple

by Sebastian Kitchen
Staff Writer

Many people can write sorry lyrics and drop them over a nice beat for a catchy, poppy song. Owen Temple wants to make his music more than that. Temple wants good lyrics first. Then, he will deal with the music.

"You can dress up a poor song with good music, but after about six spins, you get burned out," Temple said. "There is no substitute for good lyrics."

Temple said that is why people never grow tired of listening to the work of artists like Bob Dylan.

"There is more than one level," he said. "It is more than making your foot tap. I go for more than one level."

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Owen Temple
recording artist

Temple said a song has got to say something interesting, thoughtful or fun.

The Texas musician just released his second CD, another collaboration with legendary producer Lloyd Maines.

"I liked the job he did so well on the first one, I used him again," Temple said. "It is a completely comfortable experience. He walks you through every step."

The process is like a week-long

discussion, and the end result is an album, he said.

"He's got a real good style of communication with musicians and artists," Temple said.

Temple is added to the list of musicians Maines has worked with in the past, including Robert Earl Keen, Jerry Jeff Walker, the Dixie Chicks and former Texas Tech student Pat Green. Temple has performed in Lubbock before, one of those stops as the opening performer for Green.

In 1997, Temple had 12 songs on a demo tape. Another Texas musician, Cory Morrow, told Temple he should send the demo to Maines.

Not thinking much would come of it, Temple was surprised when Maines called asking when they could begin work on the album.

"He liked the lyrics," Temple said. "He said 'when can we cut this album?'"

On his new album, Temple wanted to use less instrumentation and focus on the lyrics.

"I tried to achieve a little growth in my songwriting," he said. "I pushed myself in new directions with my songs."

Temple will perform at a CD release party Saturday night at the Golden Light in Amarillo.

DJs compete for title of 'World Champion'

NEW YORK (AP) — Forget microphones, or even words. For the disc jockeys competing at the DMC/Technics World DJ Championships, all talking was done with their hands.

"It's an art form," said Tony Prince, founder of DMC, a global organization that deals with DJs and DJ culture. "Turntables are an instrument because when DJs use them, they create rhythms. ... You hear music that's not in the original song."

Eleven contestants each used six minutes on two record turntables and a mixer last Saturday

night at the Hammerstein Ballroom in hopes of dethroning Miami's 21-year-old DJ Craze.

For a hip-hop DJ, or turntablist as some call themselves, performing doesn't mean just playing somebody else's music. It's about scratching on records, cutting on tracks, separating a song into its musical elements, and manipulating those elements to create a totally new sound.

DMC has been sponsoring the event since 1986, and this was the first year the world championships were held in the United States.

Garth Brooks takes on pop persona for new album

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — There is a long pause on the other end of the telephone line.

Finally, Garth Brooks takes a deep breath and defends himself from the perception that his new album is a thinly disguised attempt to abandon country music for the glories of pop stardom.

"Can you tell me what I'm looking for that I don't already have?" he asks. "Has anybody sold more?"

For the record, Brooks has sold 95 million albums, dwarfing most pop stars. His two-CD live album has sold 6 million and has been on the pop album charts for almost a year.

Garth Brooks in ... the life of Chris Gaines is — follow closely now — a greatest hits CD of fictional singer Chris Gaines. Gaines is a character Brooks will play in "The Lamb," a film expected to be released next year. The pop-rock music of Gaines was created

by Brooks, in collaboration with producers Don Was and Babyface.

The album has Beatles-like pop tunes, one that sounds a bit like Fleetwood Mac and some that veer toward Prince-variety funk. Nothing on the album rises to the level of those inspirations, but Brooks doesn't fall on his face, either.

Brooks will promote the new album on a television special to air Sept. 29 (8 p.m. CDT) on NBC. A separate soundtrack of Gaines' music will be released next year to accompany the film. If the two albums and movie are hits, Brooks will have launched a parallel pop career alongside country music superstardom.

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U.S., Payne ready to win Ryder Cup

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — Payne Stewart is the kind of guy who cranks up the volume on Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA" in the hallway of the hotel, someone who would look as comfortable draped in the Stars and Stripes as in his knickers and tam o'shanter.

How badly did he want to play in this Ryder Cup?

After securing his spot on the team by winning the U.S. Open, he was at The Country Club within a month getting to know the course.

During the last two major championships, he proudly wore a Ryder Cup hat during the practice rounds.

Nothing, however, showed his determination quite like his victory at Pebble Beach in February, which moved him that much closer to his first Ryder Cup team since 1993.

"I want to get on the Ryder Cup team because I'm tired of us losing," he said. "The last two Ryder Cup teams I was on, we won. And the last two I wasn't on, we didn't win."

Here he is, finally, ready to make

a difference, willing to grab his teammates by the collar and shake some spirit into them if he finds it lacking.

"He's a beauty," Mark O'Meara said. "Payne is Payne. He's got a tremendous love for the game of golf, and it shows. And I think that helps our team, no question about it."

Remember that roar Stewart let out when he made a 15-foot par putt to win the U.S. Open? Should the United States finally win back the Ryder Cup, he just might be heard all the way back to Britain.

"He wears his feelings right there on his sleeve for all the world to see," Tom Lehman said. "And for that reason, he's a fantastic teammate and partner. If you have problem being excited about what's going on being around him, you have a real problem."

Lehman and Davis Love III played against Stewart and Justin Leonard during an alternate-shot match Wednesday in a gloomy drizzle at The Country Club. It was

tight until the end, when Stewart holed a chip for birdie on the 18th.

About three hours later, the first words out of Stewart's mouth summed up his mood.

"I think everybody is ready for Friday," he said. "I know I am. This is something I've looked forward to all year long, and I'm very excited about being back."

That excitement may have been lacking the past couple of years, certainly two years ago at Valderrama.

One of the questions Americans seem to face after every loss — five of the last seven, to be exact — is whether they possess the same passion as Europe when the stakes are as simple as a gold chalice that could fit in carry-on luggage.

That doesn't appear to be the case this year.

"We're a little bit more determined because there are a few of us that have been through some losing teams," Love said. "We all get along very well. There's not any real dis-

sension. A lot of guys are having a lot of fun."

It all starts with Stewart. The leader is captain Ben Crenshaw, who has instilled a sense of history about the Ryder Cup and a sense of purpose about winning it back. But leadership also comes from the players hitting the shots, and the search for that player always seems to go back to Stewart.

"Payne is fired up about it," Love said. "Whoever goes out with him to play better be ready for that. He's going to get us going in the morning and keep us focused on what we're doing."

That kind of passion might be what it takes to cope with the pressure that is saddled on the American team like never before.

Just like in 1995 and 1997, the U.S. team is stacked from top to bottom — only David Duval lacks Ryder Cup experience, and the 12-man team has won a combined 11 major championships.

Cowboy training camp may relocate

EDINBURG (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are close to sealing a deal to move their training camp to the Rio Grande Valley, radio station KURV has reported.

KURV quoted an unidentified source Wednesday as saying the Cowboys are nearing a deal with Dallas-based developer Ray Hunt to build a complex at a Hunt project, but a Hunt Realty spokesman denied the report.

"Yes, we have been talking to the Cowboys among others and we'll continue to do anything and everything we could to get them to the Valley but I would not say that we're close to a deal," said Ron Mills, managing director of Hunt Valley Development.

The Sharyland Plantation development in southern Mission and southern McAllen is a mixed commercial and residential development now under construction. Part of that construction is a sports complex.

Mills said his company has been talking to a variety of people who might want to use the complex, including major league and minor league teams and children's sports camps.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said he could not confirm the radio report until Jerry Jones makes an announcement.

"Mr. Jones has said he would address next year's training camp sometime in the month of October," Dalrymple said.

Local tax incentives are part of the package, the Edinburg station reported. Those incentives must still be approved by the two cities.

"We are talking with the (Cowboys) organization," McAllen City Manager Mike Perez said. "We are under serious, serious negotiations."

The Cowboys have trained the past two years in Wichita Falls.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Group of clans
- Croat's neighbor
- Soak (up)
- "The Kiss" sculptor
- Not guilty, e.g.
- Green shade
- Adam's son and others
- No-se Zeus
- Actor Alan
- Supper, e.g.
- Country humor
- Miniature
- Tenran man
- Create colorful fashions
- Double-check text
- Lets fall
- Mennonite sect
- Matured
- Surfeit of publicity
- Puerto
- Prevailing tide
- Combination of cards
- 39 & others
- Single time
- Woody Allen's ersatz documentary
- Flynn of films
- Battlefield conference
- Kit of the West
- File to wed
- Spout off
- Disfigure
- God in Toledo
- Goddess of victory
- Kline movie
- Bushwa
- Sandra and Ruby
- Designer Cassini
- Functional
- Long-standing
- Cable
- Luster

DOWN

- Trolley car
- Judge's attire
- Brainstorm
- Infamous Texan in '62 headlines
- Nav. rank
- Pitch woo
- Writer of 1968's "Soul on Ice"
- Bridle strap
- Interdiction
- Green course
- Strangely
- Painter
- Rembrandt
- Notable 1962
- Ole Miss freshman
- Womanizer
- Liquid sample
- Collegiate cheer
- "Sweeney"
- Very unusual
- Give off
- Costa
- Russo of "Get Shorty"
- Pisa's river
- Holler
- Ballet bend
- Nervous
- Ripped
- Laser strike
- Lobster eggs
- Lap dog, briefly
- Multituit
- complex, briefly
- Sprite in "The Tempest"
- Gathered, as
- Fallen leaves
- Monarch's loyal
- subject
- Barnako's land
- Nastase of tennis
- Leer at
- Spotted
- Chemical giant
- Public vehicle
- Now available, a

A&M kicker makes most of chance

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — It took three years for Terence Kitchens to get a chance to kick field goals for the Texas Aggies and he wasn't about to blow his opportunity.

The Lumberton junior scored A&M's first points of the season with a 50-yard field goal in their season-opening 37-17 victory over Louisiana Tech on Sept. 4.

Moments later he earned himself a job with a 51-yarder that hit the right upright, bounced onto the crossbar and then fell good.

"Every time I go out there now I get more confident and the guys around me show they're confident in me too," Kitchens said. "I've worked so hard with coach (Mike) Clark strengthening my leg."

Kitchens was beginning to wonder if his career would ever get going. He came to A&M in 1996 as a walk-on and was red-shirted. He was Kyle Bryant's backup the following year and backed up Russell Bynum

in 1998. He entered this season with zero field goal attempts as a collegian.

"I understood as long as Kyle Bryant was here, I'd be sitting out and being his backup," Kitchens said. "I used the time to perfect my kicking for the time when I would get a chance."

Kitchens thought he'd be able to compete with Bynum last season but he was slowed by a pulled hip flexor in his right kicking leg. Then he learned last June that Bynum had left the team and the kicking job was open.

"Once I knew the job was open, I really went to work on physical and mental aspects of the job," Kitchens said.

"Every time I go to practice, I want to focus on every kick. I'm starting to get a good rhythm, and I don't want to lose it."

In two games this season, Kitchens is 5-for-5 on field goals and 12-

for-12 on extra points.

"He's been a hard-luck guy," coach R.C. Slocum said. "He probably had the job won last year and then he got hurt. This year he's hitting the ball solidly, and I've been impressed with him."

Especially after his three field goals in the season opener.

"What a way to start a career," Slocum said. "In the first quarter I asked him 'how do you feel?' He said 'I can make it.' So I told him to go make it and he did."

Maybe the wait was a good thing. "I think I could have kicked that distance as a freshman, but I wasn't mentally ready then," Kitchens said.

Kitchens has a strict routine leading up to his field goal attempts.

"I always take the same number of kicks into the net and then I go stand behind coach," Kitchens said. "When I get on the field, I feel myself kicking the ball before I kick it. Then I get relaxed and I'm ready."

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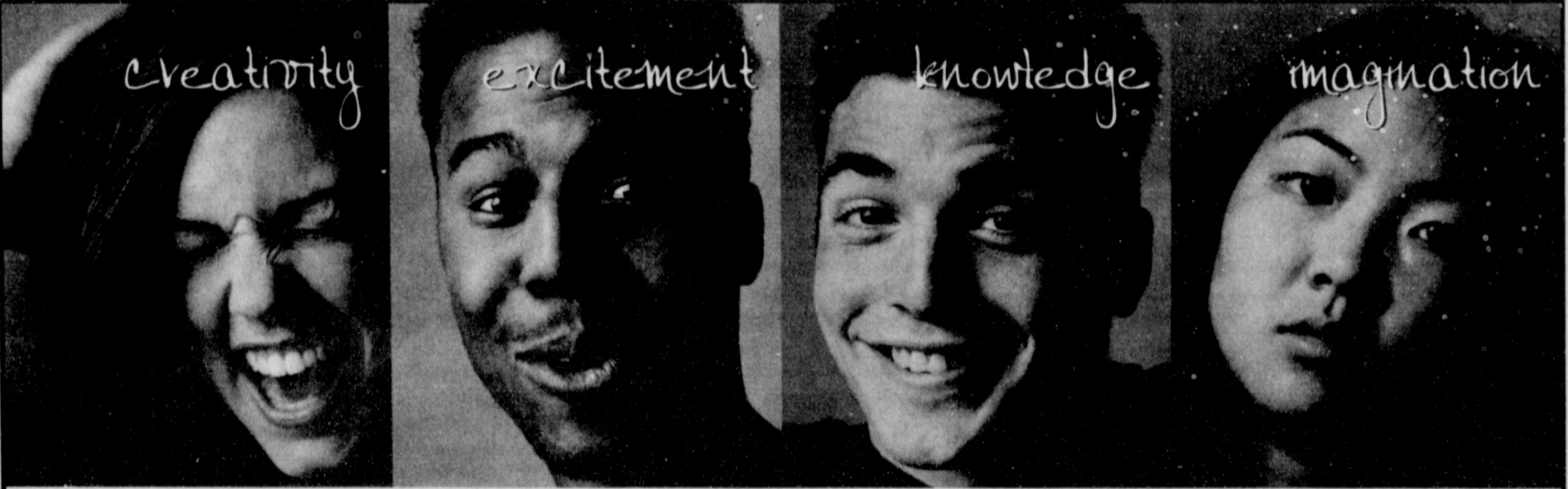
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Bickering hits new heights

I don't want to hear anymore crying. After four years of listening to students complain about how Texas Tech has no tradition, I now have enough evidence to prove you all wrong.

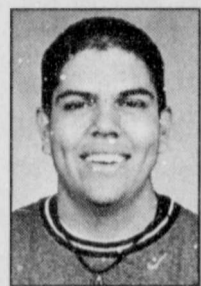
My reasoning doesn't include the Saddle Tramps, even though they are one of the biggest tradition-holders on this campus.

Nor does it include the Red Raider Goin' Band and their pre-game march from the band hall to Jones Stadium.

It doesn't even include the spankin' new bronze saddle that got off to a bad start Saturday.

What is it you ask? It's the long-lasting tradition of bickering fans that this campus has been accustomed to since who knows when.

Not anywhere else in the United States can you find a group of fans that will complain to the extreme over a team and a



Patrick Gonzales
Staff Writer

coach that have provided four-straight winning seasons and five bowl games in the past six years.

Now don't get me wrong (and quit yelling at my mug shot), I also think changes need to be made after this season to work on getting past mediocrity. But some of you are acting like we attend the University of Hopeless Miracles, and we just are dying for a win.

I know expectations were higher this year than any other year, but at least we have some sort of expectations.

Other Big 12 schools such as

Baylor, Kansas and Iowa State have been in a rebuilding period in the 90s.

And of course, there is the tradition of hating our quarterback. I call it a tradition because the same guys who were chanting "We want Kliff (Kingsbury)" Saturday night, were the same guys chanting "We want Rob (Peters)" two years ago.

So if tradition holds, I wonder what we'll be chanting next year when Kingsbury starts to play.

My point is, the tradition starting to form within the fans each year is not something we should be proud of.

I'm sure every newspaper in every Big 12 city is reporting about the scrutiny that is going on at Tech.

And the sad thing is, they're probably used to it.

Not anywhere else in the United States can you find a group of fans that will complain to the extreme over a team...

We all complain because we want high-and-mighty traditions like the Aggies, but the only thing people are going to remember about us is how crazy the fans get when we lose.

The Tech football team has given us reasons to go crazy this year — I'll agree to that.

But don't you think we are going a little overboard?

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Estes looks forward to new tournament

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bob Estes barely missed making the Ryder Cup team and he's been ready to travel to Massachusetts on a moment's notice should he be needed as first alternate.

But when the Texas Open begins Thursday, Estes insists his mind will be on the sprawling course at La Cantera Golf Club.

"I'm just looking forward to playing in some warm weather on a firm, fast golf course, which we don't get that often," Estes said.

Still, Estes worked in a practice round — just in case — last week at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass., where Ryder Cup competition starts Friday.

"Obviously, I would love to be playing on that team, representing my country," he said. "It just didn't happen."

Estes finished sixth at the PGA Championship. Had he been at least fifth, it would have given him a spot on the Ryder Cup team. The top 10 golfers on the Ryder Cup points list make the team, and the captain gets to choose two others.

U.S. captain Ben Crenshaw selected Tom Lehman (No. 12) and Steve Pate (No. 14) over Estes (No. 11). Estes is the first alternate.

The Texas Open is without several top golfers this year because of Ryder Cup, including last year's Texas Open champion Hal Sutton. Sutton shot a 4-under-par 68 to capture a one-

stroke victory over Justin Leonard and Jay Haas last year. Sutton had an 18-under 270 total, winning his first title on the PGA Tour in four years.

The 72-hole Texas Open, sponsored by Westin, takes place at the 7,001-yard, par-72 La Cantera course on the edge of the Texas Hill Country. Sponsors have upped the purse to \$2 million this year, with the winner receiving \$342,000.

Estes emphasized the positives of playing in the Texas Open, where he'll aim for his second PGA Tour victory and have the opportunity to solidify his standing on the money list. He's currently 25th.

He refuses to dwell on missing the Ryder Cup.

"It was going to work out fine either way. I was really in a no-lose situation," he said.

Estes is partial to this part of the country. The 33-year-old former University of Texas golfer still lives in Austin. His only PGA Tour victory came at the Texas Open in 1994, the last year the tournament was at Oak Hills Country Club.

After winning that title, Estes endured tough times the next two years and in 1996 and lost his fully exempt status by dropping out of the top 125 on the money list.

Since then, Estes has been rebounding nicely. He climbed to 69th on the money list in 1997 and finished 28th last year.

Estes enters the Texas Open this year and with four consecutive top 15 finishes. He has finished in the top 10 in nine tournaments this season.

Ripken scratched off lineup because of bad back

ARLINGTON (AP) — Cal Ripken's pursuit of his 3,000th career hit was put on hold Wednesday — at least for one game — because of recurring back troubles.

The Orioles third baseman was

scratched from Baltimore's lineup for Wednesday night's game against the Texas Rangers and has been listed as day-to-day.

Earlier in the day, Ripken traveled to Cleveland, where he is being

treated by Dr. Henry Bohlman at University Hospitals of Cleveland.

Ripken has been on the disabled list twice this season because of nerve irritation in his lower back.

He missed three weeks in April

and most recently missed the entire month of August because of the injury.

Ripken is nine hits shy of 3,000 after going 1-for-4 against the Rangers Tuesday night.

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