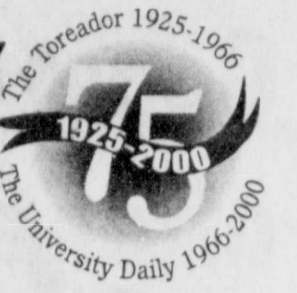




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STATENEWS —

Hill Country monk convicted of molesting boy

JOHNSON CITY (AP) — Jurors found a monk guilty Wednesday of indecency with a child for his relations with a boy at Christ of the Hills Monastery near Blanco.

Jonathan I. Hitt, 38, known as Father Jeremiah, was convicted on eight counts stemming from incidents at the monastery in the summer of 1997.

The 14-year-old victim, who was a novice monk studying at the monastery in the Hill Country, testified during the week-long trial that he had several sexual encounters with Hitt.

He accused Hitt of climbing naked into bed with him and kissing and hugging him.

Despite feeling awkward about the episodes, the youth testified he didn't object on the advice of Sam A. Greene Jr., the spiritual leader of the religious enclave.

Greene, 54, known as Father Benedict, also was charged with indecency with a child. He hasn't yet gone to trial.

The teen-ager was a student at the monastery for more than three years.

NATIONALNEWS —

Two stockbrokers found shot to death in home

COLTS NECK, N.J. (AP) — Two stockbrokers were found shot to death at the estate where one lived with his girlfriend, and authorities had few leads in what they consider an "execution."

"This is a definite 'whodunit.' In the majority of homicides we have a pretty clear-cut idea, even if we can't prove who did it right away, we at least have a pretty good idea who did it," Monmouth County Prosecutor John Kaye said. "This is very different."

Police called to the house early Tuesday found Alan Chalem, 41, and Mayir Lehmann, 37, shot to death in the foyer.

Chalem lived on the 16-acre property with his girlfriend, Kimberly Scarola, and her 13-year-old son. Lehmann lived in Woodmere, N.Y.

Both were stockbrokers and dealt in penny stocks, but Kaye didn't know whether their profession had anything to do with their deaths.

"I don't know, but there was no burglary involved," Kaye said.

"That was never a thought. This was an execution. Reasons, we're not certain yet."

WORLDNEWS —

U.S. jets pound Iraqi missile site in northern Iraq

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — U.S. warplanes bombed an Iraqi surface-to-air missile site on Wednesday, responding to Iraqi artillery fire in northern Iraq, the U.S. military said.

The incident comes two days after Iraq claimed that two civilians were killed and seven wounded during a bombing by U.S. and British planes on an Iraqi missile storage facility in the vicinity of the city of Mosul.

The attack on coalition aircraft Wednesday was opened from a location northeast of Mosul, 250 miles north of Baghdad.

The statement said all coalition aircraft, based in southern Turkish air base, Incirlik, left the area safely.

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Armenian premier assassinated

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP) — Gunmen seized Armenia's parliament in a torrent of automatic weapons fire Wednesday, killing the prime minister and at least six other people before holing up in the building with dozens of hostages.

With the bodies of some of their victims still on the podium, the attackers, whose motives remained unclear, demanded to see the president.

"They said it was a coup and called on the journalists to inform people about it. They said they were going to punish the authorities for what they did to the nation," said one reporter who was in the chamber.

Armenian television broadcast footage of the stunning attack, showing at least two men in long coats firing automatic weapons in the parliament chamber. Some law-

makers dove under their desks, others fled into the streets.

One of the attackers approached Prime Minister Vazgen Sarkisian and said: "Enough of drinking our blood," according to reporters present during the attack. The premier calmly responded, "Everything is being done for you and the future of your children."

The attacker — identified by reporters as Nairi Unanian, an extreme nationalist and former journalist — opened fire.

The other gunmen included Unanian's brother and uncle, the reporters said.

The attack was likely to plunge Armenia into a major political crisis. The country, which became independent following the 1991 Soviet collapse, has been plagued by political and economic turmoil for the past decade.

President Clinton said he was shocked and saddened by the attack.

"I condemn the senseless act against individuals actively engaged in building democracy in their country," Clinton said in a statement. "The victims and their families are in our thoughts and prayers."

Hundreds of police and soldiers ringed the parliament building in central Yerevan. Two armored personnel carriers took up positions in the grounds and President Robert Kocharian was personally directing security operations.

The gunmen were demanding talks with Kocharian, the country's top leader, but officials did not say if any other demands had been made. Police said up to five gunmen held dozens of hostages in the main chamber of the parliament building.

Tech aids syndrome sufferers

East Coast hurricanes may lead to sick building syndrome in structures

by Adrienne Gaviglio
Staff Writer

Even though the flood waters have begun to recede and the hurricanes have ended, residents of the East Coast might have more to worry about than just cleanup efforts.

Texas Tech researchers have been studying the effects of sick building syndrome, and fear buildings that flooded from recent hurricanes might develop symptoms.

"Fungal growth is intensified because of the enormous amounts of flood water present in households, offices and schools off the East Coast," said Dr. David Straus, professor of microbiology and immunology at the Health Sciences Center.

The Tech Video Bureau sent a video news release to the East Coast, warning residents of the possible problems they might face because of sick building syndrome, said Sally Post, assistant director for Video Bureau of the News and Information department.

"We do not know of any specific problems they might have, but since we have the premier researcher of sick building syndrome in the United States ... we felt it necessary to send a news release to them," Post said.

The East Coast may not see symptoms at first, but the possibility of sick building syndrome affecting flooded buildings increases with time, Straus said.

"The fungi may not be noticeable at first, but (the fungus) can grow in walls and cause long-term problems for the future," Straus said.

The sick building syndrome fungi that might appear in homes is similar in appearance to the kind found on food.

Straus recommends the buildings be inspected in order to avoid future problems with sick building syndrome.

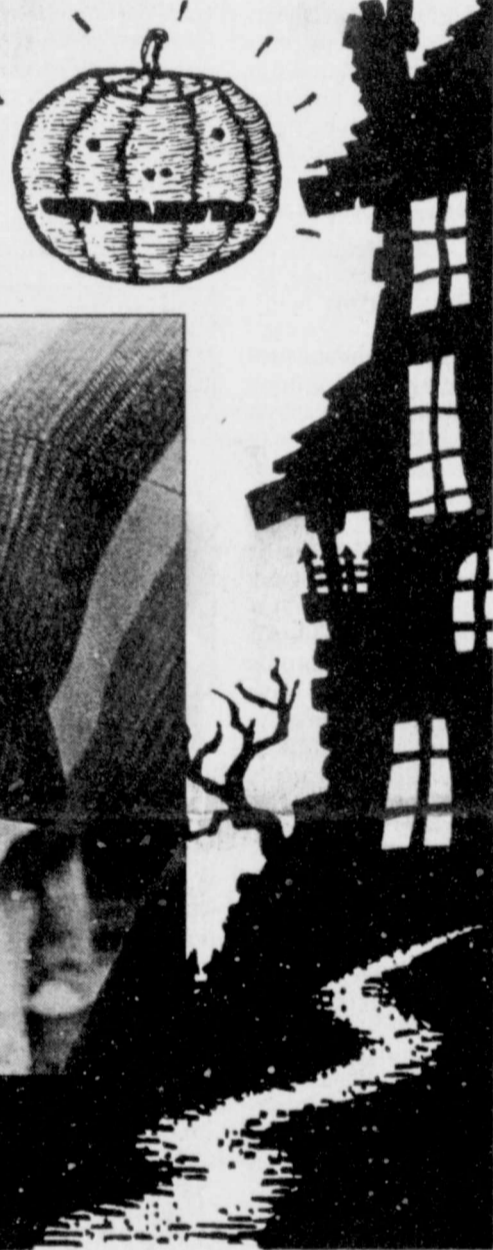
"When you have flooding in any home or building, it is always a good idea to have them checked for fungi growth," Straus said.

Two types of fungi, Penicillium and Stachybotrys, seem to be connected to sick building syndrome, Straus said.

Both fungi are poisons that attack the central nervous systems, and in high dosages can cause death.

"Common reactions to sick building syndrome see **SYNDROME**, p. 2

Carving up fun



Ginger Hurst/The University Daily
James Voustara, a senior education major from Houston, carves a pumpkin at the Wall/Gates pumpkin-carving contest Wednesday night in preparation for Halloween.

Event offers safe treating

by Andy Jones
Staff Writer

Even though Halloween is not until Sunday, trick-or-treaters will have a chance to hone their skills Friday night during Safe Treat on Greek Circle.

Sponsored by the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council, every sorority and fraternity lodge located on Greek Circle will take part in the event.

From 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., 2,000 trick-or-treaters are expected to go door-to-door from sorority to fraternity house to collect candy and go through haunted houses, said Jeff Sanantonio,

a junior finance major from Katy and IFC public relations director.

"This event gives elementary students a chance to trick-or-treat in a safe environment," Sanantonio said.

Members from sororities and fraternities on Greek Circle will attend to interact with children and give them candy.

"It is just a good opportunity for the Greek community to show Lubbock we do some worthwhile activities," Sanantonio said.

Joel Wisian, vice president of IFC, said Safe Treat has increased significantly in the last three years. Last year,

1,500 children participated in the event and 500 took part in 1997.

He said the growth of the event is because of word of mouth and the 5,000 flyers that were passed out.

Melissa Hancock, a senior public relations major from Lubbock and Panhellenic public relations director, said some sororities may have games for the children in addition to the candy.

Pi Beta Phi sorority and Phi Delta Theta fraternity will sponsor a haunted house for trick-or-treaters to enjoy, Hancock said.

"It is a safe alternative compared to see **TREAT**, p. 2



File Photo/The University Daily
Trick-or-treaters can participate in Safe Treat on Friday.

Stadium renovation plan to get underway today

by Andrew Thompson
Staff Writer

Select members of the Texas Tech Board of Regents will present phase one of a \$75-million plan to renovate Jones Stadium in a meeting with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board today.

The special committee on Jones Stadium will attempt to win approval from the coordinating board for the first of a two-phase project to renovate the stadium. Phase one's projected costs range from \$18 million to \$20 million and, if approved, will include about 2,000 more seats, additional restrooms, concession stands and ramps for fans in wheelchairs.

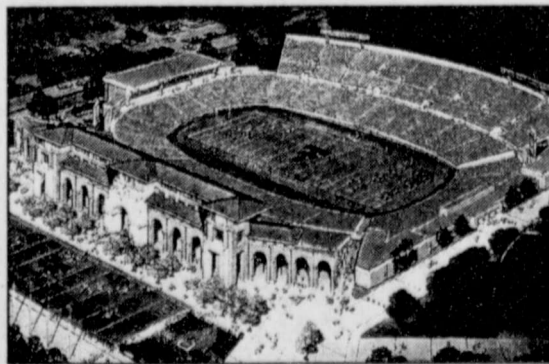
The Jones Stadium committee also met Monday to decide what should be presented to the THECB today and what kind of restrictions will be placed on the project.

Should the plans gain approval, only the first phase can be implemented, said Michael Sommermeyer, associate director of News and Information.

He said the committee then would have to go before the THECB again when phase one is complete to obtain approval to begin the second phase.

Sommermeyer said the regents created the special committee to avoid any problems with management and finances of the project like the ones experienced with United Spirit Arena.

The arena, which still lacks a scoreboard and landscaping, is \$15



million over the original \$47 million budget.

"(The regents) felt they needed to have a better handle on projects at Tech, especially ones of this size," he said.

"The committee is only going to ask see **STADIUM**, p. 3

Tech students honor victims

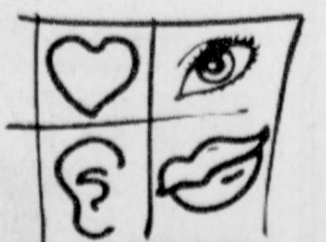
by Shannon Davis
Contributing Writer

Women from Texas Tech will represent 116 women today who died in the state of Texas in 1998 as a result of domestic violence. Tech students will help remember these victims in the Day of Silence, sponsored by Women's Protective Services.

The day is a part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The women will be dressed in all black with a number ranging from 1 to 116 on the front of their T-shirt. The number will represent one of the women who was killed by their male partner last year. The women have agreed to remain silent for the entire day, and when spoken to, will remain silent.

Each participant will hold a card that will list the name of the victim, how old the victim was when she died, and information on domestic violence.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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Congressional intern receives job offer after participating in program

by Ashley Johnson
Staff Writer

Rachael Novier probably never thought she would receive a job offer from a U.S. House of Representative member before she graduated. However, after spending the spring semester in Washington D.C., she received just that.

Novier, a senior English major

from San Antonio, was one of five students in the Congressional Intern Scholarship program. The program is sponsored by Texas Tech President Donald Haragan.

In an essay written by Novier about her internship, she said the experience gained through the internship was one that cannot be obtained in a classroom setting.

Her job included answering phones, responding to each constituent's mail and attending congressional briefings.

"I remember watching Jack Kemp and Jessie Jackson engage in a discussion concerning social security," she said.

Novier lived in a townhouse from January to May with the other interns four blocks away from the U.S. Capitol.

She worked a 40-hour week for 19th District Congressman Larry Combest, and had a chance to work directly with him on a regular basis.

The adjustment from West Texas to the nation's capital was not a difficult one for Novier.

"It was actually more of an adjustment coming back to a sleepy town like Lubbock with less cultural opportunity," she said. "It's amazing what a student can absorb being in D.C. and working on (Capitol) Hill. The community there is very diverse which makes for an indescribable

experience."

Novier received a full-time offer to work with Combest after graduation. She accepted the position and begins her new staff assistant position Jan. 3. Novier said she developed great working relationships while interning, which makes her even more anxious to return to Washington.

"My world is bigger thanks to this experience," she said. "It feels like I'm going home again."

David Waggoner, an assistant for Haragan, said Combest's job offer to Novier was the ultimate compliment for the program.

Haragan said one of the goals of the internship is to expand the horizons of students.

"This is a superior opportunity to expand educational experience by traveling beyond the university and into the outside world," Haragan said. "These interns are also a great reflection and representation of Texas Tech."

Students of all majors are encouraged to apply for the internship.

"The area of work will directly involve the student's specific personal interests, as well as rewarding the opportunity of creating life-long friends," Haragan said.

While interning, students will have the chance to interact with others from the rest of the nation and the world.

Haragan and Waggoner will be in Washington D.C. next week to prepare fully-furnished housing arrangements for the spring 2000 interns.

Each intern will receive a \$4,000 scholarship to help offset living costs in Washington D.C.

In order to be eligible for the program, students must have completed 60 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Graduate students must have completed 15 hours with a minimum GPA of 3.25.

An independent study course is a prerequisite, and is coordinated by the student's adviser and Waggoner.

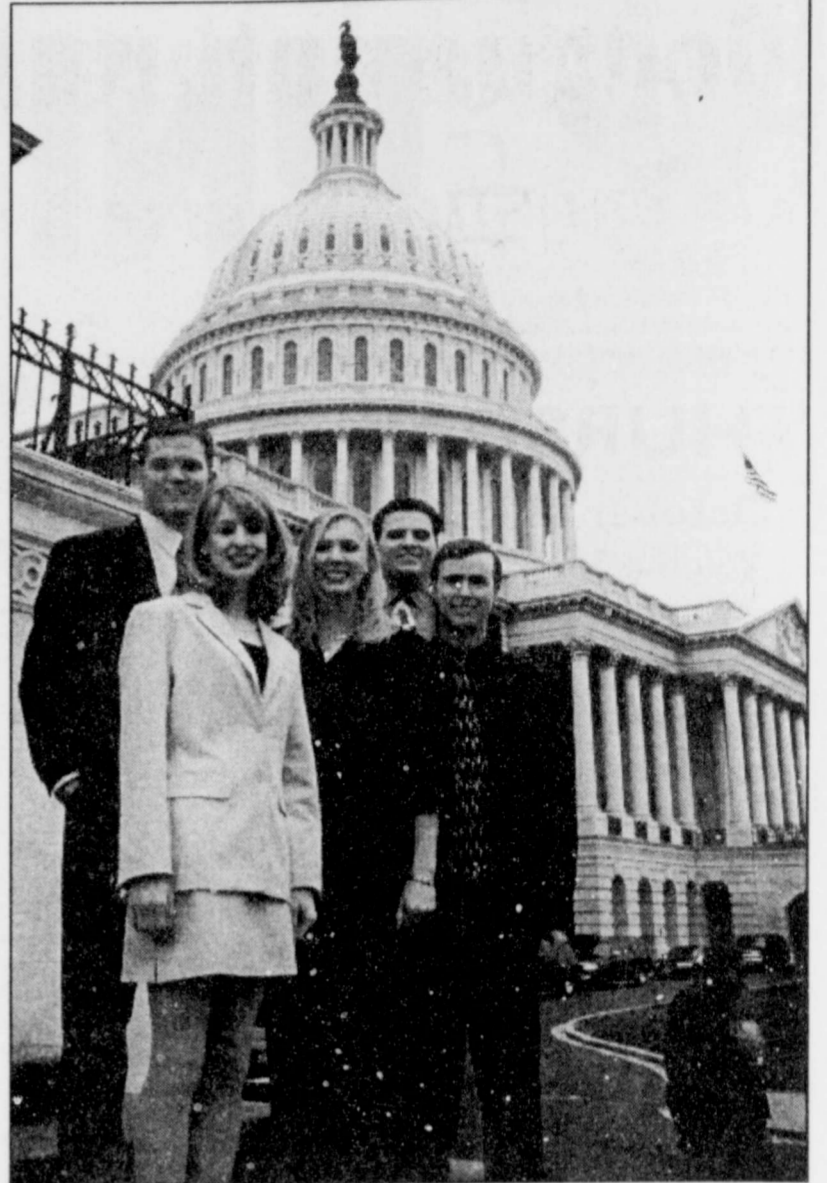
The intern will receive six pass/fail hours and will be expected to compose an essay and present a seminar on their experiences.

The application deadline is Nov. 22, and applications are available in 150 Administration Building.

A resume and letter of recommendation from the student's academic adviser are required with submission of applications. Finalists will be selected by an interview committee comprised of faculty, staff, former student interns and a representative from a local congressional office.

Haragan said he hopes to increase the size of the internship group.

For more information on the internship, call David Waggoner at 742-2121.



Courtesy Photo
Tech students Patrick Brady, Rachael Novier, Jodi Swick, Michael Pratt and Heath Parker stand outside the U.S. Capitol during their spring semester internship. Novier has received a full-time job offer from Congressman Larry Combest.

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"This is a powerful demonstration and we are representing these 116 women whose voices can not be heard," said Kamber Little, a junior education major from Plano and a participant in the Day of Silence.

A candlelight vigil will take place at 7 p.m. on the Lubbock County Courthouse lawn. This vigil will give the community a chance to come together, not only to mourn the women who have died, but also to celebrate the women who have survived. WPS officials said this event gives people hope and strength to live violence-free lives.

"This event is important to the community in order to raise awareness," said Grace Lager, a legal advocate for WPS. "There is so much silence, and everyone needs to speak out so that more people become educated."

Those who attend the vigil will hold candles while the names of the women are read aloud. The Visions of Light gospel choir will sing in celebration of the women who had strength to fight and sur-

what: Domestic Violence Conference

where: Ramada Inn Conference Center

when: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

who to call: Jennifer Halcomb, 792-7295

vive domestic violence.

Vonda Scott, a survivor of spousal abuse, will speak of her experiences in dealing with domestic violence.

"As a survivor, I understand the terror and pain," Scott said. "For 116 women to die in the state of Texas is unacceptable. There needs to be less victim blame, and more blame on the abuser."

The Texas Council on Family Violence will cover the courthouse lawn with wooden silhouettes, cut in shapes of people. The cutouts will contain information about services dealing with domestic violence. There also will be T-shirts hanging

from a clothesline that were painted by survivors who live in the community.

Each T-shirt on the clothesline represents the different emotions abused women have felt.

Information will be available to anyone interested in helping raise domestic violence awareness. Along with WPS, other organizations participating in Dating Violence Month include the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center, the Tech Student Health Services, Tech Women's Studies Program, Chi Omega, Alpha Chi Omega, the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance and the Tech Complex Council.

WPS will sponsor the conference at the end of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The conference will be held for anyone concerned or interested in working with victims of domestic violence.

The Domestic Violence Conference will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Ramada Inn Conference Center. Anyone interested in attending the conference can call Jennifer Halcomb at the Women's Protective Services at 792-7295.

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drome are allergic rhinitis, shortness of breath, watery and itchy eyes, and a sick stomach," Straus said. "People who have allergies are more inclined to suffer from sick building syndrome, but since there are a lot of variables, involved everyone could potentially suffer."

Although most cases of sick building syndrome involve limited exposure to the fungi, higher dosages can produce more severe

symptoms, he said.

"If you do come in contact with high dosages of the elements, some of the symptoms can be bleeding from your nose and eyes because of busted capillaries," Straus said.

Not every building or home may be affected by the flooding, but precautions should be taken to ensure the safety of residents in the East Coast area, he said.

"They will probably treat each situation differently as far as checking for fungi," Straus said.

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going door-to-door," Hancock said.

Safe Treat will not be the only event offered in Lubbock for early trick-or-treaters on Friday. Kids Line, sponsored by Contact Lubbock, will host Halloween Safe from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday at Clapp Park, located at 46th Street and Avenue U.

Amanda Vieragge, Kids Line coordinator, said their event will promote Halloween safety and provide entertainment.

She said safety information will be provided, as well as a haunted house and carnival games.

Halloween Safe is free to the

public and there also will be free pizza, popcorn and drinks.

Mary Croyle, health education coordinator for the Lubbock Health Department, said members of her department will be at Clapp Park to give out free trick-or-treat bags full of goodies.

Croyle said the health department began promoting Halloween safety this year at Raider Alley before the game against Colorado, where they handed the Halloween bags to more than 300 children.

For more information on Safe Treat, call IFC at 742-2205 or Panhellenic at 742-2403. For information on Halloween Safe, call Contact Lubbock at 765-7272.

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Dengue outbreak feared

Twenty-five cases reported in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Texas health officials have confirmed 25 cases of dengue fever since July, including the only cases of the tropical disease acquired in the United States this year.

"There are a lot of imported cases of dengue every year into the United States," said Vance Vorndam, a microbiologist with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Texas is leading the pack this year because it's so close to Mexico."

New figures from the Texas Department of Health show that 18 cases were travel-related, most acquired in Mexico. One came from Brazil. Five cases were acquired in Texas, however. It has not been determined where the remaining two cases came from.

This is the state's biggest outbreak since 1995, when 29 Texans caught disease, seven of them acquired in-state.

Texas is the only state that has reported locally acquired cases in the past 50 years, Vorndam said. Although diseases like dengue, yellow fever and malaria were common in the U.S. earlier this century, they have been mostly wiped out.

In fact, modern conveniences like window screens and air conditioning

Texas Department of Health Breakdown

- Total cases acquired in Texas: 5.
- Total cases travel-related: 18.
- Travel history undetermined: 2.
- Latest onset among Texas-acquired cases: Aug. 25.
- Latest onset among travel-related cases: Sept. 16.

Number of cases by county:

- Webb — 18 (3 locally acquired)
- Galveston — 1
- Hidalgo — 2
- Nueces — 1 (acquired from travel to Webb County)
- Willacy — 2 (1 locally acquired)
- Tarrant — 1

source: AP

are probably the reason dengue rarely spreads in the United States, Vorndam said. Dengue is spread only by mosquitoes, not person-to-person.

Dengue fever is a viral illness spread by the Aedes aegypti mosquito. Symptoms include high fever, severe headaches, joint and muscle pain, nausea, vomiting and skin rash.

The disease usually lasts about two weeks and is rarely fatal. There is no vaccine or cure for dengue.

About 200 dengue cases were reported in the United States last year with 90 cases confirmed by CDC tests. All were acquired in other countries. Since dengue is rarely fatal, many cases might go unreported or misdiagnosed, however.

Texas is experiencing spillover from an outbreak in northern Mexico, where 7,000 cases have been reported this year.

Arizona had three suspected travel-related cases of dengue fever this year, and California had a handful of cases, according to the states' respective departments of health. New Mexico had none.

The Texas Department of Health has stepped up efforts to warn people about dengue, alerted doctors to the symptoms and gone through records to track down possible cases from earlier this year.

The most recent cases the state is reviewing are from August and September, department epidemiologist Julie Rawlings said.

Webb County, which includes the busy international port of Laredo, leads the state with 18 cases.

Plug 'n' Pute



J.T. Aguilar/The University Daily
Texas Tech students Atono McKenzie, a graduate student from the Bahamas, David Carzano, a freshman pre-medical major from El Paso, and K.D. Kelly, a senior social work major from Lubbock, take advantage of the Kiosk Internet centers in the University Center on Wednesday. Laptop terminals for direct Tech ethernet connections also are available on the pillars located between Chick-fil-A and Pizza Hut.

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for approval for phase one, and later on for phase two, according to what I can tell. They just don't want any problems that could be foreseen or avoided."

Bill Beckham, director of campus planning at the THECB, said the 18 members voting tomorrow likely will approve phase one. A majority vote is needed to approve projects at universities.

Beckham said once the project has been approved, it will be up to Tech to whether or not to continue with the project.

Although plans for phase two

of the stadium are not fully drawn-out, it is expected to cost from \$53 to \$55 million. The plan might include luxury boxes over offices at the south end of the stadium, more general seating areas, new athletic offices, and renovations of the press box on the west side.

Phase one of the project was recommended for approval Friday by members of the THECB, but it still needs official approval by the coordinating board today at their meeting with the Board of Regents' committee.

More college graduates needed to boost economy

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas will lose ground economically if more of its residents don't earn college degrees, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said Wednesday.

Perry charged the Special Commission on 21st Century Colleges and Universities to find ways to boost college enrollment. According to 1990 Census figures, about one in five Texans earns an undergraduate or graduate degree.

"Higher education has a dramatic impact on the future prosperity of our citizens and our state," Perry said.

According to University of Texas researchers, Internet-related busi-

nesses are expected to generate more than \$507 billion in revenues this year.

Those businesses, whose revenues were measured at \$301 billion last year, also directly account for 2.3 million jobs and growth is not expected to subside, the Texas researchers said.

A college graduate is projected to earn up to \$1 million more in their lifetime than a worker without one, Perry said, with the difference as large as \$2.7 million for a college graduate compared to a high school dropout.

Higher Education Commis-

sioner Don Brown said 32 percent of Texas' 19-year-olds were enrolled in colleges and universities in fall 1996, well below the national average of 40 percent.

From 1990 to 1998, the percentage of white residents aged 19 to 34 enrolled at public colleges and universities dropped from 17.2 percent to 15.5 percent.

For Hispanics, the numbers rose from 7.8 percent to 9.4 percent. The percentage of black students also rose from 8.7 percent in 1990 to 10.1 percent last year.

The panel of state officials, businessmen, education officials and clergy is to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by Nov. 1, 2000.

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The U.S. Congress should not interfere with safe legal methods to secure life-saving drugs to treat HIV/AIDS.

This is a statement made by the National Minority AIDS Council in support of an amendment offered this summer by Congressman Bernie Sanders of Vermont, the only independent member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Sanders' amendment called for the U.S. State Department to end its efforts to punish countries, South Africa, Israel and Thailand in particular, that are trying to access lower-cost medications to treat victims of the AIDS epidemic and other diseases.

First, some background information. Congressman Sanders has stated, "Almost 10 percent of the South African population is suffering from AIDS, including 20 percent of pregnant women and 45 percent of the military."

Further figures show that the average South African lives on \$2,600 per year; yet, the cost of a year's treatment of AZT can be as high as \$12,000.

In 1995, the World Trade Organization reached an agreement stating that nations can take steps, such as purchasing medications from other nations instead of from drug companies and manufacturing generic drugs within their own countries, to acquire lower-cost medications. South Africa, Israel and Thailand have passed laws to allow these practices. However, the U.S. State Department under the Clinton administration has placed sanctions against these three nations for passing these laws even though they comply with the WTO agreement.

Reports from Sanders' office relate that during the first 18 months of the 1997-1999 election cycle, the pharmaceutical industry spent more money lobbying Congress and the Clinton administration than any other industry. In that same 18-month span, the top 10 drug companies saw an increase in profits of more than 26 percent and earned an average of \$2.5 billion. Knowing all this, it shouldn't be hard to guess what the outcome of Sanders' proposed amendment was. It got the axe by a 307-117 vote.

The debates before the vote were taken clearly illustrated Sanders' outspoken belief that his fellow members of Congress would not support his amendment because of the pharmaceutical industry's lobbying efforts to both of the two major parties. The views of the Republicans and Democrats who stood to Sanders' amendment could have been summed up in the following statement: "While we support the intentions of Sanders' amendment, we don't feel it's the best way to address this issue at this time."

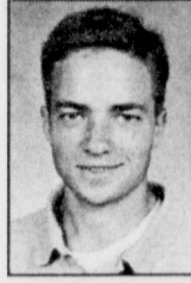
Translation: "Your plan is good and the one we should follow, but we're hamstringed since the pharmaceutical industry is giving us so much money."

It's a shame that more than 117 congressmen couldn't have put the best interests of mankind above their own personal interests.

AIDS, the biggest killing infectious disease in the world, is a problem in the United States but presents an even greater dilemma for many lesser-developed nations. Providing drugs to treat victims of AIDS at lower costs may not eliminate the disease, but it would help to quell its rapid spread. The United States should not place sanctions on nations who choose to abide by the WTO's agreement in their effort to bring help to their people simply because of the financial influence of the pharmaceutical industry.

At least for now, people like Congressman Sanders are thinking about the big picture and shining the spotlight on some of the inner-workings of the political arena.

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Andrew Schoppe Columnist

EDITORIAL Proposal sparks tax debate

(AP) — Americans universally loathe the federal tax system, with its endless complex forms and potential for IRS mistakes leading to seizures of property and even jail terms.

One of the more interesting reform ideas to come along in recent years is being called the "fair tax."

It would repeal the 16th Amendment authorizing the income tax, while also repealing the Social Security, Medicare, corporate and inheritance taxes. In their stead would be a 23 percent national sales tax on all new goods and services.

Except for home services under \$1,200 a year (such as lawn work or baby-sitting), nothing would be exempted, though used goods would not be taxed.

Legislation initiating the process, House Resolution 2525, is being sponsored in Congress by a bipartisan coalition led by Democratic Rep. Collin Peterson of Minnesota and Republican Rep. John Linder of Georgia. The new tax system would go into effect Jan. 1, 2001.

Legislators recently discussed their plan in a conference call with

representatives across the nation. They said they've formed a new organization, Americans for Fair Taxation, which now has 160 local chapters with 150,000 members; they hope to have one million members by the end of January.

"There's something wrong with the tax code," Linder said. "It can't be fixed. We have an intrusive and corrosive tax code. Since the 1986 tax reform, there have been 6,200 more changes. The fair tax is less intrusive. You would get 100 percent of your paycheck, and you wouldn't have to report on everything you do."

He explained that individuals would not have to fill out IRS forms anymore, detailing the most private aspects of their lives. "States and local businesses would collect the tax," he said, much as they now collect state sales taxes.

One of the major concerns was that the government might bring the income tax back in some way on top of the "fair tax." Linder said the repeal of the 16th Amendment would be "an aggressive repeal," not only getting rid of the income tax, but prohibiting a new one. Nevertheless, today's Supreme

Court might find some way to distort matters and allow some kind of new income tax. Its also worth remembering that the original income tax came in sneakily, first imposed "only" on rich people, but quickly applied to the middle class, too.

To take care of the higher sales tax paid by poor people (most of whom don't pay income taxes), the fair tax proposal also would rebate to them an estimate of their share of the new national sales tax.

Finally, you have to worry about the black market activity that would be encouraged. When you add in state sales taxes, the full tax could be more than 30 percent of the cost of an item.

Though appealing, the fair tax has too many problems to be seen as a great alternative. The first half is nice: repeal the income and other taxes. The second part impose the 23 percent national sales tax has a lot to be desired.

But the proposal's major merit is that it will advance the national debate on getting rid of the dreaded income tax, one way or another. Odessa American

Corporate America sucking health care out of workers

How about a peppy column on health care? You say there's no pep left in that pup: such a muddle we all hate to think about it? I reckon different. Robert H. Frank, a professor at Cornell University and big-time expert in all this, says, "In short, our health insurance system is in a death spiral." That may not be peppy, but at least it's arresting.

Frank's thinking is that as more people cancel their health insurance — because of day-to-day financial distress — going without health insurance becomes more socially acceptable. "Making matters worse is the changing composition of the pool of the insured. As more healthy families forego coverage, those left tend to be sicker and more costly to treat, forcing up premiums," he said.

Likewise, says Frank, there's a similar impetus on the employer's side. "Not long ago, many workers never would have considered a job that didn't cover health insurance. As more employers, particularly small businesses, offer jobs with no coverage, it becomes more difficult for workers to avoid them. In turn, these employers have lower operating costs, allowing them a competitive edge and putting further pressure on businesses that continue to offer such benefits."

Frank offers an interesting variant on the classic simple solution to all this. Those of us who have agitated for a single-payer system, modeled on Canada's excellent program, might want to consider Frank's alternative, not because it is better but because it is more politically doable. Frank proposes a flat-out subsidy by the government for health care insurance, up to \$3,000 a year per family.

For one thing, this would not drive private health insurers out of business — and as you know, their opposition and generous campaign contributions

have tied our political system into knots. Harry and Louise were a dubious gift from the insurance industry. Government bureaucrats would simply process health insurance claims and send out checks; we buy the insurance and choose the doctors, and they choose the treatments.

Frank claims this will work out to be cheaper than the present system because it would deliver more cost-effective care to those currently uninsured. The uninsured tend to let minor illnesses grow into major illnesses before seeking treatment and then wind up in emergency rooms.

Of the presidential candidates, only Bill Bradley has made a thorough, thoughtful health care proposal, and he concedes it still would leave about 5 percent uncovered by insurance. Some of his political opponents claim his plan would be vastly more expensive than estimated — but then, they always claim that about health care plans. Hard to think of any system vastly more expensive than the one we have. Also sneaking up on us is a crisis in care for the chronically ill. This is one of those stories that seep and creep: No one has hired a public-relations firm to blare an emergency at a press conference, so it gets little coverage.

Heart and lung disease, for example, do not fit into the system of care designed for cancer patients. Cancer patients need relatively little help until the last six months, when they tend to go downhill fast. The superb hospice system was specifically designed for them. But frail, older patients with chronic illnesses need five to 10 or more years of care in a sort of roller-coaster pattern over the years. A recent study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* found 23 percent of such patients in serious need of care, and much of what is provided comes from family members, particularly women, at an enormous cost in stress.

Mona Harrington's new book, "Care and Equality," points out that the whole system of care is broken in an even larger sense. Who is now caring for America's children, the sick, the disabled? Harrington reports that essentially nobody is. The traditional system depended on the unpaid labor

of women in the home. And women are no longer home.

Women, as most of us are well aware, are caught in two double-binds. One splits us between the needs of children and the needs of aging parents. The other is a no-win game of societal expectations. Middle-class working women are constantly guilt-tripped about not staying home to care for their children, while poor mothers are shoved into the workforce by society that tells them they are a disgrace if they stay home on welfare.

Harrington writes of "the remaining power of the idea that women are most admirable, most virtuous, most worthy of praise when they are fulfilling the supportive role of wife or mother. And the same idea defines women as least praiseworthy when they seek to enter to the world of power that has always been the often unlovely province of men." Harrington calls for a new kind of pro-family politics, an ethics of care in a public-private partnership.

"To achieve equal economic opportunity for women within a system that takes care seriously and values families, we must extend the reach of public responsibility," Harrington writes. "We have to go beyond righting wrongs of the deliberate political building of a family care system that includes the value of equality. ... I believe it should be in a public/private collaboration, but one that imposes definite responsibilities for care on the private sector. The reigning idea that the sole corporate responsibility is to create value for shareholders must be replaced by one that expands corporate obligation to include social health — and that means an obligation to support families and care."

Her argument is that a huge proportion of the great wealth created by American corporations is going not only to shareholders, but to corporate managers — in salaries, stock options and perks — while the share that goes to workers declines or stagnates, even in boom times. Thus, families do not have the resources to care well for their children.

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Molly Ivins Columnist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moving Up?

To the editor: I am writing in response to Chad Conine's "Review Session" (UD, 10/25) I would like to take a minute to further his review. It seems that Mr. Conine wants us to congratulate Dykes' duo for what little they have accomplished. Mr. Conine conveniently left out a few points.

First off, I would like to say that I have been a season-ticket holder for five years. I would like to start my review with a few points that Mr. Conine left out. How many people remember '94 when Tech surprised many people with a birth in the Cotton Bowl? For all those who remember, it was a sad day as USC gave us a whooping, I also remember '97, when Tech went to the Alamo Bowl to play Iowa. I was so excited I could hardly contain myself. We were playing in a game against a team for which my relatives where rooting for (they are from up north), and I thought it would be an excellent opportunity for them to see my school shine. Unfortunately, we lost! And it wasn't pretty. Now let's take a look at last year. Yeah, we started 6-0. Yeah, we made a bowl game. And we lost, again. Are you seeing a trend? In my opinion, Tech has succeeded due to the caliber of the players we have.

We have been very fortunate to have/had and still have many talented players. And we can watch some of those players on Sundays, as they have taken their talent forward to the next level. Morris, Hanspard, Lethridge, Reager and Coleman to name a few. Don't get me wrong, I love Tech football and will bleed red and black when I die. However, I want to see our football team take it to the "Next Level." I want us to win all of the "supposed to's." I want to win bowl games. I want a team with consistency and a national ranking. I am tired of watching Tech have mediocre years. I am tired of Tech getting no respect from the media. My brother saw Tech on ESPN as they said we were a part of the biggest upset of the decade. Let me add that my brother is a Georgia alum, and I had to listen to him tell me that we still have a mediocre team. I also subscribe to *Sports Illustrated*, and they constantly include little tidbits that reflect negatively upon our school. I am ready for a football team that earns the respect of the general public. I want others to feel the same way about Tech football that I do. I support the removal of Dykes' duo for these reasons. I am only speaking for myself, but I am sure that others share my opinion. Spike did his part to get Tech a little recognition, but now it is time to go on to the "Next Level." Go Tech!

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Lubbock receives the call

Caedmon's Call concert sold out tonight at UC

by Sebastian Kitchen
Staff Writer

Caedmon's Call plays at clubs, churches, schools, the House of Blues and the Hard Rock Cafe. The band will play wherever people want to listen.

"College is our focus," said drummer Garrett Buell. "College ministry is what we lean toward."

Caedmon's Call, a combination of acoustic folk and rock music, will return to Texas Tech at 8 p.m. today when they perform in the University Center Allen Theatre. The show is

sold out.

This Houston-based band performs all over the country with particularly large audiences in Texas. Lubbock is one stop on a 62-city fall college tour.

Caedmon's Call hit No. 1 on the Billboard charts with its second national album *40 Acres*. *40 Acres* debuted at the top on both the Soundscan compiled Top Christian Albums Chart and the Top Current Contemporary Chart. The album was released in April and sat at the No. 1 position for several weeks.

Caedmon's Call has been per-

forming together for seven years with growing success. The band's Web site, www.caedmons-call.com, receives 50,000 hits-per-week on the World Wide Web.

With more listeners, Caedmon's Call has received more awards. Those awards include a Dove Award, the equivalent of a Grammy in Christian music, for "Album of the Year" and four Dove nominations.

The band began performing originally for Bible studies and other functions. It was not well organized at the beginning but started to become so as more requests came in for the

band to play.

"The lyrics are geared toward those that are college-aged," Buell said. "We had just got out of college. We want them to be able to relate to us."

Although Buell said the band has noticed more adults and those in high school coming out to the show, he said the band also has noticed an increase in the number of non-Christians attending the shows.

At universities like Duke, students will venture to the show from other social gatherings nearby.

"People will come up to us and say, 'I didn't know you were Christian, I



Caedmon's Call began playing for Bible studies in Houston.

Courtesy Photo

loved the music," Buell said. "We just hope they take part of the songs with them. It is not in our control."

Buell said Caedmon's Call does not discriminate. The band members want all types of people to attend

their shows.

"We treat everyone at the shows equal," he said. "We don't know if they're Christian or not. We consider people friends and not fans. That is very important to us."



Courtesy Photo

Les Savy Fav performs tonight at a concert benefiting a young heart patient.

Local concert benefits man in need of heart transplant

Lubbock crowds will be able to attend a concert that is all heart.

Three national bands will perform tonight at Einstein's Sandwich Shop, 1824 Ave. G. But this is not any ordinary concert. It has a deeper purpose.

About two years ago, former Texas Tech student Steve Tepia was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy atrial fibrillation, which was caused by a virus that attacked the heart and caused it to enlarge and induce an irregular heart beat.

He had to put his life on hold, withdraw from school and begin treatment. He now lives in Uvalde and must travel several times a week to Houston to visit the hospital for treatment.

He is on medication but will

inevitably need a heart transplant. Tepia first found out about the concert only a week ago and was flattered by the gesture.

"I'm glad I have friends who would do this for me," he said. "I'm really flattered that they thought about me."

Tepia's friend, Joseph Kyle, decided what better way to raise money for his friend than with a concert.

Tepia has played guitar in local rock band Lucky and enjoys concerts.

Doors for the show open at 8 p.m. and admission is \$7. All proceeds will go to Tepia and his medical costs.

Opening bands include Tom Foolery and the Mistakes and D-Action Figure. Alternative rock band Las Savy Fav will headline.

Students to provide second helping at church

by Angela Loston
Staff Writer

Three times a week, Becca Williams serves between 85 to 175 hungry dinner guests at the First United Methodist Church. Williams said each of these visitors come to find a free, hot meal since they are not able to receive one due to being homeless or impoverished.

Williams is able to provide her assistance to these people by being a volunteer coordinator for the Second Helping Soup Kitchen at First United Methodist Church, located at 1411 Broadway.

"It's a real direct way of helping," Williams said. "I can't do a whole lot for the starving people across the ocean. There are people who are just as hungry right here."

Williams, who has worked at the soup kitchen since 1991, said various people within the community come to volunteer at the church every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Throughout the year, she said, some volunteers offer their assistance at the soup kitchen for one Saturday a month. Williams said volunteers usually serve food to people who are either homeless or who do have homes, but need assistance. Typically, Williams said, volunteers spend almost two hours each time they come and work at the soup kitchen.

"The people that volunteer to do it are the neatest people in the world," Williams said. "They are a little more caring than the general population. They're willing to give their time."

On Saturday, some students have decided to trade in a morning of extra

sleep for a day of volunteer work to offer their support at the soup kitchen from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Daniel Brown, activities coordinator for Tech's Campus Activities and Involvement, said the student volunteers will serve food and set up tables there. Brown said 30 people have signed up to participate in the community-service activity.

"I think it's a real educational opportunity for students to get involved with Second Helpings," Brown said. "I hope they'll gain a better understanding of the issues that homeless people face."

Since there is not enough awareness about the homeless situation in Lubbock, Brown said, this issue continues to plague the community.

"I think a lot of people don't want to admit there's a homeless problem in

Lubbock," Brown said. "If it was recognized more, then it might not be as big of a problem."

Williams said she enjoys working with Tech students when they volunteer at the church for the soup kitchen.

"It's just a really neat time when they come," Williams said. "They are always enthusiastic."

Because an adequate amount of people already have volunteered, there is no need for more volunteers for the event Saturday, Brown said.

Other scheduled days to work at the soup kitchen will be Jan. 29 and April 29. If students are interested in working with future projects for the Second Helping Soup Kitchen, they can register as volunteers in 228 University Center or call 742-3621 for more information.

Art reaching the masses through Internet

NEW YORK (AP) — Julie Fergang always loved art but found buying intimidating — until she got on the Internet.

She bought a \$1,700 Mario Giacomelli photograph last spring from the comfort of her New York City apartment. It went so well, she has been checking the Net once or twice a week for more items to buy.

High-end art priced at \$1,000 or more is reaching the masses. With the Internet, no longer are buyers required to visit galleries or auction houses,

where newcomers complain they do not always feel welcome unless they carry checkbooks with large balances.

Artstar.com will join the growing list of art-auction sites Thursday. Last week, mass-market auction site eBay created a special section for higher-priced artwork and antiques.

Even the old-line auction houses such as Christie's and Sotheby's are preparing to go online. Sotheby's has more than 10,000 pieces lined up for two sites later this year.

Fergang, who used artnet.com for

her purchase, said the Net opens up art to "a whole different class of buyers."

Artnet.com has sold some 350 pieces worth more than \$1 million to Fergang and other collectors since March. During the past two weeks, the site sold a 1967 Andy Warhol screenprint for \$34,650 and a 1980 Marc Chagall lithograph for \$16,800.

Hans Neuendorf, a former gallery owner who started Artnet, said he is trying to change the traditionally exclusive art world by giving customers privacy and access to information.

London band to play Swing Night concert

Swing Night at the Watson Building, 1109 13th St., will feature the swing/rockabilly band The Big 6 tonight.

The band is from London and will perform all night. Tickets cost \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door.

Dance lessons begin at 8 p.m. and cost \$4. For more information, call 796-1839 or visit www.swingstreet.org.

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THREE OF A KIND

Three of Lubbock's own remain on South Plains to pursue football careers at Texas Tech

by Patrick Gonzales
Staff Writer

Even though a three-of-a-kind can almost always be thought of as a good hand in poker, the Texas Tech football squad can attest that it also can be useful on the gridiron.

The Red Raiders have a trio of players in line-backer Dorian Pitts, wideout Darrell Jones and free safety Kevin Curtis, who all played their high school ball in Lubbock.

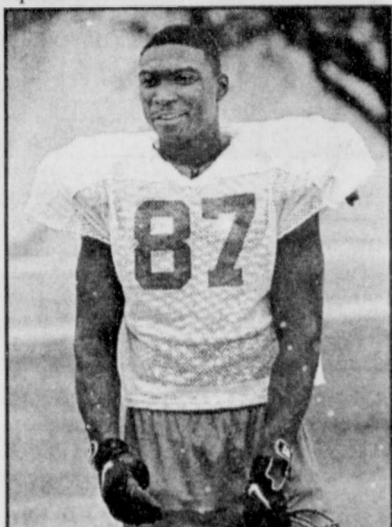
Together they have helped lead Tech to a first-place tie in the Big 12 South Division.

In Tech's 35-7 victory against Baylor last Saturday, the trio played a role in three of the Red Raiders' four touchdowns.

Curtis, a 1998 graduate of Coronado High School, set up Tech's first touchdown Saturday with an interception that he returned to the Baylor 1-yard line.

Even though he primarily played quarterback for Coronado, Curtis was the only true freshman to see playing time last season as a free safety.

This season, Curtis leads the Red Raiders with 85 tackles and two interceptions.



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily
Darrell Jones has four touchdown receptions for the Red Raiders this season.

He attributes his quick impact on the squad to feeling comfortable with the surroundings of his hometown.

Curtis also said staying close to home can be a disadvantage because college is a time of being by yourself and growing up.

"I've grown up a little bit, but I'll always have my parents to help me out whenever I need it," Curtis said. "It can be looked at as both an advantage and a disadvantage."

Pitts, a 1997 graduate from Monterey High School, had a blocked punt against Baylor that led to a touchdown for the offense last Saturday.

The punt block was his second of the season and the third of his career.

Pitts, who is a self-proclaimed "mother's boy," had a strong interest in playing at Tech, but said the squad really wasn't recruiting him heavily in high school.

However, things changed when Monterey faced Midland Lee in a playoff game in Jones Stadium.

Pitts finished the contest with two interceptions, one forced fumble and 15 solo tackles.

He also knocked out the opposing quarterback with a concussion. To no surprise, he also finished

the evening with two blocked punts.

"I guess I've got a knack for it," Pitts said about blocking punts.

"I don't take any special ingredients, it's just all natural abilities."

After his stellar performance, Tech started recruiting Pitts.

The rest is history.

Pitts also started playing for Tech as a true freshman, backing up the defensive backs.

Now, at outside linebacker, he has been a fixture for the SWARM defense.

Pitts said it is a great feeling playing for a university that it is in your hometown because

it makes the surroundings more comfortable.

Part of that comfort comes from local support, but most importantly, it also comes in the form of a home-cooked meal, Pitts said.

"Whenever I get tired of eating the same food every day, I know I can always go to my mother's house and get that home-cooked meal," Pitts said.

Getting a home-cooked meal also is on the top of the list for Jones.

A 1997 graduate of Coronado High School, Jones had an 11-yard touchdown grab against Baylor which was his fourth of the season for the Red Raiders.

However, Jones' decision to attend Tech was a little different.

Jones was recruited by Oklahoma but didn't pass the SAT until his last chance. By that time, the Sooners had given up on him because they did not want to take a chance.

Tech left the door open for Jones and he signed a scholarship agreement in the summer prior to fall two-day workouts.

"I'm glad I made the decision to stay, 'cause I already decided to stay here and this is where I grew up,"

Jones said.

However, Jones said one problem with living close to home is the distribution of free tickets to home games because he has so many friends and family.

Pitts said staying in Lubbock also makes it hard to stay away from the past and all the bad influences that try to bring him down.

Jones feels the same way.

"There are some people who don't like me just 'cause I'm making it," Jones said. "It makes it

tough, because those people are the ones that I already knew through high school."

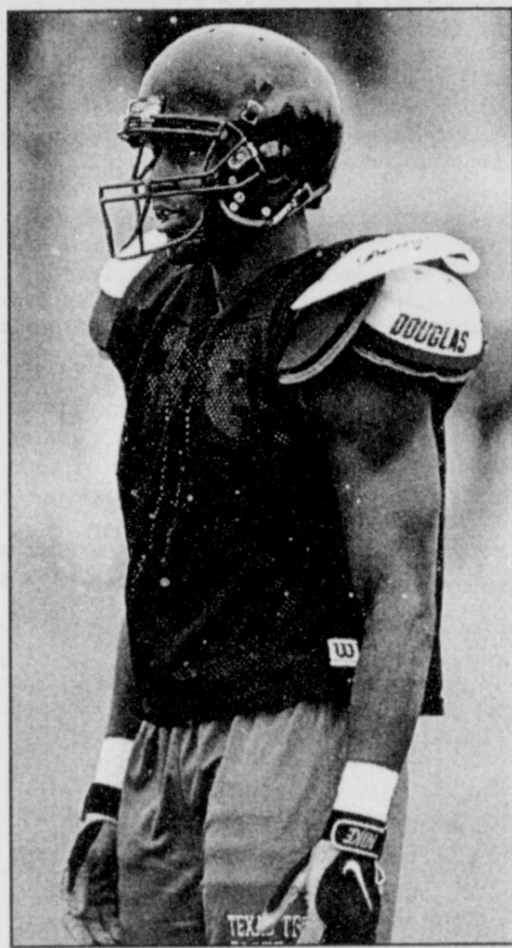
Even though the trio played for two high schools that have one of the biggest rivalries in Lubbock, there is no lost blood between them.

"Sometimes I wish that Lubbock just had one big high school, so we could have all played together," Pitts said.

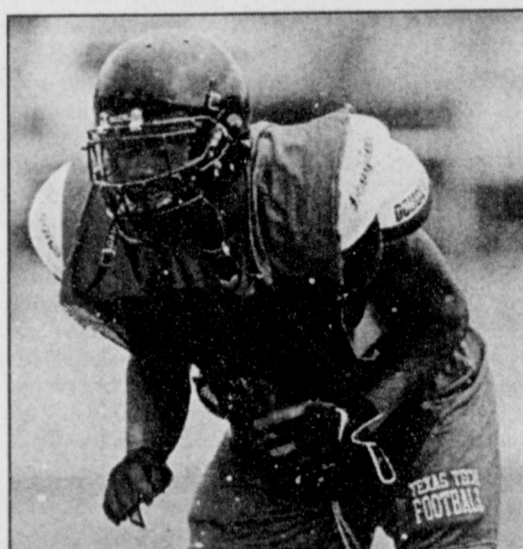
Jones and Curtis are just happy to have Pitts on the same team.

"Dorian is a great player who just has a knack to be where the ball is," Curtis said.

"It's a great advantage to have him on our side now."



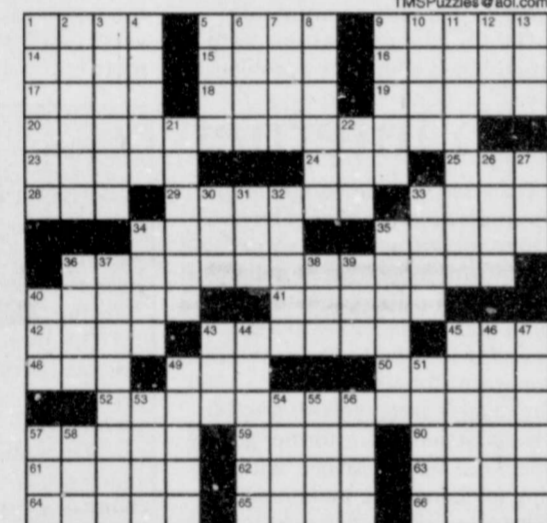
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Kevin Curtis is a 1998 Coronado High graduate.



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Dorian Pitts is a fixture on Tech's SWARM defense. He has three career blocked punts.

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Cowboys sign three, cut three

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have signed free agent linebacker Lemansky Hall and safety Chris Akins, and activated fullback Ryan Neufeld from the practice squad.

To make room on the roster, the Cowboys on Tuesday also released fullback Tim Lester, linebacker Nate Hemsley and offensive lineman Ben Fricke.

Lester started five games after being signed following Daryl Johnston's season-ending neck injury. The new starter will be Robert Thomas, a linebacker moved to fullback late in training camp. This is the second time Fricke has been cut. Akins was a member of Green Bay's practice squad. Hall and Akins will be counted on to help the special teams.

Soccer team earns tourney spot

by Amy Curry
Staff Writer

They're in. After a two-year postseason drought, the Texas Tech women's soccer squad has earned a spot in the Big 12 Conference Tournament.

The Raiders are seeded eighth, but their ranking is subject to change upon Saturday's match-up with No. 25-ranked Baylor.

If Tech beats Baylor, the Raiders will go in as the No. 5 seed. But if the Bears win, the Tech squad must enter as the No. 8 seed and face No. 1 Nebraska in the first round of the tournament.

Tech senior defender Jamie Woods said the last time the Raiders made a trip to the conference tourney, she was a freshman. She said Tech should fare much better this time around.

"It was an amazing experience to go to the tournament," Woods said.

"But this year, we have so much more leadership, so much more talent. We have a much better chance to do well at the tournament."

Tech coach Felix Oskam said he always believed Tech belonged in the top eight, if not the top six in the conference this year. He also said the Raiders played well enough in some big games and beat two nationally-ranked teams.

Oskam said with those wins, Tech deserves a berth in the tournament. "We wanted to get back to the tournament," Oskam said. "And now that we've done that, our goal is not just to show up for one game and go home."

Though the Tech squad is thrilled to be competing in the tournament for the first time in two years, the Raiders will not be satisfied with just a trip to San Antonio, a free meal and

a T-shirt. Tech is going to the Big 12 Tournament to compete.

Sophomore defender Megan Jensen said in order to have a shot at advancing to the next round, they must avoid Nebraska at all costs.

She said the only way they can do that is by taking care of Baylor on Saturday.

"This has been our No. 1 goal," she said. "It's a great feeling, but we know there's still a lot of work to do."

After upsetting No. 20 Missouri and No. 7 Texas A&M, the Raiders are looking to shut down their third na-

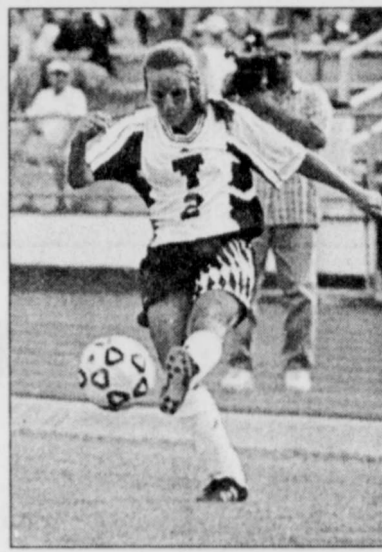
tionally-ranked opponent this season.

Tech senior midfielder Ashlyn Peterson said the Tech squad seems to rise to the occasion every time it goes head-to-head with a ranked team.

"To get a good seed in the tournament, we have to beat Baylor," Peterson said. "We always seem to step it up against those ranked teams,

though, so we should play well Saturday."

The Raiders will travel to Waco for a 7 p.m. clash with Baylor on Saturday.



File photo/The University Daily

Tech midfielder Lizzy Biles and the Raiders look to win against Baylor this weekend and clinch their third win against a nationally-ranked opponent.

"In the conference tournament, all records are out the window — everyone starts with a clean slate," Oskam said. "Anything can happen."

Spinal condition threatens Irvin's comeback hopes

IRVING (AP) — The neck injury that has sidelined Michael Irvin is no longer his biggest hurdle in returning to the Dallas Cowboys.

Tests for the herniated disc Irvin sustained earlier this month have uncovered a narrow spinal cord, a genetic condition that increases risk of serious injury if he takes another blow to the head or neck.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said the threat posed by Irvin's condition will have more to do with whether the receiver plays football again than his current injury.

"I don't see this necessarily as totally being decided by whether the swelling goes down or not," Jones said. "Right now, I don't know if that's the issue."

The risk is the same the 33-year-old Irvin has faced throughout his 12-year career. What's different now is that he knows it exists. And, still fresh in his mind is the memory of being paralyzed for a few minutes following the Oct. 10 injury against Philadelphia. Three days later, Irvin was nearly in tears as he described not being able to control his arms and legs and thinking he'd never hold his son again.

In 1986, Green Bay cornerback



Tim Lewis and Houston Oilers linebacker Frank Bush learned they

had the same genetic condition, which is known as cervical stenosis. Both retired.

"I think Michael definitely needs to do what's best for him and his family," running back Emmitt Smith said. "I think he understands the risk. Now he just has to figure out whether he feels like he can get back and play to his capabilities without hindering himself."

The primary concern now is for the swelling in his neck to subside. An MRI to be taken Wednesday or Thursday will be compared to one made shortly after the injury to see how far he's progressed.

Doctors will then determine the next step in his recovery.

So far, he's been cleared to ride a stationary bicycle for aerobic conditioning and he has to wear a neck brace only when he's around a lot of people.

"The level of speculation as to 'Can he get back this year? Can he get back in his career?' is exactly the same as it was the day after his injury. That has not changed," Jones said.

Men's golf team sinks fourth place

by Amy Curry
Staff Writer

With a three-round total of 214, freshman Mark Hull shot 2-under-par to put the Texas Tech men's golf squad in a fourth-place finish in the 1999 Deep South Intercollegiate Tournament in Abita Springs, La., Monday and Tuesday.

The Raiders posted rounds of 290, 289 and 294 to finish 9-over-par at the Money Hill Country Club.

Hull placed fourth in the 90-player field for his second top-10 finish of the season. He posted a team-low of 69 in the middle round for Tech's best round of the event.

"Overall, I was pretty pleased with my performance in this tournament," Hull said. "I played really well, but there's always room for improvement."

Posting one of their best finishes of the season, team members had to battle the elements as they faced intense humidity and low elevations.

Tech coach Jeff Mitchell said the Raiders also had to overcome rough greens.

"Some teams really struggled on the greens at this course — the greens weren't in the best condition," he said. "But the (Tech) guys did a very good job controlling the ball. They played some really smart golf."

Also making a strong finish for the Tech squad was sophomore transfer David Bolen who tied for

22nd place. Mitchell said Bolen has continued to play consistently throughout the season. After two tournaments and 1,000 shots, Bolen and Hull are two strokes apart.

Other Raiders competing in the tournament finished in the top two-thirds of the field. Tech freshman Brooks Kelly tied for 32nd, junior Corey Henegar tied for 39th and freshman Trey Pyka tied for 59th.

Hull said the key to becoming better is preparation and practice.

"We can't expect to just go out and win every tournament this year," he said. "All we can do for now is be as prepared as possible for each tournament and work on fine-tuning our game."

Mitchell said this was a good tournament for the Raiders, as far as district play because they beat all but one of their district teams, putting them in position to compete in the regional tournament in the spring.

The Raiders will compete in their last tournament of the fall season Nov. 8 when they return to Louisiana for the Centenary Collegiate Tournament.

Right now, the main thing the Tech squad needs to work on before their final match is course management, Mitchell said.

"They are a young team, but once they get some college experience under their belts, they'll be a tough team to beat next year," he said.



Tech golfer David Bolen tied for 22nd place at the Deep South Intercollegiate Tournament in Abita Springs, La. The Raider squad will look to finish strong in the last tourney of the season at the Centenary Collegiate Tournament on Nov. 8. J.T. Aguilar/The University Daily

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Tech claws 'Cats in five-game win

Red Raiders spike No.15 Kansas State, improve to 4-7 in Big 12 play

by Jeff Keller
Staff Writer

In 1998, the Kansas State Wildcats' volleyball squad traveled to Lubbock ranked No. 17 in the nation and left with a four-game loss to the Red Raiders.

In 1999, the Wildcats traveled to Lubbock ranked No. 15 in the nation and again left with a loss as the Texas Tech volleyball squad beat them in a five-game, two-hour-and-18-minute marathon, 15-12, 6-15, 12-15, 15-11, 15-13.

The match represented the first time this season Tech had participated in a five-game match.

It also was Tech's first win over a ranked opponent this season.

The match started off with Tech taking the first game without ever trailing in the game.

The Red Raiders out-blocked Kansas State five to three in the game and out-hit the Wildcats by a .256 to .217 mark.

The second game was the exact opposite of the first as the Wildcats jumped out to a 4-0 lead and never looked back.

Kansas State had 7-1/2 blocks in the game compared to Tech's 6, and the Wildcats held Tech to a .135 hitting percentage.

The third game saw Kansas State battle its way to a 13-8 lead, but Tech came back to within one at 13-12.

The Red Raiders would get no closer in the game as the Wildcats closed it out from that point.

The match and the momentum seemed to be in the hands of Kan-



sas State in the fourth game as it took a 9-2 lead in the beginning of the game.

But Tech battled back to tie the game at 10-all and allowed Kansas State only one more point the rest of the game as it pulled even in the match at two games apiece.

Tech coach Jeff Nelson said the turning point in the match was Tech's comeback in the fourth game.

"It would have been easy to give up in game four," Nelson said.

"We were down 10-3 but came back. We haven't done that before, and I think that is a sign of maturity and also commitment. They know they are getting better, but tonight, they just decided they weren't letting this one go."

In collegiate volleyball, the fifth game is played in a rally game format with no side-outs, so each rally counts as a point.

Tech and Kansas State kept trading the lead in the fifth game with neither team getting more than two points ahead.

The game was tied at 13-all when Tech ran off two consecutive points and took the game and the match to pull to 4-7 in the Big 12 Conference and 14-9 overall.

Tech outside hitter Colleen Smith was second on the team with 14 kills and also collected seven digs against the Wildcats.

Middle blocker Janelle Jones had 13 kills on the night and led the Red



Tech middle hitter Yolanda Cumbess dives for the ball in the win against the Kansas State Wildcats at Coronado High School on Wednesday.

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Raiders with a .423 hitting percentage.

Tech freshman outside hitter Jenny Donohoo had 13 kills and 10 digs in a winning effort for the Red Raiders.

Tech's win over Kansas State last year took place at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center while this year's victory came at Coronado High School.

Jones said this season's win against the Wildcats counts more than last season's win, without a question.

"This season's win definitely tops last year's win," Jones said.

"It was a tough match, and it went five games.

"We fought hard and hung in there when it was tough. That just topped it off."

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Yanks sweep way to World Series title

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rocket can rest now. The ring is his.

Roger Clemens pitched the New York Yankees to their second straight World Series sweep, shutting down the Atlanta Braves 4-1 Wednesday night and ending his quest for the one and only prize that eluded him.

With raucous fans waving yellow, plastic brooms all over the ballpark and Clemens bouncing around on the mound, the Yankees won their record 25th championship. Game 4 marked New York's 12th Series victory a row, matching the mark set by its Murderers' Row teams.

Clemens waited his entire career for this moment and, at last, commanded the October stage. Showing the form that earned him five Cy Young Awards and 247 wins in 16 seasons, Clemens shut out Atlanta into the eighth to outduel John Smoltz.

Mariano Rivera who had two saves and a win in the Series was selected as MVP.

The Yankees finished off a week in which they simply overwhelmed the club that had best record in the majors, and accomplished a lot more along the way they:

— Became baseball's first repeat champion since Toronto in 1992-93.

— Posted the first set of consecutive Series sweeps since the Yankees in 1938-39.

— And, in the last game of the 20th century, their all-century team pitcher ended all debate about which club was most dominant this decade.

For Atlanta, the loss was its record-tying eighth straight in the Series, a string that began in 1996

against the Yankees. It surely was a bitter disappointment for the Braves and manager Bobby Cox.

Clemens and the sellout crowd of 56,752 fans, meanwhile, basked in pinstriped glory after taking an early 3-0 lead. At 37, he won his first championship— John Elway was the same age when he won his first Super Bowl.

Smoltz struck out three to avoid trouble in the second inning, but could not escape in the third. Chuck Knoblauch and Derek Jeter opened with singles and a one-out intentional walk to Bernie Williams loaded the bases.

After Bret Boone hit an RBI single, Rivera took over and kept the Braves from doing any more damage. He got Chipper Jones on a grounder with runners at the corners to end the inning, and pitched a scoreless ninth.

As if for good measure, pinch-hitter Jim Leyritz launched a solo home run in the New York eighth off Terry Mulholland. Remember, it was Leyritz's homer off Atlanta relief ace Mark Wohlers in Game 4 in 1996 that turned the momentum in the Yankees' favor.

Never has a team overcame an 0-3 deficit in the postseason, and the Yankees made sure it did not happen this time.

Clemens, often a victim of his high emotions in big games, jogged to the mound a full minute after his teammates took the field to start the night. The fans were with Clemens the whole way, standing up after he got two strikes on leadoff man Williams.

Clemens spent the rest of the game shouting to his fielders and offering congratulations. In the eighth, he was on the receiving end.

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