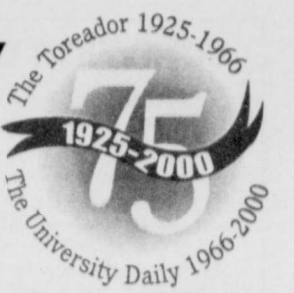




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STATENEWS

Bush suffers minor injuries when truck trailer overturns

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican presidential front-runner, sustained minor injuries to his right leg and hip Monday when he dived to avoid a truck trailer that overturned near his jogging path.

Bush was treated at the scene and later traveled to New Hampshire for a scheduled campaign swing, said Linda Edwards, Bush's press secretary.

Staff Sgt. Roscoe Hughey, a 39-year-old Texas Department of Public Safety agent who was accompanying Bush on a bicycle, received bruises to his left side. He was in fair condition at the Brackenridge Hospital emergency room, DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange said.

Bush was running on the hike-and-bike trail around Town Lake in downtown Austin when the accident occurred about 12:06 p.m., according to Edwards and the Austin Police Department.

NATIONALNEWS

Police: Body found in Utah wanted in manhunt

DENVER (AP) — Navajo hunters found a decomposing body in the Utah desert that is believed to be one of two survivalists being sought in the killing of a police officer last year, authorities said Monday.

The killing of the officer in Cortez had prompted a major manhunt across the Four Corners area in 1998.

The body was dressed in military clothing, had a bulletproof vest, a Kevlar helmet and two pipe bombs, said Russell Johnson, assistant chief of the Cortez police department.

"We definitely believe it's one of our suspects," Johnson said.

Johnson said a group of hunters found the body Sunday night in southeast Utah near Cross Canyon. Johnson said the body was well hidden and had been there long time, "say since this thing probably started."

Authorities were trying to confirm the identity of the body and determine the cause of death. A positive identification from dental records could take three days or more.

WORLDNEWS

Cyclone devastates eastern India, thousands feared dead

BALESHWAR, India (AP) — Bodies were hanging from trees and floating through towns Monday when rescuers finally arrived with aid for survivors of one of the most powerful cyclones ever to strike India, where thousands were feared dead.

After three days without food, shelter or clean drinking water, villagers in eastern Orissa state looked to the skies when helicopters showed up to drop packets of protein-rich food. Military boats appeared on the horizon in the Bay of Bengal to evacuate those marooned on housetops and hilltops.

"This is the worst flooding in 100 years. I would say it is the worst in India's history," said Asim Kumar Vaishnav, chief administrator of Baleshwar, the state capital.

With heavy rains abating, officials started to count the dead and search for the missing from the cyclone, which crashed into the coast on Friday with winds of 155 mph.

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Med school minority enrollment down

by Adrienne Gaviglio
Staff Writer

The Association of American Medical Colleges reports minority applications at medical schools in Texas, California, Mississippi and Louisiana has hit a seven-year low.

Texas Tech also has seen a decline in minority applicants in the past few years, and all efforts are being made to resolve the problem, said Barbara Ewalt, director of the Office of Admissions for Tech's School of Medicine.

"Hispanic enrollment has declined somewhat, but the majority of the decline has been seen from African Americans," Ewalt said. "Overall, our application pool has been up this year."

Ewalt did not cite any specific reasons for the decline in minority applications.

Tech's School of Medicine constantly is working to expand its minority involvement and recently has implemented a summer program to help with students from small towns with their medical aspirations, she said.

"The Summer Premedical Program is

available to help aid students on a number of issues," Ewalt said. "Special attention and workshops are given to students who have come from a smaller high school that may not have had money for all of their lab tools."

The program also helps with any MCAT preparations students might need, she said.

Tech's Cultural Diversity Center also has been helping to increase minority involvement by helping inform students about the summer programs offered by Tech.

"The Cultural Diversity Center is available year round to offer any consulting the students might have regarding Tech," said Cathy

Allen, Tech's vice chancellor for Cultural Diversity. "We encourage students to attend the summer program. It has acquired excellent feedback from many of our students."

Increasing minority enrollment is an ongoing process at the School of Medicine as well as the main Tech campus, Allen said.

"We are constantly meeting with minority students in an effort to improve our cultural diversity at Tech," Allen said.

"You have to take the initial first steps in rectifying the situation. We are prepared to help the medical school and students in any way possible."

Bus-ting it in overdrive



Spirited campus bus driver Carlton Hicks keeps his passengers entertained and welcomed during his weekly green route duties each Thursday. Hicks has never missed a day of work and has never been late on the job.

Citibus driver makes frequent stops for Tech students

by Stacey Scardino
Contributing Writer

It's nine in the morning on a Thursday and the green-route bus pulls up to the stop at the Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Hall jam-packed with people. The door swings open, and some students' faces drop as they realize that there is no way they will fit in.

"Good morning, ladies and gentlemen," shouts an energetic voice from the driver's seat. "Get in. We're going to try and fit Dallas into Lubbock."

As they squeeze their way in, Citibus driver Carlton Hicks is there to greet them with twinkling eyes and an ear-to-ear grin.

"Good morning, blonde," said Hicks to a blond-haired girl who was running to catch the bus. "Don't worry, we weren't going to leave you."

The bus is a little warm because of the overcrowding, and most passengers are forced to stand but everyone seems to be laughing and smiling. Hicks' booming voice sings along with the song playing from his portable radio, and compared to other bus rides, this seems like a party.

He turns down the radio and shouts over the crowd, "Watch me mess with this guy, he thinks I'm crazy anyway."

He cranks the radio back up and slowly drives past the traffic control booth. Hicks lets go of the wheel and begins snapping his fingers and dancing to the music while the traffic controller stares in disbelief.

A burst of laughter explodes from the passengers, and Hicks laughs with them.

This Citibus driver brings smiles to Texas Tech students' faces from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday driving the green route. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Satur-

day, he drives fixed routes around Lubbock, but he said he enjoys driving the green route best.

"Tech passengers are like a Rolls Royce compared to my fixed-route passengers," Hicks said. "Ninety-nine percent of the students' attitudes are great."

The students seem to like Hicks just as much as he likes them. He has worked for Citibus for four years and has been overwhelmed with letters of support from Tech students.

"He's great. He's really uplifting, and he brightens your day," said Allison Schieffer, a senior marketing major from Fort Worth. "It's refreshing to see someone who really enjoys his job."

In fact, Hicks loves his job so much he has never missed a day and has never been late. Day in and day out he wears his

Faculty to receive recognition

by Andy Jones
Staff Writer

Texas Tech students and student organizations nominated faculty members to be recognized for their leadership, instruction technique and style during Faculty Recognition Week.

Five Tech professors will be recognized for contributions to their students. David Dees, assistant professor of music; James Watkins, professor of architecture; Otto Nelson, associate academic dean of Arts and Sciences; Carl Jay Lambe, assistant professor of business administration; and Sharon Decker, professor of clinical nursing administration, were selected by the Faculty Recognition Committee to be honored.

Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa, Faculty Recognition Week sponsors, took nominations from the students and then based selections on information from nomination forms.

The winners will be honored during a reception dinner at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the University Center Matador Room. Students and student organizations who nominated the faculty members will present the awards at the dinner.

Lori Jones, a junior nursing major from Childress and Omicron Delta Kappa faculty recognition chairwoman, said the groups sent more than 100 applications to student organizations and posted fliers with information about the nominations.

"We picked the winners based on student comments as well as the professor's community-service record," Jones said.

Jennifer Ray, a senior architecture major from San Antonio and Mortar Board faculty recognition chairwoman, said it was difficult to narrow the nominations down to five.

"It depended on how much information (from students) we got about (the professors)," see **FACULTY, p. 2**

NFL great Payton dead at 45

CHICAGO (AP) — Walter Payton, the elusive running back who was the NFL's all-time leading rusher and took the Chicago Bears to their only Super Bowl championship, died Monday after battling a rare liver disease. He was 45.

Payton had primary sclerosing cholangitis, which can be cured only by a liver transplant. He had been on a waiting list for a transplant for nine months.

Payton rushed for 16,726 yards in his 13-year career, one of the most awesome records in sports. He missed only one game, and that was when he had an ankle injury during his rookie season.

"It's grossly unfair to judge Walter Payton solely on the yards he gains," former Bears general manager Jim Finks said when Payton was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1993. "He is a complete football player, better than Jim Brown, better than O.J. Simpson."

Though his nickname was "Sweetness," Payton's running style was bruising. He vaulted over goal lines. He stiff-armed and barreled over tacklers in the open field almost as often as he dodged them. He was a dependable receiver and could throw the ball well, too.

Against the Buffalo Bills in 1979, he took off from the 2-yard line and landed a yard deep in the end zone — on his head. In one of his more famous runs, he bounced off every defender on the Kansas City Chiefs.

"There were guys who ran with the ball better, faster. But I don't think anyone ever ran with more determination than Walter," said Mike Ditka, who coached Payton for six years, including Chicago's 1985 Super Bowl season. "He's the best football player I've ever seen."

College honors three West Texans

Ag Sciences and Natural Resources name Outstanding Agriculturalists

by Ashley Johnson
Staff Writer

Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources will honor three West Texans with the 1999 Gerald W. Thomas Outstanding Agriculturalists Award.

Teel Bivins, Marcus Hill and Becky Terry will be recognized at 6 p.m. Thursday at the 72nd annual Pig Roast at the University Center Red Raider Ballroom.

"This is quite a prestigious award in that our college selects these individuals out of the entire state for their contributions," said Marvin Cepica, executive associate dean of the College of Agriculture.

"These are people that are deserving of recognition."

The award is named in honor of Thomas who served as the dean of Texas Tech's agriculture college from 1958 to 1970.

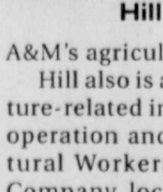
The award recognizes individual's



Bivins



Hill



Terry

A&M's agriculture college.

Hill also is actively involved in agriculture-related insurance and is in charge of operation and management for Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance Company, located in Fort Worth.

Bivins, a Texas senator, will earn the award for public services.

He will be recognized for his contribu-



Terry

tion in public education as vice chairman of the subcommittee on agriculture.

Bivins said agriculture has been an immense part of his legislative career.

"I'm honored to be a recipient for this award in public services," he said of the award.

"I've been involved in this area of agriculture for 10 years and am excited to receive an award of recognition."

The Outstanding Agriculturalist Award began in 1969.

The candidates are chosen by Tech faculty members, agriculture department chairs, previous winners, dean advisers and commodity leaders.

Cepica said the finalists are not required to be Tech alumni and are chosen from the overall impact they have made on Texas agriculture.

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Memorial planned to remember Tech student

by **Andy Jones**
Staff Writer

A memorial service for Texas Tech student Michael Burrows will be at 6:30 p.m. today in the University Center Ballroom.

Burrows, a sophomore engineering student from Houston, died in a one-car accident Friday near Caldwell. He was traveling with other members of the Tech chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers when the driver fell asleep and the van veered off the road into a creek bed, said a spokesperson for the Texas Department of Public Safety.



Burrows

Teresa Johnson, Tech's assistant dean of students, along with students and friends of Burrows, have worked to coordinate the services.

The Visions of Light Gospel Choir will perform during the service. Choir Director Rev. Cory Powell will officiate the ceremony.

Powell, who also is the college and youth pastor at Community Baptist Church, said the Visions of Light Praise Team will be in attendance to perform songs of inspiration.

"The choir will sing songs to uplift those in attendance and make them think about their own mortality," Powell said.

Ebonie Lewis, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Dallas, is one of the students working to coordinate the memorial.

Lewis said the service is for people who cannot go to Burrow's funeral in Houston on Wednesday.

She said between 100 and 200 people are expected to attend the memorial.

Counselors from Tech's Counseling Center also will be at the memo-

rial to speak with students about Burrow's death.

"We're just coming to pay our last respects," Lewis said.

Five other students were injured in the accident and were admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan. JayLynn Jackson, a 22-year-old senior engineering major from Amarillo, was treated and released Friday.

Brandon Smith, a 21-year-old student from San Antonio, was released Sunday, a St. Joseph's Hospital spokesperson said.

The other three students Brian Vinson, 20, of Dallas; Darron Banks, 18, of DeSoto; and Taimon Mosely, a

21-year-old junior engineering major from Missouri City, were listed in fair condition Monday evening.

Lewis said ribbons will be available Wednesday for students to wear in memory of Burrows.

She said the ribbons would most likely be red because Burrows was known for wearing a red cap.

Ribbons can be picked up Wednesday morning at the Student Organizations Services office, 210 UC.

"We would like for everyone to keep the Burrows' family and the survivors and their families in constant prayer," Lewis said.

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Ray said. "We try to get a variety of representatives from different schools."

Ray said the faculty members' past honors were considered as well as the number of years of service to the university.

Nelson has been a professor at Tech for 35 years.

"I'm very honored by this. I know this is an important honor,"

Nelson said. "I enjoy teaching students here more now than I ever have."

Nelson said he received the award a couple of years after he began teaching and Tech has made many changes since then.

"Texas Tech University is getting better and better in a whole lot of ways," Nelson said.

He said this will be his last year of service at Tech before retiring.

Dees has only been at Tech since

1998 but said he is very excited about receiving the award.

"This is the first award I've won for teaching," Dees said, noting that he has won several awards for saxophone performance.

"I tend to laugh during my student's lessons a lot," he said. "I enjoy teaching, so I tend to laugh a lot."

Decker, Lambe and Watkins could not be reached for comment.

Protein helps bypass patients recover

DALLAS (AP) — Heart bypass patients who received a protein that promotes the growth of new blood vessels had less chest pain and better blood flow than those who underwent surgery alone, a study found.

The study, published in Tuesday's issue of Circulation, a journal of the American Heart Association, is the

latest to show the apparent benefits of angiogenesis, the creation of new blood vessels.

Widespread use of angiogenesis proteins, also known as growth factor, to combat heart disease is still years away, but experts say the study might provide a glimpse of future treatments.



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Primus touring seas of cheese

by Sebastian Kitchen
Staff Writer

Take Van Halen. Add a touch of 'N Sync, the Backstreet Boys and 98 Degrees. And you get Primus.

At least that's what Primus guitarist Larry LaLonde said, with a hint of humor in his voice.

Primus has a sound all its own whether or not fans agree with LaLonde's comparison. Primus is known for its recognizable sound in tunes such as the "South Park" theme song and the radio hit "Wynona's Big Brown Beaver."

Behind the bass playing and vocals of Les Claypool, Primus has excelled in the music world. The band just finished the Family Values Tour with Limp Bizkit, Filter, Method Man and

Redman and Staind.

"All the bands are killer," LaLonde said. "There are a lot of good bands."

The tour ended Monday night in Dallas, and Primus is preparing to start headlining its own shows.

"On the Family Values, a lot of people probably didn't know who we were," he said. "It was a challenge to see what happens."

Playing with such a diverse group of bands is familiar to Primus, who has performed on such tours as Lollapalooza, where the band performed on the same bill as TOOL, Rage Against the Machine, Alice in Chains and Fishbone. Primus has helped boost many bands into the limelight with opening slots on its tour. Limp Bizkit, Blink 182, Powerman 5000 and the Deftones all

artist spotlight

have opened for Primus.

LaLonde said headlining and supporting bands have their advantages.

"It is easier in big, giant places because (the venues) are easy to find," LaLonde said. "We do not have to drive around looking for a club."

Now, LaLonde said the band needs to get back in shape to headline its own tour which begins Saturday in Cleveland.

On the Family Values Tour, the band played for 45 minutes. The band members will have to play twice as long when it headlines.

Primus has opened for its share of giant tours including slots with U2, Public Enemy, Jane's Addiction and

Rush. Most recently, Primus performed with heavy music's best during this summer's Ozzfest.

Primus has performed with a variety of bands from the beginning.

"We really had no one to play with," LaLonde said.

In the beginning, Primus, whose roots started in the mid-1980s, would tour with the Red Hot Chili Peppers in California. Since those days, Primus has explored musical sounds and continues to do so on its latest album *Antipop*.

LaLonde also had a musical comparison for *Antipop*.

"We tried to make it sound like Van Halen," he said. "We also wanted that Britney Spears vibe."

The album contains numerous guest appearances and guest produc-



Courtesy Photo

ers. Tom Waits, Tom Morello from Rage Against the Machine, former Police drummer Stewart Copeland, Limp Bizkit's Fred Durst and "South Park" co-creator Matt Stone pitched in on producing the album. "I didn't know what they'd be like, but it turned out great," LaLonde said.

Student tumbles into coaching spot

by Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

Will Green, a senior animal science major from Levelland, has established himself as the youngest person to coach a U.S. Men's and Women's Trampoline and Tumbling team in a world championship.

Green was chosen as one of the coaches for the championship competition in Sun City, South Africa, after six gymnasts from his team grabbed spots on the team.

Of these athletes, Chris Garza of Levelland won a bronze medal, and Amber Cowart of Muleshoe earned the title of World Champion.

The U.S. team, which consisted of 80 members overall, led the competition with 18 medals. Russia placed second with 17.

"The competition was exceptionally intense this year since trampoline events will be a part of the upcoming

Summer Olympics," Green said.

Green's tumbler will not be able to participate in this summer's Olympics because a new rule has been established requiring athletes to be 17 years old before competing. Despite the rule, Green already is busy preparing his kids for future Olympics once they are old enough.

This requires Green to spend most of his time outside of class coaching.

"It is worth it to me," Green said. "I have to have an education, but I would give up school before I gave up (coaching)."

Green is enrolled in 13 hours this semester and spends every night, and weekends, coaching.

He spends his time instructing in Levelland, Lamesa and Sudan. Many nights, he does not finish coaching until 9 p.m. or 10 p.m.

Despite all the demands on his time, Green has managed to maintain a 3.25 GPA and hopes to graduate in

December 2000. Green said he intends to keep coaching once he graduates and use his degree as insurance in case the coaching gig does not work out.

"He definitely has the touch that is needed to be a good coach," said Green's mother, Sherry Mulkey. She is a co-owner and coach for the team.

Mulkey said Green's students seem to like him.

"Will never gives up," said Chris Estrada, a gymnast who is working with Green. "I made a commitment to do this, and I feel that Will can make me the best. He is good enough to get me to the Olympics."

Green has earned the respect of his peers. Despite being only 23 years old, Green has been named as one of three national coaches of the year. He also was nominated for the Bill Copp Award and Texas Coach of the Year.

Green said he was not too upset about not receiving the Texas Coach

of the Year award. He lost to his mother.

Green said she was a big inspiration in his decision to begin coaching, and she helped him break into the coaching scene by providing contacts and experience.

"It's every mother's thrill," Mulkey said about Green's decision to pursue the same career as she has chosen.

She also said her son's decision to coach did not come as a big surprise. Green comes from two generations of trampoline and tumbling coaches.

Mulkey also has ties with the Flying Matadors, the trampoline team at Tech until 1973.

Green said he enjoys coaching since it gives him a chance to travel all over the world.

"I was only home for two weekends this summer," Green said.

The rest of the time was spent coaching at exhibitions, competitions and teaching clinics.

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genuine smile like a name tag.
"It doesn't cost anything to be nice," Hicks says as he drops off a large group of passengers at the University Center.
"Goodbye, everyone, have a great day," he shouts enthusiastically at the exiting students.
So how does he stay upbeat and full of friendly greetings?
"I take vitamins, but really it's God. It's about 99.9 percent God,"

he said.
Hicks and his brothers and his two sisters grew up in New Jersey, and he said his mother instilled the values of Christianity in them from day one.
"I'm so blessed to be brought up in the church," he said.
Hicks has lived in Lubbock for 21 years and has been married to his wife, Diane, for 14 years.
He also is a sports fanatic. In past years, Hicks could be seen at the Tech home football games cheering on the

Red Raiders.
Unfortunately, his work schedule will not allow him to attend games this year.
The bus has emptied out, and he does not have many passengers left. Hicks spots two students walking to the next bus stop, and he stops considerably early to pick them up.
"Would you like to join us?" he asks as he swings the door open and laughs. They climb on, and he shouts, "All right."

Although Hicks has received praise about his positive attitude and commitment to his job, he does not let it go to his head.
"You can't get cocky," he said. "Every time you think you're the bomb, God has a way of showing you you're a dud."
So Hicks goes on about his day with God in his heart and a warm welcome for his passengers, hoping to bring smiles to as many faces as he can.

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Reduced Shakespeare Company returns to Tech for Nightlife series

The Reduced Shakespeare Company will present its new production of "The Millennium Musical: Abridged to the 21st Century" at 8 p.m. today in the University Center Allen Theatre.

Tickets cost \$8 for Texas Tech students and \$16 for the general public.

The group is known for its humor regarding serious subjects. "The Mil-

lennium Musical" will tackle the subject of the end of the century with a humorous slant. The musical/comedy will take a look at the last 1000 years.

The touring comedy troupe has performed around the world and has been seen at the White House, the Kennedy Center and the Lincoln Center's Serious Fun.

The performance is part of the 1999-2000 Nightlife Series, and the company is making a return visit to the series.

"We have had people asking us to bring them back," said Mary Donahue, associate director of Tech's Campus Activities and Involvement.

Tickets can be purchased at the UC ticket office or before the show.

Police plan Sting concert protest

MEDIA, Pa. (AP) — The former lead singer of the Police won't be welcomed by the cops when he comes to town for a concert this month.

The reason? Sting supports Mumia Abu-Jamal, who is on death row for the slaying of a Philadelphia police officer. Abu-Jamal's supporters say he didn't get a fair trial.

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 27, which represents at least 900 retired and active Delaware County police officers, plan to call on officers from around southeastern Pennsylvania to protest the singer's concert, said lodge president Joseph Fitzgerald.

Police had not firmed up plans on what form their protest will take. Sting is scheduled to perform Nov. 14.

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Bored of education? This one will get you hoppin'

Here's a mell of a hess. The State Board of Education has gotten itself into such a fubar — "fouled up beyond all recognition" (bowdlerized version) — that it has been rejected as a client by the respected consulting firm of Richards & Tierney Inc.



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In other words, our board is so bad that people in the money business won't even take our money. How we got into this pickle is a little complicated, but it's part of the ongoing snafu at the Board of Ed.

Here's the political dynamic: On the 15-member elected board for many years now we have had Republicans, we have had Democrats and we have had Others — the Others being Republicans so far to the right that they have a peculiar effect on their fellow Republicans. You've heard of people being "radicalized" by some experience like getting beaten up by cops? Well, normal Republicans on the board have a similar reaction after working with Christian-right board members like David Bradley and Bob Offutt — they often run screaming into the arms of the Democrats. Then Bradley and Offutt accuse them of being liberals.

As Mary Helen Berlanga, a Democratic board member, said with perhaps impolitic frankness to the magazine Pensions and Investments, "You can always count on six weirdo votes." Democrat Will Davis, who has been on the board for 13 years and survived many an earlier weirdo attack unflapped, said genially that he's never seen the board this screwed up: To borrow a phrase from "Alice in Wonderland," "it just gets curiouser and curiouser."

The good news is that the school fund itself is doing jim-dandy. Or at least it was until we were rejected by Richards & Tierney, which is not going to help our rep in financial circles.

The only constitutionally mandated function the board has is to manage the Permanent School Fund — the money that Texas gets from its public lands, mostly in oil royalties. The 145-year-old fund functions like an endowment for the public schools and is now worth \$20 billion.

For most of the state's history, the Permanent School Fund was invested by state civil servants under the board's supervision.

But in 1995, the board decided to place some of the fund with outside money managers to see if they could get a better return on investments, which turned out to be a shrewd move.

About one-third of the fund is now in the hands of 12 different outside money-management firms, and both the state-managed component and the outside-managed component are doing nicely.

But some of the board members have convinced themselves that at least one of the 12 firms is guilty of shenanigans, and they have raised a perfect storm of accusations, demanding investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Association for Investment Management and Research, and now the state attorney general's office.

They have variously alleged corruption, influence-peddling and cronyism.

So far, there appears to be much smoke and no fire, while the right-wingers are themselves accused of conducting a political vendetta. Oddly enough, the firm that drew the ultra-conservatives' fire was not a low performer — in fact, it was the fund's best performer.

In September, the Bradley-Offutt faction decided to hire a Chicago firm, Everen Securities Inc., as consultants to evaluate the performance of the 12 outside firms. The only trouble with this genius scheme is that an executive of Everen is himself the subject of an SEC investigation. Offutt said he was not concerned about that federal inquiry of the Everen exec.

Also last month, the board decided to replace its investment consulting firm IAS, whose contract expires at the end of the year, with Richards & Tierney.

The consultants advise the board

on how much of the money to keep in what kind of investments, balancing risk vs. returns depending on market conditions. But the contract has not been signed, and Richards & Tierney rejected the assignment, saying it is concerned about conflicts and instability on the Board of Ed.

State Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, told the *Austin American-Statesman*, "Any time your situation is so bad you can't attract the best advisers and consultants, that bodes very seriously for the prospects of good management of that fund."

He also said, "If I were those folks, I would be very nervous about getting embroiled in a situation such as we've had with that board for the last few years and particularly with the Permanent School Fund in the last few months."

Chase Untermeyer of Houston has been chairman of the Board of Ed only since January. He is a longtime associate of the Bush family and was appointed to fill out the term of Republican Jack Christie, who has expressed frustration about the acrimony on the board.

Untermeyer, who says he got accustomed to a lot of flak while serving as President George Bush's appointments director, seems fairly calm about all this, although he says, "If the financial community feels the Permanent School Fund is in flux, that does concern me because it might affect other potential consultants."

The Legislature has not infrequently gotten annoyed with the board over the years, threatening to take away its control over textbooks and curriculum. But the board's authority over the PSF is in the constitution and could be changed only by amendment.

Experience with the Board of Ed shows there's no point in counting on cooler heads to prevail, although the fate of \$20 billion in state money should give us some pause. It's all your fault, you know. You people have either not been voting or you've been voting for whackos. Time to pay attention.

At least they haven't outlawed the teaching of evolution. Yet.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bush's Folley

To the editor: Last week, your Oct. 27 political cartoon showed Gov. (and presidential candidate) Bush reading to some children and brushing off questions about his campaign promises to change laws that favor big business.

I want to hear another story: the one about how more than 193,400 Texas children have lost their Medicaid coverage since 1996. This is the highest rate of children dropped from Medicaid in the nation. It parallels our other dubious distinction of being the state with the highest rate of uninsured people of any age in the country.

As a professor of human development and family studies, I am keenly aware of the impact of chronic illness on a person's ability to work and study successfully and productively. In the long run, the failure to provide basic health care coverage to uninsured persons will cost our society untold millions in lost productivity and in

children doomed to failure, despair and anger.

This story can't have a happy ending.

Lane H. Powell
instructor
HDFS

Give us a Break

To the editor: I took personal offense to alumnus Matthew Dillingham's comments (*UD*, 10/26) concerning Tech having "too many breaks" in the school schedule and felt especially insulted when he labeled students as those who only go to college as part of a "four-year drinking binge."

First of all, I am one of those students and a hard working one at that. I am totally supportive of an extra fall break. The "holidays" that we receive throughout the school year (Thanksgiving, Easter, Spring Break) are hardly holidays to a majority of us.

Everyone knows that professors always make projects due, have the last tests before finals and assign heavy reading assignments that we can all look forward to the week after these supposed "breaks."

For me, these aren't chances to relax but a few days of pure hell in study-

ing and playing catch-up. In fact, my first year here at Tech, I wasn't even able to go home for Thanksgiving and was confined to my dorm in order to prepare my butt off for the upcoming tests and assignments. I go to school year-round, and the only break I consider a "break" is Christmas.

Secondly, I was amused by the comment made by Dillingham about how we shouldn't go to college because our parents make us or because we want to drink all the time. My parents really weren't concerned whether or not I went to college. They aren't even paying for my education, and I hardly consider myself an alcoholic. Mr. Dillingham doesn't seem to understand that these breaks are precious to students like myself.

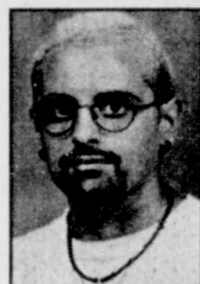
I work two jobs, go to school full time in an intensive major and participate in several extra school-related activities outside of class and yet still manage to maintain a social life.

For me and several students like myself, breaks are used for visiting family, catching up on studying or working extra hours.

I have never been able to just whisk off to Cancun for Spring Break and have never visited South Padre

Ad lacking in the values department

One of the things I hate is when other people try to push their biased morals and opinions on others. Of course, at times this is necessary, but there is always a good and bad way to do such things. More importantly, I hate it when such opinions get pushed on a large scale.



Dwayne Mamo
Columnist

There is a distinction to be made, though, about what can and cannot be said. There are some opinions that need to get pushed that are intrinsically important, such as the environment, issues concerning abuse, drug use, gang warfare, etc. Then, there are those subjects which are simply subjective, such as religion, the choice to drink, abortion, etc.

The whole reason why this issue comes up is because all weekend I have been watching a new public service announcement that was released by our government, and it follows this plot line:

A kid walks into a seedy, alley shop that has a run-down look and is flushed in dark and dirty overtones. He gets into this place and sits down in a dentist's chair while an old, dirty man gets his equipment ready. When the man is ready, he clamps down the kid's tongue and pierces it. The kid gets off the chair, and the man invites the kid to have a celebratory cigarette, in which the kid answers something to the effect that he is not that stupid.

You may not see what it is that irks me about this PSA, so let me elucidate the issues I have with this new campaign. The things that this ad subliminally push are that:

- body piercing and tattoo shops are located in the bad parts of the bad part of town
- Old, downtrodden, ugly, unhealthy men are the only ones who would do such things for money.
- Getting a piercing is stupid in the first place, but not as much as smoking
- Piercers have no idea about health laws.

All of this irritates me because a lot of this isn't true. First of all, if a tattoo parlor is located in a bad part of town, it's because rent is cheap and the business is just starting up. When it finally picks up, they usually relocate. Secondly, younger people (male and female) usually are the ones who perform body piercings and ink tattoos. Not only that, but they take their art and their craft very seriously. Trust me, it's not that easy to do either. Also, because they take their job very seriously, they also are very aware of health hazards and laws. Parlors don't reuse needles. They dispose of them in biohazard receptacles, sterilize everything, wear gloves, inform

customers of the proper care procedures before and after the work, give them the chemicals necessary for quick and good healing, make sure the individual is of the right age to receive such work, etc. It's very simple, and most people who own or work in such shops are dedicated to their work. And, they would not want to do anything else in their life so they take all the precautions to maintain such a situation. Of course, I will concede that there are exceptions to the rule and many bad shops exist, but you have to do your part and research the shops and decide which one you trust.

Apart from all of those misconceptions, the one that really infuriated me was the underlying statement of the whole ad — that body piercing was not as stupid as smoking, but it is stupid anyway. This is like comparing two disparate things. Smoking is stupid, and pushing that opinion is good because it kills smokers, non-smokers, the environment and it's addictive. However, as free citizens, we are allowed to make the choice to smoke or not.

Now, we also are allowed the freedom to decide if we want to get a tattoo or a piercing wherever we would like. But, these things are not stupid. They aren't bad for your health (unless you go to the bad shops mentioned earlier). They aren't bad for someone else's health (except for stubborn parents' egos). They aren't bad for the environment, and they aren't addictive in the same way as nicotine.

However, getting such things done runs counter to the standard American morals that we have all been raised by. Forget about the fact that tattoos and piercings have been in existence for thousands of years, and we are only 250 years old. Forget about the fact that we are allowed to make our own decisions about how we want to live as expressed to us by our very own constitution.

It's things like this that disgust me about what goes on in America sometimes. It's like New York Mayor Giuliani decreeing that the Sensation art show in the Brooklyn Museum for the Arts is unacceptable just because a British artist trampled over his religious ideals.

Or that the NEA pulled Karen Finley's money because they didn't appreciate her performance piece with chocolate syrup (which makes me wonder what would have happened if she had used squeezable pudding!).

We are too eager to push our subjective morals, ideals and opinions on others simply because different opinions threaten our sterilized way of life, and yet, we could care less about those issues which really need to be pushed, which affect everyone regardless of faith, belief and opinion.

Sometimes I feel that everyone just needs to grow up, climb out of the sandbox and notice that there is a world outside of their own.

Dwayne Mamo is a senior creative writing and philosophy major from Malta.

my whole college career. Most people at Tech are in the same boat. I believe I deserve an extra fall break.

I am sorry to let him know that there are all kinds of jobs in the "real world" that give lots of holidays, like government jobs, for instance.

As students, we don't get these nice little holidays. It sucks bad enough that Tech would subject its students to finals at 7:30 in the morning — on a Saturday, nonetheless! I don't know of any other universities that put their students through that torture.

So, in regards to Mr. Dillingham, I think that if you are an alumnus of our school, you should support those of us who are still undergrads instead of insulting us just because you were angry at the system when you were here.

Lisa Wiggleton
senior
cell and molecular biology

On the Upbeat

To the editor: I read Rick Adler's letter (*UD*, 10/28) to the editor today, and I must say he is right on target. I also am a huge Tech fan, and I follow the football program closely. I regu-

larly attend game-watching parties with the Dallas and Plano alumni associations, and I return to Lubbock when I can to see home games.

I would like to commend Spike Dykes for all that he has brought to the Texas Tech program. He has certainly improved the football program substantially, and he has been able to recruit a lot of talent. Unfortunately, he "ran his course" when he reached a plateau years ago. It's time to hire a coach that can transform Tech from a contender into a champion. We need to find the next Tom Osborne, Joe Paterno or Bobby Bowden.

I'm tired on going 6-5 or 7-4 every year and hoping that someone else will lose a game so we can go to a bowl game. I'm tired of checking the polls to see if Tech made it up to the "Others receiving votes" list. It's plain and simple — Dykes just won't get us up to the next level. We need a new coach! And, Mr. Adler, if it's any consolation, there are many, many alumni here in Dallas/Plano that feel the same way.

Jason Schlitz
Class of 1997

Cross country climbs to improvement in '99



File Photo/The University Daily

Tech's men's and women's cross country teams competed in College Station for the Big 12 Championships. Both teams improved their performances from last season.

by Jeff Keller
Staff Writer

Improvements over last season's performances were made by the Texas Tech men's and women's cross country squads last weekend at the Big 12 Championships in College Station.

The men took 10th place, which was two spots higher than last season's 12th-place mark.

The women made a bigger jump over last year's performance taking fifth place, after taking 11th a season ago.

Tech coach David Smith said the women's performances were even better than he had hoped for.

"The women's performance was incredible," he said. "This is a very tough conference. Going in, I was hoping we could be seventh, eighth or ninth, in that range. We ended up finishing fifth which was great."

Leading the way for the women was Leigh Daniel who took second individually in the event with a time of 17:00. Daniel was 12 seconds behind first-place finisher Kara Wheeler of Colorado but said she hopes to beat her in races to come this season.

"I wish I would have beat her this time," Daniel said. "But I've got a couple more meets to face her, and I haven't really starting peaking yet."

Tech's next highest finisher in the event was Kristen Koppes who came

in 28 seconds behind Daniel. Smith said it was the best he has ever seen Koppes perform.

"Kristen Koppes had the best race of her life," Smith said. "She made the All-Big 12 Team and finished ninth and really ran well."

The women were the top finishing Texas school at the event.

On the men's side, Boniface Ndungu was the top finisher coming in 17th with a time of 25:35.

Tech's second-best finisher was David Leigh who came in 28th with

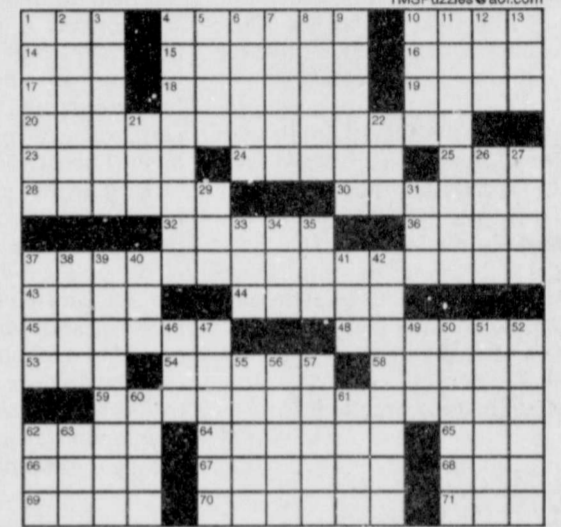
a time of 25:58. Though Tech's 10th-place team effort was the best-ever for the squad since joining the Big 12 in 1996, Leigh said he was hoping for better results.

"It's the best we have ever done since we have been in the Big 12, so that is sort of a small victory," Leigh said. "This was an improvement over last year and years past, so the progress is there, but it's not to the point where we are happy. But we'll take it."

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 Worlthy West
 - 4 Sodium hydroxide, e.g.
 - 10 Gobi Desert site
 - 14 Everyone
 - 15 Disabled
 - 16 Milk constituent
 - 17 Sign of sleepiness
 - 18 Group of eight
 - 19 ... out a living (scrapped by)
 - 20 Hit song of 1940
 - 23 Shooter marble
 - 24 Markets
 - 25 Beatles song, "Blues"
 - 28 Balance-sheet items
 - 30 African expanse
 - 32 Looks after
 - 36 Related by blood
 - 37 Peter, Paul & Mary hit of 1963
 - 43 Enjoy
 - 44 Redemption an IOU
 - 45 Friends
 - 48 Small bar
 - 53 Sheep sound
 - 54 Wanderer
 - 58 Cringe in fear
 - 59 Steamship level
 - 62 Sucker
 - 64 Type of deodorant
 - 65 Long time group
 - 66 Classic show, "My Friend ..."
 - 67 Pass by
 - 68 Payable on demand
 - 69 Noodle
 - 70 Shaping tools
 - 71 Secret agent



By Stanley B. Whitten
Highwood, IL

Monday's Puzzle Solved



- 6 Wind-blown boxes?
- 7 Astound
- 8 Tier
- 9 Paradigms
- 10 Passed with flying colors
- 11 Japanese dish
- 12 Anger
- 13 Supplement
- 21 Opie's aunt
- 22 D.C. advisory
- 26 Moran of "Happy Days"
- 27 "Atlas Shrugged" author
- 29 D.C. VIP
- 31 Turn left!
- 33 Pinch
- 34 Genetic letters
- 35 Piety
- 37 Spill the beans
- 38 Country singer
- McCann
- 39 Pearl Harbor casualty
- 40 Chinese river
- 41 Focal point

- DOWN**
- 1 Sacred word
 - 2 Hawaiian greetings
 - 3 Church officials
 - 4 Cupids
 - 5 Needlepoint fabric

- 42 Sexless words
- 46 Good
- 47 Turd
- 49 Woolen clothing
- 51 Make up for
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Raiders reflect, recover

by Patrick Gonzales
Staff Writer

Just when Texas Tech looked to have found some consistency with two straight victories against Baylor and Colorado, the Red Raiders fell to Missouri 34-7 Saturday in a game Tech coach Spike Dykes called a "total disaster."

"We haven't had a struggle like that on both sides of the ball in a long time," said Dykes, who is 1-3 the week after winning consecutive Big 12 contests.

The loss put Tech in a second-place tie in the Big 12 South with Texas A&M, but the Raiders (4-4 overall, 3-2 Big 12) have the tie-breaker advantage because of their 21-19 victory against the Aggies on Oct. 2.

The Red Raiders were outmatched by the Tigers on both sides of the ball, compiling only 160 yards of total offense and giving up more than 400 yards on defense.

Missouri used a methodical rushing attack that kept the Tech SWARM defense on the field for 41:42 of the

game's 60 minutes.

The Tigers ran the ball 61 times for 187 yards, when the previous high of rushes against Tech had been 45 by Arizona State and Oklahoma State.

"We were not awful, but we just couldn't get those guys off the field," Dykes said.

Dykes also said one reason why Tech's defense spent so much time on the field was because they did not get any help from the offense.

The Red Raiders entered last Saturday's contest averaging 179.3 rushing yards-per-game but were held to only nine yards rushing on 22 carries. The offense went three-and-out on nine of its first 10 possessions.

Despite the sluggish start, the offense had a sustained drive on its last possession before halftime.

But on second down and goal on the two-yard-line, quarterback Rob Peters' pass was deflected and intercepted by a Missouri defender.

A touchdown and an extra point would have made the score 20-14 heading into halftime with Tech receiving the second-half kickoff.

But instead it took away whatever momentum Tech had, Dykes said.

One bright spot for Tech was the squad left the battle without any injuries, which will be key as the Red Raiders prepare this week for Saturday's showdown with Iowa State at Jones Stadium.

The Cyclones possess the No. 5 rusher in the country in tailback Darren Davis. Davis is averaging 145.5 yards-per-game and has scored 12 touchdowns.

Even though Dykes doesn't believe playing on the road or at home is any different, he said this squad is an exception to the rule, and they are looking forward to playing at home.

The Raiders' two best performances of the season have come at home in victories over A&M and Colorado, but they also had a 21-14 loss to North Texas in Jones Stadium.

Iowa State coach Dan McCarney said he is aware of what the Red Raiders can do at home.

"We know we're really going to have our hands full because there is a lot of tradition down in Lubbock,"



Greg Kreller/The University Daily

After a 34-7 loss to Missouri, the Tech SWARM defense will work this week to prepare for Saturday's game against Iowa State.

McCarney said. "We've already seen them dominate a good Colorado football team and upset Texas A&M." The Red Raiders are one game

behind Texas, who is atop the Big 12 South and can win the South outright by winning their last three contests. "To play this way this late into the

season is disappointing," Dykes said. "Everybody is in the running except for Baylor, and we understand that we control our own destiny."

Tech soccer to take on top-seeded 'Huskers in tourney

As the Texas Tech women's soccer team make their first postseason appearance in two years, the eighth-seeded Raiders will be challenged early on as they take on No. 4-ranked and No. 1 tournament-seeded Nebraska on Wednesday in the first

round of the Big 12 Conference Tournament.

The Tech squad (8-9-1 overall, 4-6 Big 12) had an opportunity to improve its conference standing Saturday but lost to No. 25-ranked Baylor 5-2.

Baylor (13-5-1 overall, 6-3-1 Big 12) enters the season seeded fourth.

A stacked Nebraska roster with postseason experience sports five 1998 women's World Cup competitors.

The 'Huskers squeaked by Tech 1-0 during regular-season action.

Defending Big 12 title holder Nebraska finished the season with a 17-1-1 record and a perfect 10-0 Big 12 standing.

The Cornhuskers outscored their

final two competitors 17-0 and have a 50-3 scoring advantage against Big 12 opponents. Two weeks ago, the Nebraska squad thrashed Oklahoma 10-0, tallying seven of its 10 goals in the first half.

Nebraska is on a 13-game winning

streak against Big 12 teams and a nine-game winning streak overall.

After losing two straight, the Raiders are looking to pick up a win Wednesday to end their losing streak and earn a ticket to the next round of the Big 12 Conference Tournament.

Big 12 teams keep division races tight

(AP) — The logjam in the Big 12 standings isn't much of a surprise to conference coaches.

Just look at what happened last weekend: Iowa State scored 41 points against Big 12 South leader Texas, only to lose on a last-second field goal.

Kansas shut out Nebraska in the first half and nearly snapped a 30-game losing streak to the Cornhuskers.

And lowly Baylor, which has yet to win a league game, scored the first touchdown Kansas State has allowed in the second half this season.

All three lost, but showed that things are more even than ever in the Big 12, coaches said Monday during the league's weekly conference call.

"People don't want to hear the 'p' word — parity — but it's here. It's right on top of us," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "We used to talk about having a great season and looking down the road. Now you'd better play each game like it's the season. You'd better throw out everything before that game because you never know who's going to show up the day you get there."

Kansas State (8-0 overall, 5-0 Big 12) is the last of the unbeaten teams in the league with the most difficult two-week stretch of the Wildcat season ahead of them.

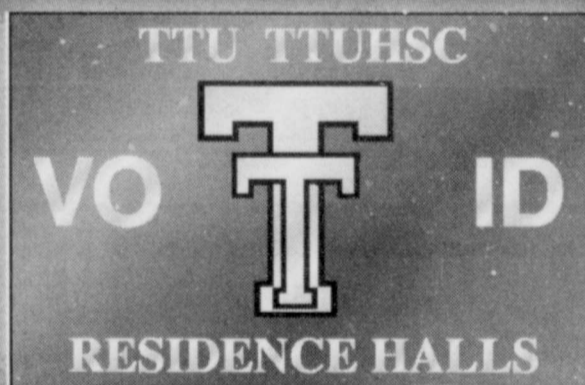
Colorado (5-3, 4-1), still in contention for the North Division title, visits the Wildcats on Saturday. And on Nov. 13, K-State plays at Nebraska (7-1, 4-1), a team that has stumbled a bit lately but is still in position to represent the division in the league championship game Dec. 4 in San Antonio.

If the Wildcats win both games and beat Missouri in their final game, K-State is in the league championship. The same can be said for the Cornhuskers or Buffaloes.

It's a similar scene in the South. Texas (7-2, 4-1) is in control, but still has to visit Oklahoma State (3-4, 1-3) on Saturday and second-place Texas A&M (6-2, 3-2) on Nov. 20. The Longhorns get to play host to Texas Tech (4-4, 3-2) in Austin in between.

Oklahoma (4-3, 2-2) was also near the top before losing at Colorado on Saturday. The Sooners are home against Missouri (4-4, 1-4) on Saturday, at Iowa State (4-4, 1-4) the following week, then have Texas Tech and Oklahoma State.

"Particularly in our conference, in this particular zone, there's a lot of strange things that have happened and will continue to happen," Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes said. "You've got to get as emotionally unfragile as you can."



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