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Jennifer Ray, an architecture graduate from San Antonio, instructs Ashley Camden, a student from Holland, at the 67th annual band and orchestra camp which will continue through July 15.

Tech alumnus, faculty takes presidential seat

by Pam Smith
Staff Writer

David Schmidly will take over the reigns from Donald Haragan and become the 13th president of Texas Tech University on August 1, John Montford, Chancellor at Texas Tech University, said at a press conference held June 30.

"This is the biggest moment in my professional career," Schmidly, vice president for research, graduate studies and technology said. "At the same time, it is also my most humbling experience. Serving as the president of a major public university is not a common happening - there are fewer than 200 major higher education institutions in the United States. So I consider myself privileged to have this opportunity."

"We wanted a president that could build on the progress that was made under Donald Haragan's leadership," Montford said. "We wanted a president who had the respect of the academic community in Texas and nationwide. We wanted a president most of all with vision - a vision of how Texas Tech could continue to grow and reach its many goals and at the same time continue as a partner to the community and to West Texas."

Schmidly said his vision for Texas Tech revolves around five main challenges. He said he first wants to increase the diversity of the classes that are recruited and graduated from the university by making the university



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David Schmidly, vice president for research, graduates studies and technology, gives guns up after he was announced as the 13th president of Texas Tech on June 30.

more diverse as a whole, including staff and administration. Second, he said the university had the challenge of achieving excellence in research and in research education by integrating arts and humanities and by supporting student-centered strate-

gies. Third, Schmidly said he wants to increase the civil service and volunteerism between the university and the community similar to the one's the museum and Ranching Heritage Center already provides.

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Tech gets go-ahead on bank purchase

by Jeff Lehr
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Board of Regents approved the purchase of the Bank of America building at 19th Street and University Avenue during a special regents meeting June 23.

The building will likely be purchased from Presidio Properties at the end of July for \$2.65 million and will be used primarily for office space, Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor for facilities, planning and construction said.

"Our goal is to ultimately get all of

the leased space Tech has in the city of Lubbock into the bank building," he said. "We plan to accomplish this around five years from now."

Ellicott also said eventually there will be the possibility of moving classrooms into the building as well.

Skyviews Restaurant, which is run by restaurant/hotel and institutional management students, and KOHM, the campus' public radio station, are two of the Tech programs already housed in the building.

Tech plans to progressively move into the building as present leases expire.

"Currently, the building is over 90 percent leased," Ellicott said. "However, our intent is not to throw anybody out on the streets. We want to work with the tenants."

Bank of America has a lease in the building that expires April 2008, he said.

According to an appraisal by the Lubbock Central Appraisal District, the six-story building has 88,000 square feet and is valued at approximately \$1.6 million.

Ellicott said the decision to buy the building was much cheaper than

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Tech engineering students a cut above in Texas

by Pam Smith
Staff Writer

Texas Tech University's engineering students demonstrated they are a step ahead of Texas A&M and the University of Texas by posting a higher past percentage on the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam that was administered April 15, William Marcy, Dean of Engineering, said.

"The real story behind our success is the key role the students have played in order to make this a competition along with the encouragement the faculty and staff have given them," Marcy said.

Eighty-eight percent of the Tech students who took the exam passed compared to 84.8 percent at Texas A&M and 83.8 percent at Texas. There

were 73 students from Tech who took the exam, 210 from Texas A&M, and 117 from Texas.

Marcy said student started activities such as a "mock" Fundamentals of Engineering Exam and review sessions taught by faculty volunteers that really helped the students who were taking the exam gauge how prepared they were to take the real exam.

"(The mock exam) allows students to know what the exam is like," Marcy said. "They can compare their scores on it to the scores of other students who have taken the exam. It tells them whether or not they are prepared."

Bill Lawson, associate director of the Murdough Center, said the student chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE)

played a huge part in helping students prepare for the exam by publicizing the exam itself and the importance of doing well on it.

"The TSPE helped to raise the standards of doing well on the exam and showed the exam was a significant matter," Lawson said. "They helped show students we compete in other areas besides athletics."

Lawson attributes the increased student emphasis for doing well on the exam to two changes in the way the exam is used to measure the College of Engineering. He said last year the accreditation board for the College of Engineering changed some of their rules and decided to use this examination as an aspect to look at when renewing accreditation to the college. He also said the Texas legis-

lature also began looking at the examination as part of their funding process to the university. Because of these changes, a new policy was set for the College of Engineering to stress the importance of the exam.

"These changes made them see the exam really counted for something," Lawson said. "Before it didn't really matter how you did on the exam because it didn't cost a lot to take it, and it could be taken again. Now they know it looks bad for their department and for the College of Engineering. If we do poorly, people will know about it."

The Fundamentals of Engineering Exam is one of the steps an engineering student must take in order to be licensed in a state as a professional engineer. It is an eight-hour exam

overseen by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). The test consists of two parts. The first part is a four-hour morning session that consists of 120 multiple choice questions that are based on the first two years of an engineer's education. The second part is a four-hour session consisting of 60 two-point questions that are based on the last two years, or the engineer's specialization, of an engineer's education.

An engineering student becomes eligible for the exam when they are a senior within two semesters of graduation and are registered in an accredited engineering or engineering technology program. The cost of the examination is \$35, and it can be taken as many times as needed.

Summer study enrollment up in U.S.

CHICAGO (AP) — Ashley Tikkanen had a problem: She wanted to study abroad during college, but she also wanted to graduate on time.

The University of Chicago offered a solution: two-month language learning stints in Italy, Spain and France.

"I can't go to all these places for a year each," Tikkanen e-mailed from Malaga, Spain, where she will study Spanish until the end of July. "Hopefully, I will be able to live abroad after school, but now my main concern is graduating and trying to have a little fun whenever possible."

Enrollment in summer study abroad programs is on the rise as U.S. college students like Tikkanen look for ways to broaden their educational horizons without depleting their checking accounts or adding a year to college, experts say.

"Students are studying for shorter and shorter lengths of time," said Mary Dwyer, president of the Institute for the International Education of Students, a Chicago-based organization that works with study-abroad offices at more than 500 colleges and universities.

IES sent 277 students overseas this summer — a 32 percent increase over last summer, Dwyer said.

She credited the surge in part to the good economy and a strong U.S. dol-

lar. She also said students are flocking to short-term programs, often during summer or winter breaks, as a way to experience another culture without delaying their own graduation.

"Students are increasingly majoring in subjects that are not as flexible in allowing them to take up time during the year," Dwyer said.

Todd Davis, director of the higher education resource group at the Institute of International Education in New York, said interest in short-term overseas programs has contributed to a steady increase in the number of Americans studying abroad.

The institute, which tracks study abroad trends, reported that in 1997-98, 9 percent of U.S. college students — about 114,000 — studied in foreign universities. That marked a 14 percent increase over the prior school year.

The interest in short-term programs in particular comes with some misgivings.

Lewis Fortner, associate dean for undergraduate students at the University of Chicago, said students who study abroad for only a month or two miss out on the chance to fully immerse themselves in a foreign culture.

"One can say the real learning doesn't begin until several weeks af-

ter you arrive, and for shorter programs that's often the day you're leaving," Fortner said.

The University of Chicago offers \$2,000 grants to qualified students to study a language abroad for at least eight weeks during the summer. The idea is to prepare students for longer periods of work or study overseas, Fortner said.

Patrick Quade, director of international and off-campus studies at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., said his school also offers short-term study sessions to whet students' appetites for longer programs. The private college sends more than 90 percent of its students overseas.

St. Olaf already has 520 students signed up for next January's monthlong programs, which send professors along with students on subject-specific trips. A literature class in Cuba will focus on Ernest Hemingway.

Tikkanen received one of the University of Chicago's grants to study Spanish. She also stayed in Italy from March until June and plans to go to France next school year for another two-month session.

The 20-year-old junior conceded that a few months "is not enough time to become fluent in anything." And she said it was hard to really "live" the culture.

Security breach occurs in northwestern laboratory

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Classified work at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory was temporarily halted after a secret document was mistakenly photocopied and left in an unsecured but locked office.

The security breach occurred June 29 when an employee at the lab in Richland copied several unclassified drawings along with a classified one in a secure area, then took the papers to an office outside the secure area and left them locked up there, lab spokesman Greg Koller said Monday. The lapse was discovered the next day by another employee, and lab staff reported it to the U.S. Department of Energy, Koller said. The employee involved in the lapse was not disciplined.

"These security concerns happen occasionally," Koller said. A security stand down, in which managers meet with staff to review security procedures involving classified projects, was ordered July 3. Some classified work has resumed and the remainder should start again later this week, Koller said. The security flap comes on the heels of the national uproar over a security breach at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, where two computer hard drives with information used to disable nuclear weapons were determined to be missing in June before turning up mysteriously the next day.

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Fourth, he wants to continue his efforts in placing the university on the cutting edge of technology and the information highway and to establish Texas Tech as a leader in this area.

Finally, Schmidly wants to establish partnerships with other universities like South Plains College and private organizations in order to increase Texas Tech's competitiveness overall.

"It is incumbent to remember why we are here," Schmidly said. "Everything we do is about the students and the people that we serve. Administrations and presidents are put here to serve, to make learning and achievement easier and to facilitate stronger linkages between the university and the community."

Schmidly said the university needed to learn to embrace the changes time brings with it in order to remain an effective institution. He said the university should learn to see change as a

tool for improvement instead of being afraid of it.

"All of us must recognize that change will be essential if we are to be successful in the future," he said. "If we are not willing to change, we risk waking up one of these days and finding we have an Edsel on our hands—a nice, very expensive antique."

Montford said another crucial area he and the search committee considered when making a final decision concerned aspects of the presidential candidates private lives—namely their spouses and their love of the university and the surrounding community. Haragan also stressed the importance these aspects have in being effective as the president of the university.

"As a part of this decision, we gave serious consideration to the role of the president's spouse in the community," Montford said. "The president's spouse must also give of her time, energies and talents. It's a full time job with sometimes few rewards."

Before taking position as presi-

dent, Schmidly worked as the Vice President for Research, Graduate Studies and Technology Transfer and Dean of the Graduate School since 1996. He also spent 25 years on the faculty of Texas A&M as a professor.

Schmidly graduated from Texas Tech with a bachelor degree in biology in 1966 and a master's in Zoology in 1968.

"I don't know of a single person who has worked with David Schmidly who has any doubt that he is the best person for the job," Haragan said.

The search for president began last August when President Haragan announced he would step down from the position to teach at the university.

Since then a search committee comprised of Board of Regents, faculty, and students has considered 84 applicants for the position.

Three of those applicants made visits to the campus and became finalists in the decision.

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building a new one.

Jim Brunjes, chief financial officer at Tech, said funding for the purchase has been made possible by the President's Opportunity Fund.

The President's Opportunity Fund has made possible the purchase of such things as the Institute for Environmental and Human Health at Tech, which draws professors from various departments, such as biology and chemistry, as well as other major purchases.

Ellicott said the purchase price for the Bank of America building is below two other independent appraisals solicited by Tech.

Another major reason for this purchase is because of the large amount of financial responsibility Tech already has from current leases in Lubbock, Ellicott said.

Ellicott said once the purchase is made, the \$203,000 will be erased and the larger amount will gradually be reduced.

The special BOR meeting was held by conference call and addressed specific items needing approval before the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers them this month.

The BOR also approved the acceptance of a \$600,000 gift for locker room and batting cage renovations at Dan Law Field. The total renovation costs to the baseball field have been placed between \$2 million and \$3 million.

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Setting the groundwork

Renovation forces permanent closure of Red Raider Avenue

by Amy Curry
Staff Writer

Effective August 1, Red Raider Avenue will be permanently closed to vehicle traffic to accommodate the Jones SBC Stadium renovation project.

The avenue runs west of the stadium between the stadium and the coliseum/commuter parking lot.

Project manager for the stadium, Robert Cameron, said closing access to Red Raider Avenue was necessary in order to make way for the new additions to the stadium.

"We had to close off Red Raider Alley because the stadium expansion - the west press box - will move out into that street," Cameron said.

The north entrance to the parking lot, which is located nearest to 4th Street, will remain open for entry and exit from the parking lot.

An entrance located near the center of the lot on Red Raider Avenue will be closed.

Cameron said Jones SBC

Stadium improvements are still in the early stages as crews continue to concentrate on demolition and reconfiguration.

The first stage of the renovation includes widening the concourse, adding and improving restroom facilities, modifications to the South End Zone building and addition of seating for handicapped individuals.

Michael Shonrock, interim vice president for student affairs, said students will be notified of the changes and informed of the new commuter parking arrangements and bus routes before classes resume in the Fall.

"We're going to try to get some sort of notification out as early as we can before the Fall semester begins so we can give students a heads-up about access to the stadium commuter parking lot," Shonrock said.

Despite efforts to improve Jones SBC Stadium and the Tech campus,

Scott Fowler, a junior economics major from Houston, said renovations will create an inconvenience for students attempting to enter

and exit the stadium commuter lot.

"It's hard enough to get around campus without shutting down access to the commuter lot from Red Raider Alley," he said.

"And with enrollment supposed to be up in the fall, it's going to be one big traffic jam at the northeast corner entrance."

Shonrock said Citibus plans to add an additional "Park and Ride" at the Wal-Mart on West Loop 289 and 4th Street in order for students to park their vehicles in the Wal-Mart parking lot and ride the bus to campus, thus avoiding traffic.

With vehicle access prohibited to Red Raider Avenue, Shonrock said it could cause some traffic problems for commuting students.

He said students should allow plenty of time for commuting to and from campus.

"Inevitably, this will have an impact on traffic in that particular area," Shonrock said. "Students who utilize the commuter lots are going to have to leave home earlier and be prepared to leave the Tech campus a little late."



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First steps taken towards Tech golf course

by Jeff Lehr
Staff Writer

Flagsticks and fairways may soon be closer to Texas Tech after a deal is reached to build a golf course on the Tech campus.

Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said a deal has not been finalized as to how or when the course will be built, but Tech officials already have a site in mind.

"We are looking at the site north of 4th Street between Indiana and Quaker," he said.

The golf course will have 18-holes and initially will start out with small operations, Ellicott said.

"From what I've heard, the actual golf course itself is usually built first, and then a club is built several years down the road," he said.

"We just want to keep it simple

"If this project becomes a reality, it could be one of the few (athletic sites) that has potential to pay for itself."

-Michael Maurer

at first and then expand."

Some departments at Tech see the proposed golf course as an opportunity for students to benefit from a recreational as well as an academic standpoint.

Michael Maurer, assistant professor of horticulture, believes that building a golf course on the Tech campus would be a "win-win" situation for students.

"The new course has the potential to be used as a lab and as on the job training for students," he said.

Maurer came to Tech in November 1999 and has since headed up the Tech Turf program for students in the plant and soil science department. Tech Turf, which began in 1996, is a

student club for students who wish to specialize in growing specific cultivars for turf grass.

Maurer said most of the students who join the Tech Turf program are looking to become golf course superintendents.

"This (course) will increase the visibility of the turf program and will be a functioning laboratory where we can do research related to turf," he said.

Other departments on campus are showing an interest in the proposed golf course as well.

Lynn Huffman, chairperson of restaurant/hotel and institutional management, said running a restaurant at a golf course would be a "different

world," but she would be interested in having students out there.

"It would most likely be a commercial venture operated by some professional group," she said. "But if there was a clubhouse out there, we'd be really interested in starting a new program there."

The RHIM students currently run Skyviews Restaurant, which is located in the Bank of America Building at 19th Street and University Avenue, and is used as a teaching lab by Tech professors.

Huffman said she does not think the Skyviews Restaurant program would be moved entirely to the proposed golf course site, but she would certainly consider other possibilities.

Joe MacLean, director of recreational sports, said if the course is built, he hopes students will have access to it.

"If students have access, it will be great for recreational purposes as well as offering a shorter commute to play," he said.

MacLean also said he thinks students who take a course in golf would be able to play there as well.

Students currently play golf at Meadowbrook Golf Complex in Mackenzie Park and Elm Grove Golf Club in west Lubbock.

Maurer hopes the proposed golf course will not be viewed as just a sports complex.

"If this project becomes a reality, it could be one of few (athletic sites) that has potential to pay for itself," he said.

"As long as the turf is in good condition ... people will tend to play there."

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Summer's end sparks memories

What's the good word, fellow attendees of this West Texas learning institution? I seem to have found myself at the computer at the ungodly hour of two in the morning yet again trying to find a way to affect your Tuesday with the



KC Swink
 Columnist

two to five minute window I have in your lives. Question. How can anything technically be "ungodly" if God is an omnipotent, all-knowing being that created everything? It seems that it'd be impossible for God to create something that was ungodly.

It'd be like us creating something that was not humanly, and everything we make or do has at least a smidgen of human to it. Maybe "less Godly" would be the more appropriate term.

It's hard to believe that we're already halfway through this summer. I can remember being a kid and wondering when the summer was going to end.

Sound odd? Let me jar your memory. It's not really like anybody (who was a healthy, sane, non-summer camp attending child) wanted the summer to end, but it was just so long that afternoons filled with G.I. Joe, TV shows, Monopoly, hide-and-go-seek, public or backyard pools, bike excursions, and the possible lemonade stand on your street corner began to get a little monotonous.

By the way, there's a kid that sells lemonade off the corner of 22nd Street and Boston Avenue sometimes if you're interested in giving the lemonade trade a boost.

You never really wanted it to be

over, but it was always fun to look forward to that first day of school. You got all new supplies (that stylish trapper-keeper with new ruler and pencils in the see-through, zippy pocket), your new jams and Ocean Pacific t-shirts, and best of all, you got that "new" class experience.

All the excitement of seeing what friends, what cute girls and what teacher the potluck that is the public elementary school system would throw at you this year. Of course, from there it was always uphill or downhill.

No close friends in your homeroom this year? Buckle up, it's gonna be a long school year, kid.

It was so easy to live at home back then. Sure, having homework, vegetables and the evils of household chores imposed on you was always hard to bare, but whenever did we have it so easy? Now we go home, and it's great for the first couple of days until that homely, "I love my family so much" feeling is destroyed by your parents trying to revert back to the control relationship they took with you in high school. Nice try, Mom and Dad. I've tasted the freedom of college (via your bank account), and that old school, childlike treatment just doesn't fly anymore.

Of course, I always feel that this creates the best excuse to go visit the friends in Austin again.

(Disclaimer: if you're upset or in a tiff about the parent's bank account reference, I realize that some people have to work their way through college and that I am a lucky individual because I don't - so lighten up. If you didn't get upset, you're a laid-back individual with a good sense of humor, and you should repeatedly pat your back throughout the day because we should all commend ourselves from time to time for being the people we are).

KC Swink is a senior advertising major from Richardson.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Construction woes

To the Editor:

I work on campus in the Foreign Language Dept., and I would like to take a moment to thank whoever is responsible for all this construction.

First of all, I would like to say that all this construction is certainly going to be good down the road, but at the present time, I see only that it is causing a great deal of disruption.

Second of all, with orientation going on and prospective students and their families visiting, I think this presents a very unimpressive view of the campus.

Getting around campus is confusing enough when there isn't construction going on. Now it is made even more so by roads being closed to traffic, roads being repaired and open to traffic, construction trucks bearing down on pedestrians and drivers alike, not to mention the dilemma of crossing wet grass and muddy areas due to the recent heavy rains.

Can we think of any other way to make this campus more inaccessible to students?

Third, this is also causing delays for faculty and staff who leave campus for lunch. Backed up traffic and closed entrances to the campus make it difficult to leave campus and get back in a timely fashion, not to mention the mail delivery and other postal deliveries who now have to go out of their way to de-

liver their packages, etc.

I think in the future, before any more construction is planned, the people "in the know" should get a calendar of events in order to assure better planning of these types of repairs.

It is inevitable that prospective students and their families will leave Tech with a poor impression of it.

Liz Hildebrand
 Secretary

All 'worked' up

To the Editor:

The policy to get into the rec center in the summer is that a student must be taking four class hours. This being my first summer at Tech, I was not familiar with that policy. I had been taking six hours most of this semester, but I dropped to three..

One day I went to the rec to play some basketball. When I gave the attendant my ID, he denied my entrance because I was now one class hour short of being allowed in the rec. I explained to him the situation hoping he would make an exception, but I got no response. The only thing he said he could do was to call his manager.

By now the friends I came with had already gone in. He explained what was going on to his manager, and she said the only way I was going to get in was if I paid five dollars up front. I told her I would be glad to if I had my wallet on me, but I did

not bring it with me because I rode with my friends. I asked if there was anything I could do to play, but she insisted on not letting me in without paying five dollars. I didn't have any money on me so I asked if she would let me go get my friends so they could give me a ride home and, she still insisted on not letting me in.

This was the rudest gesture of them all because I had walk home because I did not have freaking five dollars on me, and the rec has a shitty policy.

I work at One Guy from Italy. When someone is in a jam there or has forgotten his/her money, we help them out. That is what being nice and good customer service is all about. Five dollars does not make that big of a difference, but helping out a student does. This lady could have easily let me in, but, she insisted on making me walk home, 20 minutes away.

If it wasn't for students, the rec would not be open and this so called manager would not have a job. The guy at the door who ran to his manager instead of being nice would probably have a much more difficult job than sitting down all day and looking at ID's. What happened to when people would help other people out, especially in a situation as small as this one was.

This article should have never had to be written because the situation should have never happened.

David Darrigan
 sophomore

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Injury forces Irvin to retire

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The spinal injury that ended Michael Irvin's 1999 season has forced the Dallas Cowboys receiver into retirement.

The announcement, which has been expected for months, will become official with a news conference 2 p.m. Tuesday at Texas Stadium. It comes a month after longtime teammate Daryl Johnston also called it a career because of a neck injury and a week before Dallas opens training camp.

Great hands made Irvin one of the best receivers in NFL history, and a loud mouth made him one of the game's great showboats.

Irvin loved taunting opponents with an exaggerated first-down motion after a big catch. He made enough big catches that he was nicknamed "the Playmaker," a moniker he proudly had printed on his license plate.

Along with Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith, Irvin led the Cowboys to three Super Bowl championships in a four-year span. Fans argued over which "triple" was the most impor-

tant, yet it was understood that each enhanced the others.

Irvin finished his 12-year career with 750 catches, tied for ninth in NFL history, for 11,904 yards, also ninth all-time. He holds nearly every major career or single-season receiving record in Cowboys history.

His insight and personality will help Irvin well in his next career. The 34-year-old is expected to announce plans to go into broadcasting.

For all his on-field accomplishments, Irvin also will be remembered for some serious off-field incidents.

In 1996, he was arrested in a motel-room drug bust in the wee hours of his 30th birthday. He pleaded no contest to a felony drug charge that summer and received 800 hours of community service and four years of probation, which was lifted last Thursday, 10 days early.

Although he wasn't found guilty, Irvin was suspended by the NFL for five games. His image and the team's were seriously tarnished and he lost most of his endorsements.

Months later, Irvin was falsely ac-

cused of sexually assault. At training camp in 1998, Irvin was involved in "Scissorsgate" when he cut the neck of a teammate during a playful scuffle prior to a haircut.

Irvin followed that with a down year in 1998, catching a career-low one touchdown pass as then-coach Chan Gailey reduced his role in the offense.

His future in Dallas was questioned going into 1999, but Irvin turned a hot topic into a non-issue by working hard and saying all the right things. Then, on Oct. 10 in Philadelphia, he suffered the most serious injury of his career.

On a tackle following a reception, Irvin awkwardly slammed his head into the hard turf of Veterans Stadium and was temporarily paralyzed.

Tests revealed that he sustained a herniated disc, but they also detected that Irvin was born with a narrow spinal cord. That genetic condition became his primary concern because it puts him at a much higher risk of serious injury if he takes another blow to the head or neck.

Duncan reportedly to remain in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Maybe the begging worked.

After weeks of pleas from fans to stay with their team, free-agent forward Tim Duncan reportedly is ready to sign a new deal with the San Antonio Spurs, spurning the Orlando Magic and the opportunity to play with Grant Hill.

The Orlando Sentinel and the San Antonio Express-News reported Monday that Duncan's representatives told Orlando general manager John Gabriel that Duncan will turn down the Magic's six-year, \$67.5 million offer.

Lon Babby, Duncan's attorney, flew to San Antonio on Monday

and met with Spurs officials. Contacted by The Associated Press, Magic officials declined comment until Duncan made an announcement.

Reports of Duncan's decision to remain in San Antonio brought welcome relief for Spurs fans, who had dotted the city in recent weeks with billboards and placards reading: "Stay Tim, Stay!"

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Gibson's latest worth a look

by Brev Tanner
Contributing Writer

Mel Gibson's ("Braveheart," "Lethal Weapon") new film, "The Patriot," is very entertaining, if not moving.

Gibson plays retired British Captain Benjamin Martin, a widower with seven children living on a plantation in South Carolina at the beginning of the American Revolution. He is a good and loving father who cares for his children deeply. He was in the French-Indian war and committed some atrocity that he cannot even speak about. But he knows war, and he hates it.

When talk of war comes to his home, he is adamantly against it. He even speaks in a council about his fear for the lives of his sons and what this war will do to even the most innocent of colonists. But when war becomes evident, Martin's oldest son, Gabriel, played by Heath Ledger ("10



Things I Hate About You"), disobeys his father and joins the colonial army. Soon afterwards, Martin himself fights against the British, but for reasons other than freedom.

The battle scenes are incredible, and the sound on them will shock you with their reality. The costumes are beautiful, and the cinematography is masterful. The acting all around is good, especially by Tom Wilkinson ("The Full Monty," "Rush Hour") as the famous British General Cornwallis and Jason Issacs ("Armageddon," "The End of the Affair") as the very evil British Colonel Tavington. The script, written by

Robert Rodat ("Saving Private Ryan"), constantly falls into a stereotypical "fighting for freedom/war movie" script, but it works. The only fault is in the direction.

Roland Emmerich, better known for such blockbusters as "Stargate," "Independence Day," and "Godzilla" is behind the helm on this one, and he just doesn't quite hit the mark. A lot of times he gets close to making a scene truly powerful/emotional, but something ruins it. It is almost like he's just finally stretching his wings to fly but can't quite yet. It is a valiant effort, though, and if he keeps trying, perhaps he'll too have his "Schindler's List".

"The Patriot" overall is a good film that will capture the audience. Gibson again makes it easy to love his character, and he even leaves room for the rest of the cast to do well also. This film is no "Braveheart" and won't have you in tears at the end, but is still worth your time and money.

'Chuck and Buck' evokes wide range of emotions

A reunion between boyhood friends, one an arrested adolescent, the other a comer in the record industry. Co-stars who include a former producer of "Dawson's Creek" and the brothers who brought you "American Pie." The breezy title "Chuck & Buck."

Teen time at the movies again? Not quite. "Chuck & Buck" is a dark misfit of a movie that's sweet, scary, thought-provoking and off-putting all in one package.

It's a bold, original achievement, the sort of movie that could give homoerotic stalkers a good name.

Buck O'Brien (Mike White, who spent two years with "Dawson's Creek" and wrote "Chuck & Buck") is a 27-year-old man-child. He still plays with toys, sucks lollipops, dresses and talks like an 11-year-old and lives with his ailing mother.

When Mom dies, Buck tries to rekindle ties with his childhood best buddy, Chuck Sitter. Trouble is, Chuck has grown up to be Charlie Sitter ("American Pie" producer Chris Weitz), a hot young Los Angeles recording exec with a lovely fiancée.

Charlie responds the way any man confronted by an unwanted apparition from his past would: He politely, nervously, later forcefully, gives Buck the brushoff.

"I don't think he wants to be my friend anymore," Buck laments. "He thinks I'm not normal."

Book portrays struggle of relatives of victims in Rwanda killings

GISENYI, Rwanda (AP) — Love brought Rosamund Halsey Carr to the heart of Africa half a century ago, and it is love that now holds her in this breathlessly beautiful place that is as volatile as the simmering volcano that looms nearby. What anchors her is the love she has for the children whose parents were hacked and shot to death in Rwanda's killing frenzy.

"This country that I love has given me much. Its people are my strength, and its children my greatest joy," Carr writes in the prologue to "Land of a Thousand Hills: My Life in Rwanda," her ode to the tiny central African nation whose name most often con-

duces up the awesome death and destruction of the 1994 genocide in which at least half a million people were slaughtered on the orders of an extremist government. Carr, an elegant, energetic 87, first arrived in Rwanda from New York City in 1949, a newspaper fashion illustrator hoping to shore up her seven-year marriage to English explorer and big game hunter Kenneth Carr, a man many years her senior who had enthralled her with his stories of Africa.

The marriage didn't survive, but 52 years later, Carr is knee-deep in children, orphans of both the minority Tutsis and majority Hutus who died since the genocide was unleashed on

April 7, 1994.

"I wanted it to be a sort of love story," she says. "But the fact that there is no reconciliation in sight here is heartbreaking to me. ... There has to be reconciliation in this country for the people who lost everybody."

Carr was among the foreign nationals evacuated from Rwanda four days after the genocide began. In August 1994, she was one of the first to return — to her beloved home in Mugongo, 12 miles northwest of Gisenyi in the foothills of the Virgunga mountains where she first grew pyrethrum, a flower that produces a natural insecticide, and later raised flowers for export.

In 1997, Hutu rebel attacks in northwestern Rwanda again forced Carr, the last of the foreign plantation owners in the country, to leave Mugongo, but this time she also had Imbabazi, the orphanage she and her longtime helper and colleague, Sembagare, set up in a shed she had used for drying flowers. The orphanage has since found temporary quarters in Gisenyi. She is desperate to return to her stone cottage in Mugongo that has been sacked and burned several times by rebels and government soldiers, but everyone says it would be mad to take the 100 children with her. Hutu militiamen known as Interahamwe carried out much of the

orgy of killing that took place over 100 days in 1994. When Tutsi rebels overthrew the extremist Hutu government responsible for the genocide, the militiamen fled west into the then-Zaire. Tens of thousands remain in today's Congo, many now in the Congolese army. Their presence is a gnawing threat to Rwanda and a key ingredient in the region's volatility.

Imbabazi, which is still looking for a permanent home, has 20 longtime supporters, including the primate section of the zoo in Columbus, Ohio, which Carr first knew when it funded research on the mountain gorillas that live in the foothills above her farm.

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Sampras sets record as parents watch

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — His lips quivering and eyes blinking back tears, Pete Sampras scanned the Centre Court stadium, searching for the two people with whom he wanted to share the greatest moment in his tennis career. There, high in the stands, he spotted his father, Sam, waving his arms desperately to get his son's attention, and his mother, Georgia.

Sampras climbed into the bleachers and shared a long embrace with his parents, who had just watched their son make history by winning his seventh Wimbledon title and record 13th Grand Slam championship.

"It was nice to share it with my parents," he said. "I've wanted them to be a part of it. It took me a while to find them (in the stands). Once I did, it was a great moment."

It was a rare display of emotion by Sampras, whose parents had never been to Wimbledon or seen him win any Grand Slam. They flew in from Southern California only the day before. Sampras rewarded them by overcoming Patrick Rafter 6-7 (10), 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2 Sunday to pass Roy

Emerson for the most Slam titles and tie Willie Renshaw, a player in the 1880s, for the most Wimbledon victories.

"Win or lose today, I was going to invite them here," he said. "I'm glad they hopped on the plane and made the trip."

The only other time Sampras' parents saw him play in a Grand Slam tournament was at the 1992 U.S. Open, where he lost in the finals to Stefan Edberg.

"My parents are not tennis parents," he said. "You see a lot of cases where parents get too involved. I'm my own man. They always give me my independence."

There was another emotional family celebration at Wimbledon this weekend. On Saturday, 20-year-old Venus Williams climbed into the stands to embrace her 18-year-old sister, Serena, and father, Richard, after beating Lindsay Davenport in the women's final. It was Venus' first Grand Slam title, and the second for the Williams sisters. Serena won the U.S. Open last year.

Venus and Serena teamed Monday to become the first sisters ever to win the Wimbledon women's doubles title, beating Julie Halard-Decugis and Ai Sugiyama 6-3, 6-2. The match had been put off until Monday due to Sunday's rain.

The Williams sisters now have a total of nine Grand Slam titles between them in singles (2), doubles (3) and mixed doubles (4). Sampras' victory capped the most challenging of his seven title runs at Wimbledon. Coping with acute tendinitis above his left ankle from the second round on, he couldn't practice between matches.

"It really is amazing how this tournament just panned out for me," he said. "I didn't really feel like I was going to win here. I felt I was struggling."

The final had four hours of rain delays and ended in fading light at 8:57 p.m., after 3 hours, 2 minutes of actual play. If Rafter, the two-time U.S. Open champion, had won the fourth set, they would have had to return Monday. Sampras said before the match that as long as his right

arm held up, he would be a threat. It held up fine. Sampras served 27 aces at up to 133 mph, and had 46 more unreturned serves as he averaged a remarkable 123 mph on first serves. Sampras faced only two break points and won once more without yielding a single game on his serve. Rafter couldn't break him in 21 service games. In his seven title matches, Sampras has dropped serve only four times in 131 games. The only time Sampras buckled was in the first-set tiebreaker when he double-faulted to lose the set.

"We all choke," said Sampras, who wound up with 12 double-faults. "No matter who you are, you just get in the heat of the moment."

The match turned in the second set tiebreaker, when Rafter wilted after taking a 4-1 lead. He double-faulted, then netted a forehand to let Sampras tie it. Sampras then smacked a service winner and won his fifth straight point with a stunning inside-out forehand crosscourt that zipped past Rafter. Two points later, he put the set away with a solid volley.

Armstrong gains lead in Tour de France

LOURDES-HAUTACAM, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong surged into the overall lead in the Tour de France on Monday with a stunning climb in the Pyrenees that placed him second in the 10th stage.

Armstrong, who came back from cancer to win last year's Tour, overtook 1998 winner Marco Pantani and contender Richard Virenque on the final climb in cold, driving rain.

"Today was about good tactics," Armstrong said. "It was a good day for me. I like these conditions."

The 28-year-old Texan started the day in 16th place, 5:54 behind, but his stirring performance gave him the yellow jersey for the first time this year. Armstrong created a 10-minute swing in the standings and now holds a lead of 4:14 over second-place Jan Ullrich, the 1997 champion.

The only rider Armstrong couldn't catch Monday was Spain's Javier Ochoa, who won the first tough climb that was roughly the halfway point of the 21-stage race. Ochoa, who rides for the Kelme team, won the 127-mile stage from Dax to Lourdes-Hautacam in 6 hours, 9 minutes, 32 seconds. Armstrong finished 42 seconds behind.

"Ochoa rode hard and led for so long," Armstrong said. "Probably 99 percent of the people there were Spaniards cheering him."

Armstrong, who rides for the U.S. Postal Service Team, has said all along that he can dominate other top riders in the mountains.

Injuries taking toll on baseball all-star contest

ATLANTA (AP) — Just call it the All-Scar game. The amazing list of All-Star casualties grew even longer Sunday with Ken Griffey Jr., Barry Bonds, Cal Ripken, Mike Piazza and Greg Maddux becoming the latest to pull out because of injuries.

Mark McGwire, Pedro Martinez, Alex Rodriguez and Manny Ramirez previously were scratched from Tuesday night's game at Turner Field.

"We were looking at who we could've had if everybody was healthy and it looked like it could've been one of the best All-Star lineups of all-time," said Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones, a starter. "It's disappointing."

With Cleveland second baseman Roberto Alomar also hurting — he was hit by a pitch below the right el-

bow Sunday, although he will start — there's an injured All-Star at every position.

"They've been bugging me for a lineup the last few days," said NL manager Bobby Cox of the Braves, "but I just don't know who I can provide right now."

Cox and AL manager Joe Torre were able to patch together lineups on Monday, headed by starting pitchers David Wells of Toronto and Randy Johnson of Arizona. The AL lineup will lead off with Alomar, followed by Derek Jeter and Bernie Williams of the Yankees, Jason Giambi of Oakland, Carl Everett of Boston, Ivan Rodriguez of Texas, Jermaine Dye of Kansas City and Travis Fryman of Cleveland. Jeter, Everett and Fryman are replacements for injured starters.

The NL is even more wounded with four substitute starters. Leading off for the NL will be Barry Larkin of Cincinnati, followed by Jones, Gary Sheffield of Los Angeles or Vladimir Guerrero of Montreal, Sammy Sosa of the Cubs, Jeff Kent of San Francisco, Andres Galarraga of Atlanta, Jim Edmonds of St. Louis and Jason Kendall of Pittsburgh.

Sheffield, Guerrero, Galarraga, Edmonds and Kendall all would be filling in for starters sidelined by injuries. Cox once thought he'd have McGwire, Bonds and Griffey, the top three home run hitters in the league, plus Piazza in a power-packed order.

Now, the names of the no-shows are starting to overshadow the actual participants.

The New York Mets announced

Sunday night that Piazza was out. The catcher sustained a concussion Saturday night when hit in the helmet by Roger Clemens' fastball, and did not play in the series finale against the Yankees.

"I'm a little groggy," said Piazza. "I have a headache, obviously."

Cincinnati pitcher Danny Graves, Arizona outfielder Steve Finley, Baltimore shortstop Mike Bordick and Toronto third baseman Tony Batista are among the replacements coming to play.

Tony Gwynn and Jose Canseco missed last year at Fenway Park and, when the game was previously held in Atlanta in 1972, five players originally picked were absent: Luis Aparicio, Amos Otis, Freddie Patek, Gary Nolan and Joe Coleman.

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