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## Blood drive to benefit injured Tech student

by Amy Curry  
Staff Writer

United Blood Services and United Supermarkets are sponsoring a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Mobile Donor Coach in front of United 505, located at 4th Street and Slide Road. The blood drive will benefit Anna Beth Lester.

Lester, a junior agriculture major from Austin, was involved in a car accident at 19th Street and Flint Avenue around 11:15 p.m. on July 3. Police said Lester lost both her legs as a result of the accident.

Lester was standing beside her stalled 1989 Honda Accord when she was struck by a police car.

Reports indicated that a 1997 Chevy Cavalier, driven by a 29-year-old Lubbock woman, turned in front of Officer Edward Martinez Day's Ford Crown Victoria, pushing the vehicle into Lester.

According to the police report, the Cavalier was driving in the middle, westbound lane of 19th Street when its driver turned right in front of the officer's vehicle, which was in the far right lane.

The police shift summary said the driver of the Cavalier "swerved to the right from the far left lane in order to assist (Lester)" and that "(She) did not see (the officer) approaching."

Lester was rushed to UMC for treatment. The officer and the driver of the Cavalier escaped injury.

Administrative assistant for student life Carol McLoughlin said Lester remains in serious condition at University Medical Center.

Lester required a lot of blood after her acci-

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### GRADUATE RESEARCH

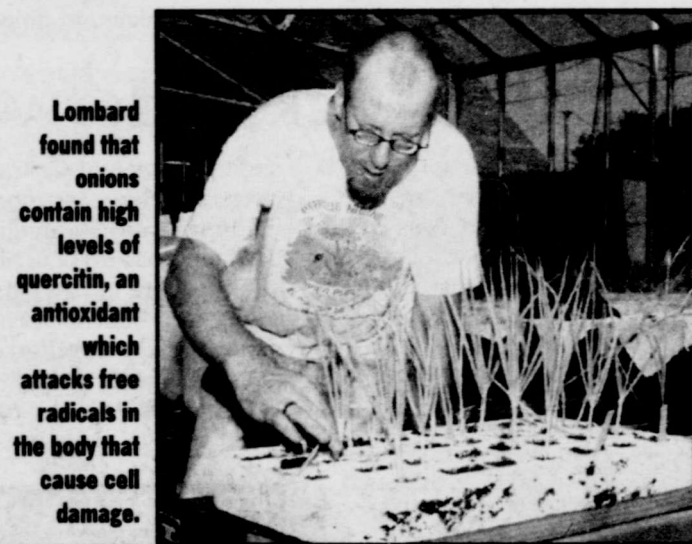
## Nothing to cry about ...

Story by ■ Pam Smith ■ Photos by ■ Joe Mays

### Graduate student researches cancer-fighting agent in onions



Kevin Lombard, a horticulture graduate student and Ellen Peffley, associate professor in plant and soil sciences, test for the chemical compound quercetin in onion plants.



Lombard found that onions contain high levels of quercetin, an antioxidant which attacks free radicals in the body that cause cell damage.

The plant and soil sciences department at Texas Tech University has given people one more reason to eat their vegetables, especially onions. They may help to prevent cancer.

"We found that in populations of people that drink tea and ate onions and apples have less chance of cardiovascular disease and cancer (than the rest of the population)," Kevin Lombard, the graduate student who developed the project said.

The study was geared toward looking at the differing levels of quercetin, a chemical that has been found to inhibit cancer tumors.

Ellen Peffley, associate professor in plant and soil sciences, said quercetin is beneficial because it is an antioxidant and by nature attacks free radicals in the body that can cause cell damage. She said the study showed red onions contain the highest levels of quercetin followed by yellow onions and then white onions, which have a negligible amount of the chemical.

"The levels don't change regardless of the way you prepare them - whether they are baked, boiled or sautéed," Peffley said.

Lombard said he decided to study the quercetin levels in onions as opposed to other foods containing quercetin because he had read other studies that had consistently shown onions as having higher levels than other foods. He also said there was

also "quite a lot of information" on the subject to aid him in the study.

While the study itself didn't concentrate on making recommendations on how many antioxidant or quercetin foods a person should include in their diet, Lombard said the National Cancer Institute recommends eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day. The average person only eats about 2.5 servings of fruits and vegetables a day, which is a lot lower than the institute's recommendation.

While doing this however, Lombard said a person should vary the types of fruits and vegetables they eat and not just focus on one kind such as onions.

"Onions are only a small part of the diet," Lombard said. "The National Cancer Institute wants to promote eating fruits and vegetables, but they want you to know that you can't rely on just one type of fruit or vegetable. You have to eat several varieties in order to receive all the benefits that these foods have to offer."

In the future, Peffley said the plant and soil science department hopes to use the information towards developing a specific line of onion which possesses higher levels of quercetin and other compounds that are

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## President to take step down, return to roots after 31 years



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by Amy Curry  
Staff Writer

Although many people spend the majority of their careers trying to climb the corporate ladder, President of Texas Tech Donald Haragan is stepping down.

After four years at the top, Haragan is reverting back to where his career at Texas Tech began a little over three decades ago.

As of August 1, he will relinquish his duties as president and head back to the classroom where he will be teaching classes in the Honors College.

"I'm going to be doing a lot of what

I was doing when I came to Tech 31 years ago," he said.

Almost one year ago, Haragan announced to the university his plans to resign as president. He said he wanted to make the university aware well in advance in order to give officials enough time for a successful presidential search.

Michael Shonrock, interim vice president of student affairs, has known and worked with Haragan throughout his 10 years at Tech. He said Haragan as the chief executive officer of the university really cares about the students and has a real passion for Texas Tech.

"Dr. Haragan has made some sig-

nificant contributions to Tech and will continue to do so," Shonrock said. "He has made a definite impact on this institution, and I think it will be a very smooth transition for him."

Although Haragan is headed back to the classroom, he will continue to be involved in the Study Abroad program and fund-raising for Horizon Camp and scholarship funds.

"I'm not bailing out of the administration thing completely," Haragan said. "My wife and I both plan to continue working with Texas Tech."

Since Haragan has already worked his way from the bottom up - from professor to president - Shonrock

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# NASA, Tech study to make fresh food in space

## Tech professors team-up with NASA researchers to make advances in plant studies

by Jeff Lehr  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech professors and NASA are teaming up in an effort to provide astronauts with fresh food during space travel.

In May, NASA loaned Tech an engineering development unit (EDU), which is a closed atmosphere unit that will be used to simulate the growing conditions of various plants in space.

Ellen Peffley, assistant professor in the plant and soil science department, has been involved with the project since October 1999 and said the main thing NASA is looking for is the development of horticultural techniques that are ultimately beneficial to astronauts on a spaceship.

"The project is designed for use in a terrestrial application which basically means our objective is concentrated around plant growth in a gravity situation," she said.

Peffley said the research being done at Tech is good for use only after the astronauts have landed. She believes the research will be put to use on missions to the moon and

possibly Mars. Researchers are looking at four plants in particular as the models for their project. The Swiss chard, the onion, the radish and the tomato will be grown using hydroponics in a closed environment.

Currently, the EDU is undergoing modification by Tech engineers to ensure that once the plants are ready to be placed in the unit they will be monitored correctly. Peffley said NASA is giving engineers full authority to modify the EDU as long as nothing is taken away from it.

Tech student Janet Hutson, a junior horticulture major from Amarillo, recently constructed a model of the EDU in the Tech greenhouse. The model, which is constructed of wooden channels for the solution, will serve as a "pilot program" for anywhere from two weeks to a month until the EDU is ready for use.

Hutson said she will be experimenting with different solutions during this time using the same four plants and expects to begin soon.

"This is not an exact simulation of what will occur inside the actual (EDU) chamber, but it will give us a good idea about what solutions to

use," she said.

It took Hutson about a day to put the model together, and she said she got the idea from reading about similar systems which gave her the basis for her own model.

Hutson said the EDU, which is currently housed behind the agricultural sciences building, will ultimately be moved to the greenhouse where the research will be made easier.

The project is being funded through NASA, and the EDU is on loan to Tech until October 2001. Peffley said the project was supposed to begin in early June but funding was not received until July.

Some of the professors involved submitted proposals to NASA in March after visiting Johnson Space Center in Houston. This allowed them to become familiar with what NASA wanted from them in the project.

"NASA has a system they would

like us to use which involves growing plants in their conditions," Peffley said. "What they basically want and what we are trying to do is grow the most biomass per unit space with the least energy expended."

This means growing the greatest amount of plants in a closed environment, such as a space shuttle, while allowing the astronauts to expend the least amount of energy.

Paul Pare, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, is involved in the project and said one of the concerns he has is the amount of volatiles released from the plants in a closed environment.

"NASA mentioned they were interested in the volatile emissions that would occur in space," he said. "There is a difference between growing plants on the ground and (growing them) in space."

The EDU will give the researchers a chance to alter many of the vari-

ables in the chamber such as oxygen and carbon dioxide levels as well as the plant nutrients. Pare said the levels of carbon dioxide are higher in space, and his area of research includes what effect the altered levels of carbon dioxide will have on the growth of the plant and the volatile emissions.

"We hope to associate this change in plant emissions to certain changes in human growth in the future," he said. He hopes to begin his work with the EDU in early September.

Peffley said some of her research is centered around certain volatiles emitted by plants that have an effect on plant aging. She said tomatoes emit ethylene gas, which is a major cause of the aging of plants.


Peffley, as well as the others involved, are excited about the project and hope to have the contract with NASA extended past the October 2001 deadline.

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# Schmidly to be replaced with new blood

## Sweazy offers new perspective, continuation of old initiatives

by **Amy Curry**  
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After Dr. David Schmidly was named president of Texas Tech June 30, he appointed Dr. Robert Sweazy, senior associate vice president for research professor and civil engineering to fill his position.

As of August 1, Sweazy will assume the duties of vice president of research and graduate studies/Tech Transfers and Dean of the Graduate School.

Sweazy does not anticipate a whole lot of change because he is somewhat familiar with several aspects of his new position.

Once his tenure goes into effect, he said he plans to delegate a considerable amount of responsibility to the division heads.

With the university enduring an entire year without a president due to President Donald Haragan's announcement of resignation, Sweazy said he will make the request to other division heads to step up to the chal-

lenge of taking on more responsibility in their specific areas.

"Here's a university, minus its head guy," Sweazy said. "So I'm going to ask the other division heads to take on a little more responsibility for their own programs."

Sweazy said he will delegate some of the responsibility to Catherine Harris, the assistant vice president director of research services, and to Linda True, his executive assistant.

Harris will be taking over responsibility for the Research Council, completing the revision of the strate-

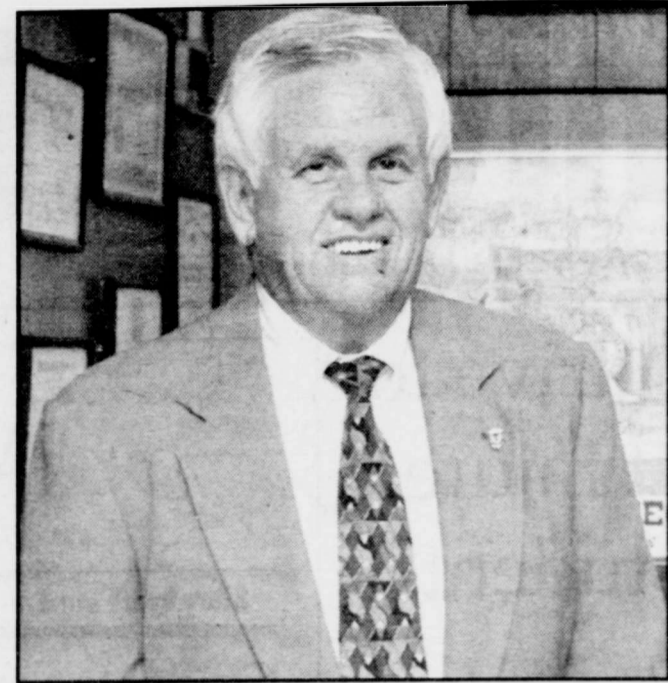
gic plan for research and reviewing and approving more institutional documents.

She said she supports the decision that promoted Sweazy to his new position as vice president of research and graduate studies/Tech Transfers and Dean of the Graduate School.

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the job," Harris said.

"He has worked very closely with Dr. Schmidly. He's very familiar with these activities, and he knows a lot about Texas Tech."

Before Schmidly was chief research officer of the institution, Sweazy was head of Intelligence Properties and Tech Transfers. He said he is well acquainted with this new assignment, and the transition should not be too difficult.

The only major change Sweazy anticipates is that he will be working more closely with consultants in Washington D.C. on Tech's federal initiatives.

He said his main objective while

serving at this new position, is to provide oversight for the institution of environmental and human health while engaging in the fundraising process.

The newest task for Sweazy is that he will be working with the Graduate School in a much more limited aspect, but he said he always looks forward to a challenge. He wants to ensure that the rate of progress being made is not slowed.

"I want to enhance areas where there is need and carry on and expand programs Dr. Schmidly initiated," Sweazy said. "I don't want to be just a caretaker - I want to be a facilitator and a leader."

## Middle East peace talks back underway at Camp David

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — Back from the brink of collapse, the tumultuous Middle East peace talks picked up anew at Camp David Thursday, with the two sides struggling to resolve their bitter half-century-old

disputes. "The determination is there," a U.S. spokesman said.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who took over the mediation duties after President Clinton left for Japan, began the day by meeting with the U.S. negotiators. She expected to talk separately with both Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak

and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat later in the day, but no three-way meetings were planned, State Department Richard Boucher said.

"She's here to carry the ball forward," said Boucher. "The determination is there; the effort certainly is not slacking in any way."

That the Israelis and the Palestin-

ians remained at the negotiating table at all represented a last-minute change of heart. The White House, in a terse announcement late Wednesday, had declared the summit had ended in failure. Boucher insisted the declaration was not simply a matter of theatrics.

"The cars were lined up, bags were packed, people were ready to go, the motorcade was ready to leave," he said. "This was real."

But in a late-night turnaround, the parties agreed to try again. Clinton himself announced the negotiators would remain at the secluded presidential retreat, even as he left for a weekend summit of leading industrialized nations in Japan.

"Nobody wanted to quit, nobody wanted to give up," the president hoarsely told reporters at a news conference hastily convened after midnight in the small-town elementary school that has served as the summit press center. However, Clinton, who had shuttled between the two leaders for nine straight days — sometimes working the entire night through — cautioned that "there should be no illusion about the difficult task ahead."

Boucher declined to provide a detailed account of who made the first move to try to keep the talks going, saying only that a consensus emerged among the leaders that "it was better to stay than leave."

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beneficial to people's health. She also said she would like to eventually combine these with lines from the better tasting onions to create an even better onion.

"We would really like to get a grant to pursue how increased levels could be obtained," she said.

"We would also like to partner with the Heath Sciences Center and look into how onions in the diet affect people."

One obstacle to this work, however, is the negative public response to crop engineering.

Peffley said while the public wants foods with a higher nutritional content, they are often op-

posed to the methods needed to achieve that goal.

Despite the controversy, Lombard believes the crossbreeding of onions and other crops for better health benefits will become mainstream in the future.

He said although many of the seed companies haven't published anything on the topic yet, they are definitely looking into the area.

"What everyone is concentrating on now is functional foods," he said.

"In the future, consumers will see more of them at the grocery store. I expect to see signs at the grocery store saying 'vegetable has high levels of antioxidants'."

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said Haragan will be a valuable asset as he returns to the teaching field.

Haragan said his plans for the year would also include some writing. He said he has had a book in mind but never found the time to get started on it while in the president's office.

"I've been in central administration for 15 years," Haragan said. "There are just some things I want to do before I retire, and I wanted to give someone else a the opportunity to step in as president."

**Trouble on Newark airport runway**

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — An air traffic controller at Newark International Airport was removed from flight-handling duties after a jet taxied onto a runway where another plane was taking off.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jim Peters said the two planes were never in danger of colliding. He said the controller erred Wednesday in not ordering the taxiing plane to wait until the other jet had departed. Continental Airlines Flight 288 had just taken off when American TransAir

Flight 6919 entered its runway. The Continental plane flew 500 feet above the taxiing jet, Peters said.

"It was an operational error, a mistake by the controller," Peters said. The head of the Newark office of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, Daniel D'Agostino, disputed the FAA determination, saying the pilot of the taxiing plane had deviated from his assigned route. He said the group plans to appeal the FAA's disciplinary action.

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Casey Carson, a community relations representative at United Blood Services, said she encourages as many people as possible to donate blood.

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Carson said accidents can happen any day of week and are not really anticipated.

Therefore, it is important to have as much blood on hand as possible in case of emergency.

"We need blood on the shelves," Carson said.

"Patients scheduled for surgery can come in a week before and donate blood for themselves, but accidents are just not something you can prepare for."

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## Yankees wrapped around my finger

On a recent four-hour flight, being the warm, loving people-person I am (read: I need to be the center of attention NOW), I began to chat things up with the people around me.



**Brandon Formby**  
Columnist

I was surprised to find I was the only Texan on the plane despite the fact we left from Dallas. The Big D was just everyone else's connecting airport, and they were mostly all from the East Coast.

I was even more surprised at the people's reaction to the fact that I was a true native Texan (and I slowly began to realize why I rarely leave the Lone Star state).

First of all, some lady told me about how disappointed she was the first time she drove through Texas nearly 20 years ago. I asked her why, and she said because it was ugly, flat and desert-like. I asked her where she drove through, and she said the Panhandle from New Mexico to Oklahoma. Um, OK.

After explaining my home state has many different regions and climates because it is roughly the size of France, which, by the way, is its own country, everyone looked at me skeptically, obviously not believing this tried and true fact.

The girl in front of me, who had listened intently with her chin on the back of her seat, obviously decided it was her turn to pick on the southern redneck, because, though nine, she said while in the airport she saw a "Don't Mess with Texas" sign. She added how she thought this was mean. The lady next to me and a couple on the other side of the aisle from her agreed. I had to explain how that is the state's whole anti-littering motto. Again, they looked at me skeptically as if I was pulling this out of a black hole the size of Houston. They said it made us seem very unfriendly.

Here they are not believing known facts and all of a sudden the lady next to me (whose IQ was obviously inversely proportional to our altitude) asks if I or anyone I know has ever actually met J.R. Ewing. Hold up!

For a moment I thought about calling the stewardess to see if we could go ahead and deploy the oxygen masks because the pressure in the cabin was obviously getting to my fellow passengers. Then I took a deep breath and said to myself, "Brandon, just calm down.

Remember these are Yankees. You have to go slow with them. Very slow."

I told the lady no because J.R. Ewing was just a character in a television show – a very old television show – and he didn't really live in Dallas, in Texas or in the real world at all. Again the skeptical look from all sides.

How stupid is that? Do you ask people from Boston if they know Woody, Sam and Diane? No.

Did the stupidity end there? Hell no, y'all.

The little girl's grandparents then said we kill way too many people with the death penalty thus George W. Bush should not be in the White House. I quickly pointed out that our other alternative was Al Gore. Besides that, with a Texan in the White House implementing a national death penalty as strong as Texas', we wouldn't have to deal with as many troublesome people and events as we currently do.

"Like what?" the man across the aisle asked.

"You know the guy who rescued Elian?" I asked. They nodded. "He would've gotten the chair just for putting us through that." Their eyes grew big.

"Remember Linda Tripp?" I asked. Again, nods. "She would have been hung."

Eyes continued to grow.

"The people who come up with those stupid 1-800-10-10-220-COLLECT-ATT commercials..." they looked in awe, afraid of what was next. "Execution-style-shooting." I boasted. By now they were scooting away from me. Here I am telling tall tales, and now they finally decide to believe me.

"Oh and there is more," I teased. "Pesky Yankees who ask stupid questions on planes ... well, we tie each of their limbs to four different horses, old fashioned like, and let the horses run like hell until there ain't no mo' Yankee."

The rest of the flight was strangely quiet which gave me time to ponder how glad I am that I'm from Texas. I began to realize why we come across as being so rude and why we warn people not to mess with us – everyone else is about as smart as the side of barn. And yes, Texas is special. I mean, we can do things other states can't (besides driving 395 days without leaving the state). Honestly, would you respect a man from Hartford with a tattoo the shape of Connecticut on his bicep? Didn't think so, y'all.

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## Subsidization of stupidity

There are a lot of things that make me want to pull my hair out, and one of the big ones is all of the lawsuits against the tobacco companies.

Collectively, they represent an underlying sickness in this country – the increasing number of people who refuse to accept personal responsibility and accountability for their choices and actions. People want to have the freedom to do whatever they want, but they don't want to accept the consequences. They want to blame someone or something else.

There are many guises of this sickness. Sometimes it's blaming violence on television, a bad childhood, etc. The bottom line is that people always want to point the finger at someone else and never at themselves. So, it is lately with tobacco. Last week, a Florida jury awarded \$145 billion in punitive damages to a class of Florida smokers. That's not compensatory damages for any actual harm suffered – that amount is pure punishment of the industry. In any case, it's patently ludicrous. To put it into perspective, that amount represents the GDP of Jordan and Bolivia combined.

For the next 10 years. Before inter-

est. It's truly ridiculous.

In short, the smokers are poised to receive millions and millions of dollars as a direct result of their choice to engage in a dangerous personal lifestyle behavior – thus, rewarding this behavior. What we can expect from this an increase in both smoking and lawsuits since smokers now know that they can kill themselves and get filthy rich doing so. More importantly, this verdict will inspire and fuel an increase in personal irresponsibility and refusal to take ownership of one's actions.

I have two major problems with this. First, the states are seeking compensation for wasted taxpayer money, yet we as taxpayers will never see a dime of this money either in cash or in the form of reduced taxes. Of course, this is not surprising given that the two strongest chemical bonds known to science are those forms by the palms of lawyers and politics when they come into contact with money. What portion of the money not kept by the lawyers will go to fund pork-barrel political projects. Second, the states want to be compensated for wasted tax dollars when they are still wasting money treating these illnesses!

Again, the future results of this are going to be more smokers and more wasted tax dollars. The taxpayer pays the bills while the smokers and lawyers get rich suing the tobacco companies and getting free medical care for self-inflicted illnesses! I don't have a problem with smoking or smokers. I choose not to smoke, but I fully support everyone's right to do so provided they

accept the responsibility and consequences that go with it. If the government were actually concerned with practicing what it preaches – which it isn't – it would ban tobacco and simply refuse to pay for anymore smoking related illnesses. They would say "We've told you this stuff is bad – so smoke up, Johnny, but do so at your own peril, and don't come crying to us when your spitting out pieces of lung." The government should make a list of smoking related illness and post them on every pack of smokes and inform people that if you get this disease, and you're a smoker – you might as well start digging a hole because we're not paying for it. For illnesses that have both smoking and non-smoking related causes or for which smoking is not a cause but does exacerbate the condition, then the government should apply the concept of contributory negligence – we're only going to pay for whatever portion of your particular affliction unrelated to smoking. Asthma three times worse than it should be because you smoke? Tough – we'll pay for the one-third that's not.

I fully expect to hear howling about my insensitivity to these poor people, these poor victims, yada, yada, yada. You smoke; you know the risk – deal with it, and don't blame others for your choice. I submit that the loudest howling will come from those who most refuse to take personal responsibility for their decisions.

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# Rec 'weighting' to exhale

High dust, noise levels cause rec center closure

by Jeff Lehr  
Staff Writer

The Student Recreation Center closed Thursday because of excessive noise and dust levels due to construction. The Rec will reopen Friday at 6 p.m.

Assistant Director of Rec Sports Bob Miller said the decision to close the Rec was planned early on and was not due to any complaints received from students.

"The closure (of the Rec Center) was made in partnership with Tech police, the Dean of Students Office and facilities, planning and construction," he said. "Everything within the Rec Center building will be closed to students for these two days."

Miller said during this time, workers will be jackhammering the remaining construction areas inside the building, and he expects it all to be cleared up by this afternoon.

Stephen Bellya, director of environmental health and safety at Tech, said, "officials at the Rec Center were concerned about the noise and dust levels in the building and asked us to come and take a look at what they were concerned about."

He said his findings concluded the noise levels "were above the allowable levels" within a building, and there were "excessive amounts of dust."

Bellya said the closure was absolutely necessary and was "the best action to take in the interests of the student and faculty welfare."

The construction at the Rec is part of the renovations that are designed to give students access to more facilities within the building.

Right now, some of the features offered by the Rec include racquetball courts, basketball and volleyball courts, weight rooms, an indoor run-



Joe Mays ■ The University Daily

Worker for Labor Ready Jim Luis and Hawell remove the concrete benches in the Rec Center. The Rec renovations are scheduled to be completed by Fall 2001.

ning track and a swimming pool.

Miller said although the building itself will be closed, the pool will remain open as well as the tennis courts and the Rec fields.

The renovations will last anywhere from 15-18 months and is currently in the beginning stages. Once completed, the Rec will have an added 100,000 square feet and resurfaced courts.

Carjacking suspect in police beating had cocaine in system

Philadelphia (AP) — The carjacking suspect whose videotaped beating by city police caused a national outcry had cocaine in his system when he was arrested, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reported Thursday.

The newspaper, citing an unidentified police commander, reported that toxicology reports show Thomas Jones had ingested cocaine.

Philadelphia police refused to comment on the story, but authorities previously said they found a crack pipe in the car Jones is accused of stealing.

A camera captured several officers kicking and hitting Jones last week, after a chase and shoot-out in which he and an officer were both shot and wounded.

## Pharmacist sues drug store chain over lack of contraceptive coverage

SEATTLE (AP) — A pharmacist on Wednesday sued her employer, a drug store chain, accusing the company of sexual discrimination for not including contraceptives in its health plan.

Jennifer Erickson, 26, filed the lawsuit in federal court against Bartell Drug Co. She intends to seek class-action status for the suit, described as the first of its kind in the nation.

"The suit filed today will affect all of the women employed by Bartell Drug Company," Erickson said at a news conference. "But that's not enough. There are 60 million women of childbearing age in this country, and I am standing up for them too."

Bartell CFO Jean Bartell Barber said no health plan can cover every medical cost, but the company's plan does a good job of covering most costs for employees.

Barber said the Bartell plan does not cover contraceptives unless prescribed for medical conditions that aren't related to birth control, and it doesn't cover Viagra, infertility drugs, drugs for weight loss or immunization agents.

"We strongly believe that our program is lawful and non-discriminatory," Barber said.

Women's groups have been trying to force employers to cover contraceptives in their insurance policies for several years. Last year, 60 groups asked the Equal Employment Opportunity Commis-

sion to instruct employers that excluding contraceptives from their health plans amounts to sex discrimination.

In 1998, Congress required that health plans for federal employees cover prescription contraceptives.

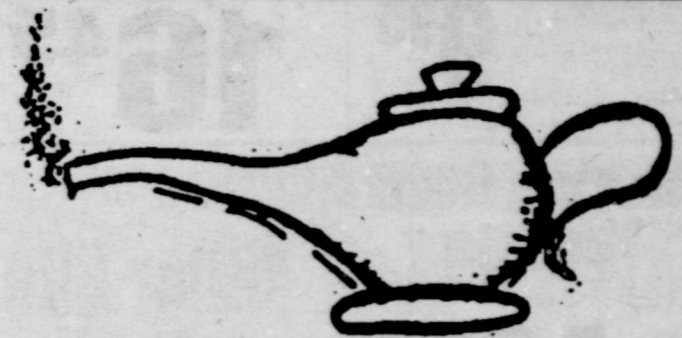
The debate became particularly charged after the introduction of Viagra, the male impotence pill, which some insurers cover.

Erickson said she didn't like having to pay for her own birth control pills, which can run between \$20 and \$30 a month. Contraceptives should be considered part of a woman's basic health care needs, and it is unfair to deny coverage for them, Erickson said.

She said she also became frustrated when she had to constantly tell customers that they would have to pay for their birth control pills — because many other health plans, like her company's, don't cover contraceptives — though many do cover abortions and vasectomies.

Roberta Riley, Erickson's lead attorney, said only 13 states require certain health plans to include contraceptives and Washington isn't one of them. They filed a federal suit to reach beyond state borders, she said.

"A woman's right to be free from sex discrimination should not depend on what state she lives in," she said.



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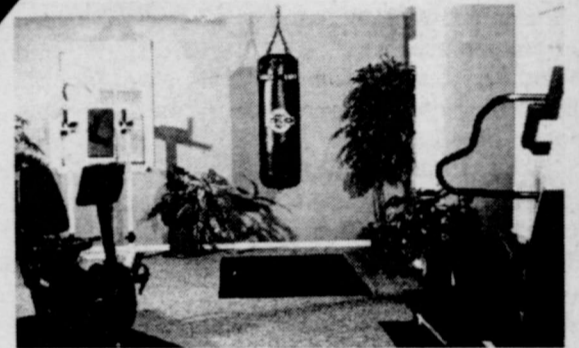
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# 'X-Men' offers something for every viewer

by **Brev Tanner**  
Contributing Writer

In the not so distant future, man will begin to evolve. He will evolve into the next stages of his existence, and with each step, we will all become closer to what we were intended to be.

This is one of the many theories behind the film and comic book "X-Men." The comic originally started in September 1963. Its outward appeal was just another super hero comic that attracted readers and made money. However, the creators behind it had another plan with their book.

In the early '60s, racism was at its highest, and there was a whole generation of people (the Baby Boomers) growing up in a world in which Blacks, Jews, homosexuals, and Asians were still regarded as inferior people. Often times the white major-



ity hated and feared these groups because they did not understand them. The "X-Men" dealt with that fear and hatred by presenting another group of people, mutants, who were feared and misunderstood.

The main story has revolved around two men, Professor Charles Xavier (Professor X) and Eric Magnus Lehnsherr (Magneto).

Both men are mutants and have extra-special powers or abilities that make them superior to homosapiens. Xavier (Patrick Stewart, "Star Trek: The Next Generation," "Conspiracy

Theory") believes that only through understanding and love can humans and mutants ever live in peace and harmony. However, Magneto (Ian McKellen, "Apt Pupil," "Gods and Monsters") believes that mutants should separate themselves from the rest of humanity and/or destroy them and make way for the new stage in evolution.

Much like the men they were based off of (Xavier is patterned after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Magento after Malcolm X), they are both charismatic and right in their own way. One man just sees things differently than the other. To the film's credit, it keeps this alive throughout the entire film.

The film itself is incredible. I have been a follower of the "X-Men" books for years now, and I'm proud to say I was not disappointed in the least. It deals with the issues from the book

and keeps the same feel as the stories in it.

Because the cast of characters for a comic that is over 30 years old is large, the writers had to pick the best and easiest to present on screen characters.

Their choices were excellent. Of course, Professor X and Magneto were included, but the remaining characters included: Cyclops (James Marsden, "Disturbing Behavior"), Jean Grey (Famke Janssen, "GoldenEye," "Celebrity"), Storm (Halley Berry, "Boomerang," "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge"), Wolverine (relative newcomer Hugh Jackman), Rogue (Anna Paquin, "The Piano," "She's All That"), Mystique (Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, "Austin Powers: The Spy

Who Shagged Me"), Toad (Ray Park, "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace") and Sabertooth (wrestler Tyler

Mane).

Director Bryan Singer ("The Usual Suspects," "Apt Pupil") did an incredible job of weaving a multi-character, multi-plot lined story into an intense, interesting and action-packed film that will surely be the king of the box office this summer.

It has everything a summer blockbuster needs: lots of action, a good story, tons of special effects and mass audience appeal. In fact, in its opening weekend the film made \$57.5 million, the fourth highest grossing weekend of all time.

"X-Men" is the type of movie everyone will like. Not only is it fun, but it portrays such a deep and profound message I only hope people can grasp.

And maybe if some people do absorb the film's message, then maybe, just maybe, the world will be that much more enlightened.

# Bon Jovi continues to rock with new album, 'Crush'

NEW YORK (AP) — Relaxing in his luxury Manhattan apartment with its magnificent view of his native New Jersey, Jon Bon Jovi is feeling happy.

His band's new album "Crush" (Island) recently debuted in the top 10, and he has received good reviews for his role in the submarine thriller "U-571."

It's a happiness he didn't know earlier in his career.

"The success happened so fast, I didn't really get a chance to enjoy myself," Bon Jovi, 38, said. "It was nonstop touring for four years straight with not much rest. My voice was strained, and my body constantly ached. ... I guess everything hit me way too fast."

Now he is pacing his life and enjoying his success.

"When we hit the road this tour, it won't be a long drawn-out thing. We'll play a gig, take two days off and play again," he said.

Although the band is busy promoting the new album, Bon Jovi said the group no longer has anything to prove.

"We established this band by selling 80 million records. Now we can sit back and let the music take care of itself."

Bon Jovi, the quintessential '80s pop-metal band, combines the power-chord driven guitars of hard rock with the working-class sensibilities of Bruce Springsteen.

This combination propelled "Slippery When Wet" (1986) and "New Jersey" (1988) into multiplatinum status.

Both albums were criticized for having more pop than metal and for targeting an audience of teen-age girls.

Yet Bon Jovi managed to move away from metal and concentrate on straightforward rock and big ballads. In the process, the band has retained a sizable audience.

"This is just a simple rock 'n' roll band," Bon Jovi said. "It's definitely not metal nor is it pop. We were clas-

sified metal because of the bands we played with. But I was never influenced by Kiss, Judas Priest or the Scorpions."

The new album has many flavors. The opening track "It's My Life" is a classic Bon Jovi song with a great hook.

The next track, "Say It Isn't So," has more of a Beatles flavor to it, something a hard-core Bon Jovi fan might not appreciate.

"We wrote 60 songs for this album and wanted it to be very diversified," said Bon Jovi.

"We picked songs to give the album a beginning, middle and an end, and we hope that's what the listener will get from it."

And it wouldn't be a Bon Jovi album without a ballad and the song "Thank You for Loving Me."

"The catalyst for the song was the movie 'Meet Joe Black,'" the singer explained.

"Brad Pitt played the Grim Reaper,

and at the end of the movie, he grabs this beautiful girl. As he leaves he says, 'Thank you for loving me.' And I thought, 'What a courageous thing to say to someone.' It's easy to say I love you, but more meaningful to thank someone for loving you."

Bon Jovi's interest in films began in the early '90s when he wrote the soundtrack for "Young Guns II."

Then he caught the acting bug. He received favorable reviews for his roles in "Moonlight and Valentino" and "The Leading Man." He has a role in the new Kevin Spacey film "Pay It Forward," which is scheduled for release later this year.

"Critics love the work I've done in movies, but I haven't made any real money yet," he said.

"When I sell 80 million records, the critics hate it. ... I don't know if I wanna be the Elvis Costello of the movie business or the Tom Cruise of the music industry."

Given a choice, Bon Jovi would

rather win an Oscar than a Grammy.

"The Rolling Stones didn't win their Grammy until 30 years after all the great music they made," he said. "That to me is a joke."

His loyalty to friends, family and bandmates is remarkable. He is still married to his high school sweetheart.

Three of the other four original Bon Jovi members are still with the band: Richie Sambora (guitar), Tico Torres (drums) and David Bryan (keyboards).

And although bassist Alec John Such left because of the stress of touring, he is still considered part of the group.

"When I start something, I like to finish it," Bon Jovi explained. "In my heart, Alec will always be a part of this band. Hugh (McDonald) ... has done a fantastic job filling his shoes. ... But I'm a loyal guy."

The band, currently on tour in Japan, will start a U.S. tour this fall.


## The problems of a rock star

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Peter Frampton had a schedule conflict that could only happen to a rock star of a certain vintage: Ringo Starr was in town and wanted to jam on the day Frampton's daughter was graduating from high school.

"Now, the show was from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.," said Frampton in a proper British accent despite living 20 years in the United States. "The (graduation) dinner was from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Now, what am I going to go to?"

Actually, it wasn't much of a conflict for Frampton, who has toured with Ringo's All-Starr Band.

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# Beauty pageant opens doors for participants

## Miss Texas competition provides opportunities for contestants' futures, exposure for city of Lubbock

by Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

After the glitter and glamour of the Miss Texas pageant fades away and the cameras look ahead to the crowning of a new Miss USA, Lubbock and its representative, the reigning Miss Lubbock, reflect on the pageant and the opportunities it brought.

For several days, 94 contestants from all over the state participated in various activities and competitions associated with the pageant.

The contestants' experience began with a welcoming reception at City Bank then continued at different locations around Lubbock such as the County Line for the swimsuit competition and at Buffalo Springs Lake.

"(The Miss Texas Pageant) is really good exposure for the city of

Lubbock," Carol Moore, local director of the Miss Texas USA pageant said.

"Many homes see Lubbock through the documentary of the pageant and by showcasing the city. We increase awareness to businesses and people who may choose to move to the city."

Constance Gaines, a senior public relations major from Lubbock and the reigning Miss Lubbock, said she really enjoyed the fact that the pageant was held in her hometown this year.

"I really liked the fact the pageant was here in Lubbock so all my friends and family could attend," she said. "Many other contestants' families only got to fly in for the weekend."

This was Lubbock's second year to host the Miss Lubbock pageant. Moore said the city has received "rave" reviews from the contestants and the 3,000 spectators that attended the

event.

"The location really benefits all of them because the contestants and their families love coming to Lubbock," Moore said.

"Many of them stated that they had never thought about coming to Lubbock, but after visiting they decided it was a place they wanted to come back to."

This year's pageant marked the second attempt at the crown for Gaines, who finished sixth in the pageant only half a point shy of qualifying for the five finalists.

The new Miss Texas, Kandace Krueger from Austin, won on her fifth attempt at the crown.

"I was much more prepared for the pageant this year than I was last year," Gaines said. "Last year I flew into town the day before the competition and used the experience just to get my feet wet."

Gaines said there is a lot of work that goes into the Miss Texas pageant which many people don't realize. She said she, like many of the other contestants, relied on the help of an interview coach and a personal trainer to prepare for the pageant.

"A lot of the preparation for the pageant revolves around getting ready to be Miss Texas," Gaines said. "It definitely is not all evening gowns and swimsuits. In fact, once you're crowned, it is rare that you are asked to model."

In fact, Gaines said most of her reign as Miss Lubbock has revolved around community service projects and community relations.

"My favorite community activity is when we visit the elementary schools," Gaines said. "I really enjoy being a positive mentor for children."

After the pageant, Gaines said her focus has primarily turned toward graduating in December and finding



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In competition for the Miss Texas crown, 94 contestants from all over the state participated in the pageant. Constance Gaines, a senior public relations major from Lubbock and the reigning Miss Lubbock, placed sixth overall.

a job in her career field.

While she is still unsure as to whether or not she will participate in another pageant, she said she would definitely take advantage of the doors the Miss Texas pageant has opened up for her.

Lubbock has been chosen as the location of the Miss Texas pageant

until 2003. This year, local business contributed \$450,000 in "in kind" services to help make the pageant possible.

Krueger, the new Miss Texas, will represent Texas in the Miss USA pageant held in February 2001.

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# McEnroe decides against playing in Davis Cup

SANTANDER, Spain (AP) — No Sampras, no Agassi and now no McEnroe. John McEnroe stuffed his racket back in the bag Thursday and bowed out of playing for the U.S. Davis Cup team against Spain.

In a surprise move at the draw, an obviously glum McEnroe said he removed his name from the final four-man roster because he wasn't playing well enough, had a blistered hand and was urged to sit it out by the rest of the team.

Instead of playing doubles, McEnroe will confine his role to his captain's job while hoping Todd Martin, Jan-Michael Gambill, Vince Spadea and Chris Woodruff can pull off a huge upset on clay in the semifinals against Spain. Martin will play the first match Friday against Albert Costa, and Gambill will follow against Alex Corretja.

The tentative matchup for Saturday's doubles is Spadea and Woodruff against Corretja and Juan Balcells. On Sunday, Martin will play Corretja, and Costa will meet Gambill

in the best-of-five competition. McEnroe, arguably the greatest

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# Underwood improving for Cowboys

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Dimitrius Underwood has controlled the demons that last year derailed his football career and nearly ended his life.

A few days into training camp with the Dallas Cowboys, Underwood is fighting a new urge: a sweet tooth.

Underwood's sugar cravings are a side effect of the medication he's taking to control acute bipolar disorder, the mental illness that haunted his brief, bizarre tenures in Minnesota and Miami.

Giving in to his hunger has left Underwood with a bundle of unwanted pounds, but it's a small price to pay considering he wouldn't be playing football — and maybe not even alive — without his daily pill.

"If I put them sweets down at the training table at night, I'd probably be all right," Underwood said, smiling.

Standing on a practice field after his fourth workout in two days, Underwood was full of smiles and giggles Wednesday evening as he discussed his yearlong ordeal for the

first time.

"You know, everybody has problems in life," he said. "I'm just glad that stuff is behind me. I just want to deal with this right now and get past this stage in life and keep on going."

Part of Underwood's progress is facing up to his previous stage, when he walked out on the Vikings one day into a \$5.3 million, five-year contract with a \$1.75 million bonus, then tried committing suicide while on the Dolphins' roster.

"I think about it every day, I really do," he said. "That was a big point in my life — it's impossible not to think about it. But I try not to let it affect me."

Underwood didn't say what he specifically thinks about, but he made it clear that he doesn't agonize over every incident.

"That's too much to think about," he said, again smiling and laughing. "I just think about it so it don't happen again. I just count my blessings and say my prayers."

Earlier this summer, Underwood

said he would only talk football. His willingness to speak openly about his saga is another sign of his progress.

"I'm not the only person who fell down in life," he said. "I'm just thankful I got helped up. If I didn't get up then, yeah, I wouldn't want to talk about it."

After Underwood slashed his own throat with steak knives, he spent two months in protective care and then voluntarily entered a mental health center. He fled hours later, and the Dolphins released him the next week.

"Down in Miami, it was still being diagnosed," Underwood said. "So nobody really knew."

By March, Underwood convinced the Cowboys he was ready to try playing in the NFL again. For Dallas, it was a low-risk gamble.

The Cowboys gave Underwood a bargain contract in hopes of tapping the potential that made him the 29th pick of last year's draft.

Dallas traded its first-round pick this year to Seattle as part of the deal to get Joey Galloway.

Also, the team had reason to believe it could help Underwood because of last year's success in helping ease Alonzo Spellman back to the NFL after his own bout with bipolar disorder.

"It's like I'm just fitting in the mold because it was already implemented before I got here with 'Zo,'" Underwood said.

"I'm just walking in his steps, really."

Spellman has become a confidant and friend to Underwood. He's been amazed by Underwood's progress.

"He's light years ahead of where I was," Spellman said. "He was smart enough and brave enough to come back and face the drama in the offseason and I commend him for that. He's soaring like an eagle, baby, and I think he'll continue to do that."

The extra weight is keeping Underwood grounded for now.

He was shocked this summer to learn he'd ballooned to 330 pounds, but it's closer to 300 and dropping in the Texas heat.

## Cuban athlete awaits release

MIAMI (AP) — Cuban baseball star Andy Morales remained in a U.S. Immigration detention facility Thursday, waiting to be released to his family and a possible future in major league baseball.

Immigration and Naturalization Service officials said he might be released Thursday, but refused to give a time.

Rene Guim, the publicist for Gus Dominguez, Morales' agent, said he spoke to Morales early in the day, saying Morales is "in good spirits and anxious to get out."

"Some guards told him he might be released later today," Guim said.

The 25-year-old third baseman and eight other Cubans were taken to the Krome Avenue Detention Center after being picked up Tuesday on the Marquesas, a group of islands near Key West.

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## Texas school district to submit athletic drug tests

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Athletes in one South Texas school district must soon submit to drug tests, a move thought to make the system the first in that region to conduct such review.

Within a month, athletes in the seventh through 12th grades in the Freer Independent School District will each take at least one drug test a year, beginning July 31, Superintendent Carlos Lopez told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in a story on its web site Thursday.

Despite concerns about privacy and constitutional rights, the number of high schools using drug testing have increased, especially since a U.S. Supreme Court ruling five years ago upheld testing of student athletes.

Officials with the University Interscholastic League and Texas Education Agency told the Caller-Times they believe Freer is the first South Texas school district to begin drug testing.

Random testing in the Freer dis-

trict will be done in three phases throughout the school year.

Those tests will be given to athletes — a minimum of 30 each time — who will be selected at random by a computer.

The tests will detect use of amphetamines, cocaine or marijuana, Lopez said.

"Eventually, a lot of schools will go with this," Lopez said. "I don't care what anybody says, but every place has a little drug problem."

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# Flesch, Woods co-leaders in British Open

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Tiger Woods was right where everyone expected he'd be at the British Open — atop the leaderboard.

Joining him there Thursday was someone totally unexpected — Steve Flesch.

Woods, making a strong opening move toward a career Grand Slam, shot a 5-under 67 to move into the lead with nearly half the field still out on an Old Course that was yielding birdies in bunches.

A few hours after Woods posted his score, Flesch shot a 67 of his own to tie for the early lead.

Unlike Woods, who is chasing his second major championship of the year, Flesch has never won a major title or a PGA Tour event.

Six players, including Tom Lehman and Dennis Paulson, were a shot back

at 68 on a day when the winds were light and the scoring conditions perfect.

"If you're playing well, the course is there for the taking," Lehman said.

Ernie Els discovered that, too, with four birdies through 10 holes leaving him just two back. Two-time winner Jack Nicklaus, playing in perhaps his last British Open at age 60, was 5 over through 14 holes.

It was Woods, though, who set the early pace, as expected by the bookies who made him a 15-8 pick to win the tournament.

Coming off a historic victory in the U.S. Open and needing only the British title to complete wins in all four major championships, Woods started slowly but came back to make five birdies in seven holes to move into the lead.

Woods was in trouble only once, when he had to hit out of knee-high grass on the famous No. 17 Road Hole. But he managed to get his shot near the front of the green and putted in for par.

"It was neat to be out there playing in a major championship again," Woods said. "We're in a major championship and anything in the red is good."

Journeyman British pro Ian Garbutt threatened to upstage Woods for a while, making four straight 3s on the front side that included an eagle on the fifth hole.

Garbutt, playing in his first Open since 1993, was 7 under through 12 holes, but faltered and ended with a 68.

The lack of wind helped lower scores, as did a decision by Open officials to water the dry, hard fairways and greens overnight.

Woods was even par through eight holes, then birdied Nos. 9 and 10 and followed with birdies at 12, 14 and 15. He had trouble hitting the ball close early, but made the putts when he did.

Woods was especially happy with two-putting a putt he estimated at 150 feet on No. 10 and by making par on the Road Hole.

"Under these conditions it's not too bad," he said.

If Woods wins, he would be only the fifth player — and at 24, the youngest — to win the modern career Grand Slam. The last player to win all four majors was Nicklaus in 1966.

"It's something that I would love to

be able to do," Woods said. "But there's three more days before it happens or it doesn't."

Notah Begay appeared headed for the early clubhouse lead. But he made a triple bogey after hitting out of the water on No. 17, bringing back images of Jean Van de Velde a year ago.

Begay, who at one point was 7 under, also bogeyed the 18th hole to finish with a 3-under 69.

"That's more fun than taking a drop," Begay said of his shot out of the burn. "It wasn't a bad start. I wish it could have been better."

Scores were low across the board as the Old Course was without its main defense: wind. The calm weather was a welcome relief for players prepared for gusts off the North Sea.

Before play began, Woods' opponents bravely lined up to say he can be beaten.

His swing coach wasn't so sure, and it showed as Woods played steadily early and began finding his range as the round went on.

"He's not putting quite as well," Woods' coach Butch Harmon said, "but we worked on it ... and it's coming around."

Those might be words Woods' opponents dread hearing, especially if the wind kicks up.

Woods is striking the ball so well that Harmon pulled out a replica of the gutta-percha ball used a century ago and had Woods play it on the ninth hole during practice Wednesday.

## Carl Everett suspended

NEW YORK (AP) — Boston Red Sox outfielder Carl Everett was suspended for 10 games and fined an undisclosed amount Thursday for bumping umpire Ronald Kulpa twice in Saturday's game against the New York Mets.

The players' union immediately appealed the suspension, which means Everett can continue to play until a hearing is held by Paul Beaton, baseball's chief operating officer. No date was set for the hearing. In Baltimore with the Red Sox, Everett was angry over the punishment imposed by major league baseball.

"They tried to make me out to be a monster," he said. "If you listen to what was said, it's their own opinion, not what you actually see. It's what they wanted everyone else to see."

Everett, who is batting .323 and leads the Red Sox with 25 home runs and 72 runs batted in, became furious when Kulpa, umpiring at home plate, drew the inside line of the batter's box with his foot, showing where the hitter could stand. The Boston slugger confronted Kulpa, making contact twice, the second time with a bump to the head that sent the umpire staggering away.

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