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## Schmidly in search of VP candidates

by Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech University President David Schmidly will announce today the beginning of six national searches to fill vacancies in several key vice presidential areas.

Schmidly said he is beginning the process of hiring vice presidents of student affairs, research and graduate studies/ information and technology, fiscal affairs and technology and in-

formation systems. Beginning today, these positions will be held by interim vice presidents until a person is selected to the office permanently.

Schmidly said many of the interim vice presidents have already shown an interest in applying for the office, but they still would have to apply and go through the selection process.

"The people who are in these interim roles are all capable people, and I expect them to be competitive as we search nationally," Schmidly said.

Mike Wilson, Interim Vice President of Fiscal Affairs, said he is pleased with the initiative Schmidly is taking in appointing a new management staff until replacements can be made for the positions.

"I think that it is a very positive thing that David Schmidly is doing in putting together this new management team," Wilson said. "I think that it will help to put a new perspective on things for the university."

Schmidly said he will begin advertising and

posting the positions in August and already has begun the process of appointing search committees made up of faculty, staff and, in some cases, students to begin searching for the new employees.

The applicants for the positions each will be reviewed by the committees, and then a few will be selected for visits and interviews to the campus. From there, a short list of finalists will be submitted to Schmidly for a final decision.

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## Cleaning up

### Tech researchers fight world contamination

by Jeff Lehr  
Staff Writer

From Burlington Northern Somers, Mont., to Belize, Central America, Texas Tech researchers are cleaning up the world one contaminated site at a time.

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Members of The Institute of Environmental and Human Health (TIEHH), in conjunction with several professors at Tech, are studying how certain contaminants migrate within the environment and how those contaminants affect human and wildlife health.

Louis Chiodo, assistant director for science at TIEHH, said there is a possible health threat to all living things in or near an unsecured contaminated site.

"How things move (in an environment) is important, and how those things

can have a potential negative impact on the health of living things is a major concern of ours," he said.

Contaminants are basically anything that does not belong in the environment, such as metals found in the soil, chemicals in the ground water and gases in the air.

Chiodo said all of these contaminants could pose a threat if untreated in a timely manner.

A contaminated site, whether it is a lake or the scene of an accident, carries the potential of being hazardous and must be immediately assessed.

Phil Smith, TIEHH research associate in terrestrial toxicology, said in these cases, a risk assessment team is called to the scene to determine the risks posed to humans as well as to the ecosystem.

These teams of scientists have certain guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that must be followed when chemicals or alterations in habitat pose a threat to the environment.

"The EPA has a recommended process that we follow in these cases," Smith said.



Ed Scollon, a biology graduate student from Owosso, Mich., loads DNA into gels for electrophoresis and Kerry Thuett, a master student in environmental toxicology from Post, analyzes deer mouse thyroids for abnormalities.

Joe Mays ■  
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"We go through and look at what potential organisms could be affected, and then we look to see if there are any threatened or endangered species involved."

Smith said if there happens to be an endangered species in the area, the level of importance would be increased significantly and time would be

a more important factor.

After the team discovers the toxicity of the contaminated compound, they must come up with a quantitative assessment, which is then presented to a group of risk regulators.

"They look at our assessment, and then decide whether to clean it up or leave it alone," he said.

Chiodo said the recent crash of the Air France Concorde, which killed 109 passengers as well as four people on the ground, is a great example of field-risk assessment.

"Most likely there were first-response teams that went in and formed a barrier within so many feet of the

crash site to protect the media and onlookers from the potential toxic fumes that might have been present," he said.

"The first responders knew they had to keep certain people away. There is a sense of being too close for comfort in -

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## More troubles for LAPD

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A policeman pleaded innocent Monday to attempted murder and four other officers were arraigned on conspiracy charges stemming from a probe of alleged corruption in an anti-gang unit at the Police Department's Rampart station.

Officer Nino Durden, 32, stood with his head down as his lawyer entered the plea in the 1996 shooting of Javier Ovando, 23, who is paralyzed.

The judge, citing the seriousness of the charges, rejected a defense bid to lower Durden's \$680,000 bail. A preliminary hearing was set for Aug. 16.

## Raider Avenue permanently closed today; commuter lot entrance to remain open

As of today, Red Raider Avenue is officially permanently closed to accommodate the renovations being made to Jones SBC Stadium.

Though the street is closed, parking in the west lot of Jones SBC Stadium will again be open and can be accessed from the northwest corner of the lot via Fourth Street and Red Raider Avenue.

The lot can also be accessed from the southwest entrance via Double T Drive. The renovations that will require the closing of Red Raider Avenue are scheduled to be completed by Fall 2002.



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for a final decision. "It is my call as to who receives the final position because these people are the key executive people who will report to me," Schmidly said. "However, I will discuss my decision with Chancellor (John) Montford."

Schmidly said he is looking for several qualities in the people he wants to appoint to these positions, such as talent, experience and diversity.

"I will first look at the talent of the individual and find people who have the executive ability for the job," Schmidly said. "But I am also going to be looking for diversity and experience, I want people who have been in that type of position before."

Schmidly has also created two new positions to address the needs of the university: a vice

president of institutional advancement and marketing and a special assistant to the president for diversity.

He said these positions would be crucial in aiding the university to promote their academic programs and raise money for the university in one instance and help to diversify the campus in the other.

"It has always been said that Texas Tech is Texas's best kept secret," Schmidly said. "At some point in time, you don't want to be a secret anymore."

He also said it was important to create a position devoted to these goals because he believes that it will take that type of commitment to achieve quality results.

"In my opinion, it will take someone who will get up everyday and go to bed every night thinking of ways to diversify this campus," Schmidly said.

One benefit Schmidly foresees to

all the replacements is the formation of a new management team, one he hopes will be to the benefit of the students.

"It's kind of an exciting time," Schmidly said. "A time to make a whole new management team that will hopefully keep the benefit of students in mind."

Interim Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies/Information Technology Robert Sweazy said the new management would be a benefit to the university because it opens up the university to new initiatives.

While Sweazy is only the interim vice president, he said he still wants to accomplish some of his goals.

"I have some things that I want to try," Sweazy said. "I don't want to just be a caretaker. I want to be a facilitator-someone who wants to make progress."

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for comfort in terms of their potential exposure to toxic fumes."

Back in America some of the researchers and graduate students at TIEHH are involved in a big study concerning the possible environmental affects of a substance called ammonium perchlorate. This chemical, which is used by the military as well as some fireworks manufacturers, is a powerful oxidizer that helps fuel burn quickly. At Caddo Lake in Karnack, researchers are involved in the ecological restoration of the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant, an 8000-acre post on the west side of the lake.

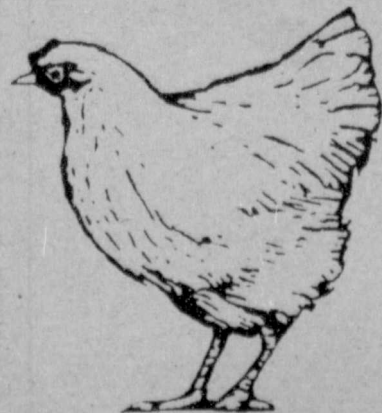
Smith said for many years the military used perchlorate as rocket boosters, and it was the constant packing and repacking of the chemical that eventually led to the contamination of the lake water.

"A lot of perchlorate escaped into the environment, and since it is very water-soluble it got into the ground water, and streams, which feed Caddo Lake," he said.

Smith said he has spent the last two to three years studying the effects perchlorate has on organisms living near water such as frogs, salamanders, newts, fish and water insects. Although ammonium perchlorate, which inhibits the secretion of thyroid hormones, is a potential threat to organisms in the environment, doctors have used it for years to treat Graves Disease in humans.

Other research initiatives in the TIEHH department include a project in Belize, Central America where graduate students are studying the endocrine disruption in endangered crocodiles. Smith also said there is research going on in Montana where Tech researchers are working on the world's largest superfund site.

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# Grant could help further research, save species

by Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech and Reese Technology Center may receive \$5 million in additional funding as part of the Fiscal Year 2001 Defense Appropriations Conference Report.

Ron Kendall, director of the Texas Tech Institute of Environmental and Human Health, said the funding could help Tech advance its relationship with the U.S. Department of Defense.

"With this funding, we will continue our interaction with the Department of Defense and their cleanups of superfund sites while we expand our efforts to counteract chemical and biological terrorism through DOD contracts," Kendall said.

If the funding is approved, \$3 million will be allocated to the National Program for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats and will be used for prevention research, testing and education and training to improve military capability against chemical and biological terrorism. The other \$2 million will be allocated to the TIEHH to continue their studies concerning how toxic chemicals affect human health and the environment.

It also will help to continue their efforts in cleaning up "superfund sites"—areas of contamination that present a threat to human health.

"This money will continue work

**“ This money will continue work that has involved several years of research — both in the lab and in the field. ”**

-Ron Kendall, director

that has involved several years of research — both in the lab and in the field," Kendall said. "It will also expand field assessments and will directly align us to work with confirmation and remediation processes at Karnack."

To date, the Defense Appropriations Conference Report passed the House of Representatives in a 367-58 vote. It now will travel to the Senate for approval. If it passes, the president will have 13 days to sign the bill.

"We are very hopeful that it will pass in the Senate," Becca Dickerson, press director for U.S. Representative Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, said.

One of the main areas the TIEHH focuses on is the detection of ammo-

niun perchlorates in water samples and in animal tissues surrounding superfund sites.

Todd Anderson, an environmental toxicologist at TIEHH, said the study and detection of this chemical is important in studying the developmental stages of animal life around a contaminated area.

One type of study TIEHH does concerns the developmental stages of frogs. He said some tadpoles that have been exposed to the ammonium perchlorate have developed without legs or have never developed into frogs at all. Anderson said timely funding is critical because collecting samples to study is easier during certain times such as in the spring than

it is in the winter.

"It is critical that we continue to get support from the Department of Defense," Anderson said. "We have experienced delays in funding before and missed out on field seasons."

Kendall said the research that is done with money from the DOD also benefits the department. He said the data is of value to the DOD.

"We are also developing new models and approaches in ecological risk assessment related to sight clean up which will be of value to the DOD as they seek to clean up and delist superfund sites," Kendall said.

Phil Smith, research assistant professor at TIEHH, said the DOD is not the only agency that benefits from

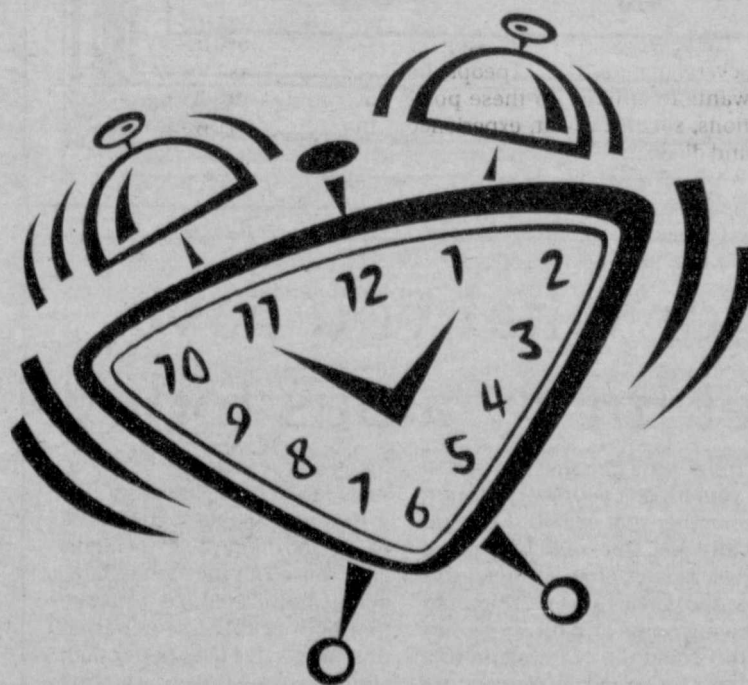
the research the institute conducts.

He said other agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency and other environmental health-related agencies, also would benefit from this information.

"Very little has been known about perchlorates in the past," Smith said. "There was not much concern until about 10 years ago when it was found in well water. When people got sick, these agencies wanted to know the effects."

He also said the efforts are of importance to the public as well because it is preserving some historical land and helping species that only live in contaminated areas.

"Caddo Lake in Karnack is the only natural lake in Texas and is home to a lot of unique species that are not in any other part of Texas," he said. "It also has historic value as the site of the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant that was critical in missile disarmament under the START treaty with Russia."



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# Opinions & Ideas

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## The University Daily

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## Why can't we all just get along?

**B**oy we Americans sure do know how to get pissed off. First, it was road rage. People shooting each other for not signaling. PTA moms r u - n n i n g people off the road because they cut them off a few miles back. Then, just to outdo ourselves, we developed air rage. Earlier this month, an angry passenger attacked an airline employee, nearly to death. But wait! There's more!



**Brandon Formby**  
Columnist

Besides, do you know how much it costs to fill up a sports utility vehicle these days? Like \$342! Yeah! Plus flights are pretty hard to handle. I mean, you have to wait like sometimes more than an hour or two to get to Europe, and plus those flight attendants are so mean! They get to deal with me and all my drunken friends, 12 crying 2-year-olds and a pair of complaining old ladies hitting the help button every 3.2 seconds. Why aren't they a little more friendly? Then most of us actually have to work like 40 hours a week and deal with an insanely overbearing boss who wants us to actually produce results in order to get paid because for some strange reason, just showing up for work is not enough.

And it's not just us common people participating in all this rage stuff. Tonya Harding had a bad case of ice rage. Linda Tripp had I'm-not-getting-any rage and tattled on Bill and Monica. O.J. Simpson still has why-doesn't-anyone-believe-me rage. Personally, I can't wait until the newspapers report the first case of rage rage. Where someone gets so tired of all the random killings and rage that they go into a rage and randomly kill. While I normally like to consider myself a normal, centered person, I must admit I am prone to rage every now and then. The other day I broke a girl's left arm because I had rejection rage. I was thrown out of a clothing store for slapping a salesperson upside the head because I had no-I-don't-need-a-larger-size rage.

Sometimes I lay in bed and think about what we would do if we didn't have rage. We'd probably have to deal with our problems. That would probably suck, because who has time for that crap? We'd probably talk to each other about our problems and differences and work things out in mature, rational ways. Then we'd probably go get some mocha Frappuccinos together and be friends and play golf together and laugh looking back at how we almost gave into our rage and killed each other. Or we'd just let things roll off our back and prioritize our lives in such a way that small, unimportant details like airplanes and hockey practice wouldn't be big enough to make us angry at all. These kinds of visions of the future scare me. Thank God for violence, short tempers and murder. Otherwise we'd be a pretty well-centered, civilized society. Could you imagine the horror?

It's easy to think maybe the Internet has caused all of this. The fast-as-lightning, information-in-a-second world we live in has spoiled us to get what we need exactly when we need, no questions or interruptions. But, when you think about it, that can't be it because, honestly, isn't everyone just bypassing all those informative, helpful sites and going straight for the free porn anyway?

I think music definitely has something to do with it. Seriously, after flipping through 14 stations and still only finding a line-up of songs that consists of back-to-back N'Sync, Britney Spears, Backstreet Boys, etc., could really drive someone to passionate anger (by the way, Jessica Simpson, I don't know who you think you are messing up John Mellencamp's "Jack and Diane," but you will pay for the crimes you have unleashed upon humanity).

## Be thankful for what you have, you could get hit by a bus today

**F**or those of you who've kept up with my articles this summer, this topic may sound a bit familiar, but in light of recent events, I'm writing this for some friends.



**KC Swink**  
Columnist

Few of us are ever always aware of the beauty that we exist and what a miracle that is. Too constantly, we become caught up in the world that we've created (jobs, school, etc.) and forget about the life we were born into that calls for the basic needs to be met (food, shelter, happiness, continual breathing).

Do you actually take time every single day to stop for a moment

and think how blessed you are to have your friends, yourself? We've got to remember that everything could go at anytime. You could be walking between classes after you read this article and get hit by a bus. You could be driving home and hit someone's car. You could die of boredom in a two-hour lecture class. Your house could catch on fire, and you could lose all the stuff you've so painstakingly collected.

My long, drawn-out point is we take a lot of things for granted, and sometimes you've got to think about how lucky you are to still have both your grandparents or your best friend. As much as we hate to believe it, we are all so very mortal, so this "taking for granted" crud has got to stop. Unfortunately, and yet profoundly fortunate, my poor high school classmates and I have been exposed to an uncommonly long list of tragedies for our age.

I say unfortunately because it's obviously not wonderful to have a best friend killed by a drunk driver or a

friend you've gone to school with since junior high paralyzed.

However, as much grief these two (of too many more) incidents have caused for the friends, family and the inflicted, it is fortunate that both of these people lived their respective lives better than almost anyone I've encountered in my life. These two individuals cared more about making people smile and doing everything that could be done than they did working nights to upgrade their cars or sitting around watching TV instead of hanging out at a friend's house.

I've always tried to live my life so that I'll be happy when I suddenly have to look back and say goodbye. Not that this is anywhere near the most optimistic or purely right way to perceive life and existence, but everyone should figure out their own take on it and live accordingly.

KC Swink is a senior advertising major from Richardson.

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# Conducive climate in South contributes to increased sex drive

Story by ■ Amy Curry

**H**eat produced from the scorching West Texas sun and the drenching humidity along the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts does not compare to the heat radiating from Southerners' bedrooms.

A national survey of more than 1,000 Americans, conducted by Yankelovich Partners for the nation's largest mail order distributor of erotica, *adameve.com*, revealed a higher percentage of sexually active Americans in Southern cities than any other part of the country.

The random-digit telephone survey polled 1,015 adults ranging from 18 to 65 years of age.

Katy Zvolerin, director of public relations for *adameve.com*, said people have been surprisingly compliant despite the nature of the sex survey.

"We've been very surprised about how open people have been with our survey," Zvolerin said. "People have become more open with talking about sex even over the past decade. It's been interesting how people are willing to share their sexual secrets with us."

Survey results showed that the majority of Americans are "getting lucky" between one and four times a week regardless of what part of the country or in what type of setting they live.

The Southern region, however, has the most residents who engage in sexual intercourse one or more times a day. The South also

has the least amount of residents having sex only once per month.

Kyle Myers, a senior political science major from Lubbock, disagrees that Southerners' stereotyped, friendly nature relates directly to their sexual behaviors.

Myers said trends relate to religious and moral values instilled during childhood. These values tend to suppress sexual tendencies and eventually spark an outburst of curiosity in terms of sexual experimentation.

He also said people are not educated enough about sex, and once people become sexually active, they engage in it frequently without taking consequences into consideration.

"There is a large stigma with premarital sex," he said. "People aren't aware of (or simply don't weigh) the possible consequences that accompany sex. They just do it and continue doing it until something bad happens."

The most notable difference is in the region of the country people reside.

Dr. Peter Kanaris, director of *SexualhelpNet.com*, said though the explanation for higher percentages of sexual activity in the South is speculative, he believes it is due to the conducive climate in the Southern region.

"My suspicion is that the South has a climate that is conducive to more activity in general," Kanaris said. "Sexuality itself is an activity. People need energy to be active to participate in activities, such as sex,



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and a warmer climate increases overall activity."

Although the North Central region has the greatest percentage of Americans participating in sex five to six times per week – 10 percent – this region also has the lowest number of residents having sexual relations once per day or more.

On average Northerners have sex less, and those having sex are doing it less often.

Kanaris said the climate in the North tends to hamper people in their activities.

In addition, Zvolerin said the variation in attitudes and ethics between people in the North and South could also be a definite factor.

"I guess it's a throwback to that old theory that Northerners live to work, and Southerners work to live," she said. "It could also just be the difference in 'A' and 'B' type personalities."

No matter the location, large cities have the highest number of sexually active residents as well as sexual encounters per week.

City dwellers proved to be the most sex-crazed Americans with almost half of all residents sexually active.

People living in the city also have sex more often with two-thirds "making whoopee" three to four times per week or more.

Zvolerin said the greater numbers of sexual encounters in cities could be partially due to the fact that large cities have the melting pot effect –

combining a large number of people in a closer proximity with more liberal attitudes and greater cultural diversities.

Only 39 percent of those living in suburbs, and of just under 50 percent of residents living in the country, have sex once or twice a week or even less often.

Jonathan Harrison, a senior telecommunications major from Dallas, said the majority of these percentages can be attributed to the size of a particular state and its cities because large populations can create a lot of sexual tendencies among residents.

"It's an odds game – the more people, the more opportunities there is to have sexual encounters," Harrison said.

# Small-town rallies to keep doctor who makes house calls

WINTERS, Calif. (AP) — Dr. Bill Davis has called it quits but not from practicing medicine.

The family practitioner left Sutter West Medical Group in June, saying the managed care system didn't allow him to spend enough time with his patients.

Davis' neighbors in rural Yolo County apparently approve of his decision. They are raising money for a clinic for the doctor known for making house calls on his son's bike if his car isn't available.

The Winters Healthcare Foundation was formed in June by friends and neighbors who told the doctor they didn't want to see him leave the town, where he has spent his entire 14-year career.

The board, still awaiting nonprofit status, plans to open a 840-square-foot clinic Sept. 1. Much of the office

**“There’s a real sense of being someone in the community — everyone has a role here.”**

-Dr. Bill Davis

and medical equipment was donated, Davis said.

Davis, 47, one of three doctors in the town of 5,200, about 70 miles northeast of San Francisco, calls himself a "conscientious objector" to the health care system.

"I was tired of seeing patients have to wait for oxygen or wait for pain relief," he said.

The foundation is trying to raise \$500,000 through in-kind donations and community events, said volunteer Theresa Cox. Buckets for donations sit on the counters of many lo-

cal businesses.

Eventually, the foundation will employ Davis and hire a physician's assistant, a receptionist and a nurse. But when the doors open, the clinic will be run by volunteers — including Davis.

"I don't anticipate having any income for the rest of the year," Davis said.

Davis, his wife Wendy and their two sons, will live on Wendy's income as chief ombudsman with the state Department of Mental Health and the couple's savings until the clinic can

afford to pay Davis.

"There's a real sense of being someone in the community, everyone has a role here," said Wendy Davis.

"If that means you go to someone's home to see them, then you go to someone's home. If it means looking at an arm at a Little League game, then you look at the arm at the game," Bill Davis said.

The community is accustomed to Davis' personalized brand of medicine, from making house calls to standing by at soccer, football and

baseball games in case of medical emergencies.

"One time my son crammed Play-doh into my daughter's ear canal with a Q-tip, really stuffed it in there. I called Dr. Davis, and he came right down on a Saturday to take the Play-doh out," said Debra Ramos, the editor of the weekly *Winters Express* and a patient of Davis' since 1986.

A yearly membership fee of \$100 per household will cover a checkup with Davis, enrollment in any health courses offered and consultation on how to get the most of a health insurance plan, said Wendy Davis. The foundation is also considering creating a co-op that would charge an upfront fee and cover all routine health care, she said.

The clinic will take insurance, Medicare "and chickens," Bill Davis said — but it won't accept HMOs.

# New sci-fi talk show out of this world

## Program host provides audience with link to great beyond

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Crossing Over With John Edward" is a talk show with a difference: The studio audience is live but the guests are gone. Outta here and into the hereafter.

In other words, dead.

Host Edward is on hand to act as go-between. He's a grown-up version of the boy in "The Sixth Sense," if the melancholy kid eventually figured out how to make a career out of making eye contact with the dearly departed.

"What you are about to see is real" we are told at the beginning of the new Sci-Fi cable channel series, showing at 11 p.m. EDT Sunday through Thursday (with repeats at 4 p.m. EDT the following day). "Crossing Over" may be better than real.

With other talk shows, there have been instances in which guests start out alive and end up otherwise; at least here the division is clear. For that reason alone we'll take Edward over Jerry Springer or Jenny Jones.

And there's a reassuring feeling about post-mortem family relations as envisioned by the self-described psychic medium.

There are no recriminations for

cheaping out on the casket, no admonishments for blowing the inheritance.

There also aren't any towering insights about the meaning of it all, at least none that Edward is willing to share.

Instead, he crisply leads New York audience members and celebrities including Linda Dano and Carmen Electra through heavenly exchanges with late relatives or friends.

(No fireside chats so far; as Edward puts it, he has yet to field a complaint about the heat.)

The host tells one woman that a man, apparently her late husband, is reaching out to her.

She is unnerved when Edward relates details of a trip she took to Niagara Falls with the couple's daughter.

"Did you find a feather there? And did you tell your daughter that was her daddy?" Edward asks the woman, who nods, weeping.

"Is there a husband or brother for you that's passed?" he asks another woman in the same episode. "Yes," she replies.

"This has got to be an ex-husband we're talking about, because he's removing himself from you," Edward

says. "He wants to be known as the ex; that's how he's coming across."

Edward compares his visions of the dead to daydreams in which information is delivered by sight, sound and feeling. He hasn't been briefed, according to the show.

Is it real? Fake? Who are we to say? (As one thoughtful friend advised, there may be peril in cynicism; antagonize Edward and you could find yourself without a long-distance carrier someday.) Is it entertaining?

Sure, if you set aside concerns about commercializing people's yearning for contact with the dead and making such intimate feelings a mass media event.

But that is the nature of life these days, when people are as comfortable in front of a camera as on a therapist's couch and television keeps shifting to wider-angle lenses.

"If someone is into New Age or spiritual programming, they have a show like ours," said supervising producer Paul Shavelson. "Imagine trying to sell a show like this a decade ago."

Edward definitely seems to be a man of his time.

He is not the gaudy brand of psychic played by Whoopi Goldberg in

"Ghost."

This medium eschews both light tricks and flamboyant wardrobe. Think Armani sleek, not turban geek.

The Long Island, N.Y., native also knows how to disarm with humor. Describing an image of a dog, Edward asks a woman if her family has a new pet.

Yes, she says, a goldfish. "Nah, not doing fish," he responds. Style aside, it's the result that counts, Edward said in a telephone interview. "Anybody who comes to me wants to know that their loved ones are OK after their passing. They want to know they're with them, that they see what's going on in their life, that the bond of love is still there," he said. "News flash: That's all true," he continued.

"However, that can't be just what your message is about because there's no validation of that. Anybody can say that."

"I think that's what skeptics and cynics attack. I tell people it's gotta be minute, detail, not trivia."

"It's gonna be specific and lock me into your family," Edward, also an author ("One Last Time") and frequent radio guest, is unconcerned about those who might dismiss him as a charlatan.

## Laura Bush a hit at GOP convention

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Laura Bush, in a warm convention testimonial, told Republican delegates and the nation Monday that her husband's values won't waver "with the winds of polls or politics."

Bush, once wary of husband George W. Bush's leap into presidential politics, embraced the prime-time leadoff slot at the Republican National Convention.

In remarks prepared for delivery to the convention, the former librarian and school-teacher emphasized the Texas governor's commitment to improved education.

"We wanted to teach our children what our parents had taught us ... that reading is entertaining, interesting and important," said Mrs. Bush.

"One of the major reasons George is running for president is to make sure every child in America has that same opportunity to grow up reading."

Speaking more personally, Bush said she can attest to the candidate's unwavering principles.

"I know because I've known him through big legislative successes and a few defeats. I sat by his side during some winning and many losing baseball seasons," she said, referring to his time as a managing partner with the Texas Rangers.

"But George never loses sight of home plate."

"His core principles will not change with the winds of polls or politics or fame or fortune or misfortune," she added.

Earlier Monday, she appeared on the podium to size up the lectern and go over the logistics of delivering her speech.

Twenty students from a Houston charter school sat in desks behind her.

"I'm honored and a little overwhelmed," she told a mock audience, trying out some of her lines. "You know that I am completely objective when I say you made a great choice."

At a Dayton, Ohio, airport Monday afternoon, Bush wished his wife good luck as she boarded a plane to the convention in Philadelphia.

Bush was accompanied by her 18-year-old twin daughters — Jenna and Barbara — and her mother, Jenna Welch.

Bush kissed his wife and embraced her, whispering in her ear.

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# Rangers plan to stick with what they have

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Baseball's trading deadline past Monday with closer John Wetteland still a member of the Rangers, along with most of the other Texas veterans.

A subpar record and the loss of AL MVP Ivan Rodriguez for the season with a broken hand weren't enough to prompt Melvin to deal many of his veterans as some had anticipated.

Texas made only one trade in the league-wide flurry of activity prior to the deadline.

First baseman David Segui was sent to Cleveland for outfielder Ricky Ledee on Friday.

"We felt with David we have some people that could replace him. It brings a younger player, a player that we'll have for next year," Melvin said. "With John, we can't replace John Wetteland."

Plus, Melvin wasn't offered anything substantial in return for Wetteland, a right-hander is eligible

for free agency after this season. The clubs that did express interest didn't want to give up premium-type players Melvin demanded in return.

Even though he is tied with Troy Percival with an AL-high seven blown saves, Wetteland is second in the league with 26 saves.

The 10-year veteran also provides leadership on a youthful pitching staff with the likes of Ryan Glynn, Doug Davis and Francisco Cordero.

"We feel he's as valuable to keep with our ballclub. Beyond his pitching ability, he can contribute in other

ways with our ballclub," Melvin said. "Keeping the right veterans around to help the young players develop is important."

Melvin and Wetteland's agent have spoken several times about a contract extension for the closer who has expressed an interest in staying with the Rangers past this year.

Even though he ranks as one of the best defensive first basemen in baseball history, Segui was dispensable. The Rangers also have Rafael Palmeiro, also a solid hitter ranked in the top 10 for best career fielding per-

centage at first base.

Segui had never been expected to stay with the Rangers past 2000 anyway. He was acquired from Toronto in a three-team deal that involved Montreal and had only a one-year contract.

The departure of Segui has opened up a spot in the batting order to give more at-bats to Frank Catalanotto, a utility infielder with a promising bat.

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# Raider football freshmen report, say goodbye

## Newest Red Raiders prepare for football, college life

by Jeff Keller  
Managing Editor

Tears were shed and goodbyes were said Monday at the University Plaza across from the Texas Tech campus as freshman football players reported for duty.

The freshman football players will not begin actual practices until Wednesday, but friends and family members bid them farewell Monday.

Freshman Marquis Turner came to Tech all the way from Bryan in the heart of Aggie territory. Turner comes to Tech on scholarship and said being away from his home and family is going to take some getting used to.

"I'm nervous for being away from home," Turner said. "Being away from my family is tough because I've never been away from them before."

Turner played outside linebacker in high school, and as a senior, helped Bryan High School make it to the third round of the playoffs.

He said after being away from football for so long, he is ready for practices to get underway.

"I'm really looking forward to starting practice," Turner said. "It's been a while since my last game."

As is the case for most freshmen entering college this year, the freshman football players will be making the transition from being the oldest students in high school to being the new kids on the block in college.

Turner said starting over at the bottom will be a challenge.

"It will be tough," Turner said. "It's just like going into high school. You get called names like 'fish'. You have to get used to everything. But once I get situated, I think it will be all right."

Turner's father Floyd Turner said it will be hard saying goodbye to Marquis, but he is proud of him and his decision to attend Tech and play football for the Red Raiders.

"We really don't want to say goodbye," Floyd said. "But he has got to get on with his future so we are going to back him 100 percent."

Turner also said it is hard to believe his son will soon be starting college.

"These past 12 years have gone by real fast," he said. "It seems just like

yesterday that he was starting grade school, and now he is finished and starting college."

Whereas Turner comes to Tech on a scholarship, not all freshman that reported Monday had the luxury of a football scholarship from Tech.

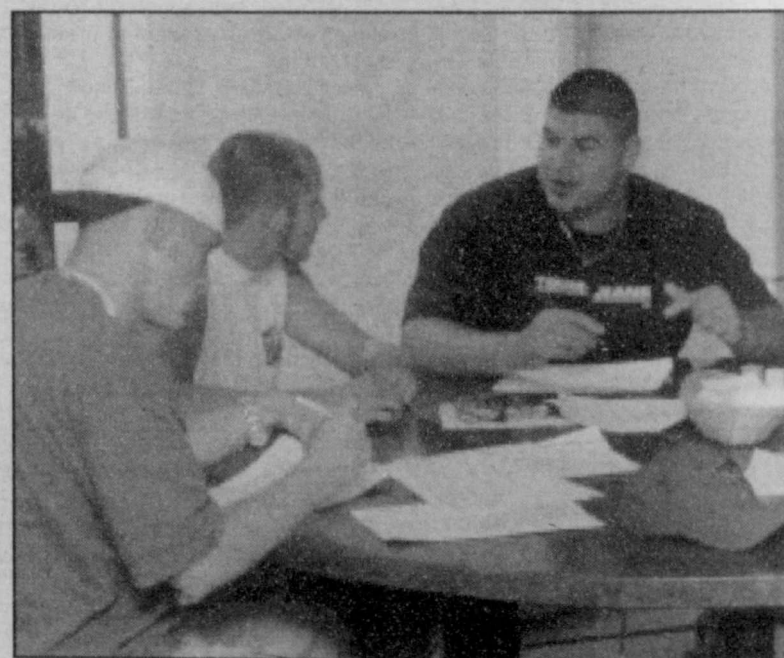
Jamall Broussard reported to Tech Monday after attending the Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, R.I., last year. Broussard graduated from Kingwood High School in 1999 and will try to make the Red Raider squad as a walk-on.

Broussard said he knows he has a challenge in front of him but feels he has what it takes to meet that challenge.

"I think I need to just go out and work hard and get the job done," Broussard said. "I think if I do that then things will take care of themselves."

Broussard's mom, Christie, said since Jamall spent last year in Rhode Island, having him back home in Texas makes it easier to say goodbye.

"Lubbock's not too far away from home," she said. "It's not as far as it



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Incoming freshman Tech football players Trev Haverty, Ryan Bishop and John Rodrigues fill out forms at the University Plaza. Freshman practice begins Wednesday.

had been. I think going to Rhode Island out of high school was a positive experience for him, but I think he will be a lot happier here."

The rest of the Tech squad will report Thursday, and the Red Raiders will begin their first full-squad practice Saturday.

# Olympic athletes could be tested for EPO during Sydney games

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Athletes could be tested for erythropoietin during the Sydney Olympics even if the IOC fails to approve a test for the banned drug this week.

Patrick Schamasch, the IOC's medical director, said Monday there was no need to give athletes warning about such a test because the endurance-enhancer is on the list of banned substances.

Even if a test is approved just before, during or near the end of the Sept. 15 through Oct. 1 games, the IOC would be entitled to use it, he said.

"EPO is a prohibited substance, so we would be allowed to test the athletes without telling everyone we

have a test," Schamasch said. "Even during the games, we will be able to conduct the test if we are sure. Until the last minute, we will be able to push a test if we are sure we won't have a false positive."

The IOC said last-minute EPO tests, therefore, would present a different case than occurred at the 1998 Winter Games. Canadian snowboarder Ross Rebagliati's gold medal was stripped for marijuana use, then reinstated because the snowboard federation did not list marijuana on its banned list.

Schamasch spoke at the start of a two-day meeting of a 15-member panel composed of the IOC medical commission and outside experts.

The meeting is being held behind closed doors, and panel members declined to speak to reporters after Monday's session.

The panel will announce Tuesday whether one or both of two proposed EPO tests are reliable enough for use in Sydney. Schamasch put the chances at "50-50."

Even without an agreement this week, "We still have 43 days before the games, and 43 days for science is huge," Schamasch said.

EPO boosts the production of oxygen-rich red blood cells. It is believed to be heavily used in endurance events such as cycling and distance running, where experts say it can improve performance by 10 to 15 per-

cent.

EPO was at the heart of the doping scandal in the 1998 Tour de France. A Tour de France exhibit is featured at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne where the IOC experts are meeting this week.

Heavy use of EPO also can lead to blood clots and other complications. The drug has been blamed for the deaths of numerous professional cyclists during the past 20 years. A reliable test for EPO has eluded researchers. Schamasch denied that the IOC was under pressure to approve an EPO test, although he conceded it would like one in place before the Sydney Games open.

"We are really eager to have some-

thing ready in time," he said. "But our decision will be based on the scientific data."

"These tests will be another stone to the building of the fight against doping. I prefer to have a solid stone rather than a frail one. If you have a frail stone, all the building will fall down."

Two tests are being considered by the IOC committee — an Australian-developed blood test and a French-developed urine test. The researchers behind each of the tests presented the details to the 15-member panel Monday. The Australian method does not actually detect the EPO, but it finds changes in the blood that are caused by use of the drug.

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## Schmidly in search of VP candidates

by Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech University President David Schmidly will announce today the beginning of six national searches to fill vacancies in several key vice presidential areas.

Schmidly said he is beginning the process of hiring vice presidents of student affairs, research and graduate studies/ information and technology, fiscal affairs and technology and in-

formation systems. Beginning today, these positions will be held by interim vice presidents until a person is selected to the office permanently.

Schmidly said many of the interim vice presidents have already shown an interest in applying for the office, but they still would have to apply and go through the selection process.

"The people who are in these interim roles are all capable people, and I expect them to be competitive as we search nationally," Schmidly said.

Mike Wilson, Interim Vice President of Fiscal Affairs, said he is pleased with the initiative Schmidly is taking in appointing a new management staff until replacements can be made for the positions.

"I think that it is a very positive thing that David Schmidly is doing in putting together this new management team," Wilson said. "I think that it will help to put a new perspective on things for the university."

Schmidly said he will begin advertising and

posting the positions in August and already has begun the process of appointing search committees made up of faculty, staff and, in some cases, students to begin searching for the new employees.

The applicants for the positions each will be reviewed by the committees, and then a few will be selected for visits and interviews to the campus. From there, a short list of finalists will be submitted to Schmidly for a final decision.

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CONTAMINATE STUDIES

## Cleaning up

### Tech researchers fight world contamination

by Jeff Lehr  
Staff Writer

From Burlington Northern Somers, Mont., to Belize, Central America, Texas Tech researchers are cleaning up the world one contaminated site at a time.

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Members of The Institute of Environmental and Human Health (TIEHH), in conjunction with several professors at Tech, are studying how certain contaminants migrate within the environment and how those contaminants affect human and wildlife health.

Louis Chiodo, assistant director for science at TIEHH, said there is a possible health threat to all living things in or near an unsecured contaminated site.

"How things move (in an environment) is important, and how those things

can have a potential negative impact on the health of living things is a major concern of ours," he said.

Contaminants are basically anything that does not belong in the environment, such as metals found in the soil, chemicals in the ground water and gases in the air.

Chiodo said all of these contaminants could pose a threat if untreated in a timely manner.

A contaminated site, whether it is a lake or the scene of an accident, carries the potential of being hazardous and must be immediately assessed.

Phil Smith, TIEHH research associate in terrestrial toxicology, said in these cases, a risk assessment team is called to the scene to determine the risks posed to humans as well as to the ecosystem.

These teams of scientists have certain guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that must be followed when chemicals or alterations in habitat pose a threat to the environment.

"The EPA has a recommended process that we follow in these cases," Smith said.



Ed Scollon, a biology graduate student from Owosso, Mich., loads DNA into gels for electrophoresis and Kerry Thuett, a master student in environmental toxicology from Post, analyzes deer mouse thyroids for abnormalities.  
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"We go through and look at what potential organisms could be affected, and then we look to see if there are any threatened or endangered species involved."

Smith said if there happens to be an endangered species in the area, the level of importance would be increased significantly and time would be

a more important factor.

After the team discovers the toxicity of the contaminated compound, they must come up with a quantitative assessment, which is then presented to a group of risk regulators.

"They look at our assessment, and then decide whether to clean it up or leave it alone," he said.

Chiodo said the recent crash of the Air France Concorde, which killed 109 passengers as well as four people on the ground, is a great example of field-risk assessment.

"Most likely there were first-response teams that went in and formed a barrier within so many feet of the

crash site to protect the media and onlookers from the potential toxic fumes that might have been present," he said.

"The first responders knew they had to keep certain people away. There is a sense of being too close for comfort in -

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# Grant could help further research, save species

by Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech and Reese Technology Center may receive \$5 million in additional funding as part of the Fiscal Year 2001 Defense Appropriations Conference Report.

Ron Kendall, director of the Texas Tech Institute of Environmental and Human Health, said the funding could help Tech advance its relationship with the U.S. Department of Defense.

"With this funding, we will continue our interaction with the Department of Defense and their cleanups of superfund sites while we expand our efforts to counteract chemical and biological terrorism through DOD contracts," Kendall said.

If the funding is approved, \$3 million will be allocated to the National Program for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats and will be used for prevention research, testing and education and training to improve military capability against chemical and biological terrorism. The other \$2 million will be allocated to the TIEHH to continue their studies concerning how toxic chemicals affect human health and the environment.

It also will help to continue their efforts in cleaning up "superfund sites"— areas of contamination that present a threat to human health.

"This money will continue work

**“ This money will continue work that has involved several years of research — both in the lab and in the field. ”**

-Ron Kendall, director

that has involved several years of research — both in the lab and in the field," Kendall said. "It will also expand field assessments and will directly align us to work with confirmation and remediation processes at Karnack."

To date, the Defense Appropriations Conference Report passed the House of Representatives in a 367-58 vote. It now will travel to the Senate for approval. If it passes, the president will have 13 days to sign the bill.

"We are very hopeful that it will pass in the Senate," Becca Dickerson, press director for U.S. Representative Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, said.

One of the main areas the TIEHH focuses on is the detection of ammo-

nium perchlorates in water samples and in animal tissues surrounding superfund sites.

Todd Anderson, an environmental toxicologist at TIEHH, said the study and detection of this chemical is important in studying the developmental stages of animal life around a contaminated area.

One type of study TIEHH does concerns the developmental stages of frogs. He said some tadpoles that have been exposed to the ammonium perchlorate have developed without legs or have never developed into frogs at all. Anderson said timely funding is critical because collecting samples to study is easier during certain times such as in the spring than

it is in the winter.

"It is critical that we continue to get support from the Department of Defense," Anderson said. "We have experienced delays in funding before and missed out on field seasons."

Kendall said the research that is done with money from the DOD also benefits the department. He said the data is of value to the DOD.

"We are also developing new models and approaches in ecological risk assessment related to sight clean up which will be of value to the DOD as they seek to clean up and delist superfund sites," Kendall said.

Phil Smith, research assistant professor at TIEHH, said the DOD is not the only agency that benefits from

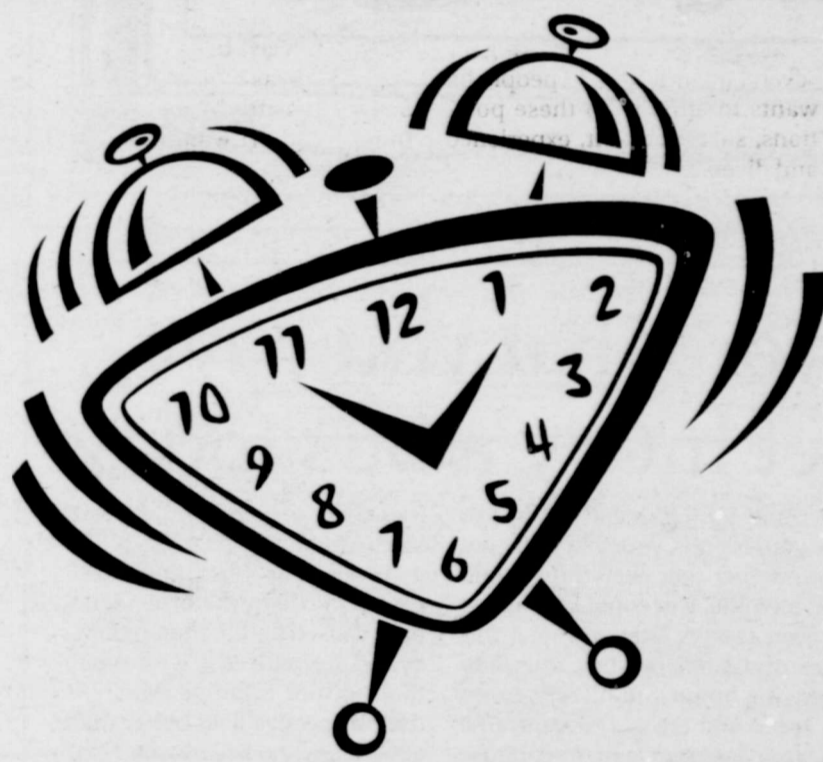
the research the institute conducts.

He said other agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency and other environmental health-related agencies, also would benefit from this information.

"Very little has been known about perchlorates in the past," Smith said. "There was not much concern until about 10 years ago when it was found in well water. When people got sick, these agencies wanted to know the effects."

He also said the efforts are of importance to the public as well because it is preserving some historical land and helping species that only live in contaminated areas.

"Caddo Lake in Karnack is the only natural lake in Texas and is home to a lot of unique species that are not in any other part of Texas," he said. "It also has historic value as the site of the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant that was critical in missile disarmament under the START treaty with Russia."



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## More troubles for LAPD

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A policeman pleaded innocent Monday to attempted murder and four other officers were arraigned on conspiracy charges stemming from a probe of alleged corruption in an anti-gang unit at the Police Department's Rampart station.

Officer Nino Durden, 32, stood with his head down as his lawyer entered the plea in the 1996 shooting of Javier Ovando, 23, who is paralyzed.

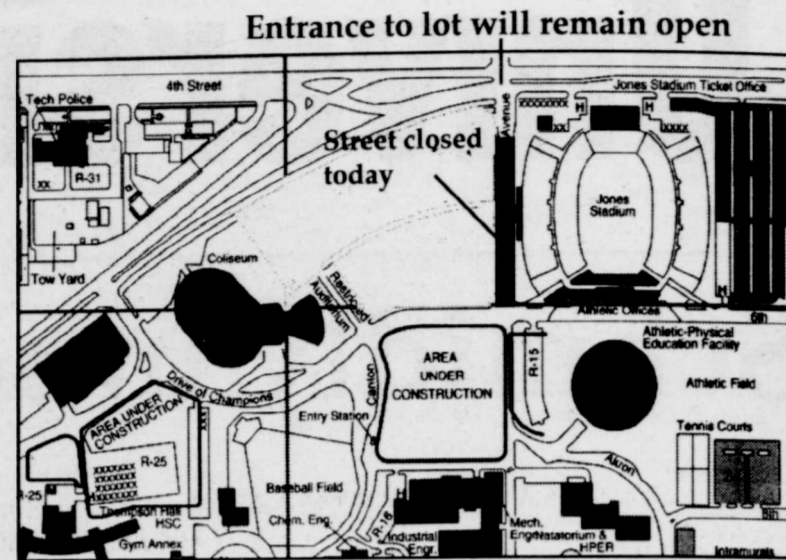
The judge, citing the seriousness of the charges, rejected a defense bid to lower Durden's \$680,000 bail. A preliminary hearing was set for Aug. 16.

## Raider Avenue permanently closed today; commuter lot entrance to remain open

As of today, Red Raider Avenue is officially permanently closed to accommodate the renovations being made to Jones SBC Stadium.

Though the street is closed, parking in the west lot of Jones SBC Stadium will again be open and can be accessed from the northwest corner of the lot via Fourth Street and Red Raider Avenue.

The lot can also be accessed from the southwest entrance via Double T Drive. The renovations that will require the closing of Red Raider Avenue are scheduled to be completed by Fall 2002.



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for a final decision. "It is my call as to who receives the final position because these people are the key executive people who will report to me," Schmidly said. "However, I will discuss my decision with Chancellor (John) Montford."

Schmidly said he is looking for several qualities in the people he wants to appoint to these positions, such as talent, experience and diversity.

"I will first look at the talent of the individual and find people who have the executive ability for the job," Schmidly said. "But I am also going to be looking for diversity and experience, I want people who have been in that type of position before."

Schmidly has also created two new positions to address the needs of the university: a vice

president of institutional advancement and marketing and a special assistant to the president for diversity.

He said these positions would be crucial in aiding the university to promote their academic programs and raise money for the university in one instance and help to diversify the campus in the other.

"It has always been said that Texas Tech is Texas's best kept secret," Schmidly said. "At some point in time, you don't want to be a secret anymore."

He also said it was important to create a position devoted to these goals because he believes that it will take that type of commitment to achieve quality results.

"In my opinion, it will take someone who will get up everyday and go to bed every night thinking of ways to diversify this campus," Schmidly said.

One benefit Schmidly foresees to

all the replacements is the formation of a new management team, one he hopes will be to the benefit of the students.

"It's kind of an exciting time," Schmidly said. "A time to make a whole new management team that will hopefully keep the benefit of students in mind."

Interim Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies/Information Technology Robert Sweazy said the new management would be a benefit to the university because it opens up the university to new initiatives.

While Sweazy is only the interim vice president, he said he still wants to accomplish some of his goals.

"I have some things that I want to try," Sweazy said. "I don't want to just be a caretaker. I want to be a facilitator-someone who wants to make progress."

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for comfort in terms of their potential exposure to toxic fumes."

Back in America some of the researchers and graduate students at TIEHH are involved in a big study concerning the possible environmental affects of a substance called ammonium perchlorate. This chemical, which is used by the military as well as some fireworks manufacturers, is a powerful oxidizer that helps fuel burn quickly. At Caddo Lake in Karnack, researchers are involved in the ecological restoration of the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant, an 8000-acre post on the west side of the lake.

Smith said for many years the military used perchlorate as rocket boosters, and it was the constant packing and repacking of the chemical that eventually led to the contamination of the lake water.

"A lot of perchlorate escaped into the environment, and since it is very water-soluble it got into the ground water, and streams, which feed Caddo Lake," he said.

Smith said he has spent the last two to three years studying the effects perchlorate has on organisms living near water such as frogs, salamanders, newts, fish and water insects. Although ammonium perchlorate, which inhibits the secretion of thyroid hormones, is a potential threat to organisms in the environment, doctors have used it for years to treat Graves Disease in humans.

Other research initiatives in the TIEHH department include a project in Belize, Central America where graduate students are studying the endocrine disruption in endangered crocodiles. Smith also said there is research going on in Montana where Tech researchers are working on the world's largest superfund site.

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# New sci-fi talk show out of this world

## Program host provides audience with link to great beyond

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Crossing Over With John Edward" is a talk show with a difference: The studio audience is live but the guests are gone. Outta here and into the hereafter.

In other words, dead.

Host Edward is on hand to act as go-between. He's a grown-up version of the boy in "The Sixth Sense," if the melancholy kid eventually figured out how to make a career out of making eye contact with the dearly departed.

"What you are about to see is real" we are told at the beginning of the new Sci-Fi cable channel series, showing at 11 p.m. EDT Sunday through Thursday (with repeats at 4 p.m. EDT the following day). "Crossing Over" may be better than real.

With other talk shows, there have been instances in which guests start out alive and end up otherwise; at least here the division is clear. For that reason alone we'll take Edward over Jerry Springer or Jenny Jones.

And there's a reassuring feeling about post-mortem family relations as envisioned by the self-described psychic medium.

There are no recriminations for

cheaping out on the casket, no admonishments for blowing the inheritance.

There also aren't any towering insights about the meaning of it all, at least none that Edward is willing to share.

Instead, he crisply leads New York audience members and celebrities including Linda Dano and Carmen Electra through heavenly exchanges with late relatives or friends.

(No fireside chats so far; as Edward puts it, he has yet to field a complaint about the heat.)

The host tells one woman that a man, apparently her late husband, is reaching out to her.

She is unnerved when Edward relates details of a trip she took to Niagara Falls with the couple's daughter.

"Did you find a feather there? And did you tell your daughter that was her daddy?" Edward asks the woman, who nods, weeping.

"Is there a husband or brother for you that's passed?" he asks another woman in the same episode. "Yes," she replies.

"This has got to be an ex-husband we're talking about, because he's removing himself from you," Edward

says. "He wants to be known as the ex; that's how he's coming across."

Edward compares his visions of the dead to daydreams in which information is delivered by sight, sound and feeling. He hasn't been briefed, according to the show.

Is it real? Fake? Who are we to say? (As one thoughtful friend advised, there may be peril in cynicism; antagonize Edward and you could find yourself without a long-distance carrier someday.) Is it entertaining?

Sure, if you set aside concerns about commercializing people's yearning for contact with the dead and making such intimate feelings a mass media event.

But that is the nature of life these days, when people are as comfortable in front of a camera as on a therapist's couch and television keeps shifting to wider-angle lenses.

"If someone is into New Age or spiritual programming, they have a show like ours," said supervising producer Paul Shavelson. "Imagine trying to sell a show like this a decade ago."

Edward definitely seems to be a man of his time.

He is not the gaudy brand of psychic played by Whoopi Goldberg in

"Ghost."

This medium eschews both light tricks and flamboyant wardrobe. Think Armani sleek, not turban geek.

The Long Island, N.Y., native also knows how to disarm with humor. Describing an image of a dog, Edward asks a woman if her family has a new pet.

Yes, she says, a goldfish. "Nah, not doing fish," he responds. Style aside, it's the result that counts, Edward said in a telephone interview. "Anybody who comes to me wants to know that their loved ones are OK after their passing. They want to know they're with them, that they see what's going on in their life, that the bond of love is still there," he said. "News flash: That's all true," he continued.

"However, that can't be just what your message is about because there's no validation of that. Anybody can say that."

"I think that's what skeptics and cynics attack. I tell people it's gotta be minute, detail, not trivia."

"It's gonna be specific and lock me into your family," Edward, also an author ("One Last Time") and frequent radio guest, is unconcerned about those who might dismiss him as a charlatan.

# Laura Bush a hit at GOP convention

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Laura Bush, in a warm convention testimonial, told Republican delegates and the nation Monday that her husband's values won't waver "with the winds of polls or politics."

Bush, once wary of husband George W. Bush's leap into presidential politics, embraced the prime-time leadoff slot at the Republican National Convention.

In remarks prepared for delivery to the convention, the former librarian and school-teacher emphasized the Texas governor's commitment to improved education.

"We wanted to teach our children what our parents had taught us ... that reading is entertaining, interesting and important," said Mrs. Bush.

"One of the major reasons George is running for president is to make sure every child in America has that same opportunity to grow up reading."

Speaking more personally, Bush said she can attest to the candidate's unwavering principles.

"I know because I've known him through big legislative successes and a few defeats. I sat by his side during some winning and many losing baseball seasons," she said, referring to his time as a managing partner with the Texas Rangers.

"But George never loses sight of home plate."

"His core principles will not change with the winds of polls or politics or fame or fortune or misfortune," she added.

Earlier Monday, she appeared on the podium to size up the lectern and go over the logistics of delivering her speech.

Twenty students from a Houston charter school sat in desks behind her.

"I'm honored and a little overwhelmed," she told a mock audience, trying out some of her lines. "You know that I am completely objective when I say you made a great choice."

At a Dayton, Ohio, airport Monday afternoon, Bush wished his wife good luck as she boarded a plane to the convention in Philadelphia.

Bush was accompanied by her 18-year-old twin daughters — Jenna and Barbara — and her mother, Jenna Welch.

Bush kissed his wife and embraced her, whispering in her ear.

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# Raider football freshmen report, say goodbye

## Newest Red Raiders prepare for football, college life

by Jeff Keller  
Managing Editor

Tears were shed and goodbyes were said Monday at the University Plaza across from the Texas Tech campus as freshman football players reported for duty.

The freshman football players will not begin actual practices until Wednesday, but friends and family members bid them farewell Monday.

Freshman Marquis Turner came to Tech all the way from Bryan in the heart of Aggie territory. Turner comes to Tech on scholarship and said being away from his home and family is going to take some getting used to.

"I'm nervous for being away from home," Turner said. "Being away from my family is tough because I've never been away from them before."

Turner played outside linebacker in high school, and as a senior, helped Bryan High School make it to the third round of the playoffs.

He said after being away from football for so long, he is ready for practices to get underway.

"I'm really looking forward to starting practice," Turner said. "It's been a while since my last game."

As is the case for most freshmen entering college this year, the freshman football players will be making the transition from being the oldest students in high school to being the new kids on the block in college.

Turner said starting over at the bottom will be a challenge.

"It will be tough," Turner said. "It's just like going into high school. You get called names like 'fish'. You have to get used to everything. But once I get situated, I think it will be all right."

Turner's father Floyd Turner said it will be hard saying goodbye to Marquis, but he is proud of him and his decision to attend Tech and play football for the Red Raiders.

"We really don't want to say goodbye," Floyd said. "But he has got to get on with his future so we are going to back him 100 percent."

Turner also said it is hard to believe his son will soon be starting college.

"These past 12 years have gone by real fast," he said. "It seems just like

yesterday that he was starting grade school, and now he is finished and starting college."

Whereas Turner comes to Tech on a scholarship, not all freshman that reported Monday had the luxury of a football scholarship from Tech.

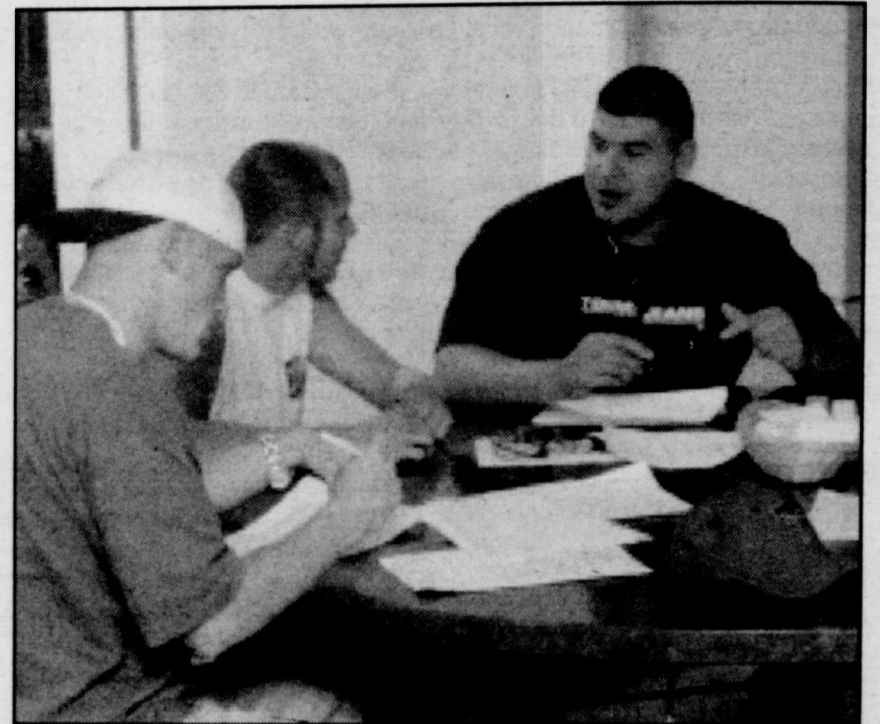
Jamall Broussard reported to Tech Monday after attending the Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, R.I., last year. Broussard graduated from Kingwood High School in 1999 and will try to make the Red Raider squad as a walk-on.

Broussard said he knows he has a challenge in front of him but feels he has what it takes to meet that challenge.

"I think I need to just go out and work hard and get the job done," Broussard said. "I think if I do that then things will take care of themselves."

Broussard's mom, Christie, said since Jamall spent last year in Rhode Island, having him back home in Texas makes it easier to say goodbye.

"Lubbock's not too far away from home," she said. "It's not as far as it



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Incoming freshman Tech football players Trev Haverty, Ryan Bishop and John Rodrigues fill out forms at the University Plaza. Freshman practice begins Wednesday.

had been. I think going to Rhode Island out of high school was a positive experience for him, but I think he will be a lot happier here."

The rest of the Tech squad will report Thursday, and the Red Raiders will begin their first full-squad practice Saturday.

# Olympic athletes could be tested for EPO during Sydney games

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Athletes could be tested for erythropoietin during the Sydney Olympics even if the IOC fails to approve a test for the banned drug this week.

Patrick Schamasch, the IOC's medical director, said Monday there was no need to give athletes warning about such a test because the endurance-enhancer is on the list of banned substances.

Even if a test is approved just before, during or near the end of the Sept. 15 through Oct. 1 games, the IOC would be entitled to use it, he said.

"EPO is a prohibited substance, so we would be allowed to test the athletes without telling everyone we

have a test," Schamasch said. "Even during the games, we will be able to conduct the test if we are sure. Until the last minute, we will be able to push a test if we are sure we won't have a false positive."

The IOC said last-minute EPO tests, therefore, would present a different case than occurred at the 1998 Winter Games. Canadian snowboarder Ross Rebagliati's gold medal was stripped for marijuana use, then reinstated because the snowboard federation did not list marijuana on its banned list.

Schamasch spoke at the start of a two-day meeting of a 15-member panel composed of the IOC medical commission and outside experts.

The meeting is being held behind closed doors, and panel members declined to speak to reporters after Monday's session.

The panel will announce Tuesday whether one or both of two proposed EPO tests are reliable enough for use in Sydney. Schamasch put the chances at "50-50."

Even without an agreement this week, "We still have 43 days before the games, and 43 days for science is huge," Schamasch said.

EPO boosts the production of oxygen-rich red blood cells. It is believed to be heavily used in endurance events such as cycling and distance running, where experts say it can improve performance by 10 to 15 per-

cent. EPO was at the heart of the doping scandal in the 1998 Tour de France. A Tour de France exhibit is featured at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne where the IOC experts are meeting this week.

Heavy use of EPO also can lead to blood clots and other complications. The drug has been blamed for the deaths of numerous professional cyclists during the past 20 years. A reliable test for EPO has eluded researchers. Schamasch denied that the IOC was under pressure to approve an EPO test, although he conceded it would like one in place before the Sydney Games open.

"We are really eager to have some-

thing ready in time," he said. "But our decision will be based on the scientific data."

"These tests will be another stone to the building of the fight against doping. I prefer to have a solid stone rather than a frail one. If you have a frail stone, all the building will fall down."

Two tests are being considered by the IOC committee — an Australian-developed blood test and a French-developed urine test. The researchers behind each of the tests presented the details to the 15-member panel Monday. The Australian method does not actually detect the EPO, but it finds changes in the blood that are caused by use of the drug.

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