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Plane crashes in West Texas field

TULIA (AP) — An F-16 pilot was killed Monday after his single-seat jet fighter clipped a barn and crashed into a Texas Panhandle field, officials said.

The jet was from Naval Air Station Fort Worth and went down about 6 p.m. CDT near the town of Tulia, about halfway between Amarillo and Lubbock.

Military officials said the F-16 was part of an Air Force reserve unit, the 457th Fighter Squadron, stationed at the base.

There was no immediate word on the exact cause of the crash, but a trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety at the scene said the jet clipped a nearby barn before it went down in a plowed field.

Trooper Wayne Beighle said the down jet scattered debris for about a quarter of a mile. A small fire caused by the crash was extinguished hours later.

The name of the dead pilot was being withheld pending notification of family. Emergency crews from Swisher County and surrounding areas were on the scene late Monday, Beighle said. Military personnel from Cannon Air Force Base near Clovis, New Mexico, were en route to provide assistance.

NATIONAL

Judge approves drug settlement

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A federal judge has approved a proposed \$3.75 billion national settlement of health claims stemming from the diet drug combination fen-phen, which has been linked to potentially fatal heart valve damage.

Under the settlement approved Monday, fen-phen users would get up to \$1.5 million, though most would get far less, depending on their level of injury and how long they took the drugs.

The settlement also includes money for future medical monitoring. U.S. District Judge Louis C. Bechtle gave preliminary approval to the settlement in November. Barring an appeal, attorneys said fen-phen users could begin receiving settlement checks as early as January.

More than 9,000 lawsuits have been filed against American Home Products, maker of fenfluramine, the "fen" in the fen-phen diet drug combination. The Madison, N.J.-based company sold the combination under the brand name of Pondimin and also made Redux.

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Mitsubishi motors reports problems

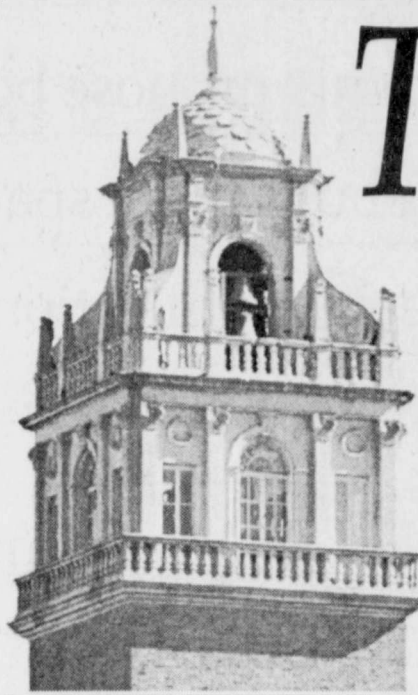
TOKYO (AP) — Mitsubishi Motors' shares fell 12.4 percent Monday following a weekend raid on its headquarters and reports that its president would resign to take responsibility for a growing scandal over decades of hiding auto defects.

Mitsubishi shares finished down 48 cents at \$3.39 a share on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, even as the benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average hit a six-week high.

The Nikkei rose 269.79 points, or 1.60 percent, closing at 17,181.12 points. On Monday, President Katsuhiko Kawasoe promised a thorough housecleaning.

"Together with my management team, I will ... devise a set of measures to rectify the situation and to prevent any recurrence, as well as taking strict disciplinary action within the company," he said in a statement.

The Nihon Keizai financial newspaper and Kyodo News agency reported on Monday that Kawasoe had decided to resign, citing unidentified company sources.



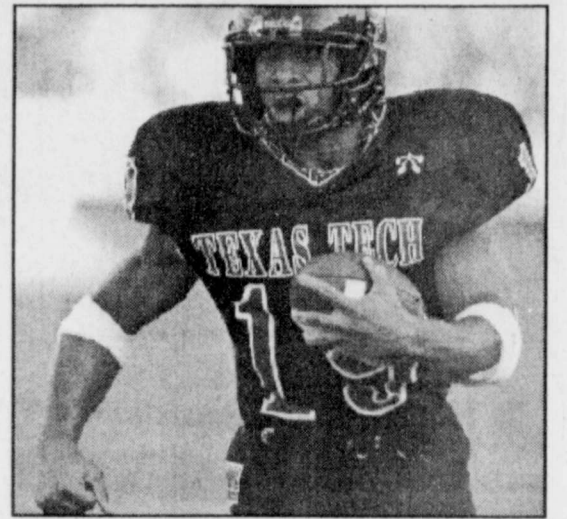
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Parking woes at full throttle

By Angel Wolfe
Staff Writer

Many students hoping to avoid parking problems on the first day of classes arrived to campus Monday and parked anywhere they could find a space.

Some of them returned to the lots and found their vehicles were nowhere to be found, except at the nearest impound.

Ryan Weller, Student Government Association external vice president, said vehicles were towed from the C-1 parking lot west of Jones SBC Stadium because students had parked in the bus routes.

Students also parked in bus stops and reserved parking spots, which forced Traffic and Parking to tow the vehicles, said Gene West, vice president of operations.

"We don't like towing," West said. "But students were parked in the bus stops, and we had no choice but to tow."

Traffic and Parking officials continued to resort to calling local tow truck companies until 6:30 p.m. but were unable

to give a total number of vehicles towed.

"(Some) students were really upset about the C-1 parking lot," West said. "Cops were stopping them from entering the lot and telling them that it was full, but really (the officers) were helping the students."

Traffic and Parking Services has requested the help of the Texas Tech Police Department during the first week of classes. Sgt. Brian Roberts, TTUPD public information officer, said despite the overflow of vehicles, there were not any major parking problems that he knew of. "Except for the normal confusion of the first day of class, there was no major accidents," Roberts said. "I'll probably receive more feedback (today)." But more than a few students are concerned with how long the parking problem is going to last.

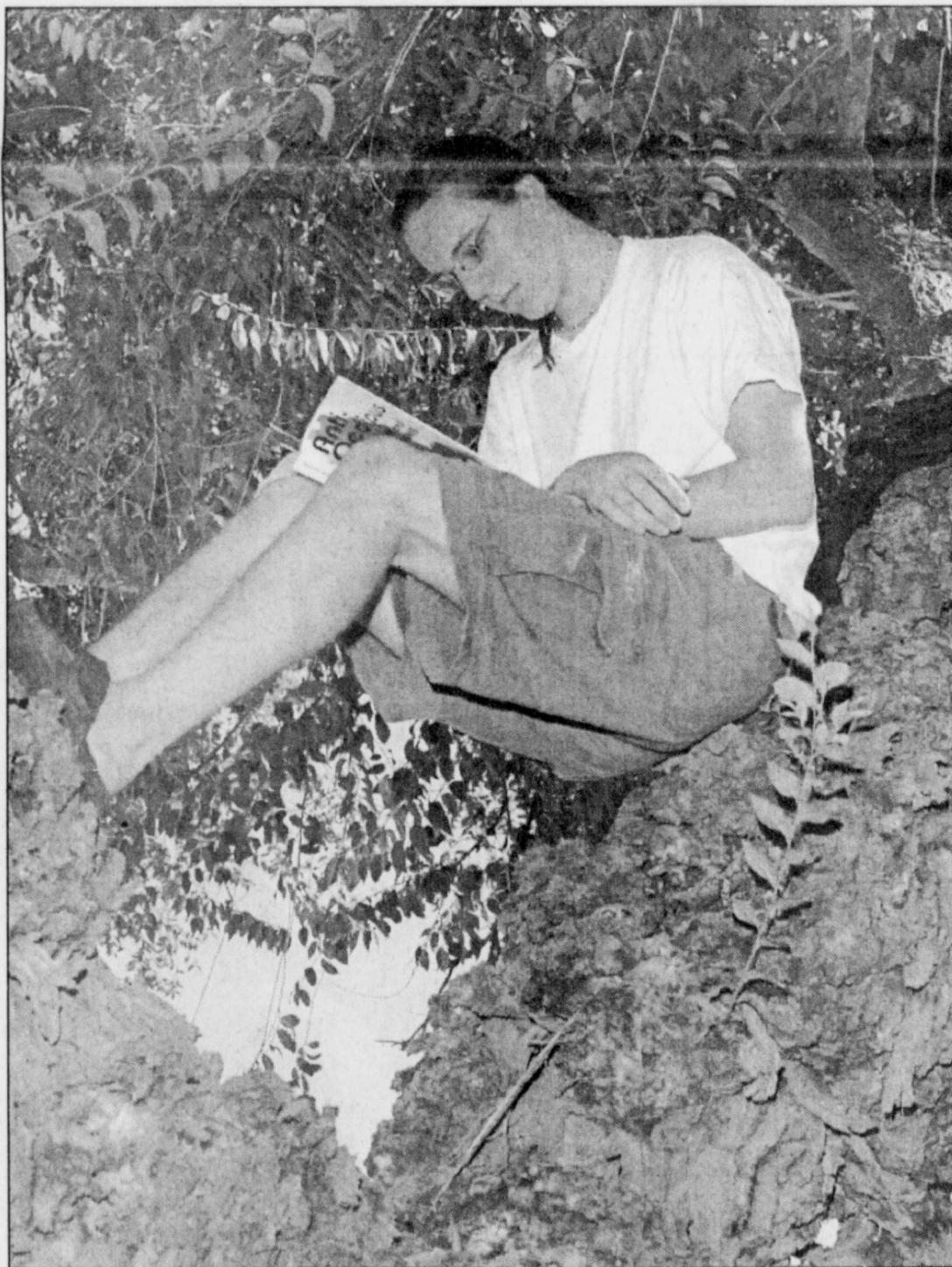
"After the first two weeks of classes, things seem to settle down a bit," West said. "The first week is always hectic." West and Weller both suggested students try to park in the parking lot between the Student Recreation Center and the United Spirit Arena. Some students seem to find parking a problem

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A white Ford Mustang is towed from a parking lot near the United Spirit Arena Monday, one of dozens of vehicles removed from the Tech campus.

Already trying to get away



Jaime Tomas Aguilar/The University Daily
Andrew Dammann, a freshman philosophy major from Midland, relaxes after his first class by reading a book in a tree near the Mass Communications building Monday morning.

Tech looking at honor system

■ **School officials are hoping to mold better students by implementing a code of conduct.**

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

On test days, many college students find inventive ways to cheat in hopes of boosting their grade without getting caught. They turn caps backward and place their books under the desks out of professors' watchful eyes.

Often, these student's tactics fail and they are reported to higher authority for review and possible expulsion from the university.

However, this ritual may soon fall to the wayside if administrators and students support an honor code that would place the responsibility of not cheating into students' hands and their fate into the hands of their peers.

An honors code of conduct, which would punish students for "lying, cheating and stealing," may be implemented at Texas Tech as early as Fall 2001 for incoming freshmen, said Bob Miller, chairman of the ad hoc Honors Code Committee.

The honors code, which was started at The University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., would allow a panel of students to decide whether another student will be expelled from the university because of an offense falling under the criteria of the lying, cheating and stealing code. Under this code, a student could potentially be expelled for lying

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Alcohol-related arrests rising among students

By Jeff Lehr
Staff Writer

The beginning of the new school year at Texas Tech is bringing alcohol-related student arrests along with it.

Since Aug. 14, the Lubbock Police Department and the Tech Police Department have documented more than 15 student arrests related to alcohol offenses both on and off campus.

Tech police spokesman Sgt. Bryan Roberts said although the weeks leading up to the fall semester are not the busiest time of the year, there have been several incidents involving alcohol in the last two weeks.

"This is typically not a busy time," he said. "Some years we'll hit hard at first, but this month we've kind of evened out."

The majority of Tech student population began arriving in Lubbock within the past two weeks and, so far, Roberts said there have been 10 alcohol-related cases on campus.

Four of those cases resulted in an arrest. He said all four arrests were because of public intoxication.

"Usually what happens when we have a PI case, we look for someone to release the suspect to," Roberts said. For as many alcohol-related incidents that occur on-campus, there are just as many, if not more, off-campus incidents during the hectic weeks before the fall semester.

LPD spokesman Bill Morgan said Lubbock police have made several alcohol-related arrests that have involved students in recent weeks. Many of those

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Two dead in apparent murder-suicide at U of Arkansas

■ **A motive is still unknown as a student and teacher both die.**

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — A longtime professor and a graduate student who had been taking classes for 10 years were shot to death Monday at the University of Arkansas in an apparent murder-suicide on the first day of the fall semester, authorities said.

Associate professor John Locke, 67,

died in his English department office on the second floor of Kimpel Hall, a classroom and office building near the heart of the campus.

"I heard one gunshot followed by a young man's voice saying, 'No, I didn't do anything,'" said Bethany Edstrom, a graduate student who was in a nearby office. "Then I heard a second shot."

Officers responding to several 9-1-1 calls from the building said they spoke briefly with a man behind the locked office door, Capt. Brad Bruns said.

Less than five minutes later, another shot rang out. Officers found the two men dead inside.

Bruns identified the other victim as a graduate student in the comparative literature program, the classes Locke taught.

He said police didn't know of a motive for the shootings or who pulled the trigger.

President Clinton said Monday that he was saddened to learn of the killings at the school where both he and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton taught law in the mid-1970s.

"Today's shooting strikes a particularly sad chord for Hillary and me, who both had the privilege of teaching at this wonderful institution," Clinton said in a statement.

Dick Bennett, who had worked across the hall from Locke for 20 years, described him as a "very mild-tempered man" who had reputation for helping his graduate students through the program.

"Nothing could astonish me more," he said. "I'm without words, without any kind of guess."

Randall Woods, dean of the arts and science department, said he had known Locke for 30 years and that he expected Locke to retire in January. He also said there had never been any complaints about Locke, who had been a liaison to students for years.

Students and faculty were evacuated

from the building after the shooting, and several classes there and in an adjacent building were canceled.

"We're trying to deal with a situation that seems horrific and trying to control everything we can and bring this to resolution as quickly as possible," university spokesman Roger Williams said.

Kimpel Hall houses faculty in a number of departments — communication, drama, English, foreign languages and journalism, Williams said.

Journalism department chairwoman Patsy Watkins many of the 50- to 60-student classrooms on the floor would have been filled at the time.

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about completion of a homework assignment, cheating on an exam, or stealing a bicycle on campus.

"We want to implement this to show that Texas Tech is not just any school in Texas," Miller said. "We want to make the students proud to go to Texas Tech."

The implementation of the code will be directed toward creating a more trusting community at Tech and in giving students pride in the fact they graduated from the university, he said.

Implementation of the code will only be mandatory for incoming freshmen because it can be written into those students' catalog for that year. Students who are already at the university are obligated to follow the policies and rules that had already been established at the time they enrolled. Therefore, these students have the option to subscribe to the code, but will not be forced to follow it.

Several schools across the nation have already adopted a their own form of the Honor's Code. Notre Dame, Vanderbilt and the University of Texas' Graduate School have all implemented an Honors Code for their students. The University of Virginia has had the Honor's Code in place for 150 years.

Under the University of Virginia's Honor Code, any student who is accused of one of "lying, cheating, and stealing" would first have their case brought forth to a committee comprised of elected student representatives from each col-

lege within the university. This committee would then investigate the charges and gather evidence. If the committee decides there is enough evidence to warrant a jury trial, a group of 12 randomly selected students would then be called to serve as a jury to hear the case. If the student is found guilty, he or she would be expelled from the university. If the suspected offender is found innocent, the case would never be spoken of again.

Nicole Eramo, special assistant for the honors committee at the University of Virginia, said the jury and the committee look at three criteria when deciding whether to find a person guilty of an honors violation.

"We look at three criteria - the act, whether or not the student actually committed the act of lying, cheating or stealing the intent, asking whether or not the student knew they were violating the code; and the seriousness of the offense," Eramo said.

She also said the jury and the honors committee will have many cases where they have evidence the student may have committed a violation of the honors code but that the committee does not think that it warrants expulsion, and so they could find the person "not guilty."

"If the committee received a case where a student stole a pack of pencils, I don't think that the committee would find that it warranted expulsion from the university," she said.

The University of Virginia's code also incorporates the idea of a single sanction. For example, if a first-time offender submits a conscientious retraction of a

"crime" and confesses before being caught, the infraction might be overlooked.

There are measures in place to help students who have been expelled to become enrolled in other universities. She said while the student still has to go through the application process, the vice president of Student Affairs will often call his or her contacts at the other university and explain to them why the person was expelled.

One of the problems Eramo said the University of Virginia has faced with its process was students suing the university over the discipline actions of the honors committee. She said the university has a part-time legal adviser in their general counsel's office in order to help with those cases.

Most of the actions are settled out of court, Eramo said, and she only knew of one that actually went to trial. In that case, the university's position was upheld.

The committee at Texas Tech is considering a program similar to the one in effect at the University of Virginia, but have not decided if these concepts will be included in their version of the honor code.

Michael Shonrock, interim vice president for Student Affairs, said the potential legal ramifications of implementing this code would be similar to those that the disciplinary system already faces.

Shonrock said any time the school is dealing with a disciplinary action, it could potentially open up the university

to problems. The key to avoiding many of these issues, he said, is to be consistent in the disciplinary action taken and to be sure precedents are set and followed when implementing the code.

Miller said his committee is in the process of developing recommendations on what aspects should be included in the code. As part of this process, the committee has been showing a video tape titled "On My Honor," which depicts the honor code in place at the University of Virginia, to Tech faculty, staff and students in order to get feedback from the different groups on the subject.

Miller has shown the video to the staff at the Student Recreation Center this summer and the staff showed the desire to implement the code within their department.

"The individuals here are very excited about it," Miller said. "They wrote a very heartfelt letter about the code. They were proud of the fact they could come back as alumni and say they had a part in starting it here on campus."

Miller and Shonrock both said the key to making the honor code effective will be student involvement and the students' desire to make the system work.

Shonrock said student interest in developing and implementing the code would be vital to making the proposal work. Since much of the enforcement of the code would be student-initiated, students would have to deem the code important enough to turn in another student they believe to be in violation of the honor code.

SGA clears up Citibus confusion with tips

First off, welcome back to a new and exciting time at Texas Tech! As external vice president of the Student Government Association, one of my duties is to work with Citibus to make certain that Tech students are benefiting from the bus system.



Ryan Weller

My goal for this system is to ensure that the buses run continuously and efficiently for those that invest their time, money and energy into their experience at

Texas Tech. A way to successfully achieve this goal is to inform all students about the bus schedule as well as the parking situation.

During the fall semester, the Red Route will circle the campus clockwise from 7:10 a.m. to 6:50 p.m., and the Green Route will circle the campus counterclockwise from 7:10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Citibus will provide a total of 13 buses for continuous, on-campus coverage.

The off-campus routes, which are currently in service, are designed to provide rapid and direct access to the interior of campus for students who live in apartment communities directly north of the campus along North Indiana Avenue and along West Fourth Street. A total of six buses service this area, with four on West Fourth Street and two on North Indiana for the 2000-2001 academic year. The B.A. Shuttle provides service with two buses from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. During the first two weeks of

school, students can purchase a pass to ride the fixed routes around Lubbock for \$25 in the University Center. Because expenses servicing the West Fourth Campus Express and the buses to the commuter lots are already included in your student service fee, students will not have to buy a pass to ride these routes.

The commuters lots north of United Spirit Arena and west of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center is a beneficial place to park and allows access to the campus. Both on-campus and off-campus buses run continuously throughout the day, so there should not be any long-term waiting for student riders.

The Student Government Association is going to sponsor a number of events this year that you will definitely want to make plans to attend.

The Students and student groups are encouraged to show their spirit at the inaugural Rowdy Raider Rally 8 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Will Rogers statue. Freshman Council elections will be the week of Sept. 18. Intent-to-run forms are due Sept. 8 and the candidate seminar will be the week of Sept. 11. Also, the SGA will be sponsoring Take-A-Kid to the Game for the Tech-University of Louisiana-Lafayette game Sept. 16.

This is just the tip of the iceberg, so keep on the lookout for more things to come from your Student Government Association throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the Student Government Association office at 742-3631, or stop by 230 University Center. I wish you the best of luck this semester!

Ryan Weller is the external vice president for the Student Government Association



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A&M bonfire model unveiled

■ **Students propose modifications they say is safer than original bonfire plans.**

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas A&M students vying to hold an alternative bonfire off campus this fall, despite a two-year moratorium on the tradition after last year's deadly collapse, are promoting a modified log stack they claim is safer.

The proposed stack would have a solid, 60-foot centerpole surrounded by logs leaned against it in three tiers and then wired together, the Texas A&M student newspaper *The Battalion* reported Monday.

Formerly, logs were stacked in wedding-cake fashion.

A pulley system would hoist logs onto the stack so no students would have to stand on it. A bucket truck would lift individuals so they could tie down the newly placed logs.

The centerpole would be buried 20 feet, making a 40-foot bonfire that would

be 15 feet shy of the traditional height limit.

Will Clark, one of the board members of Keep the Fire Burning, the group organizing the off-campus bonfire, said Monday he did not want to discuss the specifics of the proposal because a final decision on whether to proceed with the plan has not yet been made. The group expects to make that decision within a week.

Clark's group has been presenting the proposal to various student organizations with mixed reviews, Clark said.

The 90-year-old tradition is on hold after last year's collapse that killed 12 Aggies and injured 27 others, many of whom were on the 2 million pound log stack when it fell during construction Nov. 18.

In May, a five-member commission appointed and funded by Texas A&M to investigate the deaths blamed flawed construction techniques and a lack of adequate supervision of students assembling the stack.

A&M President Ray Bowen announced in June that the tradition was suspended and would continue only with greater university supervision and a professionally engineered design.

Keep the Fire Burning says their model for an alternative bonfire is the

result of consultation with professional engineers, one of them a former student who has worked on the bonfire before.

Design changes should eliminate stress on the lower stack of logs that was cited by the commission as a major contributor to the collapse, supporters said.

However, student body president Forrest Lane was not satisfied.

"I would not feel very safe with a bonfire happening this November," Lane said. "To pursue an off-campus bonfire presents the viewpoint we can't be critical of ourselves."

The university is still against any alternative bonfire, spokesman Lane Stephenson said.

"Any plans to build an off-campus bonfire would be unauthorized and we continue to hope that those individuals thinking of undertaking such an endeavor would make the prudent decision not to go forward with any such project," Stephenson said.

Those official warnings don't hold water for former Aggies like Don Ganter, who owns a popular campus-area bar called the Dixie Chicken.

"It's an absolute tragedy there's no bonfire this year," Ganter said. "What good is served by waiting two years to have another one?"

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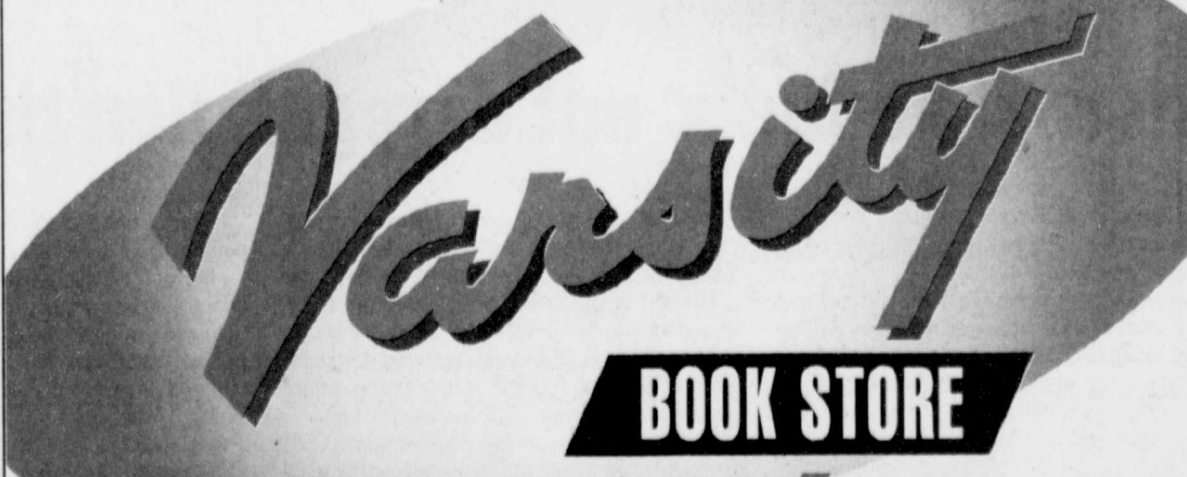
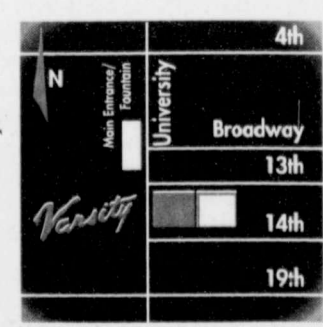
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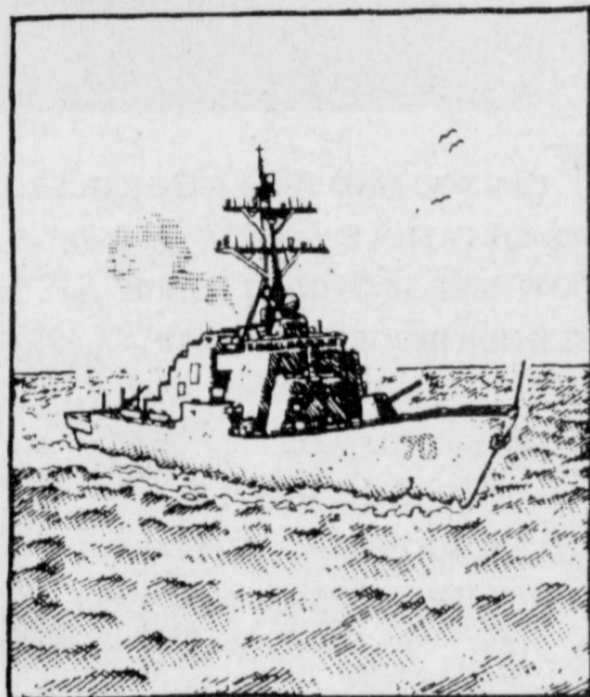
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Column

Life-saving tips for new students

As one of the younger returning members of *The University Daily* staff, I wanted to take this opportunity to officially welcome all of our incoming freshmen. It was but a year ago that I too packed up the shower sandals and headed for the dorms. Yes, I spent my fair share of Friday nights clutching the family photo, crying, while huddled in the fetal position, but I'm beyond that now.



Kenneth Strickland

For many of you, these first few weeks will be difficult ones. You feel about as out of place as a straight guy visiting Disney World during gay pride week and about as uncomfortable as an enema.

Since I know how hard it can be being away from home for the first time, I've decided to try and make the transition a little easier for you. I'm passing the torch of experience and sharing with you what I've learned in a year here at Tech. So without further ado, I give you my 10 lessons for surviving your first year at Texas Tech.

Lesson One: Remember that window screen they told you never to take off? Well, take it off and rid yourself of every college survival guide your parents or relatives may have given you for graduation. That's right, chuck them straight out the window. The problem with these publications is that they're put out by the same people who keep annoying us with those "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books. These books won't address the real troubles you'll face this year, such as the who, what, where and why dilemmas. Who are you and why are you in my bed, what exactly am I eating, where did I leave my car last night, and why is the air conditioning blowing while it's snowing outside?

Lesson Two: If they can't tell you what type of meat it is, then don't eat it. Even if they're able to narrow it down to the animal it came from, you'd probably still be better off taking your chances with the granola bar that was left under your bed from last year.

Lesson Three: Take as many phone books as possible. Some of you may have noticed that your air conditioning isn't working. It's not that it isn't working, it's that it doesn't get turned on until mid-October.

One phone book covering an A/C vent will make a loud thump as it's blown straight into your ceiling. Two will create the effect that they're hovering in mid air, and three just might keep enough cold air out to prevent you from being forced to go to bed every night in a parka.

Lesson Four: If you're an Arts and Sciences student, become best friends with an engineer. If you're an engineer, find yourself an Arts and Sciences student to buddy up with. This way you can each do the work the other finds pointless. The Arts and Sciences student can write the engineer's essays while the engineer is doing all of the math. It works out rather nice, unless you're majoring in elementary education, where you just don't have time to do school work and look for a husband at the same time.

Lesson Five: No matter how hard you try, (and my roommates and I have) you can't vote someone out of your room. So much for reality-based television.

Lesson Six: When the credit card companies call, fight back. Make them sorry they ever bought our phone numbers from the school. If you're able to scare them off just once, then you'll save yourself a world of trouble. Many responses will force them to hang up before you. My personal favorite is "I don't want your credit card, but could you tell me what you're wearing right now?" (Works even better if they're the same sex.) Try it sometime.

Lesson Seven: When down on your academic luck, never forget about the curve. No matter how bad you feel after bombing a test, take solace in the fact that there's always a handful of your peers ready to bump your grade. Thank God for low admission standards!

Lesson Eight: Don't read this column during lecture. If you've made it this far without being humiliated in front of 300 of your classmates, then consider yourself lucky.

Lesson Nine: Avoid the parking Gestapo at all costs. I'm sure you've seen them. They are the ones waving their index fingers in a "Guns Up" gesture as you drove up with your parents. Don't be deceived, however.

Once they have your money and the parents are gone, they might as well be waving the next finger over. The parking Gestapo has been trained to push back all feelings of sympathy, so saying that you parked your car in a reserved spot because the engine was engulfed in flames won't work. It really bothers me seeing them ride around on their little bikes, desperately searching for their next victim vehicle. It's like something straight out of "Swing Kids."

Lesson 10: Have a blast. Those who say high school was the greatest time of your life didn't go to college. Every now and then you just have to blow off a reading assignment, put on your boots and head for Midnight Rodeo. And if I'm there too, be sure to say hello. There's a good chance that I may need you to drive me home.

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Column

Time to get to business, party

Another summer is gone, and the Fall 2000 semester has begun. I know we are all happy to be congregated back in Lubbock for another fine semester of studying, partying, test taking and whatever else takes up college students' time.

I've put together some advice, hints, anecdotes and observations that will make this semester as expedient as possible.

We have the usual reasons that we enjoy the fall here at Tech, such as the females' rampant wearing of halter tops and short shorts with the finely tuned tan legs, but the pinnacle of our angst for this semester is, of course, the possible evolution of our football team. We are going to find out if Texas Tech football will reach new heights under Coach Leach's wing or if Coach Dykes was not the problem after all.

In the entertainment department, Lubbock gives to its residents a number of bigger and better options than before. Pearl Jam is on the way, the Dixie Chicks recently put on a big ho-down for the more agrarian-inclined population of Lubbock. Elton John put on a special pink suit when he came, KISS graced us with its presence, and every once in a while, Lubbock even invites the occasional white trash convention, a.k.a. professional wrestling.

Who says there is nothing to do in Lubbock?

In the world of politics, the November

presidential election is coming up, and this is good for several reasons.

First of all, Clinton sucks. His time is nearly up, and when that day comes, I'm going to throw a party that will be bigger than any New Year's party ever thrown.

Secondly, the two main presidential candidates, George W. Bush and Al Gore, provide misanthropic columnists, such as myself, a plethora of material to work with.

Unfortunately, I don't have an entire page in *The UD* for every column that I write, but these two sycophants make it easy for me to point out the flaws in our political system.

For all of you new Red Raiders, there is a thing or two you should know. You'll learn as you go, but I'll point you in the right direction.

If you need a quiet place to study, go anywhere except the Tech library. On the other hand, if you enjoy hammering, sawing, shouting, and other sounds of construction as concomitants to study time, then you have found your sanctuary.

Technically, the school week lasts from Monday to Friday, but the weekend somehow begins as soon as classes are over Thursday and does not end until Monday afternoon sometime. There are only three days of school per week according to attendance records, which you may or may not choose to espouse.

I heard, just before classes resumed, some rookie Red Raiders and their parents complaining about the registration Web-site being down.

Well, get used to it, but don't complain too much because it was not so long ago that everything at this school took two hours. Two hours of standing in line to register, two hours in the add/drop line, two hours to stand in

line for your loan check only to find out when you reached the counter that you had a hold, so you had to go stand in line somewhere else for two hours to get that taken care of before you get back in line for your refund check for another two hours.

It's better now — I promise. And for those of you who are fresh out of high school, no one cares what you wear or how your hair looks when you go to class. I know right now you have pretty bow in your hair and you're in your new school clothes that mommy bought you, but it's really more trouble than it's worth. You'll catch on.

Riding your bike to school is no longer dorky. All the cool kids are doing it, but everyone will point at you and laugh if you use hand signals when you turn, even though they might keep you from getting mowed down by a car.

To all Red Raiders, keep in mind that every semester in college, more than anything else, is step toward graduation — a step toward our dreams, a step toward becoming yuppie cheeseballs with SUVs and cell phones.

If you are going to do anything wild in your life, now is the time. Don't wait until you have two or three kids and then decide to live out your wild fantasies because it will probably screw your children up, and America hardly needs any more screwed up kids. Get everything out of your system now while it is still relatively safe.

This is college, make a party of it when you can, but get your school work done or you'll end up either dropping out or on the six- to eight-year degree plan, such as myself.

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Joseph Colley

Editorial

Alternative fuels, not deregulation the answer to Texas' power problems

(AP) — *Waco Tribune-Herald* on electric deregulation around the corner.

Texasans soon will be hot under the collar when they get their electric bills.

Natural gas prices have doubled and this added expense for utility companies will be passed along to consumers.

It's not as though electric bills in Texas aren't high enough now. Texas already pay some of the highest electric bills in America.

On top of this, Texas is about to deregulate its electric power industry. Deregulation is supposed to provide consumers with lower electric bills and more choices in a competitive marketplace.

That's good.

California, which always strives to be on the bleeding edge of new movements, has already deregulated its electricity industry for the same reasons that the Texas deregulation bill was signed into law last year, which also were good.

What was bad, however, was that deregulation in California has led to little competition, electricity shortages and higher electric bills.

Electricity shortages have forced some California firms to install expensive electricity generation systems to keep their businesses running.

Rolling brownouts have caused utilities to turn off the juice to selected California residential cus-

tomers. Electric bills in San Diego went up nearly 40 percent since deregulation.

Fortunately, California stepped first into the deregulation unknown. Texas can learn from California's mistakes.

That's what Pat Wood, chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission, and state Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, and state Sen. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, authors of the deregulation bill, say.

They also say that, compared to California, Texas has its own power grid, has better regulations and will have more competition. One would hope.

Fortunately, electricity deregulation in Texas will be phased in gradually through 2007. Lawmakers and regulators, who must stay attentive to the impact of deregulation, will have the opportunity to adjust the restructuring to avoid the mistakes made in California.

Electricity deregulation is reportedly in place or being considered in 25 states.

Two major problems loom. One comes from demand and the other from supply.

On the demand side, there has been a rapid rise in electricity consumption. Much of that increase has been attributed to the surge in use of the Internet, computers and computer accesso-

ries. Experts expect that use to continue to shoot upward.

On the supply side, new power plants and transmission lines need to be built, not just in Texas but across the nation. In addition, power plants need a reliable supply of clean-burning fuel.

There is plenty of coal, but it causes serious pollution problems. There are plenty of natural gas supplies, but much of the gas is blocked from drilling.

Clean alternative energy has yet to be made cost-effective, plentiful or reliable.

These problems need to be solved nationwide, and particularly here in Texas.

ALCOHOL

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arrested were under the legal drinking age.

One instance occurred recently at a West Lubbock apartment complex and resulted in the arrest of 11 Tech students.

"It was an 'on view' arrest where officers saw a group of people who appeared to be underage with alcohol, which gave them reason to question the group," Morgan said.

According to police reports, two LPD officers were on "foot patrol" at Jefferson Commons Apartments complex in the 1000 block of Frankford Avenue when they "saw a large group of subjects on the third floor porch" of a building.

There were 11 subjects, one of which was 21 or older, all in possession of an alcoholic beverage, the report said.

Police arrested the oldest subject, a 22-year-old man, for supplying alcohol to minors as well as six men and four

women, ages 17 to 20, for possession of alcohol by a minor.

The report also "numerous complaints and arrests for Texas Alcoholic Beverage (Commission) code violations" had been reported at the complex.

Morgan said, concerning the multiple arrest, problems tend to occur in relation to population density. He said where there is a group of people, the chances for problems increases.

One place where the population is extremely dense during this time of year is on the Tech campus.

Roberts said, in addition to the alcohol-related incidents on campus, there have been several drug-related instances as well.

"We've also had three cases in the past two weeks for possession of marijuana," he said.

Roberts believes the alcohol-related numbers will be strong this fall, but once the spring semester begins, he said the numbers typically get smaller.

PARKING

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no matter what week of class it is.

Matt Brooks, a senior public relations major from Amarillo, said he is fed up with parking and refuses to buy a parking pass.

"When I did buy one, there's no spaces to park anyway," he said.

Other than students parking in bus routes, the Citibus operation on campus ran smoothly, Weller said.

LaMetria Blair, a senior biology major from Dallas, said riding Citibus from her apartment forced her to miss her first class.

"I was 30 minutes late," she said. "I didn't even go. It (the bus route) was fine last year."

Blair said she plans on leaving her apartment an hour before her class begins today to ensure she arrives to class on time.

Students who want to ride the bus to campus from apartments in the South Plains Mall area will be asked to buy a \$25 pass around the third week of school.

Students were able to ride free last year because the university was subsidizing the cost of operating the bus system by utilizing Student Service Fee money. But because students were not using the off-campus system, the program was disbanded.

Students riding the bus from their apartments on Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue as well as commuter parking lots will not be asked to pay the \$25 fee, Weller said.

Citibus also now has a full-time representative on campus to help students with commuting problems. Citibus representative Wanda Hines will be working out of Weller's office and can be contacted by calling the SGA office at 742-3631 or Citibus at 762-0111.

Jeff Lehr contributed to this article.

Clinton supports Mandela's efforts

Seeks to end seven years of ethnic warfare, unnecessary killings

ARUSHA, Tanzania (AP)—President Clinton sought Monday to prop up Nelson Mandela's faltering efforts to end seven years of ethnic warfare in Burundi that has killed more than 200,000 people.

After two days of trying to bolster a 15-month-old democracy in Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, Clinton flew to Tanzania, where Mandela and other mediators have tried for weeks to craft a Burundi cease-fire.

The former South African president had hoped Clinton could join 12 African leaders in witnessing a peace agreement between Burundi's Tutsi-controlled government and Hutu rebels. But the talks hit a barrier.

Clinton arrived at the talks to find them in apparent disarray after Burundi's president demanded last-minute changes to a power-sharing agreement that was supposed to be signed Monday. Clinton met with Mandela in hopes that they could come up with a way to salvage the situation.

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Susan Rice
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS

On the eve of the hoped-for agreement, rebels fired on Bujumbura, Burundi's capital. The administration, noting that some rebel groups have not come to the negotiating table, declined to connect Clinton's visit to a signing ceremony and cast it instead as a show of support for Mandela.

"We see the Burundi peace process as... ongoing," said Susan Rice, assistant secretary of state for African affairs. "The best we can hope for is an outcome that takes the process a large step down the

road. In any case, the United States will continue to support the efforts of President Mandela."

Tribal drummers in headresses and flowing robes greeted Clinton and daughter Chelsea as Air Force One touched down at Kilimanjaro International Airport. Cheers erupted from the plane.

He was greeted by Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa, and they immediately went into private talks.

Afterward, Clinton recalled the embassy bombings in Tanzania and Kenya two years ago that left more than 200 people dead, including 12 Americans. He said the terrorists "failed utterly" to deter the partnership between Tanzania and the United States.

"We still share your sorrow and your determination to see justice done," Clinton said.

"I am glad to be here in a place of peace to visit a champion of peace," he said, noting that Tanzania is hosting both the Burundi talks and the Rwanda war crimes tribunal.

For his part, Mkapa said: "We are deeply touched that President Clinton has reached out to Africa more than any other (U.S.) president."

He commended Clinton for allowing Africans to try to resolve their own conflicts rather than dictating policy. "Only the owner can free his home from mice" Mkapa said, quoting an African proverb.

Christian group urges mass prayer at football game

SANTA FE, Texas (AP)—A group advocating school prayer is urging Christians to converge this week in a small Texas town and partake in "spontaneous prayer" before an upcoming high school football game.

Kody Shed, a 27-year-old Temple man working with the group "No Pray, No Play," is calling on Christians to con-

verge in busloads on Santa Fe, a town of about 8,500 located 30 miles southeast of Houston.

Shed said thousands are expected to arrive in Santa Fe to recite the Lord's Prayer following the National Anthem in spite of a June ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court that found student-led public prayers over loudspeakers at

Santa Fe school district football games to be unconstitutional.

"The court's ruling has many people upset, but I believe that America is about to see a much stronger endorsement of Christianity than any public school could ever establish," he said.

"The church is coming out of the

closet with the intent to boldly establish the kingdom of God. I would never want this great responsibility to be left up to our public school system."

David Ingebretsen of the American Civil Liberties Union called such prayer illegal because it forces everyone attending to hear or participate in the prayer, regardless of personal beliefs.

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Tech utilizing bank building space

Officials decide the \$2.65 million spent on Bank of America was the best, economically.

By Angel Wolfe
Staff Writer

After Texas Tech Board of Regents approval of the Bank of America purchase on June 23 some administrators may be forced to pack their bags and continue their jobs off campus

Tech purchased the Bank of America building at 19th Street and University Avenue for administrative offices, said Gene West, vice president of operations.

The \$2.65 million purchase was approved by the Board of Regents during the May 11-12 meetings.

Jim Crowson, Tech deputy chancellor, said the building was appraised at around \$3 million. Funds for the purchase came from a designated tuition fund, he said.

"We were spending three-quarters of a million dollars in leasing annually (for offices space around Lubbock)," Crowson said. "The \$2.65 million purchase was

the best thing to do, economically."

At this time, no decisions have been made on what specific administrative offices would be moving to the building, West said.

"There are no plans at this time that I know of for (Chancellor John Montford's offices) to move (to the bank building) or any of the system's offices," West said.

The building is about 77,000-square feet with about 60,000-square feet of office space, West said.

"The (building) has several tenants and Tech will have to honor those leases," West said. "Some leases are on a month-to-month basis, and we will be asking them to leave."

Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management's Skyviews restaurant is already located inside the building, as is the offices of diversity, development and KOHM radio, West said.

"Tech rents several places around Lubbock right now," he said. "For example, extended learning is located at the old Furr's Cafeteria headquarters (Quaker and Loop 289)."

The goal is to eventually bring the offices back to the bank building.

A new name for the building has not been decided on.

"Once we know precisely who is in (the building) we will rename it," Crowson said.

Abandoned mines danger to humans, home to bats

PHOENIX (AP) — Only pitch-black shafts with drops of up to 600 feet are left where roughly 100,000 copper, gold and silver mines once operated throughout Arizona.

To humans, these abandoned mines represent an injury waiting to happen because of their collapsing tunnel walls and leftover toxic gases. But to the 28 bat species living in Arizona, they're home.

The Bureau of Land Management and the Arizona Department of Game and Fish are working to eliminate the threat by building bat gates that will still allow bats in while keeping humans out.

"For bats, (the mines) are a way to escape the heat," said Elroy Masters, a wildlife biologist for BLM in Lake Havasu City. "And the mines protect them over the winter if we get freezing days so they can hibernate."

The gates are made of steel and iron and have small spaces that are just large enough to let bats through.

Masters is currently working to construct fencing and bat gates at Lake Havasu's Cienega Mining District, where there are about 90 open shafts.

"We're trying to protect bats to keep them from becoming listed on the Endangered Species Act," Masters said.

Bats have a low reproductive rate

of about one baby per year, said Tim Snow, a non-game specialist for Arizona Game and Fish.

Despite their relatively well-hidden existence, biologists say bats serve several important functions, such as pollinating saguaro and agave plants and controlling insects.

"They're prolific insect catchers," said Yar Petryszan, a bat researcher with the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Arizona. One bat can consume about 200 insects an hour—up to half its weight in one night, he said.

Petryszan works with the U.S. Forest Service monitoring bat populations and studying how they adapt to using bat gates at an abandoned copper mine at the Coronado National Memorial on the Arizona-Mexico border.

"They're real interested in being able to keep people out of these abandoned mines for safety reasons and to keep disturbance of the bats down," said Petryszan.

In western Maricopa County, about 40,000 bats live in the Tonopah Belmont Mine — one of the most dangerous mines for humans, said Alene Jones, supervisor of the abandoned mines program at the State Mine Inspector's office. The bats often fly 30 to 40 miles south to Tonopah and eat insects off crops there, she said.

Shipyard workers picket for higher wages

BATH, Maine (AP) — Striking workers at the Bath Iron Works, builder of Navy destroyers, walked picket lines Monday in a demand for more money and job security.

About 85 percent of the union members who cast ballots voted in favor of the strike, the shipyard's first walkout in 15 years, said John Portela, a union financial officer.

A shipyard spokeswoman said the company felt its offer was fair and that the overwhelming rejection of the con-

tract proposal for 4,800 employees came as a surprise. "We're preparing to go back to the table," spokeswoman Sue Pieter said Sunday.

The workers' contract expired at midnight, shutting down production at one of only two shipyards that build Aegis destroyers.

The last strike at the subsidiary of General Dynamics was a 99-day walkout in 1985.

"I want what I'm worth, and General Dynamics can well afford it," Paul

Avery, a shipyard rigger, said Monday. As managers arrived at work Monday morning, dozens of rowdy shipbuilders waved signs and yelled at them.

At another military contractor, nearly 3,000 workers went on strike Sunday against 10 Massachusetts plants of Raytheon Co.

Most work at the company's Andover plant, which makes most of the Patriot missile, Raytheon's best-known defense product. Hawk defense systems are also made there.

The Raytheon workers' union, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1505, said the company's proposals for a four-year contract don't do enough to protect manufacturing jobs.

At Bath, shipbuilders belonging to Local S6 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers were upset over the company's pay proposal and management proposals for changes in work rules.

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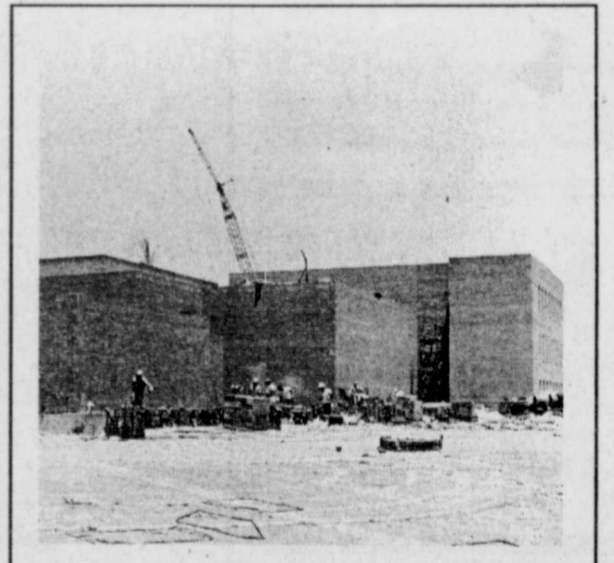
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Tech to notify parents of underage drinking

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

As part of the consequences of getting caught with alcohol on campus, Texas Tech students might soon have to deal with another stipulation to what some people think are already overwhelming stipulations.

Students under the age of 21 may have to face the wrath of their parents if they are involved in an alcohol or substance abuse incident under the parental notification policy implemented Aug. 1, said Greg Elkins, associate dean of students.

"One of the things I tell people is that it allows for the opportunity for parental notification," Elkins said. "Actual notification will be decided on a case-by-case basis."

By implementing this new policy, Texas Tech will join other universities such as the University of Delaware, Indiana University at Bloomington and Texas A&M University, who have in-

cluded parental notification as part of their alcohol and substance abuse policies.

The U.S. Congress made this possible with their modification of the Buckley Amendment, which concerns student privacy.

James Burkhalter, interim dean of students, said he thinks most schools will probably adopt this type of policy in the future.

"Congress modified the Buckley law so the information about alcohol and substance abuse could be released," Burkhalter said. "Right now, that's the only provision (for parental notification). Other activities are still considered under the act."

Under this policy, the university is able to notify parents of dependent students under 21 years of age that their child has been involved in an alcohol and/or substance abuse incident.

A "dependent" student is defined as a student who is claimed as a de-

"We know from surveys that alcohol has a significant effect on students' grades. Students do not do well academically while drinking alcohol."

Brent Patterson
TEXAS A&M STUDENT LIFE DEPARTMENT

pendent on their parent's federal income taxes.

Burkhalter said he believes the student must meet both criteria in order to be eligible for parental notification.

Before notification is made to the parents, the student must first be found responsible for the alcohol or substance abuse violation through due process of the university disciplinary committee, Burkhalter said. Then, the student will be told if notification will

be sent to their parents.

Elkins said the letters sent to the parents will not specifically state exactly what the student did in order for the notification to be sent out, but will instead state that "your son/daughter was involved in an alcohol incident and was involved in a disciplinary action because of it."

He also said a copy of the letter sent to the parents would also be sent to the student involved.

Brent Patterson of the Student Life Department at Texas A&M University said his university wanted to implement the policy as a way to educate both students and parents about the effects of alcohol.

"We know from surveys that alcohol has a significant effect on students' grades," Patterson said. "Students do not do well academically while drinking alcohol."

Patterson said he knew of "only two students who were repeat offenders" since this policy was implemented at A&M last fall, a number which he believed would be higher in the future. While he said he didn't know if alcohol abuse on campus had decreased because of the parental notification policy, he did say it increased communication on the subject.

"What I believe has been accomplished is that students and parents are communicating more on this issue than before," Patterson said. "We have been encouraging dialogue between

students and their parents before we notify them."

Elkins said a similar goal was part of the reason Tech decided to implement the policy. He said as part of that goal, his office has sent out postcards to students who attended orientation advising them to visit the TechWeb site where both students and parents can read about the policy and educate themselves about how to talk to each other about these issues.

Burkhalter said the university handles underage alcohol offenses on a case-by-case basis, depending on the amount of alcohol present, the seriousness of the incident and whether or not the student has been involved in an incident before. He said in these cases, the alcohol is confiscated and the student may be referred to an alcohol education class.

In incidents involving any suspicion of drug activity, the case is usually turned directly over to the police and the university discipline committee.

Princess Diana's sons move on; fans still pay public respects

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana's survivors have moved on. Three years after her death, Prince Charles has brought Camilla Parker Bowles out of the shadows, and Diana's sons are on the brink of adulthood. They all remember her in private.

But many of the millions of people who had never met Diana, yet grieved her loss, still pay their respects in public ways.

They visit Kensington Palace and pose for snapshots at the ornate gates where a mourning nation heaped flowers after the princess died in a car wreck Aug. 31, 1997, in Paris.

They still arrive by the busload at Althorp House, the Spencer family estate where Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, assembled an exhibition in her memory.

In its third year, the exhibition has had little press attention, "yet the visitors are still coming," said Althorp spokeswoman Shelley-Anne Claircourt. "It's really remarkable that the numbers are still so high."

The opening day gathering this year, as in previous years, included some of

Diana's most devoted admirers.

Dale Kramer, 47, from Ohio, told The Sunday Express that he had saved his earnings as a restaurant table cleaner so he could be at Althorp on what would have been Diana's 39th birthday, July 1.

"She was my inspiration," Kramer said. "I look at her picture when I drive and I look at her picture when I eat."

Kramer said he had been at Kensington Gardens in London the day before the inauguration of a new playground built in Diana's memory.

The event received news coverage, but mostly because the royal family did not turn up.

Buckingham Palace said family members had previous public engagements. Prince William, 18, and Prince Harry, 16, had declined their invitation — "a very private and personal decision they made for themselves," the palace said.

Prince Charles and his sons have made clear they do not want to perpetuate public grieving.

Two days after the first anniversary, William and Harry appealed to the pub-

lic to let their mother and her memory rest in peace. "Constant reminders of her death can create nothing but pain to those she left behind," they said.

Nor does the family want to condone a "Diana industry," making money off her memory.

The river of books, videos and magazine stories may have abated, but there is still no shortage of reading material for the fans.

The latest book — "Diana, Her Last Love" by Elizabeth Snell — and an accompanying TV documentary contended that Diana was in love with a Pakistani heart surgeon when she died and that her yacht trip with Dodi Fayed was a fling to make the doctor jealous.

A couple of tabloids picked up on the story, but it caused no sensation.

Britain's tabloids have faced up to the need for new faces to sell newspapers, with entertainers Victoria "Posh Spice" Beckham, Elizabeth Hurley and Catherine Zeta Jones decorating the front pages in steady rotation. But it just isn't the same.

Ramseys, police meet for first time in two years

ATLANTA (AP) — John and Patsy Ramsey pledged their cooperation with police Monday as they arrived at their lawyer's office to answer investigators' questions about the 1996 death of their daughter, JonBenet.

The couple, who now live in Atlanta, arrived about 8:10 a.m. for the meeting with police from Boulder, Colo., where the 6-year-old beauty queen was slain in their home in 1996.

"They say they need our help. We're here to help," Patsy Ramsey said as the couple arrived.

"They may never clear our names till they find the killer," her husband said. "We're not here to prove our innocence or clear our name. We're here to find the killer of our daughter."

Mrs. Ramsey was to go first in the questioning, followed separately by her husband.

It was the first time in more than two years they had faced questions from Boulder authorities.

The seven-member investigative team from Boulder was being led by Police Chief Mark Beckner, who said the questioning would focus on evidence developed over the past two years and statements the Ramseys made in their book "The Death of Innocence."

Beckner said the Ramseys are still under suspicion.

"Either they're involved or they're witnesses," he said. "They're critical to this investigation. Certainly, there are going to be some tough questions, but we're not going to be confrontational. The more time that passes, the more difficult this is

to solve."

The Ramseys' attorney, L. Lin Wood, called the meeting "an interrogation, not an interview."

He said he had advised the Ramseys not to meet with police because of "the potential for innocent people to be caught up in a web of an overzealous prosecutor and unobjective or less than objective police officials."

"I think it would be safe to say there's probably no lawyer who would recommend they participate in this kind of interrogation," Wood said.

There was no time limit on the interviews, which were to be videotaped and transcribed by a court reporter. Wood said the interviews could take about two days.

New associate dean of news and publications announced

Suzanna Martinez has become the new associate director of News and Publications at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Before this move, Martinez served as associate director of video services for the

Department of News and Publications.

HSC information specialist Julie Toland said Martinez' move gives her an opportunity to expand her responsibilities.

"Her main function at video services was working on the President's Prescrip-

tion television program, video news services and all other aspects of video production," Toland said. "Here she'll have the opportunity to do video production but she will do some writing and other things as well."

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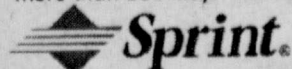
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Aggressive treatment urged for high blood pressure diabetics

CHICAGO (AP) — The National Kidney Foundation is urging more aggressive treatment of diabetics with high blood pressure.

Blood pressure in such patients should be no higher than 130 over 80, the foundation said. The current standard is under 130 over 85.

Most of the more than 11 million Americans with both diabetes and high blood pressure will need to take at least two drugs to reach the lower target rate, according to the foundation.

The foundation also recom-

mended that treatment start with an ACE inhibitor, a common type of medication.

The guidelines, published in September's *American Journal of Kidney Diseases*, are based on recent research suggesting that diabetics who have high blood pressure with a diastolic reading — the bottom number — of around 80 have fewer cardiovascular complications and less kidney failure.

Diabetics are more vulnerable to heart attacks and life-threatening kidney failure.

Law enrollment up across board

Intensive recruitment efforts boost minority numbers

■ **Although less minorities applied to the Tech school, more were accepted.**

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

Total enrollment at the Texas Tech School of Law is up 35 percent, and minority enrollment is up 145 percent because of intensive recruitment efforts by several individuals.

Mitchel Winick, assistant dean for external affairs, said the benefits from the active involvement of the dean's office and other committees in recruiting are now being seen.

"Enrollment is up across the board, not just with minority students," Winick said. "This increase just shows that the law school is moving in the right direction."

Winick also said although less minority students applied this year, more were accepted. The number of minority applicants for entrance in Fall 1999 was 293, while the number for minority appli-

cants for Fall 2000 was 279.

Of those applicants, 89 were accepted in 1999 and 139 were accepted for entrance in this year's class. Of those accepted, 20 minority students enrolled in 1999 while 49 minority students enrolled in this year's fall class.

"In 1999, only 10 percent of the students were minorities. This year, 18 percent are. And female enrollment is up as well," Winick said.

"Last year, females comprised 42 percent of the class. This year, they comprise 46 percent."

Donna Williams, co-director for admissions, said she believes the success came from the efficiency of the admissions staff.

"We sent out acceptance letters earlier in the spring, which let us do more things for the accepted students, such as the accepted students day," she said.

All accepted students were invited to attend and orientation day, which was in April. During that time, students were shown around campus and were invited to Dean Frank Newton's residence.

Alison Myhra, a professor in the School of Law and chairwoman for the admissions committee, felt the intensive recruiting efforts was to thank for this increase.

"We really feel that our efforts, along with an expanded accepted students day, student committee and our 100 percent February bar passage rate combined to make this year's enrollment outstanding," she said.

"And it's always nice when a strategy works."

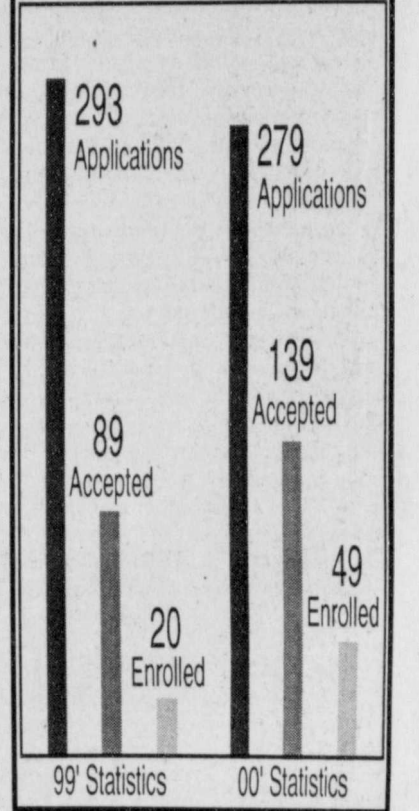
The student committee was comprised of several second- and third-year students who spoke with the accepted students, both on the phone and in person and answered any questions about the school or Lubbock that the students had.

Jason Mathis, a first-year law student from Paris, Texas, said the committee was a large determining factor on his decision to attend Tech school. The laid back attitude of the students, price and seriousness of the professors helped, Mathis said, but ultimately, it was the students from the committee.

"More than anything, (the admissions committee) influenced me to come here. I had been accepted at Louisiana State University and Washington State University in St. Louis, along with here, but they were really helpful," he said.

"They are really proud of their university."

Statistics of Minority Enrollment



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North Texas suffering record low drought

DALLAS (AP) — With not even a hint of rain to settle the dust Monday, North Texas entered its 59th day without moisture—longer than the record-setting dry spell during the Dust Bowl days of the Depression.

Lawns in Dallas-Fort Worth and beyond are burned, farmers and ranchers have lost an estimated \$595 million and reservoirs are shrinking fast, even though rainfall for the year is close to normal.

And the forecast doesn't hold a hint of a sprinkle, let alone a good gully washer.

"You just keep pouring water on the yard, and it keeps turning brown," said Molly Gneiting, who lives in the Fort Worth suburb of North Richland Hills. "Every morning I water the flowers. If I miss just once, you can tell it by the afternoon."

And it's not just dry; it's hot. Monday was the year's 36th day of 100-degree temperatures in Dallas-Fort Worth. The record is 69 days, set in 1980.

"It looks like the middle of winter. Everything's brown," said Rayford Pullen, agricultural extension agent for Montague County, a largely agricultural area along the Red River.

In the town of Throckmorton, hundreds of volunteers spent their vacations digging ditches for a pipeline to bring water from another town because their own reservoir had fallen too low to supply drinking water.

Lou Hyde and her husband, Ted, bought their home at Lake Arrowhead near Wichita Falls so their children and grandchildren would have a place to swim and fish.

"Even the cranes don't go out to

fish anymore," she said. "Every morning when we get up and look out, there is less and less water."

"What we need is a good steady rain," said Polly Drozd, whose family owns a marina on Lake Lewisville near Dallas, where the water level has

dropped 15 feet. "Not just a day or two of rain, but a real steady rain for a week or two."

But none is expected. "Even the long-range forecast doesn't look good," said National Weather Service meteorologist Mark Fox.

Even cloud-seeding in hopes of bringing rain to the Texas Panhandle was

on hold — there weren't any clouds to seed.

"The 9th of August was the last time we've seen anything," said Shea Lea Clower, meteorologist for the "precipitation enhancement" program.

Still, the Dust Bowl years were much worse.

That previous record of 58 days without rain, set in 1934 and tied in 1950, was only broken by one-one-hundredth of an inch of rain.

"It was terrible. It was a horrible time," said Bill Green, a curator at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. "Dirt drifted up and covered barbed-wire fences. Conditions were much worse than they are today because we have learned a lot about soil conservation in 70 years."

And despite the dry spell, North Texas has received 21.19 inches of rain since Jan. 1, only about an inch below normal, mostly because of a wet June.

Fires continue in Yellowstone

RED LODGE, Mont. (AP) — A fast-moving wildfire closed the scenic Beartooth Highway to Yellowstone National Park and threatened up to 150 houses Monday, some of them million-dollar trophy homes in the Montana woods.

Elsewhere, a firestorm in an Idaho forest destroyed most of the buildings at a guest ranch, and a second guest ranch was ordered evacuated.

The fire near Red Lodge became the No. 1 firefighting priority in Montana, but ground crews with shovels might not be on the job before Tuesday because so many other blazes across the West are demanding their attention.

"Even if we got everything we want, it may not be enough," Forest Service Ranger Rand Herzberg told exasperated residents. "This is going to be a tough one, folks."

Les Linn, 76, said he packed up and got out of his house when the fire was about half a mile away.

"We loaded up the back of the pickup," Linn said. "The thing I made sure I got first were my guns."

The Willie fire — so named because Willie Nelson was headlining a music festival in Red Lodge — started Sunday when a motorcycle crashed and caught fire a few miles south of town on the Beartooth Highway that leads into the northeastern corner of Yellowstone. The fire quickly grew to 3,000 acres on the west side of the highway, which was closed on Sunday.

Many tourists had to find another way out of the park after the closure of the 65-mile route to Red Lodge.

"We're moving everybody back toward Yellowstone Park, telling them to turn around," said a spokeswoman for the Montana Highway Patrol.

Flames were just feet from some of the evacuated houses.

"One side of the road has homes, the other side has fire," said fire information officer Scott Fitzwilliams.

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Tech professor earns state recognition

Prof. Walt McDonald named Texas' poet laureate for 2001

By Heath Cheek
Staff Writer

Texas Tech professor Walt McDonald has been named poet laureate of the state of Texas for 2001. The appointment was announced Aug. 21.

Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford nominated McDonald earlier this year. McDonald was selected from a broad field of nominees by various state lawmakers.

The poet laureate of the state of Texas position was created in 1932 to honor artists from around the state. The position is an honorary title administered by the Texas Library and Archives.

McDonald said the announcement was a "happy surprise" and that he was touched by the honor.

"I was sitting here working when the phone rang and a special assistant to Sen. (Robert) Duncan told me," he said.

McDonald has taught in the English department for the past 29 years, and this semester he teaches a creative writing class.

In 1987, McDonald was named a Paul Whitfield Horn Professor. The Horn professorship is the highest academic rank Texas Tech bestows upon a faculty member.

Earlier this year, Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton granted him a lifetime appointment as poet laureate of Lubbock. McDonald has also served as poet-in-residence at Tech since 1987.

Before teaching at Tech, McDonald spent time in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot and English teacher at the Air Force Academy. He also taught briefly at the University of Colorado.

During his career McDonald has authored 18 collections of poetry and one collection of short fiction.

Four of his books have won Western Heritage Awards from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. He has also won six awards from the Texas Institute of Letters.

In addition, McDonald has had several of his works published in various magazines including "Atlantic Monthly," "Poetry," and "London Review of Books."

McDonald describes his accomplishment as a "local boy done good" story. McDonald was raised in Lubbock and graduated from Texas Tech.

"I never expected to return to Lubbock after graduation," he said. "Tech is my alma mater and the place that nurtured me."

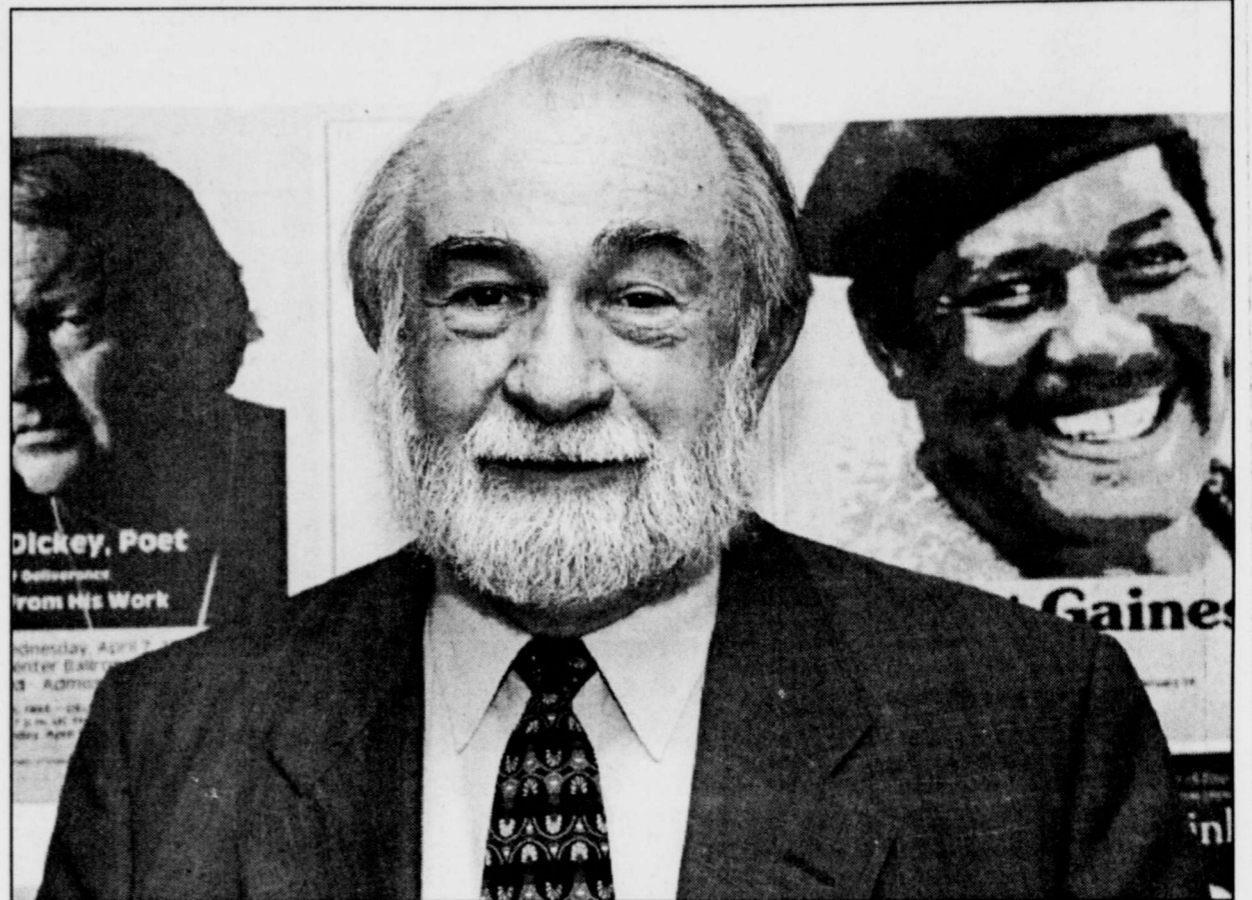
With all his success as an author and professor, McDonald describes himself as "the luckiest alumni ever."

McDonald said it does not seem like it was that long ago when he was a student walking around on the Tech campus.

He said he is proud of his accomplishment but is more proud that someone from Tech was accredited with such an honor.

McDonald's reign as poet laureate of the state of Texas will take effect Nov. 1. He will replace James Hoggard, a poet from Wichita Falls, who held the post for the past year.

More information about McDonald and samples of his work are available at his web site located at <http://english.ttu.edu/faculty/McDonald>



After being nominated by Chancellor John Montford, Walt McDonald was dubbed poet laureate of the State of Texas by state lawmakers. McDonald's new title will go into effect Nov. 1. During his career McDonald has authored 18 collections of poetry and one collection of short fiction.

Researchers discover gene that may cause primal urges

(AP) — Scientists have identified the first human gene that may be linked to pheromones, odorless molecules that in other animals trigger primal urges including sex, defense and kinship.

Experts describe the discovery as possibly opening a new door into the role of pheromones in human development.

In animals, researchers have documented how pheromones trace

complex neurological paths to stimulate parts of the brain that are deeply rooted in instinct.

Researchers have long believed that humans also communicate through pheromones, but until now

they had been unable to find any of the equipment needed to detect these potent molecules.

Now, in experiments at Rockefeller University and Yale, neurogeneticists have isolated a human gene, labeled

V1RL1, that they believe encodes for a pheromone receptor in the mucous lining of the nose.

A receptor is a patch on the surface of a cell that binds with specific molecules, like a lock that accepts only a specific key.

"This is the first convincing identification of a human pheromone receptor," said University of Colorado

biochemist Joseph Falke. Humans share the V1RL1 gene with rodents and other mammals that rely heavily on pheromone cues to survive.

However, it has not been determined whether the gene is active in humans or which pheromone-induced behavior the gene might induce.

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Sarah Hembree, a sophomore public relations major, checks out a promotion for a Web site that offers digital textbooks Monday morning outside the University Center.

Peel turns table on men

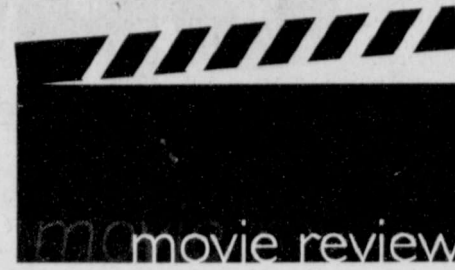
(AP) — Hey, guys, if Amanda Peet is your dream girl, be afraid. Be very afraid.

Peet, co-star of the WB television series "Jack & Jill" and Bruce Willis' hired-gun protegee in "The Whole Nine Yards," delivers a viciously gleeful twist on male-female relations in the gutsy sex comedy "Whipped."

Written and directed by first-timer Peter Cohen, "Whipped" is a caustic, raunchy, often hilarious examination of how men use women, and how easy it is for a determined female to do the same to a passel of self-centered males.

In "Swingers" style, three New York City pals share tales of romantic conquests and advice on scamming women into sex.

There's Wall Street cad Brad (Peet's real-life boyfriend Brian Van Holt), pretentious Bohemian Zeke (Zorie Barber) and sensitive geek Jonathan (Jonathan Abrahams), who tends to



end up alone with his collection of hand-lotion helpers instead of a woman.

Joining them is married guy Eric (Judah Domke), who takes voyeuristic pleasure listening to his single friends' weekly bull sessions. When he was single, Eric was part of the scamming team as the guy who would "jump on the grenade"—take the less attractive woman so his friends could score with the prettier ones.

"And then I married the grenade," Eric says. "I pulled her pin."

One week, each of the threesome has a surprise to tell. It seems each has met someone truly special: Zeke, a woman with artsy film tastes that match his own; Brad, a woman fascinated by his financial acumen; and Jonathan, a woman who shares his passion for solo sex.

But they soon learn that each has fallen for Mia (Peet), who handily deals with audience incredulity over the coincidence by expressing her own disbelief that three best friends could wind up with the same woman in a city the size of New York.

Cohen's ribald, razor-sharp script ultimately unravels a more wicked, willful explanation.

Meanwhile, Brad, Zeke and Jonathan opt to continue dating Mia, who professes to like all three and makes each one feel that he's got the inside track to outlast the others.

Cheerleader spoof brings on the movie-goers; debuts at No. 1

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three cheers for "Bring It On." The spoof about high school pep squads competing for a national championship debuted as the top film at the box office over the weekend with \$17.4 million in revenues, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Wesley Snipes' spy thriller "The Art of War," about a United Nations agent caught up in turmoil over China trade relations, premiered in second place with \$11.2 million.

The mobster comedy "The Crew," this month's second new movie featuring a geriatric foursome, opened at No. 7 with \$4.1 million. The movie stars Richard Dreyfuss, Burt Reynolds, Dan Hedaya and Seymour Cassel.

The other old-timers flick, "Space Cowboys," held strongly at No. 4 with \$6.6 million, raising its take to \$63.8 million in four weeks. Last weekend's top movie, "The Cell," dropped to third place with \$9.6 million.

"Bring It On," starring Kirsten Dunst, had an average gross of \$7,311 in 2,380 theaters. "Art of War" averaged \$4,259 in 2,630 theaters, and "The Crew" averaged \$2,715 in 1,510 locations.

"The girls ruled the box office," Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, which tracks movie attendance, said, referring to the pep squad spoof.

"It had real female appeal, and there's not been a lot this summer targeted at women and girls," he said. "When you starve an audience for something, they will come out and see it when you finally tap into that audience."

"Bring It On" will turn in a decent profit for distributor Universal, since the movie cost just \$10 million to make. The movie's success bucks an underachieving box-office trend for other teen satires such as "Election," "Drop Dead Gorgeous" and "Dick." Dunst co-starred in the latter two.

Universal Chairman Stacey Snider said the movie's marketing — which played up the rivalry between Dunst's white squad and their black hip-hop competitors — helped broaden the audience for "Bring It On."

"It was that idea, just bring it on," Snider said. "There was an attitude to the marketing campaign that distinguished this film from the sort of vanilla, homogenized teen comedy."

Marc Abraham, one of "Bring It On's" producers, said the movie offered audiences a "bit of a guilty pleasure. It's kind of raucous. It smells like fun, it smells like teen spirit."

After a month of slumping revenues compared to last summer, the top 12 movies this weekend grossed an estimated \$75.7 million, virtually dead even with a year ago.

With one weekend left, Hollywood's summer take will come in about \$200 million below last year's record \$3 billion. That would be the industry's second-best summer ever in terms of revenue, but higher ticket prices mean attendance could be off by 10 to 15 percent over last year, Dergarabedian

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Holden Baker
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ABC's reality series gives intimate look at hospital

NEW YORK (AP) — Amid the tension of the emergency room, Dr. Edward Cornwell lectures a belligerent gang member who's been shot in the back — even as he tries to save the young man's life.

Later, he takes a group of boys from a tough Baltimore neighborhood to meet another shooting victim stuck in a hospital bed, showing how the culture of guns and violence isn't glamorous like in the movies.

Cornwell moves with the self-assurance of an actor, even if he lacks George Clooney's brilliant smile or Anthony Edwards' dramatic timing.

He's not acting, though. There's

nothing fake about the blood-soaked sheets. Or the bullet wounds. Or Cornwell himself, the chief of trauma surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. In the summer of reality television, he's as real as it gets, and one of the stars of a remarkable six-part documentary series on ABC that debuts Wednesday at 10 p.m. EDT.

"Hopkins 24/7" depicts the inner workings of the Baltimore hospital in a narrative style with all the drama of "ER."

The camera follows a 14-year-old girl as she learns she has uterine cancer; a deaf child who wakes up from surgery and hears for the first time; a first-year intern strug-

gling through a 100-hour work-week; and doctors meeting to discuss why patients died during surgery.

Phyllis McGrady, senior vice president of ABC News, first conceived the idea in 1993 and finally conquered the logistical mountains to get it done.

A family health emergency had forced her to spend a lot of time in a hospital.

"I realized there was an entirely different world than any world that I had ever heard of," she said.

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Raiders look to improve offense after victory

Kingsbury and company head back to drawing board to better offense for contest against Utah State Aggies

By Patrick Gonzales
Staff Writer

It is one of the most effective ways for a defense to put pressure on a quarterback quickly - blitzing.

In Texas Tech's season-opening victory against New Mexico on Saturday it was the Lobos' blitzing that caused the Red Raider pass-happy offense the most trouble.

And as the Red Raiders prepare this week for their matchup with Utah State on Saturday, defending the blitz and bettering the pass protection are at the top of Tech coach Mike Leach's improvement list.

"Offensively, we have to run routes better, make good checks at the line of scrimmage and get better protection from the running backs and the offensive line," Leach said.

The Lobos sacked Tech quarterback Cliff Kingsbury four times and forced him to a 44 percent (21-for-47) completion percentage. In fact, Kingsbury attempted only one pass more than 30 yards, and his longest completion was 23 yards.

"Part of that is my fault because I didn't make quick enough reads," Kingsbury said. "But we have another big game this week, and we'll try to make things happen."

Shaud Williams, the Big 12 Conference freshman offensive player of the year, had seven touches in the contest with only two of them

coming on handoffs.

Williams also said the offense would have to improve on picking up blitzes.

"I feel that from here on out, every team is going to blitz us, so we have to be ready to react to that better than we did (Saturday)," Williams said. "I feel we could have played a lot better, but the main positive is that we got the win."

Overall, Leach said the offense was good in spots but that being better was a matter of just getting everybody on the same page.

"We never had a massive breakdown, just a few missed assignments here and there," Leach said. "They were a little frustrated during the game, but we just all needed to relax. It's kind of like performing surgery with a chainsaw instead of a scalpel."

Defensively, the Red Raiders dominated the Lobos causing three turnovers that led to 10 points.

Leach said he was impressed by the defense's intensity and enthusiasm to get to the ball, which he believed set the tempo for the game.

Defensive tackle Lamont Anderson was one of the defense's exuberant players causing one of the fumbles Saturday and finishing the game with four tackles - two behind the line of scrimmage.

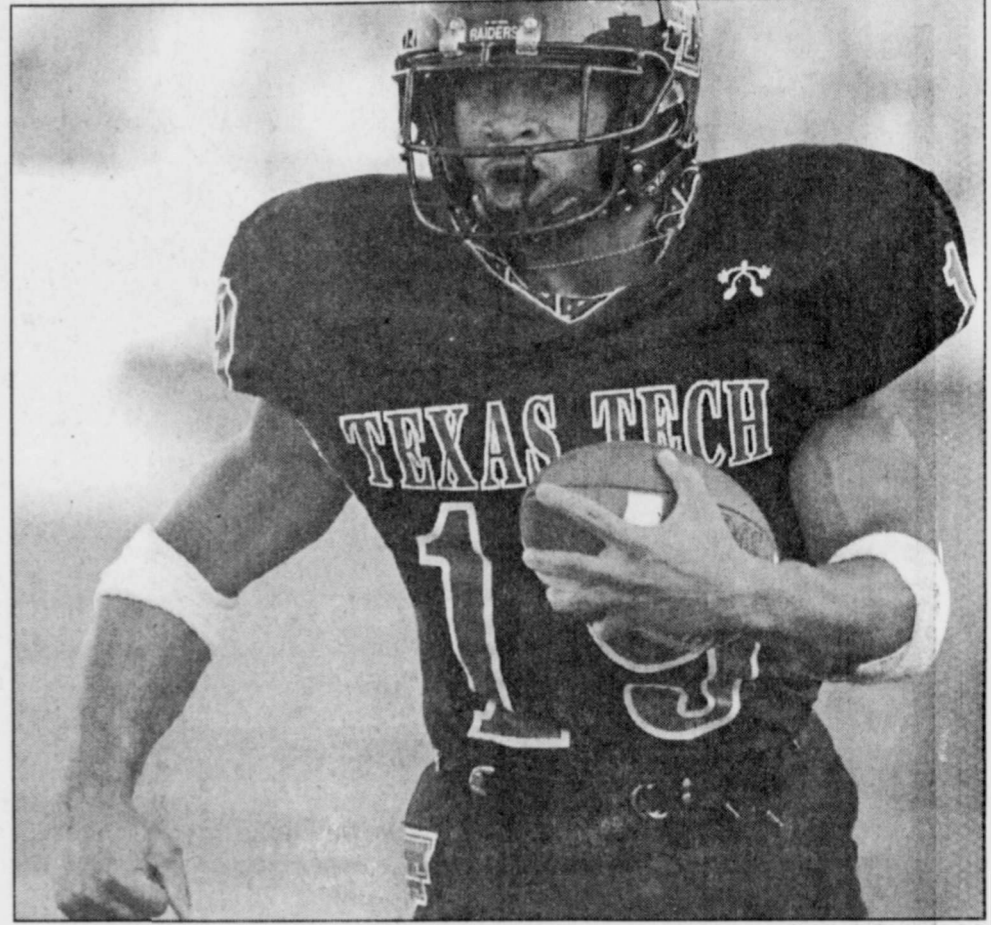
"It's easy to come out with intensity when you play for coach Mac (Greg McMackin)," Anderson said. "We all want to make the play. We all want to run to the ball. When one of us is returning a fumble, we're all going to be downfield blocking because it's like blocking for a family member."

The Red Raiders will next face Utah State at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium.

"There is no doubt that (Saturday) was a successful night," Leach said. "If we would have won 2-0, it would have been a successful night."

"Offensively, we have to run routes better, make good checks at the line of scrimmage and get better protection from the running backs and the offensive line."

Mike Leach
TEXAS TECH HEAD COACH



Tech running back Shaud Williams rushes for yardage in Tech's season opener against UNM. Williams accounted for 54 of Tech's 255 offensive yards.



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Texas-El Paso head coach more than coach to Miner football players

EL PASO, Texas (AP)—When Gary Nord was the offensive coordinator at Texas El Paso, he felt like the players' big brother.

"Now I feel like their dad," said Nord, who is preparing for his first season as head coach of the Miners.

Nord's relationship with his players was among the reasons he was chosen to replace Charlie Bailey, who retired in December after seven seasons.

It also helped that he developed the UTEP offense that ranked 21st in the nation in passing last season.

Nord brings the excitement you'd expect from a first-time head coach. He predicts he can turn the Miners from a program that's had only two winning seasons since 1970—1987 and 1988—into a consistent winner and that he'll do so this season.

A big plus is that he has the players believing, too.

Quarterback Rocky Perez said Nord has a quiet way of explaining what needs to be done.

"I'm glad he's our head coach," Perez said. "He's a really good motivator. He's got the players wanting to play for him."

As offensive coordinator, Nord pulled the Miners' total offense from 97th nationally in 1997, his first year at UTEP, to 43rd in 1999. He's aiming for a 7-4 season and a bowl appearance.

The season opens Sept. 2 at No. 19 Oklahoma. Winning a game like that would provide the jumpstart Nord needs.

He recalls his days as an assistant coach at Louisville, his alma mater, when the Cardinals upset heavily favored Texas 34-7.

"Then our kids started believing," Nord said.

Nord believes that win spurred the team to an 11-1 record and a Fiesta Bowl victory in 1990. Louisville went on to win the Liberty Bowl in 1993.

Nord's four-year contract gives him time to build the program his way. And, even though he knows the players, he said it will take time for things to develop.

A planned training facility and new dorms should help.

"It's the first time they've made a commitment to a coach for the four or five years you need to build a program," Nord said. "It takes two years, in my opinion, to get what you want out of a young man."

Nord knows his bond with his players will be tested. He also knows he's prepared to give some tough love.

"They know there isn't going to be somebody looking the other way," Nord said.

"If you don't discipline them, then you don't care about them."

Partridge leaves Tech for XFL position

Head of Tech athletic media relations departs to take job in new football league

By Patrick Gonzales
 Staff Writer

For 16 years, Kent Partridge has been associated with college sports.

However, Partridge, Texas Tech's director of athletic media relations, will now take his experience to the professional ranks after accepting a similar position with the Birmingham Bolts of the Xtreme Football League.

"It's a chance to get on the ground of something exciting that is going to take off," said Partridge, who has worked with Tech media relations office for more

than year. "I wasn't looking to go anywhere, but this job just kind of fell in my lap. It's going to be an interesting gig."

Partridge officially will take the job as public relations director for the Bolts on Sept. 5, and Chris Cook, Tech's associate media relations director, will take over Partridge's duties on an interim basis.

Cook has been with the Texas Tech mediarelations staff since the beginning



Partridge

of the 1999 Red Raider sports season. Cook was in charge of media relations for Tech men's basketball a season ago as well as assisting in the media relations duties for other sports at Tech.

"We are definitely going to miss him, and we have very big shoes to fill," Cook said. "Our service level has risen since his arrival, and we anticipate it to stay that way with his departure. We all wish him the best of luck."

Partridge came to the Red Raiders

from Auburn last year, and his main duty was handling media relations for Tech football.

He is from Birmingham, Ala., and his parents and other family members still live there, making his decision to move easier.

"I've enjoyed my time here. The people are great and this is a great place to live," Partridge said. "I've had the opportunity to work with great coaches here, and I value the friendship we have."

"This type of opportunity doesn't come too often, so I'm jumping at that chance."

The XFL is the newest professional football league created by World Wrestling Federation owner Vince McMahon with the help of a \$30 million investment from NBC.

The league has eight teams in Birmingham, Ala., Las Vegas, Chicago, Los Angeles, Memphis, Tenn., Orlando, New Jersey/New York and San Jose, Calif. The XFL, which is being marketed as a more extreme league than the NFL, will begin its season Feb. 3.

Although he has yet to meet McMahon, Partridge said he is counting on meeting him.

Little leaguers keep uniforms

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — For the first time, Little League World Series officials allowed members of all eight teams to take their uniforms home.

The reason: the old uniforms are no longer necessary.

Next year, a new set of colors and team names will be required as the Series expands to 16 teams.

"We told the teams they have conducted themselves in such a great sportsmanlike manner," said Little League Baseball president and CEO Stephen Keener. "We thought, who better to take (the uniforms) home as a souvenir of their wonderful week here?"

If only all of the challenges facing Little League could be dealt with as easily.

While the world around it has changed immeasurably, Williamsport maintains a sense of innocence, a place where hot dogs still cost 75 cents, a soda goes for a quarter, and kids still whoop and holler and cry when the final out is made.

The test now is how the 54-year institution will preserve its history and protect its relevance while continuing to stave off encroachment of big business and further corporate sponsorship.

Bigger is not always better.

"That's a fair concern," Keener said. "I think it's incumbent upon us to keep the proper perspective. Kids haven't changed. The world around them has changed, but kids are still the same."

"And we need to always keep that in mind and treat them like kids."

That proved to be the case last week. While officials dealt with controversy on two fronts, the kids stole the show.

There was the team from Vancouver, Wash., which drew its inspiration from Tyler "TJ" Jacobs, a 6-year-old recovering from brain surgery.

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Things never change in West Texas

Mark it down for me being an idiot. As I made the long boring drive from El Paso to Lubbock, I thought I would see some new things around the Tech campus as I entered my second year as a Red Raider.



Matt Muench

I thought that maybe the food was going to be better in the dining halls.

I even thought that maybe the Traffic and Parking officers were actually going to realize they were not real cops.

But most of all, I thought Tech football was going to be exciting to watch when opening night arrived.

Maybe Saturday's game against a terrible New Mexico Lobo team was a bad first impression.

However, I still thought coach Mike Leach and his new staff had something better in mind than what I saw at Jones SBC Stadium. I have been fooled. What was I thinking?

It was not a football game it was a

fútbol (let me translate for the administrators. Fútbol means soccer) match. Plain and simple it was boring.

I know they won, 24-3, but it was the defense that saved it. I want to talk about the offense that almost blew it.

Tech would have lost to every team in the Big 12 the way the "new" Tech offense played against the Lobos.

I know it is only the first game of the season.

However, we live in a world of cynics, and maybe I am the leader of that world. But Tech fans have been teased. I don't think what we saw Saturday is going to change.

We were told it was going to be a different type of game out there than what we have seen in past (laugh). Sure, there was more passing than usual, but most of the game it was a quick out or a quick screen. It looked like the West Coast offense.

Quarterback Kliff Kingsbury completed less than half of his passes and only threw for a measly 186 yards.

His average yards-per-pass was 8.8 yards. I expected at least something in double figures.

We were told this new spread offense called "Air Raider" was going to be a crowd-happy offense (laugh).

I saw most of the student section gone by early fourth quarter and the loyal remainder was sitting down. Well, except for those crazy hecklers that sit

up front.

We were told that the football team was ready to start their season after long, hard summer workouts and early fall two-a-days (laugh).

It didn't look like that to me. I saw confused wide receivers, an offensive line that couldn't hold a three-man rush or pick up the blitz, and I saw a quarterback that couldn't pull the trigger fast enough.

Maybe we should just stop listening to what we are told.

What I saw Saturday was just another ordinary college football game. I thought Tech was going to be pulled from the small cats group to the big dogs group this season. Oops, my mistake. They told us that, too.

The school is jumping with glee because it is a new season, and the Raiders won by 21 points. But they were supposed to win and they are supposed to win these next three games.

Games against Nebraska, Texas, Texas A&M, Oklahoma and Kansas State are games the Red Raiders are not supposed to win.

Those are the games Leach, fans and the Tech offense should worry about.

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Cowboys sign Sparks to help depleted secondary

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Not completely comfortable with their shaken-up secondary, the Dallas Cowboys on Monday signed former Giants cornerback Phillip Sparks to a five-year contract and expect him to play in the season opener.

During the off season after it was apparent that Deion Sanders wasn't coming back, the Cowboys signed free agent veteran Ryan McNeil and used three of their five draft picks on cornerbacks. McNeil has earned his starting job, but two of the drafted rookie

cornerbacks have been injured and Kareem Larrimore, the rookie seemingly set to be a starter, struggled in preseason games.

Then the Cowboys ended up without two players they expected. Sixth-year safety Charlie Williams will miss at least two games still recovering from offseason knee surgery. Cornerback Kevin Smith, an eight-game starter last season, reported to camp but decided to retire instead of playing a ninth season.

"We went into two-a-days, we had

soe good young corners, young talent and felt like we would have Kevin Smith and Charlie Williams, some guys with experience," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said. "Now we're in a completely different situation."

The Cowboys also had considered Sparks before signing McNeil, who was in Cleveland last season after spending his first six NFL seasons with Detroit and St. Louis. Sparks spent the past seven seasons with the New York Giants but then hinted he may retire and didn't sign with a team before training camp.

Both Campo and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Sparks would be on the field when the team returns to practice Wednesday. They expect him to play in Sunday's opener against Philadelphia.

"We feel like there's no question that he can come in here and really give us the experience plus very significant skill that will really benefit this team," Jones said. "This is every bit as much about what Sparks brings to the table ... Larrimore will get the numbers of snaps he was going to get anyway."

To make room on the 53-man roster,

the Cowboys waived linebacker Chris Bordano, who was acquired from New Orleans in an offseason trade that sent cornerback Kevin Mathis to the Saints. Sparks got a \$1.5 million signing bonus and will make about \$500,000 this season with Dallas.

Campo said Larrimore has done enough to be the opening-day starter, and insisted that the move was not a reflection on the rookie. But the coach wouldn't say who would be starting opposite McNeil on the corner.

"It's a business decision. I'm not too

worried about any of that," said Larrimore, a fourth-round pick out of West Texas. "I'm still out there now and just have to continue to get better. They are bringing him in for depth and he's a veteran."

Larrimore is the only one of the three rookie corners to stay healthy during the preseason. Dwayne Goodrich, the second-round pick from Tennessee, and sixth-round pick Mario Edwards from Florida State both have strained hamstrings and have been limited or held out for most of the last three weeks.

Hardaway threatens to leave Miami for greener pastures

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — Upset at being the only unsigned Olympian and growing ever more impatient, Tim Hardaway now says there's a 50-50 chance he'll leave the Miami Heat and play elsewhere next season.

The Indiana Pacers wasted no time Monday seeing if Hardaway was bluffing, placing a call to his agent.

"I'm dead serious. I'll go play for a contending team like the Pacers," Hardaway said. "I'll go somewhere where they appreciate me. I think (Indiana coach) Isiah (Thomas) appreciates me, and right now I'm getting no love from the Miami Heat."

Hardaway, an unrestricted free agent, is seeking a three-year contract from the Heat. But he says he will consider signing a one-year deal with Indiana for the mid-level salary cap exception of \$2.5 million.

The Heat can pay him much more, but Miami president Pat Riley and Hardaway's agent, Henry Thomas, have made little progress toward an agreement. With three months having passed

since the Heat was eliminated from the playoffs, Hardaway has lost his patience.

"I deserve a lot more respect than I'm getting," Hardaway said. "I took less money to stay there. (Riley) said he'd take care of me, and it hasn't happened yet. I want to be there, but I've got to look out for Tim Hardaway and Tim Hardaway's family."

Donnie Walsh, president of the Pacers, placed a call to Thomas after hearing of Hardaway's dissatisfaction over the weekend. Indiana plans to move Jalen Rose to the point-guard position after losing Mark Jackson to Toronto on the free-agent market, but the opportunity to sign Hardaway could alter those plans.

"I'm looking into it to see if he's for real," Walsh said. "I'm sure there's a place for Tim Hardaway somewhere."

Hardaway also said he would consider signing with the Chicago Bulls, who have enough cap room to outbid the Pacers. Hardaway is from Chicago and played for Bulls coach Tim Floyd at Texas-El Paso.

Riley has made major changes to the Miami roster this summer, acquiring Eddie Jones and Anthony Mason from Charlotte and agreeing in principle on a three-team trade that will bring Portland free agent Brian Grant to Miami.

The Grant deal is expected to be finalized Wednesday, which will presumably allow the Heat to turn their attention to Hardaway.

"I'm not on that team, so I'm not going to talk about the moves they made," Hardaway said.

An 11-year veteran and five-time All-Star, Hardaway has been slowed by injuries the past two seasons. A deep bruise in his left foot limited his movement in the playoffs last June when Miami lost to the New York Knicks in seven games, but Hardaway

says everything has healed.

Riley and Miami general manager Randy Pfund are expected to fly to Hawaii later this week to meet with Hardaway and watch him scrimmage. The Olympic team will play exhibition games Thursday against Canada and Saturday against the U.S. Select Team.

Alonzo Mourning has been working out with Hardaway all summer and has been in contact with Riley regarding the Hardaway situation.

"Going into this, he should have been signed. But it's like this: This is a cold, unpredictable business," Mourning said.

"I know Timmy's going to be taken care of because there's a certain level of loyalty with our organization, unlike

other organizations that I won't necessarily name," Mourning said, making a veiled reference to the rival New York Knicks. "We take care of our own, and I know they're going to take care of Tim."

Mourning and Hardaway took it upon themselves to run wind sprints Sunday after a spirited practice, and Hardaway's teammates on the Olympic team said they had noticed that he had arrived in training camp in much better shape than he did last summer when the team qualified for the Olympics at a tournament in Puerto Rico.

Hearing Hardaway gripe about his status, Gary Payton told him he'd be welcome in Seattle and Shareef Abdur-Rahim said he could always come to Vancouver.

Payton and Abdur-Rahim laughed as they made their pitches, but Hardaway wasn't smiling back.

"To keep him quiet for this long has been a major accomplishment, but he feels he has things he needs to say," Thomas said. "Some of those feelings are coming out now."

MLB players extend agreement

NEW YORK (AP) — Assuring baseball will have labor peace through next season, the players' association on Monday exercised its option to extend the sport's collective bargaining agreement through Oct. 31, 2001.

The union's move had long been expected, since players generally are happy with the deal, which went into effect in November 1996 and was reached only after a 232-day strike wiped out the 1994 World Series, the first cancellation of baseball's championship in 90 years.

Players had until Thursday to exercise the one-year option, a provision contained in the current labor contract, which originally covered 1996-2000.

By exercising the option, the union ensured baseball will have six straight years of no canceled games—regular season or spring training—for the first time since 1966-71.

"I am grateful and pleased with the players' association's decision," commissioner Bud Selig said in a statement. "Nobody understood the heartache and difficulty associated with the strike more than I did. Our relationship with the association is better than it has ever been, and I am hopeful that we can find a peaceful way to solve baseball's problems."

Many owners, however, have complained the agreement has widened the disparity between the high- and low-revenue markets, with the average salary rising from \$1,119,981 at the end of the 1996 season to \$1,988,034 on opening day this year.

"Certainly, it's a wonderful deal for the players and they would enjoy it continuing it for many, many years," Atlanta Braves president Stan Kasten said.

"If it's not good for the industry, it creates problems for everyone, and clearly this deal creates problems for the industry."

International Olympic Committee approves drug tests for Olympic athletes

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The centerpiece of the biggest anti-doping program in Olympic history won final approval Monday.

The International Olympic Committee approved tests for the banned drug erythropoietin, or EPO, to be conducted at the Sydney Games next month.

The move is considered a breakthrough in the fight against one of the most powerful and abused performance enhancers in sports.

"I think this will be a very good impact on the many athletes who do not cheat," IOC vice president Kevan Gosper of Australia said. "For those who do cheat, I hope it scares the heck out of them."

Also Monday, the IOC's executive board trimmed a preliminary field of 10 candidates for the 2008 Summer Games to five finalists—front-runner Beijing;

Paris; Toronto; Osaka, Japan; and Istanbul, Turkey.

Eliminated from the race were Bangkok, Thailand; Cairo, Egypt; Havana; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Seville, Spain.

The 2008 host city will be chosen by the full IOC at its session in Moscow in July 2001.

A combined urine and blood test for EPO was backed earlier this month by the IOC medical commission and outside scientific experts. But final authorization was required by the IOC's legal commission and executive board.

"This is a win for sport and vindicates the confidence the government has had all along in our scientists to produce the goods in time for the Sydney Games," Australian Sports Minister Jackie Kelly said. "The introduction of the new EPO test means the Sydney Games will now

have the world's toughest ever drug testing program."

IOC medical commission chairman Prince Alexandre de Merode said at least 400 EPO tests would be conducted from Sept. 2, the day the athletes' village opens in Sydney, until the close of the games on Oct. 1.

A total of 3,200 drug tests—including 2,000 standard in-competition urine tests and 400 out-of-competition controls—will be carried out before and during the games, the IOC said. Urine samples

taken as part of the EPO procedure will also be used to test for substances such as anabolic steroids.

By contrast, there were a total of 1,923 drug tests at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

In another new step, the World Anti-Doping Agency is conducting around 2,000 unannounced, out-of-competition tests before the Sydney Games. All 28 Olympic sports federations have signed up for the tests.

EPO, the drug at the heart of the Tour de France doping scandal in 1998, is the drug of choice among athletes in endurance events such as long-distance running, swimming and cycling.

Injected in synthetic form, EPO enhances stamina by increasing the number of red blood cells, which carry oxy-

gen to the muscles. Experts say it can improve performance by up to 15 percent.

French researchers developed a urine test that can provide direct proof of EPO use, while Australian scientists devised a blood test that offers indirect evidence.

In Sydney, an athlete will be considered guilty of EPO use only if both tests are positive.

It will be the first time blood samples are tested as part of the official anti-doping program at the Olympics.

Some have expressed concern that athletes could object to blood tests on religious or ethical grounds. Any positive finding could also lead to legal challenges.

But IOC officials stressed that Olympic athletes are required to sign a waiver binding them to accept the IOC's anti-doping rules.

"If you want to compete in the games, you subject yourself to blood testing," said Anita DeFrantz, an American IOC vice president.

"That's the choice you make. You don't have to compete in the games."

"I'm dead serious. I'll go play for a contending team like the Pacers."

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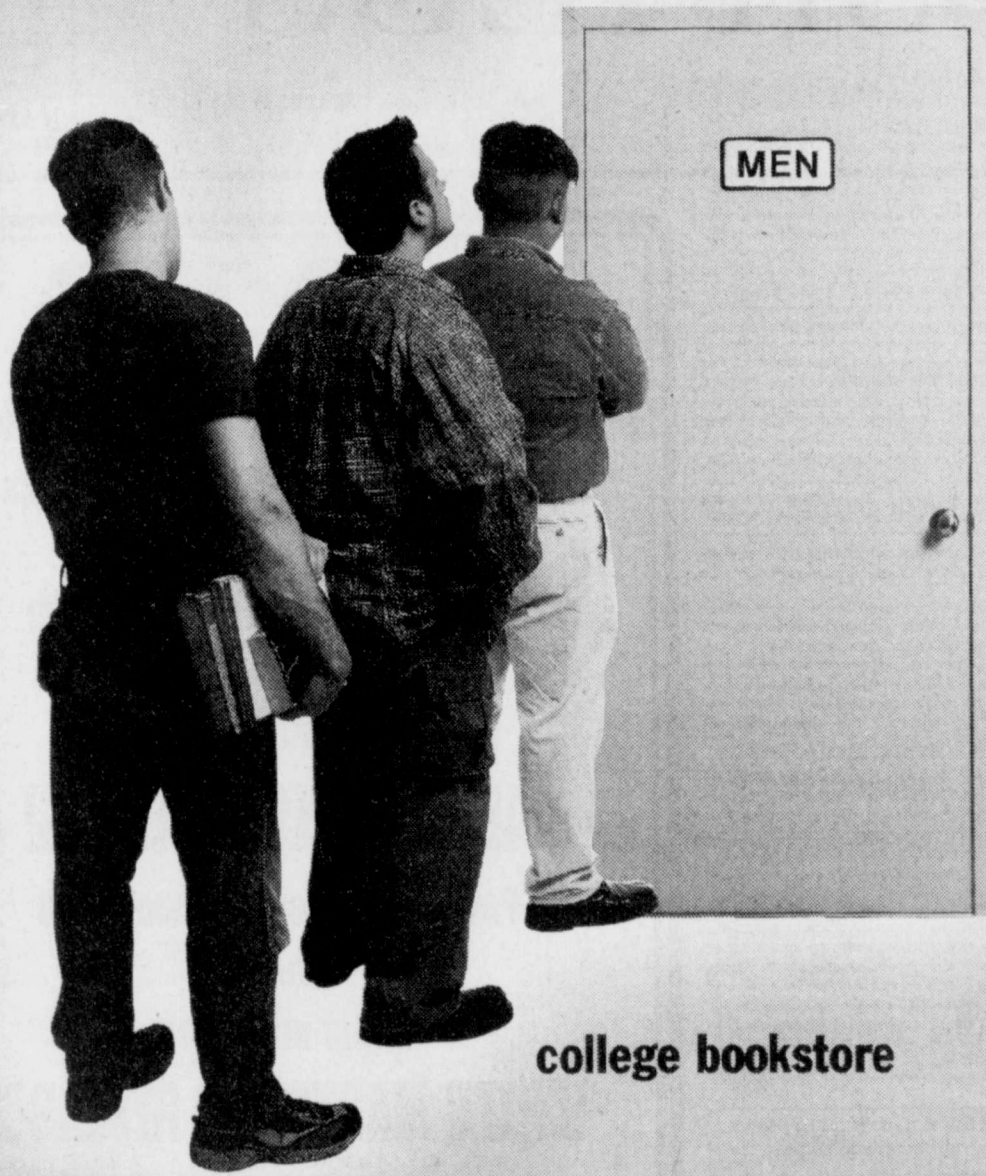
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