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**STATE**

**Health official faces penalty for racism**

AUSTIN (AP) — State Health Commissioner William "Reyn" Archer III, suspended last week after making racially insensitive comments to a black former employee, resigned Monday. Archer, 46, whose 1997 appointment had been approved by Gov. George W. Bush, had taken heavy criticism this year from minority groups after questionable comments about Hispanics and blacks. Bush had supported Archer through his previous controversies but pulled back his support last week, calling Archer's latest comments "inappropriate." Dr. Demetria Montgomery, who was a top-level administrator in the state health department before she was fired last month, secretly tape recorded a February meeting with Archer.

On the tape, Archer can be heard making references to "lynching" and suggesting Montgomery used her brain to advance her career and "that's what white people do." Health and Human Services Commissioner Don Gilbert announced Archer's resignation.

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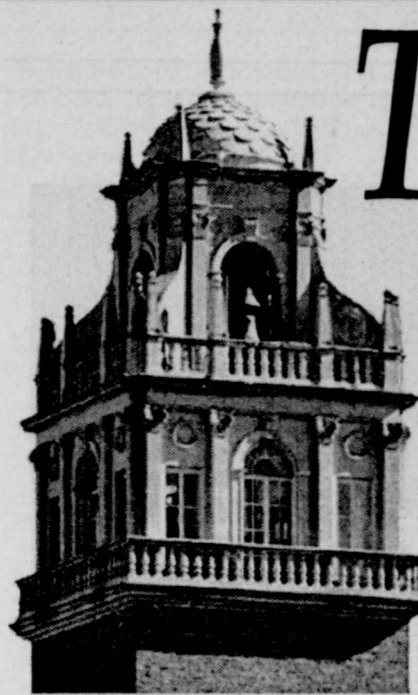
**Long-distance firm splits into four parts**

NEW YORK (AP) — Board members of AT&T Corp., the nation's largest long-distance telephone service and cable television provider, intend to consider dividing the company into four distinct businesses, according to reports. The split would create separate companies specializing in business services, wireless, consumer long-distance, and "broadband" delivery of TV, Internet and phone services over cable lines. The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal reported in Monday's editions. The board meets Monday. The company's biggest and most profitable unit, the Business Services department, which caters to corporate customers, would become the new AT&T and would create brand-licensing and commercial agreements with the three other businesses.

**WORLD**

**Visit to North Korea likely for president**

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — Putting aside a half-century of acrimony, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il engaged in unprecedented talks Monday aimed at laying the groundwork for a visit by President Clinton to one of the last bastions of the Cold War. With a firm handshake, Albright and Kim moved their two nations a bit closer together. Toasts at a lavish guest house captured the sense of promise, yet awkwardness, in the tentative thaw. Albright said "the road to fully normal relations remains uphill," but her visit is a start. Kim's top aide, Vice Marshall Jo Myong Rok, offered a toast to Albright and said improved relations with Washington are "very important to the security of the Korean Peninsula and the Northeast Asian region as well." "I am really very happy," Kim said earlier in welcoming the first ever visit by a U.S. secretary of state.



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## Officials propose Rec Center combo

By Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

Tuition bills may possess a slightly different look if a proposal is approved to combine two fees into one to pay for the Student Recreation Center.

Joe MacLean, director of Recreational Sports, said the Rec Center would like to see all the money allocated to the Rec Center combined into one fee. The Rec Center receives money from a Rec Center construction fee and a portion of the student services fee.

Under the proposal, students would pay the \$30 usually allocated to the Rec Center from stu-

dent services fees as part of a new \$55 Recreational Sports fee, which combines \$30 taken from the student services fee with the \$25 Rec Center construction fee. The student services fee would then be reduced by \$30.

"Everybody is paying an equal amount of money," MacLean said. "This way, however, the fees are written out so students know the money is going to the Rec Center."

He said under the current system, confusion surfaces for students who are enrolled in less than 12 hours, such as graduate students. These students are charged for the Rec construction fee once they enroll in one course hour but are not

charged for the \$30 out of the student service fee because they are not enrolled full time.

"Very few students understand the student services fee," MacLean said. "The Rec Center fee is under a group IV designation, which means a student has to take 12 hours before they are charged for it."

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said the combination of these fees would clear up a lot of questions concerning the Rec Center fees and participation at the Rec. He said in the past, this has caused confusion because students taking less than 12 hours have not been allowed access to the Rec Center, even though they are

paying \$25 for the building's construction. If the two fees are combined, it would allow all students paying for the Rec Center to utilize the facility.

If the proposal is approved, the committee that oversees fee increases will also be changed. Shonrock said the Recreational Sports Committee that would take over this role will mirror the Student Services Advisory Board that handles the issue.

"The Student Services Advisory Board is comprised of five students and four other members, who traditionally are students," he said. "This new committee will mirror that committee, so students will still have a say."

In order for the proposal to take effect, the Student Senate first must approve it. Senate President Brenda Schumann said a resolution to approve the proposal would be presented at the next meeting, scheduled for Nov. 2.

Shonrock said the reason the proposal needs to be endorsed by the Student Senate is because it provides a good indicator to the Board of Regents and the Texas Legislature that students in general understand and endorse the change.

"One of the first questions the Board of Regents will ask is whether or not the proposal has student support," he said.

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### Boys will be boys



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Chris Ramirez, a freshman business major from Lubbock; Anthony Rudine, a freshman medical student from Mesquite; and Cullen Shaw, a freshman music major from Lubbock, take a break from their jogging to participate in a three-way mud fight Monday afternoon in the parking lot behind the Journalism building.

## Party-goers adapt to German lifestyle

**Festival attracts large crowd at County Line restaurant.**

By Mara McCoy  
Staff Writer

Clapping, swaying in unison and toasting several times throughout the night, patrons of the County Line restaurant enjoyed a rare occurrence in Lubbock on Monday night — an authentic Bavarian Oktoberfest.

Oktoberfest is an annual event

held each fall. The original event was held in Munich, Germany, and occurs in October of each year. Traditionally, polka music is played, and people dance and sing and drink beer.

Musikkapelle Markt Erkheim, an authentic 45-piece Bavarian band from Erkheim, a small town in Germany, has been touring Texas Oktoberfests. They performed at a Dallas Oktoberfest during the weekend and are traveling to Junction to perform at the Texas Tech campus there and at Junction ISD. They also will perform at several other loca-

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DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

Bavarian band members from Erkheim, Germany, play their Alpen horns to kick off Oktoberfest Monday night.

## Funding increase approved

**Grant could help research efforts for Space Sciences Center.**

By Jeff Lehr  
Staff Writer

The U.S. House of Representatives has approved \$1.5 million in funding for continuing research in the Center for Space Sciences at Texas Tech.

The bill for the funding, which is awaiting Senate approval, will be signed by the president and made available in 2001, enabling Tech scientists to further research crop-growth efficiency and water-recovery technology.

The Center for Space Sciences is a cooperative effort between Tech and the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston. The goal of the year-old project is to improve NASA's ability to conduct long-term manned space flights.

James Smith, director of the Center for Space Sciences, said the funding will aid ongoing research efforts concerning plant growth in space as well as water recycling.

"We have some equipment that's about seven or eight years old," he

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## Selection searches continue

By Angel Wolfe  
Staff Writer

The first round of application review is now complete, and while many vice presidential search committees are receiving strong applicants, one committee is still in search of who to choose.

Bill Wehner, vice chancellor for special projects and interim vice chancellor for institutional advancement, said his committee has not met as of yet.

Wehner is in charge of the search committee for vice president of institutional advancement.

"We've received about 20 applica-

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said. "All of that technology will be upgraded." Specifically, one progressive research project Smith said will receive improvements is the Engineering Development Unit (EDU), a closed atmosphere unit used to simulate growing conditions of various plants in space.

In May, NASA launched the growth chamber to Tech and since, engineers have consistently modified the unit to their standards. The unit is on loan until October 2001.

Ellen Peffley, associate professor for the department of plant and soil science at Tech, has been involved with the EDU project since October 1999 and said the unit is almost ready for implementation.

"We're about ready to put the guts back and put some plants in it," she said. "All of that should be done sometime this week."

Smith said the DOS-based operating system will be one of the first things upgraded along with the computer's processor.

"We will try to reduce the size of all the mechanical components and the control systems," he said. "Everything will be smaller, better and cheaper."

In addition to the EDU, the project incorporates a wide variety of research projects, including genetically engineering plants for value-added traits, Sequence-L data mining and analysis and water recycling.

Smith said the water research conducted is important to rural communities with water needs and limited supplies for the future.

In a prepared statement from U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, "the funding will also be used as a unique educational resource and will enable local students to learn more about the importance of agriculture and water recycling." The House approved the funding at the request of Combest.

The computer science department at Tech is also part of the Center for Space Sciences and will receive some of the funding to enhance research of the Sequence-L programming language.

Dan Cooke, chairman of the computer science department, was out of town Monday and could not be reached; however, according to his Web site, the alternate language is the reverse of traditional programming. The traditional approach to programming burdens the programmer because the data object is not explicit in the program statement, according to the Web site.

The Sequence-L language introduces new language constructs to describe data objects in terms of their form and content.

Smith said the new language will basically make it easier for the programmer to read and write programs.

Tech researchers, including professors and students, conduct all research performed done for the Center for Space Sciences. "We've provided the people involved and this funding will allow us to continue their research," Smith said.

Cheers



Members of the Lubbock community raise their glasses in a toast Monday evening at a local Oktoberfest celebration at the County Line restaurant. A 45-piece Bavarian band was on hand to authenticate the event.

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tions before heading back to Germany.

"I love to be here again," said Eddi Mikusch, a member of the band. "Everyone is so nice here and friendly."

Markus Mikusch, manager of the band and the son of Eddi Mikusch, said he enjoyed the contact he had with the community.

"If you came here as a tourist, you wouldn't connect with the people in the same way," he said.

"But by being hosted, we met people we wouldn't have otherwise. We made friends the first time we came."

Anna Wilson, a Lubbock resident who came to the event in full Renaissance Bavarian costume, said this was the first time she had ever seen the band.

"I have never seen this band, or anything like it before in Lubbock although I have seen some in other cities," she said.

"It's such a treat to have something like this here."

Michael Vorauer, who also attended the event in Bavarian dress, said he also enjoyed the band.

"I saw them (Sunday night), and they were very good," he said. "They came to the (Eric Casa Del Sol/Hank Smith Historic Retreat ranch) last night, and I actually helped serve them dinner. It was an enjoyable experience."

Georgia May Smith-Ericson, owner of the ranch, said she was happy to host the band.

"They came to my ranch Sunday, and they seemed to have a lot of fun," she said. "We fed them a chili dinner, and they walked around the ranch and the canyon. They seemed to enjoy seeing the countryside—it was something different to them."

Smith-Ericson said she was happy to be able to hear the band.

"It's such a treat to hear them," she said. "It's not often that we have something like this."

Tech student Trisha Burrell, a freshman music major from Lubbock who works as a hostess at County Line, said she thought the band was "awesome."

"I'm a music major, and they really impressed me," she said. "I have gone to lots of concerts, and they are really good. We should do this kind of thing more often."

Keith Bearden, director of the Goin' Band from Raiderland, said he was happy they band was able to come.

"If we were in Munich right now, we would be hearing the same thing," he said. "It's great that the band could come out and we could have an Oktoberfest."

Bearden said the band went to the Goin' Band rehearsal, and then performed for the students Monday at Hemmle Hall on the Tech campus.

"The first time the band came, they came to one of our rehearsals and were amazed by us," he said. "This time, they came to a re-

hearsal again, and then performed for us. The kids seemed to really enjoy it. It was something new that many might never have had a chance to see otherwise."

David Trimson, a second grader at Parsons Elementary, said he had fun.

"I like it," he said. "I've never brought anything like this before, so my dad brought me. They look really cool."

Tech student Carrie Bertio, a senior social work major from Lubbock, said she read about the event and decided it sounded like fun.

"It is something different to do," she said. "I'm glad I came."

Sara Reyna, Bertio's roommate and a senior social work major from Dallas, said she had never seen anything like the band before.

"This is the first time I ever saw anything like this," she said. "I really like the way people are getting into this, swaying and clapping—it's neat."

Nathan Spellman, a senior finance major from New Orleans, said he hoped to dance to the music.

"I've never danced to this type of music before," he said. "I hope I get to. I actually came hoping I could tonight."

Byron Waters, owner/operator of the County Line, said he was glad he was given the opportunity to help.

"This is a great thing to have here," he said. "It's an honor to have this sort of group and this sort of event here in Lubbock."



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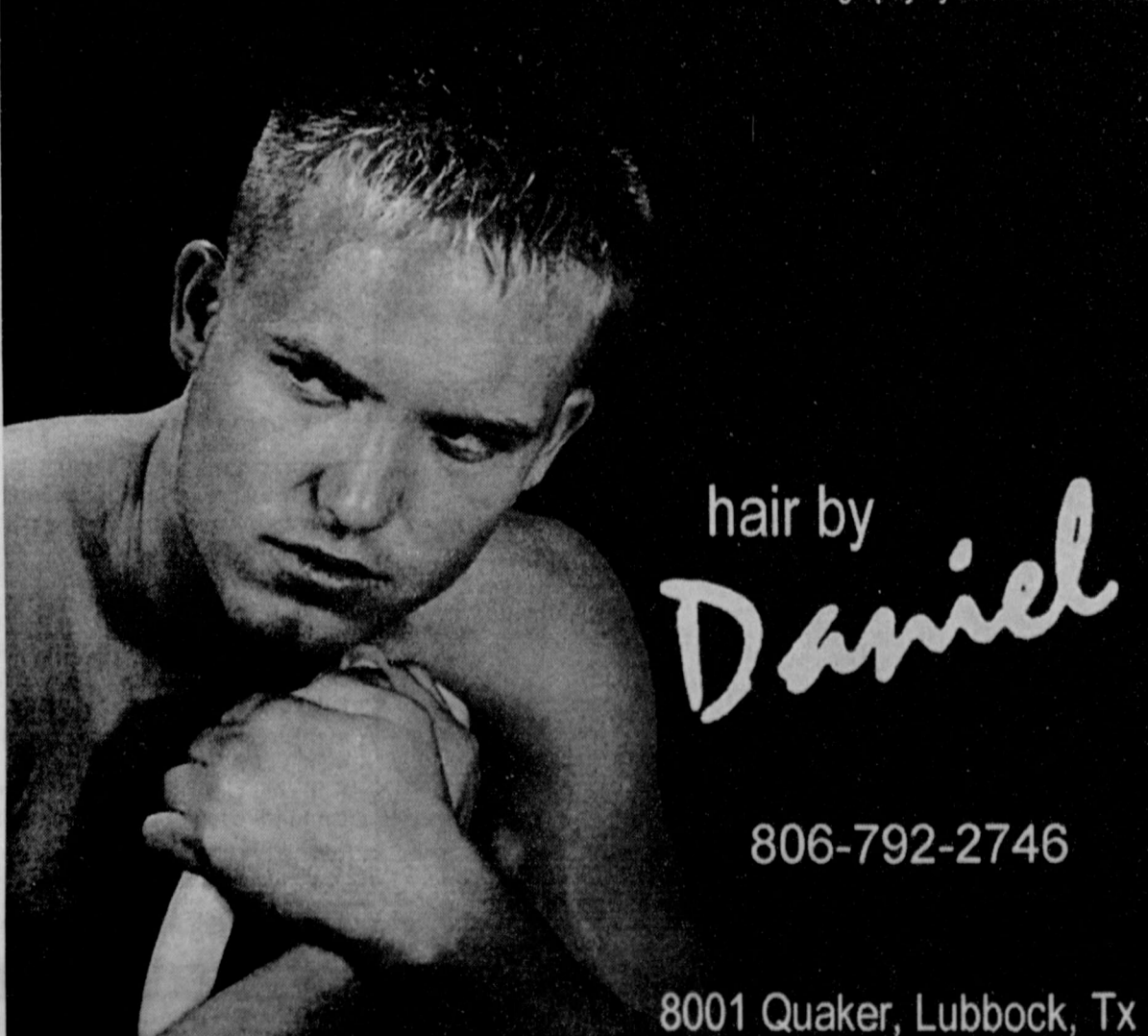
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**SEARCHES**

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tions that are really weak," he said. "So at this point I am networking with colleagues to get some strong candidates."

Wehner said he hopes to find 10 strong individuals for the committee to review.

"I've let my committee know that I'm really disappointed with the response," he said. "This really isn't unusual. Anyone who has been a part of a search committee before knows that the really strong candidates usually don't apply for positions on their own. You have to go out and find them."

As of Monday afternoon, Wehner said there was one very strong minority candidate.

"If I have predicted right, he will be a part of my top 10 candidates for review of the committee," he said.

The goal, Wehner said, was to find at least 10 qualified and strong candidates for the committee to review. Wehner said he would like his committee to have two to three candidates to submit to President David Schmidly for review.

The vice president of institutional advancement is responsible for all major gifts in excess of \$1 million to the university, according to the Tech Web site.

While Wehner is having difficulty finding what he considers strong applicants, Jim Brunjes, chief financial officer for the Tech system, said the group he is directing should be ready to submit names to the president by Thanksgiving.

"Most likely we will have the committee work complete and have names to submit to the president by Thanksgiving," Brunjes said.

Brunjes is in charge of the search committee for vice president for fiscal affairs. The vice president is the chief financial officer for the university and is responsible for managing, directing and controlling the financial affairs of the university, according to the Tech Web site.

"We met to basically review the criteria for the position," he said. "I expect there to be one more round of applications before we finish."

Right now, the committee is completing reference checks for the applicants.

Elizabeth Hall, assistant provost,

said the committee in search of vice president for student affairs met for a preliminary meeting and will meet again Nov. 1.

"I don't know when the committee will be ready to submit names (to the president)," Hall said. "That will depend on the outcome of the November meeting."

While she did not feel comfortable speaking for the committee, Hall also said she is hopeful the committee will be finished with its work before Thanksgiving.

To date, 19 applications have been submitted to the committee for review.

The vice president for student affairs will be the senior student affairs officer responsible for administration coordination, development management and planning of the university policies, programs and services related to campus life and student development, according to the Tech Web site.

Allan Headley, associate academic dean of the graduate school, was unavailable for comment about his committee on Monday afternoon. He is in charge of the search committee for vice president for research graduate studies and technology transfer.

The vice president will be responsible for advancing the research mission, according to the Tech Web site.

Ron Phillips, special assistant to the president and associate general counsel, said Headley's committee has received 25-40 applications and has met at least once.

Marvin Cepica, dean of agricultural sciences and natural resources, was also not available for comment on Monday afternoon. He is in charge of the search committee for vice president of information technology, the chief information officer for the university.

Schmidly has asked the committees to review all applicants for the positions and give him three to five names unranked but has given no official date as to when the names should be given to him.

All five positions are filled by interim vice presidents that will stay in the positions until the new employees take office. Schmidly has said he hopes to have all five vice presidents named by the end of the fall semester but realizes they may not be able to move into their new positions for several months.

# Ceremony honors bonfire victims

## As anniversary nears, A&M officials plan special one-year-to-the-moment memorial.

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University will hold a memorial ceremony one year to the moment after 12 Aggies died when the annual bonfire stack collapsed during construction last Nov. 18.

Student body president Forrest Lane said the remembrance, planned by a task force of staff and

students, will be held on the same polo field where last year's bonfire stack fell, killing 11 students and one former Aggie and injuring 27 other students.

"We feel it highly appropriate to conduct this observance at the bonfire site and as closely as possible to the precise time of the tragic chain of events — hence the decision to assemble in darkness," Lane said. "One factor in scheduling the observance at 2:42 a.m. is anticipation that a crowd would have assembled spontaneously at that time."

Family members of those who died have been invited to attend. They will be seated in a cordoned-off circle surrounding the housing

for a large flame that will be lighted in remembrance of the Aggies who died.

Another section will be reserved for students injured in the collapse and their families.

Thousands of students, local residents and former students are expected to attend.

The ceremony will include several elements of the university's annual April 21 Muster ceremony,

when Aggies who have died during the previous year are remembered. Each victim's name will be called out by a family member or friend, a candle will be lit for each person and each will get a military salute.

The lighting of candles is expected to extend to the thousands scheduled to be in attendance.

Instead of the traditional firing of rifles as a military salute, a cannon will be fired 12 times, Lane said.

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port," he said. "The proposal has a much better chance of becoming legislation with student support than without it."

If the resolution passes the Student Senate, it will then need to be approved by President David Schmidly, Chancellor John Montford and then the Board of Regents. Once it has approval by the board, it will be submitted to the Texas Legislature to be voted on in the spring.

Shonrock said he is cautiously optimistic about the proposal's approval.

"There are lots of steps to get fees amended or changed," he said. "However, since we are just amending the fees, I don't see why it wouldn't pass."

The Recreation Center Construc-

tion fee was passed after students voted to expand the Rec Center last year as part of a 20-year bond. The expansion project includes the additions of a climbing wall to the Rec Center, an Olympic weight room and an indoor jogging track among other projects. MacLean said at the end of the 20 years, students would be given the option of continuing the fee to pay for new renovations or to stop paying the fee.

"I believe any extensions would have to be approved in a student referendum," he said. "I don't think it would continue unless the students supported it."

Earlier this month, the Student Senate passed Senate Resolution 36.02, which allowed students taking less than 12 hours to play intramural sports provided they pay the Student Service fee or purchase a faculty/staff recreation pass.

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 24

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## Your View

Did the presidential debates change your opinion of either candidate?



**Masina Brees**  
senior interior design major from Kaufman

"Not really. I'd all ready looked into both of the candidates before the debates. I formed my opinion before and it didn't really change."



**Charisse Maxwell**  
junior performance major from Mesa, Ariz.

"For me it has changed it some. I just have a much stronger opinion. The debates helped me get a better understanding of their character and who they are."



**Charlie Milling**  
senior engineering major from Fort Worth

"Yeah, it did. After the debates, I was leaning towards Bush. Gore's character came off in a bad light, and I really began to see the differences in a lot of their programs."



**Sean Rhode**  
senior marketing major from Austin

"It hasn't really changed anything for me. I was already decided on who I wanted to vote for. The debates just enforced what I was already thinking."



**Dan Russo**  
graduate student in philosophy from Blue Field, Va.

"It kind of changed. Going into it, I thought Bush had a big plan that was going to add up in the end. In the end, I thought that Gore had convinced me more."

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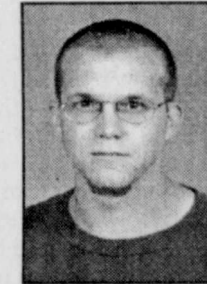
## Column

### Actions do speak louder than words

I am not a tree hugger or any other type of environmentalist. I have respect for nature, but I refuse to call myself an environmentalist when I live in a building made mostly of wood from trees.

I don't weep every time I turn the key to start the engine on my car as I add deadly exhaust fumes to our air, and I doubt Al Gore, or any other so-called environmentalist, does either.

As I prepare myself for school every morning, I have no qualms with using my usual gallon of hair spray to keep my hair in place. I'm enough of a hypocrite without adding another dimension to it by calling myself an environmentalist while I do many common things they say destroy the Earth.



**Joseph Colley**

I'm all for not dumping nuclear waste in my drinking water, but if the Earth is as bad off as they say, then it's inevitable that we will eventually destroy it. If the Earth is not destroyed during my lifetime, then it will be destroyed during the lives of my grandchildren or their grandchildren or their grandchildren, etc.

I could get philosophical and claim that by stalling the destruction of the Earth, environmentalists are causing more people in future generations to suffer unnecessarily by not letting us go ahead and destroy the Earth now rather than later, but I won't do that.

I admire people like Julia "Butterfly" Hill, who lived in a Redwood tree for two years so that the loggers would not touch the surrounding forest. At least she got off her butt and took drastic steps for something she believed in. She did not just call herself an environmentalist, pay dues to a couple of environmental organizations and vote democrat. Hill gets two thumbs up for form and effort.

Last week I heard on the news that a group of women, in their own effort to curtail the destruction of trees at a logging site in California, organized a special demonstration. These women, like Hill, added their own original techniques. They recited poetry and yelled, "rape" every time a tree fell, but that's not all. These women were topless! Now these tree huggers are on to something.

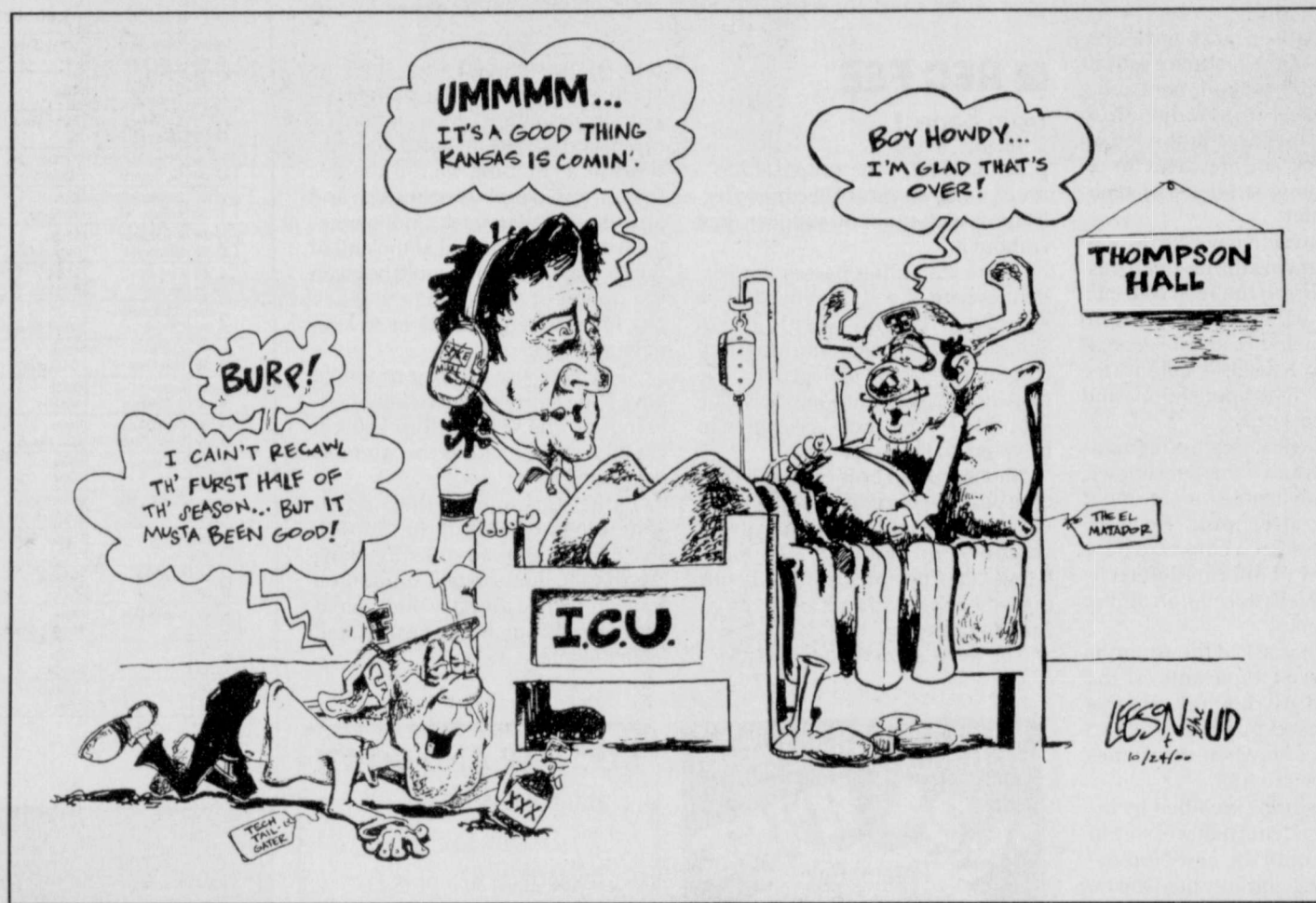
Since half of my major is English, I happen to dig poetry — Shakespeare and so forth. The protesters were not just holding signs and yelling; they added the beauty of literature to their methods. Besides that, they did it all while being topless. Why didn't someone think of this before? It's completely logical. What's better than a demonstration? A demonstration where women recite poetry. What's even better than that? A demonstration where women recite poetry and are half naked.

The news clip said the methods these women used were quite productive because the loggers stopped cutting down trees to gawk at the protesters. I'm sure it was the poetry that halted most of the loggers in their tracks, but the topless aspect was definitely a nice touch.

I hope the next demonstration outside the University Center in Tech's "free speech area" contains demonstrators who follow in the footsteps of these ingenious women from California. I guess there is one small glitch with the way these environmentalists protested; it makes me want to be a logger, not a tree hugger.

Sign me up for logger school. It's certainly not my intention to offend anyone with my anti-environment stance — especially any women. But if you think that I took it too far and feel the need to protest, you know what to do. By the way, I prefer the poetry of William Blake, Robert Frost and Arthur Rimbaud; and 36C is ideal, but I'm not picky.

Joseph Colley is a senior English and philosophy major from Mount Pleasant.



## Column

### Tech has my heart, money

I love Texas Tech University. I also love my brother. What do the two have in common? Neither one of them is getting a dime out of me after I graduate.

Though I'm still a few years away from graduation, I can see it now. Before I've even had time to put the diploma up on my wall, they'll be calling. That's right, the good people who "granted" my degree to me will call demanding none other than — yep — you guessed it, more money. They'll search through my files and realize that I was an honors student and assume that I'm still a virgin. Then they'll take the sweetest sounding freshman cheerleader they can find and have her lure me into giving a donation. And then they'll call again the next year, and the next year and the next year. You get the point.



**Kenneth Strickland**

With the exception of the Mafia, universities are the only institutions in the world that have you pay for a service and then demand even more money later on. So to all of you who plan on graduating (about a third of you), pay close attention to the next few lines. Even if you're intending on transferring, listen up, because they all use the same tactics.

When Brittany, Kelly or whoever the hell calls asking for handouts, I'll point out a few things. First of all, I'll point out that while the kid down the hall from me was able to pay for his entire education, invest in the stock market and buy several designer rugs with \$12,000 of annual school-given grants used to pay for his \$9,000-a-year education, I was eating Ramen noodles and selling my plasma to survive. It didn't matter that my GPA was a four-point each semester, it's your test scores that count. So by our

scholarship office's logic, I could win the Nobel Peace Prize and still wouldn't get a cent more just because I walked into the test after being severely inebriated the night before.

Following that, I'll bust out the calculator. We'll assume the average Tech graduate spends five years in school. I would say four, but those engineering people tend to skew the numbers with their seven-year bachelor degrees and what not.

Each semester we spend roughly \$70 in course fees that are tacked onto our tuition. Then you take into account all of the money I gave to the Athletics Department to watch the band play on Saturday evenings, you figure that comes to roughly \$110 a year. If you're like me, the parking gestapo will nail you with an estimated seven parking tickets a term at about \$30 a pop, seeing as how you always get that \$5 late fee for not paying it 20 minutes after it's issued. Then you add in all of the small fees they add for pointless stuff, like money that's used to finance studies of bovine fecal matter in outer space or to add another layer to our very own Tower of Babel, Jones SBC Stadium. I figure that adds up to about \$95 a year.

Next, add the \$25 in damage repair expenses to fix the window screen you threw flaming liquor bottles out of during your freshman year. Then figure that you'll buy your textbooks from the campus bookstore twice before you realize that it's cheaper to go online. The median cost for this misconception sits at about \$800.

I'm going to stop right here to add it up for you. Though I'm sure this amount is severely deflated, it adds up to an extra \$4,650 that you've already "donated" to your school. When controlling for the inflation variable, it will be closer to \$6,000 when I graduate.

The funny thing is that they'll ask for donations even if you still paying off loans. I'm not in a fraternity, so I don't study business, but I don't think it takes a

business major to tell you that donating money to someone you already owe an arm and a leg to doesn't make much sense.

Realize one thing my friends, colleges don't need any more money. Texas Tech University could not only afford to purchase the entire nation of Colombia, but the crack within it as well. Could you imagine Abercrombie and Fitch writing you one day and saying, "We're really glad you like our products. We're so glad, we'd like you to cut us a check for even more money. And just to give you an idea of how much, here's a list of your friends and how much they've already given." Whoa, hold up sorority women. That was just a joke, so put back daddy's VISA.

There's not much in this world that I would trade my time here at Texas Tech for. Well come to think of it, I might swap it for Dave Matthews tickets or one night with that chick from "Dark Angel," but other than that, no, not much.

But regardless of how much I love my school, I love myself and my fellow man even more. And I would much rather invest in AIDS research, homeless shelters and dashboard hula girls than buy white towels (or in the case of the Nebraska game, flags of surrender) to hand out to students before the football games so we can try, yet again, to look more like Texas A&M.

I love Texas Tech University. It is, in this columnist's opinion, the greatest school in all of Texas. But when she calls demanding more money, you can either go through the complicated task of pointing out all that I've mentioned above, or make it easy on yourself — hang up.

Kenneth Strickland is a sophomore political science major from Mesquite. He'd like to thank J.D. Hart for sending this column idea to him.

## Letters to the Editor

### Excuses, excuses

To the editor: This is a response to Rachel Fonseca and Jorge Pineda (UD, Oct. 23) and their complaints about the color vision still in existing in America today. Yes, as a white person, I will admit that I will most likely have an easier time doing certain things, but then again, being a white male in today's political and social period is one of the worst things to be. With the white

society is about to fall under the majority status in America (projected in this decade), we too will be a minority. But still, we will not complain. I understand that many minority families are just now sending their children to college, but why do you feel the need to mention this? An appeal to our pity? Many white families are just now doing the same thing, but we aren't pitying them, now are we? I may be a sheltered white male, growing up in the highly diverse Dallas/Fort Worth area all my life, and spending my summers in the Louisiana Cajun region, but I don't see whites using color as an excuse. I see the minorities using it. How many times have

you seen a white sue a company because they were not hired instead of a Hispanic? Or a guy suing Duke because he didn't make the football team? I know this may sound extremely prejudiced, but sometimes life deals you a bad hand. I know that. It's just out job to make the most out of it we can, no matter what race, religion or gender we are. When people stop making excuses and work harder, then we will reach that nation of Americans we look forward to.

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Ex-Yankee talks about series

NEW YORK (AP) — The Roger Clemens-Mike Piazza feud never would have made it to center stage in the days when Yankees great Phil Rizzuto played, though not for the obvious reasons.

World Series. When Clemens threw the end of the bat in Piazza's direction, as the Mets catcher ran down the first baseline, it set in motion a string of events that could affect the rest of the series.

"It's one of those things where only Clemens knows, but I don't really think he did. I mean, I'm positive he didn't throw it, just like I'm sure he didn't throw at Piazza's head," Rizzuto said.

helmets. "He sent me a helmet and it's in the Hall of Fame now," Rizzuto said. "Two days after I got it, I put it on. I go visit it every once in a while."

Golota's wife speaks out about husband

NEW YORK (AP) — Andrew Golota, hurting and humiliated, was worried about what his 9-year-old daughter, Alexandra, would think about his fight against Mike Tyson.

with Mariola Golota. Yaopr said the 32-year-old Golota sustained a herniated disk between the fourth and fifth cervical vertebrae, and that he had been fitted with a cervical collar.

He also complained of several head butts by Tyson, one of which apparently opened a cut over his left eye. "If he had sustained another serious blow to the head, he could have become paralyzed," Yapor said.

in the second round. Yapor said effects of a concussion are not always immediately apparent, but had Golota continued to fight, "There's no doubt the first episode of vomiting would have occurred in the ring."

He got hurt, he got injured and it's probably the smartest thing he did.

Mariola Golota ANDREW GOLOTA'S WIFE

Golota quit after the second round Friday night and left the ring in Palace of Auburn Hills near Detroit to a chorus of boos, a shower of soda and beer and severe criticism from the media. "Everybody just assumed, well, here we have a winner and a quitter," said Golota's wife, a lawyer whose office in northwest Chicago was pelted with eggs and had garbage dumped in front of it.

After an MRI, it was thought that there was a little bleeding in the brain, but that doesn't appear to the case, Yapor said. "It's not uncommon for people who sustain serious head injuries to have a cervical injury," said Yapor, explaining that all head injuries are considered serious.

Golota told trainer Al Certo after the first round he wanted to quit, but Certo told him he could win the fight. After the second round, Mrs. Golota said, "He was talking to him (Certo) in Polish." Golota told referee Frank Garza more than once in English, "I quit."

As for his daughter's reaction, he needn't have worried. His wife recalled an older boy taunted Alexandra after her father had been knocked out by Lewis. "She hit with a rock," she said. "She's very protective of daddy."

German wrestler loses gold medal after failed drug test

GENEVA (AP) — The International Olympic Committee stripped German freestyle wrestler Alexander Leipold of his Olympic gold medal Monday after he failed a drug test.

alist Brandon Slay, of Amarillo, Texas, who lost 4-0 to Leipold in the final of the 167 1/2-pound division. South Korea's Moon Eui Jae will move up from the bronze medal to silver, while Turkey's Adem Bereket will

Olympic champion in my weight class and earn a gold medal for my country, for my teammates, for my family and friends," Slay said in a statement released by USA Wrestling. "He (Leipold) is a great competitor."

They play football in El Paso, too, ya know

I didn't get the luxury to watch Texas Tech football this weekend because I had the pleasure of watching Tech volleyball beat Baylor in five games Saturday.



Matt Muench

As I left the United Spirit Arena, I wondered what I would write about this week because I missed the Raiders' near upset against Kansas State. I realized it was time for another edition of Muench Notes. So sit back, relax and see what is worth muench-ionic about the wide world you call Raiderland.

every Tech women's home volleyball match and heckles the opposing players. They even had Baylor players laughing Saturday. During Saturday's match, one member of the hecklers wore a shirt that read, "We didn't do it." The shirt was responding to last week's accusations that the hecklers said racial and sexist remarks toward the Nebraska volleyball team.

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