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STATE

Immigrant smuggling trial to begin Tuesday

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge Tuesday set a hearing date for the man prosecutors described as a smuggling kingpin who used Houston as a base from which thousands of undocumented immigrants illegally entered the United States.

Jose Leon Castillo of Honduras has been ordered to appear in court Friday afternoon for a hearing on federal smuggling charges.

Castillo, 43, was the most wanted of all immigrant smugglers when he was detained in Guatemala, placed aboard a plane and taken into custody and arrested Oct. 5 in Los Angeles. He was later transferred to Houston.

His arrest after a 14-month investigation marked the end of an international anti-smuggling operation, said to be the biggest effort of its kind, which was believed to have been operating at least five years.

Six countries participated in the crackdown, known as Operation Forerunner. More than 3,500 U.S.-bound individuals from 25 countries were taken into custody in Central America and Mexico.

NATIONAL

Judge rejects guilty plea from defendant

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge rejected a guilty plea of a defendant in the U.S. embassy bombings case after the man said he was innocent but wanted to plead guilty to avoid the humiliation of a lengthy trial.

Wadih El Hage is one of seventeen people charged in the 1998 bombings on U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, which killed 224 people, including two Americans. Eight of those indicted are fugitives.

U.S. District Judge Leonard Sand asked El Hage on Tuesday if he offered to plead guilty because he believed he is guilty. El Hage replied, "No, some other legitimate reasons."

El Hage, charged with conspiracy, said he saw no chance to win the case and dreaded daily trips to court, stints in cold holding cells and regular strip searches.

Prosecutors refer to El Hage, 40, as an associate and former personal secretary of Osama bin Laden, the Saudi millionaire accused of masterminding the attacks.

WORLD

Russian plane goes down on mountain

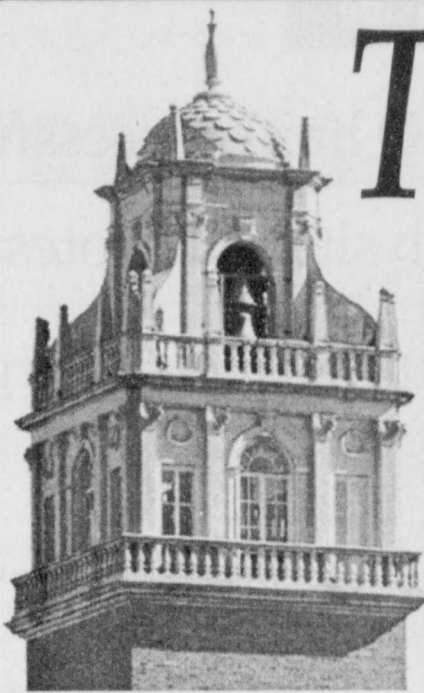
TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — A Russian Defense Ministry plane with 75 people on board crashed into a Georgian mountain Wednesday while trying to land in bad weather, officials said.

The plane went down near the town of Batumi, the capital of southwest Georgia's Adzharia region, said Nato Zazashvili, a spokeswoman for the Adzharian government.

The cause of the crash and information about the fate of those aboard were not immediately known.

The airplane veered off course on approach in "difficult weather conditions," said Alexander Silagadze, head of the civil aviation agency Sakaeronavigatsiya.

The plane, an Il-18 transport with 64 passengers and a crew of 11, crashed about 14 miles east of the town, said Marina Rykлина, a spokeswoman for Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry.

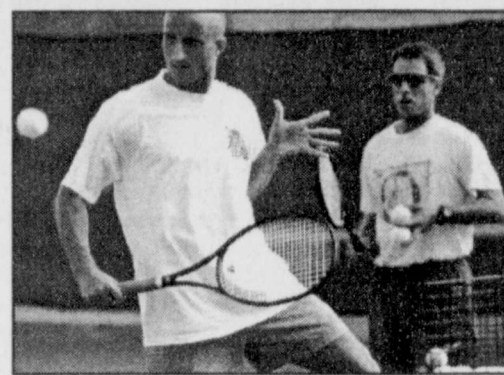


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Lubbock, Texas

## Dissertation, thesis Web site sparks controversy

By Angel Wolfe  
Staff Writer

Since it first debuted in July, Contentville.com has sparked a national discussion. The Web site gives the appearance of selling master's thesis and dissertations online. The dispute is centered around the fact that many students say they did not give the company permission to use their writing.

Contentville.com does not sell the full text items online, though. What it does is provide enough information to allow students and researchers to know if they should purchase the entire document. The Web site also gives pricing information but does not sell the papers directly. Bell and Howell, a microfilm

publishing company, also known as UMI, still controls the document selling.

Many students and Graduate School officials at Texas Tech were not aware at first that only a few pages of the abstracts are available online and not the entire paper in full.

Bill Savage, Bell and Howell's director, said the main controversy concerning the Web site has died down in the past few months.

"The main controversy was that it appeared the content was available online," he said. "But the Web site is simply an ordering portal."

Students give permission for Bell and Howell to publish the abstracts, as well as sell the full document by signing a contract, or waiver.

The contract includes a statement saying the signee agreed to allow Bell and Howell, "the non-exclusive right to reproduce and distribute the dissertation, in whole or in part, in and from microfilm along with the non-exclusive right to reproduce and distribute the abstract in any format in whole or in part."

In return, students receive a 10 percent royalty check for every sale.

Graduate students are required to have their thesis and dissertations placed on microfilm. Bell and Howell handles this for almost all graduate schools in the United States.

Barbi Dickensheet, Tech's thesis and dissertation coordinator, said graduate students have been required to have their research published on microfilm since 1985. Before that time, it was optional.

Howell did not contact the Tech Graduate School or inform them of the Web site, Dickensheet said.

"We were never told about Contentville," she said. "We read about the site on the Council of Graduate School discussion in late August."

On the online discussion group, Savage wrote to colleagues and said he regrets the lack of control Bell and Howell has over the way Contentville presents this thesis and dissertation information.

Contentville has added a disclaimer informing customers that, "excerpts from the UMI dissertation abstracts database are being

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### Tainted vision



J.T. AGUILAR/The University Daily

Wearing Fatal Vision goggles to blur his sight, Jeremy Brown, a sophomore agricultural business major from Lubbock attempts to catch a basketball. The goggles were designed to give people an idea of how alcohol can impair vision. The exercise, which was held in the Student Recreation Center on Wednesday, was one of many events put on as a part of Alcohol Awareness Week.

## AWARENESS AND AWAKENINGS

Activities designed to educate students, promote alternatives to alcohol

By Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

As part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, members of Student Health Services and the Recreational Sports at Texas Tech have planned events centered on promoting alcohol awareness.

"The reason we are so concerned about alcohol is due to some of the statistics that have come out about Texas

Tech and binge drinkers," said Betty Blanton, associate director of Rec Sports. "Many of these students who binge drink also don't go to class, don't make good grades and they can't do well."

Today at the Rec Center, a Target Training and Fitness Campus Challenge will begin at 4:30 p.m. as the final event this week dedicated to promoting alcohol awareness. The event will allow students in teams of two to com-

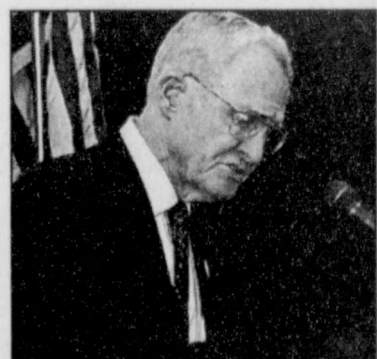
pete on an obstacle course, push-up assessment, a vertical jump and a one-mile run.

"This event is looking for the fittest of the fit," said Janda Ibbetson, assistant director of Rec Sports for fitness and wellness. "This will be a team event where people will compete in a men's, women's or co-ed divisions."

Ibbetson said the event, along with

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## War vet visits Tech to discuss government's use of soldiers



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/The University Daily  
Retired Lt. Gen. Harold Moore, speaks about American soldiers at the International Cultural Center Tuesday night.

By Jeff Lehr  
Staff Writer

American "military adventures" that put U.S. troops in jeopardy are becoming an issue of importance as the nation's citizens prepare for a new administration.

A Vietnam veteran, who recently spoke at Texas Tech, said he feels uneasy with American soldiers acting as policemen in foreign peacekeeping missions.

Retired Lt. Gen. Harold Moore spoke to a packed audience at the International Cultural Center on Tuesday and described to them what happened to his men in the La Drang Valley Nov. 16, 1965.

Aided by chilling film clips of that fateful, yet victorious day, Moore described how he led 450 men in what is believed to be the first major battle in the Vietnam War and detailed how his men fought and how some died.

"Where do we get such men as these," he said, referring to the American soldiers who gave their lives in battle.

However, Moore said, thousands of American troops are currently committed to about 80 countries in peacekeeping efforts, which, he said, are futile.

"I don't feel uncomfortable with the troops in Iraq, but I do feel un-

comfortable with troops in Bosnia and Kosovo," he said.

Moore said it is important to keep troops in Iraq because of America's vital dependence on oil resources in that country.

"We have to keep that supply line open," he said.

A problem arises, he said, when American troops are withdrawn from an area where peacekeeping was the objective. Any profit from American presence is then lost, he said.

Stephen Saideman, a political science professor at Tech, agreed with Moore in part and said each time America withdraws its troops from

an area of conflict, it "weakens America's hand."

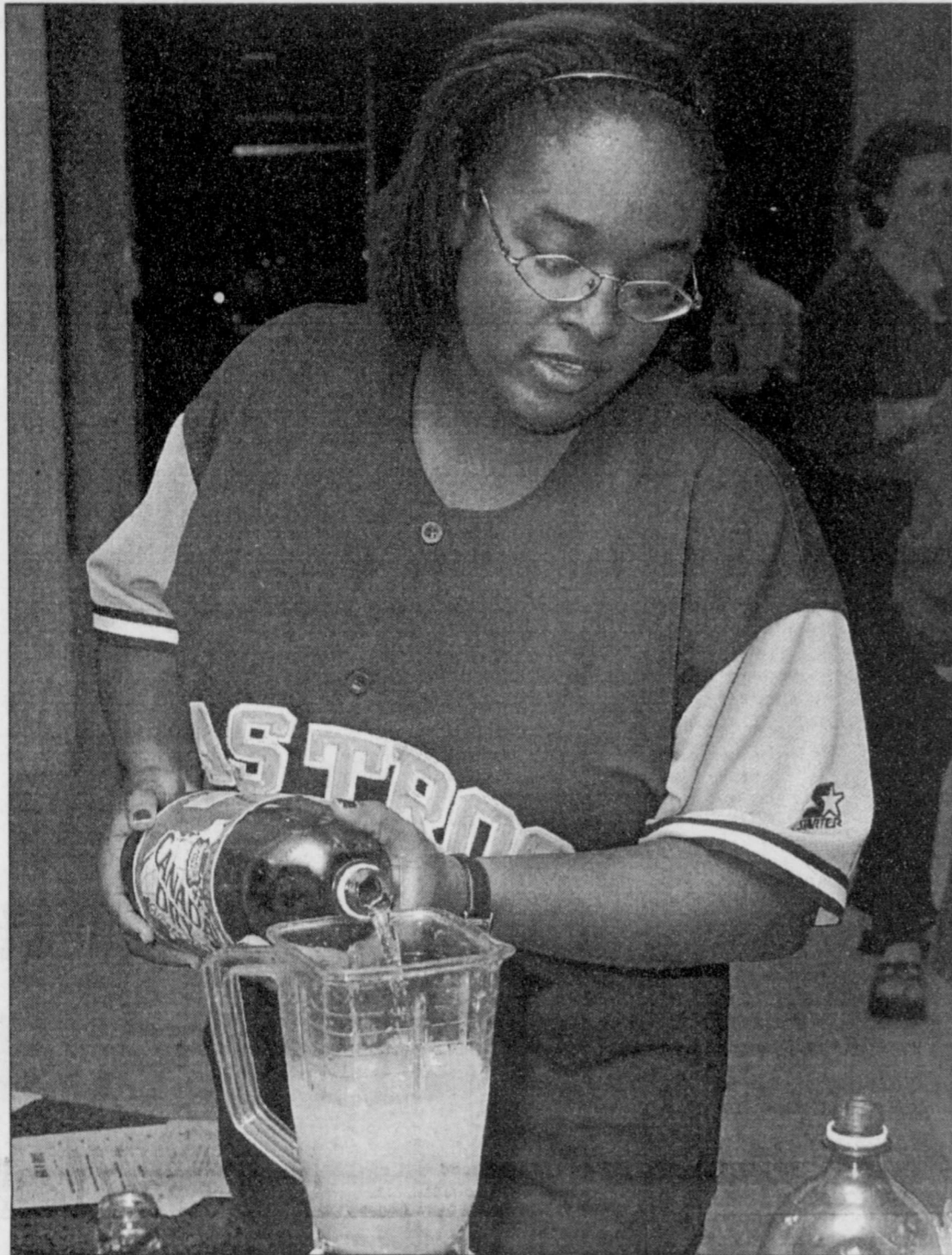
"I think the question is, 'Should we use the military for invasion purposes or for policing troubled areas?'" he said.

Saideman, who specializes in international conflict, said he thinks America has a responsibility to do both, whenever necessary, because the United States has signed treaties to stop genocide in foreign countries.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, said in his prepared weekly statement that he thinks it is impor-

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Fill it up



**Danielle Williams, a sophomore political science and communications studies major from Houston, makes mocktails for a promotion of Drunk Driving Awareness Week on Wednesday night in the Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Complex Lobby. The money raised during the event benefited the State Employee Charitable Campaign.**

JENNIFER GALVAN/The University Daily

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used by Contentville, which, in turn, collects orders for full text dissertations.

The mission of UMI and Bell and Howell, is, "to expand scholarly communication and improve access

to academic research."

While students are required to have their research placed on microfilm, Dickensheet said she does not believe students are really reading the contract.

Since the Web site has been posted, Dickensheet has added a disclaimer to the top of all contracts to point out Bell and Howell's right

to publish students' work.

"I don't think students really read and know what they are signing," she said.

"Students can mark out and say they disagree with the contract."

Students are able to restrict what Bell and Howell does with their work. If they do not want their abstracts published, they will not be.

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the Fatal Vision goggles demonstration and a soccer tournament held last weekend, were a few of the activities the Rec Center was providing to give students an alternative to drinking.

As part of NCAA week, the Division of Student Affairs has sponsored several events devoted to enlightening the campus about alcohol and their personal relationship with alcohol. Beginning last weekend, several events, including an informational table and a Fatal Vision goggles demonstration, were held.

"We are not trying to say you can't drink at all," said Jo Henderson, health education coordinator of Student Health Services. "We just want to make sure you are responsible and make smart choices when you do drink."

Henderson said she believes part of the problem is that many students really don't have any alternative activities to drinking on the weekends. She said this situation is made worse because many students believe that most of their peers drink in order to have fun.

"Part of the problem with alcohol is the perception that most students drink to get drunk," Henderson said.

"In reality, most students are below that level."

Henderson said, in reality, 62 percent of the college campus is classified as being social drinkers, those who drink occasionally or not at all. She said, however, a lot of the campus suffers from a bystander syndrome, which makes people perceive that more people drink than they actually do.

"What happens is that one person at a party gets really drunk or gets into a fight after drinking alcohol," Henderson said. "The next day, that extreme behavior stands out and translates into 'everybody's doing it.'"

As part of this week, Henderson said, she wants to dispel that belief. During the week, the Student Health Services has posted a display showing the levels of alcohol that can occur in the human body in their lobby and has also distributed brochures in the University Center discussing binge drinking. A self-evaluation form about students' alcoholic behaviors and a list of recipes for creative drinks that do not require alcohol, called "mocktails," were also distributed.

"I believe, as educators, we have a responsibility to point out if a student has a problem with alcohol," Henderson said. "After we've pointed it out, it is their choice to do some-

thing about it."

Blanton said another related concern with alcohol is the number of people who drive after drinking or who ride home with people who do. She said this is especially a problem within Lubbock, where many of the drinking establishments are off-campus.

"Lubbock is a unique collegiate setting where a lot of the places students drink and party at are across town," Blanton said. "On a lot of other campuses, these places are within walking distance."

This week, Blanton said, she hopes students will not only participate in the activities, but also think about some of the issues they bring up after they get home.

For instance, she said, many of the students who passed by and played with the Fatal Vision goggles laughed about how stupid they looked while they were there, but she hopes the experience creates a lasting impression.

"About 1,000 students walk into the Rec Center everyday, and several of them stopped and laughed at their friends about how they stumbled around while wearing the goggles," she said. "I hope they get to thinking after they get home about how much the alcohol really did affect their vision and made them stumble."

POLICE BLOTTER

Tuesday, Oct. 17

■ A vehicle in the R-8 parking lot was burglarized. A parking permit and the rearview mirror were taken from the vehicle.

■ Students in 325 Coleman Hall were smoking, which caused the smoke detector outside their room to activate.

Thursday, Oct. 19

■ An officer documented information concerning a passer-by who was doused in paint.

A Citibus jumped a curb on the north side of the Health Sciences Center and ran over a five-gallon canister of paint.

Monday, Oct. 23

■ An officer responded to a hazardous material call at the Health

Sciences Center. A nitrogen tank on the east side of Central Stores was leaking. The Lubbock Fire Department removed the tank to the dock area to allow the fumes to dissipate.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

■ An officer documented information about a professor who was upset about her vehicle being towed from the R-7 parking lot.

TechNotes!

■ Lakeridge UMC College Ministries will have a prayer rally from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at Lakeridge UMC Family Center, 4601 83rd St. Contact Krista Bank at 780-8091 for more information.

■ The Association de Estudiantes

Latino-Americanos will have an International Halloween Bash at 9:30 Saturday at SkyView Penthouse atop the Bank of America building. There is a \$5 cover charge. Contact Susanna Felix-Diaz at 785-2933 for more information.



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# APO scavenges up successful drive for WPO

By Amy Wood  
Contributing Writer

Reaching way beyond their goal, members of Alpha Phi Omega collected more than eight car loads of donations for Women's Protective Services of Lubbock on Saturday.

"We had planned on driving a pickup truck around the neighborhood and maybe collecting one truckload," said APO President Michael Bates, a senior management information systems major from El Paso. "But we ended up filling several truckloads."

The organization's first clue that the scavenger hunt was going to be more successful than expected, was when APO members ran out of scavenger hunt bags on the morning of Oct. 14.

"We are always overwhelmed at

the generosity of our community," said Jennifer Halcomb, the director of community education and volunteer services at Women's Protective Services.

Members originally planned to leave lists of items, along with 450 bags, at houses in the neighborhood of Tech Terrace that morning.

"Once we got out there, we realized we could only cover two or three blocks of the neighborhood with the 450 bags we had," Bates said. "We went back to the neighborhood Wednesday with 1,800 more bags to finish."

APO Treasurer Brian Caruthers, a sophomore marketing major from Roundrock, said the bags and lists were mainly left on doorknobs and mailboxes.

"It was early in the morning, and we didn't want to wake anyone

*"We had planned on driving a pickup truck around the neighborhood and maybe collecting one truckload. But we ended up filling several truckloads."*

Michael Bates  
APO PRESIDENT

up," Caruthers said, adding however, that the individuals in the neighborhood were happy to help and excited about the project.

United Supermarkets, who donated the scavenger hunt bags to APO, also donated space for collec-

tion booths on the morning of the collection day.

Overall, Bates said APO collected more than eight carloads of donated items.

After rounding up the donations from the neighborhood and the

United Supermarket booths, APO traveled to Women's Protective Services.

"WPS originally cleared about three feet of space in their entry way for the items we were bringing," Bates said. "But the items we brought ended up filling their entire entry way and part of a back room."

Donated items ranged from a few cans of food, to huge boxes of new and old clothing.

Bates said larger items donated included a vacuum cleaner and a television.

"We provide things like toothpaste and batteries to the families on a regular basis, and these things run out quickly," Halcomb said. "The donations will replenish our stock."

Instead of just dropping off the

donated items, APO members stayed and hosted a barbecue for the families and staff of Women's Protective Services.

Lindbloom said the members enjoyed visiting with the families and playing with the kids.

"The children really enjoyed the attention," Lindbloom said. "One girl even brought out her trombone to play for us."

The scavenger hunt was an idea that APO came up with in order to meet the increasing needs of families protected by WPS.

"I was impressed with the scavenger hunt. What started out as a small idea expanded greatly," Bates said. "It feels good to bring our whole organization together to do something so big. Women's Protective Services has more than enough items to meet their needs."

## Web site attempts to auction votes

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A Web site offering to sell 21,000 votes for president to the highest bidder has changed its domain name and switched its registrar to a company based in Germany.

Federal and state laws prohibit the sale of votes, but the Austrian owners of [www.vote-auction.com](http://www.vote-auction.com) denied they had moved operations overseas to avoid legal challenges.

Instead, investor Hans Bernhard wrote in an e-mail to *The Associated Press*, research showed that users frequently tried to type the old name of the site instead of the new name, which lacked the hyphen.

The site asks voters to fill out personal details and then offers to sell the votes — in blocks broken down by state — to the highest bidder. The technique, the Web site says, brings the "big money of campaigns directly to the voting public."

The site offers to deliver the votes to any corporation or individual, but it hasn't identified voters, bidders or said when the sale will end.

The owners say the U.S. vote auction is a test to determine how they can make money. They still need to work out how voters would be paid and how to verify that they cast the right ballot.

Election officials in Michigan and New York have criticized the scheme and a court challenge in Illinois led to the closing of the old Web site. California Secretary of State Bill Jones warned any vote sellers they could face felony charges and a minimum of three years in prison.

The site was reopened this week with the help of CSL Computer Service of Germany. By Thursday, more than 2,500 California voters had offered their votes and the leading bid was \$48,000 or \$19.61 per vote.

"Truthfully, this could probably go on forever, so long as it is known by those who wish to use the service, for lack of a better term," said Steve Jones, a professor at the University of Illinois, Chicago, who follows the Internet.

Shad Balch, a spokesman for California's secretary of state, said the domain name change would not affect California's investigation into the site and its employees.

He said investigators have found a way to identify users but would not go into details. Bernhard said the site's message board had been taken offline to protect users from the investigation.

Industry experts say it would be almost impossible to identify voters by using technology.

"There is virtually no legal way to check who is using the site without a subpoena or warrant, which is unlikely when the operations are international," said Stewart Farley of Internet Products Inc., a San Diego company that makes Web-filtering products.

The original Web site was launched by a New York graduate student who sold the site in August after he was threatened with legal action by New York state officials.

Internet auction site eBay has also had to struggle with potential vote selling. In August, six people offering to sell their votes for president drew bids as high as \$10,100 before the online auctioneer shut them down.

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tant to reflect on what this country is doing to fully support its troops.

In light of the recent explosion that killed 17 American sailors aboard the USS Cole, he said, the presidential administration needs to look more carefully at where it sends the military.

According to Combest's statement, "the Clinton-Gore Administration has put our military in danger by continually asking them to do more with less."

Combest said inadequate training time, a lack of spare parts and aging equipment are factors that have led to an increase in accidents and a severe drop in overall military readiness.

He also said even though the Clinton-Gore Administration reduced

its defense budgets, it still deployed more military forces all around the globe.

According to the Department of Defense, the operational tempo for U.S. Army deployments increased 300 percent in the past decade. In the last six years, the number of Navy ships on deployment on any given day increased by 52 percent.

As a result of this concern for the nation's military, Congress has added \$60 billion to the administration's defense budget through fiscal year 2001.

With tensions still strong in the Middle East and Election Day less than two weeks away, Saideman said, the future success of the military will obviously rest with the next administration and the decisions it makes to improve the military.

"We need to continue to spend money on making sure soldiers are still very well trained," he said.

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Your View

Today's question:

Are you planning to dress up for Halloween, and if so, what are you going to go as?



Cara Cunningham sophomore engineering major from Grapevine

"I'm dressing up and going to New Orleans. I am not really sure what I am going to be, but I am definitely dressing up. Maybe I will just buy one when I get there."



Trevor Cutler junior engineering major from Austin

"Yeah, I am going as Elian Gonzales. I am wearing my swimsuit and an inner tube that says 'USA or Bust.' I am going to some sorority deal that night."



Benjamin Leos senior zoology major from Lubbock

"I am not dressing up, but if I were, I would probably go as Monica Lewinsky. Everyone would know who you are, and if you were a girl, you could probably get lucky. I might even actually go as John Montford."



April Richardson sophomore telecommunications major from Lubbock

"Yeah, I am dressing up. It is really my favorite holiday. I don't really have a specific costume. It is kind of like Carrie, you know, blood splashed on a white dress. Something like that."



Theresa Saboie senior music education major from McAllen

"I really haven't decided what I am going as yet. We are going on a Halloween date. I'll decide the day of. You always seem to get the best ideas the day after Halloween."

compiled by Kristina Thomas



Letters to the Editor

Race wars continue

To the editor: Responding to Matthew Savoy and his response to Racheal Fonseca and Jorge Pineda about color vision in America: After reading Matthew's letter, I realize he is ignorant about minorities and people of color. Racheal, Jorge and other people of color are not wanting a white person's pity. We are people of pride, not pity. We just want you to understand our struggle, which still exists today!

You will never understand our struggle until you educate yourself about people of color. This will not be until you leave your sheltered white, male life. Just because you live in diverse Dallas/Fort Worth and spend summers in the Cajun country, this doesn't mean you are diverse. You have proven this in your letter. You say only people of color use their race as an excuse but yet you did the same thing when saying, "being a white male in today's politics and social period is one of the worst things to be."

Also, if you must know, white people are the ones complaining and suing companies trying to use reverse discrimination or affirmative action as the cause for them not getting the job. Yes, minorities and people of color use affirmative action to get on an equal playing field. But before you respond to that, remember that the largest group of people affected by affirmative action is women! So in response to your letter, "Yes, you are prejudice."

All people are not dealt a fair hand in life, therefore we do not all start on an equal playing field. So it is up to the people that are on the better playing field to try and help those less fortunate. This is the American nation we should look forward to. If you notice, this is what our government does for foreign countries they feel are less fortunate than the United States. So, if you are dealt a better hand, why don't you help instead of putting people down when you really understand nothing about these people. Educate yourself young man. That is what you are in college for — to open your mind beyond the classroom.

Guro! Green senior history/exercise sports science

To the editor: Where I feel that cultural diversity is a wonderful thing and there are many issues concerning minorities which must be addressed, it makes me angry when minorities act like white people are completely clueless of their problems.

Miss Fonseca acts like all whites are all privileged and spoiled brats.

She acts like only minority parents are the people who work hard to make a decent living. Well, I'm white and I'm a first generation college student, and my parents are working their butts off to put me and my two brothers through college, an opportunity which they did not have. Yes, I am blessed enough not to have to pay for school, but my parents don't foot my bill here. I work two jobs to make all my other ends meet.

Plus, Miss Fonseca says that the writer is a prime example of how ignorant white people can be. If I said the same thing, but put minority where the word white was, I would be branded a racist. But for some reason where it is evil for whites to make racial slurs, (and I'm not saying it is right by any means - it is wrong) it seems to be OK for minorities to make slurs towards whites. Why is that?

Also, Miss Fonseca states that minorities are the only ones who don't forget their roots. A white's roots are in America. Whites came from Europe to escape the oppression in their countries just like minorities have. We don't forget our roots either. Minorities need to be thankful for the country that they live in, it could be much worse, we could still live in the 1950s or the 1960s, and you wouldn't even be on this campus, much less be able to voice your opinions like you are able to.

Brett Davis senior design communication

Time management

To the editor: I was shocked to read on the front page of The UD that a student would reschedule a test before missing a meeting for an extra-curricular activity.

Yes, I understand that some things are very important in our lives, but why isn't school put first? As a member of a professional musician's fraternity, we encourage our actives to prioritize their schedule with academics first. How can one remain a member of an organization with bad grades? Isn't that defeating the purpose of going to college altogether? It is nice that some professors understand conflicts with tests scheduled out of class, but at the same time, we are primarily here to go to school, secondly to have a life outside of school. Maybe that is why we could never compete with the Ivy League schools.

I think it's sad that Sheryl Price thinks that being committed to an organization means that you should plan a test around a meeting and not vice versa. I think we should be committed to school, not a social life. It means going to school and getting good grades and not letting meetings get in the way. If one was really committed and really wanted to be

involved, they would catch up on everything missed in the meeting and still be active in their organization. And if the desire wasn't there and there was slacking off in duties or not excusing oneself for an absence, people like the absent senators should learn to say no and step down to let others who are less active and more interested in being involved take center stage.

Cecily Hostrup junior music performance, pre-med

Senatorial back up

To the editor: This letter is in response to the article "Students not impressed with Senators" by Pam Smith (UD, Oct. 25.) I have been proud to serve the students of Texas Tech for three terms on Senate and am proud to be serving once again. During my tenure, the Senate has made drastic changes and great strides of improvement from when I first arrived. I want to start by saying that I will make no excuses for the senators who have missed meetings. I would like to assure the students that the Senate is working hard to take care of these situations. We are committed to serving those who elected us and will have little tolerance for those senators who are apathetic or irresponsible in their duties.

This year our Senate has been heavily involved in many areas of your academic and non-academic life. Senators have been serving on various campus committees and have been actively pursuing students' interests. For example, the College of Business Administration senators analyzed the situation regarding the accreditation of the COBA and took a pro-active stance. In addition, the Senate helped sponsor Take-a-Kid to the game and will soon sponsor a Drowsy Driving Awareness Day. There are many other initiatives that are too numerous to mention in a letter to the editor.

Initiatives from past Senates are also being addressed, including parking problems, CitiBus issues, the University Center expansion, Student Service fee allocations and other items from the Senate vision. The Senate is constantly evolving and improving in order to be a more effective body. I would like to encourage each of you to take an active role with our Senate. The Senate meetings are the first and third Thursday of each month, and each senator can be contacted individually by e-mailing them from our Web site (www.sga.ttu.edu). We are here to serve you and help make Tech a top tier university system.

Tim Wright senator-at-large College of Business Administration

Column

Beat the system: vote for Nader

The time is close at hand — the ultimate declaration of your independence. The presidential election is one time when you, as a citizen of the United States, are handed the responsibility of choosing the next leader of our country. It is sometimes difficult to grasp that we, as students, working persons and other plebes of society are handed such an awesome task. Hard to believe that we get to make the decision that could alter the course of the free world for the next four years. We struggle to swallow this line because it simply is not true.

Instead we have a system that was implemented in a time before instant communication, The Associated Press, the 6 p.m. news and other amazingly effective transports of information — the Electoral College.

Established to ensure that the big decisions would be made by the brighter and better educated, the system serves to provide the less informed citizens the illusion of power while preventing potential catastrophes.

However, as the population expanded beyond the original 13 colonies, the Electoral College could not keep up. Now, instead of avoiding catastrophe, the system guarantees instead, that a vote against Bush in Texas will be all but worthless; meaningless in the sometimes-violent rush to encourage citizens to "rock the vote" or "choose or lose."

Regardless of how educated your vote may be, how informed you have become, or how passionately you detest a candidate, as a registered voter in Texas your voice against "Dubya" is about as loud as mouse-squeak under a hill o' beans.

Understandably, you are frustrated; caught between the system and a hardheaded, homegrown good-ole'-boy. You want to make a difference, would like to do everything in your power to see that this world is not carried to the depths of polluted hell in a compassionately conservative hand basket of greed and corporate insensitivity. But how? Texas is lost — what can we do?

As intelligent and informed individuals who only wish there was some way to make a difference, to make our Texas vote count, to justify our trip to the voting booth, we have the power to take a stand.

Don't throw your vote away, don't exercise your right not to vote, but instead wish Gore the best of luck in the swing states while you cast an informed vote for Green Party candidate, Ralph Nader and help to usher in a new era of social, political and environmental activism.

By voting for Nader you have the very real and immediate satisfaction of bringing the Green Party closer to the five percent needed to be eligible for national campaign finance funds.

You will be stating as loudly and as powerfully as you can that even though you are stuck in Texas, you will not complacently lay down on the asphalt road of environmental degradation to let the convoy of private interests and exploitation lay tread marks across your back.

You will be standing up against the trend of mismanagement and poor judgement that has resulted in Texas' dubious honor of standing last in environmental quality.

You have the power to make much more than a futile gesture in the form of an impotent vote for the other guy.

Nader supports such sensible programs as mandatory trigger locks on all guns, the end of racial profiling and health care access to all citizens.

He advocates the necessity of small farmers to retain control as stewards of their land, instead of acquiescing to the interests of mega-agri-corporations.

He takes a tough stand on environmental responsibility of big business, arguing that clean air and water standards should be compulsory, not voluntary and that concerns of our citizens and the environment should not come second when conducting global business.

These are all issues with which the informed and compassionate voter, in good conscience, will concur must be championed. In short, the masses of Texas activists have two choices: go Gore, or go green.

Although the former may seem on the outset to have a more solid chance, in Texas it is a futile gesture. The only meaningful vote is that which will actually achieve a step in the right direction. Go informed, go green, go vote: www.votener.com

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The consorts of Dracula dance in Act I Scene II of Dracula 2000 "The Forbidden Love" Wednesday evening at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

## Bloodsucker ballet

Gothic, erotic play entrances Texas Tech students

By Cory Chandler  
Staff Writer

Gothic eroticism and bloodlust engulfed Texas Tech students Wednesday night as the Stage 7 Dance Company brought their hard-edged adaptation of Brahm Stokers Dracula to Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

Using a combination of classical ballet and modern music, "Dracula: The Forbidden Love" managed to keep true to the erotic feel of Brahm Stoker's original work despite the inclusion of songs by White Zombie and Metallica.

Risque and dramatic, the show pushed the boundaries of classical dance in a production that took the scantily-clad performers from 15th century castles to modern day bar-rooms as Dracula sought the company of his true love, Mina.

Though the first act seemed to follow the typical format of a ballet, characters were soon leaping and twirling to bass-heavy music by the

end of the second act.

Wendy Allen, a founder of Stage 7 who played the role of Mina in the performance, said part of the motivation for starting the new company was the chance it would give them to raise the level of traditional dance.

"We were sick of having to do the typical shows," she said. "We felt we this way we could take our expression to a level we liked," she said.

Paris Allen, Wendy's sister and co-founder of Stage 7 who played the role of Lucy, said this is the first year the production has run and is still in the development stages.

"We are hoping to be able to add more crew members once we get more sponsorship," she said.

She said the company is mostly funded out of their own pockets.

"This is the result of lots of McDonalds jobs and cocktail waitressing," she said.

Paris Allen said while running the show is expensive, they were somewhat prepared for it.

"We weren't expecting to rise

above the poverty level in the first two years," she said.

Both Allens said this is the first opportunity the two have had to work together.

Wendy Allen said despite the fact that they fight like most sisters, the two enjoy working together.

"Of course we fight like crazy sometimes, but we can always manage to come together on something," she said.

She said next year they plan to add more characters and depth to the play, but want to continue doing the show their way.

Tech student Johanna Elomaa, a graduate business student from Finland, said she was used to traditional ballet and a bit surprised by the Dracula show.

"This was kind of different," she said. "Very wild. I wasn't disappointed, but I was just used to more direct ballet."

Wendy and Paris said they hope to bring their show back to Lubbock next year.

## Students use One Day to come closer to God

By Leslie Follmar  
Staff Writer

Traveling long distances for rest and relaxation is what most students look forward to doing before the agonizing summer school session begins. Instead of hitting the crystal clear waters of Florida, or the cool valleys of Colorado, more than 40,000 college students made the trek to Memphis, Tenn., last May for One Day.

On May 20th, at Shelby Farms, located near Memphis, thousands of students gathered together from all over the nation and world to see God change their lives.

One Day was put on by Passion Ministries, which had annual conferences the three preceding years. Passion developed a declaration for the Christian College student, which he/she can base their life upon. The 268 declaration be-

came the foundation of their ministry. Passion '97 and '98 were held in Austin, while Passion '99 was held in Fort Worth. Passion '99 had over 11,000 students attending, 3,000 students were turned away.

Various musicians and speakers gathered at these three conferences directed toward the Christian College student.

Passion exists to "bring Christian College and university students together from campuses and ministries together."

Passion director, Louie Giglio, envisioned One Day, a day where any college student can come to a meeting place with other students and seek the face of God.

Eight One Day regional events took place over the course of last year. Road-reps packed into a RV to visit college campuses across the United States.

Nick Cooper, a junior construction

engineer from Kingwood, was one of 40,000 to attend One Day. Cooper heard about One Day through the One Day road-reps who made a stop at Tech last fall. This one-night stop sparked an interest in Cooper to attend the "solemn assembly."

"I wanted to be on board with what God was doing with Passion," Cooper said.

Cooper, like most, professes his life to be changed in a new way—a direct result from One Day.

"I now have more of a desire to spread the Truth of Jesus Christ and pray for my classmates and school in general," Cooper said. "It was designed to equip students to meet classmates at their point of need. It was designed to have a lasting effect, not for those who came to have a 'spiritual high.' It wasn't about how many people were there or the media coverage.

It was a day to worship the Lord, something that had nothing to do with the people there."

Passion ministries has issued several CDs, the latest being *One Day Live*. Also released Tuesday was a DVD and VHS documenting One Day. Passion Ministries has also planned the "One Day Link," which will be a concert of prayer and worship that is linked by satellite from Atlanta and Chicago to college campuses all over the world.

Texas Tech's broadcast will be tonight at Paradigm, a weekly bible study at First Baptist Church, located at Broadway and Ave. V.

The One Day link will start at 8 p.m. The Passion Worship Band and Louie Giglio will lead the evening in prayer, worship and scripture. More information can be found at the Passion Web site, [www.268generation.com](http://www.268generation.com).

## Jones defends nude Penthouse photos as financial necessity

WASHINGTON (AP) - Every woman has a right to change her mind, Paula Jones said Tuesday night, explaining why she agreed to do a nude photo layout in Penthouse magazine after saying she would "never...never" pose naked for any men's magazine.

Appearing on CNN's "Larry King Live," she said financial obligations as a single mother with a looming tax bill and two young sons were major considerations that led her to take the assignment with Penthouse. The magazine published the spread, titled "Perils of Paula Jones," on Tuesday in its December issue.

She was not asked, and did not volunteer, how much she was paid for the shoot.

Was posing in scanty or no attire embarrassing?

"No, not really. I am an adult woman and made the choice to do so," Jones said. "I thought it was the best thing to do for me and my children. Of course the money had something to do with it."

Jones, whose allegations of indecent advances by President Clinton opened the saga that led to Clinton's impeachment, saw a videotape of Penthouse publisher Bob Guccione saying in May that negotiations were under way for her to pose, and a deal was almost cut. A second tape from a few days later showed her denial of Guccione's statement and her no-nudity vow.

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# Painkilling shots taking aches out of Aikman

IRVING, (AP) — After getting six painkilling shots in his back, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman is feeling better than he has in years.

Aikman received the injections Monday, then tested his back by working out at home Tuesday. He felt fine Wednesday and went through his first practice since receiving the medicine.

"It feels a lot better — a lot better — than what it has at any point in the last couple of years," Aikman said. "The stiffness is not nearly where it was and the pain has definitely diminished."

Aikman suffered a herniated disc in the lower left side of his back while lifting weights in 1993. He had an operation then to prevent serious damage, but fragments left behind have occasionally bothered him.

The pain became especially bad in recent weeks. It peaked before Sunday's 48-7 victory over the Arizona Cardinals, prompting doctors and Aikman to decide it was time to break out the needles.

"It's just not something I wanted to get into. It wasn't real strongly encouraged by the doctors either," Aikman said. "Surgery is the last re-

sort, but prior to that the shots are. "I wanted to try to work through it, do some rehab and stretching, things of that nature, to see if that would help alleviate some of it, and it just hasn't been able to do it."

Aikman said the only downside to the injections is that the medicine will eventually wear off, although he expects that to take several weeks.

He said he hasn't discussed another operation with doctors — and probably won't until after the season.

"It's not something that's going to go away," he said.

The back pain has been part of a rough season thus far for Aikman, who goes into Sunday's game against Jacksonville as the lowest-rated passer in the NFC and second-worst in the NFL.

Aikman was knocked out of the opener with the ninth concussion of his career and missed the next two games. He was booed upon his return as the Cowboys were beaten badly at home by San Francisco.

Two Sundays ago, he threw five interceptions in a 19-14 loss to the New York Giants. Several passes were underthrown, which could've been

caused by his achy back.

Against the Cardinals, Aikman did not complete a pass until shortly before halftime, when the Cowboys already were ahead 21-0. He finished 9-of-15 for 154 yards and two touchdowns, then kept his left hand on his back throughout his postgame news conference.

"Each year, the back pain has gotten progressively a little worse," Aikman said.

"It just so happened that Sunday was a day that it didn't feel real good. A lot of times that has to do with staying in hotel rooms the night be-

fore games."

Dallas coach Dave Campo said he's not worried about Aikman's injury because he knows the quarterback is monitoring it closely.

"The biggest thing is this is something he's been dealing with since 1993, so it's not something that just cropped up," Campo said. "He knows how it feels, when it's going to be a problem, whether it's going to affect his throwing motion or how he runs the offense."

"It's not a factor to me right now unless he comes to me and says, 'I think it's a problem.'"

## The wild-card exists; just deal with it

Howdy, Raiderland. You know what? Something is really bothering me. I am sick and tired of hearing how the wild-card system in major league baseball has somehow cheapened the tradition



Jeff Keller

of baseball.

Let me ask you this.

Do they still play nine innings? I am pretty sure they do.

Is each team still afforded three outs per inning? I would have to vote yes on

that, too.

So with all of these basic principles of the game still intact, how could allowing a few more deserving teams a shot at winning it all cheapen the tradition of the sport?

In case you were wondering, that was a rhetorical question.

The wild-card system has not ru-

ined baseball's tradition.

First off, before I get too emotional about this wild-card situation, let's imagine for a second that there was never a wild-card.

There would be no "Subway Series" for all of the crazed New York baseball fans to go nuts about, because the Mets would have never made it to the playoffs without the wild-card.

And what is most important to me, there would not have been a Cinderella season for the Florida Marlins in 1997.

That series was important, because in my opinion, it was the greatest series of my 21 years on this planet.

But the nay-sayers would have you believe that the Marlins' heroic triumph was just a fluke.

They would say the 92-70 record the Marlins compiled in 1997 shouldn't have even earned Florida a trip to the playoffs.

Well, I say, "Nuts" to you cynics.

It warms the heart to see a good Cinderella story unfold once and a

while, and the wild-card makes that possible.

So what if former Florida Marlin President H. Wayne Huizenga sold his whole team away after the win, that is beside the point.

The point is, that was an awesome story that greatly helped the tradition of major league baseball, it did not hurt the tradition.

So to all of the old traditionalists out there who think only two teams should be able to advance past the regular season in baseball, I have one thing to say to you.

Just because your opinions are old school, it doesn't make them right, it doesn't make them better than mine, it just makes them old.

On to football, and what a weekend of football this weekend is going to be.

The best game of the year part one will take place in Norman, Okla. Oklahoma is going to beat Nebraska and stake claim to the No. 1 position in the country. The reason I say part one is because both squads will meet again in the Big 12 Champion-

ship.

Oklahoma will win that one too. That may sound like a risky prediction, but just think about it for a second. Sorry Raider players and fans, but Nebraska has not been challenged in the past two weeks.

They rolled past Tech 56-3, and then destroyed Waco High, I mean Baylor, 59-0. By no means does that prepare any squad for the explosiveness of the Oklahoma Sooners offense.

Oklahoma has had a week off to prepare, and they will be well rested when the Cornhuskers come calling. This will be the first time in years that this game will have more than pride at stake. I look for the Sooners to roll-up Nebraska by at least 10 points. Final score: OU-31, NU-20.

One more prediction for you: Oklahoma: National Champions 2000. Think about it.

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## Earnhardt Jr. struggling to learn NASCAR ropes

(AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. rode onto the Winston Cup scene on an eight-horse hitch of Clydesdales. Now, as his rookie season comes to a close, he's limping away.

A five-month slump — and a propensity to party too much — has taught NASCAR's newest golden boy that not everything is easy.

"It's been surprising how it just comes and goes," he said.

Since rising to the top of stock car racing in May with a stunning victory in NASCAR's all-star race, his season has been on a steady decline. He hasn't had a top-10 finish since June.

The 26-year-old driver has been 31st or worse four times, and the lowest point of the season came Sunday in Rockingham, N.C., when he had to use owner points for the first time to make the race. He started 37th, was caught up in an early accident, and finished 34th.

"I felt like I didn't have any business being out there, like a kid playing a man's game," he said.

Earnhardt's lack of consistency means that despite his strong run in the first third of the season, he'll probably lose the rookie of the year battle with Matt Kenseth — tough for the son of seven-time Winston Cup cham-

pion Dale Earnhardt.

But Little E, who opened the season with two victories in the first 11 points races, knows exactly where things went wrong.

"There was a point midway through the season where I might have let my ego get a little out of control," he said. "The team lost a little bit of control of ourselves because of that. Because we had won some races, maybe all of us thought we were a little better than we were."

But Earnhardt is quick to take the blame, and admits the downfall started with him.

He moved up to Winston Cup after winning two consecutive Busch Grand National titles. He signed the biggest sponsorship deal in Winston Cup history with Anheuser-Busch, and the company introduced him by having him ride into a news conference on one of its trademark hitches of horses.

It was all a little surreal for Earnhardt, who wasn't sure how to handle it. Because he's more open than his intensely private father, he wasn't sure where to draw the line.

Now he thinks he knows where he crossed it.

After winning the pole for the Coca-Cola 600 in May, Earnhardt talked about how well things were going for him.

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12:00	Old House	News	News	Jerry	All My	P/Attorney	
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9:00	Nightly Bus.	News	David	Arrest/Trial	News	Spin City	
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## Men's tennis closing out fall season

By Matt Muench  
 Staff Writer

The Texas Tech men's tennis team's final tournament for the fall season has arrived.

Most people might think the team may be disappointed, but sophomore Clay Estes said he is excited.

"I am pretty excited about this weekend because I am pretty happy with how I am playing right now," said Estes, who is 4-1 this fall. "I am looking forward to the spring season, and I think we have a pretty good chance. It will be fun."

Tech coach Tim Siegel will send four Raider participants to this weekend's ITA Region VI Championships in Fort Worth.

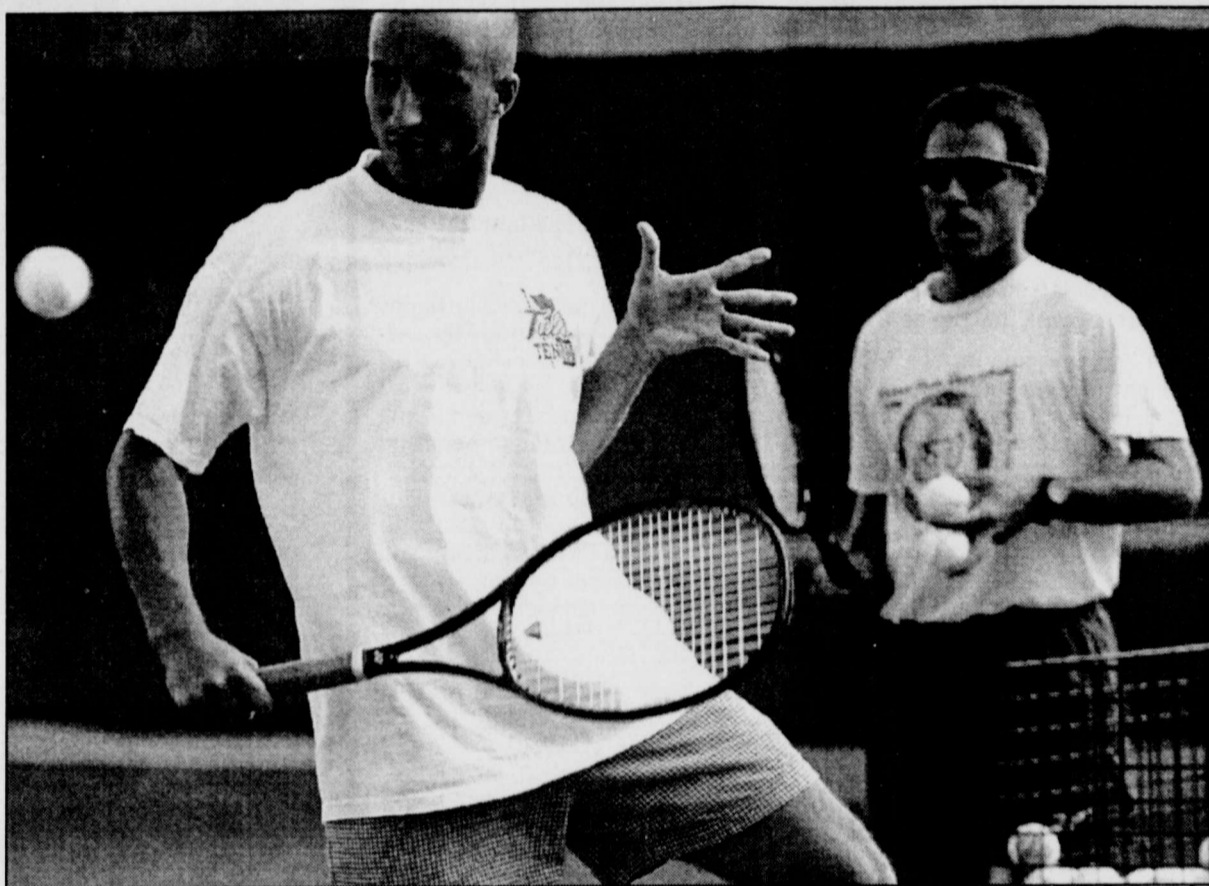
The tournament begins today and lasts through Sunday.

Estes, senior Borut Martincevic and sophomore Patricio Espinosa will be competing for the singles title at the tournament.

Siegel said this tournament will be the toughest and most important of the fall season.

"This is a big tournament, and we have to play well because we won't be playing in any tournaments until February," said Siegel, who is in his eighth year at the helm of the Red Raider men's tennis program. "This region is very strong and we have to go in thinking we will win, and we can't be satisfied with anything else."

Tech will also be challenging the region in doubles play with Estes and Espinosa pairing up, while



Tech senior player Borut Martincevic returns a shot during a practice earlier this week. Martincevic and other members of the Tech squad will close out their fall schedule this weekend in Fort Worth.

Martincevic will team up with freshman Chris Drum.

Every Division I school in the region will be represented including Big 12 rivals, Texas, Baylor and Texas A&M.

One hundred and twenty-eight

players will represent the region and, like all fall tournaments, the winners will be based on individual, not team performance. Estes is ranked the highest on the Tech squad at the twelfth slot, while Martincevic and Espinosa

will be seeded 17th and 32nd alphabetically.

Siegel said he likes the talent level of the players he is sending to Fort Worth.

"Clay is as talented as they come, and Pato Espinosa is very quick and has really come on this fall," he said. "Borut comes to play everyday and I would love to see him have his best

year individually."

Estes, who is playing on a sore ankle, said he hopes to win this weekend but also play more consistent than he has in the past.

"I think I have a good chance at doing well," said Estes, who finished sixth in last year's tournament. "I have a tendency to have a roller coaster match, and I need to stay focused the entire match. I am just battling my brain right now."

Martincevic is the squad's lone senior and said he is looking forward to this weekend because it is the first time he will be healthy after battling a sore hamstring the last two tournaments. He said he is back to 100 percent healthy and said the high ranking does not put pressure on him.

"Last year I was seeded higher and I played pretty well," he said. "There are some good players in the region, but I think I have a good chance of winning this year."

There is a chance the Raider competitors can meet each other as the tournament moves along, and Martincevic said he would like to see that happen.

"We have never played against each other in a tournament," he said. "It would be different and fun, and I would like to see that."

Other than battling opponents, the Raiders will also have to deal with the weather. Fort Worth is expecting rain showers and that is something Estes is not looking forward to.

"It is depressing," he said. "It changes things up a little bit because we have been practicing indoors all week and now have to switch to an play outdoors. It is easier on the mind to practice outdoors before you go."

## NBA comes down hard on T-Wolves

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA commissioner David Stern came down hard on the Minnesota Timberwolves for their secret salary agreement with Joe Smith, taking five first-round draft picks away from the team and fining them \$3.5 million.

Possible suspensions for owner Glen Taylor and general manager Kevin McHale have not yet been decided, Wednesday.

The penalty is one of the stiffest in league history and reflects how seriously the NBA considered this offense.

Stern also voided Smith's contract, making him a free agent.

Under an arbitrator's ruling announced Monday, Stern had the right to void Smith's one-year, \$2.5 million contract. Stern went even further, voiding Smith's last two contracts and thereby stripping Smith of his Larry Bird rights, which would have allowed him to sign a lucrative extension with the Timberwolves next summer.

"They don't have the ability to do that. They're definitely trying to rewrite the arbitrator's ruling," said Smith's agent, Dan Fegan.

The NBA also asked the players' association to "impose appropriate discipline" against Eric Fleisher, Smith's former agent.

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