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Kindergarten student could have meningitis

EL PASO (AP) — A brain inflammation that can cause hearing loss and learning disabilities has been contracted by a student at a central El Paso kindergarten.
The student, whose identity was not disclosed, is the only one at Cooley Elementary School, so far, showing symptoms of Neisseria meningitidis, El Paso Independent School District spokesman Luis Villalobos said.
Neisseria meningitidis is a bacterial meningitis that is contagious and fatal in about one in 10 cases, according to reports by the Meningitis Foundation of America.
School officials did not say how the child contracted the infection. They said the diagnosis was made at Thomason Hospital on Wednesday after the child was referred by the school nurse Monday.
The City-County Health and Environmental District has recommended treating 78 kindergartners at the school because they shared a physical education class with the sick child.

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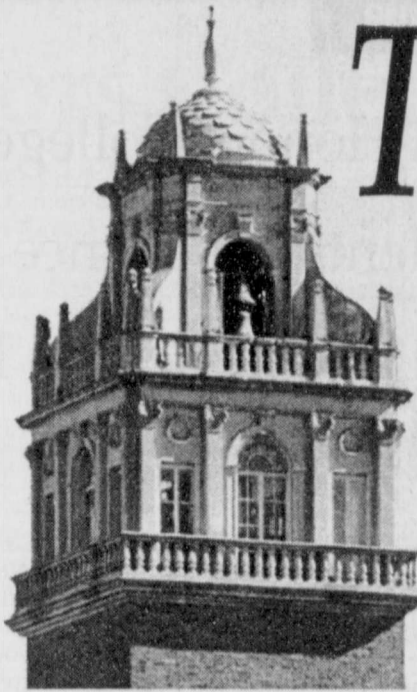
Prisoners have sex in governor's house

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Two guards were charged with letting inmates have sex at the governor's residence, deepening a prison sex scandal that has already involved convicted child killer Susan Smith.
Gov. Jim Hodges said Thursday he said he expects to take action in the case before the day is through. "I'm not going to leave it to the Department of Corrections. They've made a mess of it," Hodges told WVOG-AM radio.
His office said the day before that personnel changes may be made at the department.
"We're shocked, disgusted, furious," said Hodges' spokesman Morton Brilliant.
Wednesday's charges involved four minimum-security inmates who worked at the governor's mansion complex and temporary residence, handling maintenance, housecleaning and cooking.

WORLD

Elephant's trample claims American life

REGUDAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) — An American woman was trampled to death by an elephant in a Tanzanian national park after it became enraged by the clicking sounds of her camera, officials said Thursday.
Natalie Waldinger, 24, of Huntington, N.Y., died Sunday in Ruaha National Park in central Tanzania, during a break in her tour as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer teacher in this East African nation.
Waldinger was traveling with another woman, who scrambled to safety and was badly shaken, but uninjured, said Lota Melamari, chief of the Tanzania National Parks Authority.
The New York Post and The Flint (Michigan) Journal identified the second woman as Waldinger's friend, 25-year-old Lisa A. Wilson, a student at Harvard Law School. According to the Journal, Wilson had lived in Grand Blanc Township, Mich., and was visiting her college roommate for a month. The pair was traveling with a driver — who was not an official guide.



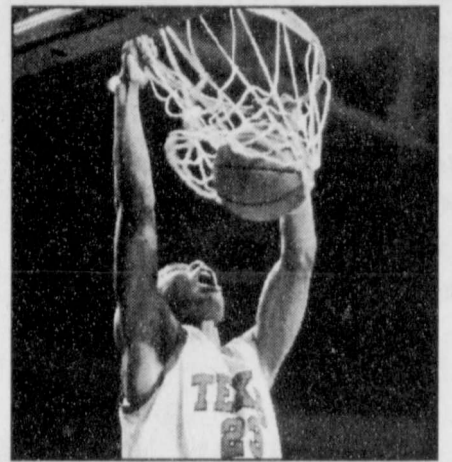
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Fee system switch imminent in Madison

Federal judge rules fund distribution biased toward campus groups

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

The student government at the University of Wisconsin is set to discuss changes to their mandatory student fee system after a federal judge concluded that the system "allows for bias in the distribution of funds to campus groups."
Changes will be voted on at the student council's first meeting, slated for Jan. 26.
The case, Board of Regents of University of Wisconsin System v. Southworth, began when students at the university objected to being required to finance student groups that they did not agree with politically, ideologically or on religious grounds.

Federal Judge John C. Shabaz gave the university 60 days to make changes to the system.
"Essentially the ruling was a little strange in that it is saying that the student government has too much discretion when making funding decisions," said John Bundy, staff adviser for the Associated Students of Madison, the University of Wisconsin student government.
He also said the system did not offer enough protection from the viewpoints of elected officials for student organizations or the students paying the fees.
Under the ruling, the University of Wisconsin has until Feb. 14 to make changes to their fee system. At that time, Shabaz will give

the university advice concerning the changes.
Bundy said the ruling also leaves open the opportunity for an appeal, but a final decision on whether an appeal will be pursued will not be made until after the judge makes a decision about the changes.
Under the system, two committees, the finance committee of the student government and the student services committee, allocate the funds for the student services fees, which are paid in a lump sum by students to student organizations.
Bundy said these committees are comprised of students who were either elected to the positions, appointed to the committee from the student government or appointed from the student body at large.

"The reality on this campus is that very few organizations have appealed funding based on the fact the officials were biased," Bundy said. "The students vote for people who have similar ideas as them or they have the opportunity to run for these positions themselves."
Originally, when the case was brought to court, Bundy said the students were protesting the system of mandatory student fees in general, not the system of the University of Wisconsin. The U.S. Supreme Court rejected this case in March on the belief that the process for distribution was "viewpoint neutral."
If the Supreme Court had ruled in favor of the students, the ruling could have affected the

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Tongue tied



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

Kent Griffin, coordinator of the personal fitness and wellness program at Texas Tech, attempts to climb the newly constructed rock-climbing wall Thursday evening in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Engineering collects \$2 million

By Kristina Thomas
Staff Writer

Since 1970, Texas Tech's engineering departments have been investigating tornadoes, wind speeds, structural damage and most of all, how to avoid the costly destruction.
At the request of U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, Congress recently approved \$2 million in funding for the Wind Science and Engineering

Research Center at Tech to improve wind disaster mitigation research.
The money will go to help fund numerous programs already started at Tech such as windstorm shelter development, development of data with integrated testing, windstorm economics and building damage and performance.
WISE scientists have been testing the impact of debris on structures for 25 years with the help of Tech stu-

dents, who have conducted 103 damage investigations and are well recognized throughout the world.
New equipment will be installed and WISE researchers plan to add to their new facilities, making the university home to one of the most comprehensive wind research facilities in the country.
Wind engineers at Tech plan to

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Tech Regents make progress in El Paso

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

While much of the Texas Tech student body began their Winter Break, the Tech Board of Regents met Dec. 14 in El Paso. The board meeting was shortened to one day, which caused several scheduled reports to be tabled until the next board meeting in February.
Included in the deferred reports were a preliminary report of a special committee to study enrollment management, annual reports on research activities for both Tech and the Health Sciences Center and reports on the status of the College of Human Sciences and the School of Nursing.
Also deferred was a report of the committee to nominate a chairman and vice chairman of the Board of Regents until the nominations were confirmed by the governor and elected by the Senate.
The Board approved several motions, including an off-campus agreement for network expansion to the Reese Center. A dedicated fiber optics cable will be installed to

link the Reese Center to Tech and the HSC as well as downtown communications hubs. Stage 3 of the Jones SBC Stadium renovation project also was approved. This stage will add a football training facility to the stadium.
Fire suppression systems will be installed in the Stangel/Murdough Residence Complex. During the May 14, 1999, meeting, a \$3.8-million project was authorized and fire sprinklers were to be installed in the Wiggins Complex, and if enough funding was left, in the Stangel/Murdough. After the completion of the Wiggins Complex, \$1.1 million was left. To complete the Stangel/Murdough system, \$2.1 million was needed. Jim Brunjes, Tech's chief financial officer, verified the source.
Revisions to Traffic and Parking fees were approved at the December meeting. Disabled parking sticker fees were reduced from \$200 to \$100. All other parking sticker fees were increased in order to raise money for parking garages.
The Board authorized a consult-

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Ombudsman office tackles trying issues

By Whitney Wyatt
Staff Writer

Texas Tech students now have a safe place to discuss their concerns ranging from campus-related issues to problems of a more personal level.
The Ombudsman's Office, a service in place only for students, was implemented June 1 by Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Michael Shonrock.
Shonrock said he wanted to establish a student-friendly service that would broaden Tech's ability to assist students in better understanding its procedures.
"I wanted to create an office that, no matter what the problem was, the student would feel safe," he said.
To fill the role of university ombudsman, Shonrock appointed Kathryn Quilliam as the first director of the Ombudsman's Office. Quilliam, who received a bachelor's and master's degrees from Tech, attended the University and College

Ombudsman Association convention June 7-10 to familiarize herself with the new role.
At the conference, she learned the history of the ombudsman, an ombudsman's ethical standards, how to market the office and how to establish an appropriate location.
Quilliam said she is an advocate for what is fair. She said she hears complaints from students about administrative and academic policies and procedures as well as interpersonal misunderstandings.
"It is a safe place to bring your concerns and solve your problems," she said.
The Ombudsman's Office acts as a mediation program for students, and Quilliam stressed the office is completely confidential and neutral.
"It does not keep any records, is accessible and informal," she said.
The office, located in 203 Uni-

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Death Notices

Courtney Nolen

Texas Tech athletic department officials will have a memorial service for Courtney Nolen at 4 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

The 24-year-old December Tech graduate was killed in an auto accident near Sweetwater on Jan. 2.

Nolen earned four letters in track at Tech. She was a distance



Nolen

runner from Houston's Langham Creek High School.

Nolen was a member of the All-Big 12 academic team in 1999 and in 1998 was one of just two runners to compete

in every women's cross country event of the season including the Big 12 Championships and the

NCAA Mountain Regional meet.

Nolen's accident happened as she was on her way to report to work at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock as an assistant to former Tech track coach Kirk Elias.

Clinton Lee Pitts

Flags will be flown at half-staff in Memorial Circle on Jan. 26 in memory of Clinton Lee Pitts, 23, a Texas Tech student who died Dec. 26.

Pitts, who was a senior architecture student from North Little

Rock, Ark., died in his home as a result of an illness.

Services were Dec. 30 at Frazer's Funeral Home Chapel in Warren, Ark.

Pitts was born Oct. 27, 1977, and was registered to attend Tech this Spring.

Survivors include father, William D. Pitts of Lubbock; mother and stepfather Robbie Louise and Sandy Uekman of North Little Rock.

Other relatives include a brother, William Denton Pitts of North

Little Rock; grandparents, Eura Pitts of Sheridan, Ark., and Nell and Curtis Denton of Warren, Ark.; step-grandparents, Ida Jane and Edward T. Uekman of Sherwood, Ark.; and a great-grandmother, Edna Denton also of Warren, Ark.

TechNotes!

Attention Arts and Sciences Graduates:

May 2001 graduates: Degree plan deadline has passed. Intent to graduate for May must be filed by Feb. 2

August 2001 graduates: Degree plan must be filed by May 9. Intent to graduate for August must be filed by June 8.

December 2001 graduates: Degree plans must be filed by Aug. 8. Intent to graduate for December must be filed by Sept. 21.

Degree plan and intent to graduate may be filed in 102 Holden Hall.

Student Government Budget Workshop will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the UC Matador Room. Attendance is required if your organization wants to receive funding from the Student Government Association. For more information, contact the SGA office at 742-3631.



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Tech Honors College continues growing, recruitment

The current director has provided a small college feel for prospective high school students.

By Erin Kirk
Staff Writer

Since its founding in 1959, Texas Tech's Honors College has continued to grow and flourish, along with the number of students enrolling in the university.

The program has had several directors through the years, all of which obtained their doctorates and served as Tech professors. A few of them including, Peder Christiansen, Jim Harper and Dennis Cogan, con-

tinued to teach at the university.

Kambra Bolch, associate dean of the Honors College, said the program has seen substantial growth since 1993, when Gary Bell began serving as director.

That year, there were only five honors students in the program. As of Fall 2000, there were 910 participants.

Much of the funding used in the Honors College is generated through contributions by the state since there are a few private supporters generate funding.

In comparison to Tech's honors program, Texas A&M University boasts 150 honors graduates each year, while Baylor University has only 30.

A&M's program requires no application and is merely based on the number of honors credits a student accumulates. Additionally, the University of Texas has several different honors programs, rather than a

Honors College Directors

- ▶ 1959-1965 Ivan Little Ph.D.
- ▶ 1965-1969 Paul Prior Ph.D.
- ▶ 1969-1981 Peder Christiansen Ph.D.
- ▶ 1981-1983 Otto Nelson Ph.D.
- ▶ 1983-1990 Jim Harper Ph.D.
- ▶ 1990-1993 Dennis Cogan Ph.D.
- ▶ 1993- Gary Bell Ph.D.

single program like Tech's.

Advantages to being a member of the Honors College at Tech are having smaller classes, early registration opportunities and an honors adviser.

Bolch said the Honors College

gives students "a small college feel in the midst of a large research institution."

However, a student who is not a member of the Honors College is encouraged to take honors classes and may still receive merit-based

scholarships if eligible.

The Honors College delegates scholarships to the student population as a service to the university.

Local high school counselors agree the program is worthwhile to prospective students.

Nancy Storrs, a senior counselor at Lubbock High School, said many of her students express desires to be future Red Raiders because of Tech's honors program.

"I have so many students who want to go to Tech and be part of the honors program," she said.

Larry Hess, Lubbock Monterey High School's sophomore counselor, said the honors program at Tech add a certain distinction to the university.

"The Honors College has added so much to Tech's growing prestige," he said. "Some of Monterey's top graduates have chosen Tech over other universities to be a part of this program."

In order to apply to the Honors College, one must complete an application separate from the application for admission to the university. The Honors College accepts applications from incoming freshman, as well as current students and those who transfer to Tech from other universities.

In addition, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better for acceptance.

The Honors College is accepting applications for admission for the Fall 2001 semester. The deadline for applicants is May 15.

Students may pick up an application in the Honors College office in 103 Holden Hall or an application can be downloaded from www.honr.ttu.edu.

There is no set limit on the number of students the Honors College may allow, they will only permit as many students as the faculty can serve.

Financial planning course offers real world investing

By Kimberly Wilson
Staff Writer

Texas Tech students in the College of Human Sciences will be able to invest money next fall in a start-up class with a Student-Managed Financial Fund.

The money will be placed into portfolios of mutual funds to raise funding for scholarships.

This senior course will allow 20 to 25 students to invest money into actual funds with any excess profits utilized for family financial planning scholarships.

"This is an exciting place to be because of the dynamic nature of the program," said John Hopkins, assistant professor of family financial planning and professor for the class.

The CH Foundation, the largest contributor to the College of Human Sciences at Tech, generously donated \$75,000 in start-up capital for the class.

Officials are talking to brokerage dealers and scholarship donors in hopes of finding contributions for the class. After negotiations with the scholarship donors, Tech students might be able to manage the schol-

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John Hopkins

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FAMILY FINANCIAL PLANNING

arships in the investing class to add to the funding already provided by the donors.

This spring, a counsel of portfolio management fellows, consisting of nationally recognized experts in areas of portfolios in the financial planning context, will advise students on how to guide the investments.

Several dates are being reviewed for possible lectures from various professionals in the financial field.

Students would be able to main-

tain the investments, which would provide students with experience and insight into the world of investing, such as interest rates.

"When interest rates are lowered, overall it will help mutual funds," said Brian Ulrich, a sophomore international economics major from Corinth.

The College of Business Administration has a similar program established for its students which is funded with more than \$1 million from various sources.

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fee structures at many universities across the country.

Andrew Schoppe, Student Government Association president at Texas Tech, said while Tech does have a mandatory student fee that funds student organizations, no decision concerning funding has been made because of the viewpoints of the organization.

"We can't discriminate when funding because of race, gender or viewpoints," he said. "Any organiza-

tion can apply for funding as long as they are a registered organization with the university."

Schoppe said there are not any set guidelines as to the amount of money an organization can receive, except concerning new organizations on campus.

He added that the only reason this guideline exists is because the organization is new and there may be an uncertainty about how the funds will be used. Most issues about how much funding to give an organization, Schoppe said, are based on a list of criteria, which the committee considers.

"The committee looks at questions such as whether or not the organization will use the money to support diversity of the campus, and how it will contribute to the image of Texas Tech," he said. "The more criteria an organization meets, the stronger the urge to provide funding is."

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Your View

Today's question:

What is your New Year's resolution?



"To just live."

Danae Clark

junior art major from Levelland



"No more New Year's resolutions."

Mark Gomez

sophomore philosophy major from Lubbock

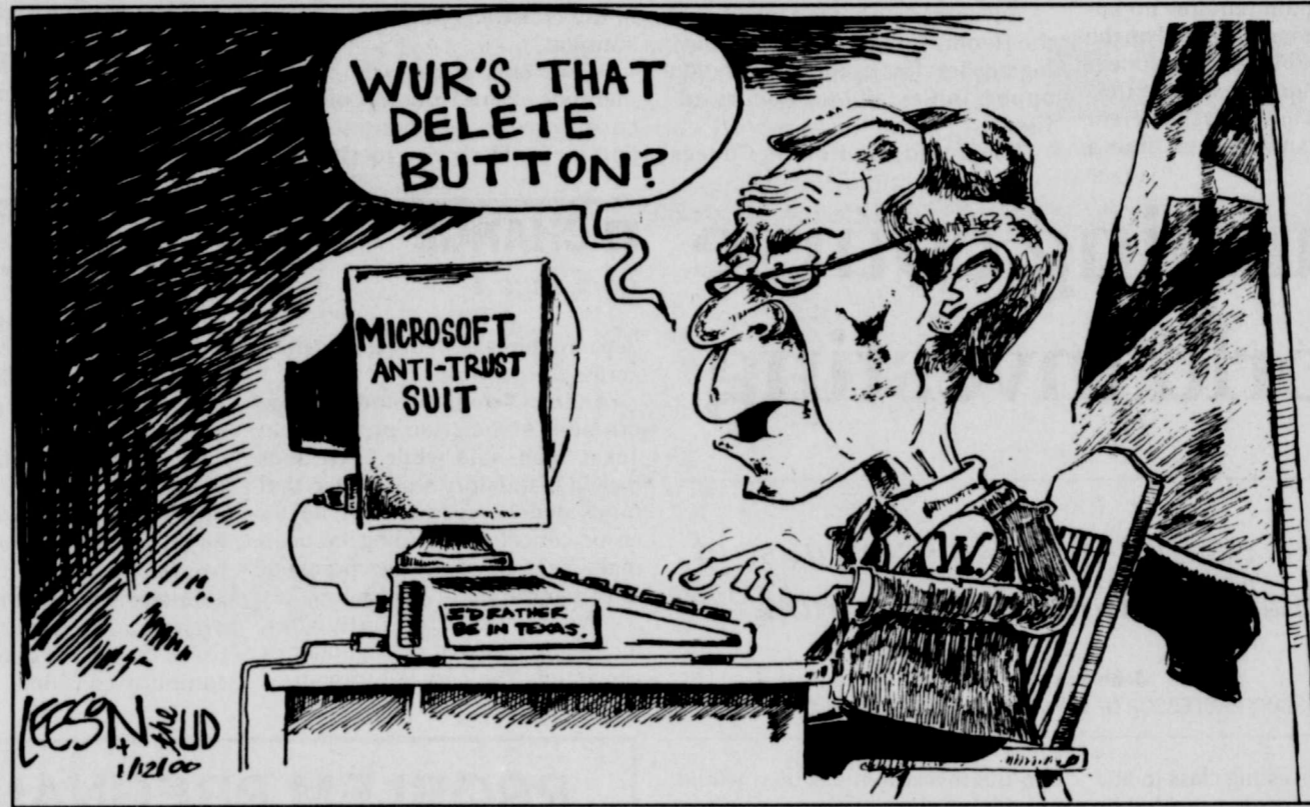


"To give up cigarettes."

Pankaj Sharma

graduate student in industrial engineering from India

compiled by Whitney Wyatt



Editorial

Smoking ban not viable

It comes to no surprise that smoking is bad for our health. And yet, knowingly, hundreds of Texas Tech students and faculty enjoy smoking their cigarettes, as they should, this is their right - their body.

In the recent past, smokers have been banned from most indoor public places. This leaves them one place they can smoke, one place where they can smoke without the fear of being told they can't - outside.

Here on one of the largest college campuses in the nation, there is plenty of clean air to go around. Smokers and nonsmokers alike should be able to enjoy the space outside these academic walls.

As of Jan. 1, the Health Sciences Center became 100 percent smoke-free, inside and out. Coincidentally, the HSC's director of the Center of Tobacco Prevention and Control, Dr. Donna Bacchi-Smith, is the wife of Dr. David Smith, the president of the HSC. So why wouldn't this measure pass at the HSC?

Last November, the Student Government Association resolved to ban smoking on Tech's main campus as well.

With Lubbock on the verge of

being completely smoke-free, where do smokers have to go? Their rights are no less important than the nonsmoker or less important than people with breathing problems.

Aside from any civil rights being trampled on and hundreds of tax-paying citizens being discriminated against, how is Tech planning on enforcing such an absurd rule? Will they start placing ads in *The UD* for a top-notch force of cigarette police? Is this a high school or a major university where educated adults walk around making decisions for themselves?

Withdrawal is a scary experience for all involved. Picture hundreds of cranky, irritable, frustrated people walking around, needing their cigarettes, taking it out on whomever is standing nearest. There will be no more friendly salutations being heard from a breezeway and lawns. Who wants to deal with a professor who hasn't had the habitual smoke-break between classes?

If Lubbock and Tech officials manage to take away the right to smoke outside in public places, where would it end? Who is not to say that the next thing to go will be smoking in your car if you are parked

in a public parking lot. Oh yeah, and don't smoke in your house if your windows are open, we would hate for any second-hand smoke to contaminate public air.

Let us not forget about driving, all those harmful toxins being unleashed onto unsuspecting citizens; there will be no more driving until solar-powered transportation is available to the entire human population. And while we are at it, let us reinstate prohibition, too. The list of stolen rights could go on and on.

It is understandable why nonsmokers would want to avoid second-hand smoke. Why not compromise? Smoking areas outside buildings on campus are generally directly in front of an entryway. It would make more sense to simply move the smoking areas. Designated smoking areas could be moved to the side of doorways or to the side of the building. This way no one is forced to walk through a cloud of smoke. There are enough walkways where smokers and non-smokers could easily stay out of each other's paths.

Better yet, maybe Tech and Lubbock officials should butt out of other people's personal business. This plan of abolition smells about as good as the cow manure we are all so fortunate to inhale every time the wind changes.

Column

Who is Bush kidding?

In an effort to destroy any bridges into the 21st century that President Clinton may have built, Bush has announced his Cabinet picks.

Because Bush actually lost the popular vote by more than half a million, you'd think he would mix and match his team to not upset too many people. But Bush turned around and flipped the finger at his semi middle-of-the-road compassionate conservatism.

The Bush image-doctors tried to make it seem like he wasn't so right wing but once he was elected - and I use that word loosely - Dubya got back into his usual habits.

No, I'm not talking about drinking and driving, I'm talking about his terrible, even laughable Cabinet appointees.

These people have received so much criticism that an entire organization was built to fend off resistance to them. The Issues Management Center is a team of people who are trying to make these shady politicians easier for American people to swallow.

A choice that many find extremely puzzling is John Ashcroft for attorney general. The attorney general is the principal enforcer of our nation's civil rights laws and is entrusted with guaranteeing justice for all Americans. This same man is responsible for protecting women's reproductive freedom as well as the environment. Ashcroft is a well-known opponent of civil rights, is zealously pro-gun and has been described to be anti-women and a white supremacist sympathizer. As attorney general, will Ashcroft be an enforcer and upholder of the United States' laws, or will he merely uphold his own out-of-touch conservative beliefs?

I ask you, would you have Strom Thurman speak at the Million Man March? Would you give Ted Kennedy a bottle of booze and your car keys? Would you buy Pat Buchanan's book? Hell no you wouldn't, but I was forced to buy one anyway for one of my classes.

So in the eve of all these absurdities, why would we turn back our consciousness before civil rights, before women's rights and before we decided to clean up our environment? Many of the appointees are from previous Republican Cabinets with extremely conservative, even outdated ideologies.

I guess Christie Todd Whitman would be best qualified to deal with pollution and the environment considering New Jersey produces more toxic gas than Chernobyl. Whitman is known for being soft on big corporate polluters and she tends to compromise the safety of the environment too easily.

During his term in the Missouri Senate, Ashcroft cast 43 votes concerning abortion, 42 of them aimed at overturning *Roe v. Wade*. Two years ago on "Meet the Press," Ashcroft blatantly stated that to him, outlawing abortion was a higher priority than cutting taxes.

Ashcroft will be responsible for justice for all with his questionable tolerance and suspicious intentions. This guy doesn't sound like he wants to keep church and state separate, and it doesn't take an idiot to see this as an obvious constitutional violation.

Bush's ten-dollar catch phrase "I'm a uniter, not a divider," has become annoying and meaningless. The only Democrats he's hired are in minor positions, which may put Bush in a major position for more criticism. For a guy who can't get out a complete sentence without taking several extended pauses, he sure gets ballsy about his Cabinet picks.

Of course George W. is not going get away with this without a fight. Hundreds of thousands are expected to protest in Washington during his inauguration. Thousands of people are planning on fighting the good fight, a right that Americans have taken full advantage of, especially in the past few months.

If you don't already dislike Bush for his bad record or questionable competence, dislike him for watering down civil rights and the partial destruction of hope for an unincorporated and less polluted America.

Bethany is a sophomore political science major from Spearman.



Bethany Cline

Column

Cell phone users in need of etiquette lesson

The movies, a posh restaurant, the theater - these are usually places where decorum is warranted. Unfortunately, now even places as serene as a church are assaulted by the irritating noise of a cellular phone.

Now don't think that I'm some technophobic person who doesn't know how to turn on a computer, let alone own a cell phone. I am the proud owner of a cell phone, and I always leave it on vibrate. I wish others would follow my lead. I hate it when I'm in class and a phone rings. I hate it even worse when the person answers it and proceeds to hold a conversation with whomever is on the other end of that infernal noisemaker.

Thankfully, before my ears are assaulted yet again by the wonderful noise of "Dizzy" or one of those other stupid rings (don't get me started on those rings - my sister has hers set on "Dizzy" and every time I

And if you simply must make a call, go outside. Join the smokers - enjoy being the outcast of society. Just don't force your actions on the rest of us.

hear it, I want to take her phone and throw it down the nearest ravine), out comes Q-Zone.

According to an article on www.nytimes.com, "Taking the Offensive Against Cell Phones," Q-Zone utilizes technology that enables wireless devices to communicate silently from up to 10 yards away. Q-Zone turns down the ringer or places the phone on vibrate automatically with the user's permission.

The technology is not available on current cell phones, but I am counting the days until it is. All those wonderful blurbs in Ann Landers about cell phone etiquette and the little signs asking people to turn

off their phones have done nothing to stop the massive lapses in common courtesy heaped on us by rude cell phone owners.

The cell phone used to be a status symbol, but with an estimated 100 million Americans who own a cell phone, the whole elitist thing has gone out the window.

I've seen grade-school kids with cell phones. Now, exactly why do they need a cell phone? A schedule full of tea parties and play dates does not exactly justify a cell phone.

The only reason I got mine was because the car I was driving at the time was, to put it mildly, a piece of crap. I was handed my

phone and told, "Here. For when your car breaks down." Thanks. But I digress.

Lubbock is proposing a smoke-free environment. Might I suggest a cell phone-free environment? Now, I'm not stupid enough to try to outlaw calls made outside, but is it too much to ask to allow people to enjoy a nice meal or a sermon or even class without being interrupted by the incessant ringing of a cell phone?

Believe it or not, cell phones are not necessities. You can go without the precious growth on your ear for however long it takes you to eat or watch a movie. And if you simply must make a call, go outside.

Join the smokers - enjoy being an outcast of society. Just don't force your rude actions on the rest of us.

Mara McCoy is a sophomore journalism major from El Paso. Cell phone users who disagree with her can e-mail her at marambug@aol.com, if they think they can tear themselves away from their cell phone long enough to compose and e-mail.



Mara McCoy

No major tax breaks in sight for Texans

AUSTIN (AP) — The beans have been counted and Texas lawmakers already have issued their warning: Expect no major tax cuts to come out of this legislative session.

Unlike previous years of surging state budget surpluses, Gov. Rick Perry and state lawmakers say there's just no room to give Texas taxpayers much of a break in the 2002-03 budget cycle.

"We don't really know what's happening in this economy," said Perry, who in the same breath also predicts no tax increases. "A prudent person will be cautious. Let's be cautious

with the budget."

Four years ago, then Gov. George W. Bush fought for \$3 billion in tax relief. He got \$1 billion.

Two years later, with Bush eyeing the presidency, lawmakers again approved a tax cut, this time for about \$1.8 billion. But the red-hot economy was churning and the state was flush with cash.

Perry, a Republican who replaced Bush and wants to run for governor in two years, won't enjoy the luxury of having the extra money. The \$108.2 billion two-year budget proposal allows little wiggle room and

leaves Perry unable to afford something as politically popular as a major tax cut.

Times aren't exactly bad, said state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

Her office has predicted that half of a \$2.9 billion surplus over the next two years will be eaten by cost overruns in the current budget. That's only half the surplus lawmakers enjoyed in 1999.

The state economy is still growing at a rate slightly faster than the national average, Rylander said.

"We're gliding into the soft land-

ing that my office predicted," she said.

"There's growth, but it has slowed down."

Lawmakers also are feeling the pinch of the 1997 and 1999 cuts that trimmed school property taxes and created some consumer and business tax breaks.

The tax cuts meant less money in general revenue.

Some lawmakers have questioned whether the surpluses in those years would have been better spent elsewhere, such as to raise state workers' salaries.

MEET

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ing agreement for assistance in creating a strategic plan for Tech. The agreement will result in a written strategic plan that Tech will publish and use in its short and long-range

planning.

The School of Allied Health has added three new degree programs. They are a bachelor of science degree in clinical support services management, a master of science degree in molecular pathology and a master of science degree in rehabilitation science.

A program to reduce graduate tuition and fees for HSC graduate students was approved. The program will mirror the Tech program approved at the August board meeting.

Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, spoke to board members about a border health institute and the need

for one in the El Paso area.

Don Brown, commissioner for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, presented "Texas Higher Education Plan: Closing the Gaps, By 2015" to board members.

The next board meeting will include the tabled reports and will be Feb. 8-9 in San Antonio.

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use some of the money allocated to them to continue testing impacts of debris and how to reinforce structures to withstand the height of a storm.

Chad Morris, associate director of wind engineering, said the Tech program is one of the best in the country.

"The wind engineering program here is much broader than those around the country," Morris said. "We encompass a little bit of everything. I certainly think that we have a premiere research program here."

James McDonald, chairman of civil engineering, said wind engineering has become a large part of engineering studies, especially here in Lubbock.

"Here in the Panhandle, there is always a threat of wind storms and tornadoes," he said. "We have a lot of programs here that have been around for nearly 30 years or more."

McDonald said the construction of better and less expensive shelters

is one of the major goals of the wind research program. He said the increase in technology during the past three decades has increased research capabilities.

"There is no question that in the 30 years we have been doing this we have made considerable progress in this field," McDonald said.

Tech students help provide the guidance and criteria for contractors in the area to help build storm shel-

ters and protect houses and buildings from wind and structural damage.

Every year, schools submit a proposal for funds for research. The money Tech receives from the government has to be presented and asked for by Combest, approved by both the House of Representatives and the Senate and then passed and approved by the president.

Combest's press secretary, Becca Dickerson, said although the process is lengthy the cause is worth it.

"We lobby for the projects we feel are really important and we push really hard to get them through," she said. "This program saves lives. Period."

OMBUDSMAN

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versity Center, is designed to enhance students' abilities to deal effectively with problems by teaching useful communication skills. Students also receive insight into complicated situations.

More than 100 students used the office last semester to discuss vari-

ous concerns, including questions about grading and faculty behavior, Quilliam said. She also helped in cases of financial aid, admissions and traffic and parking.

Sara Porter, a senior public relations major from Irving, said the Ombudsman's Office, if she had known about it, it would have helped her friend out last semester.

She said her friend was having a

hard time in a class with a new instructor.

"My friend never missed class, but the teacher wouldn't help him any," Porter said. "The teacher even told the class he wasn't for sure about teaching."

Her friend eventually failed the class but did not want to complain because he was not sure of the right way to go about it.

Marketing the office to Tech stu-

dents is what Quilliam said will be the goal for her this semester.

Students are welcome to schedule appointments, come in, call or fax.

The hours of the Ombudsman's Office are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact the Ombudsman's Office at 742-4791 or log onto the Internet at www.studentaffairs.ttu.edu/vpsa/vpsa_om.htm.

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Tech theater auditions open to all students

By Amy Aldridge
Staff Writer

Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance kicks off its spring theater season tonight with auditions for five of its productions this semester.

In late March, the theater department will host its fourth annual Raider Red's One-Act Play Spectacular. The plays are all written and directed by students in the theater department. This year's plays include "Amana" by Michael Moore; "Green With All Dents" by Geoff Howard;

"The Gospel According to Nerf" by Brian Griffin; and "Every Other Wednesday" by freshman theater student Will Robi.

Open auditions for all five of these plays will be at 7 p.m. tonight in the Maedgen Theatre. The One-

Act Play Spectacular will be March 26 through April 1 at the Lab Theatre.

The first play of the semester will be a production of Georg Buchner's "Woyzeck." The play, a mystery, is one of the earliest plays in western civilization. Run dates are Feb. 5-11.

"The play was discovered in fragments, and there is no ending," said Eric Skiles, a graduate theater student from Odessa. "This allows the director to have the play end the way the director wants it to."

Arthur Miller's "After the Fall" will run Feb. 16-18 and Feb. 23-25. Miller is best remembered for his play "Death of a Salesman." "After the Fall" is a drama about a man's life. The man reflects on all of the relationships that have occurred in his life.

Rounding out the season is Don DeLillo's "The Day Room." The play is set in a hospital, but it is unclear if the hospital is a mental hospital or a regular one.

"The play explores peoples' beliefs and just how real they are," Skiles said.

The play will run April 6-8 and April 13-15 in the Maedgen Theatre. Admission for all plays is \$5 for students with a valid Texas Tech ID and \$8 for the general public. Open rush is held before each production.

For more information, contact the ticket office at 742-3603.



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Danielle Peacock, a senior theater design major from Irving, and Nick Veckman, a senior design major from Dallas, paint the Mainstage of the Maedgen Theatre on Thursday on preparation for this semester's first production, 'After the Fall.'

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Right to choose card played too many times

Before most of you arrived in Lubbock from Winter Break, *The University Daily* staff was here preparing for the semester's first edition of the paper. While boredom wreaked havoc with my life, I found myself in a friend's dorm room watching "The Cider House Rules." While this movie, based on the book of the same name, was sweet and innocent in the beginning, it turned tainted very quickly.



Leslie Follmar

This movie captured my heart, but once again, Hollywood turned reality into a farce. A sham, a travesty and a mockery of how the world is set up to operate.

"What the heck is she talking about?" you might ask. "The movie's fine, I think it was a little boring, but no complaints — where's the

crossword?" you might say. Well, there is an underlying message in this film that I would like to discuss.

"The Cider House Rules" is a movie about Homer Wells, an orphan who grows up at an orphanage and attached clinic in Maine. Taking place during the '40s, many young mothers come to the clinic to receive an abortion, which was illegal in those days. Some mothers were raped, some had health conditions, which might have killed the mother to complete the pregnancy, but others just didn't want the child — most had the latter condition. Many of the children had to live every day knowing that their parents didn't want them. For Homer, it was three sets of parents that didn't want him.

Dr. Larch ran the orphanage and clinic and trained Homer in the ways of gynecology, and he often assisted Dr. Larch with many procedures. Homer didn't agree with the abortions and had a conversation with Dr. Larch concerning the subject.

"What if it had been me?" Homer asked. "Just be glad to be alive," Dr. Larch responded.

I am thankful I am alive, I am also thankful that my parents chose to obey a higher power concerning the matter.

Later in the movie, Wally brings his girlfriend, Candy, to the clinic to have an abortion. This is the part in the movie that appalled me. I'm not exasperated at the fact that Dr. Larch performs the abortion, to the appeal of Homer. I'm not frustrated at the fact that Wally brought his girlfriend to Dr. Larch — it's probably a natural reaction to a very critical world, much different from our present age. This world deemed absolutes. What irks me is that there is no accountability. Who stops the couple from coming back and having 10 abortions? Nothing, except their conscience, if it ever gets to them.

"Why should it matter?" you say. "She has the right to choose."

OK, she also has the right to say, "No, we cannot have sex, because I might get pregnant."

I do not agree with that

argument. Both parties give up their right to choose when they decide to engage in sexual intercourse. Both parties enter the engagement knowing of the possible side effects. This is where the travesty appears.

The world has been set up to operate a certain way. The world spins every 24 hours. If the axis of the Earth were off by half a degree we would all freeze, and if it were off the other way, we would all burn. There is an order to science and math. There is also an order to life — birth to death. No one has ever broken that cycle. It's the cycles in between those two accounts that have been spoiled.

There would be no need for abortions if we would set up our lives to the model that has been presented to us by God. There would be no need for jails, of course, if we did the same in the area of crime and didn't commit it.

"What?! You cannot be serious, no sex? Yeah right!"

OK, how many meaningless abortions would not have been done if had been for people taking their

own lives into account and acting responsibly in accordance to their actions? Probably about 33 million abortions would have been spared — that's 33 million people!

"I do take responsibility, I use condoms and she's on birth control."

We all know those fail. We all saw this same principle right before our eyes in Florida last November — voters in Palm Beach County not owning up to their actions.

"The ballot was confusing! I'm stupid and don't know how to punch a pin through a card."

Well, they could have asked, they could have gotten a second ballot, they could have said to MSNBC, "Yeah, it was confusing, but I could have read it better and made an educated attempt to understand the ballot. This is the presidency we're talking about."

The young mother could say, "I'm just going to have an abortion. I have the right to choose. I love my boyfriend and we don't want this baby." Instead of saying, "Yeah, it was my fault, I could have waited until marriage to have sex, but we've

done it so many other times, I never thought I would get pregnant. I could have made a better attempt to set up my life according to the ways God ordered for me. This is life we're talking about."

Truly, you must ask yourself why following the ways of God has worked for some. "They have no fun."

Oh no, by contrast — I go home every night sober and will be able to have a marriage that brings honor to God, one reason being because I'm waiting. God has not chosen to make your life hell by not having sex. He's trying to protect his creation from going through horrific things, like abortions and murder.

God's love for his creation exceeds our fleeting desires and emotions. A life lived that is leaned upon the love of God is a joyful and meaningful life.

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death (Proverbs 14:12).

Leslie Follmar is a staff writer for *The UD* and a sophomore marketing major from Houston.

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'Temptation Island' entices viewers to Fox

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The debut of Fox's "Temptation Island" proved enticing for viewers, with 16 million tuning in to see sexy singles test the fidelity of four couples.

According to preliminary ratings Thursday, the reality series drew a bigger audience Wednesday than the debut of CBS' "Survivor." That show premiered with 15.5 million viewers last May.

"Temptation Island," which critics and religious leaders said had a destructive premise, also outdrew the Tuesday premiere of ABC's "The Mole."

The ABC reality series, which takes over the Tuesday slot of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" for nine weeks, failed to match the Regis Philbin quiz show in total viewership but attracted a younger audience. It was 26 percent smaller than Philbin's average audience in that slot.

ABC pronounced itself satisfied with the 13.7 million viewers who watched "The Mole," in which contestants solve challenges and ferret out the saboteur in their midst for a prize of up to \$1 million.

"The Mole" increased viewership among the prized demographic of adults 18 to 34 for the 8 p.m. EST Tuesday time slot by more than 50 percent compared

to the season average, according to ABC numbers.

Fox also drew a young audience for "Temptation Island." It was the network's highest-rated Wednesday premiere ever among young adults, besting competitors including NBC's "The West Wing" in that demographic, the network said.

Ratings aside, "Temptation Island" has caused headaches for Fox.

A background check failed to reveal that one of the couples had a child together, a violation of Fox's rules for the show. They were removed from the island off Belize midway during filming.

That echoed the embarrassment Fox suffered when it turned out that groom Rick Rockwell of "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" had been the subject of a restraining order request by a fiancée.

"Temptation Island," which has been hyped with sexy promos, also found itself undermined by an Internet site report: WorldNetDaily, quoting an anonymous source, said none of the couples gave in to temptation.

"Survivor," which kept the secret of contestant Richard Hatch's victory until the end, had a final audience of 51 million viewers in August.

Holy 'hood or Hollywood?

Residents fighting to keep social mores out of Brooklyn

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a premise that many neighborhoods would quickly greenlight: a big Hollywood-style studio moving in next door, with the promise of movie stars — Nicholson! Streep! Hanks! — mingling with the locals. Not in Williamsburg, though.

Home to the conservative Satmar Hasidic sect since 1946, the Brooklyn neighborhood wants to prevent its children from an inculcation of show business' mores — particularly its casual attitude toward sex.

To ensure their kids grow up in the same sheltered environment as previous generations, local religious leaders are ready for a court fight to stop the planned \$120 million development at the old Brooklyn Navy Yard.

"It's like bringing Times Square into the middle of Amish country," complained Rabbi Abraham Zimmerman, one of the opponents

of the plan that was once backed by Oscar winner Robert De Niro and Miramax Studios honcho Harvey Weinstein.

That high-profile pair was stunned in October 1999 when city officials spurned their offer and agreed to allow a partnership of New York Studios and Steiner Equities to develop the 15-acre site.

Under their proposal, the decrepit property just south of Williamsburg would host a dozen sound stages plus other production facilities — a touch of Hollywood on the East River. Construction is scheduled to begin this year.

Neighborhood Jewish leaders quickly blanched at the proposal and met with one of the developers, Louis Madigan, to express their dismay.

"We hoped he would act like a mensch," said Rabbi David Niederman, executive director of the United Jewish Organization of

Williamsburg. "You know, before any action is taken, let's sit down and talk. Let's see the issues and come to an agreement."

But the developers ignored subsequent phone calls and a letter, said Niederman, whose organization represents more than 150 neighborhood groups, synagogues and charities.

This perceived disrespect led to a recent get-together called by Grand Rebbe Moses Teitelbaum, spiritual leader of 100,000 Satmar Hasidim worldwide.

Teitelbaum delivered a simple and succinct message to a collection of local religious leaders gathered in the library of his home: "Defeat that project."

"This," Niederman says, "is a holy message that we will comply with."

In Williamsburg, the 40,000 Satmars have created their own small universe within the big city.

Some 10,000 students attend private schools. The Satmars have their own community centers and their own housing. Families will sometimes double up in a house rather than relocate to a more secular part of the city.

Despite the rabbis' revolt, the project's developers were as quiet as a silent movie without the organ music.

Bernie Dushman of the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corp. declined to comment. Two phone calls left for developer Madigan at his New Jersey office were not returned.

But sooner or later, leaders in the Williamsburg community say, the developers will have to answer.

"I have never been to Hollywood," Niederman acknowledged. "But it is only common sense that a person is impacted by what's in front of their eyes. As I say, there's a reason we live in Williamsburg."

Turner passes on chance to nationalize WCW

ATLANTA (AP) — Ted Turner gave up his attempt to take Southern-fried wrestling nationwide Thursday, selling World Championship Wrestling, whose aging, balding stars couldn't compete with the lurid storylines and catchphrase-spouting youngsters of the World Wrestling Federation.

WCW, once a Southern-only circuit with stopovers in places like Augusta, Ga., and Greenville, S.C., became the No. 1 pro wrestling brand after Turner spent millions to lure away established WWF wrestlers like Hulk Hogan.

But the WWF, which airs on UPN and TNN, wrenched the top spot back by promoting young stars like The Rock and salacious plots involving everything from a wrestler marrying the owner's daughter to a wrestler impregnating an elderly woman.

Turner cable stations likely will continue airing WCW matches but leave programming and marketing to New York-based Fusient Media Ventures, which bought WCW for an undisclosed amount. Fusient is run by Brian Bedol and Stephen Greenberg, founders of Classic

Sports Network. The pair sold the network to the ESPN division of the Walt Disney Co. in October 1997. It's now ESPN Classic.

Age was widely perceived as the toughest challenge facing the WCW — dubbed "wheelchair wrestling" by many.

Two of its biggest stars — balding Hulk Hogan and the "Nature Boy," Ric Flair — are about 50 in an industry whose average fan is under 30.

Ratings dove for WCW pay-per-view programs and weekly shows "Monday Nitro" on TNT and

"Thunder" on TBS. The company lost an estimated \$80 million last year.

The losses have been too much for parent company Time Warner, which is getting in shape for its planned merger with America Online. An effort in March to revive the WCW by bringing back its former head Eric Bischoff failed.

Bischoff promised a total revamping, signing on former WWF writer Vince Russo, who helped make the Connecticut-based WWF a ratings winner with bikini-clad sidekicks and profanity.

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■ **THREE**
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when he hits his threes, the crowd gets in it, and we need that from him."

Tech forward Cliff Owens is averaging 13 points and 8 rebounds per contest this season and said having three-point shooters means no lead is insurmountable.

"I think when you're a team that can hit the three-point shot consistently it means you are never out of a game," Owens said. "Not only that, but as far as Xs and Os goes, it really frees up the guys inside because you can't concentrate on the perimeter and the inside guys. So when we can hit the outside shots, it really makes it easier on Andy (Ellis) and myself."

But Owens said if he or Ellis ever have an off game, he feels confident the outside shooting of the Raiders can carry them to victory.

"I think they can carry us, especially if teams sag in the middle to try and keep Andy and I from getting the ball," Owens said.

"I think with the way they've been shooting the ball here recently, if the inside gets shut down, we still can win games."

■ **LADY RAIDERS**
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ning in the Lady Raider locker room, Ellison said sometimes it is tough to remain mentally stable.

"It is all about how you handle adversity," Ellison said. "We are going to play top-ranked teams, and then we are going to play teams in the lower part of the conference. You just have to stay strong in your mind."

One scoring threat from the Aggies is senior forward Jaynetta Saunders.

Saunders powers the Aggie scoring machine, pacing the squad with

20.5 points per game, complemented by 7.9 boards per contest.

Ellison said Saunders will be a threat, but she feels the Lady Raiders are playing their best ball, on both offense and defense, of the season.

Baylor came into last Wednesday's showdown with the top-ranked offense and second-ranked defense in the conference. Throughout most of the contest, Tech dominated both sides of the ball.

"We have come together very quick," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "(Wednesday) night was unexplainable because our team offense and team defense was there. It was a game where everyone clicked and

that is something a coach wishes for."

One main reason for the recent outburst of the Lady Raider offense is due to their long distance shooting.

Junior guard Amber Tarr broke out of her early-season slump and is ranked fifth in the country in three-point field goal percentage at 50.9 percent.

As a team, the Lady Raiders rank 12th in the category at 40.5 percent.

Tarr said the shooters have to continue to shoot well because Tech's post players are being doubled-up every game.

"Our post game has gained so much respect around this league,"

Tarr said. "We have to open it up for them and knock down the shots from the outside."

Tech has the longest current home court winning streak in Division 1 women's basketball at 38 straight games and Tarr said it is tough to leave the United Spirit Arena and play in front of different fans.

She said the fans are loud in College Station, but it would be worse in the arena if it was quiet.

"The students are pretty brutal and everyone knows that from the football games," Tarr said. "They don't hold anything back, but it is better for them to scream bad stuff at me than nothing at all."

Chris Palmer fired as head coach of Cleveland Browns

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Despite five shutouts, 27 losses and being outscored by 478 points in two years, Chris Palmer truly believed he and the Cleveland Browns were headed in the right direction.

His boss disagreed. Palmer was fired Thursday as coach of the Browns after winning only five games in two turbulent seasons since he was selected to lead

Cleveland back into the NFL.

"We do have a problem. We are not on the right track," Browns president Carmen Policy said. "It's my belief our players are not buying into the program. They didn't point fingers at the coach, but they are not sold on the project. I don't believe he lost the team, but they lost faith in his ability to take them to the promised land. It's not the way we

wanted things to go."

The Browns went 2-14 and 3-13 under Palmer, who didn't have any pro head coaching experience when the Browns hired him to lead their rebirth in the league as an expansion team in '99.

But the club didn't live up to high expectations in its first year, and finished the season ranked last statistically in total offense and defense.

In 2000, injuries to key players stifled the Browns from getting any better.

"It's a tough business," said quarterback Tim Couch, who missed nine games with a broken thumb.

Policy, who guaranteed Palmer's job was safe for at least another year in November, said the decision to reverse direction was made after a series of postseason meetings.

Sonics sold to Starbucks founder

SEATTLE (AP) — Barry Ackerley called it a "bittersweet" day as he announced the sale of the Seattle SuperSonics to an investment group headed by the founder of Starbucks coffee chain.

The Ackerley Group is selling the Sonics for \$200 million to Howard Schultz and four others. The deal also includes the WNBA's Seattle Storm. The sale is expected to be final by the end of the first quarter of this year.

In addition to Schultz, the buyout group includes team president and general manager Wally Walker.

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A&M up next for Tech

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

Texas Tech forward Tanisha Ellison said every game the Lady Raiders play in the Big 12 Conference gets their adrenaline flowing, but when it is a team from Texas, the blood pumps even more.

After dropping Baylor on Wednesday, the Lady Raiders hope to continue their in-state dominance when they travel to College Station to engage Texas A&M at 2 p.m. Saturday at Reed Arena.

Although the Baylor win was an emotional victory for Tech, Ellison

said a win over the Aggies would do wonders because Texas A&M is more of a rival.

"Texas A&M has been a huge rival for many, many years," said Ellison, who averages 6.8 rebounds per game. "We always want to go in there and come out victorious on their home court."

The Lady Raiders have won their last 15 regular season contests against teams from the Lone Star State, dating back to 1999, and Ellison said the reason is the squad strives on playing in-state foes.

"Every night everyone is going to play us with all their might," she said.

"Especially with us being Texas Tech and being real (well) known, I guess it is just something about us that people want to beat. Since they want to beat us bad, we want the win even more."

Tech's win over Baylor knocked the Lady Bears from the ranks of the unbeaten.

Now, Tech (12-2 overall, 3-0 Big 12) has to duel with a struggling Aggies (11-3 overall, 1-2 Big 12) squad has lost two out of their last three and are looking to rebound against the Lady Raiders.

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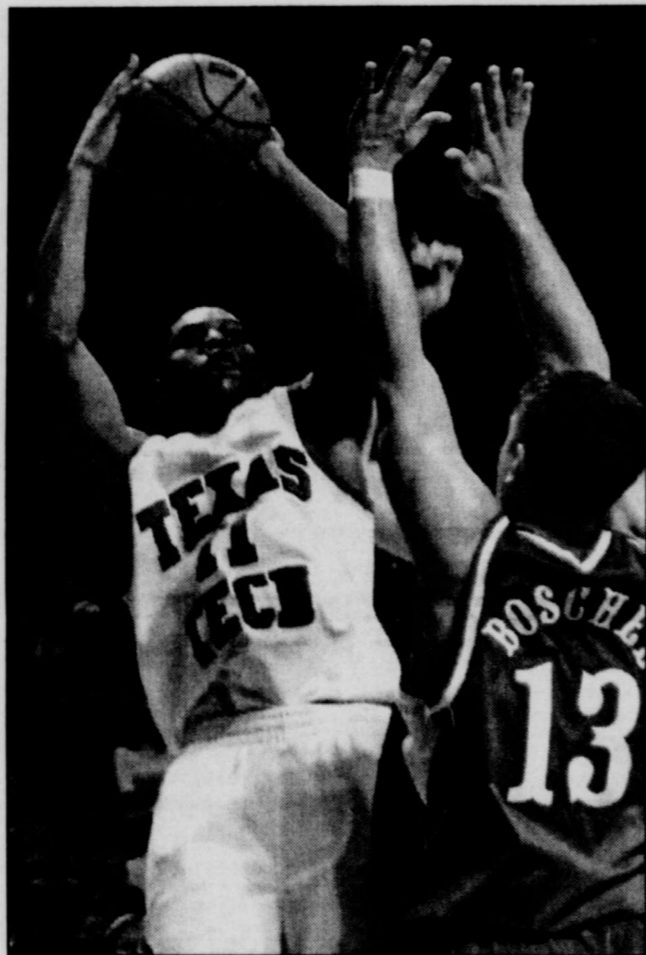


Lady Raider forward Plenette Plonk blocks a New Mexico shooter in an earlier season win. Tech will face Texas A&M at 2 p.m. Saturday at College Station.
Greg Kreller
The University Daily

Triple threat



The Texas Tech guard trio of Marcus Shropshire, Jamal Brown and Andre Emmett has connected for 50 three-pointers through 13 games this season for



the Red Raider men's basketball squad. Brown leads the three players with 22 three-pointers with Shropshire tallying 20 and Emmett eight. The three



players are all in their first seasons with the Tech program and each has seen significant playing time this year.

PHOTOS BY GREG KRELLER/The University Daily

The Three's Company

Red Raider guard trio manufacturing three-point shots, Texas Tech wins

By Jeff Keller
Sports Editor

The three-point shot is a weapon of various destruction in basketball. It can break a game wide-open, or it can be used to quickly claw back from a deficit.

This season, the Texas Tech men's basketball squad has three players skilled in the art of the three-point in guards, Jamal Brown, Marcus Shropshire and Andre Emmett.

The trio of guards has combined for 50 three-point shots in the Red Raiders' 13 games.

Brown leads the way with 22 long-range bombs on the season, with Shropshire in second with 20 and Emmett in third with eight.

The trio's three-point marksmanship has shown in the Red Raiders' two Big 12 Conference games as Brown has connected on seven three-point opportunities, while Shropshire has canned six threes and Emmett contributing one.

Brown said by using the three-point shot effectively, the Red Raiders have been able to open their inside game up.

"It helps the inside game," Brown said. "It's a big compliment. Basically our team plays inside out, and it

helps us tremendously. You need perimeter shooters in basketball. You don't want to rely on the three-point shot but it helps to have guys who can knock it down."

The Raiders dropped their first conference game to Kansas but rebounded to defeat Baylor earlier this week.

The victory was keyed by eight Tech three-pointers, seven of them coming courtesy of the trio of guards.

Shropshire hit a key three-point shot with a little more than 10 minutes left in the game. The Bears had cut the Red Raider lead to four points at 50-46 when Shropshire pulled up on a fast break and canned

a three-pointer right in front of the Tech bench, extending the Red Raider lead to seven.

Baylor was unable to rebound from the play and lost its first game of the season to the Raiders.

Shropshire said he had the instinct to shoot the lead-extending shot, but it didn't hurt having Tech coach James Dickey behind him giving him the go ahead.

"On that play I pulled up, and I had coach behind me saying, 'hit it,'" he said. "So I just hit it."

Shropshire said the flow of the game and how he is feeling in his shot is what he uses to determine when he will shoot the three.

"I guess I take it when I feel

comfortable," he said. "Coach says our shooting is like a fever, whoever the hot person is, we just find them and they make it happen."

Emmett hit seven of his three-point shots in the first six games of the season for Tech.

He said Shropshire has done a good job since then of hitting the three-point shots and Shropshire's accuracy from behind the arc has gotten the crowds into the games.

"The fans know Marcus Shropshire from his three-pointers," Emmett said. "So

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Vermeil new coach in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Carl Peterson's fondest wish was to have his old buddy coach the Kansas City Chiefs. Now, with one of the NFL's richest coaching contracts, Peterson finally has his man — Dick Vermeil.

"This is, in my opinion, the premier head football coach in the National Football League," Peterson, the Chiefs' president and general manager, said shortly after commissioner Paul Tagliabue decided what compensation was due Vermeil's old team, the St. Louis Rams. "He's not only a consummate football coach, but he's a great person."

Vermeil, whose friendship with Peterson goes back 25 years to their days as assistant coaches at UCLA, will not come cheap. His contract will call for him to be paid about \$10 million over three years. The Chiefs scheduled a news conference for noon Friday.

The contract would be among the biggest for an NFL coach. Mike Holmgren of Seattle makes \$4 million a year, while Minnesota's Dennis Green makes \$3 million. Both have formal front-office responsibilities in addition to on-the-field coaching. Peterson will remain general manager of the Chiefs.

In addition, the Chiefs will give the Rams, the team Vermeil coached to the 2000 Super Bowl title, their second-round draft pick this year and a third-rounder in 2002. That third-round pick will come courtesy of the Washington Redskins, who gave the Chiefs the pick in exchange for the rights to Marty Schottenheimer. Vermeil also will repay the \$500,000 the Rams paid him last year on a consultant contract he signed after unexpectedly resigning after the Super Bowl victory over Tennessee. Chiefs fans, in the meantime, haven't been this excited since 1993, when Peterson swapped with San Francisco to bring in Joe Montana for the final two seasons of his Hall of Fame career.

"I hope they're that excited a year from now," Vermeil said. "In this league, nobody gets to rest on their laurels."

Lynn Stiles, the Chiefs' director of football operations, also is a longtime Vermeil friend and accompanied Peterson to Philadelphia last week to persuade Vermeil to come out of retirement a second time.

Red Raider men look to rope win against OSU Cowboys

By Jeff Keller
Sports Editor

It has been a while since the Red Raider men's basketball squad tasted victory against Oklahoma State. Fifth-year senior Cliff Owens is the only remaining Texas Tech player who has played on a Raider squad that beat the Cowboys.

In Owens' freshman year, 1996-97, the Red Raiders swept Oklahoma State but since have lost six straight to the Cowboys.

Tech will try to reverse its fortunes against Oklahoma State when it battles the Cowboys at 3 p.m. Saturday in Stillwater, Okla.

The Red Raiders, (7-6 overall, 1-1 Big 12) are coming off a 68-58 win over

Baylor on Tuesday night in the United Spirit Arena.

The win snapped the Bears' 12-game winning streak.

Tech guard Marcus Shropshire had 13 points and three rebounds against Baylor, and said he hopes the Red Raiders can carry the momentum from the win against the Bears with them to Stillwater.

"I think that win will give us a lot of confidence," Shropshire said. "Getting a conference win early against an undefeated team will help us out a lot."

The Cowboys enter the contest with Tech with a 9-3 overall record and a 1-1 mark in conference play.

Oklahoma State lost its first conference game to No. 22 Texas, but rebounded to defeat No. 23, and defend-

ing Big 12 Champion, Iowa State earlier this week.

The Cowboys' average margin of victory over Tech in their two victories last season was six.

Owens, who red-shirted last season because of an injured ankle, said regardless of how well Tech played Oklahoma State last season, a loss is a loss.

"We haven't beat them in a long time," Owens said. "As far as playing them tough, there is no category for moral victories. We really just need to get a win. We always seem to play well up there."

"This being the third game in the Big 12, I think it is important to set the groundwork early. I think that if we can go in there and execute a little bet-

ter then we did the last game, and a little more like we did in the Kansas game, we'll be a tough task for them."

Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton lost seven seniors off last year's Elite Eight squad and has only two players returning from last season that saw extensive playing time.

Owens said the Cowboys will be as tough as ever, regardless of the players they lost last season.

"A couple of months ago, I would have said that they were a weaker team than last season," Owens said. "But looking at the job coach Sutton has done, I don't think he is a coach, he is more of a magician. I think they lost something like 90 percent of their scoring from last season but he's got them beating Iowa State, a ranked

team, at home the other night.

"He's got them on the same path they have been on the last couple of years. They didn't skip a beat after losing all of those players. So it's going to be a tough task for us."

The Red Raiders will have six players make their road debut in the Big 12 on the trip to Stillwater. Shropshire is one of the six players who will be appearing in his first conference road game.

He said he has heard stories about how difficult the Oklahoma State fans at Gallagher-Iba Arena are to play in front of and he is looking forward to the opportunity.

"I'm anxious right now, but I will probably get nervous when I get there," Shropshire said. "I've seen

Oklahoma State play a little bit and from what I've seen they are a good team. They've got big bodies. I've heard Stillwater is one of the toughest places to play. So we will just have to go down there and see what we can do."

Following the contest with Oklahoma State, the Tech men will face the Sooner State's other representative in the Big 12, Oklahoma.

The Red Raiders will battle the Sooners at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the United Spirit Arena.

The game with the Oklahoma Sooners will be the first contest of a stretch in which the Red Raiders will play three-out-of-four games within the confines of the United Spirit Arena.