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STATE

Medicaid costs could increase in two years

AUSTIN (AP) - An expected increase in projected Medicaid enrollment could cost the state at least \$657 million in additional funding over the next two years, wiping out an already tight budget surplus.

The news that came Wednesday at a Senate Finance Committee meeting leaves lawmakers with the difficult task of avoiding a budget deficit by cutting programs. Some lawmakers began discussing possible tax increases despite leadership's stance that raising taxes won't be needed.

"I'm very much aware of the fiscal limitations of the Legislature and this committee. While I am sensitive to that, I also believe that there's an absolute duty of my administration to unvarnish a version of what we believe our funding needs to be to maintain current services," Don Gilbert, commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, told the committee.

NATIONAL

Singer, actress Evans passes away at 88

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dale Evans, the singer-actress who teamed with husband Roy Rogers in popular Westerns and wrote their theme song, "Happy Trails to You," died Wednesday

Evans died of congestive heart failure at her home in Apple Valley in the high desert east of Los Angeles, said Dave Koch, sonin-law of Evans' stepson, Roy "Dusty" Rogers Jr. She had suffered a heart attack in 1992 and a stroke in 1996.

Evans' son and other family members were at her side. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Koch said.

She was the "Queen of the West" to Rogers, the "King of the Cowboys." She rode her horse, Buttermilk, beside him on his celebrated palomino, Trigger.

'There's the last of the great ladies from a great era — the cowboy era," said Fran Boyd, executive director of the Academy of Country Music. "She was always really gracious and a very big supporter of her husband."

WORLD

Drug company offers sale of AIDS cocktail

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - An Indian drug company has offered to sell an AIDS cocktail at a fraction of the market price to an international aid agency to distribute to patients for free, the company's chairman said

Wednesday. The decision by Bombaybased Cipla Ltd. could revolutionize the treatment of HIV patients in developing countries, where the virus is most rampant. But it could also raise resistance from Western drug manufacturers holding the patents.

Cipla will sell the three-drug, anti-retroviral cocktail to Doctors Without Borders, a Paris-based medical aid agency, at \$350 per patient per year as long as they agree to distribute the drug for free, said Dr. Yusuf Hamied, Cipla's chairman. Similar drug cocktails often cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per patient annually in the United States and Europe.

This is my contribution to fighting AIDS," Hamied told The Associated Press on Wednesday. He said the inspiration for his decision came from the Jan. 26 earthquake in western Gujarat state.

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Lubbock, Texas

Shonrock assumes SA leadership

By Pam Smith Staff Writer

universitydaily.net

· Michael Shonrock officially was named vice president of student affairs for Texas Tech on Feb. 1. The appointment is effective immedi-

"I'm thrilled with the opportunity of this position and am humbled to be able to continue in this capacity," he said. "I am so grateful the president (David Schmidly) believes in me and the accomplishments that I have made.

Shonrock has served as interim vice president of student affairs since



Shonrock

vice president of student affairs and dean of students. The vice president posi-

Before taking

this position, he

was assistant

tion became available after former vice president for student affairs Robert Ewalt retired.

Before coming to Tech, Shonrock served as the director of student life at Pittsburg State University in Kan-

February 2000. sas, and he was coordinator for Greek affairs at Central Missouri State University.

He has a bachelor's of science degree and master's of science degree from Western Illinois University. Shonrock also received an education specialist degree from Pittsburg State University and a doctorate from the University of Kansas.

"We recommended him based on his experience," said Assistant Provost Elizabeth Hall, chairwoman of the search committee. "He understands Tech, the campus and, most importantly, knows the students here.'

Hall said Shonrock also displayed

a real dedication to the campus, which is something Hall said she thought was especially important for the position.

"He is extraordinarily enthusiastic, and he has a real commitment to the university," she said. "The people on the search committee saw that."

Shonrock said his involvement with students is important because it is the only way to accurately evaluate what students really need. He said he makes a point to attend student activities, Student Government Association meetings and to host round-table discussions where students from different organizations

can make suggestions to him.

Shonrock said it is a part of "management by walking around" because it allows him to be more accessible to students.

"You just can't leave it to chance," he said. "There is not a time when I go to a meeting when I have students ask me about something."

Ronald Phillips, special assistant to the president, said the university received about 40 applications for the position since the search began last August.

"We held a pretty extensive

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Security nabs D.C. gunman

■ Standoff results in man with pistol receiving gunshot to knee.

WASHINGTON (AP) - A man who fired shots outside the White House fence was shot by a Secret Service officer Wednesday after a 10-minute standoff, officials said. The episode triggered a tight midday security clampdown.

President Bush was safe in his residence, exercising, at the time. Vice President Dick Cheney was working in his office. Laura Bush was at the family ranch in Crawford.

"The president understood that he was not in any danger," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

The wounded man was identified by law enforcement sources as Robert W. Pickett, a 47-year-old accountant from Evansville, Ind., who had been fired by the Internal Revenue Service in the mid 1980s.

Pickett was taken to nearby George Washington University Hospital where he was to undergo knee surgery and psychological evaluation. He was in stable condition.

Officials said the episode began when police heard shots and approached a man with a handgun on the sidewalk outside the fence on the south side of the White House.

"He was waving it in the air — it was pointed at the White House at one point - and pointing it in all directions," said Park Police spokesman Rob MacLean. At another point, the suspect placed the gun in his mouth, MacLean said.

The confrontation occurred on a street frequented by tourists, within sight of the fountain on the South Lawn of the White House.

Secret Service spokesman Marc Connolly said an officer fired one shot, which struck the gunman in the right knee.

A Secret Service official who spoke on condition of anonymity said a five-shot handgun, .38-caliber, was recovered along with "an unknown number" of shell casings.

Pickett was not listed in Secret Service files as a threat to the president, law enforcement officials said. Agents were seeking a warrant

to search his home. Evansville police said Pickett did not have a criminal record. but his father had filed a missing-person report on his son in 1993, but it was suspended when the son returned.

Neighbors described Pickett as a friendly man, an accountant who had lived in a modest home in Evansville and kept a neat lawn.

Makeup artist



Natalie Hill, a freshman occupational therapy major from Grapevine, paints a toy doll during the Ken and Barbie Reconstruction on Wednesday evening. The event was in Horn/Knapp Residence Complex in recognition of Body Awareness Week.

Raiders continue research

■ Campus groups study the connection between alcohol and relationships.

By Linda Robertson

Staff Writer

The Texas Tech family studies department, in conjunction with the cell biology department, is conducting a study to see if a connection exists between alcohol use and social relationships.

Judith Fischer, one of the three primary investigators in this study. said because her area of expertise is in addictive behaviors, her interest is in finding out how each phase of a drinking cycle affects a romantic relationship.

"We want to know, for example, what happens in a relationship during the active drinking phase? Do the couples have a good time, drinking and taking in the atmosphere?" she said. "We also want to know what happens to couples in the hangover phase and in all phases in between." The study also is investigating a

genetic link to certain alcohol-related behaviors as well as family history of alcohol use and communication patterns in the family as a result of alcohol use. "We hope to use the data we get

to see where some people get in trouble when they use alcohol dur-

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Fee hike, parking issues on tap for BoR

By Mara McCoy Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Board of Regents will meet today in San Antonio to discuss several issues, including an increase in fees and a proposal for construction of a parking garage on campus.

The construction of a parking garage, which will be located at the corner of 18th Street and Flint Avenue, is in response to a campus parking study that found by 2005, there will be a 1,350 parking-space deficit on campus. The structure, if approved, will be four stories high and accom-

modate about 750 cars. A proposal to increase parking fees, excluding those for residence halls, also is on the agenda.

Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for news and information, said the fees are expected to increase by 2 percent.

'There are a couple of fees that are increasing," she said. "The fees for residence halls are also expected to increase, but it won't be substantial, and it will depend on the individual dorm.'

Also on the agenda is consideration for renam-



ing the College of Business Administration for Jerry Rawls, who provided a \$25-million gift for COBA. If renamed, the college will be called the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration.

An area in the COBA building also would be renamed for Rawls and would be designated as the Rawls Hall of Distinction, where his life, values and business history will be on display.

Scheduled reports include a report on the building status of the Tech Credit Union, a report on the Academic Retirement Village and a report on other facilities planning and construction projects.

The agenda includes several approvals for tenure, as well as Horn professor designations. There also is a proposal to approve amend-

ments to the Campus Master Plan, as well as changes in capital projects planning process.

The change in the capital plan from a four-year to a five-year plan will align the Tech System's capital planning process with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's master planning report.

Health Sciences Center officials have a proposal to increase their fees, as well as approve revisions to traffic and parking regulations and increase parking fees. The changes likely will mirror those approved for the main campus at the last Regents meeting in El Paso on Dec. 14.

The Honors College has submitted a proposal to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in natural his-

tory and humanities. Kambra Bolch, associate dean of the Honors College, said the degree is a unique offering.

"As far as I know, there is no other university in the state or the nation that offers this type of degree," she said. "We hope the plan is approved. It will offer students the opportunity to pull different disciplines together that they wouldn't have the chance to do otherwise.'

The Regent meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. today and is expected to recess at 4:30 p.m. If needed, the meeting will continue Friday.

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Batter up for the First Pitch Film Festival!

'Major League' and 'Bull Durham' 7 p.m. today with 6:30 p.m. autograph session at the **UC Allen Theatre**

DEATH NOTICE

Douglas G. Birdsall

A memorial service for Douglas George Birdsall, 53, associate dean of Texas Tech libraries, will be at 3 p.m. today at Merket Alumni

Flags at Memorial Circle will be lowered to half-staff today in memory of Birdsall, who died Jan.



Birdsall

He was born July 1, 1947, in Wyandontte, Mich., and graduated from high school in Kalamazoo, Mich. He married Francia Fitch in 1972.

Birdsall graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in English, a master's degree in English from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in library science also from the University of Michigan. He earned his doctorate in higher education from Tech in

Birdsall, is survived by a daughter, Emily, of Boston, where she attends medical school; and a son, Nathaniel, who recently graduated from Yale. He also is survived by his mother, Kathleen Birdsall, of Wildwood, Fla.; and three brothers, Roger and "Bird" Birdsall, both of Tracy, Calif., and Gordon Birdsall of Richland, Mich.

Birdsall's body was cremated under the direction of Resthaven **Funeral Home**

Dale Cluff, dean of Tech libraries, will speak at Birdsall's memorial, as will Birdsafl's son.

The family has requested that memorials be donated to the Douglas Birdsall Memorial Library Fund in care of Texas Tech University Libraries.

Birdsall and 18-year-old Viola Ross McVade were murdered about 10 p.m. Jan. 30 in an alley between Ninth and 10th streets near Avenue U. Their bodies were discovered about 11 a.m. in Birdsall's black Saab, which had been driven into a gully, at Canyon Lake No. 6.

Dawn Pierce, director of communications for the Tech libraries, said the public is welcome at the memorial service.

"The fund will primarily be used to purchase works of art for the library," she said. "It was really a passion with Doug to get artwork for the library."

Dining with a Texas Tech view

■ Skyviews offers up dishes prepared by student hands.

The University Daily

By Kim Wilson Staff Writer

As Valentine's Day is approaching, many Texas Tech students may be wondering where to take their dates to eat. One choice to consider is Skyviews restaurant.

Located on the sixth floor of the Bank of America building at 19th Street and University Avenue, Skyviews, which is run by Tech's restaurant, hotel and institutional management program, offers a panoramic view of Lubbock and the Tech cam-

Tech RHIM students are responsible for planning, preparing and serving meals every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., as part of the dinner se-

Dinner includes a soup or salad, choice of entrée, vegetable, bread, dessert and coffee or tea. The cost is \$15.95, not including gratuity and tax.

Each student is partnered up with another to develop a dinner series. They have to make decorations, standardize the menu, assign jobs to other students and make sure everything runs smoothly

"I like it compared to other majors," said Lad Rock, a senior RHIM major from Houston.

The RHIM students rotate all shifts to see different aspects of the restaurant business. One night they could be a kitchen manager and the other night the dishwasher.

RHIM students are involved with the restaurant in three different classes. The first class meets from 7:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to prepare food for the lunch shift. The second class, which usually consists of sophomores and juniors, meets from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. to work with the lunch buffet.

Their job includes cooking the food and making sure the buffet is full. The third class consists of mostly seniors who work from 2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Every student has to attend one of the times each week to fulfill the class requirements.

'This will expose students to different scenarios," said L.E. Anderson, the executive chef at Skyviews.

The main dining hall seats up to 150 guests and there also is a private dining room that seats up to 35 guests. Each meal reflects an international or regional cuisine.

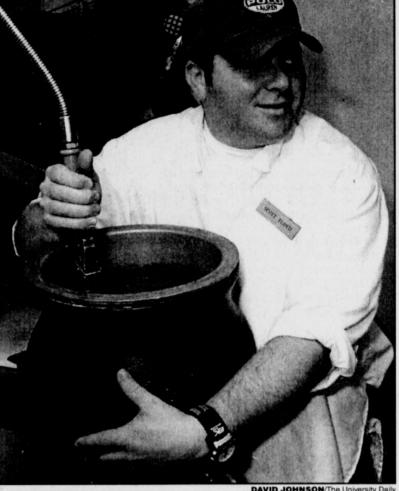
This week, for example, the theme is New England cuisine, and next week the theme will be Valentine's Day. Other themes offered include German, Cajun, Caribbean, French, Greek, Southern, as well as an Easter

Anderson said he used to teach the lab in the early '80s, but left to work at Lakeridge Country Club. He said he decided to come back in 1997 to teach the lab and is enjoying working with the students.

'This is a win-win situation," he

There is a lunch buffet offered from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. Customers can choose from more than 20 items on the buffet line. Skyviews also caters.

Reservations are recommended for meals. To make reservations, call 744-



Scott Floyd, a senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Houston, fills a soup pot with water Wednesday in preparation for a New England-themed cuisine Wednesday evening at Skyviews restaurant. Skyviews is located on the top floor of the Bank of America building, 19th Street and University Avenue, and is a Tech student-run facility as part of the RHIM program.

Ruling: Students must report hazing AUSTIN (AP) — Two former Texas ing or testifying about the incident. ing made it illegal for anyone with immunity had they reported the

A&M students should stand trial on charges they failed to report a hazing incident involving the Corps of Cadets, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled Wednesday.

Two lower courts had previously decided that requiring a student to report hazing in which he may have participated would violate the constitutional right against self-incrimina-

The court of criminal appeals, however, said state law provides for civil and criminal immunity from charges that might result from report-

Dusty Hugh Boyd and Javier Chapa were indicted for failing to report a March 1997 hazing incident involving the A&M Corps of Cadet's Fish Drill

The all-freshman drill team was disbanded after a member complained that upperclassmen beat him and forced him to cut himself with a knife. Nine students, including Boyd and Chapa, were charged with misdemeanors and suspended from A&M after three more freshman made similar allegations.

A 1986 law designed to stop haz-

firsthand knowledge of a hazing incident at an educational institution not

to report it to authorities. Both the trial court and the 14th District Court of Appeals in Houston said the law violated the defendants' constitutional rights against self incrimination.

University administrators worried that the rulings would strip them of a valuable tool when investigating hazing incidents.

But the court of criminal appeals ruled unanimously that both defendants would have been entitled to

charges. The court reinstated the charges against Boyd and Chapa.

Mike Sinders, one of the attorneys for the defendants, declined comment. Chapa is now in law school at St. Edwards University in San Antonio and Boyd is attending college in Michigan.

Brazos County Attorney James Kuboviak said it could be difficult to pursue the case nearly four years after the alleged hazing.

"I've got to see if I can get all my witnesses together to see it we can pursue this," Kuboviak said.

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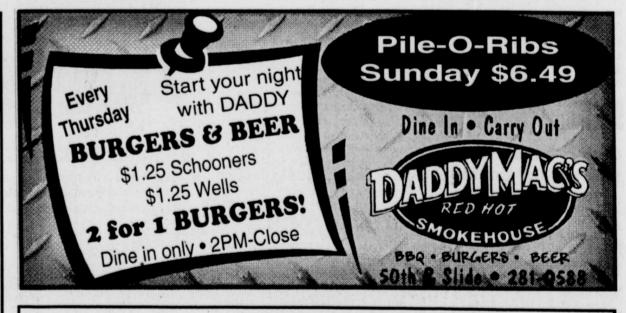
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Tech RA receives national honor

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Nakia Dan-

■ The NRHH named Scholz national resident assistant of the month in November.

> By Jeff Stoughton **Contributing Writer**

Although his parents live in 500 miles away, Aaron Scholz, a sophomore management information systems major from Houston, said he still eats dinner with his family almost every evening.

Scholz, a resident assistant in the Stangel/Murdough Residence Hall complex, said the strong sense of community between himself and the 36 residents who live on his floor, has earned him national recognition.

The National Residence Hall Honorary, an organization of residence hall members, named Scholz the national resident assistant of the month

Scholz is the vice president and treasurer of the Tech chapter of NRHH, and he became a resident as-

To kick off the Texas Tech base-

ball and softball seasons, the Tech

Hecklers along with the Student Red

Raider Club and Student Activities

Board are hosting the First Pitch

the beginning of the baseball and

7 p.m. today in the University Center

Allen Theatre. The 2001 Red Raider

baseball team will sign autographs 30 minutes before the film festival, then

the movies "Major League" and "Bull

Finkener, the radio voice of Red

Raider baseball, will give away door

prizes, and he will introduce the Red

Raider baseball team. Admission for

the event is obtainable by a donation

of one sports-related toy that will be

In between the movies, Mark

Durham" will be shown.

The festival traditionally marks

The film festival will take place at

Film Festival

softball seasons



She said Scholz' accomplishments, along with his diligent demeanor, are why

she nominated him. "It amazes me all he accomplish." on a day-to-day basis," she said.

All recipients of the award are selected on campus and regional level, before reaching the national level. Scholz said he won the award in November but he did not find out about it until January

"Nakia decided to announce it at one of our staff meetings," he said. "I had no idea. I turned a little red."

Scholz will receive the award at a ceremony in May at the University of Southern California.

Shelli Crockett, assistant complex director for Stangel/Murdough, said she has worked with Scholz since he became a resident assistant.

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McDonald House. If enough toys are

donated, some will go to the Women's

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There also will be baseball and

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The softball team will be out of

town at the Fiesta Bowl Classic in

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"This is a great event to kick off

Protective Services of Lubbock.

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attend the festival.

Tech Hecklers to host

baseball film festival

"From the start, he's been really involved," she said. "Overall, he's a

All resident assistants at Tech are expected to work six hours every week in the residence hall office, attend meetings, do paperwork and maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher. They also must organize at least five programs for their residents every semester. These programs include social events, educational seminars and community service projects.

One of Scholz' programs, a blood drive, earned him recognition from the NRHH. During the program, 48 people, 11 of which live on Sholz' floor, donated blood. He said he plans to do another blood drive later this semester.

Scholz said he and his residents have a strong sense of community.

Randy West, a sophomore predental student from Hearst, said Scholz continued the traditions already present on the floor. The residents attend basketball games, play video games and eat most of their meals together.

"He's more of a friend than an enforcer." said Travis Coffman, a freshman public relations major from Aus-

ing their relationships," she said.

Jacki Fitzpatrick, associate pro-

fessor in the human studies and

family studies department, said her

area of expertise is in the relation-

questionnaire the participants fill

out," she said. "There is a school of

thought in this area that in rela-

tionships, it's not the big things,

like Valentine's Day or meeting the

parents that make a huge differ-

ence, but the little things, such as

day-to-day interactions, that make

in this study is how a relationship is

choice," Fitzpatrick said. "It has a

ripple effect on everyone who sur-

rounds the person who is doing the

affected by drinking choices.

She said another area of interest

"Drinking isn't a strictly personal

"I am interested in the family

■ RELATION

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a difference.'

drinking.

The study was funded by a seed

tin who lives on Scholz' floor.

John Cameron, a freshman business major from Houston, moved to Scholz' floor in the spring semester and said he is enjoying every minute

"I love it here. It's almost familyoriented," he said, adding that Scholz and the other residents made him feel very welcome in their commu-

Adam Brown, a freshman public relations major from South Padre Island, is another resident of Scholz'

"I love it. He's the man," Brown said.

Most of Scholz' residents said they plan to return to his floor next year and several of them are planning to become resident assistants.

Scholz is involved in several offcampus activities as well. He is a member of First Baptist Church in Lubbock and also is involved in the Late Nite Ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

He also said he plans to earn a double master's degree in MIS and business. He said he wanted to become a resident assistant even before he came to Tech.

side source, said Robert Sweazy, senior associate vice president for re-

\$100,000 allocated to help the professors to do enough research to gather data to put together a grantto allow further research on the topic," Sweazy said.

grant through Tech. A seed grant is a small grant that lets investigators do a preliminary study so they can write a grant for more money from an out-

search. "Every two years, we have

i .scher said the project is going well, but the researchers are lacking 88 people to complete the study set.

For more information regarding this study, call Fischer at 742-3000.

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search," he said. "We received applicants from people nationwide.'

Hall said many of the people who applied for the position had the previous experience needed for the po-

"We had a very strong pool of candidates to choose from," she said. "We had people who had experience as the dean of students and who had similar positions but had the title of vice chancellor instead of vice president. We even had sitting deans apply."

Phillips said three candidates were formally interviewed for the position. During their time here, they also were introduced to various faculty, staff and student groups for

Some of the priorities Shonrock outlined for the Division of Student Affairs include evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the division as part of the overall strategic plan of the university.

He said he wants to concentrate on several new initiatives at the university including Red Raider Camp, renovations to the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center and the University Center, Ombudsman's office and implementing a service learning program

"A lot of times people are hesitant about change," Shonrock said. "Instead, I ask what we can do to improve things."

Overall, he said the position of

vice president for student affairs must concentrate on the well being of the students.

Shonrock said he sees his job as an investment in the future because of the opportunities that are opened for the students of the university.

"I tell people that I have 25,000 kids, and most of the time they are doing pretty well," he said. "What I do is an investment in the future because one day these students will be the CEOs and vice presidents of

the world." The vice president for student affairs reports to the president and is responsible for the Division of Student Affairs.

As part of this position, he supervises 13 departments and six centers, including the University Center, Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Department of Housing and Residence Life, Dean of Students Office, Parent Relations Office, Student Recreation Center, Student Government Association, University Counseling Center, Student Health Services, Student Legal Services and Student Publica-

The vice president of student affairs is one of several vice presidential positions currently being filled. Searches continue personnel to fill the vice president positions for fiscal affairs, information technology and research, graduate studies and technology transfer.

A special assistant to the president for equity and diversity also is in the process of being filled. Ronald Streibich was named vice president of institutional advancement earlier this week.

Lawmakers push to establish UNT-Dallas DALLAS (AP) - If two state lawellite campus of the University North

makers have their way, southern Dallas County eventually will have a full-fledged four-year university.

Sen. Royce West and Rep. Jesse Jones, both Dallas Democrats, plan to introduce a bill that would create the University of North Texas at Dallas out of the UNT System Center. The center, located in an office park near Interstate 20, currently is a sat-

Texas in Denton.

The school began offering classes a year ago, and now serves 574 students taking junior, senior and graduate-level courses in a variety of degree programs. By 2007, the branch should have 5,000 students, school officials said. West said the bill has a strong chance of passing, with 27 of 31 senators as co-authors.







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Letters to the editor

Give them a break

To the editor: Once again it seems that Matt Muench would rather attack fellow Red Raiders than anyone else. I bet the men's basketball team is

relieved that Muench has figured out what their problem is - losing. Man, what insight. Come on, Muench, you make it sound like they plot ways to lose. I would imagine that it is hard for the men to watch the Lady Raiders and all the support they receive.

Aren't we supposed to support teams no matter what and not be fair-weather fans? I know sometimes it doesn't seem worth it, but if should be. It also seems that you are suggesting that fans should only go to games if the halftime show is good. Maybe Tech should look into hiring Britney Spears to ruin, uh, I mean help, with half time. You would think that since I am a public relations major I would support promoting and selling the games. Why should Tech spend money on halftime until fans prove they will attend on their own? We shouldn't have to entice people with fireworks or Budweiser girls as Muench suggested. People should come to simply support the Red Raiders, no matter what sport. I am sure that sounds outdated, but if something happens during halftime it should just be a little bonus. As far as the way the coaches conduct games, are coach Dickey and coach Sharp supposed to run teams and games exactly the same? Cut the guys some slack. I am sure they know what has

Finally, I encourage everyone to support all the teams at Texas Tech. Good luck to the Red Raiders and the Lady Raiders on the rest of your season

> Greta Todd junior public relations

To the editor: For the second year in a row, Matt Muench wrote an article bashing coach Dickey and the Red Raider Basketball team. Last year he wrote about how the Raiders can't finish a game. This year in his article, "All hail the Lady Raiders," (UD, Feb.6), he said the Raiders lacked the fan support that the Lady Raiders

After reading his article, I decided it was time to again defend Coach Dickey, his staff and his players. Muench stated that he sees a look of shock and jealousy on the faces of the Raiders when they watch the Lady Raiders. Well, I have to disagree. The Raiders are not arrogant enough to be jealous of the women's team. Second. Muench stated that some of the players never cracked a smile or cheered while attending the Lady Raiders game versus Texas A&M. What are you supposed to do after a loss, be in a great mood and forget about the loss? No, the players should be upset and be thinking about how they played and how they could have done better.

Finally, who was the coach that ran over to the fans and thanked them personally after we beat Oklahoma? It was coach Dickey. Five years ago, Tech basketball was on the top. Nobody seemed to gripe then. People need to remember that coach Dickey lost key players to the NBA and lost players because of the fact that we were on probation. None of that is his fault. Plus, he stayed here at Tech when he probably could have left after making the Sweet 16. So, I ask the fans, to have a little patience and give the Red Raiders the support any Tech team deserves. The Red Raider basketball team will always be winners in my book.

Joe Britten senior multidisciplinary studies

Pay fees as you go

To the editor: I, for one, am glad that someone is putting some accountability in the way that

universities implement student fees. For too long, many universities have used the fees system as a blank check and soaked us students to pay for items (such as health services and rec center services) that should be under a pay-as-you-go system. Also, any political activity on campus should be paid for by the activists involved. Why should students be forced to donate to radical causes? Finally, every department that charges fees for certain classes should be forced to account for why that money is charged and where it's being used. If the money is needed, a simple explanation isn't out of order. Right now, every Tech student gets charged a long list of fees that are simply too much. The fee system was never meant to be used for every ill on campus. The fee system is out of control. Clearly, some sanity needs to be restored to the system, and the state legislation, who wants accountability in the fee system, is on the right track

William Mattiford management

Tech students only

To the editor: I have not been around that long, but the last time I checked, institutions of higher education are here for the students. I do not think that the officials running the United Spirit Arena received the memo. I realize they need to raise funds, but should they really be exploiting the students to make a buck? While attending Lady Raider and Red Raider basketball games as a student this year, I have become disgusted at what the USA officials deem the student section. I wonder if they have ever seen the Cameron Crazies at Cameron Indoor Stadium for a Duke basketball game. For any of you that have had a chance to observe it, you know that that is what a student section is supposed to look like. A true student section should not be filled with prepubescent children who need to be accompanied by their parents, or high school students who are too worried about the date they brought than the basketball game.

The problem is that the student section at the USA is it is filled with spectators who are not Tech students. The true students are forced to get to the arena more than an hour in advance in attempt to not have to sit next to a child whose bedtime coincides with the 7 p.m. tip-off time. For those students that have an evening class (crazy isn't it?) and can't make it to the USA until 6:45 p.m., they don't have much of a choice but to go sit in the rafters, because of all of these non-students in the student section. Does anybody else notice a problem with this arrangement?

Another problem with the USA is that the non-students diminish the atmosphere that is supposed to be created in a true student section.

It becomes rather difficult to get into a game and create a loud and intimidating atmosphere when you are surrounded by families with small children who have missed their bedtime and are too interested in stealing balloons from others in the crowd. I am sure a bunch of 10year-olds running around after balloons or 6-year-olds taking up the front row of student seats is real intimidating to those teams visiting the USA. Now I do not want anyone to misconstrue my comments to insinuate that families should not be welcome at the USA. I think they should all come out and pack the USA with 15,000 fans every home

I am asking that the USA officials preserve a student section atmosphere for Tech students and have the other spectators sit in their own designated sections.

Tim Coffey graduate student biomechanics



Column

Reading between policy lines

Telcome to George W. Bush's world of fuzzy policy thinking. If you find yourself confused, befuddled or confounded by his recent proposals, don't worry about a thing. You understand them perfectly. They just don't make much sense Let me see if



Molly **Ivins**

I can help with some of your questions: What.

you wonder, does drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge have to do with solving

California's energy crisis? Absolutely nothing, so don't waste time trying to find the connection. Less than 1 percent of California's electricity comes from oil

Will allowing power plants in California to pollute more help solve the energy crisis there? No. Bush is just misinformed on that point, according to environmentalists, California state officials and energy-industry spokesmen.

Is there anything that the president can do about the California crisis? Yes, he might impose a temporary cap on wholesale electricity prices, but he has already announced that he will not, thus foreclosing (if nothing else) a useful threat.

Will, you ask, giving a huge tax cut to the wealthiest people in the country help prevent a recession? No. Isn't this the same tax cut Bush tried to sell us during the campaign on the grounds that the economy was so good we needed a tax cut?

And then, of course, there is one of Bush's faves: Let's use the churches to provide social services. (In W.'s policy world, churches are always "faithbased institutions." The words "church" and "religious" are

never used.) That is not, actually, a totally terrible idea, except that it's unconstitutional and guaranteed to get screwed up in the execution.

We've already tried it here in

the National Laboratory for Bad Government - aka Texas - and that's what we learned.

Bush's "faith-based" proposal includes a series of tax changes to encourage charitable giving to religious and other community organizations. This is a good idea. but isn't it at cross purposes with his other proposal to eliminate the estate tax, which now provides a major incentive to recycle

money into the nonprofit sector? Yes, indeed, these two policies will cancel each other out, except

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nonprofit sector will lose more by repeal of the Texas state Rep. estate tax than it will **Billy Williamson of** gain by the other changes. declared during a In other words, the debate over state net effect of Bush's sponsored Baylor,

proposals moves in the opposite direction from that which he says he wants. You will find this often happens with Bush. It could be

fuzzy math. Bush is especially pushing religious programs that work at rehabilitating inmates on the grounds that it will encourage such splendid programs as Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship. What is believed to be the largest religious program for prisoners? The Nation of Islam, headed by Louis Farrakhan, the noted loony and racist.

This is why the "faith-based" proposal does not work. It's because the government has to keep deciding what's a legitimate religion and what's not.

Trying to keep money given to religious organizations from being used for proselytizing is hopeless; money is fungible, a wonderful word meaning "interchangeable."

If you give money to a church

for one purpose, that in turn helps fund the church's other purposes since, obviously, it has more money.

Those of you who know "Christians afire" - those who cannot stop witnessing - will not be surprised to learn that they will, in all good faith, set up, say, an employment training program based on the premise that once you have been born again, you're automatically more employable. One state-supported program in Brenham used to meet two nights

a week, one for Bible study and the other for job skills. I'm sorry to say this, but anyone who reads the newspapers regularly and notices the number of

religious figures accused of child molestation and other abuses will not be surprised to learn that religious social service programs are like other social programs: Some are

good, and some are not. Pretending that they are all somehow superior to state social services doesn't help anything.

Religious conservatives are correct to question this Bush program. The government will inevitably

have to draw lines about what is acceptable and what is not, what is preaching and what is not.

As that great orator, the late Texas state Rep. Billy Williamson of Tyler, once declared during a debate over state aid to Baptistsponsored Baylor, "Yew CAAAAAAN'T trade the cross for the cookie jar!"

And this is the policy record that has been pronounced a triumph by the Washington press

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Out of the Past from the files of The UD

From The University Daily Feb. 8, 2000

- Elton John will play a sold-out performance tonight in the United Spirit Arena. Tickets sold for the concert sold out in about two hours.
- Will Flemons returns to Tech to join the Red Raider men's basketball team, this time as an assistant coach. Flemons graduated from Tech in 1993 and played professional basketball until an injury sidelined him from the game.

From The University Daily Feb. 8, 1991

- An engineer from the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation announced the construction of the East-West Freeway will not have a great affect on the Tech campus. The freeway construction is scheduled in begin in
- The nation's top military officials announced they will seek battlefield advice on whether the time is right to begin a ground attack against Iraq's powerful army.

From The University Daily Feb. 9, 1981

- A Department of Labor representative was in Lubbock to conduct a general investigation into an alleged discrimination case at Tech. Mary La Fontaine, an assistant director of Special Services, filed the
- A group of local citizens, led by a Tech theology student, nized a fight against Lubbock pornography. The group's first project is to stop Lubbock's Circle Drive-in Theatre from showing X-rated movies.

From The University Daily Feb. 9, 1971 Official tabulations of the

- current student enrollment listed a record 19.494 students. The enrollment is a 6 percent increase from 1970.
- Bacteria tests on foods alleged to have caused food poisoning in Stangel/Murdough Residence complex, tested negative.

From The Toreador Feb. 10, 1951

- Dr. Clifford Shipley announced E.L. Schick as the new assistant professor of business education and secretarial administration.
- The current draft situation is said to be the cause for the drop in enrollment from last year's 5,463 students to the current 4,579 students enrolled.

From The Toreador Feb. 12, 1931

- Coach Golightly led the Tech Matadors to a victory against the McMurray Indians in a Monday and Tueday night basketball game.
- An entire 1930 wool clip of the animal husbandry department was given to the Textile Engineering Department.

compiled by Christi Davidson

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Image problems are media's fault

The University Daily

Cooper cites film, television industries for obsession with physical perfection

By Whitney Wyatt Staff Writer

Every Texas Tech student will spend less time in a college classroom than the time they spent by the first grade watching television.

This is just one statistic Camille Cooper presented in "The Truth About Beauty," a presentation about the media industry's obsession with beauty, being thin and being perfect Tuesday night at the University Center Allen Theatre.

Having worked in the film and television industry for 14 years, Cooper starred in five motion pictures and 10 television series, including "General Hospital" and "Knots Landing." She appeared on the cover of WorkingWoman and is featured in numerous commercial and print ads, including Coca-Cola, Milky Way and Campbell's Soup.

Cooper said the media influences the way we think, feel and act, and it shapes the way we feel about each other.

"I'm here because women today are hating themselves," she said. "We are constantly given messages (from the media) of hating ourselves."

Women and men are conditioned at young ages to believe that only certain roles are socially acceptable, she said.

Cooper said Barbie is a \$2-billiona-year industry, and toy manufacturers market makeup for 3 to 9-year-old

Her presentation consisted of different media-related slides, from the covers of Walt Disney movies to the covers of magazines.

The covers of magazines that target high school and college women are filled with topics of kissing, guys,

hair and weight issues, she said. Cooper demonstrated how retouching, lighting, camera filters and airbrushing distort what is seen on magazine covers and how it is impossible for models to actually look like that in real life.

However, models and actresses do weigh 23 percent less than the average woman, she said, and one out of every 10 people with eating disorders.

Cooper said she encourages women to keep a daily journal by writing positive characteristics about themselves. She said she finds this very important.

She knows women are not going to like this solution, but she said one of the answers to having low self-esteem is for women to stop watching television and stop buying magazines.

"We think we can watch whatever or read whatever and it won't affect us, but it isn't the case," Cooper said.

Czarina Caturay, a junior premedical major from Duncanville and president of Zeta Tau Alpha, said she thought Cooper's presentation was inspiring.

She said her sorority attends an educational program every month, and she thought "The Truth About Beauty" was very positive and something girls need to hear.

"There are girls battling their weight and the way they look on an everyday basis," Caturay said. "We



Camille Cooper speaks Tuesday night on the media's emphasis on being thin and beautiful in "The Truth About Beauty." The lecture was part of Body Awareness Week at Tech.

need to remember how good we are within because we forget that."

Merritt Minkel, a senior family studies major from Alaska and youth minister for Lubbock Bible Church, said he thought the presentation was interesting, but wished it was more informative on eating disorders, physical im-

ages and looks in general. "It dealt with social views, which is fine, but I was looking more for personal views," he said.

This event was part of the campuswide Body Awareness Week.

Good CD is 'Beautiful' blend

By Leslie Follmar Staff Writer

The Canadian music of Matthew Good Band offers a mix of Creed and Green Day in the band's latest CD, Beautiful Mid-

Hailing from Atlantic Record's impressive list of artists, Matthew Good Band follows in the label's style of great musicians. Beautiful Midnight is the band's American CD debut, after releasing Return of the Ghetto Astronauts in Canada. Return was one of the most successful independent CDs in Canada.

Beautiful Midnight is a reflection of lead singer/songwriter Matthew Good on his life from the ages of 16-26. The album takes a look at one night in the life of the average young adult. Chronicling a time line of the night, the CD starts off at 5 p.m. with the song "Giant." Provocative lyrics blend with a U2ish sound in the album's opener. Each song provides a different look into the promiscuous lifestyle of a young man.

Word play is utilized very well in the 7 p.m. song, "Strange Days." Somewhat of a love ballad, "Strange Days" sings gradually of questioning a lifestyle and if it

should continue. "It's evening, you're tired/you sleep walk, a robot out on the street/are you crazy to want this, even for a while? You're driving, its rush hour/the cars on the freeway are moving back-

music review

At 3 a.m., "The Future is Xrated," provides a wake-up call for the listener. Reminiscent of early 70s rock, MGB uses retro guitar riffs and effects. Not having an optimistic outlook on things, Good writes of how life gets taken out of context and how everything becomes something that it's not. Taking the Christmas season, "and now Christmas is for shopping/and the shopping god is everything." Good sees the future as not having much to look forward to.

MGB pours more into this album musically than most musicians do on their third or fourth album. This album has an amazing blend musically--stretching boundaries that will hopefully open a world of creativity to others. However, given a parental advisory for explicit content, Beautiful Midnight is not to be praised for the statements that match up with the remarkable music.

Irreconcilable differences lead Cruise to file for divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Cruise filed for divorce yesterday, citing irreconcilable differences as the reason for splitting with actress Nicole Kidman after 10 years of marriage.

The Superior Court petition filed two days after the couple disclosed their separation said they will share custody of their adopted children Conor, 6, and Isabella, 8.

"It is Tom Cruise's desire that the dissolution of the marriage be handled amicably," attorney Dennis Wasser said. "His major concern is the welfare of the parties' children.

The couple separated in December, the filing said. On Monday, the couple blamed "difficulties inherent in divergent careers" for keeping them constantly apart.

Publicists said the actors would have no additional comment.

It is the second failed marriage for Cruise, who divorced Mimi Rogers in 1990 after three years. That same year, Kidman and Cruise met on the set of "Days of Thunder" and were married that Christmas Eve in Tellu-

Cruise, 38, has starred in a number of high-grossing and critically acclaimed films, including "Born on the Fourth of July," "A Few Good Men," "Jerry Maguire," "Mission: Impossible," "Rain Man," "Top Gun" and "Magnolia."

Kidman, 33, spent three months in Spain last fall filming "The Others," and Cruise was one of the executive producers. Her movie credits include "Batman Forever," "Malice" and "To

The couple also starred together in the films "Far and Away" and 1998's "Eyes Wide Shut," the erotic final film



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The couple divided their time between homes in New York, Los Angeles, Colorado and Kidman's native Australia, where news of the breakup hit hard. A front-page headline Wednesday in The Australian read: 'Tom and Nicole admit it's mission impossible.

The couple were the toast of Sydney last year, living in a sprawling mansion while filming separate projects. They appeared regularly at social functions and Cruise won the hearts of sports fans by throwing his support behind a local rugby league

The Sydney Morning Herald on Wednesday reported sadness among locals who said they would miss Cruise. Ros Reines, a gossip columnist with the tabloid Sunday Telegraph, said she was shocked.

"They were the Hollywood dream couple — our Nic and Tom," she

Not all papers were sympa-

"Balancing work and family life is a formidable challenge for us all, but Tom and Nicole are among those best-equipped to do it," The Australian said, pointing out the couple was worth an estimated \$250 million.

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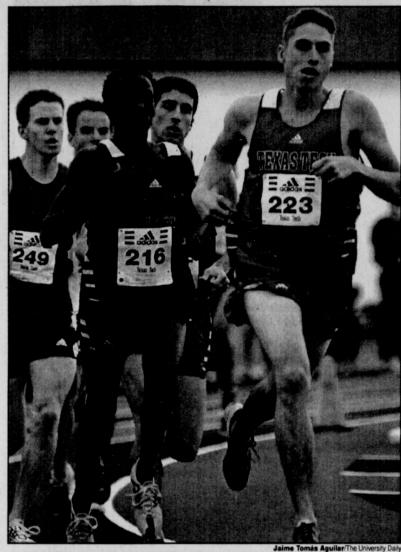
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Raider track heads to ISU



Texas Tech runners Chris Thomas (249), Boniface Ndungu (216) and Brian Wade (223) compete in the Texas Tech Open track meet earlier in the year. Tech heads to lowa State on Saturday for its next competition.

By Phil Riddle Staff Writer

Coach Wes Kittley's Texas Tech track squad is gaining some valuable experience during this indoor track

"I feel like our maturity level is coming along really well," Kittley said. "We had several of our sprinters, women and men, set personal records (at the Texas Tech Open). It's a group that has three meets under

The Red Raiders will travel to Ames, Iowa, on Saturday for the Iowa State Invitational meet. Tech had planned to send a group of runners to Ames, as well as the Butler Invitational meet in Indianapolis, this

"It's a little change of plans," Kittley said. "We're going to try to qualify in the distance medley relay for men, and qualify the women's 4x400 at Iowa State. Then we're running some of our outstanding individuals. But we're not going to But-

The Tech squad will take 14 runners to ISU, nine women and five men. Included in that number is freshman sprinter Tiffany Green. Green claimed second place in the 55-yard dash at home last week, finishing behind teammate Tami Zachary. Green then snagged third in the 200 meters. She said her solid start to her freshman campaign has been the result of tough competition at meets and workouts.

"The competition is better here," Green said. "Every week is like a district or state track meet in high school. It's way more intense. Even practices are intense. You can never lay back and be comfortable. You're always competing just to stay on top of the game.'

Green, from Hamlin, boasts a 7.48 personal-best in the 55-yard dash, a time she posted at the University of Houston Invitational to open the season. Her own top time in the 200-meter race is a 23.78 clocking from high school.

Kittley's 41-person crew also includes 27 track members that are new to the program. Though the Tech harriers are just three meets into the indoor season, Kittley said the experience gained by the freshmen is starting to payoff.

In last week's Texas Tech Open, the Red Raiders picked up 12 firstplace finishes. Kittley credits the team's success to the experience already gained.

"I think you're starting to see some of the maturity, getting a little bit acclimated to running indoors and having some good performances," Kittley said. "(Winning) gives them confidence. When you have a confident runner, you start seeing some good results. I think that's the big step we made this past week. We started gaining some confidence."

Tech will compete in the Red Raider Invitational at the Athletic Training Center, Feb. 16-17. The meet will be the team's final tune-up before the Big 12 Championships, which are scheduled for Feb. 23 and 24 in Lincoln, Neb.

The NCAA Indoor Championships will be held at the University of Arkansas on March 9 and 10.

Abilene bids to join pro six-man league

the only fledgling pro football league hoping to grab the interest of fans with an extreme style of play.

But the "other" new league won't have a television contract. It will be seeking to attract fans with wide-open, high-octane offenses rather than raw brutality or rude behavior.

Plans for starting the Six-Man Pro League, a semi-pro league with headquarters in Harrison, Ark., are in motion, and league founder and chief executive officer Pat Osborne has his sights set on having 16 teams begin competition in June.

So far, teams are set up in San Angelo, Fort Worth and Lawton, Okla. Abilene is one of more than 30 cities with ownership groups that have submitted applications for franchises.

"I thought if (Six-Man football) would work for small schools, it would work for small markets, Osborne said in a recent interview. "We'll start announcing teams at the end of next week. What we're trying to do is offer the smaller markets a chance to (have) pro football.'

Osborne, 48, who played Eight-Man football in Kansas during his high school days, is a businessman and entrepreneur in Harrison. As a result of a conversation he had with the originator of Six-Man football, the now-deceased Stephen Epler,

ABILENE (AP) — The XFL isn't who started that version of the game in Nebraska in 1933, Osborne began thinking a Six-Man league for adults might be viable. He kicked off his plan to make it happen about a year ago.

Based on the fact that Six-Man football at the high school level often proves to be a high-scoring, exciting form of the game, Osborne believes the idea has potential, "once word gets out that everybody is eligible to catch a pass. It's a different brand of football.

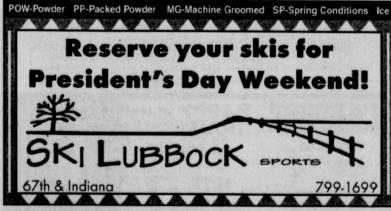
Osborne cites the popularity of the Arena Football League and the National Indoor Football League as being other influences behind the birth of his idea.

"We were looking for an alternative, said Osborne, à former executive with the United States Football Leagues Oklahoma Outlaws. "There are a lot of minor league teams out there. I feel we will be able to get quality players. We think where Six-Man is popular, the popularity and the speed of the game will catch on. Osborne noted that semi-pro football teams such as the Wichita Falls Drillers in the United Professional Football League have 50 players on their rosters, and arena league teams have up to 30 each. The Six-Man Pro League would limit rosters to 15 players.

The money the SPL players earn will be uniform across the board, at least for the inaugural season: \$150 per player per game.

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Longhorns hook strong recruiting class and the Longhorns appear to have DALLAS (AP) - With a hefty col-The Aggies' rise can be traced to other receivers."

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championship.

lection of offensive linemen and a superb prospect to run behind them, the Texas Longhorns once again were the biggest winners of this season's in-state recruiting war.

And, for the third straight year, the crop hauled in by coach Mack Brown is widely considered as one of the nation's best.

We feel like this year's class can be every bit as good as (the last two)," Brown said Wednesday, the first day high school seniors could sign scholarship acceptance letters. This group features a strong

base of linemen and that's an area

we need to continue to get better. It also helps us increase our speed across the board, which has been a to three runpoint of emphasis for us since we came to Texas.' Oklahoma used its national championship to help muscle its

way back onto the scene in Texas, luring 15 players north of the Red River. Most recruiting analysts ranked the Sooners and Longhorns among the top six in the nation. Texas A&M used a big finish to

move into the top 20 according to Rivals100.com. Texas Tech finished in that service's top 35 while Houston was the only other school from the state to crack the top 50.

the addition of Derek Farmer, a running back from Tyler Lee, who had verbally pledged to Alabama. Farmer was the only ballcarrier A&M signed despite leading rusher Ja'Mar Toombs having turned pro.

'There was quite a roar that went through the

office when we got the call that said he was going to sign with us," said Coach R.C. Slocum, adding that he only offered scholarships

The Aggies cushioned the blow of leading receiver Robert

Ferguson also entering the draft by signing five potential replacements. 'We didn't spend hardly any time

this year trying to convince some guy that we would throw the ball if he came," Slocum said. "Most had already watched us play and seen the receiving opportunities that Robert had, along with some of our

The Longhorns loaded up on offensive linemen, signing six guys who average 6-foot-6 and 310 pounds. Jonathan Scott of Dallas Carter is considered the best of the beefy bunch.

"It's important that you work to fill your needs

based on the areas where the most talent is available," Brown said: This year was an outstanding year for offensive linemen." blockers will

to open holes Cedric Benson, the record-setting running back

be counted on

from Midland Lee. Another weapon UT added is Quan Cosby, an allaround star at Mart who is projected to play receiver.

Combine those newcomers with the jewels of Texas' two previous recruiting classes — quarterback Chris Simms and receivers Roy Williams, B.J. Johnson and Sloan Thomas -

the potential for an explosive offense in the near future.

On defense, Texas plugged some holes by signing six defensive backs and two linebackers, including highly sought Derrick Johnson of Waco.

The weakness of the class is defensive line. The only addition was Kaelen Jakes of California, one of two out-of-state recruits. A good one got away when Kevin Everitt of lefferson backed out of a promise and signed with Miami.

With three straight years of stockpiling quality players in February, Brown understands that expectations will be higher from September to early January.

"We've made a run at the Top Five the last two years," he said, "The good thing is we're knocking at the door. Being a consistent winner and being in the Top 10 is what we want to do and go on and win a national championship."

The Aggies addressed some weaknesses by adding offensive line standout Jami Hightower of Jacksonville and his high school teammate Quentin Holman, along with defensive lineman Lawrence Hooper of Aldine. Jarvis Mays of Dallas Kimball was one of four defensive backs Slocum signed.

Olympic arena draws complaints from fans

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Fans with Olympic figure skating tickets are lucky. They are luckier still if they can see all of the ice.

As the Four Continents championships opened Wednesday, it was clear there are few perfect seats at the skating arena for next year's Winter Games.

On the ends of the Delta Center's upper bowl, it's impossible to see the nearest 20 feet of the rink below. When competitors skate into that part of the ice, they can disappear for 10 or 15 seconds.

Some skaters, meanwhile, have complained they can't make eye contact with fans because the rink sits 12 feet down, walled in by black curtains that make the ice surface seem like the floor of a pit.

Olympic organizers said that's what happens when you stage figure skating in an arena designed for basketball. Like it or not, this is where medals will be won and lost one year

'It makes it a little harder for skaters," said Peter Tchernyshev, a naturalized American who with partner Naomi Lang is a medal contender in ice dancing.

Usually, we are projecting our motions directly to the people in the crowd. Now, we'll have to project much higher. The skaters will try to involve the judges and the crowd as much as we can," he said.

The judges won't have any problems. They're seated along a side of the rink. But from nearly every seat, even in the lower bowl, at least one corner or a small part of the ice is obstructed.

All parties knew this was coming. "From Day One, we've made no

Extravaganza

bones about the sight lines," said Caroline Shaw, spokeswoman for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

When Salt Lake's minor-league hockey team played in the building during the early 1990s, upper-deck fans at each end couldn't see the nets below. And problems with figure skating were apparent at the 1999 U.S. Nationals.

Olympic organizers initially hoped to stage figure skating at the more intimate E Center in West Valley City. It seats 8,000, compared to about 14,000 at the Delta Center.





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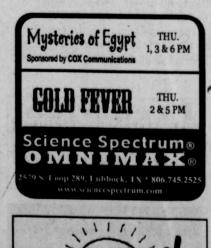
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Florida State is No. 1 — in recruiting

(AP) — Florida State is No. 1 — in Recruiting Wars 2001, that is.

The Seminoles rebounded from their loss to Oklahoma in the national title game with a recruiting haul that blew away the competition, Sooners included.

With coach Bobby Bowden calling signals, Florida State signed three high school All-Americans in quarterback Joe Mauer, running back Eric Shelton and linebacker Chauncey Davis on Wednesday, then rounded out its class of 2005 with three other stars rated among the nation's top 25 players.

"It's a slam dunk for Florida State," Allen Wallace of Laguna Beach, Calif.-based SuperPrep Magazine said. "They completely dominated the state and that means they completely dominated the nation. Nobody else comes close.'

"Bobby Bowden is the ultimate closer," Bobby Burton of the Austin, Texas-based National Recruiting Advisor added. "They may not win the national title every year, but they certainly have the talent to get to the big game every year."

Mauer, from the same high school in St. Paul, Minn., as departed Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke, threw for 5,528 yards and 73 touchdowns in two years. He also is a star catcher and could be a first-round pick in June's baseball

Shelton, from Lexington, Ky., ran

Seminoles' incoming freshmen called 'slam dunk'

for 1,400 yards and 12 TDs last sea- turned the Tigers' fortunes around and a fifth; and the national cham-

In addition, the 'Noles signed nine of the top 13 players in Florida, according to SuperPrep's ratings -Davis (Auburndale), defensive backs Jerome Carter (Lake City) and Gerard Ross (Jacksonville), quarter-McPherson Adrian

(Bradenton), linebacker Willie Jones (Miami), offensive linemen Andrew Henry-Kenon (Tallahassee), Ron Lunford (Jacksonville) and Matt Meinrod (Tarpon Springs) and wide receiver Craphonso Thorpe (Tallahassee).

"Regardless of who the assistant coaches are, Bobby is the man and he still gets the great players," Tom Lemming of Schaumburg, Ill.-based Prep Football Report said. "By far, they have the most talented class in the country.

The Seminoles weren't alone in striking recruiting gold on the first day players were able to sign letters of intent.

LSU, Michigan, Oklahoma and Texas also can celebrate, with the Tigers making a surprisingly strong run to the top of the class. In fact, LSU's class was rated No. 1 ahead of Florida State by Max Emfinger of National Blue Chips based in Covington, La.

LSU coach Nick Saban, who

with an 8-4 record in his first season, saw nine of Louisiana's top 10 players sign on.

"Recruiting is not an exact science," Saban said. "Football is different from any other sport - it is almost like picking puppy dogs. When you take the pick of the litter, it will always take two or three years to know what that dog is supposed to

Among the new Tigers are four All-Americans: tight end Michael Clayton and wide receiver Marcus Spears, who attended different schools in Baton Rouge; defensive end Marquise Hill from New Orleans; and offensive lineman Andrew Whitworth from West Monroe. Also signing on was quarterback Rick Clausen, younger brother of Tennessee quarterback Casey Clausen.

"LSU cleaned up the state, got a bunch of All-Americans, went to California and got Clausen and went to Texas and got two good players" Emfinger said. Wide receivers Bennie Brazell and Ryan Gilbert are the Texas standouts.

In addition to Emfinger's top rating, LSU was ranked second by Wallace and third by Burton and Lemming; Michigan had a second, third, fourth and seventh-place finish; the Longhorns had three fourths pion Sooners had a second, a fifth and two sixths.

Among 25 schools with new coaches, Ohio State drew mixed reviews with Jim Tressel replacing John Cooper and Miami had a decent class despite Butch Davis departing last week and assistant Larry Coker replacing him.

The Buckeyes kept several top recruits at home. including Pa-Allrade By far, they have the American running back most talented class in Maurice Hall, and they also the country."

Tom Lemming

PREP FOOTBALL REPORT

leaning toward Notre Dame. Miami, which returned to the national title picture this past season, hung on to some previous commitments in signing linebacker Leon Williams from Brooklyn, N.Y., and local running back Frank Gore. The Hurricanes also won out over Clemson in signing linebacker Roger McIntosh from Gaffney, S.C.

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Lydell Ross

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Florida, which won the recruiting battle last year, was not among the top 10 due to a limited amount of

scholarships available. "They'll be back next year," Lemming said.

Also faring well was the Pacific-10 Conference, led by Washington and UCLA, with a strong showing from Oregon State, Stanford and USC under new coach Pete Carroll.

Among the Pac-10's scores -Shaun Cody, USA Today's defensive player of the year, chose USC over Notre Dame.

The Irish, meanwhile, did not sign many high-profile players and managed a No. 13 rating from Lem-

ming, who said higher academic standards was the

reason. "They finished 13th and that's good for anyone else but Notre Dame,"

Lemming said. "But they were competing with the Stanfords and Northwesterns rather than the

Florida States, Tennessee and Michigans. That's an indication of raised academic standards rather than a lack of effort." The Sooners' prize recruit could

turn out to be defensive lineman Tommie Harris, a 6-foot-3, 275pounder from Killeen, Texas, a player the Longhorns coveted. Winning a national title has a way of helping, too.

edly," he said. "I see the guys out

there putting their heart and soul

and leaving it all out there on the

floor. I just miss that. It's difficult to

digest that I have to wait on some

medication to pretty much dictate

whether I'm going to be back on the

days. On good days, he has plenty of

energy and feels ready to play for the

Heat. But on bad days, he feels le-

thargic and sometimes wonders

The medicine is primarily re-

when, or if, he will return.

Mourning has good days and bad

Vikings' **Smith** retires

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -Once again, Robert Smith has eluded his pursuers.

The agent for the 28-yearold running back confirmed Wednesday that Smith is retiring after eight seasons with the Minnesota Vikings. He is leaving the NFL at the top of his game, much like a 31-year-old Barry Sanders before the 1999 season, and at the height of his earning power as an unrestricted free agent.

Smith, who announced his decision in a brief statement Tuesday to The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer, let his reasons for leaving remain a mystery. In the statement, Smith thanked his family and friends, fans and the Vikings organization.

"I also wanted to thank my teammates and coaches for believing in me throughout my career," he said.

The retirement leaves a large hole in the Vikings' of-"Robert has always been a

guy that the National Football League has been able to count on as a shining example of quality character off the field and 100 percent effort on the field," coach Dennis Green said in a statement. "Robert's decision to retire,

as everyone knows, comes off his best season ever as a running back for the Minnesota Vikings. He leaves the game on top and is looking forward to his next challenge.

Smith's agent, Neil Cornrich, dismissed the idea that the often-injured back, who recently underwent a third knee operation, was tired of the pounding.

"He could easily play five more years without jeopardizing his health," Cornrich said. "He just decided to go in another direction at this

Mourning sick of riding the pine, eager to return

■ Doctors pleased with Heat center's progress despite possibility of need for dialysis or transplant.

MIAMI (AP) Alonzo Mourning's biggest challenge right now is trying to be patient.

It's tough when he thinks about possibly needing dialysis or a kidney transplant. It's tough when he remembers being doubled over in progress. pain last October during the first; "I want to play this year. My doc-days of treatment for the kidney dis-tors aren't as optimistic as I am, but

ease. And it's really tough every time he sits on the bench, watching his teammates play without him.

It's going to be the same way at the All-Star game this weekend.

Mourning, the Miami Heat center who was selected to his sixth All-Star Game, said Wednesday he is making slow but steady progress in his battle with a kidney disease that ended his season. But his future remains uncertain.

"My doctors are extremely pleased with my progress," said Mourning, 31. "They are surprised that I am progressing so rapidly, but I'm not progressing as fast I want to

they have a better medical sense than I do. I will ignore how my body feels and will listen to my mind and my heart, which would be foolish at this point in my life.'

Doctors first spotted the disease, focal glomerulosclerosis, after Mourning returned from helping the U.S. Olympic team to the basketball gold medal in Australia.

Two weeks later, in mid-October, Mourning announced that he would have to sit out the season because of the illness. Since the decision, the 6foot-10 Mourning has been taking medication to stop his kidneys from leaking proteins.

He might eventually require dialysis or a kidney transplant. It also could force him to give up basketball.

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"I don't even want to think that far ahead," Mourning said. "I know that's not going to happen. I don't know when I'm going to get back out there, but I know I will. I know I still have some basketball left in

Mourning is in the middle of a six-month treatment program, taking as many as 11 pills a day to control his kidneys, blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

He also is following a strict lowsodium diet.

He hired a nutritionist and had to give up some of his favorite foods. But that doesn't even compare to having to sacrifice time on the court

"I miss the game wholeheart-

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Tech football builds for future

■ Red Raider squad signs 24 new players to next year's edition of Texas Tech football.

> By Blair Cunningham Staff Writer

Texas Tech Football coach Mike Leach unveiled what could be one of the best recruiting classes in Red Raider football history Wednesday.

By the end of the day, the Red Raiders had inked 24 players to letters of intent to play their collegiate ball at Texas Tech.

"I'think that this class of recruits compares very favorably to the classes that we had at the University of Kentucky and Oklahoma," Leach said. "We may actually have more speed with this class than we did at OU and KU.

In the past, Raider recruiting classes have come primarily from Texas, whereas this year, Tech expanded its search for recruits to the national level. This season Tech signed nine players from out of the

The Red Raiders bolstered their defense by signing two linebackers, four defensive backs and four defensive linemen.

'We really signed some great players on both sides of the ball who should be able to come in and contribute pretty quickly," Leach said.

The Red Raider offense inked four offensive linemen, one quarterback, two running backs and two wide re-

Tech has already signed two highly-touted junior college recruits prior to signing day; JC Grid-Wire All-American wide receiver Anton Paige and first team All-NorCal defensive tackle Josh Ratliff.

People around the nation have already started to take notice of the class the Red Raiders are fielding. Internet recruiting Rivals100.com has ranked the Raiders incoming class 36th nationally.

"Were real excited about all of the players we have coming in," said Tech defensive coordinator Greg McMackin.

"We expect a lot from all of our players and we're really excited about (Ricky) Sailor and (Quincy) Butler. Both guys are really athletic and physical.

The Red Raiders expect to sign more players in the coming days.



Tech coach Mike Leach addresses the media at a press conference for national signing day Wednesday at the J.T. King Room.

Lady Raiders beat Bears, OU drops Tech men

The No. 10-ranked Lady Raiders used a first half run and almost flawless free throw shooting to knock of Baylor, 67-56, on Wednesday in Waco. The win gives Texas Tech (18-3

overall, 9-1 Big 12 Conference) its 38th consecutive win over the Bears, With the win, the Lady Raiders be-

came just the second team to pick up a victory in Waco this season and keeps Tech on pace with first place Oklahoma and Iowa State.

After exchanging baskets for half of the first frame, the Lady Raiders silenced the Baylor crowd by surging to an 11-2 run, which gave Tech a 25-14 lead with just more than five minutes left to the break

Tech finished the game by hitting 16-of-19 from the free-throw line. The Lady Raiders found misfor-

tune in the second half when O'Neal fell to the floor after rolling her ankle with 15 minutes left to play.

With O'Neal out, it gave Big 12 leading scorer Sheila Lambert a chance to get Baylor back into the contest.

Lambert finished with a game-high 22 points but could never pull the Bears closer than six points of the Lady Raider lead.

Tech post Plenette Pierson had a solid all-around game against the

Pierson finished with 20 points and nine rebounds while shooting 8-for-10 from the free-throw line.

On the defensive side of the ball, Pierson helped contain Baylor forward Danielle Crockrom, who entered the contest averaging 22.6 points per

Crockrom had a below-average night as Pierson and company held her to nine points before she fouled out at the 3 minute mark.

Tech returns to the floor at 5 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena when rival Texas comes to town.

A familiar scenario played out for the Red Raider men's basketball squad Wednesday night in Norman, Okla. Tech battled back from an early deficit to take a lead late in the game but once again could not polish off the vic-

The Sooners picked up an 80-72 win over Tech to split the season series with the Red Raiders.

Tech possessed a 69-67 lead with 3:21 left in the game but was outscored 13-3 down the stretch to drop its fourth consecutive contest.

Oklahoma won the opening tip but the Red Raiders drew first blood.

Guard Mikey Marshall began the scoring for Tech with a three-point shot giving the Red Raiders the early

OU went up 22-10, but the Red Raiders clawed their way back, and aided by the shooting of guard Jamal Brown, Tech was able to cut the Sooner lead to 37-35 at halftime.

Neither team could pull away with the lead in the second half as Tech grabbed a 66-65 with 4:52 remaining in the game.

OU stole the lead back and led 73-70 with :30 seconds remaining when forward J.R. Raymond canned a threepoint shot to put the Sooners up, 76-70. The Red Raiders were unable to re-

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CB Antonio Huffman

Lovejoy H.S. Lovejoy, GA

CB SidRon Lewis Hitchcock H.S. Hitchcock, TX

RB Taurean Henderson Gatesville H.S. Gatesville, TX

Quincy Butler Roosevelt H.S. San Antonio, TX

OL E.J. Whitley

Texas City H.S. Texas City, TX WR Cody Fuller

Smithson Valley H.S. Smithson Valley, TX **OL Michael Bailey**

Witchita Falls H.S. Witchita Falls, TX

DT Fred Thwreat Lee H.S. Midland, TX

Randall Cherry Celina H.S. Celina, TX

CB Jose Hanson El Camino Jr. College ElCamino, TX

QB Cody Hodges Hereford H.S. Hereford, TX LB John Saldi

Carroll H.S. Southlake, TX DT Josh Ratliff

Butte College Oroville, CA **CB Ricky Sailor**

Butte College Oroville, CA Josh Rangel

Mt. San Antonio College Walnut, CA RB Loliki, Bongo-Wanga

Hartnell College Salinas, CA

WR Anton Paige Northwest MS CC, Setobia, MS

DT Rodney McKinney

MS Delta CC Morehead, MS

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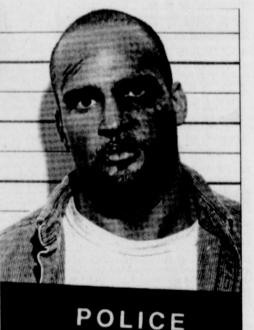
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