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STATE

Juvenile confesses to bludgeoning friend

HOUSTON (AP) — A 16-year-old boy was in juvenile custody Monday and charged with murder in the bludgeoning death of a 14-year-old friend whose body was found last week after an eight-day search.

Authorities said the suspect, whose name was not released by the Harris County Sheriff's Department, was arrested Sunday and has confessed to killing Nathan Mayoral.

The boy told sheriff's deputies Mayoral and the suspect were planning to skip school on March 20 when a dispute ensued, Lt. Robert Van Pelt said.

"He admitted to investigators he and Nathan had an argument at the suspect's home, which ultimately led to the suspect hitting Nathan with a blunt object," Van Pelt said.

The suspect, a neighbor of Mayoral in west Harris County, then wrapped the body in a blue sheet fastened with duct tape, Van Pelt said. Mayoral's body was left in a field, where it was found March 28.

NATIONAL

Public school faculty threatening to strike

HONOLULU (AP) — Nearly 13,000 public school teachers and 3,100 University of Hawaii faculty members are threatening to strike Thursday unless the state meets their pay demands.

A strike would affect 182,328 public school students and 41,933 university students. Parents and schools have been scrambling to find alternatives for their children.

"Every person in Hawaii will be affected in some way by a statewide public education strike, making this a time of uncertainty, anxiety and stress for all," said Paul LeMahieu, superintendent of education.

Hawaii's teachers earn between \$29,000 and \$58,000 annually.

The state's latest offer would give teachers an average 11 percent pay increase over two years, with bigger increases to new teachers to help recruiting in the face of a growing teacher shortage.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association is seeking a package that amounts to a 22 percent increase over four years, retroactive to July 1, 1999.

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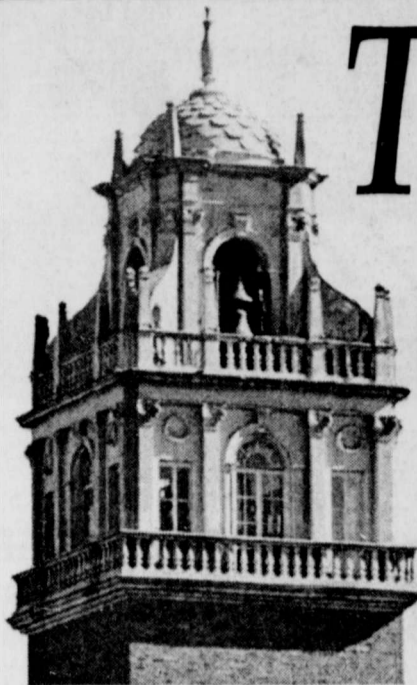
Bush demands return of U.S. Navy officers

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese authorities have moved the 24 crew members of a U.S. Navy surveillance plane to a military guesthouse, a Chinese sailor said Monday, a day after an in-flight collision forced the aircraft to land on a Chinese island.

The U.S. ambassador to China said Monday that American officials were being denied contact with the crew, and President Bush demanded their "prompt and safe return."

The EP-3 plane was standing empty at the military airfield where it landed in the town of Lingshui on Hainan island, said the Chinese sailor, who refused to give his name and was contacted by telephone at an adjacent naval facility.

American officials sought to keep the Chinese from boarding the aircraft, insisting they had no right to do so. There was no indication whether Chinese experts were trying to examine the EP-3's sophisticated monitoring equipment.



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Patrick Mulherin, a freshman pre-medicine major from Duncanville, puts his guns up while fraternity brothers Jarrod Chole, a sophomore architecture major from Austin, and Wes Bryan, a freshman business major from Plano, push from behind at the beginning of the soap-box derby Monday evening on Greek Circle.

Greek Frenzy

Fraternity, sorority week focuses on involvement within community

By Christi Davidson
Staff Writer

Members of the Texas Tech Greek community lined up at the soap-box race starting line Monday night to begin the inaugural Greek Week.

The event is a week-long series of activities that involves Tech fraternities and sororities, which participate in a variety of activities. These include events such as Monday's soap-box race, a chariot and watermelon race, a food contest, pie-throwing contests and a Saturday park cleanup.

There were two parts to the soap-box race, one for participating sororities and a second for the fraternities.

Kappa Kappa Gamma placed first in the sororities division while Sigma Phi Epsilon captured first for the fraternities.

Katie Marshall, Tech's assistant dean of students, said Greek Week is a festival designed to get the Greeks involved in the community.

"The goals of Greek Week is to promote Greek unity on campus, to promote a positive image of Greeks on campus and to show how Greeks do a lot of good in the community," Marshall said.

Greek Week has been a part of the Greek system at many college campuses around the nation. Marshall said she is glad Tech now joins them.

"It's something a majority of

colleges do," she said. "We thought it was time for Tech to get up to speed."

Marshall said if participants enjoy the festival, it hopefully will continue as an annual event.

Ricky Archiga, a sophomore public relations major from Dallas, said he thinks Greek Week will bring the entire Greek community together.

"With all the problems that the Greeks have been facing lately," he said, "this will help everyone join as one."

Archiga said he was excited about Greek Week's debut because it was a new idea all Greeks can benefit from.

"I think it definitely should be an

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President's fund to fix KTXT woes

By Leslie Follmar
Staff Writer

A Texas Tech official said Monday the necessary funds to put KTXT-FM 88.1 back on the air will come from university President David Schmidly's office.

Provost John Burns confirmed earlier reports that the student-run radio station's broadcasting equipment would be repaired through an unrestricted presidential fund.

"I had offered to pay for it, but the president beat me to it," Burns said. "It is true that the costs will be taken care of. All the money will come out of one of the president's discretionary funds."

Estimates for repairs to KTXT's tower, which was apparently struck by lightning last week, totaled \$17,166 for a new transmission line, which, officials said, is the cause for KTXT being off the air.

Burns said all that is needed to solve the problem is the equipment.

"The money's available now, so all they need is the equipment, and we don't know how long that will take," he said.

Meanwhile, KTXT's 40th anniversary came and went this weekend, while the station remained off the air. The station is still broadcasting on its Web site at www.ktxt.net.

Burns said there have been no efforts — financial or physical — by Tech officials regarding the avoidance of similar problems in the future with the tower.

Because of recent inclement weather, Burns said, a tower-service crew was not able to fully assess the problem but is expected to diagnose the situation by the end of the week.

Station officials said it is unclear when the problem will be fixed. Ben Lloyd, station man-



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

A staff member from KTXT-FM 88.1 trains a prospective employee earlier this semester.

ager for KTXT, said he was not informed as to where the money would be coming from to repair the line.

"I have no idea, I just heard

what the A-J printed," Lloyd said. "I know a truck with equipment will be coming down this week, but the crew won't go up on the tower until Friday. Maybe."

Tech theater remembers grad student

By Linda Robertson
Staff Writer

A memorial service took place Sunday in honor of Jia-hua Chin, a 28-year-old Texas Tech graduate student who died Saturday in Charles E. Maedgen Lab Theater.

Fred Christoffel, associate professor in the theater department, said Chin was a part-time theater instructor in addition to a graduate student, who was working on a master's degree in fine arts with an emphasis in theater design. He said every member of the theater department is grieving Chin's death.

"We are all feeling the loss of Jia-hua," he said. "He has worked with me for three years, and he was a great fellow."

Christoffel said the opening of the play "The Dayroom," originally scheduled for April 6, has been postponed until April 12, because of the incident.

According to a police report filed at the Texas Tech Police Department on Saturday, Chin died from the injuries he suffered when the cherry picker device he was using to adjust lights on the stage tipped over.

Robert Byers, chief investigator for the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office, said Chin's autopsy, which was scheduled for Monday, was re-

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Report cites child crime near campus

Coliseum worker allegedly commits indecency with a child during a hockey game.

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

A police report was filed Saturday against a man at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, located in the 2700 block of Drive of Champions on the Texas Tech campus, citing alleged indecency with a child.

According to the report filed with the Lubbock Police Department, the man, who officials said was a contract laborer, grabbed a girl's hand, pulled her to the side and kissed her on the left side of her neck. He then took her hand and placed it on his crotch.

"The man put her hand on his crotch and asked if she had a boyfriend," said LPD Sgt. John Gomez.

After the sexual advance, the report stated, the man continued to stand around the girl. He later dropped his broom behind her. As he picked it up, he touched her buttocks.

Gomez said both the man and the 14-year-old girl that the man allegedly made the sexual advances toward were at the coliseum during a Lubbock Cotton Kings playoff hockey game. The man was working at the game at the time of the incident.

Gomez said when police asked the man about the incident, he told them he grabbed her hand to talk to her but said he did not have any other type of contact with her.

The man was not arrested at the scene, Gomez said, but was identified by the officer who responded to the call. He is described as a male who is about 20 years old.

"The case is being investigated by the juvenile division," Gomez said.

Steve Snider, assistant director of human resources for the city of Lubbock, said the man was working at the coliseum at the time, but he is not a city employee. He said the supervisor at the coliseum was notified of the incident, and the man was dis-

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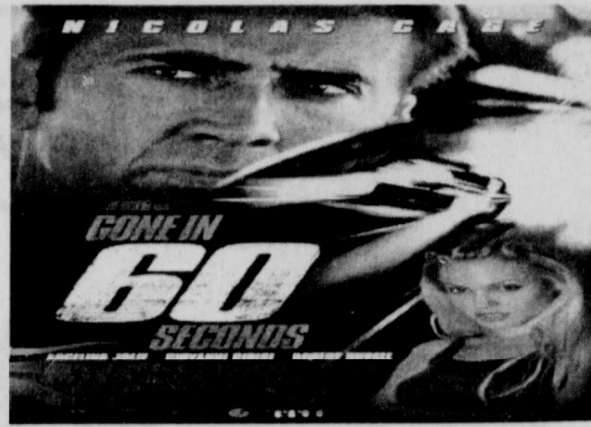
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Bus takes learning on the road

Tech students exposed to tourism industry through mobile classroom.

By Kristina Thomas
Staff Writer

With increasing technological advances, more people are beginning to work from their homes. But for Larry and Marianne Coulson, working from home takes on a different meaning.

Their home is in the Travel and Tourism Mobile Classroom, which is where they live and educate others around the country.

On Monday, the mobile classroom, which is sponsored by the Hogan Family Foundation, made its way to the Texas Tech campus for the first time. The motorcoach was located outside the University Center

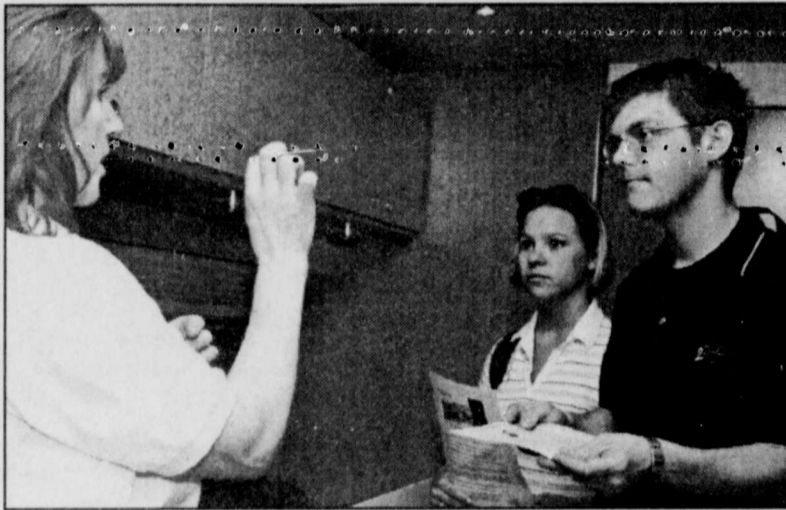
from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Coulsons live and work out of the motorcoach, making their way around the country educating people about the growing industry of travel and tourism.

Larry Coulson, educational coordinator for the Hogan Foundation, said that throughout the day, he and his wife conducted class in the coach, and they talked to about 170 students.

The coach holds 24 students at a time where, Larry Coulson said, students watched a video and listened to a presentation about the travel and tourism industry.

"There are five videos that we have that are geared toward people from first grade to retirees," he said. "The best part though is when we get to reach high school and college students, because those are really the people who are looking for a career in the business."

Coulson said the goal of the program is to inform people about what



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

Marianne Coulson gives a tour of the mobile classroom bus to Texas Tech students Tracie Wright and Joey Taylor. The tour gave students a chance to learn about different opportunities available in the field of travel and tourism.

travel and tourism encompasses as well as educate people about the growing number of jobs available.

"Knowledge about the industry is important, but the most important thing is to look at all of the career choices that are out there," he said.

In the next 10 years, Coulson said, jobs in the travel and tourism industry will increase by 40 percent, and jobs are expected to exceed 100 million by 2007.

Betty Stout, associate professor of restaurant, hotel and institutional management, said she set up the visit and took her classes to visit the coach.

"In some of the material that I have about the travel industry, I had read about the Hogan Foundation and thought that if they came to Tech it would be good for the students to learn to bring it all together," Stout said. "I think it has attracted attention to the positive aspect of the travel and tourism industry."

Stout said she believes the motorcoach's presence on campus helped people walking by to see what travel and tourism can do as well as provide solid facts and literature about the industry.

Coulson said he already has arranged the motorcoach to return to Tech on Oct. 22. Stout said he plans to bring it back once a year if it will fit their schedule.

Coulson said he believes he reached a lot of people in the time he was at Tech, and he is looking forward to returning next semester to talk to students.

"We really enjoy visiting places and educating young people about the business," he said. "We want them to take a look at the industry as a career choice and as a job that can do nothing but grow."

◆ POLICE BLOTTER

Compiled from reports of the Texas Tech Police Department

Saturday, March 31

■ A Texas Tech graduate student was fatally injured at the Charles E. Maedgen Lab Theatre when the cherry picker device he was using to focus lights tipped over. Police reported he appeared to have severe head and/or neck trauma. Police sealed the student's office, 101 Maedgen Theatre, because of his death.

■ An officer arrested three male students in 725 Weymouth Hall. One student was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. Two other students were arrested for minor in possession of alcohol. All three students were issued county citations and then released.

Friday, March 30

■ An officer investigated a violation of the code of student conduct and the unauthorized use of computing and/or networking resources in 813 Weymouth Hall.

Thursday, March 29

■ Officers responded to a fire alarm at Chitwood Hall. The fire alarm was activated when the resident in 526 Chitwood accidentally damaged the sprinkler head in her room. The activated sprinkler system flooded several rooms in Chitwood Hall as well as the residence hall lobby.

■ An officer investigated the theft of a set of conga drums from 357 Bledsoe Hall.

Wednesday, March 28

■ West Hall was evacuated after electricians accidentally set off the building's fire alarm when they disconnected a wire connected to the fire alarm panel.

■ Officers arrested a male student for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana in 310 Weymouth Hall. The student was issued a county citation and was released pending the filing of charges.

■ An officer investigated a violation of the code of student conduct in 720 Murdough Hall. A student was using his computer, which was connected to TechNet, for personal gain.

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Pick a Prof provides professorial preview

By Pam Smith
 Staff Writer

Texas Tech students registering for Fall 2001 classes will have an opportunity to receive an insider's look at how the class is conducted through a Web site service called Pick a Prof.

"With Pick a Prof, we are trying to match the student with the right professor and class style," said James Abell, university relations spokesman for Pick a Prof. "This will allow students to learn information about the class, such as whether the professor gives essay-style tests."

The Web site also will allow students to see the professor's grade histories for the class, the percentage of students who dropped the

class and student commentary on the professor. Abell said the service is free, but students do have to register on the site before they can use it.

"Students do have to register for the site and receive a screen name to use it," he said. "This is to protect the privacy of the student using the site."

This is the first semester the service has been offered at Tech. Abell said the service was piloted at the University of Texas and Texas A&M.

"We do know that approximately 65 percent of students who registered at Texas A&M used the service," he said. "We also have received in the neighborhood of 7,000 and 10,000 responses about the classes from students."

"With Pick a Prof, we are trying to match the student with the right professor and class style."

James Abell
 PICK A PROF SPOKESMAN

Responses and commentaries for the Web site are compiled when students submit them while they are online. Abell said he hopes students will make it a habit to submit their thoughts on past professors while they are researching their new ones. However, he said, this system has received criticism from the faculty in

the past. "In most of the cases, when a faculty member has become upset about the Web site, it has been because they don't understand what it is that we are offering," he said. "They are afraid they will be portrayed in a bad light, and that is not the case."

Ben Bowman, member of the Information and Technology Committee for the Student Government Association, said the university also is planning to provide a free service similar to this beginning for the Fall 2001 semester. He said the committee and the university already have received support from the Faculty Senate regarding the posting.

"It won't be up for registration now, but we are hoping it will be ready later this semester," he said.

Bowman said the Tech service will provide the same information, but he believes it will be more convenient for students to use because it will be linked to the TechSIS Web site, where students register for classes online.

"As a student is registering for

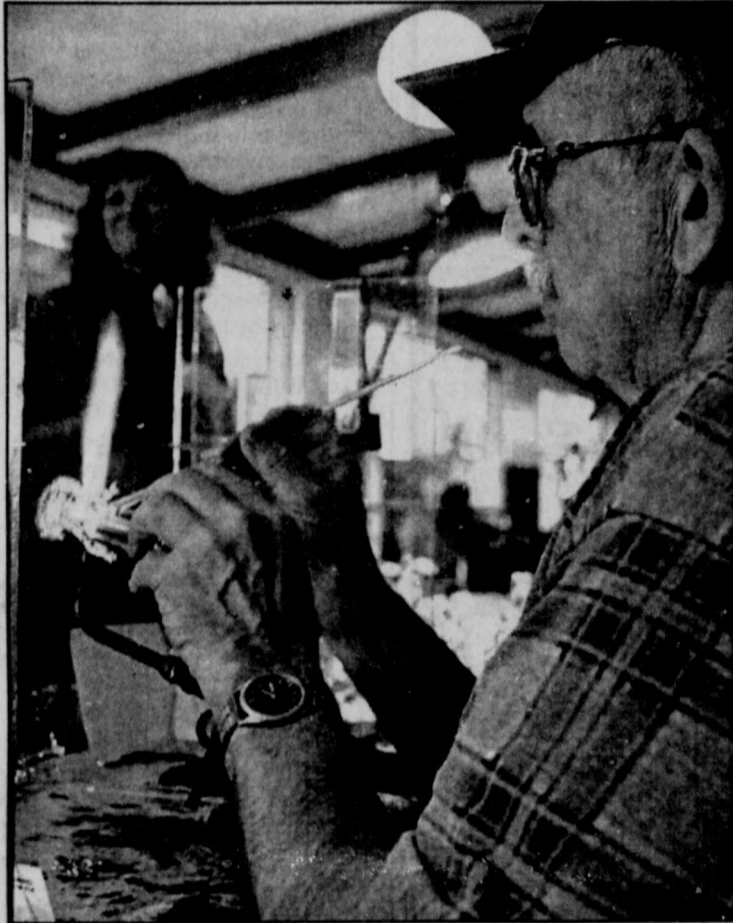
classes, they would select the class and then click on the professor," he said. "The student can then access the recommendations and compare professors."

However, Bowman said, he believes the TechSIS site will be more accurate regarding student commentary because the information will be compiled from the class evaluation forms students are required to complete instead of the select students who choose to submit their opinions online.

"Since everyone in the class is required to evaluate a professor, the results will be more accurate," he said.

Students wanting to use Pick a Prof can access the service at www.pickaprof.com.

Glass blown away



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

Al Hoffman, a glassblower from Livingston, puts horses on a glass carousel Monday in the University Center. Hoffman has been selling his glass creations at Texas Tech for 15 years.

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scheduled for Monday, was rescheduled for Wednesday.

"His family will arrive from Taiwan (today), and we will do the autopsy on Wednesday to accommodate his family and their religious beliefs," he said. "The family is Buddhist, and they wanted a little time to visit him before we do the autopsy."

Seiju Mammoser, an abbot at the

Albuquerque Zen Center in Albuquerque, N.M., said Buddhism is not like most other religions in that its beliefs cannot be generalized to the entire religion.

"Most of the time, what a Buddhist family does for a dying or already dead family member is dependent upon what country they are from and what branch of Buddhism they practice," he said.

TTPD Capt. Gordon Hoffman said he would not comment on the accident because the case still is un-

der investigation.

Chin came to Lubbock in Fall 1998 and enrolled as a Master of Arts student. According to a press release from the theater department, he quickly switched to the Master of Fine Arts program in lighting design.

During his time at Tech, Chin was the lighting designer for numerous Tech theater productions including "After the Fall," "Largo Desolato," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "What I Did Last Summer," "The Butler Did It" and "The Riders of the Golden

Sphinx."

Also according to the release, Jonathan Marks, graduate adviser for the theater department, said theater faculty were asked to nominate one person in Fall 2000 for the Southwest Theater Association's Richard Weaver Award, and Chin was their choice. Chin was honored with the award last semester at the Southwest Theater Association's annual conference.

He would have graduated from Tech this May.

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missed from his duties associated with the city.

"The man was a contract labor employee that the city ordered from Labor Ready," Snider said. "He has been dismissed from his duties with us, and we have contacted Labor

Ready about the incident."

Officials at Labor Ready, a national temporary employee agency, said they could not comment about the incident because it would be against the advice of their legal department.

Since the man is not a city employee, Snider said, the city is not responsible for any misconduct the

employee may become involved in while at work. He said he did not know the name of the employee who was allegedly involved in the incident.

"(Labor Ready) is responsible for the people that they send," Snider said.

According to the Texas Penal Code, indecency with a child is de-

finied when a person engages in sexual contact with or exposes his genitals to a person under the age of 17 who he/she is not legally married to.

It is classified as a second-degree felony. Punishment for the offense can range from two to 20 years imprisonment and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

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annual event," he said. "There aren't many events that bring the Greek community together."

Lesley Campbell, a junior merchandising major from Flower Mound, said she and her fellow sorority sisters are excited about all of the week's events.

She said she spent the week making posters, baking and organizing different projects to get ready for the week.

Campbell also said in addition to getting the Greek community involved and unified, it also will help the Greeks to become involved together in the commu-

nity. "Saturday's park cleanup is a great event that shows how everyone in the Greek system gets involved to help out the Lubbock community," she said.

Marnie Menzies, a freshman international business major from San Antonio, said the week will be

a great experience for all participants.

"It's good for the community to see that the Greeks are not just about partying," she said. "This is something fun for everyone to do together, which is what the Greek system is all about."

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Letters to the editor

Women take charge

To the editor: In response to Bethany Cline's article about Take Back the Night, I just wanted to emphasize that we highly encourage male participation. The march and candlelight vigil is in protest of all violence in any relationship, as well as rape and sexual harassment. The purpose of this event is to inspire people in every community to end abuse and violence against women. By bringing awareness to the beliefs and misconceptions that cause violence and the silence that perpetuates these crimes, we can help bring an end to violence. We would like to challenge both women and men to take charge of their lives and effect positive change. Please support us.

Dale Gensler
president
Feminist Majority Leadership
Alliance

To the editor: I wanted to thank Bethany Cline for her wonderful column on domestic violence last week. It was a truly spirited and grounded effort at educating both students and faculty. On Thursday, a demonstration against domestic violence called Take Back the Night will take place at 7 p.m. at Broadway Church of Christ. This is an incredible event where many people from the community will gather and protest against this terrible crime. We all are at Tech because we are not only intelligent, but also interested in making a difference by being heard. Come and say something so others may hear you. As an employee of Women's Protective Services, I have seen too many bruises, heard too many cries that barely allow breathing and have watched human beings subjected to lives of hiding, running and constant fear. These human beings include children as well. I cannot simply sit down and hush myself. The human rights of these victims have been violated. So, fraternities, sororities, student organizations, faculty, students and anyone else interested, please show your support by attending this event. Your voice is the people's greatest advocate.

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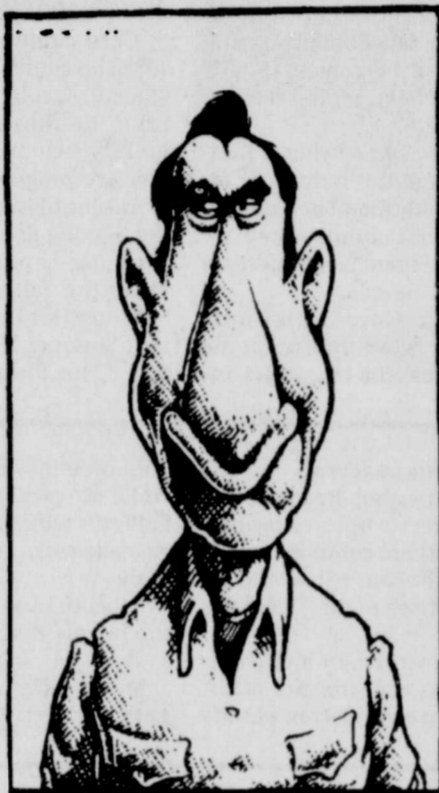
Greek week excludes

To the editor: As we enter "Greek Week 2001," I find it rather ironic that more than 12 fraternities and sororities were somehow left out of the festivities, not to mention the other religious, music and service fraternities and sororities that were not included. Perhaps I missed the fine print that stated this was "Panhellinic/IFC Greek Week 2001." The majority of these forgotten fraternities and sororities are not only national but have chapters throughout the world and fall under a national board. If we are going to attempt to end racial tension on this campus, shouldn't it begin within the organization that represent this university? Support from the university is an unfamiliar term. Each fraternity and sorority has earned the letters they wear across their chest and has an obligation to uphold what those letters stand for. By giving back to Texas Tech and donating thousands of service hours to improve the Lubbock community, being Greek is more than just wearing a T-shirt. It's about being willing to give. All Greeks have earned that right, thus all Greeks should be acknowledged during "Greek Week 2001." If this isn't so, maybe it should be called "Panhellinic/IFC Week 2001."

Christina Avila
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Column

Higher powers bring me to my knees

I'm not a deeply religious man, but I've always believed in a higher power.

Why? Because there's no possible way my bad luck happens merely by chance. I figure it has to be the result of some type of divine intervention. I suppose there's no way to know why this is, but I do know that my bad luck hit an all time high this summer when I came down with a mystery illness. While most people would be reluctant to divulge their medical history to thousands of strangers, it's just too damn funny to keep to myself. So, here's my story.



Kenneth Strickland

It all started one morning in July when I woke up with severe abdominal pain. Pretty soon I felt like a high school girl, throwing up everything I had eaten in the past 36 hours. Had I been at school, I wouldn't have given it a second thought, but since I hadn't eaten dorm food in months, I started worrying. Hunched over the telephone, I started to call every woman I had been with in the past six months, but then figured it would be quicker to just drive myself to the hospital.

Now if you haven't been to the emergency room in awhile, you're missing out. I was the third person in line to see a doctor, which meant I had to wait four hours. I consider myself a patient person, but being behind a 65-year-old woman with a 99.3-degree temperature and a toddler who swallowed a nickel really makes you wonder why they call it an emergency room.

Once you actually get into the hospital, you realize there's a procedural protocol for 20-year-old males. Their first assumption is you have an STD, which I was offended by until I remembered that that was my first assumption, too. Once they rule that out (which they did — I swear) they start checking your arms to see if you're chasing the dragon.

"Yeah, I started shooting up when I was four. That's when my mother moved us into a crack house, and we had to steal car stereos to finance our addiction."

It took me a good five minutes to convince the nurse I was joking, which still didn't stop her from writing that in my chart.

Following that, they sent in a new nurse who handed me a plastic cup and told me to go to the bathroom to give a sample. Feeling unusually witty for someone convinced he was close to death, I responded with a "sure, I can do that. So what do you guys have, magazines or videos?" Anyone who has ever told someone a joke and found themselves the

only one laughing knows exactly how I felt at that very moment. With a sigh, I assured yet another nurse I was kidding and made my way down the hall. Now I don't know what it is about handing someone a cup of your own urine, but I was reluctant. The nurse, extremely frustrated by now, reassured me.

"We're just going to run some tests, Mr. Strickland. We can even give it back to you after we're done if you'd like." Though having the plastic cup sitting on my desk would be a great conversation piece, I respectfully declined.

Next up was a sonogram. I kid you not, my friends, they had me take a sonogram. I tried explaining to the supervising nurse (by now they had pulled out the big guns to deal with me) that a sonogram wasn't necessary because I was on the pill, but before I knew it I was being wheeled down yet another hall. They never actually show you what they're looking at when they run the camera over your stomach, and I kept thinking about those Discovery Channel specials where they gut a shark and find car parts, pizza boxes and beer cans in their stomachs. Fortunately, other than a chicken soft taco that had survived the morning's regurgitation session, nothing showed up.

After waiting around for another hour, entertaining myself

by trying to raise my blood pressure as high as it would go by thinking about my ex-girlfriend, the doctor came in to give me his assessment.

"You have an infection in the gastric inhibitory peptide of the jejunal mucosa," he told me. In the smartest voice I could muster up without yanking out my IV, I retorted with a "yeah, that's what I figured it was." Figuring out that I didn't have a clue what he was talking about, the doctor reassured me it was merely an indigestion-like illness that should go away after a few days.

"Great, then I'm ready to go, right?" I asked.

With a sinister grin he responded "No, not yet." After pulling back the curtain, he revealed the three nurses whose days I had ruined, one of them sporting a needle that looked more like a bayonet on the end of a syringe. Having been through just about everything that day, I was so passive that I confidently held out my arm I commanded them to bring it on. The doctor said, "Drop your pants and bend over."

Just when you think your day can't get any worse, the powers-that-be throw you another curve ball.

Kenneth Strickland is a junior political science and sociology major from Mesquite. He'll never give another nurse a hard time as long as he lives. It still hurts when he sits down.

Column

SGA president anticipates a bright future for Tech

I would like to begin by thanking the student body for their support. Without your help, the Student Government Association would not be able to function. I think it is a great time to be a Red Raider, and I hope you do, too. We are going to work hard together during the next year. I enjoyed campaigning because it gave me a chance to meet a large and very diverse group of students and get to know their concerns. The SGA and the ombudsman, who we will work closely with, are here to serve you. Both the SGA and the ombudsman



John Steinmetz

are easy to reach and always willing to help. A new day is dawning for Texas Tech. We, as students and the future leaders of this university, nation and world, must look beyond the past greatness of ourselves as individuals and as a collective and strive to better ourselves, to attain the next

higher level. In our intellectual pursuits we must not look at school as a necessary step, but as a chance to advance not only ourselves but to further the freedoms that are our national, educational and intellectual heritage. We can no longer afford to look at Texas Tech and see simply a school. We must labor to see this institution as our home.

In order to achieve the next step, it is our duty to work hard. I hope over the next year to be an example of a hard worker. We have some of the finest educators in the

country, in the world, but more importantly, Texas Tech possesses enthusiastic students. I want everyone to know this administration will be dedicated to the students, making your concerns our No. 1 priority. My door and those of the other officers and my staff always will be open to a suggestion, compliment or complaint. Please feel free to express your ideas to us at any time because we are here to serve you.

We have a diverse student body at Tech. I feel it is time not to be accepting of diversity but an era to

Out of the Past

From The University Daily
April 3, 2000

■ Texas Tech Spirit Program coaches Michael and Kristen Carver were informed that this would be their last season as head coaches of the Tech co-ed, all girl and pom squads.

■ Texas Tech Wind Engineering Research Center officials returned from Fort Worth on Friday with what they hope is enough information to determine more accurate wind speeds for the two tornadoes that passed through downtown Fort Worth and Arlington.

From The University Daily
April 3, 1991

■ The South Plains Regional Chapter of the American Red Cross needs trained volunteers as West Texas prepares for tornado season.

■ The Double T Shop will open, located next to Jones Stadium on the Texas Tech campus. The store will specialize in sporting goods.

From The University Daily
April 3, 1981

■ Public hearings will determine the location of "man's largest project," the controversial proposed MX missile system, scheduled April 16 in Lubbock.

■ Ex-Tech President Cecil Mackey is in a bitter controversy over his proposed budget cuts at Michigan State, where he is currently president.

From The University Daily
April 2, 1971

■ Tech's new regents will be initiated at 3:30 p.m. today and discuss proposals for a new dorm contract and an optional fee system.

■ President Nixon ordered Lt. William L. Calley an immediate release from imprisonment, pending the completion of a full review of his court martial conviction on murder charges.

From The Toreador
April 4, 1951

■ Dr. Gene Hemmle, head of Tech's music department, has been appointed chairman of the Tech Artist course series.

■ Tech's six-man team finished in fifth place in a 17-team rodeo sponsored by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo association.

From The Toreador
April 9, 1931

■ The fifth annual freshman livestock judging contest will be April 18.

■ Tech engineering professors Carl L. Steverson and S.J. Bolter will prepare a miniature campus layout which will be blue printed and distributed in the form of a souvenir.

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'South Park' creators poke fun at president

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In the new sitcom "That's My Bush!" from the creators of "South Park," President Bush plays host to beer-swilling frat brothers, is mocked by a White House maid and henpecked by the first lady. Bush, as portrayed by actor Timothy Bottoms, also accidentally executes a death-row prisoner and is terrorized by an anti-abortion talking fetus.

In other words, Dorothy, we're not in "The West Wing" anymore.

While NBC's drama celebrates the presidency's power and glory, "That's My Bush!" is a bratty kid gleefully yanking down the chief executive's pants.

The Comedy Central series is juvenile, coarse and impishly determined to offend. As political satire, however, it's a pale New Age version in which issues don't really count as much as the notion that the system, in general, deserves to be mocked.

Nothing truly personal or political is intended, says Matt Stone, who hatched the show with his "South Park" partner-in-crime, Trey Parker. "That's My Bush!" begins an eight-episode run 10:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday.

'King' to reign UC tonight

Puppets, actors interact on Allen Theatre stage in fairytale play

By Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

Pageantry and puppetry will sweep the stage tonight as "The King Stag" comes to Texas Tech.

Dubbed a fairytale for all ages, "The King Stag" uses puppets as well as live performers wearing elaborate costumes to weave the tale of a king who wishes to find true love.

The king, Deramo, interviews 2,748 bridal candidates until he finds one that loves him for more than his crown.

An evil Prime Minister loves this woman as well, though, and becomes Deramo through the use of a magic spell.

The king then has to turn himself into a stag (a deer), and later an old man, until his love recognizes him for who he is.

"The King Stag" will be performed by the American Repertory Theater, and the costumes, masks and puppets were created by Julie Taymor, who won Tony Awards for Best Direction and Best Costumes for her work with the Broadway version of "The Lion King."

Britta Tye, the activities adviser for Campus Activities and Involvement at Tech, said this was one of the reasons



COURTESY PHOTO

'The King Stag,' performed by the American Repertory Theater, will hit the stage at the UC Allen Theatre tonight. The play is part of the Nightlife series and will begin at 8 p.m.

they decided to bring the performance to Tech.

"I would have to say that (Taymor) was one of the big draws," she said. "We also felt it was a more lighthearted performance for the Nightlife series though."

"The King Stag" will be presented

by the Tech Campus Activities Involvement and take place at 8 p.m. tonight at the University Center Allen Theatre.

Tickets are \$10 for students and \$19 for general admission. The UC ticket office can be reached at 742-3610 for more information.

Newspaper industry leader suggests broader education for future journalists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newspapers will weather the economic downturns, but will face profound changes that require journalists to master print, online and broadcast skills, an industry leader said.

"This is not a gloomy prospect. We have a very strong business and a profession critical to society and we will find our way through these challenges and come out even stronger than we are today," said Rich Oppel, outgoing president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

The Austin American-Statesman editor will conclude his year leading the about 900-member ASNE, an organization of directing editors of daily newspapers, at the group's

annual conference.

In an interview last week, Oppel said newspapers are taking hits in national advertising, while circulation is flat or only slightly elevated. Still, Oppel said, readership is up.

"When we ask people, 'Have you read the American-Statesman in the last three days?' more of them say, 'Yes,'" Oppel said. "You explain that by understanding they are reading it in print and online."


Oppel said the conference's theme, "A Call to Leadership," is intended to urge editors to lead the change in the industry. Oppel said editors should continue to "live and breathe" their obligation to speak for the voiceless, audit government operations and serve as a mirror to the community.

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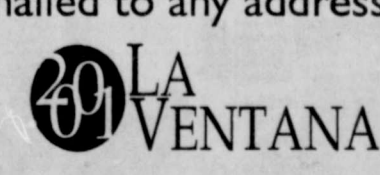
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Characters return 'X-Files' to former glory

By George! They finally got it right! My, how things change.

Isn't it funny how one little episode can change your whole perception on a season gone awry?

Many of you may remember (most of you have probably forgotten, good for you)

Amanda Mason

my previous TV review bashing my favorite show, "The X-Files," for transgressions against the fan population. In that venting session,

I mentioned how the show's writers seemed to have forgotten what made the show popular in the first place, how they were only seeing what they wanted to see so they could explain why things were written the way that they were.

I will not lie. I was ticked. Not only was I ticked, I was royally ticked. A show that I have watched for the better part of eight years was "circling the drain" (to use a line from an episode in February), and there's nothing I could do to stop it. As shallow and stupid as this sounds, it affected me. I was angry with the writers for doing this, and I was upset with myself

for being so loyal to something for eight years that was just upsetting me. There were the type of emotions many felt when the Dallas Cowboys started to play like fecal material.

"It's not the aliens that bring fans back week after week."

Amanda Mason
X-PHILE

However, the final episode in February really started to change things for me. The episode "This is Not Happening" scored in a major way. All of a sudden, we were finding out that contrary to what we were presented onscreen, Scully had been searching for Mulder since his disappearance. We saw she was more than deeply affected by his absence—she appeared to have lost a limb. Gillian "Just give her the Emmy" Anderson's Scully showed more despair over Mulder's apparent

death (and I say apparent because of what happened in Sunday's episode) than she did over the death of her own daughter, sister or father.

That phenomenal performance was carried over into the second part of the three-story arc—titled "DeadAlive"—dealing with Mulder's return. Now, Scully isn't just playing the part of someone who has lost a part of herself, she's actually like the grieving widow. The episode spends a significant amount of time exploring Scully's feelings of loss at Mulder's apparent death and

her feelings of joy when she discovers Mulder was only "mostly dead" (don't ask how, you'll get a headache the size of Tahoka). I could be jaded by the fact that I want them to get together (and believe that they have been together since the middle of last season), but the final scene where Mulder is finally able to speak to Scully just broke my heart. The joy and love (yes, I said the 'L' word) that Mulder feels for his partner shined through in Duchovny's eyes as the two are finally able to

communicate after several months. I personally can't wait to see the look on his face when he learns said partner is pregnant.

As I have felt all along, the strength of "The X-Files" is in its character stories. It's in the way the characters play off of one another. It's not in the scary stories or that bunch of mumbo-jumbo they call "mythology." It's not the aliens that bring fans back week after week. Nor is it the butt genies, flukemen, serial killers or even Chris Carter's twisted attempt at Biblical imagery. It's the characters. The last two episodes have proved that.

The bottom line is that although most of the episodes this season are better left forgotten, in my opinion, the writers finally appear to have it right. Even if this was just a fluke, for the first time in two months, I find myself with my VCR's timer-record set and actually looking forward to 8 p.m. Sunday nights. I can't wait to see what next week has in store for my favorite characters. In the words of a certain returned FBI agent, "Bring it on."

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8:30	Teletubbies			Pepper Ann		Paid Program	
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5:00	Beta/Lions	News	MASH	People's	News	Sabrina	
5:30	Nightly Bus.	NBC News	CBS News	Court	ABC News	Simpsons	
6:00	NewsHour	News	Jeopardy	Judge Judy	News	Spin City	
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7:00	Scientific	Fitzgeralds	Copperfield	Movie:	Millionaire	That 70's	
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9:00	Frontline	Dateline	Judging Amy	Voyager	NYPD Blue	News	
9:30	Nightly Bus.	News	News	Arrest/Trial	News	Seinfeld	
10:00		Tonight Show	David	Cops	Nightline	Frasier	
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'Spy Kids' stakes out top spot at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The family that spies together took charge at movie theaters during the weekend and buried the competition. "Spy Kids," a family film about a sister and brother who embark on a mission to rescue their secret-agent parents, opened as the top box-office draw with \$27 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Ashley Judd's romantic comedy "Someone Like You" debuted in second place with \$10.3 million. The weekend's other big new release, the gross-out comedy "Tomcats," managed No. 4 with \$6.5 million.

The overall box office was up, with the top 12 films taking in \$84.6 million, an 11.5 percent increase from the same weekend last year.

"Spy Kids" already has resulted in a new film franchise by distributor Miramax, which had decided to do a sequel long before the film opened. The movie was released under Miramax's Dimension banner, the company's genre label best known for the "Scream" films and "Scary Movie." Miramax co-founder Bob

Weinstein said the company hopes to have the sequel in theaters for summer 2002, though it could be delayed by potential strikes by Hollywood actors and writers.

"Now here's a film that empowers kids, and it seems to work."

Paul Dergarabedian
EXHIBITOR RELATIONS PRESIDENT

"There's not a lot of live-action family films, but when there are, they do very well," Weinstein said.

Written and directed by Robert Rodriguez, "Spy Kids" stars Antonio Banderas and Carla Gugino as semi-retired spies whose children (Alexa Vega and Daryl Sabara) go to their aid when the parents are abducted.

"It's James Bond for kids. They sort of reinvented a genre and made a huge hit out of it," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-

office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "You've had all these movies that empower women. Now here's a film that empowers kids, and it seems to work."

"Spy Kids" averaged \$8,698 in 3,104 theaters, "Someone Like You" did \$4,406 in 2,345 cinemas and "Tomcats" averaged \$2,484 in 2,617 locations.

Another spy flick, "The Tailor of Panama," did well in limited release, opening in 199 theaters and taking in \$2 million for a healthy average of \$10,050 a cinema.

Some top winners at last weekend's Oscars continued to do well. "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" grossed \$5 million to push its total to \$113.7 million, while "Traffic" took in \$4.2 million, increasing its take to \$113.9 million. "Gladiator" went back into fairly wide release to capitalize on its best-picture win. Playing in 577 theaters, it grossed \$448,000 to raise its total to \$187.3 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures are to be released Monday.

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Gambling popularity grows among elderly

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The chartered bus from Brooklyn was just one of hundreds that roll into the depots of Atlantic City's huge casinos each day. The passengers disembarked, some spry and feisty, a few inching down the steps with their canes.

Past the Showboat Casino's reception desks and uniformed greeters awaited slot machines by the thousands — the playthings of choice for legions of elderly Americans.

Group leader Lola Kendzierski was ready for action. For most of the 2 1/2-hour bus ride, she had been busy calling out numbers over a microphone as fellow members of her Brooklyn senior center played small-stakes bingo. Toward noon, as the bus came within sight of the high-rise casino hotels, she finally had breakfast.

"I bring two rolls with me, so I can go a whole day in Atlantic City and never eat," said Kendzierski, 77.

Twenty years ago, Atlantic City and Las Vegas were America's two gambling meccas, but casinos have now spread across the nation. A federal study found that the percentage of 65-and-over Americans who recently gambled jumped from 20 percent in 1974 to 50 percent in 1998, a surge unmatched by any other age group.

Experts on compulsive gambling are alarmed. They worry that senior gamblers, many of them on fixed incomes, are more vulnerable to financial devastation than younger gamblers, and less willing to seek timely help for addiction.

"A 30-year-old can make it back. If a 75-year-old loses everything, they're dead in the water," said Ron Karpin, a specialist in senior gambling with the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey.

To Kendzierski and her friends, however, monthly outings to the casinos are a much-anticipated break in their routines. "I don't smoke, I don't drink," Kendzierski said. "My worst vice is ice cream."

Even critics of the gambling industry concede that casinos make seniors feel welcome. Surveys indicate that casino outings are the most popular type of day trip for retired Americans.

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Banks named starting QB for Cowboys

IRVING (AP)—When Tony Banks was developing as a quarterback, Troy Aikman was one of his models. Now he's about to succeed the three-time Super Bowl winner with the Cowboys.

Dallas introduced Banks as its new starting QB on Monday, the latest in a line that runs back from Aikman through all-time greats Roger Staubach and Don Meredith.

"I still haven't even thought about it as replacing Troy Aikman," Banks said. "Once I started knowing what position I wanted to play and how I was going to play, he's one of the guys I looked up to."

The Cowboys signed Banks last week to a one-year, \$500,000 deal.

"I look at this opportunity and everybody knows contract-wise it's a trial basis, a one-year basis for both ends," he said.

Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones and Banks' agent, Marvin Demoff, finalized the salary cap-friendly contract at the NFL owners meetings in Palm Desert, Calif.

"To get an experienced quarterback like Tony Banks, that really puts my mind at ease from the standpoint that we have a guy that's won games

"I still haven't even thought about it as replacing Troy Aikman."

Tony Banks
DALLAS COWBOY QUARTERBACK

in the NFL and has a lot of talent," coach Dave Campo said.

Banks was cut by the Baltimore Ravens March 1, just before he would have been due \$2.8-million on a four-year, \$18.6-million contract he signed in February 2000.

The Cowboys' offensive coordinator, Jack Reilly, was quarterback coach in St. Louis when the Rams chose Banks from Michigan State in the second round of the 1996 draft.

Banks visited the Cowboys on March 6, the day before Aikman was released. No other free-agent quarterback visited the Valley Ranch facility.

In his five-year NFL career, Banks has started 61 games. Last season, he completed 150 of 274 passes (55 percent) for 1,578 yards, eight touch-

downs and eight interceptions.

Banks played three seasons in St. Louis before being traded to Baltimore in 1999, when he threw a career-high 17 touchdown passes.

The Cowboys waived Aikman after 12 seasons for salary cap reasons and health concerns.

Aikman was due a \$7-million bonus and an extension through 2007 if he was still been on the Dallas roster March 8. The 34-year-old quarterback played in only eight games last year because of two concussions and a chronic back problem. He had four concussions in his last 20 starts.

The Cowboys have \$23 million counting against their salary cap this year for players no longer on the roster. That includes at least \$10 million

for Aikman. Before Banks, the only quarterbacks on the Cowboys roster were Anthony Wright and Clint Stoerner. Wright started and lost the last two games last season, and Stoerner was 3-for-5 passing in his only game last season.

"I'd like to make Dallas my home," Banks said. "It's a little closer to my original home and any place I go I want to finish my career out."

Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones emerged briefly after the conference and dismissed the notion that Banks' hiring is merely a stopgap measure until another prospect comes along.

"He's been out only two games in his entire career to injury," Jones said. "Yet he potentially has his career ahead of him. In other words, to get that experience we didn't totally accept that we'll have a QB that is an interim stopgap, if you will. We've got an opportunity for the curtain to go up here for Tony Banks, and in so doing, reward the Cowboys and our fans as well."

As for Aikman, he is weighing job offers from National Football League teams and broadcast networks and

will likely decide within a few weeks which to take, his agents have said.

Networks have long been interested in Aikman. Fox has an opening for an NFL game analyst because Matt Millen joined the Detroit Lions as president and CEO, while ESPN lost "NFL 2Night" studio analyst

Marty Schottenheimer, who left to become the Washington Redskins coach.

Aikman is scheduled to throw the opening pitch at Tuesday's Texas Rangers game against Anaheim. A news conference is planned beforehand.

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Myers, Knight, Schmidly lacking class

Here's a hypothetical situation that would be a great case of what goes around comes around.

The University Daily has learned that Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers has been fired. Same with Tech president David Schmidly.

While I am at it, recently hired coach Bob Knight is gone too.

However, we can't say why they were fired. We won't comment. We will just say they are no longer here.

How would it feel, Myers, Knight and Schmidly, if this really happened to you? You three seem to be doing it pretty frequently. It is a new pattern building around this university.

"Hey let's fire or cut someone today," one of them says.

"OK, call Tech media relations and tell them to write a brief, three paragraph release," responds another one.

"But wait, shouldn't we tell the players we are cutting them?"

"No, it's OK. They have TVs." It is a pattern that should not happen again. Tech hiring Knight was a great move. That doesn't mean they should fire James Dickey before he knows it.

It does not mean you should cut three basketball players only to let them find out on "SportsCenter." If that is how you do business, I don't like it. It shows no class.

The students are supposed to be the immature ones. You, as administrators, should be the professionals.

Ex-Red Raiders Jamal Brown, Rodney Bass and Brannon Hayes all were released Friday. Some say they broke a team policy. Some are saying they failed a drug test.

But all Myers will say is, "We're

not going to say anything beyond what's been said. They're not going to be on the team next year."

Thanks for the insight. I think the fans would like to know, but at least let the players know?

You shouldn't have to learn your fate sitting on your couch with the remote in your hand.

I mean, what if your girlfriend was there?

It may not be as drastic, but it is almost like learning a member of your family has passed away on the local news.

I am not saying they shouldn't have been released. It probably was for a good reason.

Maybe the rumors of failed drug tests are true. If that is the case, then good move, coach Knight. But I still think you should notify them properly.

Then again, why would you still give them a chance to keep their scholarship if they were doing illegal substances? Maybe a cover up?

Dickey isn't gone because of

drugs. He is out of here because he couldn't coach anymore. That is fair.

But what isn't fair is Myers or Schmidly didn't tell him. A reporter told him. He got all his information from the media.

He even asked reporters if they knew more about it to let him know.

During the weekend Brown, Hayes and Bass were wondering why their mugs were on newspapers and TV screens.

"What is this? Just an April Fool's joke?" one might have thought.

What makes me mad is Brown gives the best quotes in Lubbock.

He said this season that you have to represent and not become a victim of representation.

Brown, along with Hayes, Bass and Dickey all became victims thanks to poor judgment.

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Red Raider softball looks to sweep OCU

Texas Tech squad seeks end to trend of splitting series

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

The recent pattern for Texas Tech softball is not one coach Bobby Reeves wants to continue.

Win one-lose one has been the common theme for two weeks, and for three consecutive series the Red Raiders have split with their opponents.

Tech is in search of its first sweep since early February. The Red Raiders will take a break from Big 12 Conference play to clash with Oklahoma City at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. today at Rocky Johnson Field on the Tech campus.

Tech (24-14 overall, 3-3 Big 12) is coming off series splits with Oklahoma State and Nebraska on the road and Texas A&M at home.

The Raiders have won the first contest in each of their past three series, only to drop the second game.

"We need to find out how to win the second game," Reeves said. "We have to keep our mental focus and figure out how to win two. Champions know how to finish, and we are really close to being quite good."

Tech pitcher Amanda Renfro said the Red Raiders are not going into the second game with their heads too high. She said she believes the reason

Tech is winning the first contest but not the second is because the opposing team is entering the second contest with more intensity.

"It is not like we let down or anything like that," Renfro said. "I think they just come out fired up more because we won the first game."

Reeves said that is not how it should be.

"You should definitely be the one that is high if you win the first one," Reeves said. "If you can win the first game go out and get the second one."

The Stars are ranked No. 1 in the recent National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics poll. And although the Stars are an NAIA school, Reeves said Oklahoma City is no pushover.

"They will be tough to play," Reeves said. "We can't overlook this team be-

cause (Oklahoma City) can play with anyone in the Big 12."

The Stars have played Oklahoma and Oklahoma State close and boast a 15-6 record.

Renfro said it would be nice to get two wins to start some momentum entering this weekend's series against Kansas.

"Apparently (the Stars) are really good," Renfro said. "I've never faced them, but hopefully we can get two wins to help us going into this weekend."

Both Reeves and Renfro said the matchups

with Oklahoma City will help even if it is a break in conference play.

"It will be good to get more games in rather than just practicing," Renfro said. "We have some tough games coming up and (Oklahoma City) will help."

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Amanda Renfro
TEXAS TECH SOFTBALL PITCHER



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Texas Tech shortstop Rebecca Eimen prepares to throw during a contest against Texas A&M last week at Rocky Johnson Field.

Search for Darryl Strawberry ends, former Yankee in hospital

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A longtime friend of Darryl Strawberry said the troubled former slugger was safe and in a hospital Monday after disappearing last week from a drug treatment center.

"The search is over and Darryl is

OK," said Ray Negron, a Cleveland Indians consultant who advised Strawberry when he played for the New York Yankees.

"We've put him in a hospital to make sure he's taken care of. He's OK," Negron said.

It was not immediately known what hospital Strawberry was in.

The 39-year-old former star, who is also being treated for colon cancer, had not been seen since he left the Health Care Connection, a drug treatment center in Tampa, late Thursday.

Strawberry was wearing an electronic monitor as a sentence for his 1999 arrest on drug and solicitation of prostitution charges. The monitor showed he had left, but did not indicate where he had gone.

Earlier Monday, police said they

were investigating an unconfirmed report that Strawberry was kidnapped and being held in Orlando, where his captors were demanding \$50,000.

But by Monday evening, Negron said Strawberry was safe.

Strawberry, meantime, is still con-

sidered a fugitive for violating house arrest, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Debbie Carter said.

His attorney, Joseph Ficarrotta, said Monday he had not heard from his client.



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