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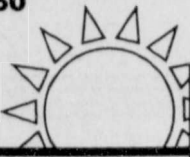
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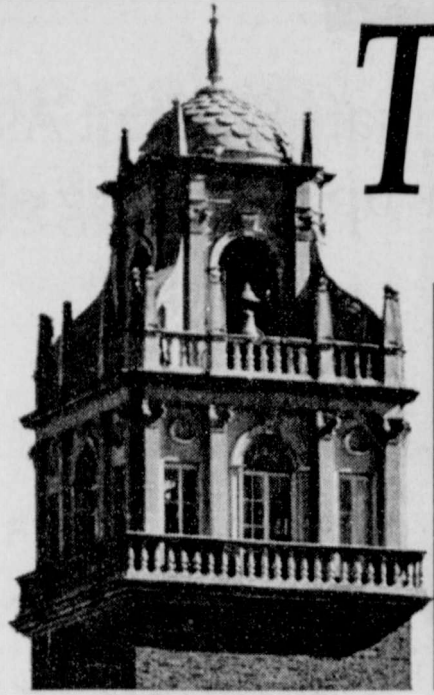
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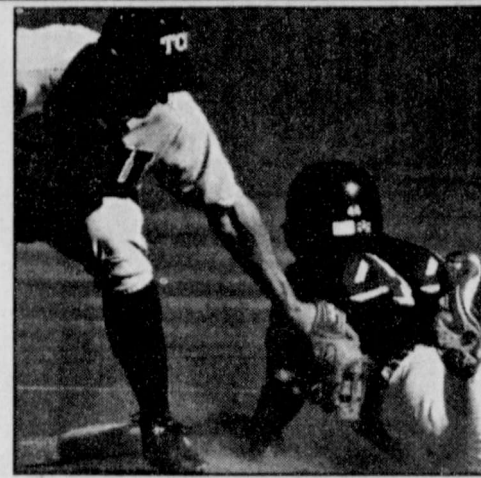
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STATE

Key issues awaiting Congress' decisions

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's signature domestic priorities — tax cuts and greater accountability in public education — are at the legislative forefront as Congress returns to work this week.

A major education bill reflecting the president's plan to improve the performance of the nation's students and schools is expected to go before the Senate by midweek.

Meanwhile, House and Senate negotiators will begin grappling with differences in their approach to the budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The House approved a budget that endorsed Bush's 10-year, \$1.6-trillion tax cut. The Senate, in its final act before the two-week Easter recess, adopted a package that included a \$1.2-trillion tax break and more spending than the president wants.

A vote on a compromise could come by week's end.

An expected busy five weeks before a Memorial Day break, Republican leaders hope to send a tax cut package to Bush and come up with a long-term energy plan.

NATIONAL

Agreement pending to end desegregation

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A \$500-million agreement to end Mississippi's 26-year college desegregation case has been signed by all sides and forwarded to federal court, officials said Monday.

"All we need now is the court's approval and we're done," Attorney General Mike Moore said. "This is a very big day for us."

The agreement calls for \$246 million spent over 17 years on academic programs at the state's three historically black universities — Jackson State, Alcorn State and Mississippi Valley State.

Another \$75 million would go to capital improvement projects, \$70 million to public endowments and up to \$35 million in private endowments. Other programs, including summer classes for struggling high school students, will receive the balance.

U.S. District Judge Neal Biggers Jr. still must approve the deal, which could also be challenged. His review could take several months.

WORLD

Spy plane becomes first across Pacific

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — A robotic U.S. spy plane became the first unmanned aircraft to cross the Pacific Ocean, cruising out of the night sky to touch down Monday at an Australian air force base.

The Air Force's Global Hawk drone arrived at the base outside the southern city of Adelaide at 8:41 p.m., completing the 8,600-mile trip 14 minutes ahead of schedule, said Australian Defense Force spokesman Darryl Johnston.

After taking off from Edwards Air Force Base in California before dawn Sunday, the spy plane flew at 65,000 feet, well above other air traffic and the nasty weather that plagues the Pacific. Ground crews in Australia monitored the flight but did not control it as the plane followed a preprogrammed route.

The awkward-looking plane resembles a killer whale, thanks to a bulbous nose that hides an antenna four feet in diameter.

Arena adds upper-deck PSL seats

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

Because of the demand for personal seating licenses for men's basketball, the Texas Tech Ticket Athletic Office announced Friday that 400 more PSLs were added to the upper-deck level in the United Spirit Arena.

Russell Warren, assistant athletic director of athletics for ticket operations, said ticket sales have increased dramatically since the hiring of Bob Knight as the men's basketball coach.

"Obviously when coach Knight was hired there was a huge demand," Warren said. "Once school starts up next season we will get another spike of interest. We are excited, and it has been amazing."

Tech already has sold all 1,800 PSLs in the lower bowl and Warren said he expects the additional 400 seats to be sold out when the season tips off in November.

During the arena's first two seasons, there were no PSLs available in the upper deck because of lack of interest.

However, Warren said, the upper deck PSLs were in the original plan.

"Since the demand was so great for PSLs, we have reverted to the original plan," Warren said.

A PSL gives the owner the right to purchase a ticket for eight basketball seasons. The PSL holder reserves the seat for basketball games and also includes other arena events like concerts. Depending on location, PSLs cost \$1,750-\$3,000 each.

Tech Chancellor John Montford said he purchased four PSLs and believes it is a great investment because it is excellent for long term commitment.

"Everybody thinks I get free tickets, but I don't," Montford said. "I had to buy them because someday I want to get a seat when I get kicked out as chancellor."

Warren said all the seats in the lower bowl are sold out, and only 3,000 general admission seats in the 15,050-seat building remain.

General admission season ticket packages are still available for \$96.

Montford said the Lady Raiders have never had a problem with ticket sales, and the recent demand on the men's side has been because of Knight's hiring.

"The coach Knight hiring will bring our attendance to the top of the chart," Montford said. "Between Marsha Sharp and Knight, we will be at the top of the Big 12 and nation in attendance."

Montford said it is vital the basketball squads receive support from Lubbock residents and Tech students.

"It is important to have that kind of support in college athletics," Montford said. "It is more important that we get student support."

Warren said he expects the arena to be sold out when Knight and the squad open the

2001-2002 campaign Nov. 16 when Tech hosts a two-day tournament against speculated opponents William & Mary, Tulane and Lamar.

But the tournament is expected to be exempt, meaning it would not count against the NCAA limit of 27 games for the season.

Tech averaged 8,600 paid attendance last season, but, according to Warren, that mark easily will be surpassed next season.

"We suspect it to get awfully close to selling out when the season begins," Warren said. "We are just waiting for another peak."

Warren said the demand for tickets have not only been from Texas, but across the country.

He added that it has been a pretty busy and unusual spring in the ticket offices.

"Traditionally when we wrap up basketball we begin preparing for football," Warren said. "But now we wrapped up basketball and started up basketball again. It is very exciting and well worth it."

SBC vote contains incentive

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

As students prepare to vote on the Jones SBC Stadium agreement this week, they may be voting to receive incentives that may materialize even if the referendum does not.

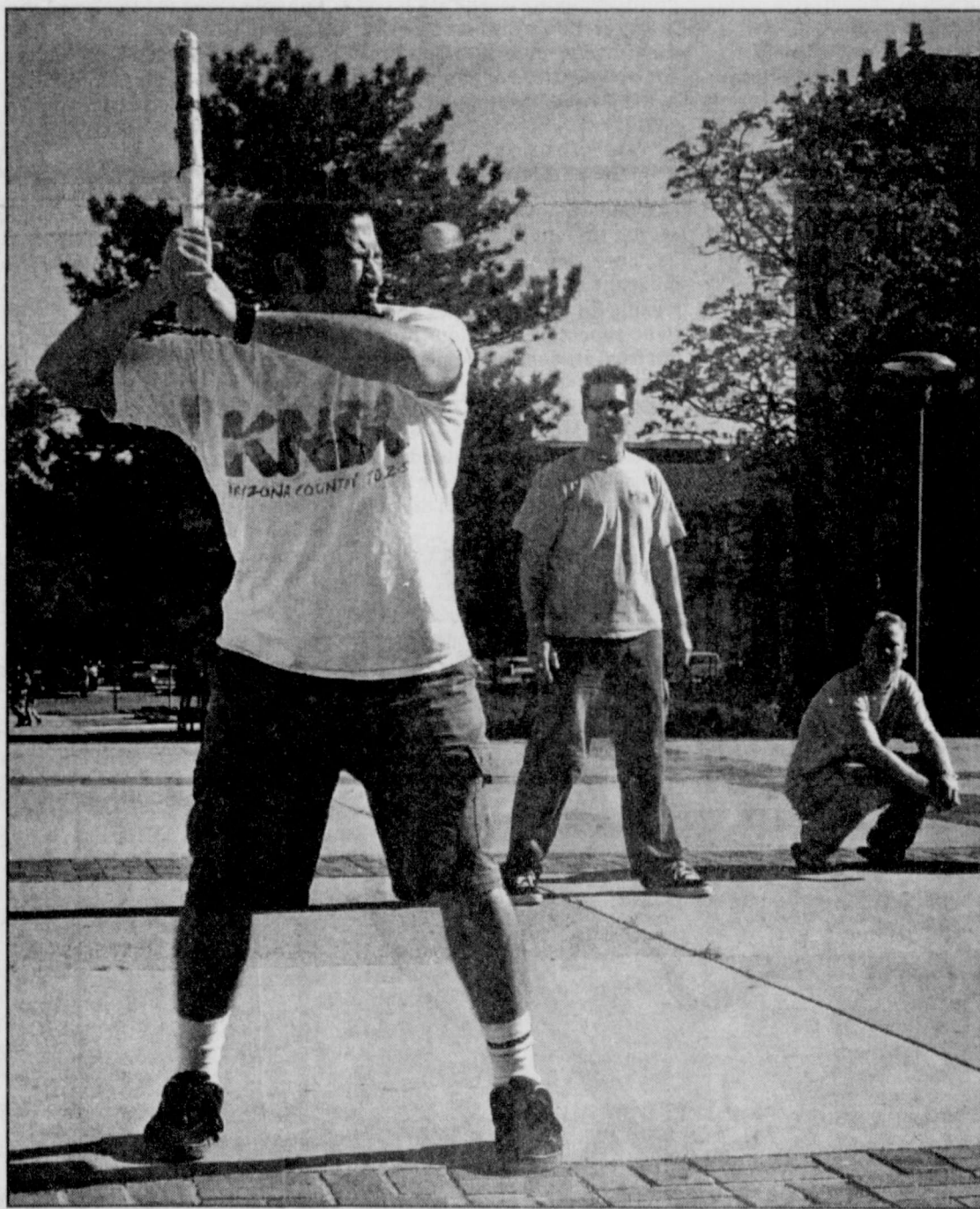
"Regardless of whether this referendum passes, I will work on getting these benefits implemented," said Student Government Association President John Steinmetz.

On Thursday and Friday, students will have the opportunity to vote on whether they want to extend the United Spirit Arena Bond Agreement to help pay for renovations to Jones SBC Stadium. Under the agreement, students would continue to pay an additional \$3 for each semester-course hour to help pay for the two facilities. By passing the agreement, students will agree to allocate \$6 million to fund the football stadium renovations. The cost of the total renovation is estimated at \$90 million.

As part of the Jones SBC and United Spirit Arena Agreement, the administration has agreed to provide benefits for students at the athletic facilities, such as better seating, use of the stadium for intramural championships and the availability of using the Tech Express card at the concession stands.

Steinmetz said the vote this week still is important because it allows the students the opportunity to vocalize their opinions to the administration. He said the issue of funding the stadium will allow students to

Eyes wide shut



KTXT FM-88.1 disc-jockey Gabe Aguilar, a communications graduate student from San Antonio, takes a pitch in the face during a game of tape ball against other KTXT employees outside the Journalism building Monday afternoon.

Graduate numbers still down

By Cody Nash
Contributing Writer

Members of the Graduate Students Association have stepped up their efforts to increase graduate student enrollment numbers at Texas Tech because of a steady decrease in those numbers since 1996.

According to the Department of Institutional Research and Planning, 3,389 graduate students registered at Tech in Fall 2000. That number is down from the 3,655 registered students in Fall 1996.

Robert Sweazy, interim vice president for research, graduate studies and technology transfer at Tech, said both external and internal factors could affect the number of graduate students at any university.

"One external factor that affects the number of graduate students is a good economy," he said. "When potential students can find high paying jobs, they are less likely to return for a graduate degree. Stipends provided to students were one internal factor that we have had to look at. This year, stipends were increased between 16 and 20 percent."

J.W. Justice, Graduate Students Association president, said a primary function of the association will be recruiting as well as a mouthpiece for the students.

"The Graduate Students Association is designed to serve as an umbrella organization with representatives from each department on campus that has a graduate program," he said. "Recruitment will likely be a function of the Graduate Students

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Events on tap for Bush's 100-day presidential stint

By Jeff Stoughton
Staff Writer

Officials at the White House are preparing for events surrounding President George W. Bush's first 100 days in office.

Invitations to lunch at the White House went out Sunday to every member of the House and Senate. Aides said the massive luncheon on April 30, which will include Cabinet officials, is unprecedented.

However, despite the hype surrounding the day, Texas Tech professors are quick to downplay the significance of the event.

Freda McVay, a lecturer in the School of Mass Communications and political observer, said the 100-day benchmark holds little relevance in the Bush presidency.

"I think 100 days is way too soon to judge a

person," McVay said.

She mentioned several controversies that have plagued the Bush administration, including the incident involving the U.S. surveillance plane and China and Bush's plan to include "faith-based" charities in welfare programs. She also said the confusion surrounding the 2000 presidential election contributed to the overall discord surrounding the Bush administration's first 100 days.

"Until he becomes more confident with himself as president, it will be unfair to judge him," McVay said. "Everything is still up in the air. He is still forming himself."

However, Bush's top aides said the luncheon will reinforce what the president set out to accomplish when he was elected.

"We think it's a sign that the president is continuing what he did when he started,

which was sit down with Democrats and Republicans and say, 'We can work together.' The president also views this as an opportunity to share credit for what's being accomplished," presidential counselor Karen Hughes said.

Top White House political strategist Karl Rove dismissed any benchmark significance to the 100th day.

"It's a completely artificial date made up by the news media," he said.

The White House has assembled a schedule for this countdown week that allows Bush to highlight priorities such as education changes and tax cuts and patch potential problem areas.

On Monday, he hosted winners of the National Teacher of the Year awards, where he highlighted progress on most of the educa-

tion reforms that were at the center of his election campaign.

The Senate plans to consider a bill that reflects Bush's goals of holding schools more accountable, requiring annual testing to measure student performance and providing options to students in failing schools. Democrats have so far blocked his plan to provide vouchers for private schools.

Bush tries anew to burnish his environmental record, following earlier rollbacks of some regulations, in a Rose Garden speech today to winners of the Environmental Youth Award.

Democrats smelled a stunt. "The jury is still out whether this is a real new commitment to the environment or if it's just a greening of the president, if you will, for public relations purposes."

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El Paso HSC to receive addition

Higher Education Coordinating Board approves \$8.9 million third floor for building.

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

The El Paso branch of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, which has been battling space constraints for several years, recently received permission from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a third-floor addition.

The El Paso HSC's Chief Financial Officer Larry Elkins said the board's approval of the \$8.9-million addition to the El Paso HSC would provide much needed space for students, physicians, staff members and patients.

"The addition will do three major things," he said. "It will provide additional clinical space, additional space for classrooms for our students and residents and additional space for both physicians and staff offices."

Elkins said the addition also would provide space for the Border Health Institute, which is in development, as well as provide space for, among other things, emergency medicine, pediatrics, ophthalmology and the School of Medicine.

Elkins said one of HSC President Dr. David Smith's major initiatives is research development, and the addition also will provide space for El Paso's department of research development.

"We are doing well on teaching and patient care, but we are low on the amount of research we do," Elkins said. "Part of the space will be

used for the department of research development, which will help in securing federal, state and local funds. By increasing the research, we hope to bring in more funds and increase the research awards, which will help (all the HSC campuses)."

Elkins said he hopes the addition will be completed by July 2003.

"We're short on office, classroom and patient-care space," he said. "We hope the space will be ready to use by mid-2003, but by the time we move in, we'll still need more space."

Elkins also said the addition to the El Paso HSC, of which officials are pushing to make a four-year medical school, would not help in its quest directly but would still help the campus indirectly.

"It is strictly a need for the three areas, but it won't hurt us," he said. "Indirectly, everything helps. Hopefully, the students will have a better place to learn, which will help them

do better on their boards."

Bill Beckham, director of campus planning for the coordinating board, said the board approved the addition because "it seemed like a worthwhile project."

"It's a good project," he said. "The addition is pretty inexpensive, and the space has already been shelled in. It seemed like something that they needed."

According to the report of the April 19 meeting of the coordinating board, members also approved, for the main campus, a \$12.2-million golf course to be located north of campus, an \$11.5 million parking garage located at 18th Street and Flint Avenue, which will hold an estimated 750 cars, and are considering the approval of a doctoral program in petroleum engineering. The Tech Board of Regents approved all the projects and the new degree offering at earlier board meetings.

◆ POLICE BLOTTER

Blotter information is compiled from reports filed with the Texas Tech Police Department.

Sunday, April 22

■ An officer documented damaged property, which occurred in the courtyard area of the Architecture building. A sign fell on a vehicle because of the high winds in the city.

■ An officer documented information concerning the smell of burning marijuana coming from inside a room in Weymouth Hall.

Saturday, April 21

■ Officers responded to a fire that occurred in the elevator lobby on the sixth floor of Murdough Hall. Toilet paper and cigarette butts caught fire in a trash can. The fire was extinguished prior to the officers' arrival.

■ An officer investigated the burglary of a motor vehicle, which occurred in the Z-4M parking lot. A pizza was taken from the vehicle.

Friday, April 20

■ An officer documented information concerning found property, which occurred in a men's restroom on the first floor elevator lobby of the Texas Tech Library. Junk mail was found in the ceiling.

Thursday, April 19

■ An officer investigated a theft, which occurred in the Food Technology building. Bathroom and elevator signs were taken.

Wednesday, April 18

■ An officer investigated a violation of the code of the student conduct, which occurred in the Z-4M parking lot. Unauthorized advertisements for a fraternity party were left on vehicles.

■ An officer documented information concerning an incident, which occurred on the 6th floor of Gates Hall in the Fall 2000 semester. A resident of the residence hall pointed a shotgun at another resident.

CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of *The UD*, it was erroneously reported that Cailen Wevodau and Janaha Crawford won the Sojourner Truth Moot Court Competition and as a result Texas Tech will host next year's competition. Wevodau and Crawford won the brief competition and won by bid the right to have Tech host next year's competition. *The UD* regrets the error.

TechNotes!

■ The Society of Physics Students will have an edible car contest beginning at 4:30 p.m. today at the gazebo outside of the University Center. For more information, contact Ray Thomas at 742-3738.

■ South Plains Liberty Meeting will be at 7 p.m. today in the University Center Llano Estacado Room featuring informal discussion with John Turnbow: "How did the Smoking Committee Reach its

Present Deadlock?" For more information, contact Greg Fisher at 749-2010.

■ The Asian Student Association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the University Center Double T Room. Call Erin Quon for more information at 788-0011.

■ The Native American Student Association will meet at 5:45 p.m. Thursday in the Marshall Formby Room of the Southwest Collection Library. Call Laura Felton for more

information at 124-1213.

■ IMPACT organizational meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in the University Center Ballroom. For more information, contact 832-5375.

■ University Center expansion groundbreaking will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the northwest corner of the UC. For more information, contact the Office of Campus Activities and Involvement at 742-3621.

■ NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS:

Because of the UIL track meet Friday, the C1 (Jones SBC Stadium) parking lot will be closed. Commuters are urged to park in the west commuter lot because of the number of people expected to attend the event.

■ Texas Tech Arbor Day will be Friday. Contact the Office of Campus Activities and Involvement at 742-3621.

■ REFERENDUM

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vocalize their opinions to the administration. He said the issue of funding the stadium allowed students to vocalize what they would like to see implemented during athletic events.

"I think this is a great opportunity that the university is giving us to let us decide what we want to spend our money on," he said. "They could have done this without letting us vote."

Associate Director of Athletics Steve Sullivan said if the referendum

does not pass, he believes it is possible many of these incentives could be implemented at the athletic facilities.

"While we would continue to evaluate the situation, these incentives possibly could still be implemented if the referendum isn't passed," he said. "We would still have to have the cooperation of everyone involved."

He said this year, one of the main focuses of the Athletics Department has been to discover how they can attract more students to attend athletic events and will even begin to

evaluate why many of the students are not attending games.

"There is a strong effort to make the athletic events more enjoyable for the students," he said. "One aspect of that is getting input from students about what they want."

Chief Financial Officer Jim Brunjes said if the referendum passes and the bond is extended, the university would receive the \$6 million in a lump sum to fund the renovation.

"The bond would be similar to a loan for a house payment," he said.

"With the United Spirit Arena agreement, the university currently makes semi-annual payments totaling \$1.86 million annually."

Brunjes said the money to pay for the bond is allocated by the Board of Regents from an account where institutional tuition is deposited. He said the interest on the bond probably would be about 5 percent.

The Jones SBC Stadium renovation project is scheduled to be completed in three stages. The first stage will cost more than \$18 million. The second phase will cost \$55 million. The final stage will cost \$10 million.



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Texas House passes hate crimes bill

AUSTIN (AP) — For the second time in two sessions, the Texas House led the way in trying to strengthen the state's hate crimes law by giving preliminary approval on Monday to a bill that enhances penalties for crimes motivated by hate.

The 87-60 vote came after a two-hour debate in which one lawmaker tried to stop the vote and others tried to alter the bill.

The bill is in limbo in the Senate, where sponsor Sen. Rodney Ellis has been unable to gather support to bring it up for debate.

"The ball is in their park," House sponsor Rep. Senfronia Thompson said of the Senate.

The bill died in the Senate in 1999 when critics complained it created unnecessary distinctions for homosexuals.

Thompson, D-Houston, said she believed the same concern led a block of House members to oppose the measure Monday.

"They are homophobic," Thompson said.

"That same block more than likely was at church yesterday morning," said Rep. Al Edwards, D-Houston. "She thinks they're homophobic. I think they're hypocritical."

Rep. John Shields, R-San Antonio, was among those who opposed the bill. He said he was against all crime

but feared the legislation threatened free speech and unnecessarily and unfairly protected certain people.

"It will divide us as a state rather than unite us as Texans," Shields said.

Ellis, D-Houston, said "I did my darndest" to get senators to vote on the measure before the House, as Thompson had challenged them to do.

"This bill would have passed both houses of the Legislature many years ago if we'd been willing to take sexual orientation out of it," Ellis said, but that would send out a signal that "it's open season on a certain group of people, so that will not happen."

Plans to bring up the bill were halted last week in both chambers after Gov. Rick Perry voiced his concerns that two Republican senators wouldn't have been present for the vote. Ellis said he had the support he needed before Perry intervened.

The House voted closely along party lines, with all 77 voting Democrats supporting the bill and all but nine Republicans opposing it.

The GOP members who voted for the bill were:

Reps. Kip Averitt of Waco; Warren Chisum of Pampa; Pat Haggerty of El Paso; Toby Goodman of Arlington; Jim Keffer of Eastland; Tommy Merritt of Longview; Joe Pickett of El Paso; G.E. "Buddy" West of Odessa; and Gary Walker of Plains.

A flying birdie



Greg Kreller/The University Daily
 Tyler Morgan, a senior marketing major from Katy, throws a disc golf disc Monday afternoon at the Mackenzie Park disc golf course.

BUSH

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poses," John Podesta, chief of staff under former President Clinton, said Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition."

Rove countered that Americans will get to know "over time" that Bush is an outdoorsman committed to clean air and water.

In a visit to New Orleans on Wednesday, the president will trumpet how far he has come in securing the tax cuts he championed in the campaign.

The House voted for a budget that endorsed Bush's 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax cut. The Senate trimmed the tax break to \$1.2 trillion and allowed for more spending than he wants. A vote on a compromise could come by week's end.

Bipartisanship and Bush's charm are what aides hope will echo from his participation in Friday's dedication of a new Texas State History Museum named for the late Bob Bullock, the Democratic lieutenant governor with whom Bush, as Texas governor, had forged a friendship.

Behind the scenes last week, Rove, Hughes and Mary Matalin, a communications adviser to Vice President Dick Cheney, gave "talking points" to about 100 prominent Republicans - such as former GOP chairman Haley Barbour and Reagan-era White House spokeswoman Sheila Tate - who could be expected to talk to reporters about Bush's performance so far.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

GRADUATES

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Association in the future. I think that the organization will be a real voice for recruiting more graduate students to Texas Tech."

Richard Ashmore, a second year graduate student in geology from Beaumont, said he factored several issues into his consideration when coming to Tech.

"I chose to do my graduate work at Tech so that I could continue working on research that I began as an undergraduate at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas," he said. "Tech's stipend for teaching assistants was more than comparable to other universities that accepted me, and I was impressed with the university's academic reputation."

The number of graduate students has decreased minimally each year since 1996.

Records indicate 3,580 graduate students registered in 1997, and enrollment decreased again in 1998 to 3,515.

"While the enrollment numbers show a decrease over the last few years, you have to realize that the number of graduate and doctoral students in the pipeline was affected by Senate Bill 961, which was passed in 1997," Sweazy said. "The bill is known as the 99-hour rule, and it

places strict limits on the number of hours allowed for completion of doctoral degrees."

Sweazy also said enrollment numbers in 1998 and 1999 possibly were affected by the number of students who chose to finish their doctoral work more quickly.

Ron Anderson, senior associate dean of the graduate school, said it is President David Schmidly's goal to increase graduate and professional student enrollment to about 20 percent of the entire student body.

"Texas Tech offers graduate students quality programs, stipends and benefits as well as a fee-reduction program for teaching assistants and research assistants," he said.

Sweazy said Tech's stipends and benefits are comparable to other universities, and Tech probably ranks somewhere in the middle of the Big 12 schools.

With declining numbers in the last five years and the goal of increased graduate student enrollment, Anderson said, Tech will strengthen its recruiting efforts.

"The graduate school has recruiters who attend graduate fairs to recruit potential students," he said. "We advertise in several publications, and we also belong to several name-exchange programs that promote the graduate courses

here at Texas Tech."

Anderson also said graduate students do a tremendous amount of research work at Tech, and the number of graduate students enrolled at the university does not affect the amount of research funding.

"The number of research dollars have increased by 70 percent over the last eight years where as the number of graduate students enrolling each year has decreased," he said. "The decreasing number of graduate students is a national trend because the job market is strong, and students are choosing to pursue careers rather than continuing their education."

Monica Marquez, director of recruitment for the College of Architecture, said she decided to pursue her master's degree at Tech and found a job at the university soon after she began her graduate work.

"As an undergraduate biology major at Texas Tech, I enjoyed working in the student affairs office and decided I would stay at Tech to get my master's degree in student affairs," she said. "I chose to continue my education because of the need for a master's degree in my field. Luckily, a full-time position with the university came available in my field after my first year in graduate school."

Kenneth Cunningham, a doctoral student in the fisheries science de-

partment, said he acquired his bachelor's degree and his master's before working in the industry of wildlife conservation for nearly 10 years.

"When I decided to return for my Ph.D., health benefits for me and my family were a priority. The health benefits offered to graduate students along with the reputation of the fisheries science department influenced my decision to choose Texas Tech," he said.

Anderson said Tech is working toward a higher ranking, and that possibly will happen when graduate student enrollment numbers increase.

"We are working to reverse the trend because we need outstanding graduate students to support the research endeavors as we strive to become ranked as a top 75 university," he said.

The Graduate Students Association will meet for the first time at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the University Center Red Raider Lounge. All graduate students are welcome to attend.

Remaining jailer dismissed in alleged inmate beating

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A felony charge of tampering with evidence has been dismissed against the remaining jailer accused in an alleged beating of an inmate in the Lubbock County Jail. The charge was dropped Monday because of insufficient evidence.

Jerold E. Welborn III, a former Lubbock County sheriff's corporal who resigned before the investigation was completed, was accused of making false statements in a report about the alleged beating of Ollie Johnson.

Johnson was jailed in April 1998 on a charge of criminal trespassing. According to sheriff's office reports, Johnson scuffled with deputies on April 30, 1998, after refusing to follow orders. Johnson struck one jailer in the mouth and threatened to kill another, reports said.

He was charged the next day with assault on a public servant and retaliation and remained jailed until January 1999. The charges against him were eventually dropped.

The county paid Johnson \$100,000 in April 1999 to settle accusations that he was abused by jailers. Johnson has since asked for an extra \$1.4 million. A decision is pending in federal court.

Other sheriff's department jailers involved in the case also resigned.

Rusty Hendrick, a former deputy, was found innocent of falsifying the criminal offense report used in 1998 to indict Johnson. Another deputy, 34-year-old Tommy Ray, has entered an agreement under which he will offer his testimony in exchange for pleading guilty to a lesser misdemeanor records tampering charge.

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Column

Heartfelt thank you to educators

I'm not sure how the headline to this column reads because I didn't write it, but I'm sure you will read it and attach a sarcastic undertone to it — and rightfully so.

In my year and a half as a columnist for this distinguished news publication, I've rarely stepped away from my personal calling to entertain, or attempt to nonetheless. But bear with me as I embark on a rare moment of sincerity. With two columns remaining before my retirement from The UD, I wanted to ensure that the sentiments to follow were published before I gave up my post. So it is with great pleasure that I dedicate today's column to a truly deserving group of individuals.



Kenneth Strickland

Now I'd be lying if I said that Texas Tech was my first choice of colleges to attend — or my second or third. But a force, call it fate if you will, brought me to West Texas two years ago against my will, and I've never been happier. Since coming to Lubbock, I've had the great honor of being able to work with what I truly believe is one of the best faculties in the country, and I truly mean that. Many adjectives have been used to describe my persona since I began writing. While I'd like to forget a few of them, I take pride in being labeled honest.

Even while entrenched in the deepest forms of satire known to man, I've always considered honesty paramount any other characteristic I could possibly portray. I say this not to defend myself, but rather to establish the credibility necessary to make the claim that our faculty is tops in the nation. I've been privileged in that I've been able to meet and associate with faculty from universities all across our great land. Whether it was Hawaii, Wisconsin, Texas, Stanford, Florida State or the Air Force Academy, just to name a few, I've yet to meet a faculty that took as much pride and joy in furthering the traditional pursuits of academia all the while taking an interest each student's education than I have at Tech. While we've all had instructors that we've disagreed with from time to time, comparatively speaking, we're extremely lucky. Few professors offer the flexible office hours we've grown accustomed to here at Tech. And even fewer would make the commendable effort to address each and every student's concerns individually — even in a class of 400 people. I want to thank the Tech faculty for opening my eyes to subjects I had never realized would fascinate me so. Thank you to Louise Stinespring who instilled within me a passion for the theater and arts that will never leave me. Thank you Andreas Schneider for the fascination you have in social psychology that you generously pass along to your students. Thank you Jeffrey Lee for doing the impossible, making me laugh during a 9:30 a.m. lecture on playa lakes. Thank you Cherie Maestas for going well beyond the call of duty to prepare a scared undergraduate for his first research conference. Thank you Steven Greene for offering valuable insight into topics far surpassing political science. And thank you Tom Cox and Mike Campenni for restoring my faith in graduate students, the students you guys work with in the future will be extremely lucky to have you.

I truly wish I could address each and every member of our faculty and staff that does well beyond what is expected of them to better each and every Tech student's education. Regardless of what I know writing a column of this nature comes with certain responses. To answer your questions, I've never been about blowing smoke, those of you who regularly read my column know that. And no, I'm in no need of extra-credit. With as few columns as I have, I tend to limit my praise to those who may never be told how much they're appreciated. Tech may not have been my first choice, but it was the right choice. And I'm lucky to be here.

So to those of you, I'd venture to say most of you, who truly do touch a life by not only being an educator, but also a friend to your students, I say thank you. It's been said that true success in life comes from knowing that someone else breathes a little easier because you were here. This is just what our superior faculty has done. And in a town with air like Lubbock's, that's a commendable task. Sorry, I had to make fun of something.

Kenneth Strickland is a junior political science and sociology major from Mesquite.



Letters to the editor

Drugs limit possibilities

To the editor: Once again the pages of The UD have been stained, by a writer promoting the legalization of drugs (UD, April 19). Anyone who advocates substance abuse should seriously think about what affect their words will have on the students at Tech. To put it simply, positive things do not happen to people who do drugs. Once you start doing drugs, your only friends will be fellow drug users and drug dealers. Once you run out of drugs and money, this crowd will move on to leech off someone else. Good luck getting a job, because every company, corporation or school district worth working for requires a urinalysis to get hired, and most will continue to test you as a condition of employment. Employers don't want drug abusers because of the lost time, theft and lack of productivity connected with substance abuse. The worst part will be dealing with your family. Any good parent would be crushed to find out that their child is doing drugs. You'll lose the respect of those wonderful people who have sacrificed a great deal to make a college education a reality for you. If you do drugs you'll find out the true meaning of the word shame. It's just not right that a university that trains substance abuse counselors also has a school newspaper that allows students to promote the legalization and use of drugs. While this is allowed under the concept of free speech, I'm urging all Tech students to exercise their free will, and better judgment and stay away from drugs. Drugs are bad news. You only get one life, so don't blow it on drugs.

William Mattiford senior management

Drugs are not all bad

To the editor: I am writing in response to William Mattiford's absurdly pathetic letter entitled "No to legalization" (UD, 4/23). Although the marijuana legalization debate is a good one with persuasive points on both sides, Mattiford's argument falls far short of making any sense at all. First of all, if you are going to claim that drugs are bad and will ruin a person's life, at least back that opinion up with some facts. The claim that "positive things do not happen to people who do drugs" obviously is not based in either fact or experience. How would you explain the multitude of athletes who abuse performance enhancing drugs or the actors in Hollywood who smoke marijuana or snort cocaine? They have money, fame and respect — all positive things. You also claim that, "... your only friends will be fellow drug users and drug dealers. Once you run out of drugs and money, your 'druggie' friends will move on to leech off someone else." This claim also is obviously not based on experience or fact. My friends from high school have all smoked weed at some point and some have decided to quit. We have all remained friends even though half use drugs and half do not. I would venture to guess that most people who use drugs do not associate solely with other drug users and dealers nor do they "move on to leech off of someone else" if a friend decides to quit. Secondly, the fact that you are offended Texas Tech allows its campus newspaper to publish dissenting viewpoints is chilling. The concept of free speech is vital to knowledge and growth on a college campus. Censorship is detrimental because it forces unchecked information on the public. It sounds like Mattiford would feel right at home at Gestapo University, where free speech and independent thought are not allowed because someone might get offended. To conclude, if

you have a decent argument for or against the legalization of marijuana (or any other drug for that matter) feel free to join this debate. However, please base your argument on fact, experience, or both. Otherwise, keep your opinion to yourself until you can learn to express it in an educated way. And Mattiford, try and open your mind to dissenting viewpoints. The fact that you have made it to your senior year without opening your mind a bit is a shame.

Mike Howard senior general studies

City officials take more

To the editor: The proposed venue tax that would be added to Lubbock's hotel/motel occupancy tax would make Lubbock have the sixth-highest occupancy tax rate in the United States! Why should Tech students care about a venue tax? Because Tech students' families come to Lubbock and stay in hotels and motels probably more than any other group. Having your parents or grandparents pay more in taxes when they visit Lubbock or rent a car (the venue tax will add a 5 percent tax to all car rentals) is not in your best interest or your families. The Lubbock Hotel-Motel Association agrees, as they have come out for a "no" vote on the venue tax. What would be in yours' and your families' best interest would actually be a lower tax on hotel rooms, not a higher one. A lower tax would allow your family to spend more money on you when they visit Lubbock or spend more money on things both you and your family enjoy doing while here.

David DeLamar chairman Lubbock County Libertarian Party

Column

Committees offer new experience

Earlier this semester I made an appeal as president-elect to the student body for hard work. As students, we all know the value of enjoying our college experience.

I have had fun so far working with the Student Government Association, and I want to extend this opportunity to you. By joining the executive committees in the SGA, you will have a chance to enrich your lives as well as the lives of your fellow Tech students' and gain experience while helping Tech. There will be a lot of work involved, but this opportunity is worth it. There are many



John Steinmetz

positions open in a variety of different areas. All anyone has to do is come by the SGA office in the University Center and fill out an application. This is a small amount of work compared to the rewards you will receive throughout the year. If you are unsure about a position, please contact someone in the SGA. This is a chance for

hardworking and dedicated individuals to come together and better themselves, their peers and Texas Tech. I hope to see you soon.

John Steinmetz is president of the Student Government Association and can be reached at 742-3631.

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Out of the Past

From The University Daily April 25, 2000

Renovation efforts for Jones Stadium received another donation Monday as Plains National Bank Financial donated \$3.5 million toward the project. Alan White, Texas Tech regent and PNB Chief executive officer, presented the check to Tech Chancellor John Montford during the press conference held in the Masked Rider lobby.

The federal judge presiding over the Branch Davidians wrongful death lawsuit Monday denied the Justice Department's request to throw out most of the plaintiff's claims.

From The University Daily April 24, 1991

Lubbock Independent School District guidance counselors will survey Texas Tech students who are LISD graduates from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Center Mesa Room. The purpose of the survey is for LISD high school graduates to give their opinions about the college preparation that they received in Lubbock schools.

The Asian Pacific Rim Area Studies minor program at Texas Tech, which began in the Fall, has expanded and has offered its first scholarship, announced professor Yung-Mei Tsai, director of the program. The \$10,000 endowed scholarship was given by two residents of Taiwan, Jung-hui Lee and Chung-hsiung Tsai.

From The University Daily April 24, 1981

Since the massive budget cut at Michigan State University, members of the news media and educators have speculated that there might be a widespread funding crisis in state-supported higher education. Some Tech administrators agree a crisis could be in the state's future, but most seem to believe solid planning can avert a situation like Michigan State's predicament.

A Tech social fraternity mentioned in Newsweek's magazine's John Hinckley story is considering filing a libel suit against the national publication, Brad Moran, the fraternity's incoming president, announced. Moran told The University Daily that membership in Tech's Alpha Tau Omega chapter, as well as ATO chapters across the nation could be affected by a quote run in the April 13 edition.

From The University Daily April 23, 1971

Dormitory housing for Tech summer school students will be less expensive this year than last. Double room contracts for each six-week term will be \$156 this year, compared to last year's \$180. Female summer school students will live in Hulén while male students will occupy adjoining Clement.

Lubbock Mayor Jim Cranberry proclaimed Saturday April 24 as A Day of Peace. The Lubbock Day of Peace coincides with the marches on Washington D.C., and San Francisco.

From The Toreador April 21, 1951

One-third of Tech's student body cast ballots Tuesday in choosing eight persons for elective jobs that rounded out the full 1951-52 slate. The total run-off vote was 1,226, two-thirds of the number voting in the previous week's election.

A proposed plan for dormitory government, which will give more students representation in the governing body of the dorms and more individual responsibility, was presented to about 500 dormitory women in the gym Wednesday night.

From The Toreador April 23, 1931

About 500 girls from all parts of the state are coming to Lubbock to attend the annual Homemaking Education Rally, to be held April 30 until May 2.

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Forensic showcase showdown

Event to highlight forensic union national performances

By Whitney Wyatt
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Forensic Union, which is ranked 8th in the nation, will present the 2001 Forensic Union Showcase at 6 p.m. today in 101 Mass Communications.

"It's going to highlight some of our national performances," said Trent Webb, director of forensics.

The 8th place finish at the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFANIET) on April 6-9 at George Mason University is the highest finish ever for Tech at the national championship tournament, Webb said. It marks the fourth consecutive year Tech has placed in the top 20 in the nation.

Webb said the debate team also placed 6th in the nation in the National Parliamentary Debate Association March 23-26 at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

Tech's team also is the only speech and debate team in the nation to finish in the top 10 at both tournaments, he said.

"It was a very amazing and surreal experience," Webb said. "I think we were calm and confident, and that made all the difference. Being in the top 10 is taking your program to another level."

Ryan Smith, a senior communication studies major from Portales, N.M., was the 8th place speaker at the tournament. He advanced to quarterfinals in programmed oral interpretation, semifinals in dramatic interpretation, semifinals in poetry and fourth in dramatic duo.

"It feels good to know that I went



Members of the Tech Forensic Union show off the awards they won at the American Forensic National Individual Events Tournament. The union will present a showcase of national performances at 6 p.m. today in 101 Mass Communications.

out in the top of my field," he said. "It's a dream come true."

Smith said he is proud of the Tech speech and debate team because both teams are very talented.

"I think it shows the diversity of our team," she said. "We are successful at both. It just doesn't happen anymore. It's rare."

Smith's dramatic duo partner, Anne Fleischer, was the 11th place speaker at the tournament. Fleischer also placed fifth in after dinner speaking.

Rob Vartabedian and Kyle Myers advanced to the quarterfinals in impromptu speaking, and Lindsey Stansell and Shane Davis advanced to quarterfinals in dramatic duo. Sean

Stewart advanced to semifinals in informative speaking.

Webb said Smith and Fleischer will be performing their dramatic duo, Smith will perform his poetry, Fleischer will perform her after dinner speech, Stewart will perform his informative speech, and Myers will perform his impromptu speech.

'Bridget Jones's Diary' outcharms 'Spy Kids' at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Resolution No. 1 for "Bridget Jones's Diary": Add 600 theaters and take over as America's top film.

Renee Zellweger's romantic comedy about a Londoner who fancies making lists and life-improving resolutions grossed \$10.5 million in its second weekend to move into first place at the box office, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The film debuted at No. 3 last week-

end, when it opened in 1,611 theaters. Distributor Miramax added 610 cinemas this weekend and plans to expand the movie to several hundred more Friday.

"Last week when it opened was sort of a test run, and it sure rose to the occasion," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, which tracks movie ticket sales. "It proved to do so well that Miramax went ahead and added theaters."

"Bridget Jones's Diary" bumped off another Miramax movie, "Spy Kids," which took in \$10.2 million and slipped to No. 2 after three weekends in the top spot.

The weekend's two big new films had modest debuts. "Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles," the third of Paul Hogan's comedies about the colorful Australian outdoorsman, opened at No. 4 with \$8 million.

"Freddy Got Fingered," the gross-

out comedy starring co-writer and director Tom Green, took in \$7.3 million to debut in fifth place.

Playing in 2,271 theaters, "Freddy Got Fingered" had a so-so average of \$3,199 a cinema, compared with \$3,768 in 2,123 locations for "Crocodile Dundee."

"Bridget Jones's Diary" maintained a strong average of \$4,739 in its second weekend. The movie has grossed \$25.7 million in 10 days.

XFL suffers xtreme ratings fumble during first season

NEW YORK (AP) — The XFL's first season went out with a whimper.

The inaugural championship game Saturday night — possibly the football league's final telecast on part-owner NBC — drew a 2.5 overnight TV rating, less than a quarter of what the debut program received in February.

An average of only 2.5 percent of the TVs in the country's largest 49 markets tuned in at any given time to watch the Los Angeles Xtreme beat the San Francisco Demons 38-6.

Viewership declined steadily from the 8:15 p.m. EDT start of the broadcast to 11 p.m.

NBC, which joined with the World Wrestling Federation to fund the new league, is expected to decide by the end of the month whether to remain a partner in the XFL.

The ratings for "The Million Dollar Game" aren't likely to dissuade the network from dropping the league. XFL broadcasts have repeatedly set lows for prime-time ratings on major networks.

Saturday's game was preceded on NBC by the opening game of the NBA playoff series between

Minnesota and San Antonio, which drew a 4.5 preliminary rating.

The last half-hour of that broadcast drew a 5.6 — which plummeted to a 3.4 when the network shifted to the XFL game.

The XFL averaged a 3.3 national rating on NBC during the 10-week regular season, a number boosted tremendously by the opening-night curiosity tune-in.

After about a 50 percent decline from Week 1 to Week 2, the third NBC broadcast of the XFL was the lowest-ranked prime-time show on any of the four major networks that week, tying for 89th place in households with UPN's "Star Trek Voyager."

The ratings were so low on NBC, UPN and TNN that the league has been giving free commercials to its advertisers since Week 4 in an effort to make sure the spots reach as many viewers as had been guaranteed.

The championship game did draw more viewers than the play-off game the week before, when NBC earned a 2.0 overnight rating.

The national rating for Saturday's game will be released during the week.

Motley Crue relives gory days in book

NEW YORK (AP) — Long before they were rock stars, the guys in Motley Crue partied like rock stars. And they relive all the gory details in a new autobiography, "The Dirt," due in bookstores May 22.

Lead singer Vince Neil describes the decadence in the band's early

days, playing in Los Angeles clubs like the Whisky a Go-Go.

Drummer Tommy Lee recalls explicitly his torrid relationship with former "Baywatch" star Pamela Anderson, whom he married after a four-day courtship in 1995.

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Man, my head is still hurting from that goal post!

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I should have gone to class more. I should have studied more. But then again, I did have a lot of fun.

But Bob Knight just got here! Well, there's always grad school.

I'm going to miss my pledge class. Not financial aid. Definitely not traffic and parking. If they start playing and parking. If they start playing and parking. If they start playing and parking. If they start playing and parking. I can't believe it's over. And it only took 6 years.

I'm so ready. I think Aren't I? Oh, crap!

I still can't believe the guys on my floor did that freshman year. That was a lot of balloons. I'm going to miss this place. Mom and dad never did find out about that jail thing. Sweet.

Do adults really wait until Friday to start the weekend?

The 2001 *La Ventana* will feature quotes from graduating seniors on everything from dorm memories to favorite Tech moments to words of advice for the Red Raiders they're leaving behind. E-mail your well thought-out, publishable quotes (make them 3-5 sentences) to laventana@ttu.edu. Include your name, major, hometown, social security number and phone number so we can verify quotes and notify you if we pick yours. And don't forget to order your *La Ventana* before leaving Lubbock. Come by 103 Journalism to reserve your copy today! For any questions, call 742-3383.

'Millionaire' still strong despite competition

NEW YORK (AP) — The bank is open again after a long drought at "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." A Michigan engineer won \$2.18 million earlier this month — the richest prize in TV quiz show history — and another new millionaire was minted a week later.

Don't go taking up any collections for ABC, however. The network hardly needs the help.

ABC and its parent Walt Disney Co. say that "Millionaire," not even 2 years old, is already the most profitable program television has ever seen. The show has generated around \$1 billion in revenue — more when you count the ripple effects.

"There has never, ever in the history of television been a phenomenon like this," said Alex Wallau, ABC president.

With "Weakest Link" and hardhearted host Anne Robinson the current rage, it has become chic

to bash "Millionaire." Its ratings are down roughly 30 percent this year and it has flooded ABC with older viewers whom advertisers consider undesirable.

Yet the four airings of "Millionaire" draw 77 million viewers each week. The bottom-line potency is undiminished.

"All of the ancillary businesses are growing despite the fact the television program has leveled off," executive producer Michael Davies said. "I think they will continue to grow no matter how many nights a week we are on."

How many ways does "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" make money?

Take out your calculator. Each individual show costs an average of \$700,000 to produce, including prize money and host Regis Philbin's salary. Each earns between \$1.5 million and \$2 million in advertising revenue —

more for special celebrity editions, according to ABC.

Through Sunday, 257 original episodes have aired.

"This is one of the few shows in television that's profitable in and of itself," said David Miller, an entertainment industry analyst for Sutro & Co.

Production costs typically eclipse advertising revenue; most shows don't make money until reruns are sold into syndication.

The rights to air "Millionaire" in Canada were sold for \$250,000 per episode, Davies said. Similar deals are being negotiated for Mexican television and a Spanish-language version in the United States.

The staggering interest in an online version and CD-ROM of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" made Disney realize its enormous

potential, Wallau said. The CD-ROM sold 4 million units at \$19.99 apiece, with Disney able to handle almost all of the production costs.

ABC estimates there have been 50 million participants in the "enhanced TV" online edition. Users don't pay, but each "hit" is noted when advertising space is sold for the site.

ABC is also paid a license fee by makers of a "Millionaire" board game and handheld electronic game. A compact disc "soundtrack" to the show — a relative flop — sold 10,000 copies at \$17.98 apiece.

"What I've really tried to do, as much as I've been able to manage the 'Millionaire' brand, is focus on ways to extend the ability of our viewers to play the game, rather than just selling T-shirts and hats," Davies said.

Oh, but they sell t-shirts and hats, too. ABC gets a small licensing fee.

There's also the interactive theme park attraction that opened this month at the Disney-MGM Studios in Orlando, Fla., on a set that's a replica of the game show's New York studio. And Disney is marketing a version of "Millionaire" that it rents out to corporations for their employees and clients to play at conventions, Davies said.

The company is also trying to reach a deal with a wireless phone company for a version of the game that can be played that way, Wallau said, and ABC is still mulling a syndicated daytime version of the show.

"There are profit centers just all over the place," Davies said.

"Millionaire" has helped ABC's profits in other ways that are tough to measure. "The Practice" has become a hit on Sunday nights largely because it follows the game show on the schedule. And because "Millionaire" is on four times a week, ABC was able to cut its budget for developing new comedies and dramas in half last year, Davies said.

ABC wouldn't reveal its development budget, or give specifics on other aspects of its profitability. For instance, the network wouldn't say how much of its overall profits were "Millionaire"-generated.

Even Davies said he can't say how much money the game show has truly made.

"I'd love to know because I'm a profit participant," he said.

Independent analyst Miller said he had no reason to doubt that "Millionaire" is a billion-dollar show, which also is ABC's biggest independent against a potential strike by Hollywood writers and actors. Because they can keep cranking out episodes, experts say ABC is best positioned to survive a protracted strike.

Davies believes the show would have done better in this year's ratings if it hadn't been shuffled so frequently to different time slots and nights. He'd like some protection against that when ABC announces its fall schedule next month, and to ease up on the four-night-a-week schedule.

"We just can't sustain that," he said. "I'm hoping it drops to three or even two."

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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40 Projectile
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8:00	Barney Teletubbies		Early Show	Sabrina Pepper Ann	America	Magic Bus Paid Program
9:00	Callou Sesame	Today Show	Sally Jessy Raphael	Nanny Caroline	Regis & Kelly	Greg Mathis
10:00	Street Mr. Rogers	Martha Stewart	Price is Right	Grace/Fire Paid Program	View	Divorce Ct. Divorce Ct.
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3:00	Arthur Washbone	Rosie O'Donnell	Maury Povich	Clueless Moesha	Moral Court	Action Man Big Guy
4:00	Zoom R. Rainbow	Oprah Winfrey	For Women	7th Heaven	Tell/Truth Family Feud	Digimon Digimon
5:00	Beth/Lions Nightly Bus.	News NBC News	MASH CBS News	People's Court	News ABC News	Sabrina Simpsons
6:00	News/30	News Extra	Jeopardy News	Judge Judy Judge Judy	News W/Fortune	Spin City Frasier
7:00	Natural Connections	In Style: Celebrity	JAG *PG	Chains of Love	Millionaire	That 70's Titus
8:00	Harvest of Fear	Frasier *PG 3 Sisters	60 Minutes II	All Souls	Dharma/Greg What/Joan	Dark Angel
9:00		Dateline	Judging Amy *PG	Voyager	NYPD Blue *TV14	News
10:00	Nightly Bus.	News Tonight Show	Arrest/Trial Cops	Blind Date Change/Heart	Access Paid Program	News
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VH1 to upgrade programming choices

LOS ANGELES (AP) — VH1 is getting behind the music — and replacing a lot of it with comedies and dramas.

The cable network announced it plans to debut a slate of original programming over the next year that includes scripted series, reality shows and feature-length films.

"We tried really hard to make sure that all our new shows are fundamentally about music," said Lauren Zalaznick, head of original programming at the music channel.

Among the new programs is the drama "Pulling the Strings," which stars James Brolin as a beleaguered entertainment mogul. Brolin will co-produce the show with his wife, Barbra Streisand.

The network also is planning TV movies based on the lives of MC Hammer and rockers Def Leppard, and a battle-of-the-bands show called "Cover Wars."

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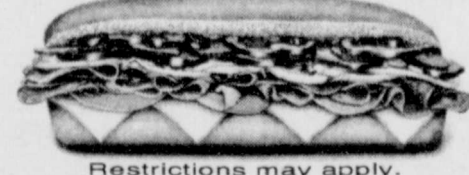


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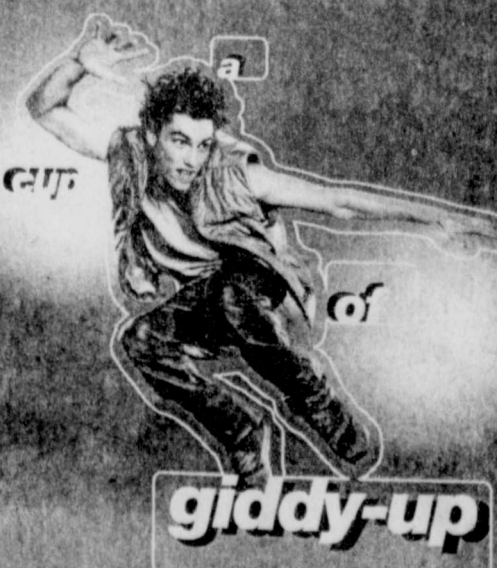
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Raider baseball tangles with TCU



Texas Tech outfielder Kerry Hodges slides into second ahead of the tag of TCU shortstop Erick Macha in an earlier season contest at Dan Law Field.

Tech steps out of conference play to battle Texas Christian Horned Frogs

By Phil Riddle
Staff Writer

Texas Tech baseball players look to take last weekend's disappointment at Oklahoma and turn it into a positive as the Raiders begin the home stretch of the 2001 baseball season.

Tech posted a 9-3 win Friday before losing, 6-5, to the Sooners on Saturday, and turning in a 7-7 tie called after 9 1/2 innings because of weather. The Raiders will travel to Fort Worth for a 2:30 p.m. contest today against the TCU Horned Frogs, then return home for a three-game Big 12 Conference series against Kansas.

Senior pitcher Cory Metzler said the Raiders are excited to get back on the diamond after the loss and tie versus the Sooners.

"I feel like we're a little more anxious to get back on the field," Metzler said. "We know we should have taken two of three, if not all of them. We're a little irritated and a little mad."

Metzler, a senior right-hander from Yukon, Okla., carries a 3-2 record in 14 appearances with a 5.01 ERA. Metzler has given up 58 hits and struck out 32 while allowing just six walks.

"We want to get back out there and keep this thing rolling," Metzler said. "We've been playing some good baseball. We're not down right now, we just want to get back on the field."

Senior left fielder Jason Rainey also sees this as an opportunity to begin the last few weeks of the regular season at a dead run.

"That's what's going to make this next stretch so important," Rainey said. "Losing one game and tying on Sunday. We're going to have to get on a streak."

Rainey, from Klondike, is hitting .309 heading into today's clash with the Frogs. Included among his 46 hits

in 2001 are seven home runs, four triples and seven doubles. He has also accounted for 39 RBI, and has eight stolen bases.

Rainey said the loss Sunday may be the jolt the squad needs while bearing down on the end of the regular season.

"I think it opened our eyes a little bit," Rainey said. "We were on a good streak, and I'm definitely not going to say we weren't focused, but after the game on Friday we might have come out a little bit flat."

Texas Tech, 31-15-1 overall, has beaten TCU in both its previous meetings this season, taking a 5-4 win at the Astros College Baseball Classic in February, and a 9-4 victory earlier this month at Dan Law Field.

"We've played them a couple of times," Metzler said. "They're a good hitting team. They always play well, and they've got decent pitching. They always seem to play us really tough."

The Frogs are paced on offense by Walter Olmstead and Erick Macha. Olmstead is tied for the team lead in homers with six, has belted a dozen doubles and has driven in a team-high 37 runs while hitting .341. Macha carries a .354 batting average while lifting four homers, two doubles, two triples and accounting for 21 RBI.

Texas Christian is 27-19 this season, including a 2-1 series win over Western Athletic Conference foe Fresno State last weekend. The Frogs are 10-5 in home games for 2001. The Raiders are 8-6-1 on the road.

"We've got to make sure we take care of business in our Tuesday games," Metzler said. "So it doesn't come down to one of those games for us to get a regional. We need to use this game to help us to get us back where we need to be, right now."

Three Red Raiders sign as free agents

A trio of Texas Tech gridders signed free agent contracts with NFL teams following the weekend draft.

Red Raider wide receivers Tim Baker and Derek Dorris inked with the Pittsburgh Steelers and New Orleans Saints respectively, and linebacker Devin Lemons signed with the Chicago Bears.

Baker was Tech's top receiver during the 2000 campaign.

The 6-foot 5-inch, 210-pound Borger High School product reeled in 69 catches in his senior season of 2001 for 765 yards.

He averaged more than 11 yards per reception and scored seven touchdowns en route to helping the Red Raiders to a 7-6 overall record and a trip to a bowl game for the first time since the 1998 season.

Dorris ranked second in most Raider receiving statistics, nabbing 56 balls for 574 yards.

The 6-foot 2-inch, 202-pound split end from Azle averaged 10.3 yards per catch and was tops on the squad with nine touchdown receptions.

Lemons, a Pampa High School graduate, registered 83 tackles as a senior, including eight for losses, five sacks and seven hurries of the opposing quarterback.

The three free agent signees join teammate and defensive tackle Kris Kocurek as NFL newcomers.

Kocurek was drafted in the seventh round of the draft by the Seattle Seahawks in last weekend's draft.

Dallas Mavericks coach complains about playoff referees

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Dallas Mavericks coach Don Nelson is complaining the Jazz manipulate referees and abuse the rules.

Utah forward Karl Malone wouldn't be drawn into a verbal scrap Monday.

"I hate soaps," the Mailman said. "I don't watch soaps, so I have no desire to talk about soap operas."

Fine, but that won't stop the Mavericks from brashly challenging the Jazz leading to Tuesday's Game 2 in the best-of-five series. Utah won the

opener, 88-86, on Saturday.

The matchup has been, up to this point, portrayed as a contest between Utah's aging but savvy veterans and the talented but untested Mavericks, who made the playoffs for the first time in 11 years. After narrowly losing Game 1, the swaggering Mavericks are confident they can beat the Jazz on the road in the postseason, just as they did in winning twice at the Delta Center this season.

"Watching the tape, everyone in the locker room felt we let one get

away," Dallas center Shawn Bradley said. "There were a lot of if-factors. ... The bottom line is we didn't win, and we feel we can."

The Mavericks are walking tough, and now Nelson wants his team talking tough, too. Nellie even showed how it's done, firing the opening round in a verbal barrage by accusing Utah of dirty play.

"The Jazz manipulate referees so well with their flops," he said. "They abuse the rules. It's frustrating to play against that kind of a team, and it's

frustrating to coach against them.

"But they sure do it well," he added. "I sure have to give them credit."

The Mavs quickly stepped in line behind him. Asked the best way to match Utah's physical play, Bradley said: "You've got to be professional, keep your head and flop against a flopper, like Coach said."

It's more fuel for a rivalry that's had some acrimonious moments. Malone, in particular, has had run-ins with Dallas before.

The Mailman has jawed with Mav-

ericks owner Mark Cuban in the past and even bumped chests with Nelson during a game in Dallas in January 2000. That face-to-face showdown came after Malone put a knee into Bradley's stomach.

After the teams played in November, Malone was fined \$7,500 and suspended one game by the league office for a backhanded slap to ex-Maverick Christian Laettner.

But so far in the playoffs, Malone has avoided fanning the flames.

"I respect their team and their

owner and who they are, but I don't have any conversation with any of them," Malone said Monday. "I have a job to do, and that's what I try to do."

Yet when Malone was asked seconds later which Dallas player does the best job of guarding him, the 16-year veteran and two-time NBA MVP couldn't resist some sarcasm.

"Who holds and grabs the best?" he asked. "All of them do a tremendous job of guarding me. Without a doubt, they're the toughest team for me to play against."

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