

Senators debate approval of defense bill

FIGHTING WORDS: Money to be used to fight terrorism is held up by U.S. Congress.

By Carolyn Skorneck/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite bipartisan calls for quick Senate action, a \$345-billion defense bill remained mired Wednesday in a dispute over Republican amendments.

"Our troops are counting on it; the Pentagon needs it," Senate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle said. With the nation gearing up for a war against terrorism, "I can't think of a more urgent piece of legislation than this right now

under these circumstances," he said.

Sen. John Warner of Virginia, the Armed Services Committee's top Republican, called it "absolutely imperative that we move forward on this bill."

Senate action stumbled Tuesday night even as the House overwhelmingly approved its \$343-billion measure, 398-17. The bill fully finances President Bush's request for the Defense Department and the military work of the Energy Department for fiscal 2002, which begins Oct. 1.

Bush underscored the bill's urgency by issuing a statement shortly after the House acted, calling it "a vital step to ensure our nation's security."

The House bypassed a partisan scuffle over Bush's missile defense plan with voice-vote approval of a bipartisan amendment that cut some

money from missile defense and added some to anti-terrorism efforts, a provision drawn up after the Sept. 11 attacks by suicide airliner hijackers.

In the Senate, Daschle stopped work on the bill Tuesday night after Republicans refused to agree to a list of amendments to be considered.

Standing in the way were attempts by Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., to add a major energy bill to the defense measure, and by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, to support prison industries getting defense contracts. The Senate voted Tuesday, 74-24, to table Gramm's amendment.

The two senators "were acting within their rights," Warner said.

But Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., said, "We simply must complete action on this bill."

"President Bush has declared a national state of emergency," he said. "Our military forces are deploying around the world. We're calling National Guard and Reserve units to active duty to augment our active forces. This bill contains critically important provisions for our national security."

Daschle, D-S.D., said he hoped to finish the bill next week, after the long weekend recess starting Wednesday afternoon for Yom Kippur. He was considering a Tuesday vote to end delays.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, who backs the administration's energy bill, called attention to America's reliance on foreign oil as it prepares for war.

"The reality is that America is dependent today on foreign sources for 57 percent of the oil we consume," Murkowski said on the Senate

floor. "Further, we're importing most of this oil from unstable foreign regimes," including Iraq.

The House and Senate bills right now have some significant differences:

■ Base closings. The Senate called for one round in 2003. The House, opposing a new round, excluded it from the bill.

■ Vieques. The House would cancel a binding referendum in November in which residents of the Puerto Rican island are to vote on whether to oust the Navy in 2003 or let it stay and pay \$50 million for public works projects. The Senate didn't mention Vieques.

Bush says the Navy will leave the island in 2003. But the White House still wants the vote canceled, saying it could set a precedent that might have a "domino effect on our other training ranges."

Lawmakers inaugurate patriotism

FREEDOM WEEK: A new law requires Texas schools to focus on U.S. history in final week of September.

By Kristen Hays/Associated Press

HOUSTON — A new law requiring Texas schools to find a way to focus on American history and freedom during the last week of September took on more significance in light of terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, the law's primary author said.

"We never dreamed when we passed the bill that the timing would be what it is and it would be such an incredibly appropriate time to talk to kids about what our way of life really means," state Rep. Rick Green, R-Dripping Springs.

The state law, passed earlier this year, designates the last full week of September as "Celebrate Freedom Week" and requires schools to find a way to impart the intent and importance of such documents as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution as well as significant events in American history.

Ivalyn Patterson, principal of Rhoads Elementary School in Houston, said she and her staff were thinking about organizing a Constitution-themed assembly for the designated week when four hijacked airliners slammed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a southwestern Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11.

"At first, it took us a couple of days just to absorb what had happened," Patterson said Wednesday after Rhoads pupils, decked out in red, white and blue, sang patriotic songs and watched a skit about the Constitution performed by fifth-graders.

"Then we started to see that the kids were affected by this," she said. "We thought this program would give them the opportunity to express what they were thinking and get it out."

Green said a survey conducted earlier this year by the Center for Survey and Research Analysis at the University of Connecticut was a major motivator for passing the law.

The survey showed that nearly 80 percent of 556 seniors at top colleges and universities — including Harvard and Princeton — re-

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NO FEAR



DONYA SNEAD, A 1998 Texas Tech graduate in public relations, hangs in the air before swinging from a suspended bar about 50 feet in the air Wednesday afternoon at the ropes course. Snead, along with other students and former students taking part in a business workshop went through the course to become better acquainted with one another. For related story, see ROPES on page 5.

CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

Board gives Tech grants for telecomm

FREE FUNDING: More than \$700K will be given for preserving the flow of technology in Texas.

By Melissa Guest/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech received more than \$700,000 in grants from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board on Wednesday to expand existing infrastructure for students and faculty.

The \$737,331 in funds will be used to purchase equipment such as personal computers and digital teleconference systems.

Sam Segrant, interim assistant vice president for the Division of Information and Technology, said the funds are allocated to preserve the flow of technology throughout the state.

"Basically it is provided by the state to help state agencies build infrastructure," he said.

Segrant, who managed the funds last year, said the frustrating part about spending the money is not knowing if the funds will be received the following year. Last year, Tech received about \$1.5 million from the TIF board.

"Each and every year you have to go back and apply," Segrant said. "So there's no assurance that we will receive money next year to continue this year's efforts, but some money is better than no money."

Gary Wiggins, vice president for Information Technology at Tech, said the TIF grant allows Tech to invest funds throughout many colleges at the university.

"One of the things that we are moving toward - that this kind of grant helps with - is integrating technology into the core missions of research and teaching," Wiggins said. "Making information and communication better and more available is specifically what this kind of grant fosters."

Wiggins said many colleges and departments applied for specific projects to be funded by this grant, which will be realized through this funding.

Additionally, the funds will be used to support local, regional and rural digital learning initiatives, including an endeavor in the Texas Hill Country.

Edward Anderson, associate director of the

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Stock market continues to falter

By Melissa Vuduris/Staff Reporter

The Dow Jones took another fall Wednesday after the market experienced a slight rise earlier this week.

The Dow fell 92.58 points to 8,567.39, falling almost 1/4 of the way into its 424-point gain from Monday and Tuesday of this week. The Nasdaq fell 37.61 points to 1,464.03.

Some experts say American people are hesitant to trade or invest until they know when and how the United States will retaliate to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Investors may foresee another decline in the markets, if and when it may come.

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PETA questions using animal mascots

By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

As the search continues for a permanent horse to replace Black Phantom Raider as the Texas Tech mascot, one organization is questioning the philosophy behind the use of an animal mascot.

In a letter addressed to Tech President David Schmidly, Amy Rhodes, cruelty caseworker for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, questioned the university's decision to replace the horse after Black Phantom Raider was euthanized Aug. 27 due to injuries sustained in a car accident near Mason.

"We are not necessarily objecting to Texas Tech," Rhodes said. "We are objecting to the use of live animals as mascots."

Rhodes said PETA became aware of the horse's death after several members of the Tech community expressed concerns over the replacement of the horse.

Based on the reaction of the people who voiced concern, Rhodes said she believes the horse's death was a wake-up call for the university community.

"It is just unnecessary to use live animals for mascots, especially with the cre-

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FORMER MASKED RIDER Travis Thorne leads the Texas Tech football team onto the field as he sits atop Black Phantom Raider at Jones Stadium prior to a 1998 game. FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

UNT meningitis scare a rare concern

By Jeff Stoughton/Staff Reporter

The recent hospitalization of a University of North Texas student with a possible meningitis infection might be causing some unnecessary concern at Texas Tech.

Officials at Student Health Services say although the disease is serious, it is rather rare and is causing more hype than it should.

Dr. Kelly Bennett, chief of staff at SHS, said the disease, which is caused by the bacterium, neisseria meningitidis, is rather rare, occurring in about one in every 100,000 people. She said college freshmen and other students who live in residence halls or similar close living quarters, are at a higher risk — about one in every 20,000 people.

Ron Warner, an associate professor for clinical preventive medicine for

Tech's Health Sciences Center, said the bacteria that cause meningitis infections are more common than people think.

He said research shows that about 30 to 40 percent of people actually carry the bacteria in their throat.

"It's part of the normal flora," Warner said, noting that stress, viral infections, loss of sleep and alcohol consumption can lower the body's immune defenses, leading to an infection.

Because students living in residence halls live in close proximity to each other and may share drinks, food and eating utensils, the American College of Health Associations and the Centers for Disease Control recommend that those students get meningitis vaccinations. Students living off campus are at no greater risk than the rest of the population, Warner said.

The organism that causes meningitis infections is spread by close contact with infected individuals. Examples of such behavior are sharing drinks or food, living in the same room, kissing or other intimate contact. Warner said infections rarely are spread through the air.

"Germs don't jump," he said, adding that infections that spread through the air are extremely rare.

Warner said that because the disease can have potentially serious complications such as hearing loss, coma and death, it causes considerable amounts of hype when someone is hospitalized with it.

Several years ago, Warner said, national television news shows distressed already-panicking parents of college students. He said parents were calling SHS and demanding the vaccine for the stu-

dents.

He said vaccinating the entire student population would be impractical for two reasons: the vaccine is expensive, and it does not protect against all strains of the bacteria.

"If we immunized everybody and the type B strain went around, the parents would really be angry," Warner said, adding that there are several strains — C, Y and B are common, and A and W are rare.

Warner said outbreaks of the disease occur because people suffering from the disease experience flu-like symptoms and neglect visiting a health-care provider. The symptoms include fever, nausea, vomiting, headache and light-headedness.

"If a student has three or more of those symptoms, they ought not to prolong seeing a health care provider,"

Warner said. "That's typically why these cases get out of hand."

He said the best way to prevent the spread of the disease is good personal hygiene, including hand washing and not sharing food or drinks.

Bennett said Tech students have little to no danger of being infected by attending last Saturday's game against UNT in Irving. She said people were in danger "only if they had close personal contact with someone who was infected."

Officials at UNT are attempting to contain a possible outbreak of the disease by urging people who had close personal contact with the potentially infected individual to receive an antibiotic treatment.

According to the university's Web site, the individual believed to be infected with meningitis is in critical condition in a Dallas hospital.

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Red Raiders offer up card of care for terrorist attack victims

By Rachel Richmond/Staff Reporter

A giant homemade greeting card lined with red, white and blue ribbon sits on an easel outside the Foreign Language building's Language Learning Laboratory

and Resource Center.

Next to the card lie several different colored pens that Texas Tech students, staff and faculty have been using to write down their thoughts of support for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Once the card is full, lab director Phade Vader, who came up with idea for the card about a week ago, said it possibly would be sent out to one of the disaster relief agencies, namely the American Red Cross or the South Plains Food Bank.

"I wanted the Tech community to have a way to express mourning, thoughts and support," Vader said. "Something used as a catalyst to express ourselves."

He said he would like for anyone interested in adding a thought or prayer to the card to do so in writing as well as through pictures or other pieces of art. Messages in different languages also are encouraged, he said.

"New York City is a melting pot of cultures and languages," Vader said. "We are hoping to reaffirm the universal support, from TTU, the USA and the civilized world. We are inviting messages in all languages."

He said he thinks the card is an extension of the Tech community's support of the victims and families of the attacks.



RAQUEL MELON, A junior general studies major from Madrid, Spain, signs a card outside the Foreign Language building's Language Learning Lab on Wednesday afternoon. The card, once full of signatures for the families of the terrorist attack victims, will possibly be sent to a disaster relief agency. JENNA HANSEN Staff Photographer

"If this helps only a handful of people," he said, "or just one firefighter, one police officer, or one wounded soul to feel better, to know this message of

support, we think it's all worth it."

For anyone interested in signing the card, the laboratory is located in 019 Foreign Language.

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The Student Government Association is sending buses to the UT game this weekend and we want you to be on them. Sign up in the SGA office in 230 University Center. Seats on the buses are first-come, first-serve. The fee is \$40, which pays for the game ticket. The ride is free. For questions call the SGA office at (806) 742-3631.

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Grants

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Tech Teaching, Learning and Technology Center managed the receipt of the funds. Anderson could not be reached for comment. In a written statement, he said the funds would help Tech to increase technology capabilities on campus.

"We are excited that Texas Tech University is receiving this grant," he said in the statement. "With this funding, we will be able to incorporate more modern technologies into the classroom and other areas throughout our institution. We want our students to have an edge by gaining anytime, anywhere, immediate access to information at their fingertips. This grant will help us take steps to achieve that goal."

Interim Chancellor Dr. David Smith said because the university must apply for these funds each year, the money must be spent wisely.

"I would personally like to see several things strengthened within the IT task force," Smith said.

Among those, Smith said he would like to see increased bandwidth and more integrated systems throughout campus. "It's important to talk across campus,"

Smith said. "From accounting to the Registrar's office, we can't have separate systems."

The TIF board awards grants to universities and colleges throughout the state. All two- and four-year institutions are eligible to apply for this non-competitive grant. This year, the board awarded about \$23.8 million to 199 institutions throughout the state.

Additionally, Smith said Tech should set aside funds for continual upgrades for systems and software.

"Priorities for me," Smith said, "are how can we make the systems more supportive of students and classrooms and of course, the faculty?"

As interim chancellor, he said he is committed to staying on the cutting-edge of information technology on the Tech campus.

"The vision down the road is leading to handheld wireless access to the classroom," Smith said. "These are the questions we have to think about."

Smith said the next step for Tech is to make long-term strategic plans in information technology.

"Just as we've seen large investments in facilities, we need to make similar investments in technology," Smith said. "This is a nice down-payment here today. The question is what broader questions do we need to look at?"

Tech libraries go Live! with grant

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

The Southwest Collection/Special Collections and University Libraries at Texas Tech have received an American Library Association Live! @ Your Library grant, enabling them to sponsor a new fall series titled "Losing Geography, Discovering Self."

The series begins today with "Heart-Work," an exhibit of poetry, available in regular text and Braille, written by visually impaired Tech students and the photography of Tech graduate, Roger Moore. There will be a reception from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the library and the exhibit will be on display there until December.

In November, there will be a poetry reading from Pattiann Rogers and a reading from novelist Scott Russell Sanders.

Diane Warner, project coordinator for Southwest Collections, said the grant was instrumental in bringing the speakers to Lubbock.

"The libraries have never had the funding to bring major writers here for a series," she said.

The library has had a fall and winter series for the past five years, she

one, featuring local writers, but never one that has featured nationally recognized writers.

Iron Horse Literary Review and the Lubbock City/Lounty Library also are providing funding for the series.

Communications Director Dawn Dockter said the grant is specifically designed to encourage community involvement.

"Right now, what is so unique about this grant is that it's bringing together the Iron Horse Literary Review and tying the whole community together," she said.

The grant helps in covering travel expenses that ordinarily wouldn't be in the budget, she said.

Warner said the libraries are trying to publicize the series to attract the entire community and not just students and faculty.

"We tend to live in an isolated area, geographically," she said. "We want to be able to offer different cultural activities for the community."

Warner said she hopes that this type of program will help develop further types of community-wide relationships so more programs can be produced for a wider variety of people.

Rogers, who will be reading Nov. 12, has manuscripts archived in the James



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer
LYN STOLL, A curator for the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library, stands next to a display for today's Heart-Work exhibit, which features poetry written by the blind.

Sowell Family Collection of Literature, Community and the Natural World in the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library at Tech.

Sanders, a teacher at the University of Indiana, will read from his work at 7 p.m. Nov. 14 at in the third floor Reception Room of the library.

Stocks

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1929. The Great Depression followed that crash and lasted for more than a decade.

Tech and oil stocks also are among those not performing well in the markets this week.

IBM and Sun Microsystems each experienced a 3 percent loss Wednesday. Many people are showing concerns that a crisis in the Middle East could hurt the U.S. oil supply. Some investors may expect oil to be in less of a demand if the economy goes in to recession. Valero Energy was down 77 cents to \$33.41.

Dr. Robert Ritchey, professor of finance at Tech, said the markets tend to get down when times are uncertain, but they will eventually go back up.

Delta Airlines gained 34 cents Wednesday to \$24.86 after announcing it will be

cutting 13,000 jobs. Delta was the last of the major U.S. carriers to announce job cuts. With most flights only one-third full, Delta had to cut their workforce by 15 percent. Overall, the United States airlines are going to cut as many as 93,000 jobs.

U.S. airlines are not the only airlines experiencing problems. Air Canada announced they will trim 5,000 jobs. British Airways, Swissair, Scandinavian Airlines and others will be forced to cut back their workforces as well.

Stocks that are doing well in this time of economic downturn are those that do not pose a threat to investors.

Pharmaceuticals and consumer goods are on the rise. Johnson & Johnson rose \$1.18 to \$54.12.

The European markets were up slightly Wednesday with the exception of Japan's Nikkei Stock, which dropped a half percent.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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ceived a D or F on a 34-question, high-school level American history test.

On the survey, 99 percent of those seniors identified "Beavis and Butt-head" as "television cartoon characters," but only 23 percent identified James Madison as the principal framer of the Constitution.

"It was obvious my generation does not have a good grasp of what this nation was founded on," Green said.

He said Texas law requires schools to teach American history in eighth grade, "but if you want someone to know something for the rest of their life, you teach it over and over again."

The designated week should provide that repetition, Green said.

Cheryl Wright, director of social studies for the Texas Education Agency's curriculum division, said the new law does not require schools to alter current curriculum.

"It is totally up to the districts how they participate in this program," Wright said.

That translates into assemblies, sing-alongs, parades and other group programs for many schools, particularly at the elementary level. Pupils at Smith Elementary in Spring wrote the Pledge of Allegiance on three-foot Uncle Sams they made, and Little Flower pupils in Dickinson wore red, white and blue to create a human American flag.

Patterson said pupils recite the Pledge of Allegiance at Rhoads Elementary every day, and she hoped it would be a little less routine now.

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activity that people have now," she said. "I think that schools should really rely on human mascots."

Rhodes said the main reason PETA objects to the use of live animals as mascots is because the animal is placed in a stressful environment without consenting to it first.

When Masked Rider Katie Carruth takes the field during a football game, Rhodes said, Carruth is a willing participant in the game who understands her role as the mascot. The horse, which is skittish by nature, is placed into a flamboyant atmosphere and expected to remain calm.

"It's like putting an infant out there and asking them to stay calm and not cry," she said.

Vice President for Student Affairs

Michael Shonrock said the university takes precautions with regard to its horses.

"We are not going to take any chances with our horse or the rider," he said. "We are currently even looking into ways that we can improve upon the system we have in place now to ensure the safety of them."

Shonrock said during the process of selecting a new horse, he has learned about the responsibilities that come with it.

Despite PETA's letter, Shonrock said Tech would pursue a new horse for its Masked Rider program. He said the program is still pursuing purchasing more than one horse for the job.

"My gut says that in light of what happened, it would be advantageous to have more than one horse," he said. "We are thinking of possibly purchasing one younger horse and another that is a little bit older."

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Proposed energy plan threatening

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LOREN BELL

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and you can see for 200.

There is something sublime about this expanse of openness: the building thunderstorms and the setting sun obscured only by our own inattentiveness.

The winds, unbridled, giving wing to the otherwise sessile earth; this is an empty landscape full of richness beyond compare.

Now, imagine a sky tainted brown above you, the once-fresh West Texas air choking your lungs with poisonous gasses, the endless horizon scarred by towering coal-burning power plants belching forth billowing clouds of noxious exhaust.

Travel in any direction and the scene is much the same: the wonton pollution of our air, water and soil by greedy energy conglomerates whose myopic site extends no further than the concerns of their bank statements.

Public lands, national monuments, forests and wild-lands across the country are pillaged by mining, drilling and energy speculation.

This is the vision of the future as outlined in the conservatives' plan to

combat the debated energy crisis and to pad our production needs in expectation of continuing military conflict.

Build more power plants, but do nothing to move toward utilizing current production in a cleaner and more efficient manner.

In a reactionary measure, our elected officials have been calling for the construction of 1,300 new power plants across the country.

If these were spread evenly throughout the entire United States landscape, every citizen would be within an average 37 miles of the nearest new coal-burning smog producer.

In the Texas Panhandle alone, we would see about 17 new industrial strength power plants pop up where the deer and the antelope once played.

In addition, this "master plan" would open up our public lands to new and more thorough exploration for fossil fuels. Even in this time of crisis, several Republican senators have made noises about capitalizing on the urgency of this situation by attaching riders to emergency military spending bills that would open up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for drilling.

Additionally, our conservative leaders would like to see extraction occurring in at least six of our National Monuments as well as countless national forests.

This land is our land — we should care how it is to be exploited from the inside as much as we care when it is attacked from out.

What the administration does not want you to know, for fear that it may impede progress, is that steps could be taken right now to decrease the number of new plants needed, even

without reducing energy demands through simple conservation measures.

For example, by increasing the energy efficiency standards that regulate current power plants, the smoggy figure of 1,300 new plants could be reduced by almost half to a slightly more reasonable 690. This does not even take into consideration the number of coal burning plants we could spare the Earth through the development of renewable energies such as wind, solar or geothermal power.

To hear the talk, you would think that coal was our only option, as even its cleaner burning cousin, natural gas, is all but ignored in the race to consume and pollute as quickly as possible.

However, a quick look at the figures reveals that coal is the worst method for the creation of power, possibly second in scope only to the devastating stranglehold hydroelectric dams have on our rivers.

Considering all of the electric utilities, coal burning is responsible for 88 percent of the carbon dioxide that is released into the atmosphere, 93 percent of the nitrogen oxide and 99 percent of all mercury.

In short, these potentially disas-

trous chemicals could be reduced dramatically if we stopped this endless cycle of tearing up our own backyards to sustain a continuously hungry and woefully outdated system of energy production.

Of course, this entire notion of an energy crisis could be avoided if people would take a few simple steps in their own lives to reduce consumption.

It is a simple law of supply and demand that is perpetuating this consumerism. A few conservative measures in each of our lives could all it takes to avoid the industrial

future some so happily anticipate. So, how about turning off those lights, that television, your computer or your air conditioner, and going outside for a walk.

Enjoy the endless stretches of clear blue sky and the comfort it provides — for these days of clean air may already

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Raider Express is a lot of fun and something we are really proud of. I want to encourage everyone to come and support our Red Raiders, have a good time and really raise Tech spirit.

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President
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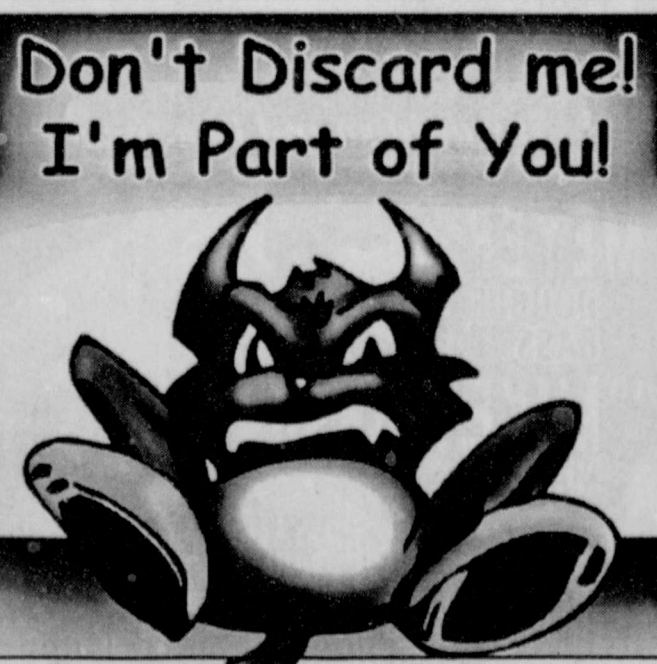
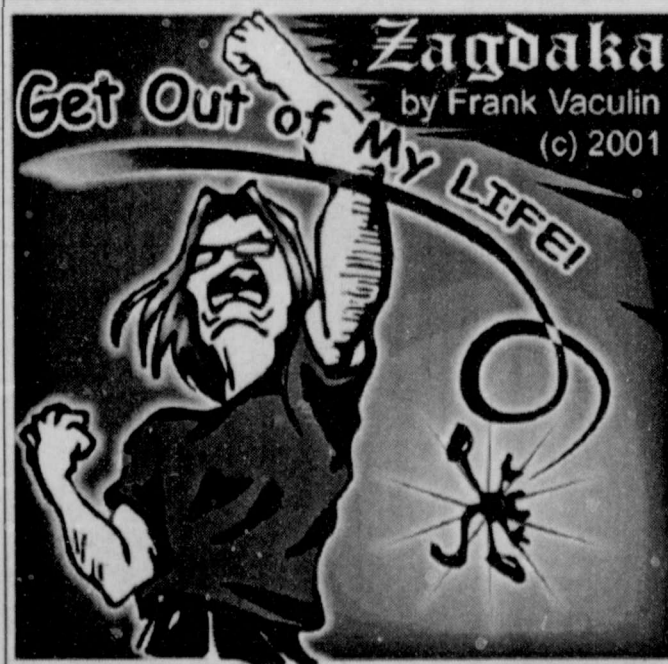
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Students learn the ropes at Tech

By Damion Davis/Staff Reporter

Fear is not only a prime time television show, it is also an emotion that is felt by many Americans.

The Texas Tech ropes course is an activity that takes people to heights and forces them to jump off.

Jason Caffey, a senior ESS major from Stanton said a lot of businesses take their people out there to learn how to work together and communicate better as a team.

"It's all about teamwork," he said. "Groups come out and do a lot of problem-solving and conquer some of the fears that they have out here. In the long run, they are learning communication skills that will help them be better business people."

Fear is the main thing that goes through people's minds when they reach the course.

Justin Ritter, a senior math major from Groom, has been working on the course for one year.

He said that the main thing to remember about the whole thing is that nothing is going to happen to you.

"We have a rope that holds 5,500 pounds. The main thing is getting to climb and getting off of the ground. Also, getting to interact with people is a good part too," he said.

Wednesday, the marketing department of Sprint and Alamosa PCS were using the course.

Employees came from as far away as Oregon to participate in this event.

JUSTIN RITTER, A senior math major from Groom, eases down Michele Meeks, a Tech alumna, during a session on the ropes course behind the Texas Tech track stadium.



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

Andre Howard, Tech alumnus from Lubbock, said this was a volunteer thing for him and he was glad he participated in it.

"I think that this works on team building for our marketing team. It is important that we participate in things like this," he said.

The course is used by many businesses Ricketts, the extras casting director for the Universal Studios film.

Curtis Hanson, who directed "L.A. Confidential" and "Wonder Boys," will oversee the project.

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McClendon thanks God, credits team for success

By Phil Riddle/Staff Reporter

Seeing Texas Tech jersey No. 6 race down the field for a touchdown has been a relatively common occurrence this season.

With that being the case, it should come as no surprise that Paul McClendon was named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week on Monday.

McClendon shares the team lead in scoring, having hit pay dirt three times. That's not quite so difficult for a run-

ning back or a wide receiver or even a tight end. But McClendon is a defensive back. A defensive back that is getting a lot of attention for his play in the Raiders' first two games.

The 5-foot-10-inch, 188-pound senior free safety picked up a fumble in the season opener against New Mexico and rambled 54 yards for a score. Then, against North Texas two weeks later, he gathered up a first-period fumble for a 6-yard TD, then picked off a pass in the third quarter and returned in 50 yards for six points.

"I've enjoyed these couple of weeks," the Stamford native said. "Things have been going well for the defense and I'm making plays, so I'm excited."

McClendon plays down the fact that any special talent has been involved in his grabbing of three turnovers.

"Anybody can make those plays," he said. "That's the way this defense is. They run the ball to the right, somebody's going to be there to strip the ball, then somebody's going to be there for the turnover. That's just kind

of our team's attitude, we're just there to make big plays."

Not that he sees his being in the right place at the right time as an accident.

"God has really been blessing me lately," he said. "That's just part of my Christian walk and part of my game. I want to give God all the glory. If you look at each play, I really didn't do anything spectacular."

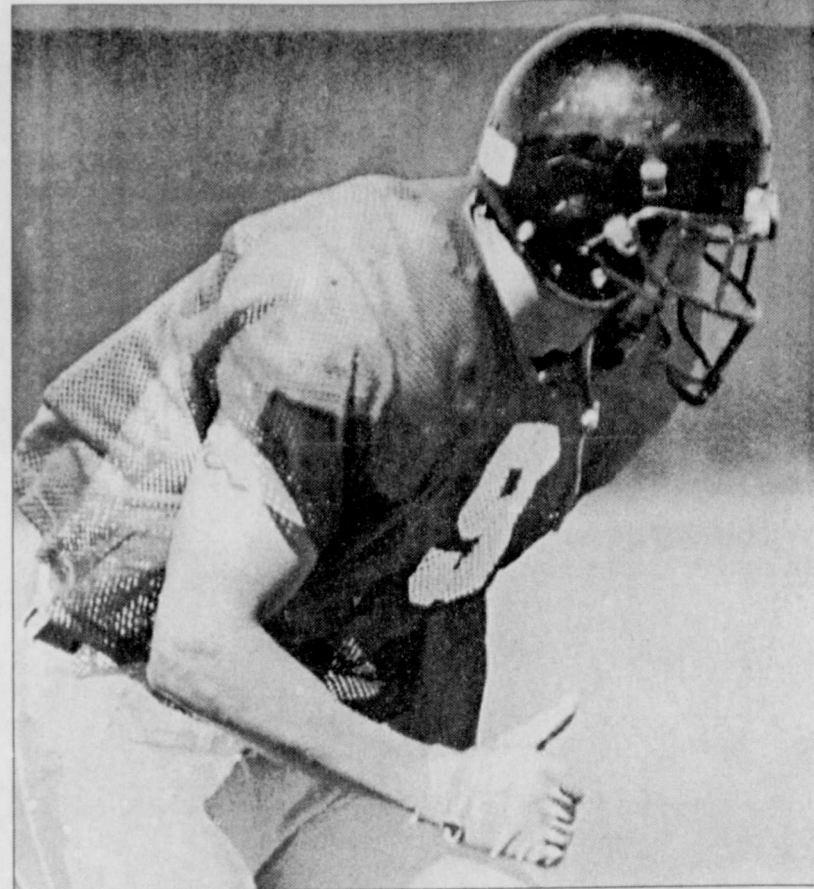
Tech head coach Mike Leach speaks highly of McClendon's ever-improving attitude, as well as his first two games of the 2001 season.

"His intensity level has just increased since I've been here," Leach said. "In the last two weeks he has made three great plays. His other work is good, too. In addition to that, he's a real good student of the game."

McClendon's teammates point toward his work ethic when discussing his success this season.

"He's always been a guy that works hard in practice," said defensive co-captain Kevin Curtis. "He's getting praise for it now. He's always doing the right thing. I'm glad to see all his hard work paying off for him."

McClendon's 18 points is tied with senior running back Ricky Williams for the most on the team in scoring, a heady position for a defensive player.



JAMIE TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer
TEXAS TECH'S PAUL McClendon works out in practice Monday. He has three touchdowns this season that are all on defense. Tech faces Texas at 6 p.m. Saturday in Austin.

Red Raiders add 11th game

Texas Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers said Monday that the Red Raider football team has reached an agreement to play Stephen F. Austin State University Nov. 24 at Jones SBC Stadium.

The game will replace the contest with Texas-El Paso that was cancelled after the two teams could not reach an agreement to reschedule following the attacks on the East Coast.

The game against the Division I-AA Lumberjacks will be the first meeting between the schools on the gridiron.

"That's been a pretty remarkable thing," McClendon said. "I never thought that would happen from a defensive standpoint or from a personal standpoint."

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