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## Schmidly outlines campus strategic plans

TEXAS TECH PRESIDENT David Schmidly talks to Tech faculty members Monday afternoon during a town hall meeting to discuss strategic planning issues concerning the university. CRAIG SWANSON Staff Photographer



**STRATEGY SESSION:** The Texas Tech president hopes the process will create and maintain accountability.

By Melissa Guest/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech President David Schmidly presented the university's strategic plan in a town hall meeting Monday.

The five-year plan outlines Tech's goals, objectives and strategies. Schmidly said the goal of the meeting is to receive input from all constituents before the plan is finalized.

The current draft outlines nine goals, which contain specific objectives to be met in accom-

plishing these goals.

"There is a method to this madness," he said. "Every one of the goals should reflect ways we can better the institution. The objectives are how we achieve those goals and the idea is then to measure it."

Perhaps the most important and most unique aspect of this plan, Schmidly said, is creating and maintaining accountability throughout the university.

"We're either in neutral, going forward or going backward," he said. "Neutral and backward, I'm not interested in."

In addition to the strategic plan, Schmidly detailed a quality-based and productivity-based ledger system, which outlines a basic approach to performance assessment for the university and for the academic and support areas. According to the ledger system, each academic and support

area would develop a ledger consisting of benchmarks that will best measure the productivity and quality of the area.

Faculty Senate President Mark Giaccardo said the faculty has concerns regarding this system.

"It's a new way of judging faculty and departments," Giaccardo said. "We're talking about issues of self-sufficiency."

Giaccardo said the plan would allow the faculty and departments to raise money for their areas through the capital campaign, through grants and contracts or through increased enrollment, which provides state money for increased student loads.

"What the faculty concerns are with the capital campaign is that there is an indication that all the easy money has been gotten over the last

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## Lab examination uncovers anthrax in senator's mail

**A SCARE IN THE SENATE:** An office is quarantined and mail to the facility is temporarily halted for investigation.

By Alan Fram/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A piece of mail sent to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle tested positive for anthrax on Monday as the bioterrorism scare that has raised anxiety across the country reached the halls of Congress.

The letter, which contained a powdery substance, was dispatched to an Army medical research facility at Fort Detrick, Md., for further examination after a pair of preliminary tests in Daschle's office came back positive, said Capitol Police Lt. Dan Nichols.

The Fort Detrick findings wouldn't be available until Tuesday, officials said.

President Bush, disclosing the letter to Daschle's office, told reporters "there may be some possible link" between the spate of anthrax incidents across the country and Osama bin Laden, whom administration officials say was behind the Sept. 11 airline hijack attacks.

"I wouldn't put it past him, but we don't have any hard evidence," Bush said.

Daschle was in the Capitol and was not exposed to the letter, which was opened in his other office a block away in the Hart Senate Office Building. Aides who may have been exposed to the letter were tested and being treated with the antibiotic Cipro as a precaution, said Dr. John Eisold, attending physician in the Capitol.

"They are innocent people caught up in a matter for which they have nothing to do," a somber-looking Daschle, D-S.D., told reporters at a news conference outside the Capitol. "I am very, very disappointed and angered."

Nichols said a criminal investigation was under way. The Daschle letter — and similar scares in other congressional offices — prompted a halt to all mail deliveries in the Capitol and raised the angst there. Many lawmakers, aides and other employees already were nervous about working in a building that could be a high-profile target for terrorists.

In Trenton, N.J., Postal Inspector Tony Esposito and FBI officials said the letter to Daschle was postmarked in Trenton on Sept. 18, the same date and postmark on a letter that infected an NBC employee in New York last week.

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## A Mascot's Mystique

After 30 years in existence, Raider Red's tradition stands tall in many Techs' eyes

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech mascot Raider Red has been entertaining Tech fans, alumni, students and the Lubbock community for 30 years.

The tradition began in 1971, when Jim Gaspard, a Saddle Tramp, created Raider Red from a drawing done by Dirk West, a late Lubbock cartoonist. West's drawing was an alternative to the Masked Rider, whose horse is not able to travel with the football team to out-of-town games.

The Southwest Conference, which Tech was a part of at the time, had a rule prohibiting live animal mascots traveling with their football teams to out-of-town games unless the host team had no objections.

J.H., who is the 54th Raider Red in Tech's history, said the tradition of Raider Red consists of two aspects: he must be a Saddle Tramp, and his identity is always kept a secret from the Tech community.

"I think I'm the biggest Tech fan in the world," said J.H., a senior telecommunications major from Dallas.

Even though J.H. was not a high school mascot, he said his passion for Tech led him to try out for the position of Raider Red.

Bill Dean, sponsor of the Saddle Tramps, said J.H. has done a great job as Raider Red.

"First of all, he is very enthusiastic and entertaining," he said. "He is a great representative for Texas Tech."

Not only has J.H. been great to work with, Dean said, but also he has good judgment and has been great on making appearances.

J.H. said he has made more than 100 appearances as Raider Red this year.

"People think that Raider Red just skips around and shoots his guns," he said, "but it is so much more than that."

Former Raider Red Derrick Redmon knows how much time it takes to be Raider Red.

Raider Red not only entertains Tech fans at home and away football games, but also at basketball, baseball

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THE RAIDER RED tradition began in 1971, when Saddle Tramp Jim Gaspard created the character from a drawing done by Dirk West, a late Lubbock cartoonist. Thirty years after the tradition began, Raider Red has possessed 54 identities, all of which are kept a secret from the Texas Tech community.

## Sigma Chi does not possess student group status

**INVESTIGATION INTERFERENCE:** Officials cannot punish the group for fighting since it is not registered.

By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's investigation into a recent fraternity fight became more involved this week as the officials discovered one of the organizations officially is not registered with the university.

During the process of looking into an Oct. 5 altercation between the Kappa Sigma and Sigma Chi fraternities, university officials discovered members of Sigma Chi had not completed their application to receive student organization status.

"There are certain privileges that are associated with

being a registered student organization," said Michael Shonrock, vice president for Student Affairs. "If they are not a registered student organization, they should not be operating under the name of a student organization, either."

Patrice Toole-Williams, a clerical specialist at the student activities office, said the reason Sigma Chi had not obtained student organization status is because some paperwork had not been completed with their application.

"When student organizations register each year, we assume they have a new president, treasurer and adviser," she said. "Sigma Chi probably has an adviser, they just haven't notified us who it is."

Once the application is completed, Toole-Williams said, the application process to obtain student organiza-



tion status can be completed in a couple of days.

Don Voogd, associate director of chapter development at Sigma Chi International, said the national chapter was not aware of the Tech chapter's lack of student organization status. He said it was something the national chapter would look into when representatives visited the campus later this week to investigate the incident.

"We are sending a representative to Tech later this week to investigate the situation concerning the altercation," Voogd said. "We want to make sure the university is looking into this and want to compile information for our files."

The non-registered status also could affect the way the university conducts its investigation into the fraternity fight in which the group was involved. According to the Student Affairs handbook, one preliminary step taken by the university during an investigation is to temporarily suspend a group's student organization status. In the event a

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## Library hires new dean

By Jeff Stoughton/Staff Reporter

John Burns, Texas Tech provost, has selected a new dean of libraries for the university.

Donald Dyal, who currently serves as Texas A&M's associate dean of libraries, will take over the position at Tech in early December.

Dyal has served A&M for 28 years and said he was well aware of Tech's library and its programs before accepting the position. He said he learned Tech was searching for a new dean of libraries. He applied for the position and was selected as one of two candidates Burns interviewed.

Burns said he selected Dyal based on his strong leadership abilities and his background in issues facing academic libraries.

"Dr. Dyal was clearly the kind of person I'd want to put in the library," he said.

Some of the library's goals, Burns said, are the increasing amount of electronic resources available and the new methods of accessing information. He said Dyal's strong technical abilities made him an excellent

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## SHIRTING THE ISSUE



TOM JOHNSON, A senior music major from Lubbock, looks at T-shirts on display in the University Center Courtyard on Monday. The shirts contained messages about domestic violence.

DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

### POLICE BLOTTER

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



#### Criminal mischief

Between Oct. 5 and Oct. 14, Texas Tech police responded to nine separate incidents in which one of the mechanical parking control gates located at the entrances to the Z4-R residence hall parking lot near Coleman Residence Hall and the

Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Complex was damaged.

Windows in the fire escape room on the third floor of Bledsoe Residence Hall were broken Oct. 10.

Three vehicles parked in the Z4-R residence hall parking lot were damaged Oct. 13. In all three instances, one or more of the vehicles' tires were cut, including the plastic roof covering of one vehicle.

#### Aggravated assault

A female Texas Tech student in Wall Residence Hall reported to police she received scratches from a male student Oct. 13.

#### Public intoxication

Four Texas Tech students and one non-student were arrested on campus Oct. 6 for public intoxication. Three of the arrests were made at Jones SBC Stadium and two arrests were made in the Z3-K residence

hall parking lot near the Wall/Gates and Hulen/Clement residence complexes.

#### Medical emergency

The bracket supporting the stands in the band section of Jones SBC Stadium broke Oct. 6, causing a Texas Tech student to fall and strike her nose. The student was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

A non-student backed into and struck his head on a tree at the 900 block of University Avenue on Oct. 13 while trying to catch a ball. He was taken to the University Medical Center emergency room for treatment.

#### Arson

Ceiling tiles in the elevator lobby on the fourth floor of Clement Residence Hall were ignited and damaged Oct. 7.

## Rumsfeld says U.S. finding more targets

### Strikes against Taliban enter ninth day

WASHINGTON (AP) — As U.S.-led forces waged a ninth day of bombing in Afghanistan, the Pentagon said Monday it continued to find new terrorist and Taliban targets to strike. It also said a new leaflet campaign is aimed at convincing the Afghan people the strikes are meant to help them.

"We're working to make clear to the Afghan people that we support them and we want to help free their nation from the grip of the Taliban and their foreign terrorist allies," Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld told a Pentagon news conference. The Taliban are "accomplished liars," he said regarding their claims that the bombings have killed hundreds of civilians.

Rumsfeld spoke after American warplanes launched the biggest daylight attacks so far over Afghanistan, then followed them up with night raids.

The USS Theodore Roosevelt joined three aircraft carriers already in the region, the Navy confirmed Monday.

Air crews for the first time Sunday added leaflets — in the local languages of Pashtu and Dari — to the drops already being made of humanitarian food packets for the Afghan population, said Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, who appeared with Rumsfeld.

One leaflet shows a Western soldier in camouflage and helmet shaking hands with a man in traditional Afghan dress in front of a mountain scene.

"The partnership of nations is here to assist the people of Afghanistan," the leaflet said.

Another depicts a radio transmitting tower and sketches of radios and tells times and radio stations to tune to for what it calls "Information Radio." The broadcasts started earlier, but leaflets telling people to listen were delayed because

of windy conditions last week, a Pentagon official said.

Over the weekend, more than 68,000-plus ration packets were dropped, bringing the total to 275,000 since the effort began.

"This is bringing needed food to hungry Afghan people, as well as a message of friendship from the American people," Rumsfeld said.

"Many, if not most Afghans, I believe, want little or nothing to do with the Taliban, who have turned their nation into a base from which foreign terrorists wage war on the rest of the world, while they starve or are displaced," he said.

Bombing targets were being expanded on a day-by-day basis as military planners cross some off the list and add others, Rumsfeld said.

"The target (plan) that existed at the outset has been significantly enhanced by additional information from the ground," he said. "As a result, the number of targets that are available have continued to be roughly the number that they were the day before."

Rumsfeld took issue with Taliban government reports that U.S. bombing has killed hundreds of civilians, saying "some of the numbers (claimed) are ridiculous" and the "Taliban leadership and al-Qaida are accomplished liars."

The Taliban have said some 200 people died when the village of Karam was bombed last week.

Without giving a number, Rumsfeld acknowledged some Afghan civilians have been unintended casualties of the strikes. "I don't think there is any way to avoid that" in a war, he said.

Myers said U.S. and British strikes hit 17 targets Saturday, including al-Qaida terrorist training camps, airfields, air defense forces and command-and-control facilities.

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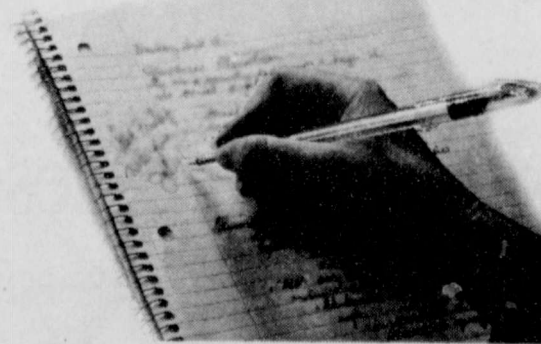
## TECH NOTES

The Society of Professional Journalists will have a meeting at 5:15 p.m. today in 223 Mass Communications. Scheduled speakers are Hank Murphy from the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and Carrie Zamora from CBS news Channel 13. All interested students are welcome to attend.

Order of Omega will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Pi Beta Phi lodge, located at 17 Greek Circle. For more information, call Kyleigh Merritt at (806) 771-1397.

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# Anthrax

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Officials also were testing a female mail carrier and a male maintenance worker in Trenton who reported possible symptoms of anthrax, Esposito said.

Elsewhere Monday:  
 ■ Postal inspectors said some anthrax spores were found in the Boca Raton, Fla., post office that handled mail for American Media Inc., the tabloid publisher that lost a photo editor to anthrax.

■ Planned Parenthood clinics and offices received 90 envelopes with a powdery white substance inside. The envelopes were sent from five states. By late Monday, two of the letters had tested negative for anthrax.

■ In Ottawa, part of Canada's federal legislature buildings were shut down after a worker opened an envelope con-

taining powder and developed a rash. Officials said the powder was being tested.

The letter to Daschle's office was only one of several anthrax scares Monday at the Capitol. Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, said his aides reported a suspicious letter and were told by Capitol Police that their report was the 12th of the day.

Aides to House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., were quarantined in their Capitol suite for about 30 minutes as officers examined and removed a letter that had an international postmark and no return address. The aides said they were told the letter was not dangerous.

"I think it's safe to say everybody has a more heightened concern about these things now," said Elizabeth Stanley, spokeswoman for Rep. Elizabeth Stanley, D-N.Y., whose office received a stained envelope that police examined and found safe.

Daschle said about 40 people were in his office when the letter was opened. It was initially unclear how many may have been exposed and were being treated. The senator said his office was being quarantined while officials awaited test results, and it would be closed for several days while it is cleaned.

The preliminary test, which looks for genetic markers, has a high rate of false positives. One federal official cautioned that further testing is needed to confirm the letter included anthrax.

Staff members of Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., were tested for anthrax as a precaution because they work next door to Daschle's office. All tested negative, an aide said.

Amid the activity, the Senate convened as scheduled Monday afternoon. "This Senate and this institution will not stop," Daschle said on the chamber's floor. "We will not cease our business." But it was far from business as usual.

Congressional security officials asked all lawmakers' offices to immediately stop opening mail and let postal workers take it back for further screening.

"Even though all mail is undergoing additional security screening, please pay attention to all mail delivered to your office, particularly heavily taped mail," Rep. Martin Frost of Texas, a House Democratic leader, wrote in an e-mail to colleagues.

Last week, Senate Sergeant at Arms Alfonso Lenhardt instituted new procedures to check all incoming mail "for potentially harmful agents," a memo said. All mail is already X-rayed.

The memo also urged aides to look for suspicious signs while handling mail, including handwritten addresses, oily stains and rigid envelopes.

The Hart building's ventilation system was turned off for a while, possibly as a precaution, but was back on by mid-afternoon.

# Dean

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candidate for the position, adding Dyal's academic credentials were impressive.

"He's quite a scholar," Burns said. Dyal said he likes West Texas and Lubbock, in particular. He said he appreciates the friendly attitudes of the people and that Lubbock is a well-planned city.

"It took me about two hours to figure out the layout," he said.

Dyal said there are two goals he plans to achieve as dean of Tech's libraries. He plans to increase the library's funding, and will attempt to increase the national prestige of the university.

He said increasing funding would be an important part of his duties at Tech. "The library is a lot like plumbing,"

he said. "A lot of people appreciate plumbing, but they don't realize why you would need more plumbing, or better plumbing." He said the library functions in the same manner a laboratory would for science classes.

"The library is actually a lab for history, English and other fine arts," he said. Dyal said he plans to increase the national prestige of the library, which would contribute to Tech's notoriety as well.

"There are no top 10 universities that don't have top 10 libraries," he said, emphasizing the importance of a university library.

"In a nutshell, we're raising the value of the diplomas Tech is handing out," he said.

Dyal will replace former Dean of Libraries E. Dale Cluff, who served Tech for 19 years. Cluff secured for the \$17.5-million renovations to the library, as well as several oral history programs and special collections.

# Planning

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five years," he said. "The hard money is now over the next five years. It's substantially going to be harder over the next five years."

Additionally, Giacardo said some departments would have trouble getting grants or contracts simply because of the nature of study. Lastly, he said, increasing student loads poses another problem of overcrowding.

"Increasing student loads would mean a little less personal contact," Giacardo said, "which is one of the reasons faculty got into teaching in the first place is to

be a mentor, to have personal contact."

Schmidly said the university is taking into account overgrowth with its enrollment goal, trying to reach 27,000 over the next five years. At an increase of nearly 2,000 students, Schmidly said, it might not be wise to try to go higher.

"Personally, I would love to see us grow to 30,000, but if we could not provide the infrastructure, would that be a service to our students?" he said. "There's a number of things with the growth issue that could really damage quality."

Another initiative the university is undertaking is to integrate marketing throughout the university. A marketing committee will meet next week to begin this national initiative.

Another way to promote the university, Schmidly said, is to further integrate the athletics programs with the academic programs of the university.

"We need to reorganize to bring it more inside the institution, so it's not marketed separate from Texas Tech, but part of the overall story of Texas Tech," Schmidly said.

Currently, he said, student athletes and the athletics programs are treated as an appendage, separate from the university. The strength of the programs, however, could have tremendous positive influence on the university, Schmidly said.

"If we truly do what I believe is fundamental to success, which is the integration of athletics back into the in-

stitution, I think we could make more money and have less reliance on the institutional budget."

Another town hall meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in the auditorium at the International Cultural Center. The meetings are open for comments, questions and concerns, Schmidly said.

"There needs to be a pretty strong consensus around campus that we have expressed our vision, mission and goals in accordance, in a way that we can all work to better the university."

Mission and vision statements will go before the Board of Regents for approval in November. The university strategic plan will be finalized and go before the board in December.

# Frat

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group is found culpable, the status can be revoked permanently.

"While we may not be able to suspend their organizational status if they are found to have some fault in this incident," Shonrock said, "we can still suspend their ability to become a student organization."

Ethan Logan, director of Judicial Affairs, said if members of the fraternity are found to have some fault in the incident, the students involved are still under the jurisdiction of the university, which would allow some form of individual punishment to be handed down.

"First and foremost, these indi-

viduals are students of this university," he said.

Some privileges granted to a student organization include using the facilities of the university for organization's functions as well as being able to participate in intramurals and other university-sponsored events. Sigma Chi was scheduled to enter a float in the Homecoming parade as of Oct. 5, despite not registered.

"I asked them not to participate in the parade," Logan said. "Their float was placed two or three weeks back from the Kappa Sigma float, so we didn't think it would be appropriate."

Toole-Williams said the reason the fraternity was able to participate in Rush this fall was because it was granted an exemption on the condition members would complete the application.

# ABC News employee's child tests positive for anthrax bacteria

WASHINGTON (AP) — A child of an ABC News employee has been tested positive for anthrax, two officials said Monday.

The officials, both familiar with the investigation, said the child is being treated with antibiotics and is expected to recover. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

The anthrax diagnosed in the child is the type that is absorbed through cuts or scratches in the skin, not the more dan-

gerous inhaled variety, the sources said.

The child had recently visited the ABC newsroom in New York, probably on Sept. 28, the source said.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and police officials were at ABC News on Monday evening, officials said.

Separately, police are investigating a letter that infected an NBC employee in New York last week.

The child's condition became pub-

lic shortly after Florida health officials said

a second employee of a supermarket tab-

loid in the state has the inhaled form of anthrax.

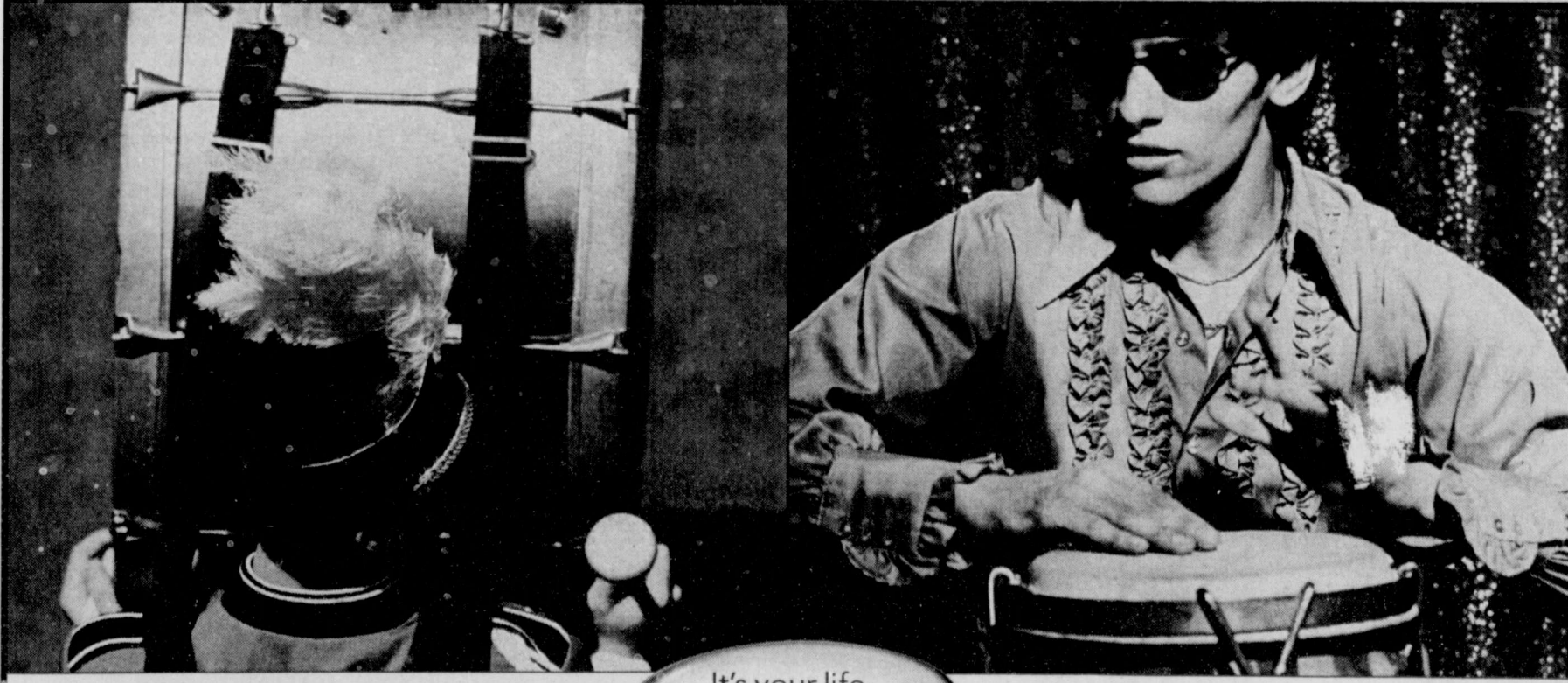
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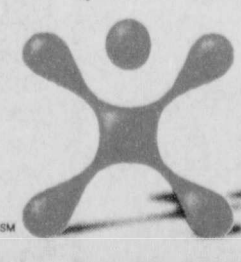
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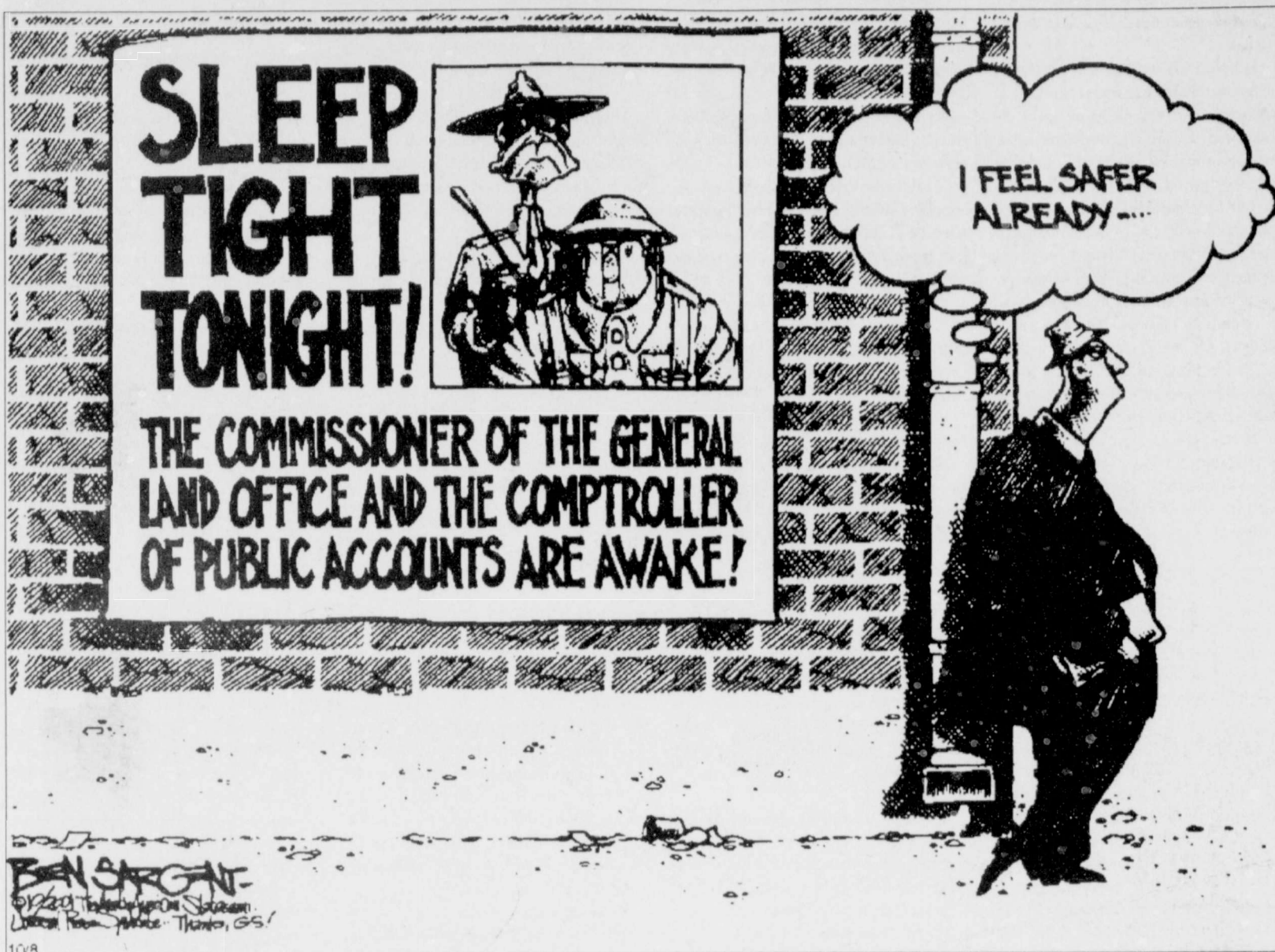
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# Anthrax panic egged on by media

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BRENDAN HEADD

Are you scared yet? The major news networks really went out of their way this past week to convince Americans they are going to die of anthrax. Within a few minutes of the

reported anthrax case in Florida, the media was already interviewing "experts" and bio-terrorism consultants in a concerted effort to scare, I mean inform, the public.

The media liberally tossed around death tolls that might be caused by an anthrax attack as fact when in actuality, these figures are nothing more than hypothetical estimates based upon mathematical assumptions, not reality.

For example, assuming there are 100 billion anthrax spores per gram and assuming it takes an infective dose of 10,000 spores to induce pulmonary anthrax, simple division yields there are 10 million lethal doses of anthrax per gram of spores. Now, the news networks can't just leave it there; otherwise people would change the channel (ratings have shown if they can scare the public, the public will watch). So the networks hire consultants or "experts" to extrapolate this number to mean 10 million people dying of anthrax for every gram of spores released in an attack (which, incidentally, is impossible). Unfortunately, there are no cities in America with a population of 10 million people (yes,

there are metro areas, but you have to think ratings here), so the "experts" have to devise a grand scenario in which 10 million Americans can die.

My, oh my, what's an "expert" to do? Well most have creatively decided to add up the populations of major cities to get 10 million people. So a gram of anthrax spores released in Washington D.C. is suddenly endowed with the ability to wipe out Baltimore, Philadelphia, and part of New York City. Noticeably absent from many of the "experts'" scenarios was a mechanism by which a gram of anthrax spores could travel in bulk from one major metropolitan area to another, but technicalities always ruin news reports where the conclusions are written before the facts are known.

The news outlets aren't interested in the facts of an anthrax or bio-terrorism attack because the facts suggest it is highly unlikely and very difficult to pull off (the Japanese cult Aum Shinrikyo attempted to release anthrax spores numerous times unsuccessfully). History is full of failed bio-terrorism attacks and accidents with lethal agents in which the supposed deadly realities of biological agents never lived up to their damning potentials. This of course is good, but it doesn't make for a very interesting news story (no opportunity for a follow-up story on a slow news day).

So what does history tell us about unnatural anthrax outbreaks?

In the spring of 1979 in Sverdlovsk, U.S.S.R., an industrial city of 1.2 million people, approximately one gram of anthrax spores "escaped" from a bio-warfare facility and followed the prevailing winds through the southern portion of the city and out into the countryside. Of the city's 1.2 million

residents, only about 100 ever developed anthrax and of these only 68 people died. The entire city was not wiped out, nor were any neighborhoods. All of the cases of anthrax occurred in a highly localized and narrow zone of the city, so only a small portion of the city was ever at risk. While 68 deaths are by no means inconsequential, they are a far cry from the Armageddon commonly predicted and when compared to other causes of death (natural and unnatural), they are exceedingly rare.

The Russian outbreak was also manufactured in a facility where scientists, not terrorists, were developing biological weapons. Biological warfare, contrary to popular reports in the media, requires an advanced knowledge of microbiology (as well as the appropriate biological equipment) that your average terrorist is highly unlikely to obtain or even know how to employ properly. Furthermore, for a bio-terrorism attack to truly be deadly, the initial release of the biological agent has to go unnoticed; thus, crop dusting metropolitan areas or breaking open jars of anthrax spores on crowded subway platforms are not effective means of dispersal.

Of course, one advantage the citizens of Sverdlovsk had in the spring of 1979 was most never knew an

outbreak of anthrax was occurring. This prevented fear from gripping the city and the medical facilities from being overrun with worried citizens who were never at risk. Thus, those who were really suffering from anthrax were actually able to receive treatment.

In the unlikely event that a large scale bio-terrorism attack occurs with anthrax in this country, it will most likely resemble what occurred in Sverdlovsk; highly localized and relatively easy to identify and manage. But the media has whipped up so much fear among the

American public that people who are never at risk will needlessly rush to medical facilities seeking treatment and overwhelm the medical community. What will kill most Americans in a biological

attack won't be the biological agent, but irrational behavior brought on by an inflated fear created by the ratings-driven media.

*History is full of failed bio-terrorist attacks and accidents with lethal agents in which the supposed deadly realities of biological agents never lived up to their damning potentials.*

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EDITORIAL

## Fans' actions appalling

To the editor: I write this to express my concern over student behavior at Texas Tech athletic events, with specific reference to football games. I have been attending Tech home games since I was a little kid and as a student since 1995, believe me, I never thought I'd be the one to say this, but sportsmanship, class and game savvy are all lacking in a big way from our student body.

I had the pleasure of attending the Midnight Madness basketball event at the United Spirit Arena Friday before the Kansas State game. One of the best things I have heard in a long time from a coach here at Tech came when coach Bob Knight asked our students to make the United Spirit Arena one of the most exciting yet respectful venues in America for college basketball.

Good teams would be plenty of good heads and good players coming through the arena that didn't have a Texas Tech jersey on and we should afford them the same respect we would hope our players receive on the road.

Several years ago I went to the Tech - Nebraska football game in Lincoln and, for whatever reason, our band was unable to make the trip. Not only did their fans not boo us as we came onto the field, but their band had learned, and performed our fight song for us!

I'm not asking for our band to do that, but I think boeing the opposing team is just embarrassing and junior high. My parents also said they saw numerous incidents of students taunting Kansas State parents and fans as they left the stadium, shouting insults that only proved their own ignorance and lack of class.

I think students should have fun at the games and nobody is saying that we have to pull for our opponents. I am extremely happy to see the tortilla tossing back in full effect and the louder we are during the game, the better. But our programs are trying to establish respect at the national level and this type of pre- and post-game behavior doesn't help.

Texas Tech is on trial every time someone from another school walks on

campus and if we want to avoid being the ugly stepchild of the Big 12, we should start to act like we have been in the winner's circle before.

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Class of 1999*

## Gilbreth, Harris nice change from UD norm

To the editor: I would like to commend the wholesome and talented writing styles displayed every week by Katie Harris and Kristen Gilbreth. These two young women display a maturity in their writings everyone at The UD could take lessons from.

Harris' weekly editorials are always well-written, intelligent articles that are usually of notable importance to society. The conservative attitude conveyed in her writing is a nice change from the liberal ideas that have filled The UD opinions page in the past. It's nice to know that there are

intelligent conservative people within the Texas Tech media.

Although I don't always agree with all of Gilbreth's opinions, I know that they are always well researched and intelligently written. This, too, is a nice change from other editorials in The UD that seem to be written without much thought or regard for factual information. I look forward reading The UD on Tuesday and Thursday when these young women grace The UD and Texas Tech with their columns.

It's good to know there are students at our university getting an education with their time and money. Harris and Gilbreth are great examples; I always feel better about our university, our university paper, and sometimes even feel a little smarter myself after reading their columns. Keep up the good work!

*John Foster  
senior  
mechanical engineering.*

# Singledom has its privileges

COLUMN



DALLAS GRANT

I see discrimination in this world everyday. For the greater part of my life I haven't been subjected to it, but lately I've experienced it first-hand. No longer am I one of the discriminators who blindly casts unfair

stereotypes. Now I am one of the "discriminatees", and I don't like it!

The discrimination of which I speak is inflicted on single people. That's right, we are American society's new red-headed step-children. Singles are discriminated against and stepped on everyday, and I will not stand for it any longer.

I've had girlfriends for most of my dating years, so I can understand the appeal of a long-term commitment. Now that I'm single, I realize I was blind to the plight of the single person.

Everyday, I see single people staggering under the weight of the "single" stigma. Who can blame them? We carry a heavy load. We are not allowed the same rights as those who tote around their boyfriend or girlfriend like appendages. In our society, it is desirable and expected to have a long-term plan in a boyfriend or girlfriend.

This is a call to all singles to stand your ground; after all, isn't college the best place to be single? I used to think so; however, lately I find myself constantly ousted because of my relationship status. Someone will ask if I would like to go to dinner. Sure, I say, only to show up and be the only person without a date. I didn't know we were all bringing our life partners. Sorry.

Those who were blind, like me, cannot appreciate our situation.

There is one day that is the pinnacle of single discrimination — Valentine's Day.

Have you ever been single on this unholy day? While everyone celebrates their love, singles are left trying to celebrate being single. It never quite works out. The most that can come out of a Valentine's Day party for singles is the opportunity to be married for a night, and it's all a little pathetic.

I know the day is just a big ploy to get couples to buy candy and flowers, but it does much more than that. While couples are confessing their love in poetry, singles are walking the streets, begging for someone to date.

Why should we feel bad about not having a boyfriend or girlfriend? Let's proclaim a National Singles Day. We will celebrate our singleness by flaunting our freedom. No longer will we look on, full of sorrow, as happy couples cause us to vomit. No, on this day, all those who are "involved" will look at us and finally notice the shackles they wear.

Too many college students are resigned to relationships just to avoid the single status.

What about those who choose to be single for a lifetime? I think there may be something in this revolutionary idea of being a lifetime single.

Let's weigh the benefits and consequences.

A single person is ultimately free to make his or her own decisions. A married or committed person enjoys no such freedom.

Single folk are able to travel with no regard to babysitters or the plans of a significant other; the committed are not. Most importantly, singles are able to enjoy solitude, consisting of more than a desperately needed hiatus from one nagging spouse.

So, if we assume single people have the freedom to travel, enjoy themselves, and act without marital restraint, why are we discriminated against? Do I sense a little singleness envy? I think I do.

The shackled masses long for the days when they could pick up on a whim and travel across the state on a drunken wild escapade. Never again will the "involved" person have freedoms, except the freedom to badger and continually abuse the single person.

Single brothers and sisters, do not despair. Hold your heads high, and be proud to be single.

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# Only Willis and Thornton could make 'Bandits' work

MOVIE REVIEW



JAMES EPPLER

We've all seen comedies about bank robbers. It's hardly a new genre. In fact, there's not even much that's truly original about Barry Levinson's "Bandits."

Two guys burst out of prison, start robbing banks and become international stars in the process.

But it works.

Why?

Give credit to Casting Director Ellen Chenoweth for casting Bruce Willis and Billy Bob Thornton as the two bandits Joe Blake and Terry Collins. These two actors make the script work, especially Thornton, who manages to earn a laugh

nearly every time he is on screen. With less talented actors, the film would not have worked as well.

The film opens with the two partners inside a large bank with local police and the FBI surrounding the outside perimeter. They realize they have been caught, turn on each other and begin to argue about what got them in to this current standoff.

We then go into flashback, which is where the bulk of the film takes place, to lead up to the standoff at the bank.

The two guys escape from prison and hatch a plan to rob banks: go to the bank president's house and hold him and his family hostage; spend the night there; go with him to work the next morning before the bank opens; and empty the safe. No violence, break-ins, or raids necessary. It is this unusual method that earns these partners the title "The Sleepover Bandits" by the media.

The two characters create the stereotypical brain and brawn team, with

Willis' character always acting before thinking and Thornton questioning every step of the way.

Thornton's character, Terry, is a hypochondriac who suffers from some of the strangest diseases and phobias.

"Antique furniture scares the hell out of me," he explains at one point.

Before long, the two encounter Kate Wheeler, played by the gorgeous Cate Blanchett. She's a lonely housewife who feels alienated by her husband. When she accidentally encounters the infamous bandits, she decides she wants to tag along with them on their trek across the country.

Almost inevitably, Kate falls in love with both Joe and Terry as she spends time with them individually. In turn, the two bandits fall in love with her. The result is another cinematic love triangle. The only catch? Kate refuses to choose between the two. She explains that between the two of them, they create the perfect man.

This aspect of the film doesn't work at all no matter how talented the actors are.

All three of the actors are better than the material they are given here. They manage to make even the cheesiest of scenes comical, making the scenes somewhat tolerable. The important thing to remember here is the film never takes itself seriously and has no ideations about being anything else but a comedy, and on a comedic level, the film does succeed.

Willis and Thornton manage to keep things rolling despite the corny



RICHARD CARTWRIGHT/Contributed Photo

BRUCE WILLIS (R), Billy Bob Thornton and Cate Blanchett star in the MGM comedy 'Bandits'.

love story. One wonders how the two manage to keep a straight face in certain sequences. Thornton's performance stands out simply because he is given the juiciest bits of dialogue and delivers them with such comedic panache. One scene in particular had me laugh-

ing several minutes after the scene ended.

It's a shame Blanchett is given such a role. She spends most of her screen-time either crying or whining about why she can't choose between the two bandits.

What a waste.

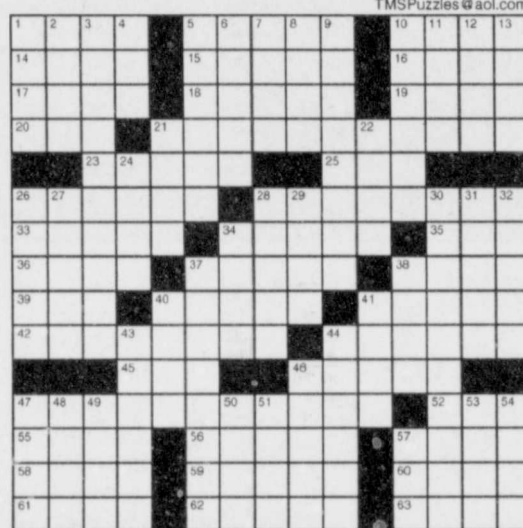
The bottom line is, "Bandits" succeeds in being a hilarious diversion. Although the film fails to make a clean getaway, Thornton and Willis are worth shelling out the cash to see.

EPPLER'S GRADE: B

## THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Gerald R. Ferguson  
Portland, OR

10/16/01

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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## Utah 'porn czar' fights obscenity at grass-roots level

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Paula Houston keeps lewd magazines and titillating advertisements safely tucked inside her desk drawer so she won't offend colleagues.

The only indication that Utah's first porn czar spends her days immersed in the intricacies of pornography is a bumper sticker proclaiming "Porn Kills Love" and an academic handbook on "Prosecution of Obscenity Cases."

Houston reveals her distaste for pornography in her expression and somber tone when discussing the material sent to her office.

She tries to avoid using explicit words, resorting to legal terms such as "graphic sex acts" or "indecent public display."

She describes pornography this way: "It portrays a mindset that people buy into — of objectification, of not having a primary relationship. Pornography promotes free sex and that's not good for marriages or families. I absolutely believe the only way to stem the tide is through grass roots efforts and understanding the law."

Houston has devoted her first eight months on the job to instructing others in pornography laws. She is believed to be the nation's first state official whose role is solely to fight pornography.

So far about 1,500 people have com-

plained to Houston about explicit ads, pornographic Internet spam or partially obscured nude women on the covers of magazines.

She has heard few complaints about Penthouse, Playboy or Hustler; many calls concern Cosmopolitan — offensive phrases about sex on the cover and pictures of busty women. Other complaints stem from ads or magazine covers showing a naked woman wearing only her strategically placed hands.

In conservative Utah, a Victoria's Secret ad of a nude woman covering her breasts with her hands at a mall in Provo prompted more than 1,000 people to sign an Internet petition.

Much of Houston's time is taken up explaining what makes something pornographic and why much of the material some people find offensive is nevertheless legal. She encourages distressed parents to petition shopping malls, stores or magazines about changing their advertising policies.

Many people don't understand her job, Houston laments from behind a desk strewn with papers. She has no authority over the most frequent complaint: spam Internet porn from outside Utah. She hasn't prosecuted any cases and doesn't know of any taken to court because of her efforts.

"I'm not supposed to prosecute," said

Houston, who earns \$80,000 a year. "I'm supposed to educate."

In addition to answering complaints, Houston gives presentations to explain the law. She delivered her most recent talk in September to about 45 Provo parents wanting advice on how to reduce sexual images in their community.

She tells them the law, hands over the appropriate complaint form, recommends contacting authorities or writing advertisers.

Attorney General Mark Shurtleff said the 1,500 residents who called or e-mailed her office prove the job's importance.

"Those are the ones that decide if taxpayers dollars are well spent. In this state the concern about pornography is huge," he said.

At least one person who makes a living from pornography considers Houston's job a worthless effort. Houston's position actually helps business, Larry Flynt, publisher of Hustler magazine, said by phone from Los Angeles.

"She's focusing attention on pornography, and that is good for us," he said, adding that Utah residents don't buy many issues of Hustler.

## Madonna promotes Microsoft

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — Madonna's Grammy-winning song "Ray of Light" is the theme for Microsoft's advertising campaign for Windows XP, which the company toned down after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks but still promoted as its biggest pitch since Windows 95.

A line from the upbeat electronic dance song sets the pace: "Faster than the speeding light she's flying ..."

"You soar," bright white letters read. "Yes you can."

Microsoft's 60-second TV spot, which starts airing Monday, begins with a guy leaping through a green field and then lifting off into a sunny sky — a landscape lifted from Win-

dows XP's default "bliss screen."

Then there's a series of images of people using Windows XP for real-time communications, to collaborate in an airy restaurant, to relay digital images of flying people, watch video, listen to music and more.

The campaign was reworked after the terrorist attacks; the tag line changed from "Prepare to fly" to "Yes you can," to sidestep new concerns about air travel, said Stephanie Ferguson, director of the company's PC Experience Solutions Marketing Group.

"Ray of Light" won the Grammy for best dance recording in 1998, and the album of the same name won for best pop album.

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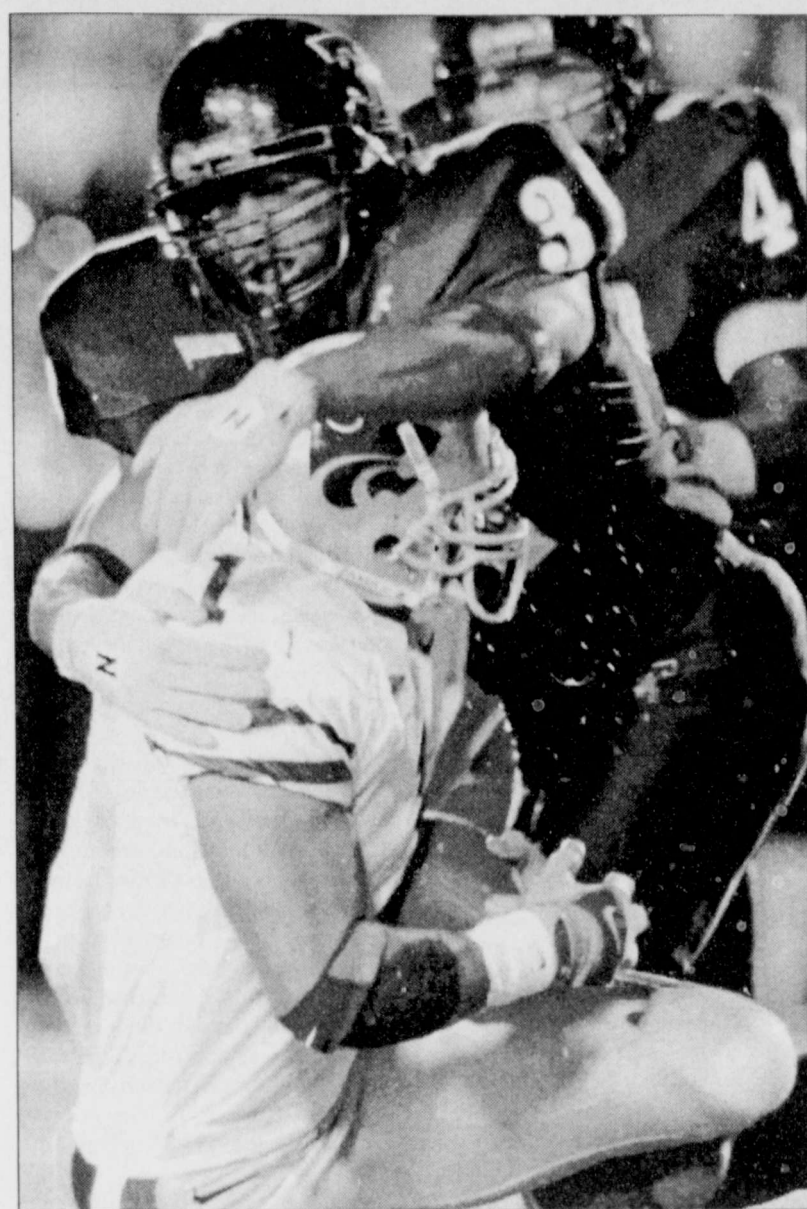
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# Lineup changes played key role in defensive effort



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TEXAS TECH SAFETY Kevin Curtis barrels over Kansas State quarterback Marc Dunn on Saturday during Tech's 38-19 upset victory against the Wildcats.

## STEPPING UP: Three Red Raiders get first career start and prove themselves in victory.

By Phil Riddle/Staff Reporter

The headlines will show the Texas Tech offense rolled for a record 409 passing yards, and Kliff Kingsbury and company had the Kansas State defense on its heels from the start.

What you might have to look a little deeper to see is the defensive effort involved in pasting the No. 24 team in the country with a 38-19 loss Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium.

Tech head coach Mike Leach knows what it took.

"I think the defense had a great day today," he said. "Coach (Greg) McMackin, his staff and our defense really reacted well. They struggled some last week. They really rose up, had a great week of practice and really reacted well."

The Raider defense, suspect after allowing 42 points against Texas, then 34 against Kansas in back-to-back Big 12 losses, was on the ropes and preparing to face KSU.

A trio of first-time starters slipped into the lineup and helped give Leach his first win against a Top 25 team while at Tech.

Sophomore Ryan Aycock moved into the starting lineup at strong safety against

the Wildcats, collecting six tackles and an interception in his debut as a first-tymer. Aycock and his fellow defensive backs kept Wildcat receivers draped during the game. Couple that with pressure coming from the front seven, including new starters freshman tackle Clayton Harmon and redshirt freshman Mike Smith at linebacker, and the Raiders had, arguably, their best outing of the year as a defensive unit.

McMackin, defensive coordinator and associate head coach, was pleased with the results of his team's work and tinkering with the lineup.

"No. 1, I'm really proud of our players and I'm really proud of our coaches," he said. "Last week was a tough situation. What happened was that it finally clicked in to our players. We got their attention."

McMackin said his players performance against Kansas State was what was needed to make the unit solidify.

"We became a defense today," he said. "We got stronger during the game and we just have to get better and better. That's the kind of defense we want to play."

The Raiders gave up 343 total yards, but limited K-State quarterback Marc Dunn to just 16 completions in 40 attempts while pulling down two interceptions.

"The secondary did an excellent job," McMackin said. "I'm really excited about Ryan Aycock, because really, that's what's been holding him out of playing is his pass coverage. He is really doing well in his pass coverage now."

Aycock was on the field with two

fellow Lubbock Coronado exes, Curtis and Smith.

"It gave me chill bumps," Aycock said about the three of them playing together. "Getting to play beside Kevin (Curtis) and Mike (Smith) kind of brought back old memories. I felt comfortable playing beside guys who are like brothers to me."

Another Raider defender drawing praise from McMackin was junior end Aaron Hunt, who finished the K-State game with 10 tackles and two of the team's five sacks, despite playing with a sprained ankle.

"Aaron Hunt played a great ballgame," McMackin said. "He did a great job of containing. He was hurting,

too. Those guys played their hearts out. I couldn't be prouder of them."

Hunt said the defense, which gave up 146 yards on 50 rushing attempts, had worked all week on stopping the run.

"We all knew we had to play big because Kansas State is a good team," said Hunt, a 6-foot-3-inch, 240-pound lineman from Denison. "It was a relief. That's what we've been waiting for the whole season. The first four games, they kept trying to run on us the whole game. What we tried to do this week was have everybody play their gap and stop the run. Making them have to pass really helped us a lot. We're really a pretty good pass defense."

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 16

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7:30	Body Elec.	"	"	Tarzan	Morning	Magic Bus
8:00	Callou Barney	"	Early Show	Lightyear	America	Caroline
8:30	"	"	"	Sabrina	"	Paid Program
9:00	Dragon Tales	Today Show	Sally Jessy Raphael	Judge Mathis	Regis & Kelly	Crossing Over
9:30	Arthur	"	"	"	"	Ananda Lewis
10:00	Sesame Street	Martha Stewart	Price is Right	People's Court	View	"
10:30	"	"	"	"	"	"
11:00	Mr. Rogers	Montel Williams	Young & the Restless	Clueless	Mad/You	Paid Program
11:30	Jay Jay	"	"	Paid Program	Port Charles	Attorney
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12:30	Fine Art	Days of Our Lives	Beautiful	Jenny Jones	One Life to Live	Matlock
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## Tech can't hold off late Texas run

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech volleyball team put its game in cruise control Monday night against the Texas Longhorns.

After jumping out to a 2-0 lead, the Red Raiders let the Longhorns back into game three after being up by as many as seven points in what was supposed to be the match clincher for the Raiders. The Longhorns maintained control of the match by winning game four and the deciding game five.

Tech drops to 11-6 overall and 4-4 within the Big 12 Conference, while Texas improves to 10-6 (5-4).

"We had them," Heather Hughes-Justice said. "We were up 15-7 in the third. We just played safe."

Hughes-Justice said the team was cheerful during halftime and felt it had a chance to sweep Texas.

The let-up allowed the Longhorns to step through the opened door.

Texas had three runs of at least three points to create a gap for breathing room against the Raiders in game three.

Tech coach Jeff Nelson said teams in the Big 12 are too good to expect them to quit when they are down. The Longhorns proved this by capitalizing on the Raiders lack of intensity in games three and four. Texas put together a seven point run in game four to open a commanding lead. The Longhorns did not look back from there. A six point run in the deciding game five put the Horns up 8-2 and closed the match, 15-8.

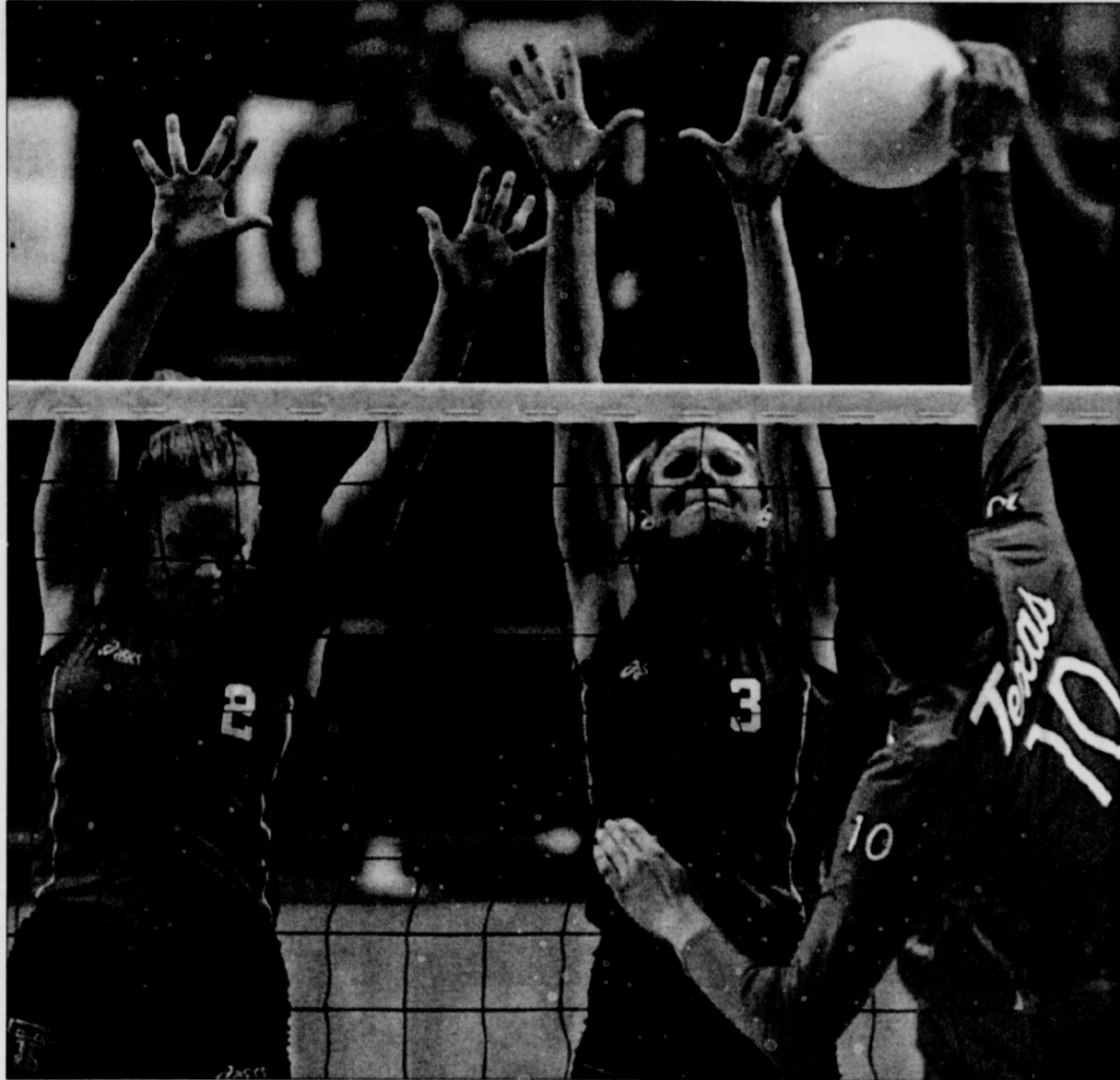
"It was a complete lack of intensity," Nelson said. "There's no excuse for what happened out there tonight."

Nelson said the team cannot afford to slow down and think it can coast in to a victory.

"We gave the match away," Nelson said. "We quit playing."

Hughes-Justice said the team did not play the whole match and did what Texas thought it would do.

"We all stopped playing," Hughes-Justice said, "and they knew we were waiting for them to lose. We have to learn how to close. We had a big lead,



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH'S Angela Mooney, left, and Heather Hughes-Justice, right, go full extension for the block against Texas' Kat Wilson during the Red Raiders' loss to the Longhorns on Monday night at the United Spirit Arena. The loss halts Tech's two-match winning streak.

and we lost it."

Tech led the match statistically with nine more kills than Texas' 71. Tech had more hitting errors than Texas, but Nelson said Tech lost the match on its own.

"UT didn't win," Nelson said, "we lost."

Nelson said Tech's style of play should have been able to pick UT's system apart

with its fast pace, but the Raiders slowed down and allowed Texas back into the match.

The Raiders will have to play an entire match to win and not wait for its opponents to make mistakes, a disappointed Nelson said.

"(The Raiders) wait for a team to lose," Nelson said. "They don't go out

and win. You can't win playing safe and thinking a good team in conference will roll over and die for you."

Nelson said this was the third match the team has lost by not finishing when ahead.

"We have to stay tough and keep the pressure on," Nelson said. "People quit swinging. We need to put balls away."

## Red Raiders finally wake up into reality

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MATT MUENCH

College football is arguably the easiest sport in the land to blow your season.

With 11 or 12 games a year, and the possibility of winning more than 10 games being slim, one loss can cost a team dearly.

Kansas did that to Texas Tech last week. But hold on a second. On the other side of the spectrum, one win can make a team's season.

Kansas State helped Tech out in that category.

Just when some Tech fans began to look down upon the Red Raider football team, the team provides the fans with an alternative.

And all it takes is an upset win over a college football program that has won 11 games the last four seasons.

After Tech played as poorly as Mike Leach speaks in public three weeks ago against Texas, most of the team's fans thought for sure the Red Raiders were going to beat Kansas. I mean, c'mon, it was Kansas, and it was Homecoming. Oops, we were wrong. And of course after the Jayhawks embarrassed Tech, we all thought for sure Kansas State was going to play the role of the stick while Tech hung like a piñata. Oops, wrong again.

I guess it's true any team can win on any given Saturday.

The victory against the Wildcats gave Tech reborn status.

It put the squad back into contention for a bid in a major bowl game. Instead of talking about no bowl or the galleryfurniture.com bowl, fans still can believe the Raiders have an opportunity to reach Alamo or Insight.com bowl stature. But to do that, Tech obviously can't milk this win. The Raiders have to set their sites on eight wins. To do that, Tech has to win the games they should and pull another upset against either Nebraska or Oklahoma.

The loss to Kansas still will haunt Tech when bowl bids come around, much like the North Texas loss in 1999 did, but this win shows the Raiders can beat good, strong teams.

We saw the first sign of a good team Saturday.

Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury threw three interceptions, and Tech still won. And not only did Kingsbury throw four touchdowns, he did it with a sore thumb on his throwing hand.

I guess all season, Tech has been like the college kid who won't get out of bed.

The Raiders have been hitting the snooze button for weeks, and just when many people thought they were in a coma, the squad finally woke up and rolled into reality.

Now ponder this question: Can the Raiders take a giant leap as a contender in the Big 12 Conference by upsetting No. 3 Nebraska on the road this weekend?

If someone asked me that question last week, I would have laughed at the notion.

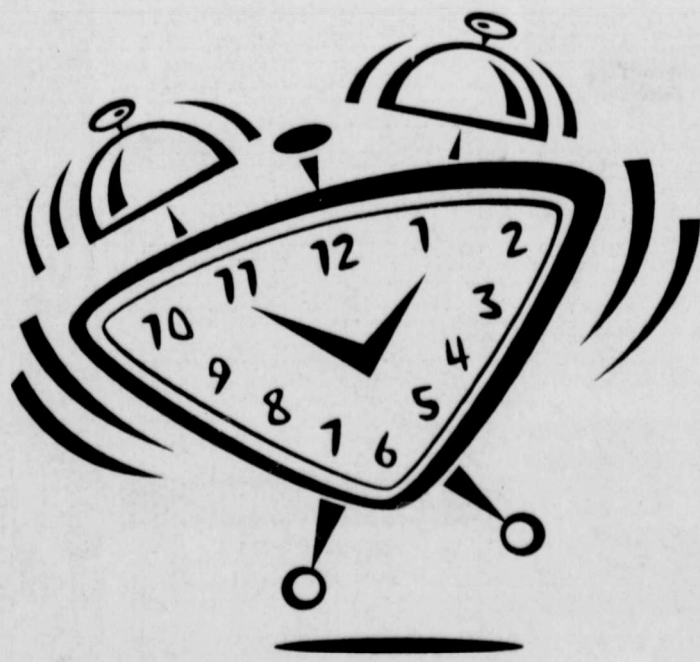
Ask me today, and I believe Tech has a slight chance.

But then again, the Raiders have been hard to predict the last two weeks. Now we just have to wait and see.

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