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## Air strikes wound Taliban's combat power

**LOSING ITS GRIP:** Intense raids by the U.S. Air Force are loosening the terrorist group's northern stronghold.

By Robert Burns/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Intensified U.S. airstrikes have "eviscerated" the Taliban's combat power and placed it in imminent danger of losing a key northern stronghold, a senior Pentagon official said Tuesday.

Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff,

confirmed that Monday's strikes — by far the heaviest since the aerial bombardment began Oct. 7 — included the first use of the Air Force's AC-130 Spectre gunship, a low-flying special operations aircraft.

Newbold said two AC-130s were used but he offered no details, including their targets. Another defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they were used against a Taliban military barracks and headquarters building in Kandahar, the Taliban's seat of power in southern Afghanistan.

Speaking at a Pentagon news conference, Newbold said U.S. warplanes bombed a variety of military targets Monday, including armored vehicles at a training facility near Kandahar, surface-to-air missile emplacements defending the Kandahar airport and a tank near an airfield at

Mazar-e-Sharif, a Taliban-controlled city in northern Afghanistan that opposition forces are trying to overrun.

Newbold would not discuss Tuesday's bombing, and he said Pentagon officials had yet to determine whether a U.S. missile or bomb was responsible for setting Red Cross warehouses afire near Kabul.

Newbold said the nine days of U.S. and British bombing, including attacks that have aided the northern alliance forces, have put the Taliban in jeopardy of losing Mazar-e-Sharif.

He said the Taliban is "in danger of being cut off right now" at Mazar-e-Sharif and could lose control there within days, depending on when the northern alliance decides to move into the city. Losing that city, which has been a staging ground for the Taliban since 1998, would hurt

them in two ways, he said.

"One is that it's a crossroads mostly for resupply of their forces," he said. "The other one is a psychologic one: As most of you know, Mazar-e-Sharif has been fought over for three years now, and it's changed hands. Its loss to the Taliban would be a significant setback."

Newbold said that while U.S. forces are not working directly with northern alliance troops on the ground, the airstrikes are dramatically reducing the Taliban's ability to carry out military action.

"The combat power of the Taliban has been eviscerated," Newbold said.

Victoria Clarke, chief spokeswoman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, cautioned reporters not to assume that a drop-off in the number of airstrikes in the days ahead meant the

anti-terror campaign was easing.

"While at times you may see a certain leveling off of activities, other, less visible activities may be under way," she said, alluding to financial, political, diplomatic and other behind-the-scenes efforts to crack down on terrorists. She may also have been referring to the expected start soon of U.S. special operations on the ground in Afghanistan to root out Taliban and al-Qaida leaders.

Newbold made a similar point. "Some days you'll see that the number of aircraft go up, and sometimes there will be few, and some days there won't be any," he said. "Regardless, we're going to keep up the pressure on the terrorists and on the Taliban leadership."

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## Federal officials indict man for anthrax hoax

**A DEADLY JOKE:** The FBI has received more than 2,300 reports of incidents or suspected occurrences involving the bacteria since Oct. 1.

By Karen Gullo/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Declaring the threat of bioterrorism is no joking matter, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Tuesday those who fake anthrax or other terrorist scares will face federal prosecution. He announced the indictment of one such man in Connecticut.

False threats of anthrax attacks are "grotesque transgressions of the public trust," Ashcroft said at a news conference.

Ashcroft said the hoaxes tax the resources of an already overburdened law enforcement system.

"The threat of bioterrorism is no joking matter," the attorney general said.

He detailed the prosecution of a Connecticut state employee who sat by quietly as a state agency building was evacuated for what the man allegedly knew to be a false threat involving white powder.

It is a federal crime to threaten to use biological agents or toxins.

Joseph A. Faryniarz, an employee of Connecticut's environmental agency, told agency security guards on Oct. 11 that he found a powdery substance on a paper towel under some paperwork near his computer. On the towel was written "ANTHAX," according to a criminal complaint.

Security officials alerted the police

and all 800 agency employees were evacuated.

Twelve employees were forced to disrobe and be washed down with a decontamination solution, Ashcroft said.

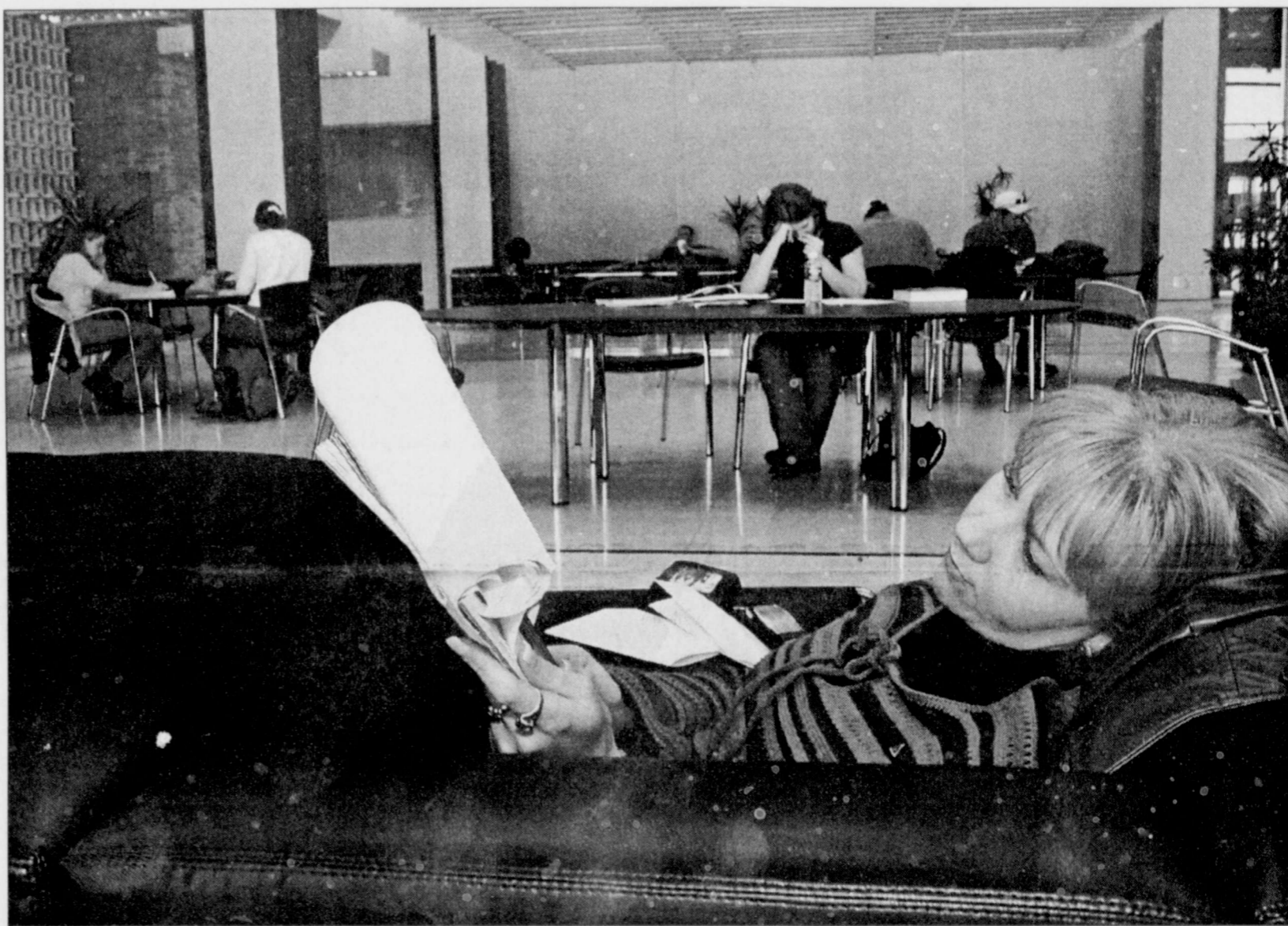
Faryniarz was given a chance to clear up the matter without jeopardizing his job. He told FBI agents that he thought the incident was a "bad joke" and said two colleagues might be involved.

He later acknowledged that he had been untruthful and said he knew the incident was a hoax even before the FBI arrived on the scene because another individual not named in the complaint had claimed responsibility. The two-day evacuation of the building cost taxpayers \$1.5 million, Ashcroft said.

The FBI has received since Oct. 1 more than 2,300 reports of incidents or suspected incidents involving anthrax. Most have been false alarms or practical jokes, FBI Director Robert Mueller said.

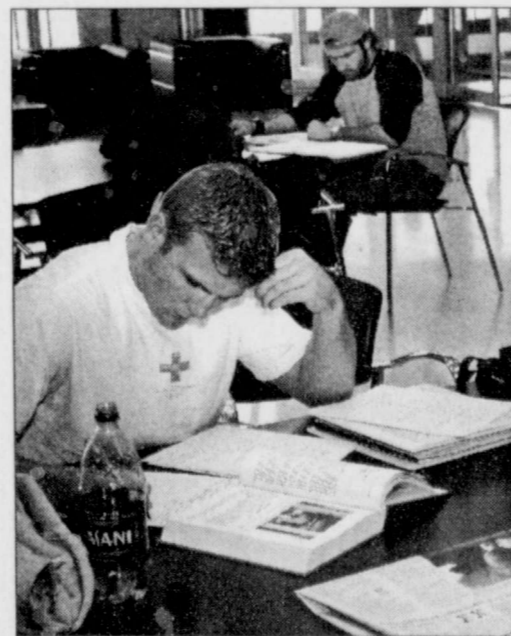
He said the FBI has not ruled out the possibility that anthrax exposures around the country are the result of terrorism, although no direct link to organized terrorism has yet been found.

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MARY FEHR, A sophomore business major from Seminole, lounges on a leather chair among other students while studying Tuesday afternoon in the Croslin Room of the Texas Tech Library. Students are taking midterms for the next two weeks on the Tech campus.



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH STUDENTS study for midterm exams Tuesday afternoon in the Croslin Room of the Tech Library. Students are cracking down on the books with half the semester complete.

## Midterm MADNESS

Halfway through the fall semester, Texas Tech students are cracking down on reading, writing and arithmetic

By Kristina Thomas/Staff Reporter

The falling leaves of autumn sometimes bring grades down with them, but that could only mean one thing: it is midterm season at Texas Tech.

Kayla Duncan, a freshman nursing major from Lubbock, said she is scared of her first series of midterms because she doesn't know what to expect.

"I am just going to try and study all that's been given to me and learn all I can," she said. "It should get better once I get the hang of it and figure out the concepts."

Although she has midterms in all of her classes this

week, Megan Heimann, a freshman elementary education major from Kerrville, said she is not going to study any differently than she has before.

"I haven't really thought about it. It is probably going to be a last minute type thing," she said. "I am kind of nervous about it because I want to do well."

Like Duncan, Heimann said she expects midterms to get easier as she goes through them and learns what to expect.

For many upperclassmen midterms get easier through the years, but Robert Treece, a senior exercise and sports

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## Medicine school dean resigns immediately

**FOLDING FOR FAMILY:** Dr. Joel Kupersmith says he wants to spend more time with his family in New York in wake of attacks.

By Jeff Stoughton/Staff Reporter

The Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City have affected the nation in various ways. For Dr. Joel Kupersmith, the attacks brought a desire to return home.

Kupersmith resigned his position as dean of the Texas Tech School of Medicine on Monday after four years of service to the university. Kupersmith said he resigned to spend more time with his family in New York. He said the attacks definitely influenced his decision.

"My daughter-in-law was walking by the buildings when the first plane hit," he said. "We'd like to go back; we miss our children."

Dr. David Smith, president of Health Sciences Center and interim chancellor of Tech, said Kupersmith

made major contributions to the School of Medicine during his time as dean.

"He's left a legacy that he should be proud of," Smith said. "He is going to be missed."

Kupersmith said he is proud of his accomplishments at Tech.

"We brought the medical school to a new level," he said, noting the increase in research funding, higher admissions, better residencies for medical students and an increase in clinical services offered by the HSC.

Smith said Kupersmith's programs helped increase the quality of the students enrolled at the medical school.

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## Tech task force, local reps to make up security panel

By Melissa Guest/Staff Reporter

Experts and local security representatives will join the Texas Tech Task Force on Anti-Terrorism and Public Security on Thursday in a panel discussion on public security issues.

The panel will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the Klein Room at the Tech Museum.

Victoria Sutton, chairwoman for the task force, said the panel discussion would be an opportunity for students, faculty and the public to ask questions about recent events, including the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I think we're doing something no one's really done yet," Sutton said. "We're trying to provide information on a broad front."

The panel will include a number of faculty experts

who will make short presentations on a variety of public-security issues.

"This is the public-security component of the task force. What about university security, what kinds of things do we need to be looking at?" Sutton said. "As well as psychology kinds of issues. How to deal with the trauma — personally, as a family and a community?"

Findings from the panel discussion will be included in the task force's 30-day report to Interim Chancellor Dr. David Smith on Nov. 2.

Sutton said it is important the public take advantage and participate in these discussions.

"An informed public is going to be our best defense," she said. "They could learn some things to help them take precautions. It's important for people to know as much as they can."

The nine-member task force was selected by Smith and Tech President David Schmidly to identify security issues, examine strategic plans, degree offerings and administrative structures and determine how the university system can make its resources more accessible to the region and the nation.

Among the topics to be discussed are the health risks associated with exposure to anthrax and other biological agents, how to prevent exposure and what to do should exposure occur. Additionally, the panel will address the disease in relation to farm animals and other risks associated with public security such as crop dusting.

Many of the topics to be discussed have resulted from questions and concerns the task force has heard from

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## Tech officials look to put Students First

### ACTIVE ACADEMIA:

A new task force would allow students to advise their administrators.

By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech officials soon will be looking for students to become involved in a Students First task force, which will be charged with the mission of recommending ideas to the administration about how to improve lives of students during their academic career.

"The guiding principle behind this initiative is to make students that they are our first priority," said Richard Butler, special assistant to the chancellor. "Sometimes with everything going on, we don't have that feeling, and

we don't want that to happen at Texas Tech."

This week, Tech's interim Chancellor Dr. David Smith is expected to send letters to each of the deans at the colleges on the Tech campus and schools at the Health Sciences Center asking them to recommend students to serve on the task force.

"He will be asking them to recommend up to three or four people from each school or college," said Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said. "We want students that are preferably not on the Student Government Association on the main campus or who are on the Student Senate at the HSC."

Butler said he believes the deans will select students who will want to make an impression on the future of the university. He said while these students may not necessarily be here to see the implementation of all their ideas, they would

be able to take pride in the legacy they will leave.

"I would think that a dean would be pretty deliberate in their choices," he said. "Sometimes you can invite 20 people to a meeting and only eight will show up."

The task force will comprise 10 students from the main campus and five students from the HSC. SGA President John Steinmetz and HSC Student Senate President Courtney Huens will chair the task force. Shonrock said one important aspect of the task force would be the broad base of students who become involved with it.

"We want to develop a student-centered philosophy on both sides of the campus," he said.

Once the task force has been formed, the group will be instructed to discover some items the administration could work on to improve student life on campus. Butler said this would include

short-term, intermediate goals and long-term goals for the administration. He said these items could be as simple as putting more bike racks on campus or they could involve more complex issues that would be more expensive and labor intensive.

Goals for the report will be accumulated through student input, either through focus groups or possibly through student feedback on a Web site.

"The report will ask them to figure out how we get to a goal from where we are at," Butler said. "Once the chancellor receives the report, he may take some of the low fruit ideas and ask for it to be completed in 30 days or he would assign it to a staff member to work on the issue."

Other long-term goals might have to be approved by the Board of Regents at its May meeting. He said any goal involving a change in tuition or a significant change in an academic program

would have to be approved by the board.

Butler said the importance of having students on this task force is because they would be able to identify what it is they need that administrators may not be able to see.

"Some of these issues are like low-hanging fruit," he said. "It's hanging right there in front of you, but you just don't see it."

Butler said as a result of this initiative, he would like Tech to become known as the most student-friendly campus in the United States. He also said a result of this would be students telling their friends and relatives about how wonderful the campus community is at Tech.

"It's all about the customers and about treating people right," Butler said. "The students deserve that in the classroom, in extracurricular activities and we need to treat people the same way that we would be treated."

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## HSC president adds scholars to program

By Joseph Balderas/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center appointed several people to the Presidential Scholars program Tuesday at the Helen DeVitt Jones Sculpture Garden at the Museum of Texas Tech.

The program was developed to provide interdisciplinary teamwork, educational awareness and clinical service in the field of geriatrics. The program is a part of the Institute for Healthy Aging, which was established to develop and provide educational experiences for the geriatric field.

Dr. David Smith, interim Tech chan-

cellor and HSC president, said while grants come and go, what can be put in place and invested in is people.

"We challenged each of the schools," Smith said. "Let me have your best and your brightest."

Each school in the HSC responded by appointing one staff member, with substantial experience in geriatrics, to the program. Dr. Laura Baker, associate professor of family and community medicine; Valerie Knotts, regional chair of occupational therapy at the HSC in Odessa; Tracey Woodward, clinical nursing instructor; and Rebecca Sleeper, assistant professor of

pharmacy practice; were appointed to the program.

"These are the scholars," Smith said. "They're not in training, these are the scholars."

The challenge for all fields, Baker said, is not just medicine but identifying at-risk people.

"I met with the people of the group and they're brilliant," Baker said. "We're going to do a good job."

Betsy Goebel Jones is an assistant professor of clinical family medicine and director of the program. She said the program has to consider many activities to focus its efforts. Jones said clinical services and educating students and faculty in the area of geriatric care are two main



DR. DAVID SMITH, left, Health Sciences Center president, welcomes Dr. Laura Baker to the podium Tuesday to honor her as a presidential scholar during a ceremony at the Texas Tech Museum. JENNA HANSEN Staff Photographer

focus areas.

"To encourage and provide a model for faculty development," Jones said about faculty training. "One of the problems is there's not only enough people trained, but there's not enough people

to do the training."

Smith said the program would help the geriatrics program face new challenges in the future, as different illnesses become more prevalent in the future.

"We're not just adding years to life but adding life to years," he said.

Sleeper is a clinical pharmacist at the Carillon Senior Living Community and completed a specialty residency in geriatrics at Tech's School of Pharmacy in Amarillo. She told Smith the group would succeed.

"We are taking on the role of trail-blazers," she said, "and we expect to exceed your expectations."

## TECH NOTES

Jay Newhard, from the department of philosophy, will give a lecture entitled "The Liar Paradox" at 8 p.m. today, in 205 Civil Engineering. For more information, call Elaine Willetton at (806) 742-3275. Order of Omega will have a meeting at 7 p.m. today at the Pi Beta Phi lodge, located at 17 Greek Circle. For more information, call Kyleigh Merritt at (806) 771-1397. Rho Lambda will have a meeting at 7:30 p.m. today at the Pi Beta Phi lodge, located at 17 Greek Circle. For more information, call Beth Adams at (806) 785-3702.

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## Air strikes

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Monday's attacks were against 12 target areas, Newbold said, using about 100 strike aircraft. About 90 of the warplanes flew from U.S. Navy carriers in the Arabian Sea, and between six and eight of the 100 were land-based Air Force bombers, he said. Five Tomahawk cruise missiles were fired from U.S. ships.

On many previous days of the air campaign, only 10 to 15 carrier-based aircraft were used, along with 5-10 bombers.

Asked why the low-flying, relatively slow AC-130 gunships were used Monday, Newbold noted that the precision of its side-firing guns reduces the chance of "collateral damage," the military's term for injury to innocents or unintended damage to nearby structures. He would not be more specific.

## Hoax

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No connection to the suspected hijackers responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks has surfaced.

But similarities in the handwriting found in letters sent to Sen. Tom Daschle's office and to NBC in New York are being investigated, Mueller said. Tests showing where the anthrax came from are still ongoing.

Mueller the FBI may not have moved fast enough to investigate a suspicious letter sent to NBC in New York that turned out to test negative for anthrax.

"There were missteps at the outset," said Mueller. "We did not, as quickly as we would have liked, analyze an initial specimen from a letter that turned out to be negative."

He said the problem did not affect the investigation but added that FBI field offices have been instructed to make sure suspicious materials are analyzed promptly.

## Security

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the community, Sutton said. "As the chancellor has said, part of our service as a public institution is to serve the community," Sutton said.

Additionally, the panel is aimed at providing students not only with information on the current events, but also the tools to cope and prepare for any future crises.

"The more students who know about this the better," Sutton said. "Students should avail themselves to learn more about these events. Our major focus is to make sure students have the benefit of this presentation. This is their university and their university community."

In addition to faculty, the panel will include city health officials as well as regional representatives.

## WELD DONE



RYON SWINK, A junior agriculture economics major and a member of the Texas Tech Rodeo Association from Crosbyton, welds together a new chute for events such as calf roping, team roping and calf wrestling at the Lubbock Fair Grounds Livestock Pavilion on Tuesday. Swink and others are preparing for the Tech Collegiate Rodeo, which begins Thursday.

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## Tests

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science major, said his midterms have become more difficult to an extent simply because the classes are harder.

"You get used to the stress so the tests are less stressful but the classes get harder and you get more serious about the material," he said.

Although tests are different depending on the class, Treece said, the advice he would give freshmen on studying for any test would be to start studying early.

"The earlier you start studying and learning the material the less worried about it you will be when it gets here," he said.

Geleah Stockard, a senior psychology major from Portales, N.M., said tests get easier with experience but the amount of studying and work does not.

"I think I can do more now because when you are a freshman you are not sure what to expect and now that you know what is coming, you take it more seriously," she said, adding her advice to help freshmen deal with midterms is to avoid

stressing about it.

"Don't stress over it but don't take it lightly — take it seriously," she said. "Mainly, do not try to cram everything in the night before the test. Spread it out and you will learn it better."

Although one method works for some people, others have a different perspective on the test situation.

Angie Terrell, a junior speech pathology major from Seagraves, said experience has taught her how to cram for tests.

"It gets a lot easier as you go," she said. "I know how to study now and I have learned how to cram sometimes and that helps a lot. The first one's always hard but you get used to it."

Professors often provide study guides or tips on how to study for their exam.

Wilma Manning, a part-time faculty member is teaching social work this semester and said the main reason people fall behind in her class is because they don't come.

"The most important things in my class are to go to class and keep good, organized notes," she said. "Being there is really critical and it is a problem that is easily solved."

Manning said a main benefit of go-

ing to class is she often tells people important things to know for the test or stresses what she is discussing would be a good test question.

S. Ceniza, a professor in the English department, said she agrees going to class is an essential component to being prepared for the exam.

"Basically, in my class, the midterm is nothing new," she said. "It is the same format as the other tests they already have taken in the class. Since my students already have an idea of what is going to be on the test and it is the same format, by taking notes in class, either on paper or in the book, and by coming to class and listening, they should be able to review the material and do super good."

Although many professors and upper-classmen are willing to offer advice to freshmen, Emily Limbacher, a junior international business major from Denison, said experience is the best way to get used to it.

"I know it gets easier as you do it. This year I am not really concerned with it," she said. "My best advice would be not to freak out and treat it like any other test."

## Resign

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searchers is incredible," he said.

Smith said he would begin searching for a new medical school dean as soon as possible. He said he has assembled an advisory committee to help screen potential candidates who already hold positions in the HSC. Smith said

he would like to find a new dean quickly.

"We want this to take weeks, not months," he said.

Smith said Dr. Terry McMahon, the associate academic dean for the medical school, will take over Kupersmith's duties until a replacement is found.

Kupersmith said he enjoyed working with Tech faculty and administration

during his time as dean.

"We've got a great faculty," he said. "Working with them has been quite rewarding."

He also said he enjoyed Lubbock's friendly atmosphere.

Smith said HSC officials would try to "sustain the momentum" started by Kupersmith.

"He'll be missed," Smith said, "both personally and professionally."

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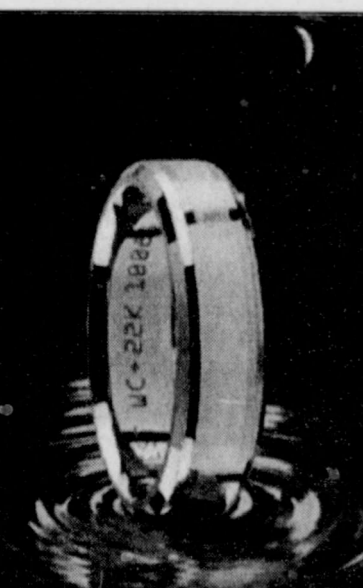
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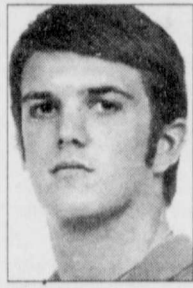
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Terrorist attacks on American soil have scared many Americans because of the very nature of the attacks. Most Americans saw the latest attacks as a simple action of hatred the United States carried out by isolated terrorist cells. But contrary to popular belief, the true story is a little more complicated.

And I believe it is of grave importance that we, as Americans, understand the events leading up to the Sept. 11 attacks to prevent future terrorist attacks. I did some research and found an interesting article written by Michel Chossudovsky, a professor at The University of Ottawa, summing up the events leading to the attacks on American soil.

The start of this dispute dates back to the Cold War. In 1979, the United States Central Intelligence Agency launched its largest covert operation in response to a Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Shortly thereafter, the CIA recruited Saudi-born Osama Bin Laden to fight the Soviet aggressors.

Through active encouragement of the CIA and the Pakistan Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) thousands of Muslims from 40 Islamic countries joined Afghanistan's holy war or jihad between 1982-92. These men were trained in guerilla tactics with funding given by the CIA, while studying in Pakistani madrasahs. Lessons learned in madrasahs taught young Muslims the complete Islamic ideology and emphasized Soviet aggressors should be pushed out of Afghanistan along with the leftist Afghan regime created by Moscow. Basically, the United States was indirectly fighting the Soviets by supplying Muslims with training and equipment. America was funding the Muslims in the hopes that they would destroy the Soviet Union. But the story gets more interesting.

After the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan in 1989, a fierce civil war within the country continued to rage. And American dollars continued to support the rebel cause.

The Taliban gained support from the Pakistan ISI, which the CIA funded, and their political party the JUI. In 1995, with the fall of the Hezb-I-Islami Hekmatyar government in Kabul, the Taliban gave control of the training camps to the JUI, and instated a hard-line Islamic government. This new government is responsible for the loss of women's rights, closing of girls' schools, and the general degradation of human rights. And yet, for decades, American tax dollars have gone to support these organizations while at the same time condemning their view of human rights. Not only did the United States support these groups through tax dollars but we helped the Taliban establish itself by creating the Central Asian drug trade.

The history of the drug trade in Central Asia can be linked to CIA covert operations of the time. The CIA quietly encouraged Pakistani rebels to plant opium crops to help fund their military cause. Before CIA involvement, heroin use in Pakistan was near zero. By 1985, the number of heroin addicts reached more than 1.2 million users. CIA assets controlled the drug trade by encouraging local farmers to plant crops of heroin and by influencing who would gain economic control of the drug trade. Local officials and leaders protected by Pakistan ISI owned and operated hundreds of heroin labs. The Pakistan-Afghanistan borderlands became the world's top producer of heroin. At the time, this area of the world supplied more than 60 percent of the American heroin demand. In 1995, the former CIA director of Afghan operations, Charles Cogan, admitted the CIA had indeed sacrificed the war on drugs to fight the Cold War.

The Golden Crescent drug trade produces heroin with a cash value between \$100 billion-\$200 billion a year, and accounts for almost one-third of the total global heroin production. By the creation of the Golden Crescent drug trade, the CIA allowed Muslims to create funding for their civil war, while simultaneously creating a dispute over who gets the revenue generated by the sale of drugs.

Almost instantly everyone wanted a piece of the profit. Russian leaders fought with Muslim leaders who fought with organized crime leaders, all over drug trafficking lanes. The United States basically created a drug war on top of civil unrest. And many Muslims are angry at American policies and feel we used them to do our dirty work. Left with little or no recourse, terrorist groups decided to strike back against America.

I find it ironic the CIA has been sponsoring bin Laden while at the same time placing him on the FBI's most wanted list. Furthermore, we have waged war on bin Laden while at the same time, his party is our main source for intelligence information in the Mideast. As Americans, it's important that we educate ourselves of the events that have led to terrorist attacks on America. For this is the only way we can ensure safety for our American way of life.

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# Intellectual theft an annoying problem

COLUMN



RACHEL RICHMOND

from where I am coming. It totally sucks. One minute something you so dearly possessed is yours and the next, it is gone. Stealing physical property is terrible, but material possessions can usually be replaced.

This column is about a form of theft not as familiar as stealing physical possessions, but of another type of theft that is just as horrible and irreplaceable. Intellectual theft: Stealing a person's ideas or thoughts.

I believe this issue should be recognized and addressed. Intellectual theft happens to us all. Almost everyone has experienced intellectual theft at one point in his or her lifetime. For some, it begins in kindergarten.

Picture yourself as a cute little 5-year-old child drawing a picture for your teacher you deem worthy of hanging in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. You notice a fellow classmate peeping around the corner. Let's just call the little 5-year-old classmate, "Austin." So, there's "Austin" checking out your picture. You think nothing of it and go on creating your masterpiece. Ten minutes later, "Austin" presents a picture to your beloved teacher just before you

do. Why, it looks just like yours! Except not as pretty. What a coincidence! Yeah, right.

Scheming little "Austin" just stole your idea. He committed intellectual theft. Although you want to walk over to little "Austin" and smack him in the face, you restrain yourself because your ultimate goal as a kindergartener is to avoid time-out.

So instead, you crumple up your beautiful piece of art while mumbling the few words of profanity you may have overheard your father saying while trying to fix something in the garage. Is there no justice?

I always hear people say "imitation is the highest form of flattery." I do not believe this rule of thumb is valid for all situations of mimicking. Personally, I am not at all flattered when someone steals or "mimics" an idea of mine. Frankly, I am pissed off.

Why doesn't that person create an idea of his or her own? Do they lack intelligence or are they just lazy? I believe they are just plain lazy. Come on guys, how hard is it to come up with your very own idea? Is it physically straining to your brain to utilize your ability to think? Apparently it is, because intellectual theft continues to suffocate the true, hard-working idea makers of our society.

In the School of Mass Communications, ethics is shoved down your throat from the day you begin your first class until the day before you walk across that stage in the United Spirit Arena. A sense of ethics is extremely vital to students acquiring a degree within the mass communications field. Obtaining knowledge of ethics should be used in preparation for a student's future.

College students should be required to learn some rules of ethics to save them a lifetime of embarrassment and appearing as a jerk. Not to mention their career. A lack of ethics reflects a lack of character. Growing up, my parents instilled certain character traits such as honesty, integrity

and pride inside my tiny kid brain. Even today, I try to live my life by the characteristics I learned as a child. I believe those character traits created a base for my personality. Ethics became one of the building blocks. I am not at all saying that I am a perfect example of character. I am truly far from it. I do try to shield myself from a life of hypocrisy, though. I hate hypocrites as well.

I truly believe in karma. What goes around has always come around and hit me when I wasn't looking. It is a part of life. This pertains to any form of wrong-doing you may have done unto another.

This does include intellectual theft. That great idea you have may be presented by someone else after they overheard it, just like little "Austin". As I progress in my college career, I learn to be more cautious on how I treat others. The person whose bridge you burned might not be so willing to rebuild it when you need to get across water. Always think it through before you attempt an act that may demote your character.

To those who advocate practicing intellectual theft: it is pathetic enough that you have to steal another's idea just so you could have one up in the world, couldn't you at least present it correctly? In my experiences, every time someone intellectually victimizes me, they always butcher my idea. That pisses me off more than the initial stealing. At least give the victim some credit.

If you are going to be low enough to steal the idea, you could at least use it correctly. I guess I shouldn't be pissed off about this topic at all. This stuff usually ends in elementary school, right? It's not like a fellow columnist stole my idea about having a Single Awareness Day (SAD).

But, life goes on.

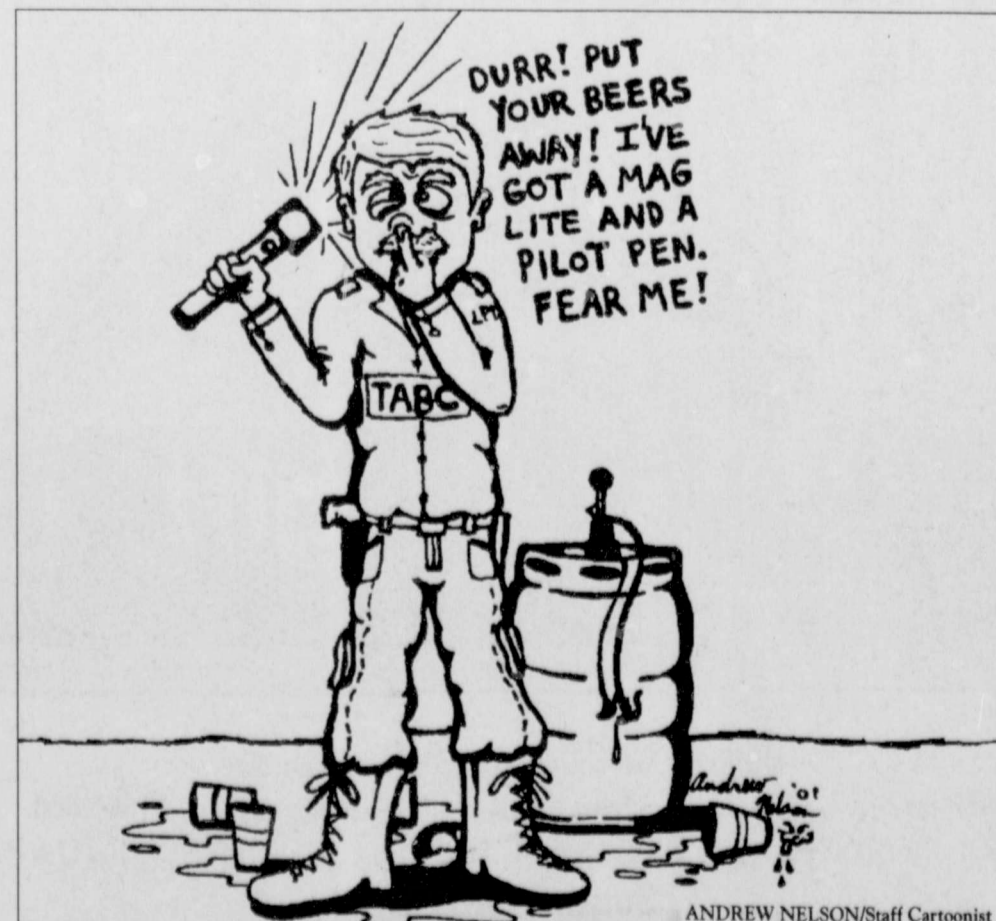
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Fans embarrassing

To the editor: As an alumnus of this great university and a former resident of West Texas, I take great pride in the friendly reputation of Texas Tech and Lubbock. Recently, I was ashamed to hear several Kansas State fans were not treated with West Texas courtesy.

A woman from Kansas State told me she had a one-of-a-kind, hand-sewn flag that reads "Wildcat Nation" torn off her mobile home after the Tech win last weekend.

This flag cannot be replaced. I would like this flag to be returned as soon as possible.

This incident, and any other act of meanness toward opposing fans gives a black eye to every Tech fan, student and alumnus.

Kindness to opposing fans, no matter how rude they are, can go a long way in improving the reputation of our beloved school. Courtesy is not a sign of weakness; it is a sign of strength. I urge everyone who supports Tech athletics to treat visitors with West Texas kindness (even Longhorn fans)! I urge the thief who stole this flag to return it today!

Matt Walters  
 Class of 2000

# Smoking permit deadline looms for businesses

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

The Oct. 22 deadline to obtain a smoking permit is looming for all Lubbock business owners to comply with the city's smoking ordinance.

The permit will allow restaurant owners a maximum of three years to comply with the smoking ban.

"Business owners cannot have smoking at all without a permit or a designated smoking area with separate ventilation," said Bridget Faulkenberry, environmental specialist for Lubbock Environmental Inspection Services.

As of Friday, the EIS had issued 250 permits. By Tuesday afternoon, the number had jumped to 439, Faulkenberry said.

She said this is due, in part, to a phone campaign initiated by the city last week.

The EIS began calling local businesses, particularly motels and hotels, to remind them of the deadline, she said.

Hotels and motels were targeted be-

cause many owners of these places do not realize the ban affects them, Faulkenberry said.

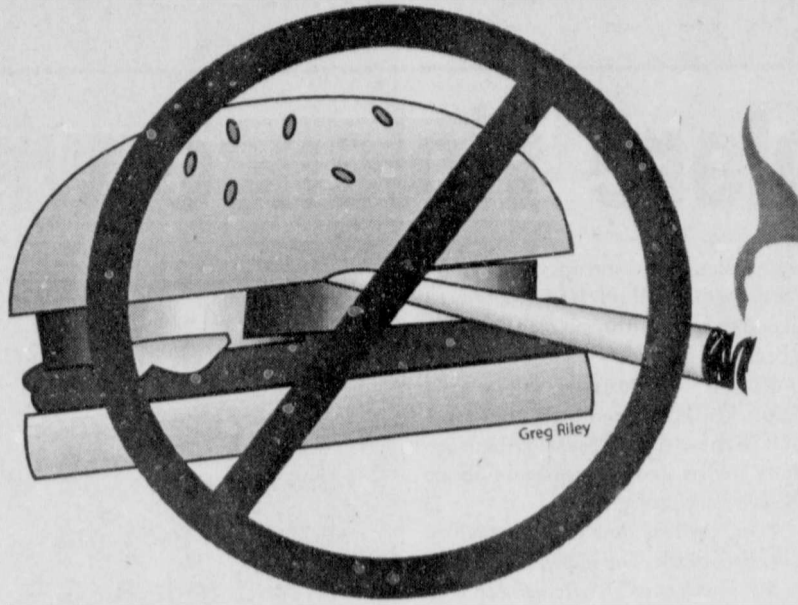
"Many people just think it is the restaurants that have to get a permit or comply with the smoking ordinance, but the ban applies to all businesses open to the public," she said.

Since the ordinance passed July 22, the EIS has been active in educating businesses about the smoking ordinance and permit.

The EIS has sent out brochures, made a special section on its Web Site, given presentations and put information on the city's television station. The EIS also did a mail out, which probably brought in the biggest response, Faulkenberry said.

"We just want to make sure that all businesses who want a permit get one," she said.

The permit is free this year and must be renewed each year until 2004. By that time, all businesses must comply with the ordinance, Faulkenberry said.



Greg Riley

The EIS will charge for permit renewals for the next two years.

The price will depend on how much the services, including inspections and delivery of information, costs the EIS,

Faulkenberry said.

However, business owners may not have to worry about future permits. The Lubbock Libertarian Party, along with other Libertarian groups in the Lubbock

area, is in the midst of a campaign to repeal the ordinance.

The groups formed the Vote for Freedom Coalition, which launched a petition campaign last month.

With the campaign at its halfway point, David DeLamar, president of the Lubbock Libertarian Party, said so far, the campaign has been going well.

"It's been a lot of hard work, but I'm confident that we'll reach the required number of signatures before our deadline," DeLamar said.

The coalition needs 1,800 signatures on its petition by Nov. 9 to present it to the Lubbock City Council, which will have 30 days to either accept the coalition's ordinance, which is a replica of the old ordinance, or place it on the ballot, DeLamar said.

The previous ordinance allowed business owners to set their own smoking policy.

DeLamar said the goal is to get double the amount of signatures by Oct. 31.

The biggest problem with the cam-

campaign is not everybody who signs the petition is a registered voter, said Greg Fisher, a member of the Texas Tech Campus Libertarians.

In getting twice the number of signatures needed, coalition members can ensure the petition will have the correct number of valid signatures, Fisher said.

"We're working as hard as we can to get this thing repealed," Fisher said.

Regardless of the Libertarians' effort to repeal the ban, Fisher said, he encourages all business owners to get a smoking permit. If they do not, they will have to comply with the ordinance and will not have another opportunity to get one, he said.

Businesses can face a fine of up to \$2,000 if they do not comply with the ordinance or have a permit by Oct. 22, Faulkenberry said.

For any questions regarding the smoking ban, call the EIS at (806) 775-2928 or visit its Web site at [www.ci.lubbock.tx.us](http://www.ci.lubbock.tx.us).

## CDC urges elderly, people at high-risk to get flu shots

**DELAYED DELIVERY:**  
A shortage in vaccine makers this year means supplies will be late.

WASHINGTON (AP) — There will be enough flu vaccine this year, but with deliveries running late, healthy people are being urged to postpone their shots so the elderly and people at high risk can be vaccinated first.

"We need to target the influenza vaccine that is available now, in October, to those at high risk of complications," Nancy Cox of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday.

Cox told a news conference that

about 79 million doses of flu vaccine are expected to be available this season, about 4 million more than last year.

She declined to predict the extent or severity of this year's flu season.

But only three companies are making the vaccine this year, instead of four, and supplies are running late, she said.

David A. Neumann, director of the National Coalition for Adult Immunization, said that the flu kills as many as 20,000 Americans in a typical year.

"Such loss of life is preventable," he said, but "too often people do not get the vaccinations they need to protect themselves."

With about 45 million doses of flu vaccine now available and an additional 34 million expected to be delivered in coming months, the speakers urged that healthy people wait to get their shots in November and December.

It takes about two weeks for the vac-

cine to become fully effective and in recent years the incidence of the flu has peaked in January through March.

Those who should receive their shots first, officials said, are people aged 65 and older and other at-risk groups, including:

- Residents of nursing homes and other facilities housing people with chronic illnesses.
- Children and adults with chronic heart and lung disorders, such as asthma.
- Children and adults who need regular medical care because of such chronic diseases as diabetes, kidney disease and immune suppression.
- People aged six months to 18 years who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy.
- Pregnant women who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season.
- Health care workers.

Dr. Pierce Gardner of the National Institutes of Health also called for increased efforts to get the elderly vaccinated against pneumococcal disease.

People aged 65 and over should receive this vaccine, he said, as should those aged 50 and up if they have other risk factors.

Pneumococcal disease comes in three forms, the most serious being a potentially deadly blood infection. It can also cause pneumonia or sinus and ear infections in children.

The vaccine is most effective against the blood infection, Gardner said.

Dr. Bonnie M. Word of the National Medical Association said that blacks and Hispanics tend to have lower rates of vaccination than whites. She said her organization is trying to raise the rate of vaccinations through public education efforts.

## Four bin Laden followers to be sentenced Thursday

NEW YORK (AP) — The first men convicted of carrying out Osama bin Laden's 1998 edict to kill Americans wherever they are found will be sentenced under extraordinarily tight security Thursday in the deadly 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

The four men were found guilty last May in a trial that laid out in detail what the government knew about bin Laden and his network of terror. Their sentencing will take place at the federal courthouse in lower Manhattan, just blocks from the smoking ruins of the World Trade Center.

U.S. marshals with shotguns guard the courthouse. Barricades block the adjacent street, and steel posts protect the building.

The four were arrested in the near-simultaneous Aug. 7, 1998, bombings of the U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The attacks killed 224 people, including 12 Americans, and led to an international manhunt for top leaders of bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

The six-month trial attracted few spectators beyond government employees and the families of the victims. But the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that have been based on bin Laden have spurred new interest in the trial and the evidence the government collected.

The defendants were the first convicted by a U.S. jury after bin Laden issued a February 1998 edict to kill all Americans wherever they are found.

## UBS hopes to put life into current fraternity-sponsored blood drive

A blood drive sponsored by a Texas Tech fraternity is off to a slow start, but Les Long, a spokesman from the United Blood Service, is hoping it will hit high gear soon.

The drive is from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. today until Friday at the Sigma Chi Lodge on Greek Circle.

"This blood drive is usually one of the big three we have every year," he said. "For the past 21 years, we have had over 500 units of blood donated in this drive alone."

The blood drive, entitled the "Support America Blood Drive," will benefit the American Red Cross, Children's Miracle Network and the Salvation Army with T-shirt sales, and the United Blood Services and area hospitals with blood donations.

"(Interim Chancellor) Dr. (David) Smith is interested in this drive in the name of the Health Sciences Center and University Medical Center," he said. "They always need blood."

Long said the requirements for donating blood include being older than 17 years, weighing more than 110 pounds and being in good health. In addition, the blood ser-

vice performs a miniature physical, including a blood iron level and blood pressure.

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# Discussion to explore violence within relationships

By Damion Davis/Staff Reporter

A discussion about the warning signs of relationship violence is the subject of a free seminar 7 p.m. tonight at the University Center Ballroom.

There will be multiple activities including Me, Inc., which promotes leadership qualities in students.

Will Kaytin is the director of Me, Inc. He said this would be a good program for students to attend.

"The purpose of our program is implied in the name. We want people to be able to be leaders in themselves, and then with that, they can go out and become leaders in the community and in their different student organizations," he said.

Kaytin said there is no way people can lead other people until they learn how to become one with themselves.

"This (event) should be a good fit (with Relationship Week) this week. Leadership goes hand in hand with knowing how to handle yourself in this sort of situation," Kaytin said.

"The Quiet Storm," also in the University Center Ballroom at 7 p.m., is a film that shows how a relationship goes from good to bad.

Heidi Knight is the coordinator of community education at the Women's Protective Services. She said this is a good program to show on a college campus.

"Statistics show that ladies between the ages of 20 and 24 are the class that

most violent relationships come out of. This program will teach people how to recognize relationships violence before it begins," she said.

Knight, who usually works with people who have been convicted of assault in these situations, said there are many myths people propagate about abusive relationships.

"One myth is that women stay because they like it. The reality is that they are afraid to leave. They have been told so many times that if they do leave the abuser will kill himself or things like that, it makes it hard for them to leave," she said.

Every nine seconds, a woman is battered in the United States, one of every three women will be physically

abused; and in 2000, 87 women were killed by their intimate partner in Texas.

"Some people also say that it is easy to leave an abusive relationship. Most of the time it is not that easy. If it were, there would not be anyone in a physically violent relationship. You have to know the situation," she said.

There are many signs people can look for to know if they may be headed for abuse problems in relationships, she said.

Jealousy, quick involvement, isolation and blaming others for personal problems are a few of the warning signs.

Knight said there are many factors that go into a person being an abuser.

"Most people that are the abusers in this relationship have learned this action from somewhere else. They have seen it happen and they are used to seeing it. In some instances they are tired of being the loser, and they don't let that happen anymore," he said.

Women's Protective Services offers counseling over the phone for those who are in abusive or violent relationships. The hot line number is (806) 747-6491.

For more information about the events planned for the week, call the Student Activity Office at (806) 742-3621.

For more information about Women's Protective Services, call the office at 748-5292.

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— HEIDI KNIGHT  
Women's Protective Services

## Elvis Costello discusses 'For the Stars'

NEW YORK (AP) — Elvis Costello has become sort of an expert in collaborations, having worked with everyone from Burt Bacharach to the Brodsky Quartet over the past 10 years.

But his pairing with mezzo-soprano Anne Sofie von Otter on the recent album "For the Stars" wasn't his idea.

"Actually, it was Anne Sofie's husband who said it first, like, 'Oh, you should work together sometime' — just like that, not very seriously," the 47-year-old British musician said. "I was really taken aback. It had never occurred to me. I just thought her kind of singing was completely beyond my comprehension."

Costello became a fan after his wife encouraged him to attend one of von Otter's concerts. After her

performance, the couple sent flowers to show their admiration.

"(Then) she invited us to like an after-concert supper, and we were introduced, and we talked," he said. "And discovered we had more in common than you might imagine."

"For the Stars" features relatively obscure pop songs performed by von Otter. Costello, who produced and arranged the material, doesn't sing.

However, Costello and von Otter performed together this summer in a concert that was filmed by director Ted Demme for a documentary.

1. After seeing von Otter perform, did you try using your celebrity to go backstage?

Costello: I don't go backstage to see people I don't know. But we sort of sent the flowers with a card or something and eventually, I think after a few days ... we were introduced.

2. How did you pick the songs for the disc?

Costello: We looked at a whole range of material. ... I think it's very natural for her to want to explore every possibility, because her own range in classical music is enormous.

She goes from Verdi to Stravinsky and even contemporary compositions. ... We found a lot of really great songs that we wouldn't have done if we hadn't spent 3 1/2 years looking for them.

3. Why didn't you consider adapting the disc more to von Otter's operatic style?

Costello: She obviously could do that perfectly well without my involvement.

I appreciate a lot of this music, but I wouldn't presume to be an authority on it.

## Music stars give three major concerts this weekend to benefit terror victims

NEW YORK (AP) — Usually, it's hard to get top pop acts to share the same bill, unless it's an awards show.

But this weekend, dozens of stars including Paul McCartney, David Bowie, Michael Jackson, Tim McGraw, 'N Sync and the Backstreet Boys plan to perform at three benefit concerts to raise money for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and raise morale too.

"It's everybody and anybody — people that you would never think would take the stage together are coming together for the first time," 'N Sync's Lance Bass said Tuesday.

Bass' group is performing at the "United We Stand" concert Sunday in Washington, an eight-hour marathon that also includes Jackson, the Backstreet Boys, Mariah Carey, Destiny's Child, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs and others.

Tickets for the RFK Stadium event ranged from \$25 to \$75 and have sold out, officials said, raising approximately \$2 million.

Parts of the show will likely be aired later on television.

Also on Sunday, McGraw, Sara Evans, Trisha Yearwood, Brooks & Dunn and other country stars take part in a 2 1/2-hour concert at the 13,000-seat Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville, to be aired live on the CMT cable network and on radio stations across the nation.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$1,000, and are almost sold out.

"This is what our talent is, and our chance to make some money for these people and make a difference in what's

going on," McGraw said.

The weekend concerts kick off Saturday with the "Concert for New York City" at Madison Square Garden. Along with the Backstreet Boys and Destiny's Child, that event features McCartney, Bowie, Elton John, Eric Clapton, Billy Joel, U2's Bono, Marc Anthony and others.

Tickets range from \$200 to \$5,000 and were still available.

The five-hour show will be aired live on VH1 without commercials, and on the radio. Columbia Records plans to release a double-disc CD from the concert, with most proceeds going to charity.

The concerts aired on VH1 and CMT will flash a telephone number that viewers can call to donate money; radio listeners also will be provided with a number to call.

Clear Channel Entertainment, which owns 135 entertainment venues and is the nation's dominant concert promoter, is producing or helping to produce all three concerts.

Chief Operating Officer Steve Smith said they were relatively easy to pull together quickly.

"The artist community has been universally responsive to us," Smith said. "We have bands at all of these events that have turned their schedules upside down in order to be able to be there, if just for a few minutes."

Bass was at home in Orlando, Fla., when he watched the Sept. 11 events unfold on television. He later visited the rubble where the World Trade Center stood.

McGraw was taking his children to

school in Nashville when he heard about the attacks on the radio.

He drove to the nearest home where he knew someone — the house of country star Martina McBride — and saw the destruction on television.

"This is one time to use your profile to help something, to use it unashamedly, almost, to get things done," McGraw said of the benefit concerts.

He conceded that some fans might be reluctant to attend major events these days, but said it was necessary to resume activities such as concert-going.

"You just have to be normal, be as normal as you can and just keep your eyes open," he said.

The concerts come less than a month after the "America: A Tribute to Heroes" telethon, featuring performances by many top acts, raised approximately \$150 million.

Many smaller benefit concerts are also planned around the country: Bruce Springsteen is headlining a benefit performance Friday in New Jersey, for example, 'N Sync plans one next month in Miami, and the Grand Ole Opry plans a show in November.

Smith said there is no target figure for how much this weekend's concerts could raise.

"These events have been assembled in a matter of days, where stadium festivals like this would normally take months, so we're going to be happy with what we accomplish," he said.

## Gardening better than sex, according to recent report

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The dirt on gardening is that for many home enthusiasts, it's better than sex.

That doesn't come as a surprise to Burton Jablin, president and general manager of Knoxville-based Home & Garden Television, which has built a cable network reaching 73 million U.S. households since 1995 based on such insight.

The network conducts an annual Lifestyle Trends Report, a compilation of polling and other research.

"This year, yet again, making love did not come in No. 1 among home enthusiasts," Jablin said. "Working in the yard actually beat having sex."

Yard work was the most popular answer among home enthusiasts to the HGTV question: Which activities are you most likely to do in your spare time "for fun and enjoyment"?

Forty-one percent gave a green thumbs-up to mowing the lawn. Sex was second at 37 percent, followed by gardening at 34 percent and redecorating, 23 percent.

"When we look at the rest of the survey and at other research that we do for HGTV, what we find is that people really get a great deal of personal satisfaction out of what they do around the house. So that is really what is at work here," Jablin said.

The report was prepared by Yankelovich Partners Inc., a North Carolina-based marketing research firm.

The company relied on a nationwide telephone survey of 1,414 adults in January, in-home interviews with 2,500 adults between January and April, and U.S. Census data.

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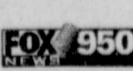
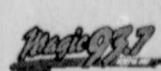
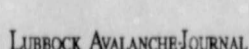


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# Jason Boland plays first concert in Lubbock since accident

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

Even though he's on crutches, Jason Boland will perform for Texas Tech and Lubbock fans for the first time since his July car accident.

Jason Boland and the Stragglers will be playing in Lubbock at 10:30 p.m. Thursday at The Blue Light, 1806 Buddy Holly Ave.

Boland and his fiddle player Dana Hazzard were on their way to a show in Tahlequah, Okla., when Boland's vehicle hydroplaned because of the rain. While Hazzard escaped the accident with only scratches and bruises, Boland was not as fortunate.

He broke his femur, had to have bolts put in his hip, and broke his nose.

Boland said he had no insurance at the time of his wreck because he's self-employed.

He said he appreciates the support he is receiving from his Lubbock fans, as well as his Texas.

"The Texas family really came together (during the accident and recovery)," Boland said. "(Texans) are all wonderful. We can't even begin to thank them enough."

The Blue Light, as well as other bars and country musicians across Texas, held 15 benefit concerts, which raised money to cover medical expenses, he said.

Drew Brown, manager of the Blue Light, said West 84; Ben Atkins Band; Heath Tolleson and the Orange County Band; and Whiskey Bent performed on Aug. 15 for free.

Brown said 100 percent of the proceeds were donated to Boland's recovery effort.

"All these bands came together and played for free out of the kindness of their hearts," he said. "That speaks a lot



JASON BOLAND AND The Stragglers, above, will perform at 10:30 p.m. at The Blue Light today.

for Texas country music."

Brown said it has been six months since Boland played at the Blue Light. Boland's Aug. 10 performance was canceled because of the accident.

"It's going to be nice to see him back on the stage at the Blue Light," he said.

"I love Lubbock," he said. "The Depot District always has a nice feel to it. There are lots of really good people having a great time."

Thursday's performance will be Boland's 11th show since his wreck.

Heath Tolleson of the Heath Tolleson and the Orange County Band said they played four benefit shows for Boland because he knew Boland would

have done the same for him and his band members.

"We've known Jason for a while now," said Tolleson, a Tech senior public relations major from Gruver. "I truly respect him as a friend and as a musician."

Tolleson said he is happy Boland has recovered and is able to perform again. "Out of all of this, it helped Jason see his fans and see how much he means to them," he said.

Boland has two records out: "Pearl Snaps," which was produced by Lloyd

Maines and "Truck Stop Diaries," which was produced by Mike McClure and J.J. Lester from The Great Divide. He wrote the majority of the songs on both of his records.

Some of Boland's songs reflect his religious beliefs, but he said the songs are not completely gospel. Boland, who was raised small-town Baptist, said there is not a reason he should not admit he has faith.

"(My spirituality) creeps in there a lot," he said. "Things I do I feel convicted of end up in my songs."

Boland said it has finally sunk in that his career is singing and performing. "It's my life," he said. "I'm so very thankful I get to do it."

Jason Boland and the Stragglers came up with their name because a straggler is a person or group that wanders from the direct course or way. Boland said this fits the band because they play Texas country music, but are from Oklahoma.

Matt Peveto, Boland's manager and booking agent with Mustang Entertainment, said although Jason Boland and the Stragglers are based out of Stillwater, Okla., the band could be heard throughout Texas.

"Jason's brand new in Texas," he said. "You name it, they play it. He's known more as a road warrior."

The band plays more than 200 shows a year, Peveto said. They can be heard at Gruene Hall in Gruene; Billy Bob's in Fort Worth; Dallas, Corpus Christi, Houston and other Texas towns, as well as in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas.

"I like to call (Jason's music) Americana music," he said. "Its roots are country."

Peveto said Boland is not only a great singer and songwriter, but he also has a great band.

His band members include Roger

Ray, guitar; Brad Rice, drums; Grant Tracy, bass; and Dana Hazzard, fiddle.

Women get in free, and the cover for men is \$5.



JASON BOLAND AND The Stragglers, above, return to Lubbock after a six-month absence.

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Gregory E. Paul  
Scottsdale, PA

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## Frost's house to become museum

SHAFTSBURY, Vt. (AP) — A Bennington County group has signed a contract to buy a home that Robert Frost once owned and plans to make it a museum.

Carole Thompson, president of the Friends of Robert Frost, wouldn't disclose the purchase price, but said the 80-member group hopes to raise \$500,000 by May. Frost wrote "Stopping by Woods on

a Snowy Evening" at the house, which the Steck family now owns. When the purchase is finalized, Thompson said, Peter J. Stanlis of Illinois, one of Frost's last surviving friends, has agreed to donate his Frost collection of more than 300 works, including several original manuscripts.

The 2,500-sq-ft house was built in 1769. Frost lived there from 1920-29. He died in 1963 at age 88.

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## Cumbess says school is more important

Former Red Raider volleyball player speaks out on her decision to leave squad

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

When Yolanda Cumbess left the Texas Tech volleyball team last Monday, it left the team with a hole to fill and questions about why she left.

Cumbess said her departure came suddenly and she felt it left the team confused.

"Things happened so suddenly when I left," Cumbess said "I didn't get a chance to explain to the team."

Cumbess contacted the team to let the players know her reason for leaving the Red Raiders and assured them there are no hard feelings.

"It had nothing to do with (the team)," Cumbess said. "I had a lot of

problems with scheduling class around practice, and we couldn't make many adjustments."

The coaching staff tried to work out a personal practice schedule with Cumbess where she would practice individually with coaches before the team practice and leave part way through team workouts for class.

Tech coach Jeff Nelson said he is pleased with how the team has responded to Cumbess' loss.

"I am proud of the changes we've made," Nelson said, "especially with the shake up last week."

Nelson has used several different lineups for matches since Cumbess left the team, and is happy with the players who

have stepped in to fill the role asked of them. The Raiders are 2-2 since losing Cumbess.

Cumbess said she was faced with a difficult decision.

"The bottom line was," Cumbess said, "I had to choose between graduating or playing volleyball. I enjoy playing volleyball, and it's made a positive impact on my life and built character, but I've had to play at a cost."

If Cumbess decided to graduate in May, she still would not have been able to practice with the team because of her class schedule.

Cumbess said the decision to leave the team was the right one for her and the team. She has no plans of playing

volleyball after school, and she said she made the realistic choice.

"You have to look at the total picture," Cumbess said, "and realize volleyball is temporary."

Cumbess was playing with more than one ball in the court and had to decide which ball she would rather play with.

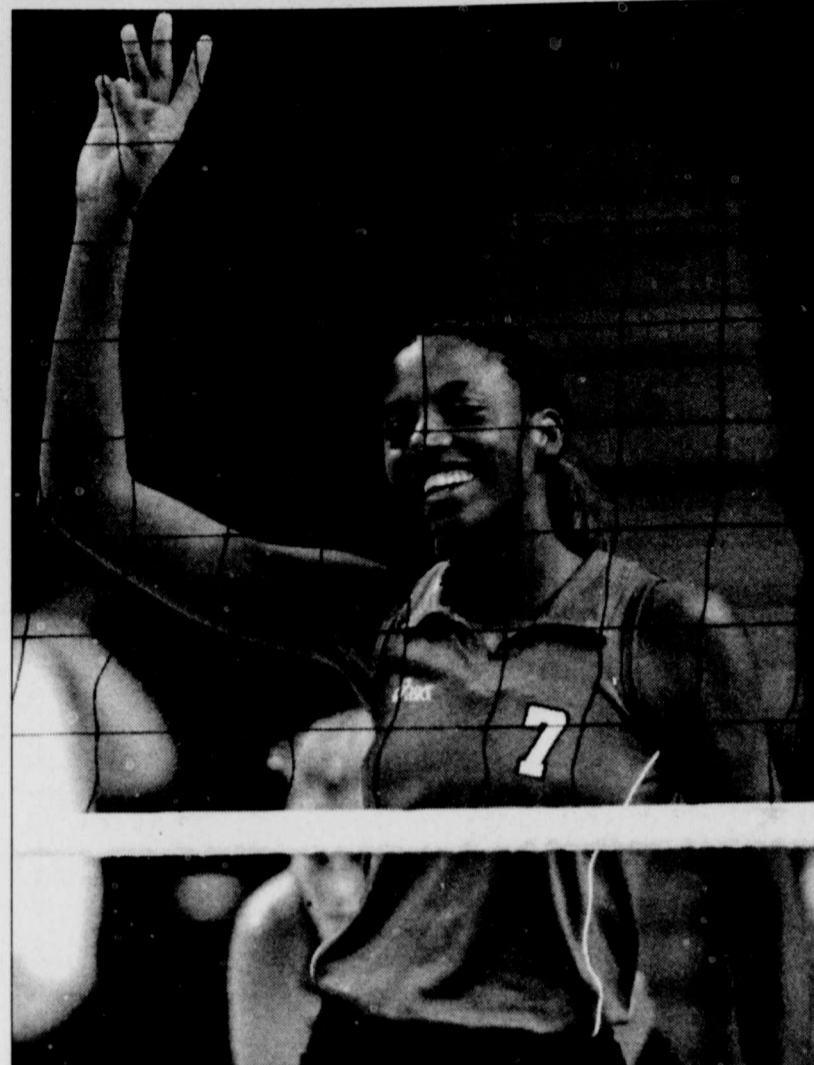
"I am fortunate to have talent and so many talents in different fields," Cumbess said. "I had two huge commitments, and I just had to choose which was more important to me. I wasn't able to give 100 percent to both."

The competitiveness of Big 12 volleyball does not allow for a team to have personnel problems, and Cumbess said there is no room for part-time players in the conference.

She said she has no hard feelings for her former teammates and wishes them the best of luck for the remainder of the season.

"That's why I was at the game (Monday) night," Cumbess said. "(I was there) to cheer them on."

Cumbess will graduate with a degree in industrial engineering. She does not have a job lined up, but she is contacting companies with whom she had internships over the last few years.



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FORMER TEXAS TECH volleyball player Yolanda Cumbess quit the team on Oct. 8. Cumbess said it was either graduate or play volleyball. She chose the books over the courts.

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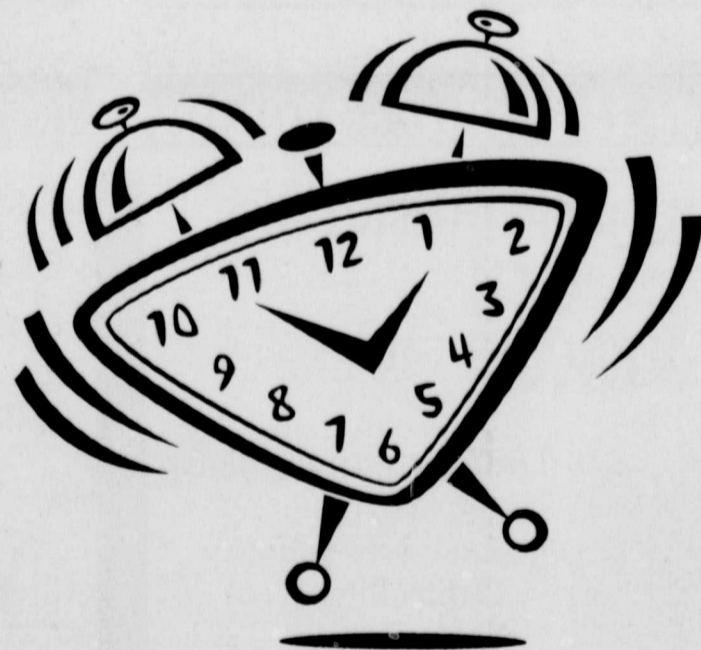
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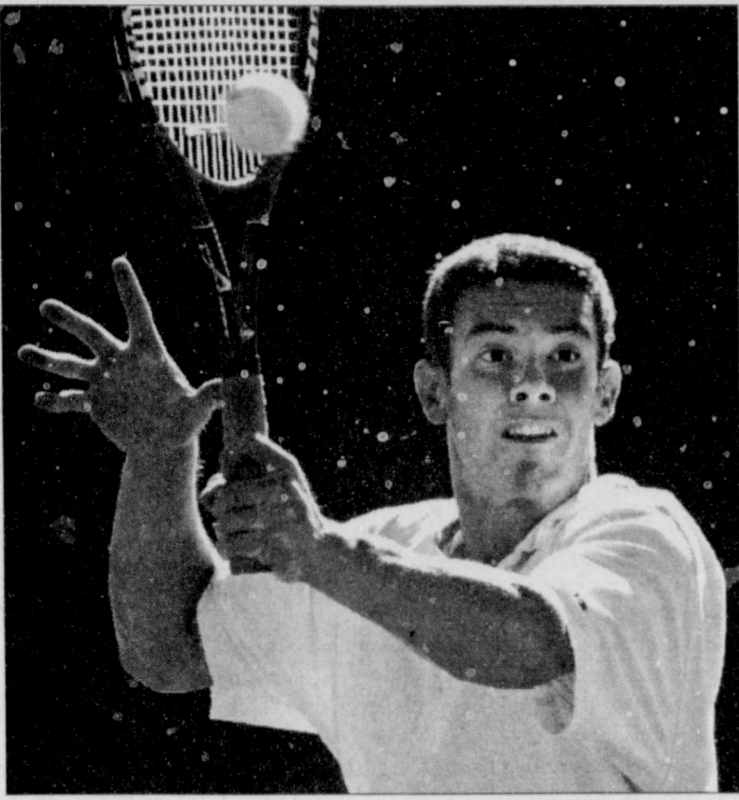
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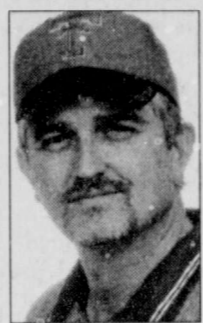


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TEXAS TECH'S BEN Guzelak returns a backhand during the first round of the USTA \$15,000 Pro Tournament at the McCleod Tennis Center on Tuesday...

Did you hear the sports joke about the...?

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PHIL RIDDLE

There are a lot of really great benefits to being a sports writer.

It's a wonderful job, in which you get to work with interesting people.

One of the other perks is you get to hear all the sports jokes.

For every time I hear, "What did you think of that third-and-two call in the game last week," I hear three "A preacher, a convict and a hooker walk into a bar..."

Nearly all the anecdotes have a sports theme. Jokes like, "What do you call 25 guys sitting around watching the World Series? The Texas Rangers."

Or, one from the Michael Irvin era in Dallas: "Why do the Cowboys play on a field with no stripes?"

Because the team follows the grounds keeper around sniffing the lines as he puts them down."

While every sport has their punch lines, no leisure activity is the subject of as many jokes as golf.

Every talk show host, every stand-up comic and every amateur smart-ass has a file titled Jokes: golf.

An example: A preacher awakens on a beautiful sunny Sunday morning. He, like the rest of us from time to time, really doesn't feel like going in to work.

He works out a scheme and finds a replacement speaker for his pulpit that morning, grabs his bag and heads out to the links for a glorious 18 holes.

After firing a par on the first two holes, he really gets all the ball on his drive off the third. The ball rises into the early Sunday morning sun, bounces and rolls straight into the cup a staggering 410-yards away.

In heaven, Saint Peter is questioning God's allowing the shot from the absentee preacher.

"How could you let him make a shot like that while he's neglecting his duties?"

God smiles and said, "Who's he

going to tell?"

Golfers and their commitment to the game are the subject of a mountain of jokes.

A duffer was out for a Saturday afternoon on the links with a buddy. They played 12 holes and were near the street bordering the course when a long, white limousine marked the appearance of a funeral procession.

One of the golfers stopped while lining up a shot and stood stock-still with his hat in his hand until the lengthy motorcade had passed. His friend came up to him and said admiringly, "You know, I really respect you for stopping like that when that funeral procession came past. I never really knew that side of you."

"It was the least I could do," said the interrupted golfer, "We would have

been married 32 years this week."

There is also the philosophical bent toward some golf jokes.

"Do you believe in reincarnation?" one golfer asked a friend during a round at the local municipal course.

"Why, yes I do," said the buddy.

"Well, how do you want to return to Earth?"

"I want to come back as a lesbian."

"What? Why?"

"I still want to make love to women, but I want to hit from the shorter tees."

Lighten up, it's just a joke.

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Weak Monday football matchup outdraws baseball playoffs

(AP) — "Monday Night Football" finally poked fun at itself.

What else could it do?

Stuck with two 0-4 teams going against the Yankees-Athletics playoff finale, Al Michaels and his crew couldn't pretend the Washington-Dallas game was anything close to the rivalry it was when the Cowboys and Redskins were title contenders.

So they played up the negatives, something rarely done in the "all is wonderful" world of the NFL and its television "partners."

ABC actually won the ratings war, although its 9.9 national rating was well below the season average of 11.4 for prime time NFL telecasts this season.

The NFL rating was higher than a 1986 game between the Redskins and Giants, then the league's two best teams, that went against the seventh game of the Mets-Red Sox World Series.

In fact, ABC expected to be beaten

by baseball with this game.

"We can't begin to tell you there isn't another sporting event going on that may be of greater import," Michaels said early in the telecast Monday.

Michaels began by stating the obvious: These were probably the two worst teams in the NFL. But he added, "It should be more competitive than the 37-0 and 35-0 games we've had on Monday night this season."

After several gaffes by quarterbacks Tony Banks

of the Redskins or Anthony Wright of the Cowboys, ABC showed clips of Joe Theismann, Mark Rypien, Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman, as well shots of Hall of Fame Cowboys like Staubach,

Tony Dorsett and Bob Lilly watching from the sideline.

With the Cowboys leading 3-0 in the third quarter of what turned out to be a

9-7 victory, Michaels quipped: "The over-under is 3 1/2."

Shortly afterward, he said, "This isn't the worst Redskins-Cowboys game on Monday night," then ABC showed clips of replacements playing during the 1987 strike.

When the baseball game ended, the network

showed the final score. Then Michaels said it would show highlights of the Cowboys-Redskins game to fans just joining the telecast.

What came on instead were touch-

down passes from Aikman to Michael Irvin, a touchdown run by John Riggins and several other clips of Washington-Dallas games when the two teams were among the NFL's elite.

There was, naturally, a lot of attention paid to Emmitt Smith, the lone star remaining from Dallas' Super Bowl teams of the '90s. And after Washington's LaVar Arrington was called for two personal fouls, ABC showed him running down Aikman last season and knocking him to the turf, a tackle that caused the concussion that helped end the quarterback's career.

There were, of course, the obligatory shots of owners Jerry Jones and Daniel Snyder, the two men who bear much of the responsibility for the demise of their teams — although little mention was made of that.

But ABC's attitude was summed up in the third quarter by sideline reporter Melissa Stark.

"You may wonder why this game is being shown on Monday night," she said. "Frankly, so are we."

You may wonder why this game is being shown on Monday night. Frankly, so are we.

MELISSA STARK ABC Sportscaster

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GOLF WINNERS! Ryan Hodson, left, and Micah Malouf, right, were the winners of the two-person intramural golf tournament in the open division.

## 2-person Golf Tournament concludes

On Oct. 14, the 2-person golf tournament was held at Stone Gate Golf Course. The winners of the open division were Ryan Hodson and Micah Malouf with a score of 70. The winners of the Greek division were Fiji representatives Cody Craig and Trey Aston with a score of 59. Other winners included David Egan with the longest drive and Stephen McKethan closest to the pin. Thanks to all participants who came out and enjoyed a beautiful day of golf.

## Flag Football Rankings

Men's Top 10	Women's Top 10
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2. Gottie Boyz 4-0	2. Theta Black
3. Gamblers 4-0	3. Tri Delta 'A'
4. Skanooks 5-0	4. Body Shots
5. Cougars 5-0	5. Lady Cougs
6. Purple Heads 5-0	
7. Fiji 'A' 5-0	
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9. Sneed Boyz 4-0	
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\* All games played through Oct. 14. Check out the updated rankings every Friday at [www.ttu.edu/recsports](http://www.ttu.edu/recsports)

## AMBUSH THE AGGIE RUN

The annual 2-and 4-mile Ambush the Aggie Fun Run is scheduled for 9 a.m. Nov. 3. The race will begin at the Student Recreation Center.

Entries will be accepted in person at the Recreational Sports office, Room 202 of the Rec Center, or in the Fit/Well Center, lower level of the Rec through Friday, Nov. 2. Same day registration will begin at 8 a.m. on November 3. The run is open to all Texas Tech students, faculty, staff and guests on campus for the Texas A&M football game.

There is no charge for the race unless participants want a commemorative t-shirt; then there is a \$7 race fee. Runners not wanting a t-shirt do not have to register and only need to show up for the run.

## INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW

### Outdoor Pursuits Center

"Men [and Women] wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful, honor and recognition in case of success."

Sir Ernest Shackleton  
Here is your chance to join the Outdoor Pursuit team. The Outdoor Pursuits Center is looking for staff to work in the rental shop, climbing wall and trip program. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking for a learning experience in outdoor recreation and leadership. Qualified applicants don't necessarily need outdoor trip experience, but have an ability to lead people with various backgrounds, teach different activities, a good work ethic and a positive sense of humor. There will be an informational meeting Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. at the OPC. Also, stop by our shop and pick up a flier outlining the jobs, responsibilities and qualifications. Or call 742-3351 / 742-2949 for more information.

### Outdoor Soccer Registration

It is not too late to sign up a team for Outdoor Soccer. Sign ups end at 5 p.m. on Thursday; remember, the sooner the better. Students, faculty and staff can sign up in the Students Rec Center Room 203.

If you do not have a team but would like to play, the Intramural department has a Free Agent program set up for you.  
The Free Agent meeting is today at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Rec Center Room 205. Hope to see you on the Rec Fields.

### Softball Regular Season Over

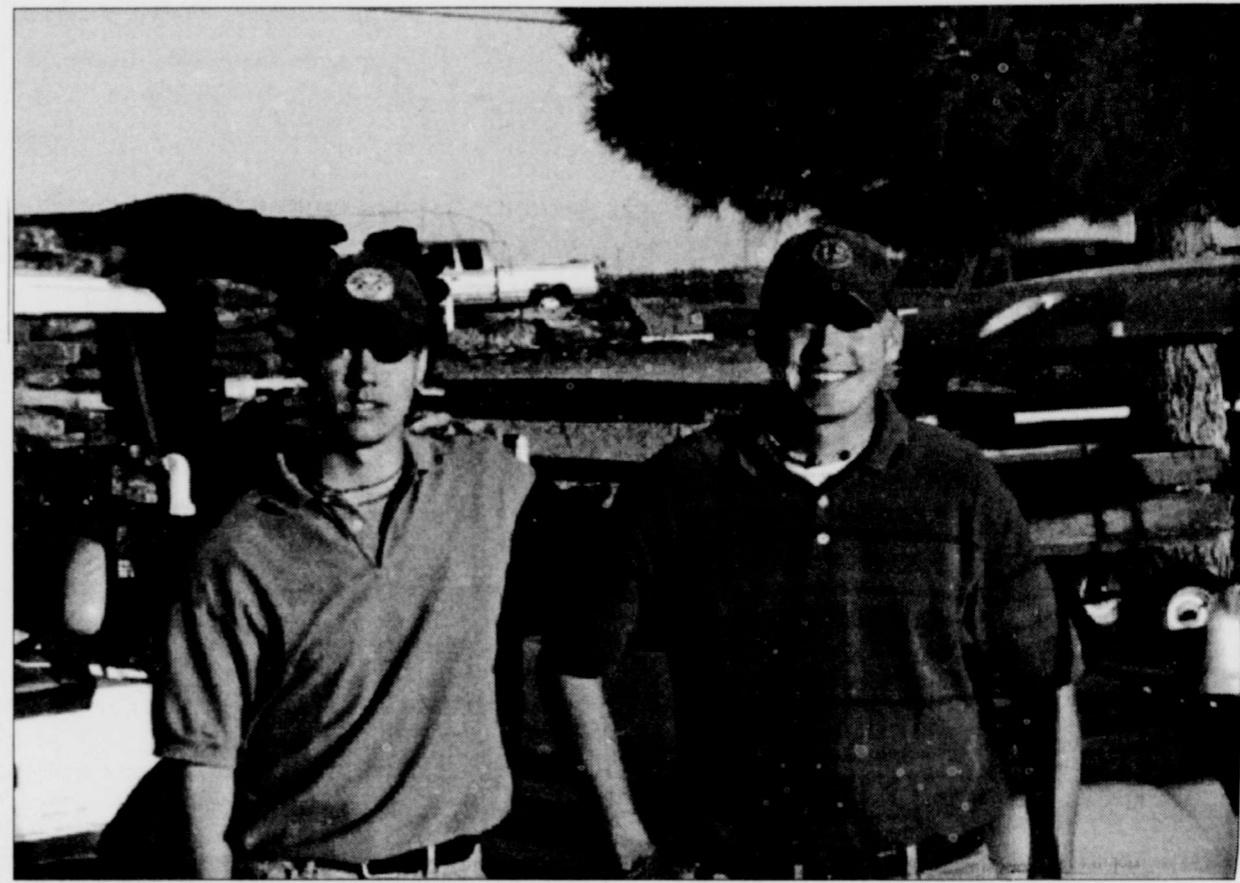
The Fall Softball regular season came to an end Sunday with 20 undefeated men's teams, 2 undefeated women's teams and 10 undefeated co-rec teams. The playoff schedules come out today after 1 p.m.

You can pick up the schedules in the Student Rec Center Room 203. Let's see if one of the undefeated teams can reign as the champion in one of three divisions. The playoffs begin on Sunday at 7 p.m. Remember every team goes to the playoffs regardless of your record. See you on the diamond.

### Indoor Soccer Players Wanted

If you have played, watched, or even been to a soccer game, then we want you to take part in this event. The Intramural/Special Event Department is sponsoring an Indoor Soccer Tournament. The tournament starts on Thursday with winners continuing on to Friday.

The single elimination bracket is scheduled. So come sign up your team in the time slot that is convenient. Do not be one of the soccer teams that get's left out because you are late. Limited space is still available. To sign up, come to the Student Rec Center Room 202. If you do not have a team we can find you one. For more information call George Juarez at 742-3351. Hope to see you there.



BIG HITTERS! Greek winners of Sunday's intramural golf tournament at Stonegate Golf Course were Fijis Cody Craig, left, and Trey Aston, right. The tournament was held last Sunday.

## FITNESS ACTIVITIES

### Specialty Class Registration

Ongoing Registration for the second session of specialty classes held in the Student Recreation Center is currently in progress. The second session of classes runs until Nov. 15. Available classes include:  
Belly Dance: T/Th, 8-9 p.m.  
Boxing Techniques: Su/W, 4-6 p.m., and T/Th, 2-4 p.m.  
Knockout Jam: M/W, 4:10-5:10 p.m. and T/Th, 6:45-7:45 p.m.  
Mat Pilates: T/Th, 6:45-7:45 p.m.  
Men's Weight Training: T/Th, 8-9 p.m.  
Racquetball: M/W, 7-8 p.m.  
Spin City: M/W, 6:45-7:45 p.m. and T/Th 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Tai Chi: T/Th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Women and Weights: M/W, 8-9 p.m.  
Yoga: W, 5:15-6:15 p.m. and W, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Need a personal trainer?

A personal trainer can assist you in designing a program to meet your desired goals. Learn an overall program for living a healthy lifestyle, including nutrition, weight training, aerobic conditioning, and exercise management. Three sessions are only \$40 and five sessions are \$60 (sessions are 1 hour long). For more information and registration call the Fitness/Wellness Center at 742-3828.

### Racquetball Workshops

Intermediate Level: Workshop will be held on Nov. 8 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Racquetball Court 7 at the Rec Center.  
Advanced Level: Workshops will be held Nov. 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Racquetball Court 7 at the Rec Center. There will also be a drawing for a \$150 Ektelon Expert Racquet. The fee is \$6 per class. Registration is in the Fitness/Wellness Center.

### Try our feature class this week

Every Thursday at 4:30 p.m., Rec Sports offers a different fitness class to give you more variety! On Oct. 18, try Disco Step—a step class with all 70's music.

**CALL 742-3828 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR STOP BY THE FITNESS/WELLNESS CENTER**

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