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Capitol postal workers die from anthrax

By David Espo/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two postal workers at a site that handles mail for the Capitol died Monday, apparently from anthrax, officials said, and two more remained hospitalized with the life-threatening disease as the nation's bioterror casualty count mounted.

Health officials expressed concern about as many as nine other area people who have exhibited symptoms consistent with the disease. The officials issued an urgent appeal for hundreds more postal workers at the facility to undergo testing.

"Anyone who was working in that back postal area during the last 11 days, you must today immediately come here ... to receive prophylactic medication and to be evaluated," said Dr. Ivan

Walks, a Washington, D.C., health official. About 2,000 employees work at the Brentwood facility, and many had already submitted to tests or lined up to comply.

Shortly after he spoke, Surgeon General David Satcher said it was "highly probable" that the two postal workers who died over the weekend had succumbed to anthrax.

The disclosures came as Congress struggled to return to normal after the discovery of an anthrax-laced letter last week in the office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle. The Capitol itself was reopened after weekend testing, with the House and Senate expected to meet on Tuesday.

The sprawling office buildings on both sides of Capitol Hill remained closed for additional testing, and officials said at least some of those

structures would remain shut down until Wednesday at the earliest. Two sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said House leaders were trying to arrange for alternative office space for lawmakers and staff unable to return to work.

"The Capitol of course has been safe and we have ample reason to believe that within the next few days we'll be able to open up the other buildings as well," said Daschle, D-S.D.

Nearly six weeks after the terrorist airliner attacks that killed thousands in New York and Washington, the Environmental Protection Agency said it would use money from the federal Superfund program to help decontaminate the American Media Inc. headquarters building in Boca Raton, Fla. One employee of the tabloid publishing firm died of the inhalation form of the

disease more than two weeks ago, and a co-worker is hospitalized undergoing treatment.

In New Jersey, the FBI sought the source of at least three anthrax-tainted letters that went through a mail facility in the Trenton area. The three included the letter delivered to Daschle's office, as well one sent to NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw and another one that turned up at The New York Post.

Nearly three weeks into the nation's bioterrorism scare, the roster of anthrax victims stood at:

One confirmed death of inhalation anthrax, the Florida tabloid employee, and two other fatal cases in which the disease is believed involved.

Three other cases of inhalation anthrax, the two postal workers hospitalized in suburban Vir-

ginia and a newspaper mailroom employee in Florida;

Six confirmed cases of the less dangerous skin form of the disease, including two who worked at the postal facilities in the Trenton, N.J. area. The other victims have connections to the national news media, including NBC, ABC, CBS and the New York Post.

Twenty-eight confirmed cases of anthrax exposure in the Capitol complex, following the delivery of the letter to Daschle's office. They include two Capitol police officers; two aides to Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and the balance employed by Daschle.

Beyond that, investigators seemed to be dis-

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Traveling with Class

Mobile instruction center visits Tech with new information on the travel and tourism industry

By Kristina Thomas/Staff Reporter

The Hogan Family Foundation Travel and Tourism Mobile Classroom made its way back to the Texas Tech campus Monday.

However, this time the sessions addressed new concerns that have been brought about because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

In March, the 45-foot-long motor coach made its first trip to Tech. The motor coach serves as a classroom that travels the country informing people about the travel and tourism industry and helping those who are pursuing a career in the field find jobs.

The mobile classroom's trip to Tech is sponsored by the restaurant, hotel and institutional management program, which held classes throughout the day in the coach.

While the presentation featured the same video as shown during previous visits, the program was slightly different to answer questions and help students decipher fact from rumor concerning the status of America's economy and travel and tourism industry.

Marianne Coulson and her husband, Larry, live on the motor coach nine months of the year touring and educating people.

During a presentation Monday, Marianne Coulson said although many companies have downsized since the attacks and the travel industry has received a lot of negative publicity, companies are bouncing back and jobs are available.

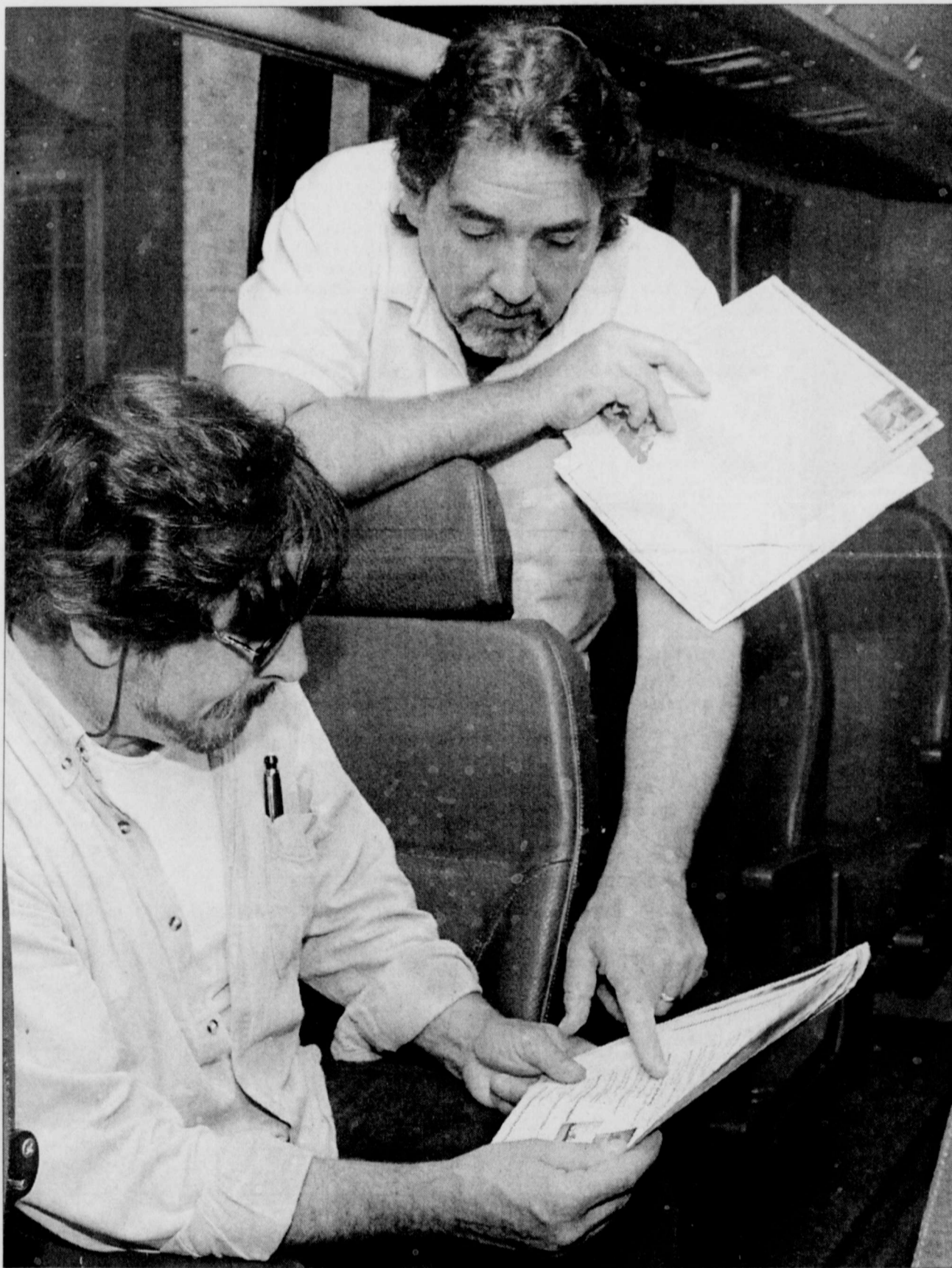
"I see the industry being just as promising as it was six months ago," she said.

At the beginning of each class, Marianne Coulson asked for questions or concerns from students about getting a job in the industry. She reassured students that although the travel industry is changing, they are in a good position to receive a job when they get out of school.

Although Marianne Coulson said travel industry is recovering, she said it would be a slow process. Car rentals will recover faster than air travel, she said.

"How soon people get comfortable traveling again de-

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LARRY COULSON, LEFT, an education coordinator for the Travel and Tourism Institute's mobile classroom, talks to Hinton Monte, a junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Seattle, about possible job opportunities in the travel and tourism industry.

U.S. strikes in northern Afghanistan

By Pauline Jelinek/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. military warplanes have begun hitting Taliban and al-Qaida forces in northern Afghanistan, including Taliban troops dug in north of Kabul, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Monday.

"It's true, the United States has been engaged in various air activities" to target such forces north of the Afghan capital, said Rumsfeld, joined at a Pentagon briefing by Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Richard Myers.

Myers said the most recent strikes over the weekend were conducted against forces "arrayed in the field against people we would like to help," apparently a reference to the opposition northern alliance.

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Tech officials soon will play frat detective

By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

University officials soon will begin the investigation process into a recent fraternal altercation on Greek Circle, after receiving a complaint from another organization.

"We received a complaint from an organization, which is enough to start the disciplinary process," said Director of Judicial Affairs Ethan Logan. "What this will lead to is a chance for the parties involved to have a chance to respond to the complaint."

Throughout the disciplinary process, Logan

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Techsan international students don't follow suit on withdrawal trend

AND THE SURVEY SAYS:

A national poll says colleges have seen their multinational groups dwindle since Sept. 11.

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Universities across the nation are experiencing international student withdrawals stemming from the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, according to a survey by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO).

However, Texas Tech's international enrollment has not wavered.

Registrar Don Wickard said the number of students who have withdrawn from the university after Sept. 11 is less than the number of students who withdrew around the same time last year.

"The attacks have had no impact that we could

tell, just by looking at these numbers," Wickard said.

Idris Traylor, executive director of the Office of International Affairs and director of the International Cultural Center, said international programs at Tech have not been affected in the sense of students leaving the university and going home.

The Office of International Affairs took immediate action following the Sept. 11 events by making contact with students abroad and international students on campus.

Concerns rose among parents and professors at Tech when the terrorists hit the United States, Traylor said.

Even though fears ran deep for Tech students studying in countries overseas and international students studying at Tech, the fears were short lived, Traylor said.

"Since the attacks, our office has been keeping in close contact with our students overseas," he said. "We know exactly what's happening and where they are."

If there is any danger at all, Traylor said, he would be in touch with the students to find out about it.

Traylor said the office talked to individuals here and offered special counseling for foreign students.

"We wanted to do whatever we could do to help our international students," he said.

The week following the attacks, the office held its regular president's council meeting, where the presidents of all the international student organizations come together. At this particular meeting, there was an emphasis on advising international groups, particularly the Middle Eastern organizations, on how to handle the events, Traylor said.

One international student said the recent happenings shouldn't be a reason for international students to withdraw.

Yaman Hossain, a senior electrical engineering major from Bangladesh, said international students shouldn't take this issue as such a major threat that they would withdraw from the university.

"It shouldn't affect students, regardless of race or religion, Hossain said. "I don't feel endangered or threatened."

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SANTOSH PADMANABHA, FRONT, an electrical engineering major graduate student from India, and Balaji Venkatasubramanian, an electrical engineering graduate student from India, work on a class project in the Engineering building.

Meat Judging Team sizzles with victory

WELL-DONE WIN:

The team took home its fifth consecutive win of the year Sunday.

By Joseph Balderas/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's Meat Judging Team remained undefeated with its fifth consecutive win of the year Sunday at the Excel

High Plains Meat Judging Contest in Plainview.

The contest was host to 10 teams and 71 contestants from across the nation. Tech placed first in seven of nine team-judging categories and had six of the top 10 overall individuals at the contest.

Mark Miller, animal science and food technology professor, has coached the team since 1991. He has coached four of Tech's five national championship meat judging teams.

"This was a pretty dominating performance," he said. "I think the students'

work and dedication shows that they have the ability to win every contest."

The team permanently retired the rotating challenge trophy to Tech with the help of the 1996 and 1999 team victories at the Excel contest. A university must win the contest three times before any other university to retire a trophy.

Miller said the team would have a chance to retire another trophy Nov. 4 at the American Royal Meat Judging Contest in Kansas City, Kan.

Lyda Garcia, a senior animal science major from Hebbronville, said the team

considered Excel its home field—an advantage she said led to the team's decisive victory.

"Dr. Miller really worked us really hard the week before the contest," she said. "We were all pretty much excited going into the cooler."

The team was established on campus in 1938. Teams in 1989, '91, '96, '97 and '99 have won the national championship. Garcia said the 2001 team has high expectations and a good opportunity to bring home another national championship for Tech.

"As long as we have a lot of support and confidence in ourselves, we'll have a great chance," she said. "There is no doubt about our talent. Every single member on the team has the talent."

The team received \$8,150 in scholarships and endowment donations from Excel as a reward for its success. The Excellence in Meat Sciences Fund will receive \$4,400 of the reward money. The fund is used for scholarships for future team members and recently helped the team purchase a van.

Authorities continue search for Liberty County escapees

LIBERTY (AP) — Authorities were searching Monday for two inmates who escaped from the Liberty County Jail over the weekend.

"Apparently they went through a vent system and broke out a vent on top of the roof and escaped through the roof," Liberty County Sheriff Greg Arthur said.

The inmates, David Jenkins, 32, and Nathan Wenzel, 26, were last reported seen in their two-man cell at 8:30 p.m. Sunday but by a bed check two hours later, they were gone.

Deputies said the inmates somehow managed to break out a plate protecting

the ventilation system.

Jenkins, who is from the nearby Cleveland area, was serving time for sexual assault. Wenzel, from the Baytown area, was jailed for narcotics and auto theft charges, officials said.

Jenkins is 5-foot-10 and has blonde hair with blue eyes. Wenzel is 5-foot-11 inches with brown hair with hazel eyes.

Deputies were using tracking dogs to search areas surrounding the jail, while others checked the homes of the escaped inmates' Liberty County relatives.

TECH NOTES

The Amateur Radio Society will meet at 6 p.m. today in 117 Petroleum Engineering. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Mark Matalik at (806) 724-6529.

The Native American Student Association will welcome its new traditional drum to its home on Texas Tech's campus at 6 p.m. Thursday at the gazebo located at 15th Street and Boston Avenue. The event will continue inside the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library. For more information, call Brenda Haes at (806) 742-3749, ext. 256.

The Muslim Students Association will have its general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the University Center

Matador Room. For more information, call Ebtesam Attaya at (806) 743-1192.

Phi Alpha Delta will have an active meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in 4 Holden Hall. There will be a guest speaker from the Texas Tech Law School who will discuss LSAT preparation. Business dress is required. For more information, call Virginia Miller at (806) 724-5116.

Alpha Epsilon Delta, a pre-medical honor society, will have its next meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 13 in 113 Chemistry. The speakers will be Heather Morris from Texas Tech's School of Nursing, and Sherry Sancibrian from the department of communication disorders. The last meeting for the semester will be 7 p.m. Dec. 4 in 113 Chemistry, where the speaker will be Holli Stockstill, a representative from Kaplan and Princeton Review.

Hillel, the Jewish student organization, will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at Caprock Café, located at 3405 34th Street. For more information, call Isack Kohn at (806) 773-8372.

POLICE BLOTTER

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



Traffic accident

Construction workers struck a light pole in the parking lot north of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Oct. 15.

Hoax

An officer investigated a hoax bomb found on the third floor of Weymouth Residence Hall on Oct. 15.

Theft

The rear license plate was stolen off a vehicle parked in the Z3-L parking lot Oct. 15.

A pair of alligator skin shoes and a pearl necklace were taken from study booth No. 45 in the basement of the Law School on Oct. 16.

A cellular phone and a deerskin were taken from a room on the first floor of Sneed Residence Hall on Oct. 18.

Criminal mischief

An unknown person poured soap into the fountain at the Broadway entrance to the Texas Tech campus Oct. 18.

Between Oct. 15 and Oct. 18, various mechanical parking control gates, located at the entrances to the Z4-R and Z4-P parking lots, were damaged.

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Attorneys seeking better minority representation in state redistricting trial

AUSTIN (AP) — There should be more opportunity for black and Hispanic Texans to elect candidates of their choice to Congress, several attorneys representing minorities told a federal panel Monday.

A string of lawyers had the same mantra during opening statements in the trial that will ultimately decide how Texas' new congressional districts will look: ensuring that the federal Voting Rights Act protecting minority voters is not violated when that new map is drawn.

Because the 2000 census shows the state population has grown by 3.9 million to 20.9 million people, Texas will get two new U.S. representatives. Right now, Texas has 30 districts, 17 Democrat and 13 Republican.

"Latinos are the engine that drive the extraordinary growth in Texas," said Nina Perales, an attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and other Latino interests. She said the state's 6.7 million Hispanics represent 60 percent of the Texas' growth since 1990.

Texas currently has six congressional Hispanic districts. Perales' clients want a seventh in southwest Texas.

"Latinos are such a large percentage of the state, one-third of the state is Latino, and without adequate numbers they will not be able to elect their candidate of choice," Perales said.

"That could stop someone from having a voice on issues important to Latinos," she said.

Morris Overstreet, a former judge and president of the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats, told the court the state should increase its two black districts to three to more fairly represent the 2.4 million black Texans.

He suggested District 25 near Houston be made an "opportunity district" in which a black candidate could be elected if the incumbent, U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen, does not seek re-election.

Bentsen, a white Democrat, has said he's considering running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

"We made a good-faith effort to realize the dream," Overstreet said of the map he was laying out for the judges. "What we're asking for is just a fair opportunity."

The minority advocates say they want a louder minority voice on issues like education, health care and economic development.

"This event will decide who you send there to Washington, to Congress, to make the decisions," Overstreet said.

Much of the openings also focused on what map the judges — federal Circuit Court Judge Patrick Higginbotham and federal District Judges T. John Ward and John Hannah — should use as a starting point.

On Friday, the Texas Supreme Court threw out a state judge's congressional map favored by Democrats. The court also refused Attorney General John Comyn's request to designate his plan favored by the GOP as the state map to be used in the federal trial.

Attorneys Rick Gray and Paul Smith, representing Democratic interests, said the court should use the state's current congressional map as a starting point.

During the trial, Smith will push a map that would not pair any incumbent representatives. It would create a new black district in Houston and a Hispanic district in South Texas. He called the proposal "politically neutral."

Killer: 'I will not beg for my life'

QUESTIONING AGE:

Lawyers opposed the Monday execution of Gerald Mitchell.

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Gerald Mitchell, who spent nearly half of his life as a prisoner condemned for a murder he committed at 17, headed for execution Monday night as his attorneys and death penalty opponents contended his age at the time of the crime should keep him from the Texas death chamber.

"What I am on right now is an out-of-control and terrifying emotional roller coaster ride," Mitchell said in a recent letter to *The Associated Press*. "Though I strongly desire my life to be prolonged for many years

more — I will not beg for my life." Mitchell's lawyers appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, contending his execution would violate international law. The high court on Monday turned down his lawyers' request to delay the execution.

"It is impossible to ignore this widespread recognition by applicable international bodies and officials," his lawyers wrote in their petition to the high court. Congress, however, never has ratified provisions in treaties that would bar capital punishment for those convicted of crimes when they were less than 18.

And in a 1989 ruling in a Kentucky case, the Supreme Court said a defendant's rights were not violated when the death sentence was imposed on a murder convict who was at least 16 at the time of the offense. Texas law allows the death sentence to be imposed on those convicted of capital murder at age 17.

"On the one hand the USA is seeking to build an international coalition

in response to the crimes of 11 September, while on the other it is set to break an overwhelming global consensus that the crimes of children must never result in the death penalty," London-based Amnesty International, which opposes the death penalty in all instances, said Monday, criticizing what it called the United States' "pick-and-choose approach to international human rights standards."

Mitchell, 33, would be the 19th U.S. prisoner to be executed since 1976 for a murder committed when the killer was

younger than 18. He would be the 10th in Texas, the nation's most active death penalty state, where he is among 31 death row inmates who were 17 years old at the time of their crime.

It's the second capital punishment case involving a teen-ager in recent months in Texas. While groups normally opposed to capital punishment criticized Monday's scheduled lethal injection, Mitchell's case failed to reach the level of attention given in August to fellow inmate Napoleon Beazley, also condemned for a murder at age 17.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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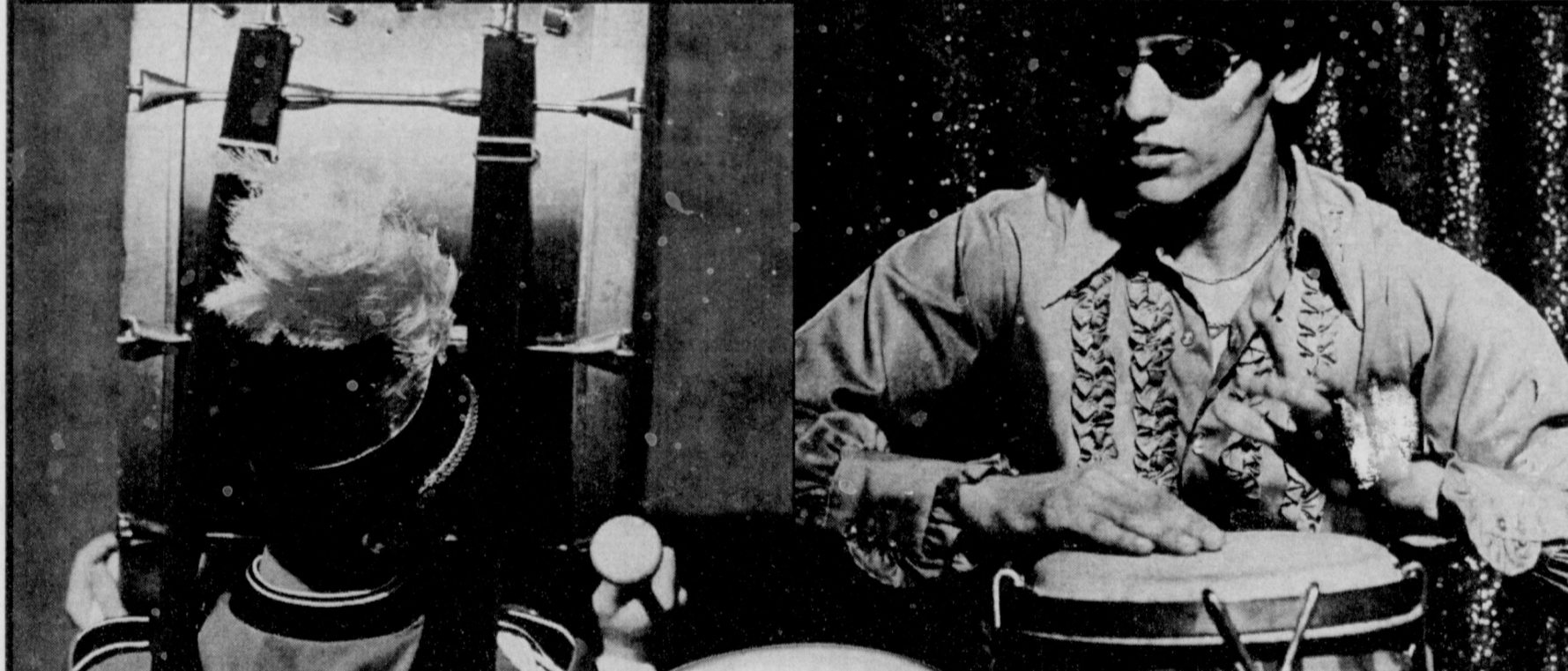
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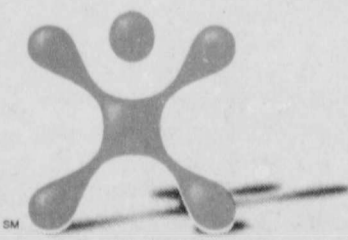
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Perspectives

If only they made me king of Texas Tech...

COLUMN



DALLAS GRANT

So, I'm sitting in class last week, which I'm prone to do every now and then. I was having a typical day at school, nothing too exciting. Bam! Just like Emeril, the pathetic television chef, I

had a thought-provoking revelation. My professor was talking about his class and how he would change it if he were the king of Texas Tech. He then went on to tell us how his class would differ if he were king. What a concept.

Well of course, I started thinking about what I would do if I were the king of Tech. What exactly would I change? I tried hard to think of everything that had ever upset me on campus, and I've assembled a list of chores I would undertake if I were to become king.

Knowing the ghastly nature of the parking situation here would prompt me to my first action.

As it stands now, we have a pecking order regarding our parking space locations. Professors get the closest spaces to the academic buildings. Next, we have students in residence halls at Tech. Finally, we have the bottom feeders; the silently suffering masses otherwise known as commuters.

I asked myself a simple question. Who pays to go to school here? I believe the students pay, and the staff and faculty get paid to teach here.

We've established students are paying customers and professors are employees. So, from this day on, students (the customers) get the best spaces, and professors (the employees) park as far from the school as possible.

There's more. In the battle between commuters and residents, the solution here is just as simple. Of the commuters and residents, who drives to school every day? Easy enough. Commuters make the drive from off campus.

Residents live on campus and simply have to walk to class. In fact, residents use their vehicles only a fraction of time. Wouldn't it make sense that commuters, since they drive the furthest, should walk the shortest distance to class? It seems so simple.

The final order is: commuters, residents, faculty and staff. I'm sure the current administration just hasn't thought of it yet and given time, would correct the problem.

Oh, and how could I forget about the Tech employees who so vigilantly



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guard our campus? I have not forgotten you. My friends in the red coats, you too will be a part of the changes that positively affect Tech. Effective immediately, all booth soldiers will be terminated.

Due to their inhospitable conduct, I would have no choice but to ask them to turn in their red coats. Realizing security is a concern on our campus; I would not leave the student body unprotected. Trained monkeys will replace all booth soldiers.

Hey, they shot one into space. Surely it could sit in a cage and watch the cars pass. Perhaps I would provide bananas as ammunition to pelt the renegade cars that try to pass without a permit.

Not only would I busy myself remedying the parking situation, I would also work to improve the mental health of our student population. As an

alleged place of relaxation and recuperation, I find the University Center to be a bit depressing. Fear not, my fellow Techsans, I have a plan. Were I king, it would be carried out with immediacy and no thought to cost or inconvenience, as is the current administration's policy.

I would spruce up the UC for the sake of our mental health. First of all, the food court is gone! In comes Spanky's and Schooners. That's right, greasy burgers and beer on tap 24 hours a day. No more boring over-processed food to match a bland day at school.

The new UC would be a place to really enjoy one's self. Imagine a tough day at school, which isn't too hard to do during midterms. You walk out of a test and your brain is absolutely fried.

Do you walk ten miles to your car in

the commuter lot? Hell no! You take a stroll over to the newly renovated Student Union, which is the new name for the UC, by the way.

You walk up to the counter and put in your order for a fat, greasy burger. You take your cigarettes and beer and head down to the bowling alley for a quick game to ease the tension. An hour later, you're ready to go! You have relieved any pent-up stress, and with a slight beer buzz, the rest of the day is a piece of cake.

Okay, two down and one to go. This idea may not be as popular with the "drink and rally" crowd, but it has merit. After renovating the Student Union and hiring our trained monkeys, we need to start throwing money at academics. Yeah, we throw money at it now, but not nearly enough. Personally, I couldn't care less about any other ranking at Tech, i.e. football, baseball,

whatever. What I do care about is providing the students of this university with an education to be proud of and a degree to brag about after college.

We cannot let our current administration hold up academic progress in the name of convention centers or golf courses. Rest assured, if I were king there would be no contest. Academics above all, except the Student Union and monkeys, of course.

For the sake of the university and myself I pray I never become king of Tech. God forbid things would run more smoothly or efficiently. But, if Tech ever needs a king, look me up; I'd make the sacrifice for Texas Tech University.

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Controversy over same-sex unions raising more questions than answers

COLUMN



KATIE HARRIS

It has been said that all the trends start in California and move their way across the country, going from the West Coast to the East Coast and slowly penetrating the Midwest. So will a new bill, signed by California Gov. Gray Davis granting same-sex partners some of the rights of married couples begin sweeping the nation?

Last Sunday, the California governor signed a new piece of legislation that will grant unprecedented rights to gay partners in the state. The bill is making same-sex marriages an increasing possibility. Some of the rights included in the bill are the rights to make medical decisions, adopt one another's children, and will property. The couple must be registered under the state system for domestic partners in order to receive benefit from the bill. California has become one of the few states to begin recognizing gay partners, following Vermont and Hawaii.

The bill will take effect Jan. 1, 2002. The bill will also allow gay individuals to move with a domestic partner without losing unemployment benefits, and allow gay partners the ability to take sick leave to care for a partner.

The new rights emphasize a gay couple's ability to make life and death

decisions about one another in case of an emergency. The bill was signed in part because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. After the attack, America became increasingly aware of the need to be prepared for emergencies. This bill allows gay partners to have more control in case of an emergency situation.

The bill has been heralded by gay rights activists, but is receiving speculation from other organizations such as the Campaign for California Families. The organization believes the bill and the rights it extends cheapen the institution of marriage. It is open to interpretation whether or not gay marriages would be beneficial or destructive to family values in America.

Though the California bill does not legalize gay marriages, it is a step in that direction. The bill brings up questions that have been asked for a long time. Is legalizing same-sex marriages a good thing?

It is a tough situation. On one hand there are people who are committed to one another, and are committed to having a family. In a world where children grow up with single parents and the divorce rate is over 50 percent, having two people who are committed to one another is a rare find. If America can increase family values by any means that is a positive thing.

On the other hand, there is the question of principle. Are same-sex relationships morally right? Is it better for children to grow up with one

parent, or to grow up with two parents who happen to be the same gender?

Gay relationships can cause harm to children and communities because they can create confusion. Same-sex couples that choose to have children are setting their children up for a difficult road to adulthood. Whether it is having their children teased at school, or causing their friends or neighbors to be harassed, gay partners can unwittingly create turmoil in the lives of those they love. Maybe the bigger question is whether or not America is ready for same-sex marriages.

In a society where morality is on the decline, do same-sex relationships really seem all that immoral? If people care for one another it seems they should be able to

express that to each other through marriage regardless of sexual preference. How can love be immoral?

However, it is possible the legislation of rights to same-sex couples is responsible for decreasing American morality. Marriage is an institution between man and woman, and anything more seems to lessen its significance.

So is this just a passing fad? Or can we expect same-sex marriage to become an institution?

It is a difficult situation that may not have a simple answer.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gilbreath makes strong case about religion

To the editor: In response to Kristen Gilbreth (UD, 10-11), I would like to say you made a great point about reason and religion. The quote by Thomas Jefferson added much strength to your argument.

The subjects with which you are dealing are extremely weighty. Men and women have been struggling to understand the existence and will of God for centuries, and they will continue to do so long after you and I are gone. I think you will agree with me that each religion, at its core, attempts to provide answers to these fundamental questions. As you implied, these answers should adhere to rationality and reason. They should not result from "the blind acceptance of a belief without thinking objectively and questioning judiciously the truth of what is being said."

Obviously, many religions do not hold up to these standards. You provided many examples of these,

but I'm not sure if I understand your basis for discounting each religion. It seems to me the standard by which you have judged religions is not reason, but the appearance of violence. You mentioned many instances of violence that have been attributed to God, but you did not provide any standard of truth by which to compare them.

All religions cannot be completely discounted just because they are not pacifistic. Nor can they be discounted based on the interpretations or actions of certain followers. Each religion must stand on its own merit. It must be subject to being questioned with boldness, because if there be a god, "he must approve of the homage of reason more than that of blindfolded fear."

It is true man has wrongly attributed much violence to God, but it is possible that God is sometimes violent. Is it God's will the perpetrators of Sept. 11 be punished?

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Investigate

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said, the university would give all parties involved an opportunity to view the complaint and the information associated with it. Once officials have viewed the information, he said, they will be given time to coordinate a response.

On Oct. 5, Lubbock police officers responded to a burglary call at the Kappa Sigma lodge, located at 6 Greek Circle, after a fight broke out between members of Kappa Sigma and the Sigma Chi. At the time, Logan had speculated that anywhere from 20-40 people from the fraternities were involved in the altercation.

According to the police report, six members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity were injured during a fight that began when members of Sigma Chi entered the Kappa Sigma lodge requesting information about a girl who had been shoved. The report states when the Kappa Sigma members denied knowledge of the incident, a fight broke out.

Three members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity received head injuries. One person reported to police he had been punched and kicked in the head, while another told police he had a bruised and swollen lip. Another person said he had been struck in the face several times.

All refused medical treatment at the scene. No information was available on the injuries to the Sigma Chi members.

Damage was reported at the Kappa Sigma lodge after several buckets of stain were kicked over during the struggle, splattering the substance on the walls,

floor and ceiling.

"An incident like this which involves multiple parties usually takes a longer time period to complete because there are more people and schedules involved that you have to work around," he said. "However, we are looking for a resolution to the conflict between each of the student organizations and the university."

Michael Shonrock, vice president for Student Affairs, said it was his understanding to this point that one fraternity involved in the incident has been more forthcoming with information about the incident than the other.

"The fact that one group has been more forthcoming shows that they may have had less inappropriate behavior than the other one did," he said. "One group was talking to the university the next morning."

During the time of the process, Logan said, neither group would be placed on suspension. Sigma Chi, which has not completed their student organization status, was not eligible for a temporary suspension. Logan said Kappa Sigma's organizational status would not be suspended.

Shonrock said because Sigma Chi is not a registered student organization, the Student Activities Office has looked into other organizations that have not completed the registration process. He said the office found three other fraternities that had not completed their forms.

"I have asked that office to notify the national headquarters of the registration status of their group, if a group here has a national charter but is not currently a registered student organization," he said. "By doing this, maybe it will prompt them to complete that process."

Classroom

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depends on how quickly the industry recovers," she said.

Larry Coulson said the attacks made him more aware of the impact the travel and tourism industry has on America.

"I have heard more about travel and tourism in the last month than

I have in the last year," he said. "People are realizing what the industry does for their lives and the economy."

During the last part of the presentation, students were shown a list of Web sites with information about the travel and tourism industry as well as current job postings.

Kendall Cox, a senior RHIM major from Austin, went to one of the presentations and said she thought the information presented was helpful for people

starting out in the field.

"I'm a senior and getting ready to leave, so I am not really concerned about not finding a job, but for younger people entering the field some of the stuff (Marianne Coulson) gave us could really help," she said.

Cox said although the Coulsons gave a lot of information on how to find a job, it is only the beginning.

"They gave a lot of good, helpful information and that is a starting point," she said. "Now that you have a place to

start you have to be responsible for getting the ball rolling. This is good, but is only a starting point."

Larry Coulson said students seem optimistic about the industry's recovery and their job possibilities.

"We see that things have changed and we just need to apply ourselves differently now than we would have six weeks ago," he said. "We are taking a proactive, positive part in this and I think that is what America needs to do."

Anthrax

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covering a trail of anthrax spores in Washington — from the city's Brentwood mail facility, to a Capitol Hill central mail processing site about a mile from the Capitol, and from there to the House and Senate central mailrooms.

There, anthrax has been found on two mail-processing machines — one of them known to have handled the letter that was sent to Daschle. Au-

thorities have not yet announced finding any other tainted letter — meaning they haven't yet accounted for the presence of spores in the facility that handles mail for House members.

No mail has been delivered to any congressional office since the letter to Daschle was opened a week ago.

Congressional officials have been far less forthcoming with information than local officials in Washington, where Walks stepped before microphones to announce a dramatic increase in the number of known and suspected cases of inhalation anthrax,

a disease last seen in the United States in 1978.

Authorities had disclosed over the weekend that Leroy Richmond, a 57-year-old worker at the Brentwood postal facility in Washington, was diagnosed with the inhalation form of anthrax.

In addition, Walks said a second Brentwood employee, whose identity he did not disclose, had been diagnosed as suffering from the same illness, and is undergoing treatment at the same hospital in suburban Virginia as Richmond.

Beyond that, he said, the two other employees from the same facility had died of symptoms that raised suspicions of anthrax. He did not identify them.

Less than two hours later, Satcher said on CNN, "It does seem highly probable that those two deaths were related to inhalation anthrax."

Inhalation anthrax can look like the flu at first, health officials emphasize, and is curable only if antibiotics are begun early in its course.

Walks provided no additional information about the details of the other confirmed or suspected cases.

Attacks

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"Operations are ongoing and are proceeding according to plan," Myers said.

The four-star Air Force general said U.S. warplanes attacked six targets on Saturday and eight on Sun-

day, using strike aircraft from Navy carriers and long-range bombers.

Besides the Taliban troops in the field, the strikes also targeted air fields, command-and-control sites, and armored vehicles, Myers said.

Rumsfeld denied Taliban reports that U.S. warplanes had struck a hospital near Herat, supposedly killing 100. Taliban Ambassador Abdul Salam Zaeef made the claim earlier Monday in Islamabad, Pakistan.

"We have absolutely no evidence at all" that a hospital had been hit, Rumsfeld told reporters.

In the third week of strikes, the U.S. military pursued a mission to hunt down Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network.

Warplanes bombed Taliban positions Sunday near a frontline north of Kabul, marking what could be the start of a more forceful campaign to help rebel forces fighting the regime that harbors bin Laden.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon released the names of two members of the Army's elite Ranger regiment killed over the weekend as part of the first publicly acknowledged covert mission in the anti-terrorism effort.

Asked Sunday whether U.S. forces would kill bin Laden on sight, Myers said it depends on what happens when he's found.

"If it's a defensive situation, then bullets will fly, but if we can capture somebody, then we'll do that," he said on

ABC's "This Week."

Asked the same question, Secretary of State Colin Powell told CNN's "Late Edition": "Our mission is to bring him to justice or bring justice to him."

President Bush signed an order last month directing the CIA to destroy bin Laden and his communications, security apparatus and infrastructure in retaliation for the Sept. 11 World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks, a senior administration official said Sunday.

Bush also added more than \$1 billion to the spy agency's war on terrorism, most of it for the new covert action.

The CIA has been in southern Afghanistan, trying to win over ethnic Pashtun leaders not solidly behind the Taliban, officials have said.

International

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AACRAO surveyed its member schools in an effort to learn how the hijackings affected college campuses.

Officials from 200 universities reported withdrawals of foreign students from their schools, according to the report.

The AACRAO survey stated 103 schools reported a good portion, or virtually all of the students who withdrew, were Muslim or of Arab or Asian descent.

Despite the upsurge in withdrawals, efforts to reach out to students took place at 602 schools, according to the report.

Administrators said efforts to reach out to students of Arab or Muslim background were more prevalent than inci-

dents of harassment, the AP said.

Still, 160 schools reported incidents of harassment aimed at students of Muslim, Arab or South Asian background.

At Tech, there have been only one or two incidents and both were verbal harassments, Taylor said.

"We have really been very pleased that this has not had an adverse affect on Tech," he said.

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'War of the Worlds' radio drama comes to Tech

By Damion Davis/Staff Reporter

Panic swept across the nation in 1938 when a fictional radio broadcast was mistaken for fact.

Today in the University Center's Allen Theatre a production of "War of the Worlds," will begin at 8 p.m.

Jana Vise, activities adviser for the University Center said this will be a wonderful show everyone should come see.

"People will enjoy seeing the whole aspect of it and see what was going through Orson Wells' mind, and what the rest of the people were doing at the time this happened," she said.

This production of "War of the Worlds" will outline exactly what happened on the night of October 30, 1938.

Darron West, co-director, said this will be a wonderful look at the exact

broadcast which went on the air that broadcast.

"We have not changed any words from the original broadcast. People will see theater like they have never seen it before. This play is kind of like rock 'n' roll," he said.

This play was adapted to its current form two years ago.

The play was first performed in a club for a few friends and then became a huge performance, which led to the currently tour, West said.

"We have been all over the world. (We've been) to places like Scotland, last night we were in Atlanta and we will go to Santa Barbara after we finish this show. I am able to get to travel and meet different people all the time," he said.

The tour began at the beginning of

October and will continue until Dec. 5.

West said this show, which comprises seven performers, will ask the audience to look into their minds and use their imaginations.

West has been with the SITI Company for seven years.

Although he has been a sound designer for most of the time, he said he was happy to become co-director for this project.

He said theater is an important part of his life.

"Theater speaks like film and words can't. This only happens in theater. People want to be told stories again, that is why I do this," he said.

The 1938 audience was told four times throughout the show that it was a dramatization, but audiences still continued to believe the world was being invaded.

Wells became famous at a fast pace after the original show aired.

He was asked to write, direct, produce, and/or star in three movies almost directly after the show aired.

"War of the Worlds" starts at 8 p.m. tonight in the University Center's Allen Theatre. Tickets cost \$16.00 for the general public and \$8.00 for Texas Tech Students with their ID.

For more information call the Student Activities Office at (806) 742-3621.

They went out and started to shoot water towers and things like that. It was total chaos on the night that the show aired.

— DARRON WEST
Co-Director

"It will ask you to use your brain. The things that we make up in our mind are always much scarier than what we see. It will force you to look deeper than your eyes can see," he said.

Orson Wells, the original writer of "War of the Worlds," aired the show as a study on hysteria.

Radio listeners started to act as if they really were at war.

"They went outside and started to shoot water towers and things like that. It was total chaos on the night that the show aired," West said.

Santa Fe Opera cancels show because of economy

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — The Santa Fe Opera has canceled a new production planned for the 2002 season because of an economic downturn and concerns over out-of-state ticket sales.

A new production of Richard Strauss'

"Die Liebe der Danae" will be replaced with a revival of the 1997 "La Traviata" by Giuseppe Verdi.

"I felt we could not at this time justify the considerable expense for a new production of 'Die Liebe der Danae,'

which was scheduled for just five performances," general director Richard Gaddes said in a statement.

Gaddes said out-of-state ticket sales account for about 50 percent of the opera's annual total.

Revising "Traviata" will save about \$200,000 in production costs, said Mark Tiarks, the opera's director of strategic planning. It is expected to draw \$300,000 more in ticket sales than the Strauss opera.

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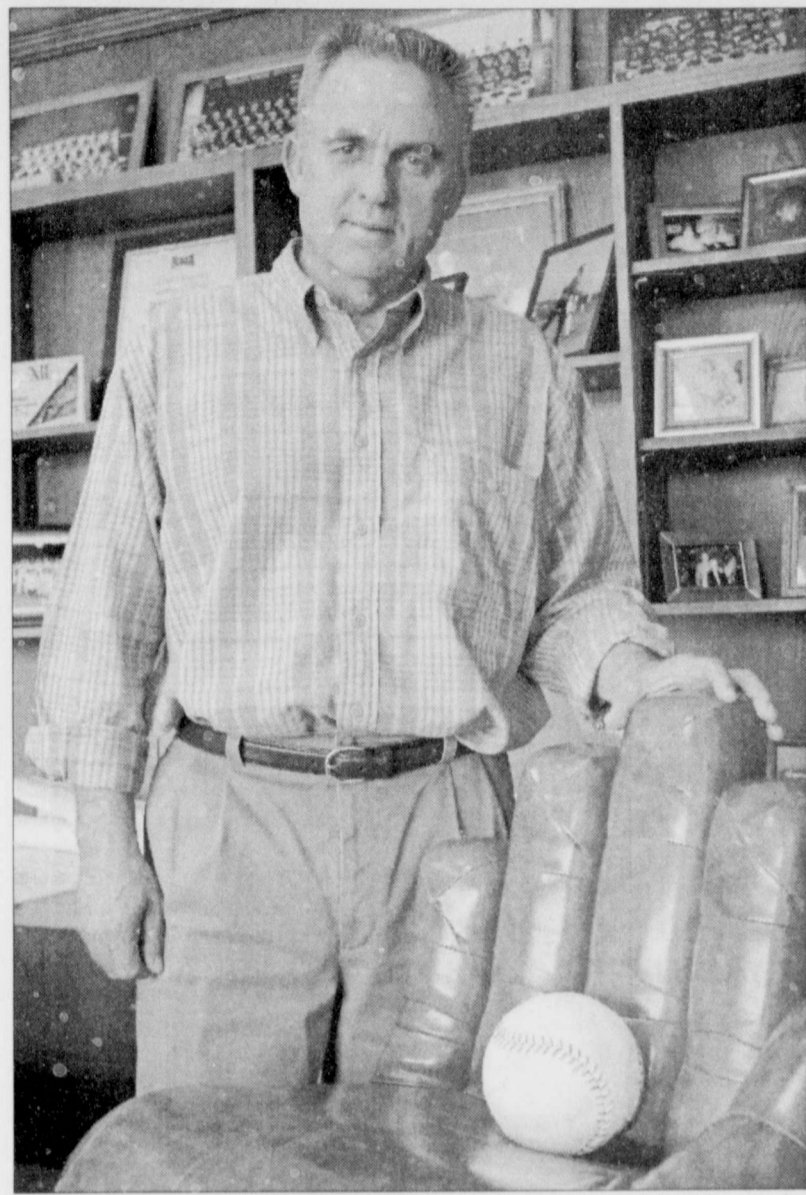
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TEXAS TECH COACH Larry Hays has won 583 games during his 15 years at the helm. Hays will be inducted into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame in November.

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

One glance around the Texas Tech campus and it becomes apparent the university is in the midst of great change. The same can be said of the Tech athletic department.

Mike Leach is in his second season at the helm of the Red Raider football program and Bob Knight is embarking on his first season at the head of the men's basketball program.

Jones SBC Stadium is receiving a face-lift and the volleyball and basketball programs are in their third season in their new home, the United Spirit Arena.

The tennis and softball programs have a new home in the McLeod tennis center and Rocky Johnson Field, respectively. Even Dan Law Field is undergoing renovations.

Despite changes occurring both on the Tech campus and the Raider sports program recently, Tech baseball coach Larry Hays has been the constant in Tech athletics.

Entering his 16th season as Raider baseball coach, Hays has the second longest tenure of any Tech coach, coming in second to Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp's 20 years at the university.

Hays came to Tech in 1987 after having established a winning baseball tradition in the Hub City at Lubbock Christian University.

Hays coached the Chaps from 1971-86 and piled up a 695-381 record, including a National Championship in 1983. Hays took over a Tech baseball program that never had won 40 games in a season. Within 6 seasons, Hays and company claimed the program's first 40-win season. Two years later, Hays coached the Raiders to a 51-14 record and the Southwest

Conference Championship. Hays' 1995 squad came one run from qualifying for the College Baseball World Series as they fell to Stanford, 6-5, in the second game of the Midwest Regional final.

Since the 1995 season, the Red Raiders have qualified for 7 consecutive NCAA postseason tournaments and have claimed one Big 12 regular season championship and one Big 12 postseason tournament championship.

Hays was honored recently as he was chosen to be inducted into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame. The veteran Tech coach was humble in receiving the honor.

"It's kind of embarrassing to me," Hays said. "Everything you do in this business, you are so dependent upon other people. Anyone that knows anything about it knows that you win with good players and good coaches. I am lucky to get to be here and coach and be a part of this program."

Hays credits his longevity with the Tech program to not only recruiting talented players, but also to the commitment the Tech athletic department has made to updating its athletic facilities.

"It's all tied together," Hays said. "Coach Sharp and I have been here the longest. I think our facilities is one ingredient that we really had to address. Jim Sowell took the lead on that and we have been able to get a lot of things done."

Though Hays does not like to look back on games or favorite teams, he said each team he has coached at Tech has been special and different in its own way. He said he views memories as a troublesome thing in regards to coaching.

"I just feel like if you get bogged down with your memories then you're not looking ahead," Hays said. "In this business, you better think that the best days are still out there."

Hays has recently had to watch two of his Tech coaching counterparts depart the Raider program. James Dickey was the men's basketball coach and Spike Dykes was the football coach. Hays said he was good friends with both Dykes and Dickey but realized that both coaches had to move on.

"We all had a great working relationship," Hays said of Dykes and Dickey. "In 1995 all four of us won the conference championship, (Hays, Dykes, Dickey and Sharp) and that is something we will always cherish and remember. But that is the nature of this business."

Dickey is currently out of coaching and

said working with Hays was a great experience and he respects Hays for his strong principles.

"I worked with Larry (Hays) for 11 years and he is one of the closest friends that I have," Dickey said. "I respect him not only as a person but as a coach, too. He epitomizes a person that you would love to have your son or daughter play for."

Hays said retirement is not on his mind.

"I guess I'll be here until they chase me off," Hays said. "That is the one thing you can be sure of in this business, they will let you know when it is time to leave."

Hays said he would stay as long as he is having fun coaching.

"I couldn't think of anything I would rather be doing," he said. "We are on a ride right now and I would like for it to be a long ride."

Tennis duo takes first place at Rolex Tournament

The Texas Tech women's tennis team came home with a victory in the Rolex Tournament Monday.

Inna Tereschenko and Beverly Dawson won the doubles competition in Fort Worth against the Fisher/Gonzales pairing from Rice. The 10th seeded Tech team came back from a 5-0 deficit to defeat the No. 7 seed 9-8 (7-5).

Doubles competition now plays an

eight-game pro-set. The winner must win eight games and beat its opponent by at least two.

This season is Tereschenko and Dawson's second year together as a doubles team.

The win puts the Tech duo in the national Rolex tournament early next month.

The squad, along with the men's tennis team and softball team, will hold a

ribbon cutting ceremony at the new softball/tennis complex at 2 p.m. today.

The tennis teams will be playing in their first season at the new McCleod Tennis Center.

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Crouch, Kingsbury put on offensive show in Lincoln



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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Kliff Kingsbury throws a touchdown pass to Anton Paige late in the first half during the Red Raiders' upset bid loss to Nebraska on Saturday. Kingsbury and Cornhusker Eric Crouch helped lead their teams to almost 1,000 combined yards of total offense during the 41-31 shootout. Tech looks to bounce back when it faces Baylor on Saturday in Waco.

By Phil Riddle/Staff Reporter

Two of the Big 12 Conference's top quarterbacks were highlighted Saturday when Nebraska's Eric Crouch and Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury squared off.

Both triggermen were impressive as the two offenses combined for almost 1000 yards and 72 points as Nebraska escaped a Red Raider upset bid, 41-31.

Crouch, a Heisman Trophy candidate, is best known for his talent at running the option.

Against Tech, he rushed for 105 yards and a touchdown. Somewhat out of character, though, were three touchdown passes and 196 yards through the air.

Raider linebacker Jonathan Hawkins said keeping up with Crouch for 60 minutes is difficult at best, but when he throws in a few passes, it becomes even harder.

"He's probably one of the best athletes, as far as being a quarterback, that I've gone against," he said. "He's definitely the best option quarterback I've ever seen."

Tech safety Kevin Curtis thought

Crouch might air the ball out a little against Tech.

"I'd kind of heard they were going to try to work on the passing game, but our first thing every week is to stop the run," Curtis said. "As a second-

(Kingsbury is) one of the best quarterbacks in the Big 12, probably one of the best in the nation.

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ary, we just didn't do our job."

His counterpart Kingsbury also spread his offensive wings a little, picking up 25 yards on a third-quarter run.

Kingsbury, as was expected, was most effective passing.

The record-setting Tech signal-caller collected 353 yards and a TD on a 33-of-63 game against Nebraska.

That was not a surprise to Tech head coach Mike Leach, who said his quarterback is under-appreciated.

"I think he's proved it every single week," Leach said. "He's the leading passer in the conference, he has more touchdowns than any body in the conference, he's got the highest completion percentage in the conference."

Kingsbury has completed more than 64 percent of his passes for 2001, hitting 193 of 299 attempts for 1914 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Despite the outcome, Kingsbury felt like he started the Nebraska game a little slowly.

"I was shaky early," he said. "I came out fired up and missed some easy throws. After that, I calmed down."

Mickey Peters, an inside receiver for the Raiders, likes having Kingsbury on his side.

"He's always great," Peters said. "He makes the right reads, picks apart the defense. He's one of the best quarterbacks in the Big 12, probably one of the best in the nation."

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Going up?

Big 12's Sooners, Huskers ranked 1-2 in BCS poll

(AP) — Miami, No. 1 in the AP media poll and the coaches' poll, was fourth in rankings that determine which teams will play for a national championship at the Rose Bowl in January.

The Hurricanes, thanks to a first-half schedule ranked 92nd of 115 teams, were behind Oklahoma, Nebraska and UCLA in the first Bowl Championship Series standings released on Monday night.

Unbeaten Miami is on the outside looking in because its first five opponents have a combined 8-19 record against major colleges. The second-half schedule gets tougher, with season-ending games against Washington (5-1) and Virginia Tech (6-0).

"I don't need a computer. Teams are going to fall," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "The month of November is as critical as December. We saw three undefeated teams fall last week. The only thing we can control is to make sure we're not one of them."

The BCS rankings are based on a formula that incorporates the AP poll plus the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, eight computer rankings, strength-of-schedule and number of losses.

New this year are bonus points for a win over a team in the BCS' top 15. Final standings will be released Dec. 9, with the top two teams playing in Pasadena on Jan. 3.

With the standings out a week later than originally planned, the timing couldn't be better for the BCS — the Sooners (7-0) visit the Cornhuskers (8-0) on Saturday.

Oklahoma and Nebraska are ranked 2-3 in the AP poll and coaches' poll this week.

Virginia Tech is fifth in the BCS standings, followed by Texas, Michigan, Maryland, Tennessee and Washington State. Rounding out the top 15 are Florida, Washington, Oregon, Stanford and South Carolina.

Expect lots of shuffling in next week's standings.

Besides Oklahoma-Nebraska on Saturday, UCLA (6-0) visits Stanford (5-1); Florida (5-1) plays Georgia (5-1) in Jacksonville, Fla.; South Carolina (6-1) is at Tennessee (4-1); Maryland (7-0) at Florida State (4-2); and Oregon (6-1) at Washington State (7-0).

Oklahoma had 3.06 points in the BCS standings — 2 for poll average, 1.50 for computer-rank average, 0.56 for strength-of-schedule, zero for losses and a 1-point bonus deduction for its win over Texas on Oct. 6.

The bonus award is based on a sliding scale from 1.5 points for beating a first-place team down to .1 for a win over the 15th-place team.

Nebraska had 6.40 points — 3 for poll average, 3 for computer rank average, .40 for strength-of-schedule, zero for losses and no bonus-point deduction.

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