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## Military boost likely for U.S.

**PRESSURE MOUNTING:** Defense Secretary Rumsfeld says three or four times as many troops would help America's bombing campaign.

By Robert Burns/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States is urgently working to land more clandestine warriors in Afghanistan to intensify pressure on the Taliban, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday.

Rumsfeld said the extra troops — three or four times as many as are there now — are crucial to U.S. efforts to pinpoint the targets and coordinating with opposition forces. He said he wants to see increased coordination with a wider ring of rebel forces.

"We have a number of teams cocked and ready to go," he told a Pentagon news conference on the 26th day of U.S. bombing. "It's just a matter of having the right kind of equipment to get them there in the landing zones ... where it's possible to get in and get out, and we expect that to happen."

Rumsfeld revealed that one recent attempt to land U.S. special operations troops was called off after the helicopter-borne troops encountered ground fire, presumably from the Taliban militia. The Taliban control most of Afghanistan and are harboring Osama bin Laden and his al-

Qaida network.

Other landing teams have been thwarted by bad weather, Rumsfeld said.

He announced he will visit countries on the periphery of Afghanistan this weekend after meeting with his Russian counterpart, Sergei Ivanov, in Moscow on Saturday. He declined to identify the other countries he would visit, saying meeting plans had yet to be worked out. Before the U.S. bombing campaign began Oct. 7 he visited Uzbekistan, Egypt, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Rumsfeld on Tuesday had confirmed for the first time that a small number of U.S. special operations forces were inside Afghanistan to help designate targets for U.S. warplanes and to act as liaison with the northern alliance of opposition forces who seek to oust the Taliban.

The number of such special troops in Afghanistan apparently is between 100 and 200. The Pentagon has been reluctant to provide specific numbers out of concern for security.

"I'd like to see as soon as humanly possible the number of teams go up

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## Regents to announce chancellor committee

By Melissa Guest/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Board of Regents will announce the formation of a chancellor search committee today at its 9 a.m. meeting in the Board Room in the Administration building.

"We're going to announce the formation of a search committee along with provisions on how it will be advised by constituents," Regent Nancy Jones said.

The Board reviewed information and recommendations from the chancellor search special advisory committee before making the decision to form a search committee.

Jones, who also served as chairwoman for the special advisory committee, said the regents were interested in the input gathered from community members and students during the preliminary process.

The Board met behind closed doors Thursday to discuss potential candidates and duties for the position

of chancellor at Tech. In its closed executive session, regents also discussed university business and future plans.

"It's a perfect time for a new chancellor," Jones said. "The important thing to come away with in terms of timing is for the board to let us know we are not in a great hurry."

The Board is scheduled to meet today to vote on several issues concerning the university.

In addition to discussing and reviewing numerous budgets, projects and reports, the Board will discuss student seating in the United Spirit Arena.

The board also is expected to render a decision on increases in tuition for the School of Law and the School of Pharmacy.

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RED RAIDERS FOOTBALL fans stand and cheer for the Texas Tech football team from the stands of Jones SBC Stadium earlier this season during the final moments of Tech's win over Kansas State. Almost 50,000 people filled the stadium and saw Tech defeat the Wildcats, 38-19, for the Red Raiders first conference victory of the season.

## TRADITION ABOLITION

By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

*Tortilla tossing becomes illegal in wake of game against K-State; recent incidents trigger officials to make safety a top priority*

In the past few years at Texas Tech, tortilla tossers have become notorious at home football games.

However, at this weekend's game against Texas A&M, students caught tossing objects onto the field likely will find themselves being tossed out of the game.

"This is really for everyone's safety and protection," said Athletic Director Gerald Myers. "The throwing of objects is also against the new security measures that have been implemented this season."

Beginning with the Tech-A&M game Saturday, Tech's Athletic Department will begin enforcing a no-tolerance policy against fans throwing objects onto the field or the sidelines during football games.

"The people who are tossing things at the stadium will be tossed out," said Michael Shonrock, vice president for Student Affairs. "This has already caused some safety problems with the fans and has cost Tech penalties in the past."

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TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL fans tear down the goal post at the south end of Jones SBC stadium after defeating the then No. 3-ranked Aggies in 1999.

Myers said he could not estimate a number of fans or tortillas being thrown in recent games, but it was enough to cause concern.

"There have been a good number of people who are throwing objects," he said. "It has grown to the point where the university has been getting complaints from opponents."

During recent games, Shonrock said, fans have been hiding objects inside the tortillas, such as ice cubes, rocks and soap.

"In the past, we've had some fans that have tried to throw other students around during games," he said.

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## Student Senate rejects attendance bill Bomb threat detours plane

**A LESSON IN LEAVING:** Several senators leave early as attendance issues take center stage.

By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

In the first piece of legislation senators voted down this semester, student senators voted not to adopt Senate Bill 37.04, which would implement a rule mandating attendance at committee meetings.

"I think the main reason for the outcome was because senators believe that it is sad that we have to have a rule stating that we need to attend meetings," said Internal Vice President Kelli Stumbo. "Regardless, the point has been brought up and will be adhered to."



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer  
**BRANDON LABONTE, DIRECTOR for Information Technology, addresses the Texas Tech Student Senate on Thursday evening in the Senate Room of the University Center.**

Senate Bill 37.04 would have placed a requirement on student senators to attend committee meetings, just as they are required to attend bi-monthly Senate meetings on alternating Thursday evenings.

According to the standards and conducts rule, student senators are allowed two unexcused absences or four absences overall from Senate meetings; the same stipulation would have been placed on committee meetings.

After the meeting, Stumbo said two senators brought up a second standing rule of the Senate, which says the standing Senate attendance rule should already have been applied to the committee meetings. Stumbo said the issue was going to be presented to the Student Government Association Supreme Court.

Michael Burns, a senator from the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration, said he believes the bill is important because the student senators were elected to represent the students on campus through legislation, which is authored during committee meetings.

"There are 64 senators on this body and we are expected to represent 25,000 students," he

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ROMULUS, Mich. (AP) — Fighter jets escorted a Northwest Airlines jetliner with 78 people aboard to Detroit Metropolitan Airport on Thursday because a note was found mentioning a bomb. No bomb was found.

Flight 191 from Reagan Washington National Airport to Minneapolis was diverted to Detroit Metro and landed at 10:12 a.m., Northwest said in a statement.

Passengers were taken off the plane, an Airbus A320, airline spokeswoman Mary Beth Schubert said. The plane had 73 passengers and a crew of five.

A passenger "was thumbing through the magazine pouch and reads a note indicating that there was a bomb on the plane," FBI Special Agent Hank Glaspie said.

The note then was turned over from a flight attendant to the captain, who was directed to land the plane at the nearest airport, Glaspie said. No bomb was found on

the aircraft, the FBI said.

Federal agencies were at the airport conducting an investigation, which included interviewing passengers and crew members, he said.

The incident comes the day after a couple of other aviation-related scares:

In Shippingport, Pa., military jets responded to a report of a low-flying small plane above a nuclear power plant Wednesday. The incident resulted in the grounding of all flights for 18 minutes at Pittsburgh International Airport about 20 miles away. The small plane was not found, officials said.

Two F-16 fighter jets escorted a small plane to Carroll County Regional Airport in Maryland after the pilot flew through restricted airspace over Camp David. Ken Stinson, the student pilot of the Cessna 172, was questioned for 3 1/2 hours by the Secret Service, the FBI, the Federal Aviation Administration and local law enforcement before he was cleared.

## TECH NOTES

**Avi Lipkin**, a Jewish speaker and author, will be in Lubbock at 8 p.m. Nov. 24 to speak about the fanaticism of Islam and how it is the No. 1 threat to world peace today. There is no charge to attend. For more information and the event's location, call DeDe Deckard at (806) 785-5307.

**Notice:** Has your campus organization won an award or been recognized at the state, regional or national level since Jan. 1? Student organizations' awards and honors will be featured on Raider Vision Saturday at the Tech-Texas A&M game. E-mail your organization's information to [steve.sullivan@ttu.edu](mailto:steve.sullivan@ttu.edu) by

Wednesday to be included.

**Reminder:** all vehicles must be moved out of the parking lots around Jones SBC Stadium by 7 a.m. Saturday for this week's home football game. Vehicles parked in these lots not displaying a valid game day football parking permit may be towed by the Athletics Department through an independent towing service at the violator's expense. During the weekend, you may park in the residence halls lots. Please be aware that R14 (across from Gordon Hall) also will be closed. These lots will be reopened after the football game. If you have any questions about any of the lots involved, please call Traffic and Parking at (806) 742-3811.

**Poetry By Heart**, a fund-raiser for the Lubbock Public Library, will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 8 at J&B Coffee Company, located at 26th Street and Boston Avenue. The event is sponsored in part by the Tech English department. For more information, call John Poch at (806) 742-2500 or by e-mail at [jepoch@ttacs.ttu.edu](mailto:jepoch@ttacs.ttu.edu).

**The Texas Tech Nursing Student Association** is collecting used cellular phones today through Nov. 10 to donate to Women's Protective Services. The phones will be programmed to dial 911. Drop-off sites on campus include the Health Sciences Center, the University Medical Center, Raider Alley before Saturday's Tech-Texas A&M football game, the University Center and the Frazier Alumni Pavilion. Donations can be made anytime. For more information, call Trisha Hinnen at (806) 798-0491.

**Notice:** Today is the last day for student groups to register for the 2001 Smart Fest. The annual event pits groups of four students against each other in a quiz-show style trivia contest, which will be held Nov. 10. The top four point-earners from all teams will travel to the regional competition in February. A \$10 refundable registration fee is required upon registration. For more information, call Becky Davidson at (806) 742-1828.

## Forensics Team upstages competition

By Laura Sepeda/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's Forensics Team gave another exemplary performance at last weekend's tournament at Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

"Our Forensics team has two sides," said Ric Shafer, director of forensics. "There are the individual events, which include public speaking and interpretation, then there is debate."

Rob Vartabedian, a senior philosophy and history major from Canyon, and Darren Sliney, a junior pre-med major from Hereford, went undefeated in parliamentary debate, a competition modeled after British Parliament.

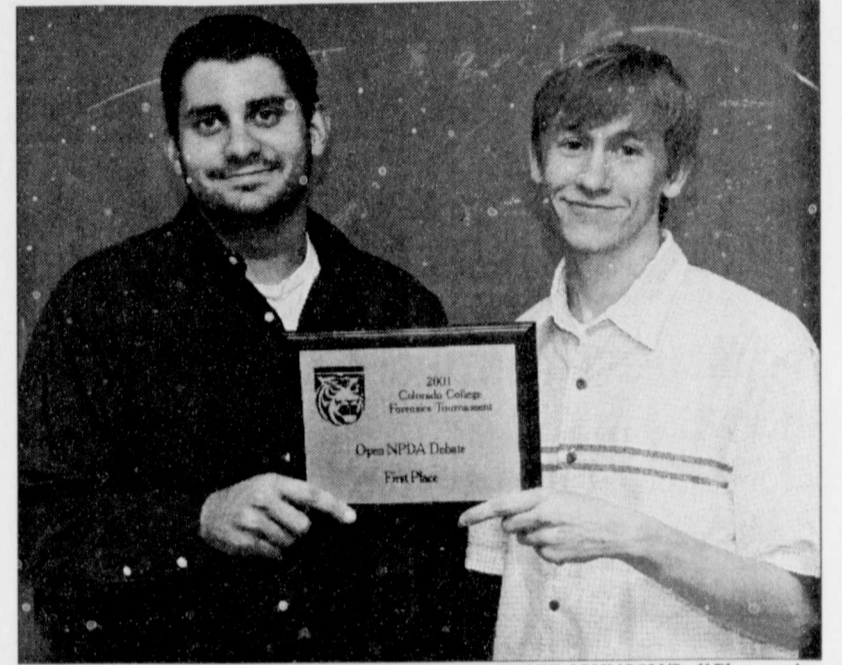
In this competition, competitors are given a resolution 15 minutes before the debate. The affirmative group must prepare for its case within this time based on the knowledge the members have on the subject. The opposition must be prepared to handle any approach taken by the affirmative.

The Tech team practices twice a week and keeps up with current events to be able to handle a resolution of any topic.

"All the resolutions at this tournament dealt with terrorism," Shafer said. "In the first round, the resolution was 'This House believes anthrax anxiety is more harmful than the disease,' but the resolutions aren't always so clear and can be interpreted in different ways."

Vartabedian and Sliney won 11 rounds, defeating Nebraska State in the final round. The duo will compete at Nationals on March 22-25, 2002.

Vartabedian said teamwork plays a large role in parliamentary debate.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer  
ROB VARTABEDIAN, LEFT, a senior philosophy and history major from Canyon, and Darren Sliney, a junior pre-med major from Hereford, won 11 rounds last weekend, earning the first place award at the Colorado College Forensics Tournament.

"It is because of the two partners I've had that I've had this level of success," he said. "Last year my partner (Kyle Myers) and I were No. 1. Since I had bronchitis last week, my partner had to do a lot of the work. He is really talented."

Sliney expressed the same opinion about Vartabedian.

"I have to credit Rob, he is exceptionally talented," Sliney said. "I am kind of riding on his coat tails."

Both Sliney and Vartabedian credited Shafer and debate coach Charles Reeves with their success.

"These guys are at the top of their game," Sliney said.

Shafer said he is looking forward to seeing how Vartabedian and Sliney rank when the positions are announced later this month.

"The national rankings come out after Thanksgiving and I fully expect Rob and Darren to rank No. 1 based on the fact that this was the biggest tournament of the year and they went undefeated," Shafer said. "All the students did really well. Overall it was an incredible week for the team."

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## Sikh followers say airport security singling them out

Followers of the Sikh faith say they have been unfairly singled out for elaborate security checks at airports, sometimes being forced to remove their tur-

bans, an integral part of their religious identity.

Some say racial profiling at airports has been part of a backlash against people

of Middle Eastern appearance since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which have been blamed on Islamic extremists.

Sikhism was founded in India in the 16th century and contains some elements of Islam and Hinduism, however Sikhs are often mistaken for Muslims because of they also wear turbans.

The Sikh Communications Council and the Sikh Coalition say they have each received more than a dozen reports of Sikhs being asked to remove their turbans at airports. For Sikhs, the removal of a turban is as intrusive as a strip search, said Ed Vasquez, spokesman for the council.

Gurmeet Singh was standing in line at the metal detector at the Albany, N.Y., airport when a security guard told him he had to remove his turban.

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## Military

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by three or four times," Rumsfeld said. He said the present number was "nowhere near as many as we need."

"We're going to be adding people, to have a reasonable cluster of American special forces who are able to be in there, serve as liaison, assist with the communication, assist with the targeting, assist

with the resupply," he added.

Other officials have said the Pentagon is considering setting up a base inside Afghanistan from which such forces could operate.

The Army's special operations soldiers include Special Forces, often called Green Berets, who are trained in unconventional warfare, clandestine reconnaissance and in training and advising rebel forces. Other special operations troops, such as Army Rangers, specialize in airborne assaults behind enemy lines

such as the nighttime attack Oct. 20 on a Taliban-controlled airfield in southern Afghanistan.

Turkey on Thursday announced it would send 90 of its own special operations troops to Afghanistan, becoming the first Muslim nation to join in the U.S.-led attacks against the Taliban and al-Qaida. Turkey is a traditional U.S. ally in NATO and has experience in supporting the northern alliance in Afghanistan.

At the outset of his news conference Thursday, Rumsfeld read a statement

defending the scope and pace of the U.S.-led military campaign, which some have criticized as too slow and constrained by concern that arrangements for a stable post-Taliban government have yet to be worked out.

Rumsfeld called that criticism "absolutely false."

"Smoke at this very moment is still rising from the ruins of the World Trade Center," he said, adding that Americans should realize "we are still in the very, very early stages of this war."

## Tortillas

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personnel will be located in the stands to enforce this policy. Also, any person seen carrying these objects into the stadium will be asked to throw them away before entering the stadium.

"The only thing that is really allowed into the stadium is women's purses,"

Myers said. "Even those are subject to searches, if necessary."

Throwing objects onto the field is a violation of the sportsmanship code of the university, NCAA, and the Big 12. If violated, the Tech football team can be assessed a 15-yard penalty.

"Tech has been assessed with this penalty at least twice in recent years," Myers said. "I believe the last time was during the Southwest Conference days

in 1994-95."

The issue's annoyance capabilities peaked last week at the Kansas State game when it appeared some fans were aiming the objects at KSU's coach.

"It was pretty bad at the beginning, during halftime and at the end of the Kansas State game," Myers said. "Objects were being thrown at the coach and their university president was also in attendance near the area."

No formal complaint was lodged by KSU, but university officials were informed of the incident. However, Myers said the incident placed the university in a bad light concerning the way guests are treated in the stadium.

"The university is not going to let this happen to our guests," he said. "Most Texas Tech students and alumni do not want their university to be seen in this manner."

## Senate

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said. "I know of 23 candidates in the business college who ran and didn't get to become senators. Therefore, those of us who were elected should work, or I'm sorry."

Senator-at-Large Zeke Fortenberry said he thinks the bill had the best interests of the Student Senate at heart, but the bill would ultimately not accomplish what it set out to do.

"I think this bill had good intentions, but there is no rule that is going to make a good senator," he said. "It is the voter's responsibility to vote for senators who will work in Senate."

During the meeting, the protocol of roll call was implemented twice, once at the beginning of the meeting and once during the vote of the Student Senate bill.

In between the two calls, at least 10 senators prematurely left the meeting before any legislation was voted on.

"I think it looks really poor on us to have almost everyone here for roll call at the beginning of the meeting, and then have ten to 12 senators leave before the most important part of the meeting," said Senator-at-Large Jason Sharp.

Also at the meeting, a resolution recommending the administration

change the color of graduation robes was approved by student senators.

According to Senate Resolution 37.11, student senators resolved "black robes should be used again for undergraduates at commencement ceremonies starting with the Spring 2002 commencement."

Since the change was made for December commencement, several organizations, including Mortar Board, have protested the decision because of the appearance of the robes and because the new color would downplay honor chords used to distinguish graduates.

Provost John Burns said the reason for the change from black to red this year was because of a request by former Chancellor John Montford.

"He wanted to try the red robes out to see what they looked like," he said. "I don't think there was any discussion about how they would look with the honor chords."

Sharp said he believed the chancellor's office should respect the students' wishes concerning this issue because of the purpose of graduation.

"Commencement is the students' ceremony," he said. "The chancellor's office should respect our opinion because the year after we graduate, they will be asking us for money."

Polls have been placed on the Web sites sponsored by *The University Daily*,

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— JASON SHARP  
SENATOR-AT-LARGE

the SGA and the Division of Student Affairs for any students who want to voice their opinion on this subject. Students also will be allowed to discuss the issue at SGA Day on Wednesday in the University Center.

Graduate Senator Dusty McAfee said he was upset by the change because the chancellor's office made the change without asking students about the issue first.

"This is something that affects the students and they should have asked for our opinion before they did this."

Burns was unaware of the Senate resolution Thursday afternoon, but he said if the resolution passed and students did support a color change, the Provost's Office would research the possibility of changing it back.

"If the Senate approves the resolution," Burns said, "we will look into it."

## DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



JEREMY MOORE/Staff Photographer

IN PREPARATION FOR the Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, festivities today, a table of candles and other decorations for the traditional Mexican celebration sit in the School of Art's gallery Thursday evening. The procession begins at 5:30 p.m. in the International Cultural Center, then at 6:30 p.m. it moves to the Art building. The event also will make stops at the Lubbock Regional Art Center and the Buddy Holly Center.

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The Board is empowered with expending the funds allocated to the university by the state legislature, Jones said.

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## Attacks on drug makers unwarranted

COLUMN



SANDEEP RAO

You can sugarcoat it and call it a "business deal," or watch the news media refer to it as just another "government contract."

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson's deal last week to obtain steeply discounted anti-anthrax super drug Cipro amounted to a government-led shakedown of private business.

The weeks following the beginning of the anthrax scare found German pharmaceutical maker and Cipro patent holder Bayer A.G. engendering as much animosity in Washington this side of the Taliban.

With Thompson's earlier threat to override the Cipro patent hovering above the negotiations, Bayer had no choice but to reduce its price on the drug.

The justification to protect the health of Canadians had already motivated Canada's health agency, Health Canada, to override Bayer's patent.

Little wonder, thus, that Bayer had to partake in a little backroom bribery or baksheesh, as our friends in Afghanistan might call it, to avoid further eroding their wonder drug.

Reducing your price becomes a small price to pay when faced with the Hobson's choice of losing your patent protection - the reward of a short-term monopoly and protection of property rights.

Ironically, the talk surfacing in Washington mirrors the backlash private business and intellectual property laws often face from third world governments. Following the emergence of the AIDS epidemic in

Africa, the government of South Africa similarly attempted to circumvent patent law to open their market for cheaper generic AIDS medications.

However, any moral high ground Congress maintained from championing patent protections in that case was lost last week.

The day after the anthrax scare hit New York, Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-NY, called for government stripping of patent protection on Cipro. On the other side of the aisle, Sen. Trent Lott, R-Mo., also entertained the idea of debating the issue in Congress.

In the Senate these days, politicians are always ready to compromise.

But, as Washington observers have known for years, in times of crisis politicians are always willing to begin by compromising private property rights, in this case, namely the intellectual property rights of businesses.

The arguments to circumvent patent protection are not unfounded.

Title 28, Section 1498 of the U.S. Code empowers the government with the ability to remove these protections in times of need.

However, 28 USC 1498 was not created for the government to use as leverage to gain better pricing to fulfill the wants of a public intent on using pharmaceuticals as security blankets.

Such flippancy by our leaders about our nation's patent laws does not bode well for an industry founded on protections that have long enabled businesses to flourish.

Pharmaceutical companies average \$1 billion in investments for the delivery of each new drug to market.

Scrapping patent protections on coveted drugs turns the onerous and expensive task of creating newer and better pharmaceuticals into an intellectual exercise, bereft of the significant financial returns necessary to justify the research.

Very few industries live in such an unenviable web of government regulation. The cost of governmental regulation,

brought on by the Food and Drug Administration's regulatory protocols for drug approval, led to Cipro's pricing.

And, eventually, as we saw last week, as determined by the government's threat to undermine Bayer's business, the government has enough power to lower that price by coercion.

Chalk it up to the cost of doing business in the drug industry.

But, in times of public health crisis, the costs are greater than just losing out on profits.

Pharmaceutical companies manufacturing antibiotics and antiviral drugs face a two-prong challenge. At one end, governments rapidly move to undermine drug makers and their protections in times of a public health scare.

Worse yet, as scares widen, the skyrocketing purchase and prophylactic use of the drug by the self-medicating public leads to the creation of super drug-resistant strains of bacteria.

Antibiotic overuse in one hospital resulted in the number of Cipro-resistant bacteria jumping from less than 5 percent to greater than 80 percent in one year alone.

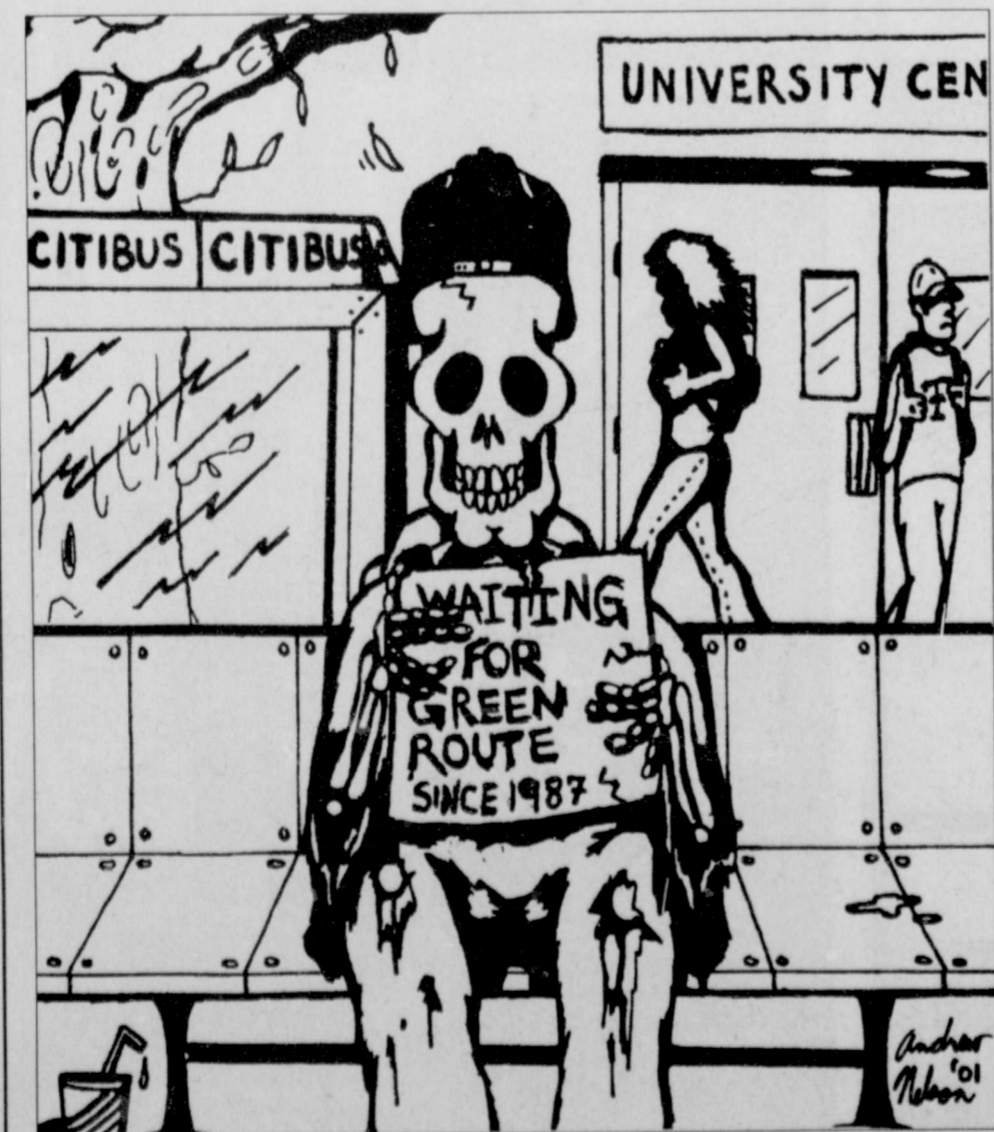
As "In Cipro we trust" becomes the mantra of a nation, the anthrax wonder drug of today becomes obsolete tomorrow.

On top of this, the reduction of patent protection creates the economic disincentive to create and market newer drugs.

Thus, politicians' veiled threats to drug makers in the name of public health create the unfortunate side effect of simultaneously endangering the physical health of this nation.

Ultimately, in the event of a future bio-terrorism threat, Washington may not have another Bayer to kick around anymore.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Exhibition game free for students

To the editor: Tonight there will be a special opportunity for students to see their Texas Tech Red Raider men's basketball team in action.

There will be 7,200 seats reserved for students to see their team in action at 7:15 p.m. Come early and bring your student ID. Your ID is all you need to enjoy awesome basketball against the EA Spirit All Stars. In addition to seeing the game in the United Spirit Arena, the game will also be featured on UPN.

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Kelli Stumbo  
Internal Vice President  
Student Government Association

## Sense of humor, open mind vital in times like these

COLUMN



RACHEL RICHMOND

Some people on our campus gained the opportunity to have works published weekly. They have the ability to write what they want for their fellow students to read. They sport their opinions, give a few facts or write about the silliest subjects thinkable. They are columnists.

Columnists are not hired for a purpose of educating readers. If a columnist's job were to educate students or provide information about events happening on our campus or the world, they would be called reporters. But they are not reporters; they are columnists.

More than half of the columns printed in *The University Daily* are strictly for entertainment purposes only. The others provide insightful information on subject matters concerning current events and such. The more serious columnists are a much-needed source to balance out a newspaper's format. But the columnists that gear their columns towards the area of pure entertainment are a needed factor as well. Several readers just need a good laugh.

A reader of *The UD* wrote a letter to the editor about my column last week. The reader sarcastically suggested in his letter that I "ignore minor things, like bio-terrorism and an ongoing war in the Middle East" when I write my columns. Maybe I do. That's because just like every other country-loving American, I have to deal with those events in my life on a daily basis.

One of my best friends is in the military and I am worried sick that he will be sent to the Middle East. I think about him every day and pray to God for him as well as the other military personnel and the victims of the terrorists' acts committed in September. Not to mention every other American out there who is just as confused and scared as the next.

I have to live with the reality of current events just like everyone else. The way I choose to get away from it all is through writing columns. Sure they are silly, but they allow me, as well as readers, to laugh.

Parts of the news can be depressing, but the news is vital for a person to sustain knowledge of what is going on. It is extremely important to either watch the news or read a paper everyday to keep abreast of the situations happening around you. For some the reality is overbearing. The issues Americans are dealing with should always be in the back of their minds. But, you cannot use that as an excuse to not go on living your life.

Some Americans are exhausted of hearing the constant talk about the ongoing war in the Middle East and of bio-terrorism. Ways of presenting the same topics to sound new have been overdone. I am not saying people should turn off the television or radio or not bother picking up a paper in the morning. If you did choose to ignore the hard news, you would be choosing to ignore the making of history right before your eyes.

There are people in this country who are tired of beating a dead horse. They want to know about new developments, but want to be able to read and watch things on a more relaxing level. They do not want to be criticized or labeled heartless because they do want to read, watch or talk about something other than the war, bio-terrorism or what move the president is going to make next.

Our country was wounded in September. Any wound needs time to heal, whether it is physical, emotional or mental. The healing process of an emotional or mental wound consists of shock, anger, denial, bargaining and acceptance. This is how a human heals.

Acceptance is, of course, the final step. Accepting a reality and moving forward is vital in living a healthy life.

Some people have accepted the harsh reality before others are ready to move on with their lives, but not to forget the wound that was once fresh.

A reader should not indulge his or herself in to a column with the idea that when they finish reading it, they would be a more knowledgeable, well-rounded person. Honestly, if you begin reading a column with that notion in mind, you are setting yourself up for disappointment. Your expectations will probably not be fulfilled. Not everyone has something important to say. Some people enjoy being silly with the main goal of making someone smile. That is how I feel.

Life isn't a bowl of cherries. Nobody said it is supposed to be easy or painless. The constant obstacles in daily life prove its challenges. But, people are allowed to view life the way they choose. It is their right as a human. I choose to make my life on this Earth as enjoyable and fun as possible. Just because my head is in the clouds doesn't mean I have completely left Earth. A sense of humor is important to keeping sane in this chaotic world.

If you, as a UD reader, know that a particular columnist never has anything to say that you would enjoy reading, why do you insist on reading any of their works?

If you reach the middle of a column and realize that it is a total waste of time, then why continue to read on? Aren't you just wasting your own time?

The biggest question is why, if the column was such a waste of your time, do you write a letter in response? If the article was not offensive, but just pointless, then why waste even more time?

All that put together just shaved about 10 minutes off of your day.

Being a columnist means opening up your mind and letting the public take a peek. Just because some members of the general public do not want to hear about your orange thong underwear (Tolbert), or you being king of Tech (Grant), or your dislike of PDA (Richmond) doesn't mean that all members feel the same.

I enjoy reading off-the-wall, silly columns that allow me five minutes in a day to feel human and to laugh. My request to those of you, who do not share the same feelings, is to please read only the columns that you feel have a point in your day.

Whether the point is to learn something new, open your mind or to simply laugh.

■ Rachel Richmond is a sophomore journalism major from Plano.





TEXAS TECH CLUB SPORTS NEWS

ICE HOCKEY: After falling to 1-3 early in the season, the Texas Tech Club Hockey team defeated rivals Texas and Texas A&M last weekend to even out its record.

In the 5-4 win against the Longhorns, the Red Raiders were behind three goals before netting four unanswered goals in the second period.

Tech's win against the Aggies saw Ryan James score 17 seconds into the opening period en route to the 4-1 victory.

The Raiders next play Nov. 17 at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Times have yet to be determined. Call club president Donnie Carpenter for more details at (806) 799-0520.

POLO: The Texas Tech Polo Club team will be traveling to Brushy Creek Polo Ranch to participate in a coach's clinic along with Big 12 Conference schools Oklahoma and Texas. The clinic will be instructed by two of the top polo teachers in the country.

For more information call Bonnie Bludworth at (806) 724-4038.

CYCLING: The Texas Tech Cycling Club is ranked No. 3 in the South Central Collegiate Cycling Conference after winning the Buffalo Stampede MTB Race held last weekend, which included many Texas schools. Tech currently has three of the top five racers in the conference and four more in the top 15. For more information about the cycling team, call Mike Akins at (806) 535-7285 or check the team's Web Site at www.ttu.edu/cycling.

Graham returns to field for final match

SAD GOODBYE: Four Red Raider seniors take the field for the final time tonight.

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech soccer careers of four Red Raiders will come to an end following Tech's contest against Colorado at 7 p.m. today at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

Melanie Brosnahan, Carrie Graham, Brittney Peese and Marie Valdez will be taking the field for the final time as Red Raiders against the Buffaloes.

Both teams enter the contest winless in Big 12 action.

The Red Raiders are 4-14 overall and 0-9 in Big 12 play heading into the match up with Colorado.

Colorado has a 3-10-2 overall mark and an 0-7-2 record in conference.

Overall in the series, Colorado has taken three of the five meetings with Tech, with the Raiders claiming one win. The 1998 meeting between the schools ended in a scoreless tie.

Brosnahan, a forward from Plano, is concluding her two-year career as a Raider with the match against Colorado.

Brosnahan said regardless of the Raiders' record this season, the team has not given up and will be giving it their all in the season finale.

"We are still just going to try as hard as we can to win against Colorado," Brosnahan said. "We have hung in there this season so we are just going to try and play hard one more time."

Brosnahan said she will experience mixed emotions when she steps out onto the field at R.P. Fuller Stadium for the last time today.

"I am going to feel sad that it is over," Brosnahan said. "But we have been struggling a lot this year. I think we are just going to try and play as hard as we can."

Graham will return to the lineup for the Raiders for her final career game after missing all but one of the Raiders' conference games this season because of a knee injury suffered in Tech's conference opener against Texas A&M.

The senior forward has two practices under her belt since returning from her injury and said she is ready to go for the final game.

"I feel pretty healthy," Graham said. "I have been kicking the ball around this week and my knee feels fine. I'm ready."

Graham has competed as a Raider for three seasons and said she is anxious to get back on the field, even if it is going to be her final game.

"I think it is going to be really exciting," Graham said. "It should be a good game. Both Colorado and Tech have been struggling this season. So it should be a pretty good game."

Graham has missed 10 of Tech's games this year because of her knee injury but said she has not let it get her spirits down.

"It has been disappointing," Graham said. "But I guess that is part of playing sports. It happens to a lot of other people so I have just had to deal with it. I got back as soon as I could. I am just thankful that I get to play in the last game."



TEXAS TECH'S LINDSEY Wile, left, and three other Red Raider seniors will suit up in Red and Black for their final collegiate game in their careers. Tech hosts Colorado at 7 p.m. today at R.P. Fuller Stadium. Tech is 0-9 in Big 12 Conference play.

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# Mojo will be on Raiders' side

COLUMN



JEFF KELLER

Let me tell you why Texas Tech is going to beat Texas A&M by more than 10 points this weekend. The Red Raiders are battle tested. Tech has traveled to Austin and Nebraska so far this season and gave the Cornhuskers a run for their money at the toughest stadium in which to play Division I college football.

A&M has had its fill of home-cooking this season, playing five of

its eight games at Kyle Field. Tech has played only three games at home this season and nothing prepares a team better for tough games than knowing they can compete solidly away from home as well as in their own backyard.

A quick glance into the past reveals another reason why Tech will win handily this weekend. A&M likes playing in Lubbock about as much as I like going to my 8 a.m. English class on Tuesday and Thursday. The Aggies haven't won in the Hub City since 1993. I don't know about you, but I was a freshman in high school then.

Once a team gets control over another team like that it is tough to break that spell. Take the Tech-Texas series. The Raiders have been able to pick up wins at home over the Longhorns fairly consistently

throughout history. But once the show heads down to Austin — forget about it.

The Raiders have claimed all of four wins in Austin since 1960. The Longhorns just seem to have our number when it comes to playing in Austin. In the same way, Tech has developed the home advantage against A&M in recent years.

I know Tech has not blown A&M out in Lubbock in their home wins against the Aggies recently. But the way the Raiders have won in Lubbock against the Aggies is enough to prove there is some kind of mystical mojo the Raiders possess over A&M once they enter the Hub City.

First there was Zach Thomas' epic interception return for a touchdown in the 1995 contest giving Tech the 14-7 victory.

Then there was the 1997 contest, my first experience at Tech with the mystical Raider powers against the Aggies.

Tech kicker Tony Rogers kicked a monumental field goal into a vicious wind as the game came to an end. The ball hit off the left upright and went through as Tech once again claimed a narrow 16-13 victory against the Aggies.

I think most of us remember what happened in 1999. For you new guys, here is a brief summary: Tech entered the game after being beaten at home by North Texas the previous week. Confidence was low in the Raider camp as the No. 5-ranked Aggies

marched into town. The Raiders played a phenomenal game and picked up a 21-19 victory as the goal posts were dismantled and hauled out of the stadium.

All of those things can't be a coincidence. The Raiders have recent history on their side when they face the Aggies.

My final reason for the Raiders victory this weekend is because they have had a turning point this season.

The letdown they suffered against Kansas and the rebound against Kansas-State a week later showed Tech is tired of being the Frank Stallone of Big 12 Conference football, talented but not really respected. Tech went to Nebraska with a fear-no-one attitude and darn near pulled off the upset. Ask Baylor if Tech is for real.

If you did get to watch the Kansas game earlier this season I think you saw two things you will not see again this season from the Raiders. You saw Tech lose focus, and finally, you saw the Raiders lose a game. My prediction for this weekend is Tech 35, A&M 17. My prediction for the season, Tech, 8-3, and the Cotton Bowl maintenance crew better get ready to start picking up tortillas.

■ Jeff Keller is a senior English major from Cloudcroft, NM. Email him at jdkvhou812@aol.com. God Bless Clint Stoerner

# Masked Rider Committee gives fourth horse a tryout

By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

The Masked Rider Committee will try out a fourth horse Saturday at the Texas Tech-Texas A&M game as part of the process of purchasing a permanent horse, committee Chairwoman Cheryl Shubert said.

Caams Classical Cody, a 10-year-old registered quarter horse from Canyon, will make his debut at the Rowdy Raider Rally today north of the University Center.

"We want to try him out this weekend and see how he progresses," Shubert said. "The other horses that have been seen in games have not been ruled out as possible horses."

Throughout the process, Shubert said, the committee has seen some horses that have responded well to the different environments and situations in which the Masked Rider's horse would be placed. However, she said there hasn't been one horse that has reacted well in all situations.

"There have been some very good animals," she said. "However, one hasn't been perfect in all areas, so we are still looking."

No decision has been made as to whether any of these horses would be used for Tech's final home game against Oklahoma on Nov. 17. Shubert said the committee might make the decision to try out more horses before the game.

Caams Classical Cody was one of

two horses considered by the committee this week as a possible primary horse for the Masked Rider. Shubert said this horse exhibited some good qualities. However, she said the other horse had difficulties adapting to a new environment.

"He just wasn't happy here," she said. "The horse couldn't even be taken out in front of the band."

With only two home football games left, no decision has been finalized on a permanent horse. However, Shubert

said the committee members feel "very comfortable" about a possible backup horse.

Jake, a Tech-owned horse currently being used by the therapeutic riding program, could possibly be named as a backup to the permanent horse.

"Everybody feels really comfortable toward Jake being the backup," she said. "The committee is still discussing whether he will be the only backup

horse or if we will also pursue a younger horse that could be trained as a future primary horse."

One aspect of purchasing a younger horse as a second backup would be the additional training required for a younger horse.

"The relationship with the other horse would need to be worked out," Shubert said. "We would have to discuss how to handle the training of the horse and how much training we would have to invest in it because it is younger."

*We want to try him out this weekend and see how he progresses. The other horses that have been seen in games have not been ruled out as possible horses.*

— CHERYL SHUBERT  
Committee Chairwoman

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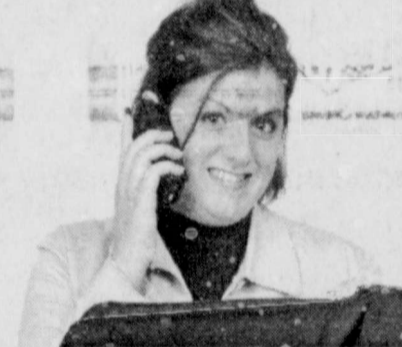
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## Tech battles in-state rival Aggies

By Phil Riddle/Staff Reporter

Dust off every seat in Jones SBC Stadium. The Aggies are coming to town.

Nothing gets Texas Tech fans out en masse quicker than the sighting of a maroon jersey. Texas A&M and the Red Raiders will meet for the 60th time at 1 p.m. Saturday on Tech's home turf.

The Raiders sport a 4-3 record on the campaign and a 2-3 mark within the Big 12 Conference. The No. 17 Aggies bring a 7-1 slate into the fray and are 4-1 in conference games.

While the Raiders try to keep the annual meeting with Texas A&M in perspective, the intensity of the rivalry leaks through.

Safety Ryan Aycock, who shares the team lead with three interceptions, notices the difference in preparing for the Aggies.

"It's definitely a rivalry," he said. "Your emotions get a little higher when you play them. As far as we're concerned though, it's another game we've got to win."

Freshman defensive tackle Clayton Harmon will be in the lineup against A&M for the first time Saturday.

He is trying to keep a cap on the rivalry aspect of the game.

"From what I hear it's a pretty big game, as far as the rivalry is concerned," he said. "But to us, it's like any other game. We need to win it. It's going to be a great game to play in. The atmosphere is going to be awesome. We're going to have a huge crowd."

Defensive captain Kevin Curtis, a senior, will be playing against the Maroon and White for the last time.

"We try to look at it as just another game," the Tech safety said, "but it's a team we play every year. It's an important game. We're both in the South Division. We've got to go out there and compete against guys we might have played against in high school. It's a big game."

Curtis said he wants to keep the Raiders playing hot.

"I haven't even had a chance to



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Armon Dorrough gets hit by a trio of Baylor defenders during the Red Raiders' win last weekend in Waco. Tech takes on rival Texas A&M at 1 p.m. Saturday in Jones SBC Stadium. The Aggies are ranked No. 17 in the nation.

think about it. Regardless of who we're playing, we want to keep our momentum going."

The Aggies' offense, more diverse than in previous years, is run by junior quarterback Mark Farris, who like Tech's Kliff Kingsbury, is assaulting school records.

Farris is trying to become the first A&M signal caller to average more than 200 yards per game passing in a career. Currently, he is tossing for a little more than 195 per outing. He has

amassed 4,310 yards in 22 games as the Aggies' starter, including 1,706 yards to date in 2001.

His accomplishments have not gone unnoticed by the Raider defense.

"Farris is a great quarterback," Curtis said, "but if we do our responsibilities, cover our guys, he has no where to throw."

Teammate Aycock also sees the challenge in bottling up the Aggies.

"They've got a pretty balanced offense," he said. "They pass, run. They

have some gadgets to try to catch you off guard. They're a great team. They have a lot of athletes."

Harmon said despite the Aggies' new found passing prowess, the first order of business for the Tech defense will be to limit the run.

"Our main focus, first," he said, "is going to be to shut down the run. We're also going to have our eyes on the quarterback. We've got to put some pressure on him when he tries to throw the ball."

## Tech student to sell patriotic Double-T that she designed

By Jeff Stoughton/Staff Reporter

The Double-T, a familiar Texas Tech logo, recently underwent a face-lift, taking on a more patriotic tone.

Kate Baldocchi, a first-year audiology graduate student, designed the "Star-Spangled Double-T" in light of the recent terrorist attacks on the United States.

Baldocchi said she devised the logo, a Double-T with an American flag transposed on it, while watching the news after the attacks.

"I was just watching the news a couple nights after the Sept. 11 attacks and just drew it," she said. She taped her drawing to

the rear windshield of her vehicle. After she displayed the logo on her car, Baldocchi said, her friends began to notice it and encouraged her to market her idea.

Her artwork caught the attention of Dr. David Smith, interim chancellor and Health Sciences Center president, at a party he held for first-year students.

"I showed it to Dr. Smith and he really liked it," she said. "The whole thing just took off from there."

Sharon Bennett, director of HSC relations, said the department originally was planning to

put the logo on a bumper sticker, but decided it would be too small. After Athletic Licensing approved the logo, the relations department decided to place it on windshields and lapel pins.

Members of the HSC Student Senate currently are selling the pins for \$5 and the decals for \$2. The decals will be sold today at Texas Tech's exhibition basketball game. Proceeds from the sale of the stickers and decals will

provide money for HSC scholarships.

Bennett said the department is making plans to sell T-shirts with the logo to benefit the Big 12 relief fund that, in turn, benefits the Red Cross efforts in New York City.

Darcy Pollock, coordinator of HSC Student Services, said the decals and pins have

been selling rapidly.

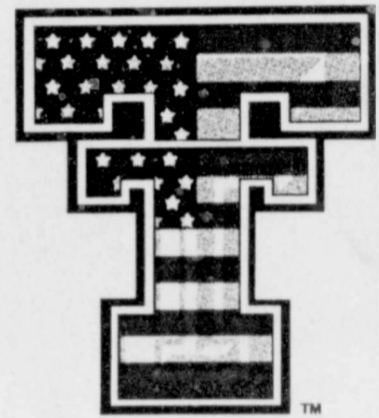
"The general response has been very positive," she said. "We've gotten a lot of orders."

Baldocchi said she is pleased with the response from students so far.

"It's very exciting to see how supportive people are and how excited it's made everybody," she said.

Bennett said the logo will benefit HSC students because it will make them feel they have more in common with students at the main campus.

"The general campus and the HSC don't always have a lot in common," she said. "This makes us more of a part of the tradition of Texas Tech."



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