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## EEOC: Tech discriminated against faculty

By Michael Castellon/Staff Reporter

The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has found in recent months that Texas Tech has discriminated against three faculty members, according to EEOC letters of determination.

The three faculty members filed separate claims with the EEOC within about a three-month period.

An EEOC letter of determination stated Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Jahan Rasty alleged he was "subjected to adverse terms and conditions of employment; hostile work environment by act of intimidation, and harassment in a pervasive manner, specifically from the department chair and dean of the department, both Anglo."

The report found evidence of discrimi-

nation based on Rasty's Iranian-American origin.

In August 2001, Tom Burton, chairman of mechanical engineering, filed allegations of "research misconduct" against Rasty.

The Tenure Advisory Committee reviewed the charges and recommended against Rasty's termination, according to a report from the committee sent to Tech President David Schmidly dated Aug. 14, 2001.

The Tenure Advisory Committee examines complaints against faculty and is a deciding factor in termination, Rasty said.

"There have been some complaints filed," Schmidly said. "The system attorneys are in the process of evaluating the EEOC findings."

Schmidly said because of legal implications he could not comment further.

Recent mention of these complaints took place at the Sept. 11 Faculty Senate meeting where a member of the Senate questioned Schmidly about the status of the complaints.

Burton did not immediately return phone calls.

The Tenure Advisory Committee concluded there were a number of procedural violations that deprived Rasty of his right to due process.

Another, separate complaint was made to the EEOC by Jaime Cardenas-Garcia, who also is a Tech professor in Mechanical Engineering. Cardenas refused to comment, but provided a copy of his Aug. 29, 2002 letter of resignation to The UD.

"The Texas Tech University administration has unfairly and illegally denied me due process and my rights of redress in every

conceivable way possible," the letter said.

According to a second EEOC letter of determination, Cardenas was "subjected to discriminatory comments and actions, given low, negative evaluations resulting in a lower salary and raises, based on his national origin."

According to the EEOC document, "(Cardenas) further alleged he was retaliated against for complaining of the harassment and discrimination."

According to Cardenas' letter of resignation, "It is my dream, and indeed my professional goal, to work in academia in an environment in which my contributions are recognized and where my equal rights under the law are respected."

Cardenas is currently on sabbatical at the University of Minnesota.

The EEOC also found in favor of Ming-

Chien Chyu, another professor in Mechanical Engineering. Chyu filed a complaint with the EEOC against Tech charging he was discriminated against because of his Taiwanese-American origin.

"If the administration paid attention from the beginning it wouldn't be this bad," Chyu said. "Within the campus, we couldn't get justice."

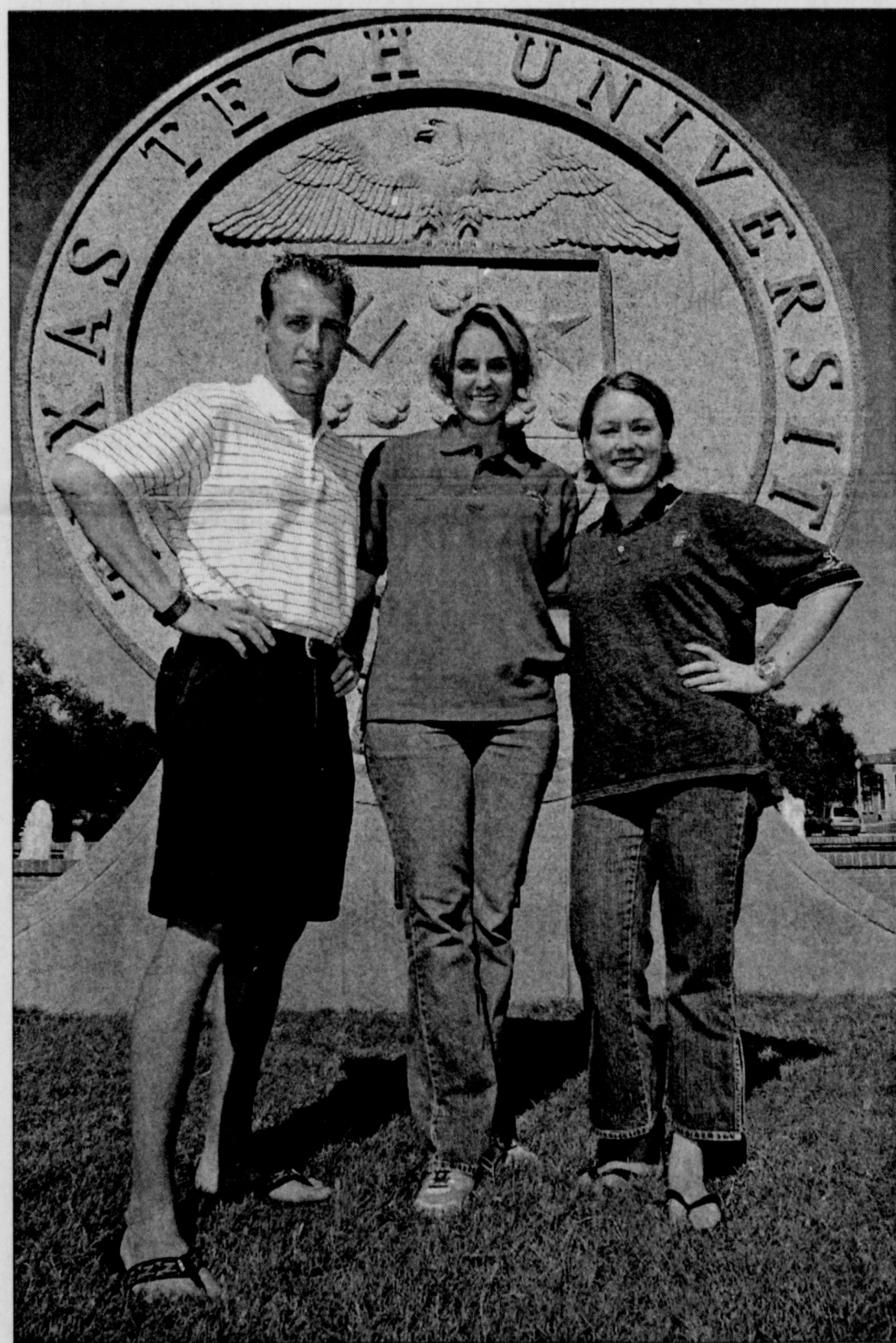
According to the EEOC's findings, "The evidence establishes a causal connection between a protected complaint by (Chyu) and the denial of a merit increase by (Texas Tech) in violation of Title VII."

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits unlawful employment practices.

Chyu said several members of the department of mechanical engineering com-

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## Looking in the SGA



JEREMY BROWN, INTERNAL vice president, Kelli Stumbo, president and Leigh Mauer, external vice president, strive to make a difference at Texas Tech as leaders of the Student Government Association.

### SGA officers look forward to creating a new image

By Melissa Guest/Editor

As one of the oldest organizations at Texas Tech, the Student Government Association strives to serve as a voice for the students and representatives of the campus. Despite past criticism and concerns, officers this year said SGA is going to do just that.

"Coming into an office with some negatives, I think, 'that was last year,'" Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown said. "This is a new year and we've got a kick-butt officers team and a good Senate team who are dedicated to representing the students."

Brown said some of his focus this year is to make sure students know who their senators are and what they can do for them.

"We've got to put this aside and stay focused on why we ran and why we're here, which is to serve the stu-

dents to the best of our ability," he said.

Some students are concerned, however, their representatives are not adequately representing them.

Shanina Sowels, a junior biology major from Dallas, said she rarely sees SGA members outside of election time.

"I think they should be more visible to students. The only time I've seen them or met someone is during campaigning," she said.

One of the toughest challenges the SGA faces, President Kelli Stumbo said, is making sure students know the SGA is here for them. To combat that impression, she said one of the three executive officers will be available each week in the Student Union.

"I think the average Tech student doesn't know,"

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## U.S. officials identify al-Qaida behind attacks

By John J. Lumpkin/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. counterterrorism officials have identified two key lieutenants of Osama bin Laden — including an alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks — as the most active plotters of several al-Qaida attacks during the past year.

While many top al-Qaida leaders went into hiding after Sept. 11, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri have taken the lead in arranging new attacks with cells in the field, U.S. officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Mohammed, a Sept. 11 organizer who has risen to be one of bin Laden's top planners, and al-Nashiri, al-Qaida's Persian Gulf operations chief, are among

roughly two dozen key lieutenants being sought by the CIA, FBI and military in a worldwide manhunt.

While last week's capture of Ramzi Binalshibh in Pakistan may shed light on both the Sept. 11 attacks and ongoing al-Qaida plots, U.S. officials say he was not a leader but an aide to Mohammed. Officials hope that by tracking down the leaders they can disrupt terrorist plots and the multiple cells under their command.

Mohammed, a Kuwait-born Pakistani national, has been linked to the April 11 suicide truck bombing of the Djerba synagogue in Tunisia. At least 19 tourists, mostly Germans, were killed.

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## Smith receives award for continued work in health

By Keli Johnson/Staff Reporter

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials awarded Texas Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith the 2002 Alumni Award in Nashville on Sept. 11 for his continued service to public health.

The award is presented to a former state health official who continues to promote public health. Smith served as the Texas Commissioner of Health from 1992 to 1996. He then served as Tech Health Sciences Center president from 1996 until he became chancellor in May 2002.

Smith said he was honored to receive the national award.

"I was very honored, but it ran through my mind if I was really deserving of it," he said. "The progress we make as health officials is far more rewarding than this award, but it's very special coming from my colleagues who nominated me."

The association recognized his work in several areas of health as well as serving as president of the HSC, Smith said.

"I work with childhood vaccines, specifically Hepatitis B, which is a leading cause of liver cancer,



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily  
**TECH CHANCELLOR DR. David Smith** was awarded a national award for his continued service to public health.

as well as serving on the tobacco-free children's board," he said. "I have worked on several committees, and we publish reports and travel across the nation to promote preventative health."

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## Law school examines policies

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

The law school is looking at curbing first year students' involvement in school activities.

The Texas Tech School of Law is taking another look at its extracurricular activities.

Terence Cook, assistant dean of admissions and administration member of the ad hoc Extracurricular Committee, said the purpose is to explore the involvement of first-year students in different competitions and student groups. They also are researching a correlation between grades and involvement in activities.

Right now the committee is in the information-seeking stage, Cook said. It is too soon to determine which way the research is headed.

"We are not leaning one way or another," he said. "We have a lot of questions and so far no answers."

Cook said everyone can agree extracurricular activities are positive, and it's important for students to find a balance between studies and a social life. Maintaining that balance is especially important with the rigorous curriculum in law school.

The major goal is not just to determine if first-year students should be allowed to participate, he said. The committee also is considering what goes on at activities

and making sure first-year students get the information they need to make an informed choice. He said many complaints from the first-years stemmed from organizations not being clear on how much time and effort

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# HSC prof to receive grant for his research on cancer

By Josh Parrish/Staff Reporter

Health Sciences Center professor Curt Pfarr has recently been chosen as the recipient of a grant from the American Cancer Society for his research on cancer treatment.

Pfarr is an assistant professor in the department of cell biology and biochemistry at the HSC as well as a member of the Southwest Cancer Center at University Medical Center.

The four-year grant, valued at \$720,000, was given to fund Pfarr's work in the field of cancer treatment and gene relationships. Pfarr's grant from the American Cancer Society is one of three cancer research-related grants in the area.

One of the other two American Cancer Society grants belongs to Dr. Robert Bright, with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's depart-

ment of microbiology and immunology.

The third recipient is Dr. Raul Martinez Zaguilan in the Physiology department at the Health Sciences Center.

Pfarr received this grant for his research entitled "The Role of JunD in Cell Transformation."

Kathy Winn, executive director for the Lubbock unit of the American Cancer Society, said a peer review process in which other researchers evaluate the grant requests and the research projects decides the grant allocation.

Winn said some years there may be more or fewer grants presented dependent upon how much funding has been raised for research during the year.

This past funding season, the cancer society funded six grants, she said. This usually opens the door for

grant recipients to obtain government aid.

"The American Cancer Society looks for researchers who are doing cutting-edge things, and because we are not tied to the government, there is not as much red-tape tied to the grants," Winn said. "We give them a chance to prove themselves."

Pfarr has been a professor at the HSC for approximately six years, and prior to his tenure at Tech, Pfarr spent five years at the Pasteur Institute in Paris for a doctoral fellowship.

Pfarr received his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

"Since we've been in Lubbock, our lab has focused on JunD," Pfarr said. "Our lab now works on how cells become cancerous."

Pfarr's work focuses on multiple endocrine neoplasia, or MEN, and

the specific gene, MEN1, which can cause multiple endocrine neoplasia.

Multiple endocrine neoplasia is caused by certain mutations in the MEN1 gene, Pfarr said.

The MEN1 gene, discovered in 1997, encodes a protein called menin. Pfarr's lab studies how the menin protein and JunD interact with each other.

"JunD is what's called a transcription factor," Pfarr said, "and it regulates gene expression."

Gene expression, essentially, is the process through which genes get turned on or off, Pfarr said.

Multiple endocrine neoplasia is a hereditary disease, therefore there is about a 50 percent chance of a person with the MEN1 gene passing on the defective gene to their children.

According to the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kid-

ney Diseases, multiple endocrine neoplasia does not usually develop until adulthood, but anyone who inherits the disease will exhibit symptoms of the syndrome sometime during their lifetime.

Pfarr said multiple endocrine neoplasia originates when the MEN1 gene produces defective menin proteins, and because of these improper menin proteins, the MEN1 gene does not interact correctly with transcription factors such as JunD.

Pfarr said although some doctors and professors may receive grants worth more monetarily, his lab is glad to get this particular grant.

"When you're buying research related items," Pfarr said, "it's much more expensive."

Pfarr has been trying to help establish the Southwest Cancer Cen-

ter at University Medical Center, and this additional funding for his research allows the Lubbock area to have a more prominent presence in the field of cancer research and treatment.

This grant could prove to be a stepping-stone to amazing advances in cancer treatments, Martinez Zaguilan said.

"This is wonderful news," Martinez-Zaguilan, an associate professor of Physiology, said. "It's great whenever a colleague gets a grant from the American Cancer Society, it's a very prestigious thing."

The American Cancer Society echoes the sentiment that the grant could result in huge advancements in cancer research.

"We now have 31 Nobel Prize winners who received their initial funding from the American Cancer Society," Winn said.

## RACING RAIDERS



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

MEMBERS OF VARIOUS sororities participated in the Beta 500 annual go-cart race before it was rained out shortly after the race began on Friday night at Putt-Putt Golf and Games.

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## The Rundown



**Four children killed in suburban Dallas house fire**

LANCASTER (AP) — Keith Lane held a charred photo album as he struggled to understand the fire that killed his twin sons and their half-siblings.

"This is all that's left," the grieving father said, pointing to a recent photo of 4-year-olds Jamerius and Darius Lofton, James Lofton, 12, and Deaira Lofton, 10.

"It's still unbelievable," Lane said. "It's still unreal. They were good kids."

The children died after a fire broke out about 11 p.m. Sunday in their single-story, wood-frame home. Firefighters arrived to find their mother in the front yard. Her four children were still in the burning home, she told rescuers.

Firefighters rushed into the burning home and pulled two children from the master bedroom. One other youngster was rescued from a nearby bedroom and the fourth from the kitchen.

**Man kills two people, self near Times Square**

NEW YORK (AP) — An insurance executive called two co-workers into his office near Times Square on Monday morning, shot them to death and then killed himself, authorities say.

The motive was not immediately clear, but a police source told The Associated Press the gunman, who was in his 50s, had been romantically involved with one of the victims, a woman in her 30s.

The third victim was a man, also in his 30s. The names of the dead were not immediately released.

The gunfire erupted on the 11th floor at about 8:20 a.m., well before most employees had arrived at Empire Blue Cross-Blue Shield's offices on Broadway near 40th Street.

The gunman, a vice president in the insurance company's fraud investigations unit, was formerly an FBI agent in New Jersey, according to a federal law enforcement source speaking on condition of anonymity.

**Singapore arrests 21 suspects linked to al-Qaida**

SINGAPORE (AP) — Singapore has arrested 21 people, most of whom belong to a regional Islamic group that authorities here have linked to al-Qaida, the government said Monday.

All the suspects were arrested in August and are Singaporean citizens, according to media statement by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The statement said most of the men were from Jemaah Islamiyah, a group that authorities in Singapore say had planned to attack U.S. interests there. Some of the men had received military training in Afghanistan and at a training camp of the Moro Islamic Liberation front in the southern Philippines, it said.

More than a dozen members of the group have already been arrested.

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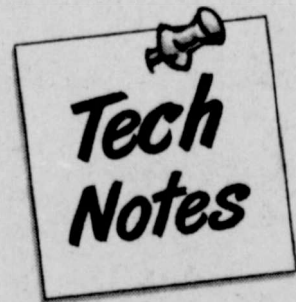
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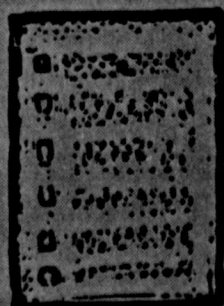
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# Commission approves removal plan

**MOVING OUT:** Environmental group gives OK for relocation of Lubbock prairie dogs.

By Keli Johnson/Staff Reporter

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality approved Lubbock's plan to remove prairie dogs believed to be causing groundwater contamination on 3,000 acres of land east of West Loop 289.

The commission, formerly known as the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, cited the city of Lubbock for groundwater contamination on June 3, after an annual inspection.

Lubbock city environmental compliance manager Dan Dennison

said he believes the prairie dogs are the source of the problem for a few reasons.

He said the animals inhabit an area of land that has been irrigated with wastewater for about 77 years. Private farmers use the water on crops like Italian Rye Grass, which takes in the harmful nitrates before infiltrating the groundwater.

Dennison said the animals eat the crops, and the nitrates bypass the plants and filter into the groundwater, which increases the nitrogen level in the water. He said the animals also dig burrows beneath the

ground filled with wastewater and eventually leak into the groundwater.

"High nitrogen levels in drinking water is harmful because it can cause blue baby syndrome and decrease the oxygen-carrying capacity in a person's blood stream," he said.

Blue baby syndrome decreases the oxygen in the body, causing the veins to turn blue, Dennison said. In extreme cases, it can be fatal. Children and the elderly are affected most by blue baby syndrome.

Dennison said the excessive population of prairie dogs, which has increased from a few thousand to about 40,000 over the past few years, warrants quick removal action.

The plan is to relocate the ani-

mals to other areas in Texas and the Western United States to start new colonies. The relocation efforts will continue through the migratory season for the burrowing owls, a species that live in prairie dog burrows and is considered a threatened species in Canada, which lasts through the winter season.

After the owls migrate, any remaining prairie dogs will be removed by lethal force. There are two methods for this approach, Dennison said. The first is a method in which a tablet will be placed inside the burrow that releases a poison gas when wet. The other method is a concussive method that causes instant death when combined chemicals cause an explosion inside the burrows.

Dennison said he hopes to relocate as many prairie dogs as possible without using either of the two lethal methods.

Some Lubbock citizens said they feel the prairie dogs are not the problem. Ed Bray, a Lubbock citizen said he does not believe the animals are causing the groundwater contamination.

He said the burrows are two-to-three feet deep, and the water table is about 50-to-100 feet below the surface. Bray said he does not think the wastewater cause significantly affect the groundwater if it filled a burrow.

Jill Haukos, conservation chair of the Llano Estacado Audubon Society, said she is also concerned with

the city's plan to relocate and exterminate the animals.

"There is no evidence that the prairie dogs are affecting the nitrates in the groundwater at all," she said.

The prairie dogs are not the problem, she said. Misapplication of wastewater effluent is the problem, as well as too much water applied in some areas and not enough in others. She said the choice of plants is bad and the site is poorly managed.

Haukos said she hopes to join other concerned citizens in a meeting sometime in the next few weeks to increase awareness of the problem and to attempt to get the city to accept a comprehensive management system for the Lubbock Land Application Site.

# HSC doctors design contacts to be worn two months or more

By Josh Parrish/Staff Reporter

The monotony of removing and cleaning contact lenses can be a chore for some people. But Dr. Ted Reid, a professor of ophthalmology and visual science with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, hopes to rid contact-wearers of this practice.

Reid, in collaboration with two colleagues, is attempting to use new technology allowing contact wearers to leave in their lenses for two months or more.

Reid said the new contact lenses he and his colleagues have been developing are coated in a substance called selenium, which is an element that kills bacteria while acting as protection from any new infection.

"It (selenium) is an organic molecule attached permanently to the contact," Reid said.

The solution the contact lenses are dipped in cover the lenses with a one-molecule-thick film of selenium.

"The lens chemistry is just magnificent," said Julian Spallholz, a professor of nutrition at the Texas Tech Human Sciences department.

The antibacterial effect of the selenium solution is essentially the same type of bacteria-killing mechanism exhibited by the white blood cells in our blood stream, he said.

It would be better for contact-lens wearers to put their lenses in and leave them in because the contact lenses are left open to contamination each time the user removes them, Reid said.

Even with extended-use contact lenses, there have been several major problems in the past, Reid said. First, if the wearer leaves the contacts in their eyes for too long, bacteria begins to build up on the

lenses. This bacterial buildup, or biofilm, can lead to a condition known as red eye, which affects between one and 10 percent of contact users or can even lead to corneal ulcers, which can in some cases melt down the cornea of the eye in one day.

The other major problem with extended-use contacts is that the lenses do not allow enough oxygen to enter the cornea of the eye, he said.

The contact lenses Reid and his colleagues are developing will eliminate both of these problems, he said.

Reid began experimenting with the use of selenium in contact lenses by conducting a two-month long test involving rabbits.

In the experiment, Reid and his colleagues placed a regular contact lens in one of the rabbit's eyes, while placing a contact lens coated in his selenium solution in the other eye, he said.

"The eye of a rabbit is much more sensitive to inflammation than a human's eye," Spallholz said. "There is no question as to whether the contacts will be safe for humans."

After the experiment was complete and results determined that the rabbits had no ill effects from the selenium coated contacts. Reid then put the contact lenses through a second experiment by wearing them himself for one week, to see if they posed any detrimental effects to the human eye.

This research proved successful, and Reid is currently waiting to see if the HSC will allow him to test his selenium coated contacts on a research group of contact-wearers, Reid said.

If this test were to be successful, Reid could then attempt to gain approval from the Food and Drug Administration to market his product through the company he and his colleagues started, Selenium Technologies, Inc.

Reid and his associates are working on technology to combat other viruses and bacteria as well. One of the main projects they are involved with is researching a use for selenium in order to render the anthrax virus obsolete.

"We'll be designing a compound to bind the toxins (in anthrax) and inactivate them," Reid said. "Basically, so it can't kill you."

## REACTION CONTRAPTION



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer  
TODD DAVIS, A graduate student studying organic chemistry from Bay City, tries to create an Aldol reaction, part of Asymmetric Synthesis, which is used in the making of pharmaceuticals, in the Chemistry building Monday afternoon. The experiment is part of his doctoral research.

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Peer Perspectives

# Make plan for career

The Texas Tech Career Center sponsored a job fair at the United Spirit Arena last week.

It was well publicized and the Career Center staff did an outstanding job getting students prepared to meet and greet recruiters from various companies.

The only downer was few of the organizations represented at the job fair were hiring new graduates right now. The bleak national economy has thrown a wet blanket on career plans for many Techsans. Hopefully things will turn around sooner rather than later.

Many underclassmen view job fairs as events they will attend way off in the future. Maybe it will be a few years before you graduate and look for a career. But start planning now so when it's your turn to get your resume together and put on nice clothes you will be ready to impress potential employers. That day will be here sooner than you think, and I'd like to give you some advice to make things easier.

The key to impressing employers is your resume. If you're just starting out, it may be difficult to fill a one-page resume. Don't look at this as a problem, but rather as an opportunity. Eventually you'll fill a page with jobs and educational achievements, but you want to have more than just page fillers. You need to impress companies with the right combination of education, experience and achievements. There are things you can do now to fill your resume with items that potential employers will want to see.

You can start by maintaining a good GPA, especially in your major. If you are doing well outside of your major but poorly within, you may want to consider changing your major. Do what you want to do? Very often your parents choose your first major.

Make sure you make the final decision (the one that will go on your degree). Discuss any changes with your parents, especially if they are paying your tuition. It's a good idea to set up an internship in your field. If your department cannot find one for you, use contacts (family and friends) to set up an internship.

Remember to work hard during internships because a little sweat now could land you a job with the company after you graduate. Consider using electives and minors to improve your employment chances. Work on communication skills because every good job requires these skills. If you feel your academic program is inadequate in this area add a minor in English, communication or technical writing.

I've seen seniors take on minors



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that add one or two semesters to their time at Tech. The time to add a minor is before you start taking electives. This way you can complete your major field of study, the minor and graduate with your class.

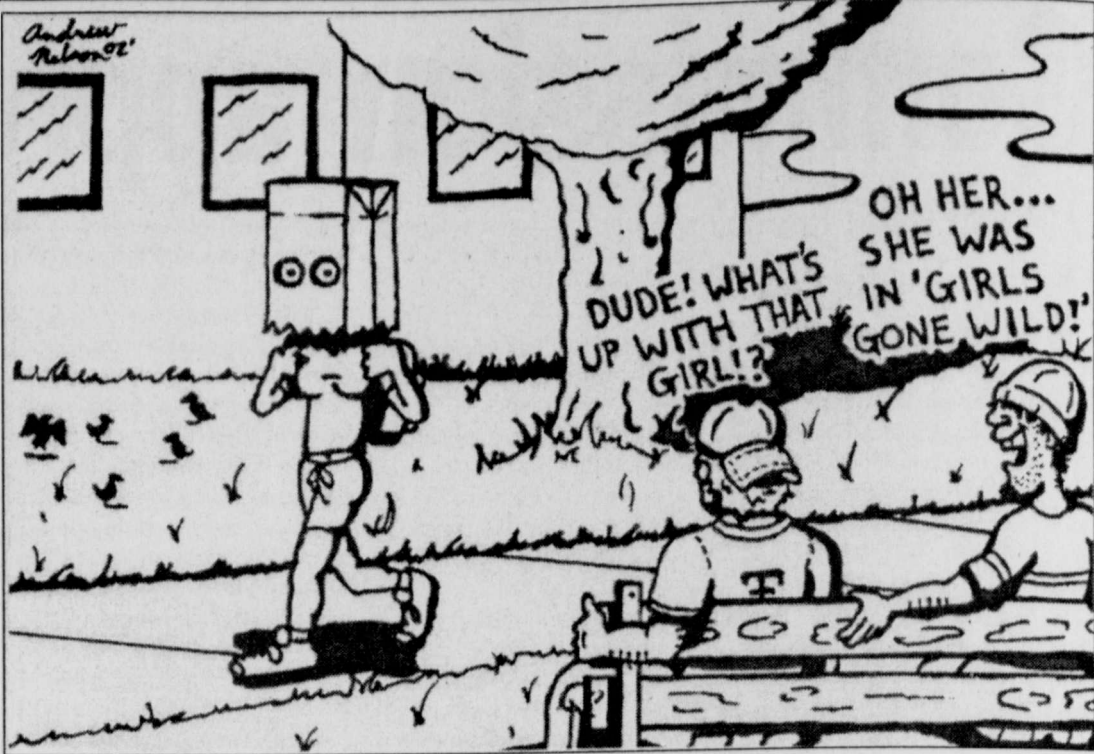
Join organizations but investigate them before joining. There are many fine groups on campus, but frankly, some just want your money. Also it's better to put serious time into one or two organizations than to sign up for many organizations and do nothing.

Volunteer for charity work if it is something you enjoy. This cannot take the place of a good GPA, and classes must come first. Find something you enjoy or you'll just be going through the motions. Remember when companies see charity work on a resume, they assume you'll continue to do it after you are hired.

If you don't enjoy it now, you'll probably hate it in the future. When the time comes to put everything together use Career Center programs such as resume suggestions and mock interviews. Also attend some career fairs a year or two before graduation to find out what employers want.

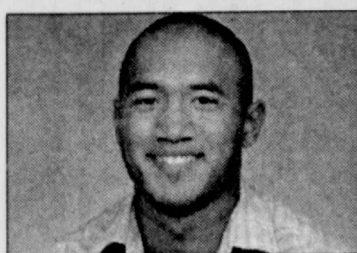
Try trial runs to talk to recruiters and you'll feel more at ease when you need to find a job. Don't limit yourself to only companies that recruit on campus. These tend to be local and/or large companies. Smaller companies require more work to find, but they hire Tech graduates, too.

It may seem like a long time before you will graduate and have look for a job, but that day is just around the corner. If you plan ahead you can get a jump on everyone else and give yourself the advantages you need to get your career off to a great start.



# Obsession with sidewalks may be symptom of something else

Did you know Texas Tech has the most intricate and well-designed sidewalks in the country? If not, you're in a minority, along with myself. But obviously most people at this school are fascinated and mystified by the rare form of quickset concrete mix used in our paths to academia, because why else does everyone stare at the ground while walking and never say "Hello?"



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*Obviously most people at this school are fascinated and mystified by the (sidewalks), because why else does everyone stare at the ground while walking and never say "Hello?"*

Everyday I set out from my parking spot, somewhere near the Horse-shoe Nebula, on my way to classes. Being the outdoorsy kind of guy I strive to be, I like to walk most of the time to help break up the monotonous urban depression of this big city life. As I wander lazily through the campus, I see fellow school chums doing the same, and man being the social animal that he is, and I being that, I follow the natural pattern of existence and try to exercise this trait. The following is a fictional reenactment for illustrative purposes.

As the BA draws slowly closer with each step, Phil (a fictional character we'll name for dramatic effect) walks easily yet purposefully toward his economics class. Approaching him from the opposite direction is Phil (another fictional character we'll name for dramatic effect, who's same name is just a random coincidence) on his way back to his truck. The first Phil sees the second Phil coming towards him, looking straight at him. Phil No. 1 doesn't recognize Phil No. 2 from anywhere, but he looks like a nice guy.

As the meeting draws closer, Phil No. 2 suddenly looks down and away from Phil No. 1, as if something very interesting is happening on the grass besides him. Phil No. 1 says, "Hey man, how's it going?" despite the obvious attempt at a blow-off by Phil No. 2. Phil No. 2's eyes shoot up suspiciously at Phil No. 1, and a half-

hearted head tilt is all he musters in response, as he looks back toward the ground and double-times it to the sanctity of his Dodge.

Now most people would take this as an insult, but Phil No. 1 knows some people are just insecure losers, so he smiles to himself and begins whistling the theme song to "The Jeffersons."

Phil (I will stop designating him Phil No. 1 since Phil No. 2 has left the picture, and the continued use of numerical designation may cause confusion or seizures in some readers) walks up to the cross walk at Flint, as three Green Route busses all in a row sit at the same bus stop waiting for students to make up their mind whether these are the right busses to Holden Hall or not.

Standing there waiting also is

Karen, who appears to be a friendly girl, full of vim and vigor. Phil stops next to her, and she turns to see if he's someone she might know. He isn't, and so she goes back to looking down at her flip-flops. Phil, figuring why waste precious minutes standing idly by when there's a perfectly intelligent co-conversationalist next to him, initiates the banter with a friendly "Hi, how ya doin?"

Unbeknownst to Phil, Karen holds herself in very high regard, so naturally Phil is hitting on her (just in case you were wondering, he isn't). She looks over at him and says quietly, "Good." Phil smiles and says "Great! So am I."

Now Karen knows he's hitting on her, because it's a well-known fact that no guys talk to girls unless they want to get into their pants. And since Phil doesn't dress like an Alpha Male and most guys she hangs out with couldn't carry a conversation in their Eddie Bauer satchel, she honestly doesn't know how to handle the situation. So she just shuts down. Nelly starts playing on her mental radio and flashbacks of her senior prom begin electric sliding through her brain. As soon as the buses pass she's across the street, leaving Phil to wonder what the hell just happened.

This little dramatic parable goes on constantly in Red Raiderville. I know sometimes you have something on your mind, or you don't notice the other carbon-based bipedal life form walking your way. But how hard is it to smile and say "Hey" or "Howdy" or a quick "I love your hilarious yet meaningful articles Dave!" Tech has spent millions of dollars making our campus look great. Now lets take a few friendly gestures to make our campus feel good. Now I must go hug a tree and save a baby seal to complete my Phil-anthropic Badge requirements. Have a great week!

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# Finding

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plained to administrators over the course of several years.

"We told them we have a problem of discrimination," Chyu said. "The environment here impeded the performance of some minority faculty members."

An example of the discrimination the faculty members reportedly faced is found in a Feb. 5, 1999 internal memo from Cardenas to Burton, provided by Chyu, which stated, "At various (Faculty Search Committee) meetings Dr. (Walt) Oler has also subjected the Committee to what I feel are insensitive comments that in my view have no relevance to the work of the committee. I do not appreciate Dr. Oler's comments, such as: 'This depart-

ment is a lumpy melting pot,' or comments like: 'I will reject all candidates whose names I can not pronounce. Just kidding!'"

Oler is currently an associate professor of mechanical engineering. Rasty said he also suffered discrimination as a result of then-dean of engineering William Marcy's allegations in a memo dated Dec. 10, 1999 stating, "I have very strong reservations about Texas Tech University providing him with any legal cover to gain access to explosive materials and detonating devices."

Rasty said less than a year earlier, during the summer of 1998, he gained approval from the U.S. Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to use explosives in conjunction with his research.

Rasty said accessing explosives was necessary in conducting research for the United States Air Force.

"The explosives were part of a \$5 million grant with the Air Force Office of Scientific Research," Rasty said. "It's using explosives to generate high magnetic flux. It's the next wave of bombs being developed for the Air Force."

According to an Aug. 14, 2001 report from the Tenure Advisory Committee, Marcy later apologized for the inferences about explosives.

The Tenure Advisory Committee report also indicates Burton and Milton Smith, now chairman in the Department of Engineering, exchanged a series of e-mail messages discussing an attempt of e-mail Rasty due process.

According to the Tenure Advisory Committee report, the e-mails indicate Burton and Smith met to discuss the investigation outside of formal sessions held by the Investigative Committee, and that infor-

mation resulting from such meetings may have been withheld from Rasty.

Marcy refused comment and referred all questions to Tech General Counsel Pat Campbell, who did not immediately return phone calls. The UD also contacted the EEOC, who did not return calls; Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith, who referred the matter to Schmidly; and Sally Post, associate director for News and Publications for Tech.

Rasty said Tech refused the conciliation efforts by the EEOC to settle the matter.

"As a result the EEOC has basically referred the matter to the Justice Department," Rasty said.

Rasty said the matter has been under investigation by the justice department for about two months, and the average response time is three to six months.

# al-Qaida

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The suspected bomber, Nizar Naouar, spoke by phone with Mohammed about three hours before the attack, German officials said. Bin Laden's son Saad, seen as a rising star in al-Qaida, also is suspected of ties to the plot.

The Tunisia attack marked al-Qaida's first successful strike since Sept. 11. The suicide bombing of the U.S. consulate in Karachi in June also is believed to be an al-Qaida operation, but who commanded it has not been determined.

Mohammed, who is on the FBI's most-wanted terrorists list, has been charged in connection

with plots in the Philippines to bomb trans-Pacific airliners and crash a plane into CIA headquarters. Those were broken up in 1995. He is believed to be related to Ramzi Yousef, who was convicted for his role in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

"He's the most significant operational player out there right now," said a senior U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking recently on the condition of anonymity.

U.S. counterterrorism officials believed Mohammed was in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region as recently as June.

The capture of Binalshibh, a Yemeni and planner in the Sept. 11 attacks, probably has set Mohammed on the run, said Vince Cunnistraro, a former CIA counterterrorism official.

# SGA

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she said. "One way we're going to handle it is the one-on-one approach. We're hitting the campaign trail again and getting out to the students. That way they can't say, 'I don't know who you are or what you do.'"

Aside from visibility, students said they want to know their opinions will actually affect decisions made. Cameron Buckner, a senior computer science and philosophy major from Canyon, said he would like to see the SGA advise the administration to make advances in getting students involved, and then make sure the student voice is actually heard.

"I heard I don't see a lot of results. It all seems like a show to keep students appeased," he said. "It is also the students' fault too because we are pretty apathetic."

Although the SGA comprises their own department under the Division of Student Affairs, in the past they have not been as well known among the average student

population as they would like to be, Stumbo said. This year, she said, she hopes to change that.

"I don't think the average student ever understood why or how they can use us as an outlet and a medium between the administration," she said. "We're going to really try to get out and say, 'listen, we can be available, we will be available. Just tell us what you want.'"

Stumbo said she would argue the SGA does look out for students' interests outside of election time. The trouble lies in trying to reach the 'average student,' she said.

"We're trying to get the message across to utilize us, that (students) had faith enough to put us in office, and now we're here to work for (them)," Stumbo said.

Students also have voiced concerns about the SGA's relationship with administration. Rachel Clark, a junior Spanish major from Houston, said she wants to be confident the student government is not just representing the administration.

"They need to serve students not faculty or administration," she said. "They owe the students their terms, basically to whatever students feel

they need. They should listen to them more than the administration."

One way to better utilize and understand student government is to join another organization on campus, Stumbo said. This year, a Student Organization Advisory Congress will be formed to better represent student concerns.

"If your not involved, you're not going to know just because you're not exposed to it," Stumbo said. "As far as every other student, the challenge is reaching them, just getting out on campus and asking, 'what do you like or not like about Tech.'"

Another way to reach average students, SGA External Vice President Leigh Mauer said, is finding them in class. She said the SGA has sent letters to professors and are planning to talk with professors in some of the bigger classes.

"At least then they will hear the letters SGA," she said.

Part of increasing communication between the administration, SGA and students is to clarify and release more information on issues affecting students, Stumbo said.

"If you look back on last year's

fees, they only had one forum," she said. "We can avoid miscommunication by utilizing all outlets, different programs and getting out and explaining fees prior to finalization to show how they evolved."

Clark said they should fight to decrease the fees that do not apply to all students.

"I registered and was like what are all these fees. This is crap, but what can I do about it," she said.

She said she wishes the SGA would do something about it in favor of the students.

She said she hopes to see them do something about the limited parking situation.

Being a leader is not always easy or popular, but Stumbo said she hopes this year will prove the SGA, the Senate and the officers are at Tech to serve the students.

"It relies on what type of leader you are and what is your focus," Stumbo said. "Our focus is not how can you help me when I get out of here, but how are we going to help the students. I have exactly one year to make the biggest difference I can to make the lives of Texas Tech students better."

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7:00	News	W/Forums	News	Pyramid	News	Friends	
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10:00	Nightly Bus	Shoot Me	Judging Amy	Blind Date	Regis & Kelly	News	
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# Committee

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was required.

"The biggest focus is really trying to get the students' feel for what it's like to be involved in extracurricular activities," Cook said.

They are also surveying for concerns first-year students may have about the organizations, as well as any difficulties they may have at this point.

"More so than anything else, it's making students aware that there needs to be a balance," he said. If students put too much emphasis on academics, they miss out on the social aspect, but if they focus too much on social life they lose in academics.

The goal of the committee is to determine if it's necessary or beneficial to reduce the role of first-year students in other activities, said Alex Straatmann, a third-year law student, president of the Student Bar Association and a member of the Extracurricular Committee. The end result should be to make the first year of law school more stress-free, he said.

From a personal standpoint, Straatmann said participation in competitions and organizations is a good thing, because students learn skills they need to be good lawyers.

"I think first-year involvement is very important because you always have to have something besides law school," he said.

Allison Kuczek, a third-year law student from Killeen, has been involved with the Board of Barristers, a mock trial and moot court organization for three years. She said competing with the Board helped her gain confidence and made her more comfortable with the dynamics of speaking in a courtroom.

"The stuff we learn in mock trial or moot court will change from county to county, state to state," she said. "But I gained an overall ease or comfort with when to speak up and make objections."

Kuczek said Tech offers the most opportunities in the state for first-year students to compete. They also start out just competing against other first-years, not second- or third-year students.

Trish Link, a third year law student from Covington, La., said participating in organizations her first year helped her to meet people and adjust to law school.

"One-L extracurricular activities are important for them to become part of the law school community," she said.

Karen Royal, a third-year from San Antonio, said participation makes students more well-rounded, in addition to making students more competitive in the job search.

"I think it's essential to the character that a first-year student develops," she said. "They choose to participate because it will be beneficial for them."

# Award

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Smith said his work includes efforts to reduce tobacco use, increase awareness and promote vaccinations against flu, hepatitis, measles and AIDS. He also travels with colleagues who gather information and publish reports about growing concerns in the health industry.

As the former Texas Commissioner of Health, Smith signed on behalf of the state as the plaintiff in a \$17.3 billion tobacco lawsuit.

Paula Steib, communications director for the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, said the award is significant to all public health officials.

"The association looks for someone who has demonstrated a commitment to public health," she said. "It's something like a lifetime achievement award."

She said the association specifically highlighted his work with "Shots Across Texas," a campaign to increase vaccinations throughout the state against diseases and infections.

ASTHO is a national nonprofit organization based out of Washington, D.C., which is comprised of state and territorial public health agency officials. The mission is to influence and formulate health policy and promote health and to prevent disease, according to a statement the orga-

nization released to the public.

Steib said the annual conference, held in Nashville this year, had a larger turnout than usual.

"We had about 270 people attend for the conference and ceremony, which is a lot for us," she said.

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# RAIDER

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## 'Photo' an intriguing snapshot of insanity

FILM REVIEW



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It was one of the first lessons you learned as a child: "Don't talk to strangers." Don't accept rides from strangers, don't be alone with a stranger and certainly don't accept

any gifts from strangers. "One Hour Photo" is a film about such a "stranger."

Sy Parrish (Robin Williams) is a lonely middle-aged man working the photo counter at a grocery store called "SavMart." He's been doing it for 14 years, and it's an understatement to say that he takes pride in his job.

Sy tells us through narration that one can tell a lot about a person by the kind of photos they take. By carefully examining these photos, one can surmise a person's hopes, dreams and joys. But, he points out, people don't take pictures of the bad moments in their lives, the things that they want to keep hidden. This may be why the only actual photo

we see of Sy is one he has taken of himself while he's at work.

Sy is a model employee. He knows most of his customers by name and lets us in on some of their personal lives as we see the photos he develops from their film. His favorite customers, however, are the Yorkin family—Will (Michael Vartan), Nina (Connie Neilsen) and their young son Jake (Dylan Smith). He has been developing their family photos for years and has watched Jake grow up. When they bring him a roll to be developed, Sy always makes an extra set of prints—for himself. When he looks at this family, or speaks with any of them, we sense a cry of desperation. Sy desires to be part of this happy family. They are a flawless unit, and consequently, they are a fantasy to him. Perhaps they are the "perfect" family he never had.

The Yorkins are pleasantly amused by "Sy the photo guy"—at least, the parents are. Jake, on the other hand sees right through Sy. He envisions him as a lonely man leading a depressing life with no friends, no mother who loves him and no family. He has no idea how accurate he is.

Sy begins to lightly stalk Jake at his soccer practices, and "accidentally" runs into Nina at the mall, and is even reading the same novel she is. His desire to be part of the family slips out when he tells Nina how much he admires Jake and says he feels like "Uncle Sy."

But when Sy's delusion of "the perfect Yorkin family" is shattered by a photo, he loses control. The madman raging inside of him literally comes out of his eyes. Sy begins to take drastic measures.

Williams gives a searing performance as Sy, a man with a serious

crack in the windshield of his sanity. Williams has had an excellent year playing twisted characters in "Death to Smoochy" and "Insomnia." With the combination of these three, one can only hope the Academy remembers him come February. Sy is not dissimilar to the killer Williams played in "Insomnia." Both men are methodical, and both have a deep desire to belong to something—anything.

"One Hour Photo" does an excellent job of pulling us into the psyche of its main character, and keeping us on our toes, wondering what he may do next. But the film never really gives us a reason as to what made Sy the way he is. That is, until the final moments of the film when he lets slip some atrocious things that occurred in his childhood. But by including this tidbit at the end of the film, it feels crammed

in and rushed. It would have been more beneficial if we understood these things before Sy does the things he does. That would make a deeper character.

When all is developed, however, "One Hour Photo" is an intriguing, involving and creepy film with another first-rate performance from Williams.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★½

- ★★★★ - Flawless
- ★★★★ - Excellent
- ★★★ - Good
- ★★ - Mediocre
- ★ - Awful

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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## We should strive to be trendy, again



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A couple of Thursday's ago, as I scanned over the crowd at Double Dave's, I wanted to be in high school again. The band that was playing, Six Over Seven, was comprised of high school kids and some that had already graduated.

People who were too young to be drinking dominated the crowd, and I estimated about four-fifths of the crowd were in high school.

One look at these kids put the critic in me in full swing. Looking around I saw every emo-cliche in the book; it was like there was a sale on oh-so-fashionable thick-framed glasses outside the front door.

There were excess amounts of spike-studded bracelets and belts leading me to believe that I had walked into some kind of counter-culture fashion show.

One guy had on a black shirt that proudly proclaimed, "I am trendy." I told him how much I liked his shirt, thinking he realized the double-

irony in his shirt's statement.

He thanked me for my approval and then said, "Yeah, people don't really get it. They look at me and say, 'but wait, you're not really trendy.'"

I laughed at the poor guy wearing all the trendy punk-rock stylings and thought to myself, "No kid, you don't really get it." If I thought this guy was a little older, I would look down upon him. But the kid is in high school—let him have his fun while he can, I thought to myself.

Some older college kids were beginning to filter in through the doors to catch the next band, Invitation to Failure.

Talking with some of them, we made fun of the cool high school kids who thought they were all punk rock. Even though I didn't pass up on making fun of the easy targets, I felt a little guilty the whole time. Yeah, these little rich suburban kids were trying to look all anti-establishment, but I'd be damned if they weren't enjoying the hell out of the music.

On one side of the restaurant we stood, arms crossed, smug-faced, smirking about how un-cool the high school kids were. And on the other side, the high school kids were jumping up and down, pumping their fists in the air with the music. These kids weren't dancing because they were drunk; they were dancing because the music told them to.

I totally wanted to be one of them.

I realized something, standing there wishing I were in high school again. The college ideal of "going out" is in serious need of revision. Ask any high school kid what going out means and what will they say, "Going to the movies, going to a concert, going out to eat with friends." Right? Ask the

same question to college students and everyone will say the same thing: drinking.

How I long for the days when I used to think that going to a concert was the end of the night, not just the means by which I have an excuse to drink.

I offer an alternative: get into live music. Looking at those kids that night made me realize live music can offer so much more than your average night out on the town.

Compared to those kids that night, the college crowd hanging out there looked totally lame. Instead of rocking out to the music, we were sitting around with our beers in the back patio. Instead of jumping up and down, the most we would muster was a foot tap.

Who should have been making fun of whom? It's not like the college kids weren't completely trendy. We were all wearing our nifty copper-washed jeans and thrift store T-shirts. It wasn't like we were any better than those kids; we were just not as obvious as our attempts to fit in to the crowd.

It seemed like the only thing being older and wiser meant was we were too cranky to get up and dance. Instead of making fun of the kids, we should have been praising them for being there and shaking their fists.

I say it's time for us to put down our beers, put on something trendy and proceed to make total fools out of ourselves! Why not? It was obvious who was having the better time that night, why fight it? Why go to a show if you aren't going to enjoy the music? The way we were acting Thursday night, I think that we could have had a much better time looking in the mirror and praising

ourselves than going to a show.

If it takes immaturity to enjoy oneself at a show, then so be it. I for one am going to find that "I am trendy" T-shirt and buy it. I mean, hey, at least I'll be honest.

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# Local band offers southern rock tunes

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

Their southern rock style can be heard at local bars such as Bash Riprock's, Midnight Rodeo and various fraternity parties. Down 1450, a band comprised of four members, is trying to make it big while they each pursue a degree at Texas Tech.

The band chose the name Down 1450, because they first practiced at a barn located on Country Road 1450.

Band members include Tayt Todd, the bass player; Garrett Morgan, the guitarist; Brad Merck, the backup vocalist and Chad Johnson, acoustic guitarist and lead singer. They have been together for 10 months.

Johnson, a junior advertising major from Austin, said he has known Morgan for six years and has known Merck, Todd and Johnston for a year.

"Garrett and I have been play-

ing music since high school," he said.

Johnson said he sang in the choir in high school and at church and began writing music during his freshman year of high school.

"I like to express myself and write songs. It's fun to do," he said.

He is always participating in an activity that involves music, he said.

Currently, he is pursuing a degree in advertising.

He said he hopes the degree will be useful in the future to sell his music.

He studies when he can and the band practices around its school schedule, he said.

"We don't think of ourselves as anything big," he said. "We're just guys that love to play music."

But the music they play sets them apart from other local bands, he said.

"People can relate lyrically to our songs," he said.

The songs, stemming from subjects such as beer, women and the state of Texas, seem to strike a chord

in the listeners, he said.

Johnson said he does not see an end to his music.

"I would like it to be the rest of my life," he said.

Garrett Morgan, a junior marketing major from Austin, said the adrenaline rush he gets from playing is the best part of being in a band.

"The more people jumping up and down, the more we get in the show," he said.

Inspired by his junior high school best friend who owned a guitar, he said he decided to follow in his footsteps. Since then, he said he has played the guitar for nine years.

Aside from the rigors associated with playing in a band, he said he makes time for school.

"If the band fails, then I can still get a degree in something," he said.

Thomas Johnston, a junior public relations major from Southlake, is the manager of the band.

He said he has been involved in music since high school.

Managing Down 1450 is something that while he enjoys doing it can be at times stressful and headache-inducing.

"It's hard being a promoter," he said.

It is time-consuming calling people and places for the band to play, he said.

But he has met many people, he said.

"The people you meet is the best thing," he said.

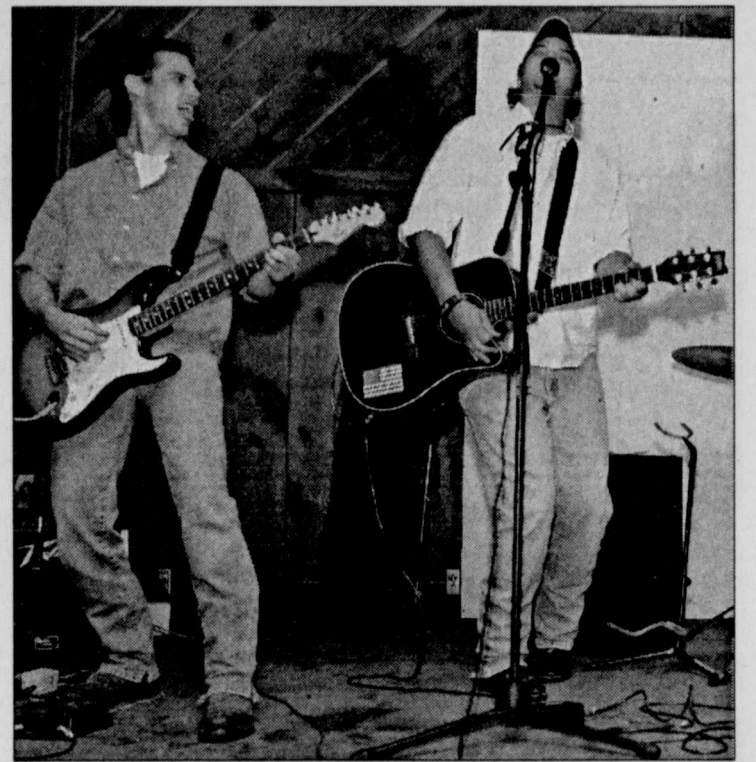
The band made a self-titled CD this summer and is releasing another one in about six months.

They also sell merchandise after their concerts, such as T-shirts, stickers and CDs.

The next performance is at 10:30 p.m. Saturday at Rocky LaRue's.

There is no cover charge and patrons must be 21 or older.

For more information on the band, visit [www.down1450.com](http://www.down1450.com).



TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

MEMBERS OF THE Band Down 1450 perform at Bash Riprock's Sept. 6.

# PBS renews controversy over Hollywood's 1950s blacklists

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bitterness over the anti-communist Hollywood blacklist of the 1950s has surged anew, and this time the political is very personal.

At issue is a PBS documentary about a blacklisted screenwriter and the production of the Academy Award-winning "High Noon," starring Gary Cooper as a staunch lawman in a town paralyzed by fear.

"Darkness at High Noon: The Carl Foreman Documents," airing 9-11 p.m. EDT Tuesday (check local listings), uses the 1952 Western saga as a metaphor for writer Foreman's own struggle.

The documentary relies on correspondence and interviews with

Foreman's friends and colleagues for a pointed history: It comes down hard on distinguished producer-director Stanley Kramer, who died last year.

That has provoked angry criticism from Kramer's widow, Karen Sharpe Kramer, who dismisses the film as a "fraud" distorted by politics.

Lionel Chetwynd, the documentary maker and an Emmy-nominated writer-director, denies an intent to vilify Kramer. In turn, Chetwynd decries what he calls personal attacks by Mrs. Kramer on him and his conservatism.

Both, in turn, lambast PBS. Mrs. Kramer says PBS is disregarding her position; Chetwynd resents an ad-

visory attached to the film and a hastily produced afterward (11 p.m. EDT) which he says undercuts his work.

The advisory notes that the documentary is "one point of view in the making" of "High Noon." The follow-up show, which was unavailable for preview, includes a look at Kramer's career.

"We found 'Darkness at High Noon' to be an intriguing film," said PBS spokesman Harry Forbes. "PBS seeks balance in its schedule over time on controversial issues, and our handling of this matter with a pre-program advisory and a follow-up discussion is entirely with our goal."

"We believe more information than less is good and provides a ser-

vice to viewers."

The clash comes three years after another blacklist dispute involving a special Oscar given director Elia Kazan. The 1999 award angered some in Hollywood because he cooperated with the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Chetwynd was taken about by the reaction to his show, though he acknowledges how vivid and painful those decades-old events remain. "Like everyone else who works in Hollywood, we're obsessed by the ghosts in that period," he said.


He undertook the film despite those sensitivities, he says, because of his respect for Foreman, whom he considered a mentor.

"This is not about politics," Chetwynd said. "This is about one man whom I knew who was a communist — a political point of view for which I have no sympathy—but who was a great man and a great filmmaker."

Foreman's career and life were damaged by "a nasty series of events

in which a number of people and a number of institutions participated," Chetwynd said.

The film's goal is to look beyond the "traditional" idea that the blacklist was the fault of "evil studio chiefs and venal politicians" alone, Chetwynd said; it took a village for the blacklist to succeed.



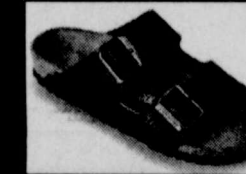
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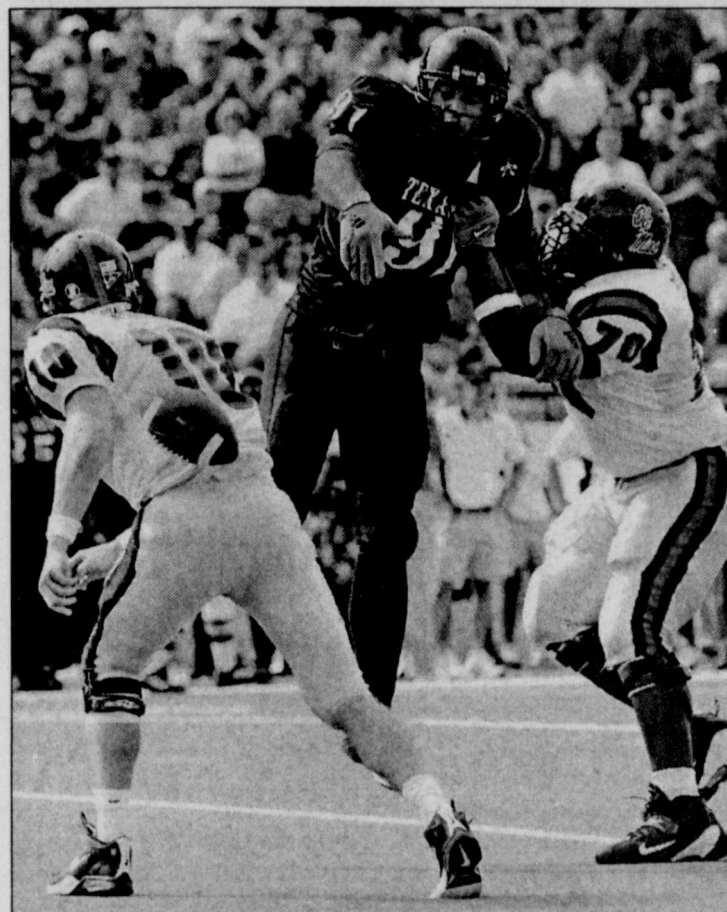
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## Duckett records number of firsts in initial start



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH'S DEFENSIVE lineman Adell Duckett rejects Ole Miss quarterback Eli Manning's pass during Tech's 42-28 win on Saturday.

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

There's a first time for everything. Last Saturday against Mississippi, defensive end Adell Duckett learned that old expression was still true.

In his first start on the defensive line Saturday against Ole Miss, Duckett intercepted his first pass and returned it for his first touchdown as a Red Raider.

Aside from the interception return, Duckett batted down five of Ole Miss quarterback Eli Manning's passes.

Duckett said Manning's side arm type of release made it possible for him to get his paws on the passes.

"You just get your hands up and you'll eventually get one," Duckett said. "When I see I'm not going to reach him, I just get my hands up."

Duckett's statistics included four tackles, two assists, two hurries on the quarterback and one forced fumble. Defensive coordinator Greg McMackin said Duckett helps the defensive front move more quickly.

"He makes our base defense

much faster," McMackin said. "By moving Rodney (McKinney) inside, it makes us quicker inside, and it makes us quicker outside with A.D.'s speed."

Members of the team said they have expected this kind of performance from Duckett. Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury said the team had been waiting for Duckett to have that kind of a game. Tech coach Mike Leach said after Duckett's track accolades, he wasn't surprised.

"He won the state of Texas in shotput at 220 (lbs.), which is pretty impressive," Leach said. "But if you look at the way he's built, that's really amazing. Duckett's built like a basketball player."

Leach also said Duckett's long frame has given the Tech offense

trouble in practice.

"We've had trouble throwing it over Duckett too," Leach said. "He's a fast guy with long arms, and he's pretty darn powerful."

Now with another proven defensive end, the team is hopeful the all-time sack leader at Texas Tech, Aaron Hunt will have a better chance of getting after the quarterback.

"People always slide to Aaron and try to do things to Aaron," McMackin said. "They were single blocking A.D. (Duckett) and they can't do that."

Duckett, Hunt's roommate, said he was happy he might be able to free up his buddy to get back after the quarterback like usual.

"We talk about it all the time,"

Duckett said, "He's getting double teamed, and I feel bad because it's frustrating him. I just want to help as much as I can."

Hunt has been double and triple teamed with linemen, tight ends and running backs, but with Duckett on the field, those extra blockers may be shifting back and forth.

"It will balance out our line," Duckett said. "It will equal out how they block. They can't just slide to Aaron now."

After a game like Mississippi, Leach said he wonders how Duckett is not receiving more credit.

"I thought he should have been Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week," Leach said. "It doesn't make much sense to me that he wasn't."

This week the task of Duckett and his defensive line counterparts is getting the sacks that eluded them against Manning.

McMackin gave credit to Manning for getting rid of the ball quickly and said North Carolina State quarterback, who the defense faces this week, should hold the ball longer than Manning.

*"We've had trouble throwing it over Duckett too. He's a fast guy with long arms, and he's pretty darn powerful."*

— MIKE LEACH  
Tech Head Coach

### Benson among Big 12 players of the week

DALLAS (AP) — Texas running back Cedric Benson, Kansas State cornerback Terence Newman and Kansas wide receiver Greg Heaggans have been named the offensive, defensive and special teams Big 12 Conference Players of the Week, respectively.

Benson — the Longhorns' 2001 Freshman All-America running back — rushed for 208 yards and two scores as the third-ranked Longhorns defeated North Carolina 57-21 Saturday. Benson added a 17-yard touchdown run.

Newman — a cornerback, kick returner and wide receiver — was special teams player of the week last week. He won the defensive player award this week after making six tackles, including four solos, one for a loss and a pass breakup to spark the Kansas State defense in a 63-13 victory over Eastern Illinois Saturday.

Heaggans returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown and broke a 43-year-old school record with 195 yards on four returns to lead Kansas past Southwest Missouri State 44-24 on Saturday.

## Raider volleyball looks to be more aggressive against NMSU

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

We have all heard the sports jargon on strategy: pedal to the metal, all systems go, full speed ahead, etc. Those slogans ring true for what the Texas Tech volleyball team (4-4) hopes to do against New Mexico State (10-1) at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

After suffering a 3-2 loss at the hands of Arizona State on Sunday, the Red Raiders said they know what they have to do to get back in the win column before beginning conference play.

"If we get up, there can be no let downs," outside hitter Angela Mooney said. "We have to stay aggressive the entire match."

Tech jumped out to a 2-0 lead on ASU, but Tech found itself at the losing end after the intermission. Associate head coach Nancy Todd said the team cannot afford and should not let teams overcome a 2-0 deficit like that again.

"The other team came back

fired up after the break," Todd said. "We have to be even more fired up (in those situations) because you know the other team will be intense when we're up 2-0, and hopefully we've learned our lesson about that after this weekend."

Todd said the team lost its momentum after the break because it returned less intent on the goal.

"We have to stay focused the whole time," Todd said. "We have to come back after game two with the same intensity as before."

Mooney said the team's tentative play aided in the loss, and the Raiders need to overcome that problem and know being aggressive can decide a decisive one point.

"We weren't going after it when we needed to (Sunday)," Mooney said, "when we could've scored one point that would've made the difference."

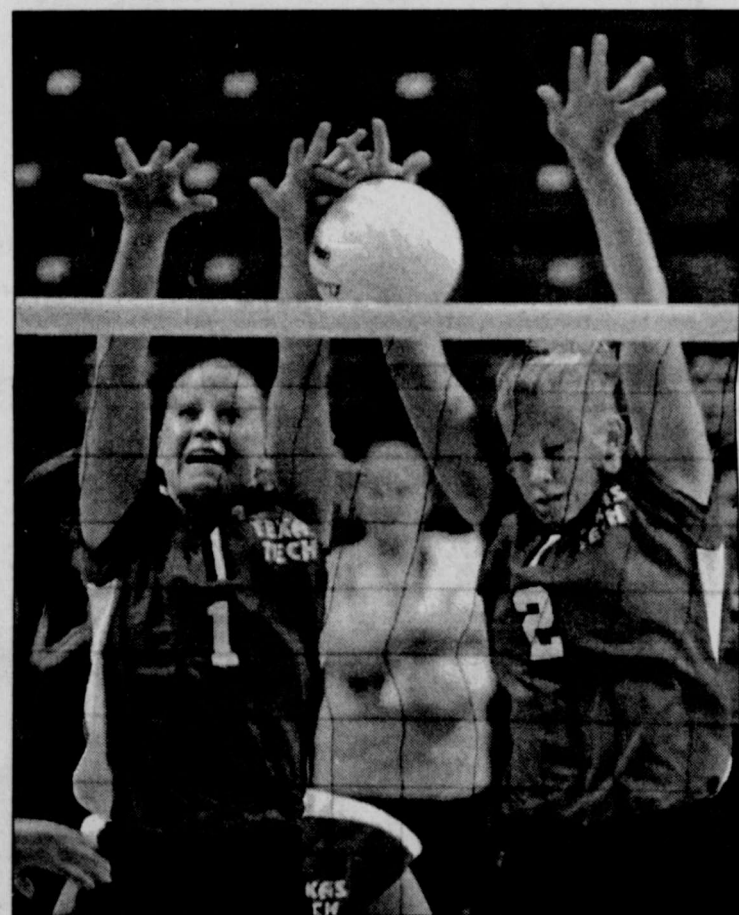
Courtney Shambaugh said the Raiders have to think about themselves and not let the other team trickle into their minds.

"We have to focus on our game," Shambaugh said. "We have to worry about our side of the court. Just focus on us more than what they're doing."

In response to head coach Jeff Nelson's comments on the seniors' sub par play on Sunday, Todd said she knows they will step up to the plate and be ready tonight.

"We've got a lot of confidence in (the team)," Todd said. "We've got the seniors to lead the way. (Sunday) is why I expect (the seniors) to pick it up, and I think they're expecting to do the same."

The players would like to see a good outing from the fans again like Friday's match because it makes it a better volleyball envi-



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH SETTER Laura Grote, left, and outside hitter Angela Mooney combine on the block during Tech's win against Clemson.

ronment. "It gives you tons more energy," Shambaugh said. "It's a lot more fun when there's a lot of people here."

Laura Grote said the crowd can play a part in making the match easier.

"If a crowd wasn't here, I don't think that makes it any harder to win," Grote said. "But if a crowd is here, then it's easier to get the momentum back and gain confidence."

The confidence will be impor-

tant to the Raiders as they enter Big 12 Conference play this weekend. A win would be just the way to do it considering the loss on Sunday.

"A win would be a big confidence boost going into conference," Mooney said.

A Tech victory would be the 250th home win for the Raiders, and Melissa McGehee has the opportunity to become the career kills leader. She can tie the record of 1,083 with 23 kills. She recorded 21 against Clemson on Friday.

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### Cowboys to install new playing surface

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys plan to install a new playing surface at Texas Stadium after Sunday's game against the Tennessee Titans.

The new surface, Realgrass Synthetic Grass Playing Surface, was used by the Cowboys during training camp at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

The team also plans to install the surface at its Valley Ranch headquarters.

Many players, including running back Emmitt Smith, liked the turf, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

"We had a very positive experience in working on this surface in San Antonio," Jones said. "Our players, coaches and medical staff were very pleased with how similar this surface is to natural grass, while also providing a more consistent and even playing field than a grass field can offer."