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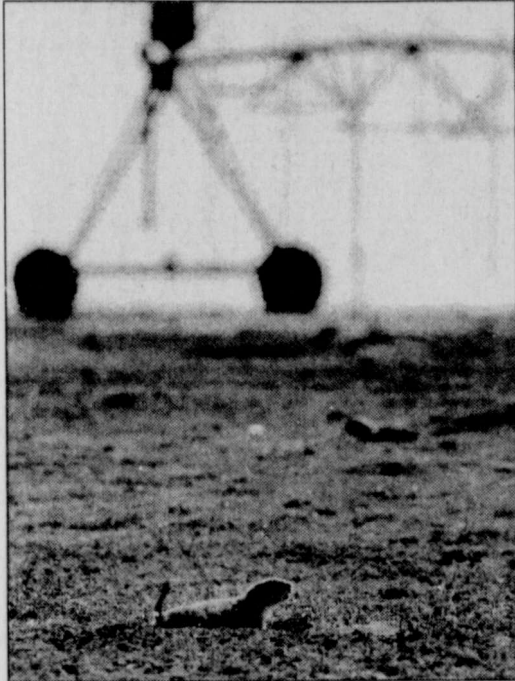
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Commission clears city on water violation



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PRAIRIE DOGS SIT near a pivot sprinkler system east of Lubbock on land where the sewage water is dispersed.

DOG DAYS: Lubbock dismisses prairie dog eradication plans following rescindment.

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality recently rescinded its notice of violation against the city of Lubbock regarding the groundwater contamination and the prairie dog colony.

Mayor Marc McDougal said the commission completely rescinded the violation, although he is not sure exactly what that means for the city. However, the plan to eradicate the prairie dogs is on hold indefinitely.

"As long as we're not in violation out there, then we'll just continue to operate as we've done," he said.

The colony still needs to be controlled, he said, and the city will eventually have to deal with it. As of this point the city is less concerned about the issue, he said.

The commission will still expect the city to attain compliance because the

groundwater does have unusually high nitrate levels, but the city and the commission will work together to gather more information and determine the root of the problem and how to resolve it.

The news came as a temporary relief to Bette Stallman of the United States Humane Society. Her group was one of several that filed a lawsuit to block the city's plan to eradicate the prairie dogs.

"We'll just have to wait and see what the city and TCEQ do," she said, adding the Humane Society is happy the two entities are backing down from their positions.

According to a statement from the commission directed to the city, Lubbock needs to reconsider its groundwater protection plan. The commission gave the city more time to draft a new plan. Executive Director Margaret Hoffman announced the commission wants the city to further examine the scientific reasons for the nitrate

spikes in the groundwater and to look at all potential causes.

The commission is working with city officials and other state and federal wildlife experts to develop a practical plan, so that more groups will be satisfied with the arrangement.

According to information from the Llano Estacado Audobon Society, seven groups filed suit in Travis County District Court on Oct. 7, claiming the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality improperly approved a plan by the city to eradicate as many as 50,000 animals in an attempt to solve the groundwater contamination problems.

The commission cited Lubbock in June for groundwater contamination and then approved a plan to get rid of the prairie dogs. The city will relocate as many of the animals as possible to other parts of Texas and the western United States. Relocation will continue through the migratory season for burrowing owls, which inhabit the same area and are an endangered species in Canada.

After the relocation period is finished,

the city has two methods to eradicate the colony. The first plan is to put a tablet inside the burrows that releases poisonous gas when it gets wet. The second is a concussive method that causes instant death when specific chemicals combine and cause an explosion inside the burrows.

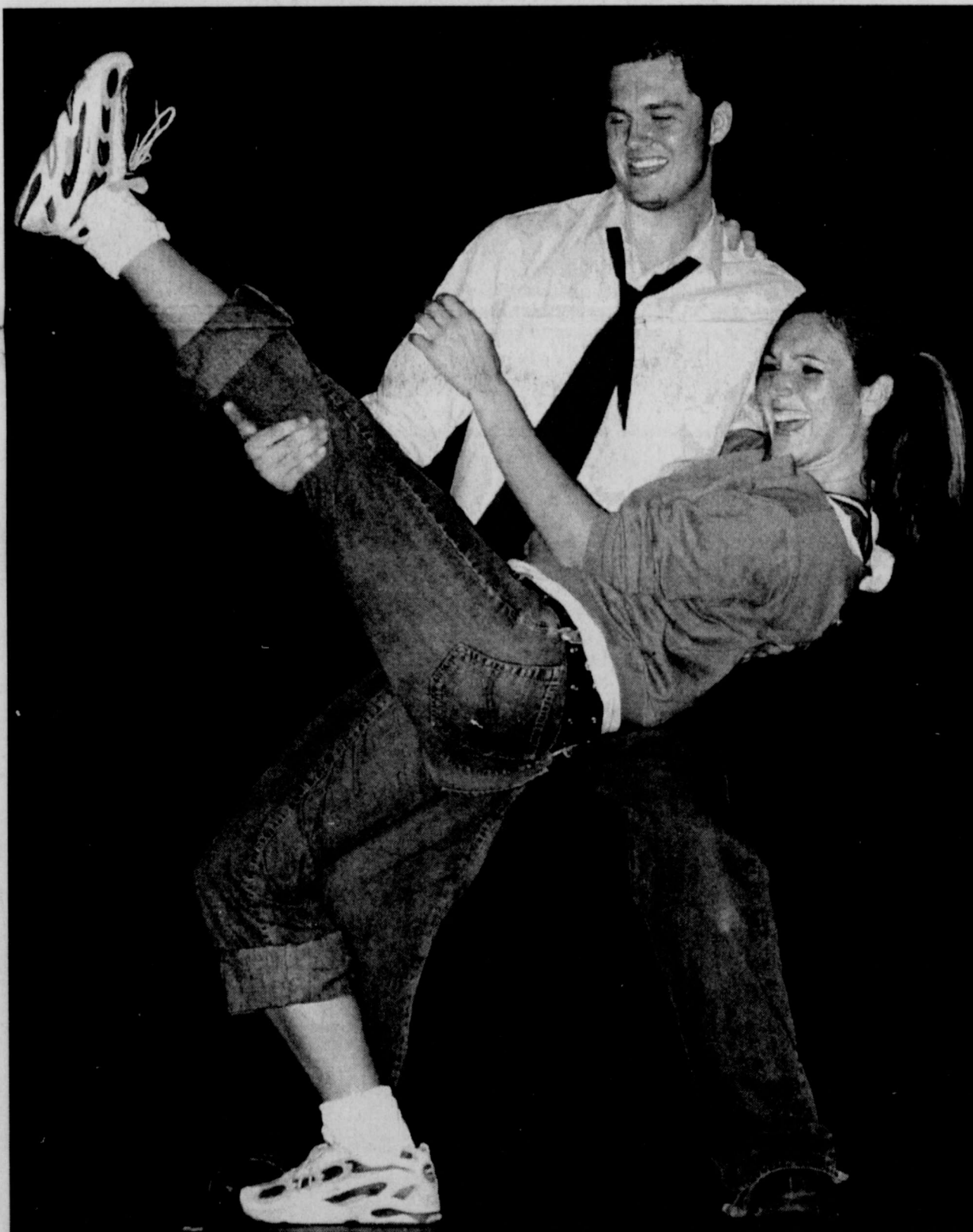
According to information from the Audobon Society, black-tailed prairie dogs, the species that live in Lubbock, are a candidate species for listing under the Endangered Species Act. In 1999, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined prairie dogs warranted this listing but failed to do so because of lack of funding.

Many efforts throughout the state have focused on getting rid of prairie dog colonies, causing the species' numbers to drop dramatically.

The Great Plains Restoration Council is a co-plaintiff in the lawsuit. Jarid Manos, a representative of the Council, said the commission and the city reached wrong conclusions because they did not have any scientific

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Karaoke KICKS



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

AN ALPHA CHI Omega member Melissa Boone, a sophomore advertising major from Austin, dances with Pi Kappa Alpha member Bucky Thrash, a sophomore pre-law major from Dallas, at the Homecoming karaoke contest Monday night in the Student Union Allen Theatre.

Homecoming week activities begin

By Angela Timmons and Keli Johnson/Staff Reporters

The week preceding the Homecoming game is staged with events designed to promote Tech spirit and rally for the game. The theme of this year's events is "Reflections of our Heritage."

Homecoming Director Kent Barry said planning for this year's Homecoming event began in February, and

the 47-member Homecoming committee brainstormed for the "Reflections" theme for about two hours during the planning stages.

"So many schools have, say, Mardi Gras themes for their homecomings," Barry said. "We wanted to break out and go beyond that barrier and what's already out there."

Barry said the Homecoming com-

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Homecoming Schedule

Tues.	8pm	Style Show	Lubbock Municipal Auditorium
Wed.	Noon	Coach's Coffee	Front of U.C.
	7pm	Step Show	Allen Theatre
Thur.	---	King/Queen Elections	www.sga.ttu.edu
Fri.	6am	Pep Rally	Tech Seal
	8am	Techsan Memorial	Memorial Circle
	Noon	Raider Alley	Student Union
	6:30	Parade	Broadway & Lirbanovsky Park
	8pm	Pep Rally/Bonfire	Urbanovsky Park
Sat.	2pm	Raider Gate	R-1 Lot (behind Chem. Bldg.)
	6pm	Tech v. Missouri	Jones SBC Stadium

U.S. forces position for war against Iraq

By Robert Burns/Associated Writer

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is preparing and positioning U.S. forces in ways that suggest they soon will be able to move swiftly against the Iraqi regime, although President Bush says war is neither imminent nor inevitable.

Two aircraft carrier battle groups, each with about 10,000 sailors and marines, are within striking distance of Iraq and two more could join them by year's end. The Navy has accelerated training schedules for other warships.

The USS Lincoln arrived last month in the Gulf, and the USS George Washington, which had been on Gulf patrol, has shifted to the Mediterranean. The Lincoln has on board the first F/

A-18 Super Hornet fighters jets to be deployed abroad. They have longer range and newer arms than the older F/A-18 Hornets.

The USS Harry S. Truman, based in Norfolk, Va., is due to begin a six-month deployment in early December, relieving the George Washington, and the San Diego-based USS Constellation is due to deploy near year's end.

One of the most significant signs of preparation is the decision by Gen. Tommy Franks, who would run any war with Iraq, to move his battle staff in November to a newly outfitted command post in Qatar, in the central Persian Gulf.

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SGA seeks approval for student Regent

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association's Rules & Administrations committee voted Monday night to bring a motion to appoint a Texas Tech student to the Board of Regents to the Student Senate on Thursday, Committee head Heath Cheek said.

"We voted for our committee to be part of the task force that will bring this statewide," Cheek said.

The Tech Board of Regents is the governing body of the university system.

The Board of Regent's actions, according to the proposed legislation: "their actions greatly affect the students of the Texas Tech University system both educationally and financially." The

resolution continues to state that Tech students, as "consumers of the university's product, deserve the right to be represented at all levels of the administration."

"What we need to get done here is form, as a committee, a task force to formulate a structure we can use," said Isaac Albarado, SGA external governmental relations committee member.

Appointing a student to the Board of Regents is something The University of Texas has been trying to do for about 30 years, according to the proposed legislation authored by some of the Rules and Administrations committee members. What Tech is trying to

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ON THE FAR right, Isaac Albarado, a senior political science and English major from Ballinger, presents a bill requesting a student to be appointed to the Board of Regents to the Senate Rules and Administration Committee Monday night in the SGA office. JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

SEND NOMINATIONS FOR STUDENT PROFILE PICK OF THE WEEK



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The Rundown



Texan missing after fatal bombing in Bali Shooting reported in Va., sniper suspected

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A former All-America football player at the University of Nebraska remained unaccounted for Monday in the area of the bomb blasts in Bali, Indonesia, his father said. A California man also was missing, the man's wife said.

At least 180 people were killed, hundreds more injured and dozens unaccounted-for in the blasts on Saturday at a nightclub district packed with foreign tourists. The attack was thought to be the work of terrorists.

The former football player, Jake Young, 34, was in Bali to play a final tournament with his rugby team from Hong Kong, said his father, Jacob Young. He was then planning to join his wife, Laura, and their 2-year-old son in the Kansas City area, he said. The young attorney had been working in Hong Kong for a London-based law firm.

Speaking by telephone from his home in Midland, Texas, Jacob Young said Monday that he had received an e-mail from his son's rugby club in Hong Kong, saying people were still looking but "they have found nothing."

"We're clinging to a thin ray of hope that he's going to be found alive," he had said earlier.

The family of environmental consultant Steven Brooks Webster of Huntington Beach, Calif., said he, too, was missing.

An avid surfer, he was in Bali celebrating his 41st birthday. He and a friend, Steven Cabler, were in a nightclub at the time of the attack; a third friend had just left. Cabler was able to pull himself out of the rubble and was treated for burns, but he never saw Webster, according to Trent Walker, a friend of Webster's.

Webster's wife, Mona, said she has contacted a hospital in northern Australia where severely injured victims were airlifted.

"I've been on the phone with those people," she said. "I've been faxing his pictures."

The State Department said Monday that at least two Americans were killed and four injured. Names were not released.

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP) — Fairfax County police reported a shooting Monday night outside a Home Depot that they described as possibly related to the sniper spree.

A police spokesman said roads were being closed in the area, about 10 miles west of Washington, D.C. The task force investigating the sniper attacks is conferring with Fairfax authorities to see if the shooting is related, Officer Derek Baliles said.

The Washington Post reported that police officials said a woman had been shot and her condition was not immediately known. Dozens of police officers and investigators from local and federal agencies were on the scene, seeking out witnesses.

Virginia State Police said they were on the lookout for a white Chevrolet Astro van, last seen traveling east on Route 50 from Falls Church. Interstates 66 and I-95 are nearby. A state police spokeswoman said officers were working to close all the roads in the region. A Fairfax County police spokesman wouldn't give details about who was shot or whether the victim was killed.

The Home Depot is in the Seven Corners Shopping Center, a 450-thousand-square-foot strip shopping center with a parking garage. The center also has a grocery store, an electronics retailer and a pet supply retailer.

The body of the victim lay under a sheet in the parking lot in front of the Home Depot, on the first floor of a two-story structure, 30 yards from the store entrance.

Earlier Monday, the longest lull yet in the Washington sniper's killing spree brought little relief as jittery residents flooded police with calls upon hearing car backfire, firecrackers or breaking glass.

"Everyone is edgy," said Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose, who is heading the investigation. "People are hearing things that may normally be overlooked."

President Bush said the "cold-blooded" attacks have made him sick to his stomach. "I weep for those who have lost their loved ones," he said.

Osama bin Laden claims attacks from al-Qaida

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A signed statement allegedly from Osama bin Laden claimed Monday that recent attacks in Yemen and Kuwait were designed to coincide with the anniversary of the war in Afghanistan and to send a "clear and strong message" to the world that his al-Qaida organization is still active.

The statement, which was faxed to the Al-Jazeera network and posted on an Islamic Web site, appeared to have been written on a computer, using a cursive Arabic font that looks like handwriting. The signature at the bottom is similar to bin Laden's distinctive style, with a loop at the end.

Still, there was no way to authenticate the statement. Bin Laden's whereabouts are unknown and President Bush said Monday: "We don't know whether bin Laden is alive or dead."

"We do know that al-Qaida's still dangerous, and while we've made good progress, there is a lot more work to do," Bush said.

Monday's statement accused the United States of occupying Afghanistan and planning a war in Iraq in order to conquer the Muslim world. It praised two Kuwaitis who opened fire on U.S. Marines as brothers-in-arms with the Sept. 11 hijackers.

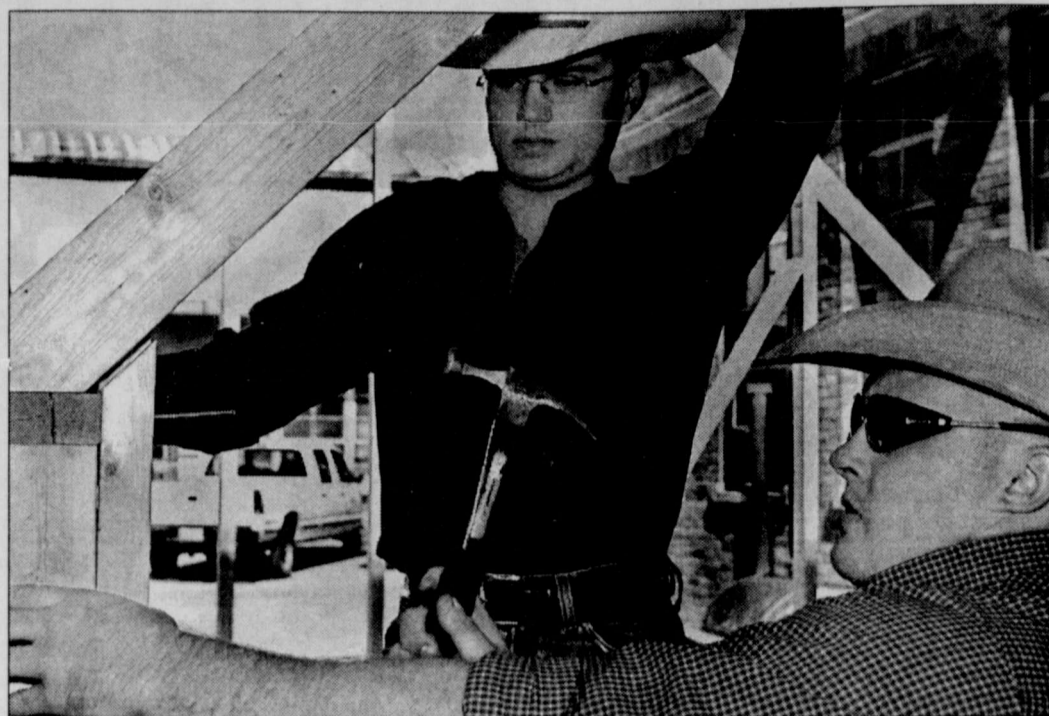
"The heroic Kuwait operation proved the extent of the danger that confronts American troops wherever they go in the Islamic world," the statement read.

"America is getting ready for a new round of its crusade against the Islamic world, this time ... against the Muslim Iraqi people, aiming at completing its plan to divide the Islamic nation and tear it apart, looting its wealth, and preparing for establishing the state of greater Israel after expelling the Palestinians."

A copy faxed to Al-Jazeera on Monday was nearly identical to one posted on an Islamic Web site. It was addressed to "the Islamic nation, on the one-year anniversary of the beginning of the American new crusade war."

It was signed: "Your brother, Osama bin Mohammed bin Laden."

BUILDING PROCESS



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
CRAIG TALLY, RIGHT, a senior education major from Brady, with the help of Chris Cleveland, a junior agriculture education major from Plains, nails a board to the playhouse being built for their building and structures class Monday afternoon outside the Agriculture Education Building.

Tech Notes

Rowdy Raider Rally will be held Friday outside the Student Union Building. Kidd Carson from Z-102 and Emily Jones of News Channel 11 will serve as hosts. Free food and drinks will be available plus giveaways. Prizes include club passes, restaurant gift certificates, koozies and pompoms. Student organizations can compete to be the most spirited group and win 100 seats on

the 50-yard line to a Tech football game. The Homecoming Court finalists will be announced at the rally as well. For more information contact Elvis Moya at (806) 742-3631.

Early voting will be on campus from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 28 through Nov. 1 in the Student Union.

Which mascot is best? The Big 12 Conference is conducting a poll on its Website, www.Big12Sports.com.

Red Raider Club will have its Tip-Off Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 1 at the Civic Center Exhibit Hall. Texas Tech basketball coaches Marsha Sharp and Bob Knight will be featured speakers at the event. Tickets cost \$20 a person or \$200 for a table of eight. Students in the Student Red Raider Club can purchase tickets for \$10. Reservations must be made by Oct. 25. For more information contact the Red Raider Club at (806) 742-1196.

Tech coaches will be at the Student Union Building at noon Wednesday to chat with students. Free food will be available while students have a chance to converse with their favorite coaches.

Bicycle maintenance class for students will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays for five weeks at the Outdoor Pursuits Center. Basic maintenance and repair work will be taught. Students must provide their own bicycles for hands-on learning. The class is limited to the first eight who apply and costs \$40. For more information or to apply please call (806) 742-2949 or (806) 742-3351.

News of meat recall reaches consumers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dom Spatano, who runs a deli in the Reading Terminal Market downtown, said Monday he has changed what he puts in his kids' lunchboxes because of the biggest meat recall in United States history.

Spatano said of a weekend trip to the grocery store.

Pilgrim's Pride voluntary recalled 27.4 million pounds of sliced deli poultry Sunday over concerns about possible listeria contamination. The parent of Wampler Foods announced its decision after a strain of the potentially fatal bacteria was found at a

Wampler plant in suburban Philadelphia.

The nationwide recall covers meat processed at the Franconia plant from May 1 through Oct. 11. The plant, which has about 800 employees, was expected to be closed for at least several days for cleaning and tests.

Paleontologist Paul Sereno has encountered some of the weirdest creatures that ever walked the earth. Yet some of the scariest things he's discovered aren't likely to become extinct anytime soon. Sad to say, mutual fund management fees will probably outlast us all. That's why Dr. Sereno was afraid of getting eaten alive. So he turned to a company famous for keeping the costs down. That meant more money for him and less for the monsters.

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Gulf

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In addition, the battle staffs of the Army's V Corps and the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force are being moved to Kuwait, officials disclosed this weekend. They would coordinate the ground element of an invasion.

The Navy already has its 5th Fleet headquarters in the Persian Gulf and the Air Force has warplanes and a command post in Saudi Arabia, although it is problematic whether the Saudis will allow their use in an invasion of Iraq.

The United States also has warplanes and troops in Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Turkey and in Central Asia, but, like Saudi Arabia, it's not clear whether the Pentagon has completed arrangements for using bases in those countries for an offensive.

Most of the recent movement of U.S. land forces to the Persian Gulf area has been for routine training exercises, but they could shift to a war footing on short notice if Bush decides to attack Iraq.

Franks has said the shift next month to Qatar is simply a test of Central Command's ability to move the battle staff to al-Udeid air base and to command a simulated war from a new set of deployable headquarters buildings.

In a recent AP interview, he said it was uncertain whether he and the battle staff will move back to Central Command's permanent headquarters in Florida when the exercise is completed in December.

"This just happens to be a very good time, a very good place and a very good way" to do the exercise, he said.

The timing coincides with other exercises. For example, about 1,400 U.S. special operations forces began an exercise, dubbed Early Victor '02, in Jordan on Oct. 6.

They are training with Jordanian, Omani and Kuwait troops in the kind of unconventional warfare techniques — such as operating behind enemy lines — that likely would be important in any war against Iraq.

The Pentagon has not announced the exercise in Jordan, which may be more sensitive than similar sessions held over the past decade because of news reports that Pentagon war planners have considered Jordan a potential

launch point for a U.S. invasion force.

Jordan's public position is that it does not want to become involved in a war against Iraq and has pressed Iraq to accept U.N. weapons inspections.

More than 1,000 Marines from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit have finished an exercise, dubbed "Eager Mace '02," in Kuwait.

One Marine was killed and another wounded last week when two men identified by the Kuwaiti government as Kuwaiti civilians opened fire; other Marines then shot and killed the assailants.

The Army has kept a contingent of 2,000 soldiers in a permanent rotation at Camp Doha in Kuwait since the early 1990s, and it has added several thousand more over the past year.

U.S. Air Force planes also are based in Kuwait, and the Air Force is considering moving B-2 stealth bombers to Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

If the Pentagon began a full-scale buildup in preparation for war, it would need to mobilize many more forces than it has moved thus far, plus it likely would be compelled to call up tens of thousands of reservists.

The Army also likely would send Patriot air defense weapons to countries in the region such as Turkey.

The Pentagon is accelerating vaccinations of troops against anthrax — an infectious, often fatal disease. And Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is expected to order limited troop vaccinations against smallpox.

The Navy has long maintained a prominent presence in the Gulf. Its 5th Fleet headquarters is based in Bahrain, off the coast of Saudi Arabia. Carrier-based fighters have helped enforce a "no fly" zone over southern Iraq.

Carrier battle groups include not only a variety of aircraft — fighter-bombers, electronic jammers, reconnaissance, search-and-rescue and others — but also surface ships and submarines armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles.

"For the first time in a number of years we have the capability to surge a significant portion of our force," Vice Adm. Charles Moore, the Navy's chief of fleet readiness, said last week.

He did not mention Iraq but made clear he believes the naval fleet is prepared to expand the war on terrorism beyond Afghanistan.

Activities

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ittee felt since so many people, such as alumni come back for the Homecoming weekend, that they should arrange the Homecoming to look back on where Tech was and where it is now.

"The university has changed so much over the past 79 years; everybody gets to see how it's changed with this week," Barry said.

Barry said the committee toyed around with the idea for the logo for a while; they had toyed with the idea of putting new and old football players in the logo to show a then and now perspective.

The committee decided instead to go with the Double T logo from exactly 50 years ago and the Double T logo of last year, since, Barry said, "Homecoming isn't just about football."

Much of this year's events are similar to last year's, he said, but several events have been added, such as the outdoor movie held at Urbanovsky Park, the Step Show in Allen Theatre on Wednesday, and a Techsan Memorial Service to take place at 8 a.m. Friday in Memorial Circle.

"One of the points of having

Memorial Circle is to remember people," Barry said. "We're a huge family on campus, and so many people die each year between students, faculty and staff. This weekend, a lot of alumni will be on campus — what better time to have it (the memorial ceremony)?"

The week is packed with events leading up to Saturday's Homecoming game vs. Missouri.

The events started Sunday night with an outdoor movie at Urbanovsky Park, "Men In Black II." Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity was in charge of the movie, and set up the large outdoor screen and provided refreshments such as popcorn, water and hot chocolate. Despite this weekend's cold front, Urbanovsky's hill was scattered with students wrapped in blankets and sleeping bags to watch the movie.

Monday night was the third annual Homecoming Karaoke So-Sing Contest. Eight karaoke acts represented a variety of mostly Greek organizations. Third place was awarded to Kappa Alpha Theta, second place was awarded to the Miller Girls, Pi Beta Phi sorority and Fiji fraternity captured first place.

There were several giveaway prizes presented to members of the audience who could correctly answer Tech trivia questions.

Rachelle Douglas, a freshman interior design major from Amarillo, said her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, participates every year to gain Homecoming points.

"I think this is important because it promotes school spirit and gets everyone pumped for Homecoming," she said. "The winner doesn't get a prize because it's just the knowledge of having won that's important."

Tuesday's event features a Style Show, run by the Fashion Board. This is a chance for students and community members to see the Homecoming Court nominees model spirit, formal and business wear, Barry said.

The Style Show also is where the Committee and judges narrow the Court contestants down to the top 10 for Homecoming King and Queen contestants. This year, 17 women and nine men are running for the Court, said Style Show committee head Kasey Thompson.

"The style show is a good way for the community and students to get to know the candidates," Thompson said. "It's where we announce the candidates to the audience and narrow them down."

Elections for the Homecoming Court begin Wednesday and continue through Thursday. Voting for the court can be done via tables set up in the Student Union and through the SGA

Web site, www.sga.ttu.edu.

Friday is packed with events all day, beginning at 6 a.m. through 10 p.m. Friday's events include the Pep Rally at 6 a.m. at the Tech Seal.

The Techsan Memorial service will take place at 8 a.m. in Memorial Circle. At noon, the Rowdy Raider Rally will be held at the Student Union, and the Senior Gift Dedication of an interactive sundial will take place at 2:30 p.m. at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Friday's events begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Homecoming Parade, managed by Alpha Phi Omega.

The Parade begins at the First Baptist Church at Avenue V and Broadway, snaking through the campus and ending at Urbanovsky Park, said Parade Committee member Joslin Brown.

Brown said the parade lineup consists of about 35 different organizations from both Tech and the Lubbock communities.

Friday's events continue at 8 p.m. with a concert and move on to the Pep Rally at 9 p.m. and the bonfire, managed by the Saddle Tramps, at 10 p.m. at Urbanovsky Park.

On game day, RaiderGate begins at 2 p.m. in the R-1 parking lot, and features Cooder Crawl. Raidergate will pack up close to 6 p.m. to head to the game.

Vote

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do, Albarado said, is make this a statewide effort.

"Every university system in the state of Texas would have their own representative for the Texas board," Albarado said. "That means UT, A&M, North Texas, Southwest, and Tech ... it's a statewide front."

Committee head Heath Cheek said it is easier to follow a statewide effort than a single school, such as Texas and their efforts to allow a student to be apart of Texas' Board of Regents.

The resolution points to the issue that "students of the Texas Tech University system do not currently have an adequate voice on the Board of Regents to represent their ideas, thoughts and concerns."

This is of major concern, Albarado pointed out to the committee, as Texas is in about a \$5 billion shortfall.

"We'll have to make up what gets cut in higher education," Albarado said. "This is of major interest to us and to parents."

Committee head Heath Cheek said he agreed.

"The time to do something like

this is when times are bad ... we're in a unique position to do something like this at Texas Tech," Cheek said.

Albarado said about 38 to 40 states have students on their state Board of Regents; some as voting members, some as not.

"We want a voting member," Albarado stated. "We're not sending someone in to raise hell, just to have a voice."

Albarado said to the committee that he has gotten the Tech Student Bar Association and the Health Science Center on board with his efforts so that the university can move forward with the beginning stages of bringing this effort to the rest of the Tech system.

The procedure from now, Albarado said, would be such that any student from the Texas Tech University system may apply to be selected as the new standing Board of Regents member to represent the University system.

The best five will be sent for review by the Chancellor; the Chancel-

lor would recommend the best three, who would be sent to the governor.

The governor would then appoint the one of his choice, not only from Tech but also from every participating university system.

Albarado said that gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez has signed on to this motion; Rick Perry is still in the process of being contacted.

"Our thinking behind getting their support," Albarado said, "is if we have their public knowledge and support of this, then we can hold them to it. This is an important issue, and higher education seems to be the backbone of a lot of people running for office. Then they back off once they're elected."

The committee also said they plan on taking a trip to Austin to present this further to the Board of Regents and state government.

SGA Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown summed up feelings by saying, "We just want to go down and let them know we're Texas Tech, and we're here to fight for what we need as a public institution."

Plan

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backing.

"They were beings scapegoated for a problem they didn't create," he said, adding that he went through the city's records and concluded the city had been trying to get rid of the prairie dogs for years.

"Prairie dogs are absolutely critical to the southern plains ecosystem," he said. "Prairie dog towns are like coral reefs in a sea of grass."

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PERCEPTIVES

Training is not enough

Like everyone else, I've been following the ongoing legal actions taken by the former Texas Tech instructors who claim they were victims of discrimination by their former department (Mechanical Engineering). The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission recently ruled that discrimination did take place. This story affects all of us, so I'd like to discuss some of the issues.



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Could discrimination happen at Tech? Yes, it could happen anywhere and anyone could become a victim of discrimination. An advanced degree does not shield you from this possibility. The laws protecting people from discrimination are on the books because of the realities of everyday life.

But won't the training programs for staff and employees stop discrimination? These programs are a good place to start, but unless the programs are taken seriously and enforced by upper-level management they accomplish little. It's a sad fact that many training programs are treated as merely a break from work where people watch a movie and go through the motions. Many important lessons go in one ear and out the other, and little is learned and nothing has changed.

The commitment from upper level administrators to following up on complaints is probably more important than the actual training programs. Covering up wrongful actions by supervisors is inexcusable and could cost a great deal of money in legal fees and court ordered payouts. But management must remember the investigations of complaints must be thorough and fair for all parties with no rush to judgment.

Could an incompetent employee make up allegations and win money through legal action? Certainly this could happen, and a big part of the EEOC hearings process is the weeding out of frivolous complaints.

Also don't forget about the lawyers who make mounds of money off both sides in these cases. Remember it's our money (tuition and fees) at stake.

Sometimes these cases could be settled over a Heineken and a handshake long before going to civil court. But lawyers make more money when they stretch cases out, and once lawyers get involved, the truth often becomes only what a judge or jury will believe. Any connection with reality is only coincidence.

As for the recent ongoing legal actions taken by the former Tech instructors, I have a few words for the parties involved. First let's remember we're talking about well-

educated people here who are aware of societal changes and the nature of an increasingly litigious society. And there exists the possibilities that everyone is right or everyone is wrong. Very often there is no clear cut "bad guy" and misunderstandings do happen.

Now, let's hear some straight talk. Pay attention, Mechanical Engineering department leadership. That isn't your money that's going to be paid to potential victims, it's our money. Maybe handling people and personalities are not your fortes, but you'd better learn these skills. When you are on the clock dealing with faculty or students, be professional. You can choose to be friendly, but at least be professional. This is a place of work and personal feelings about race (even in a joking manner) don't belong in a professional workplace.

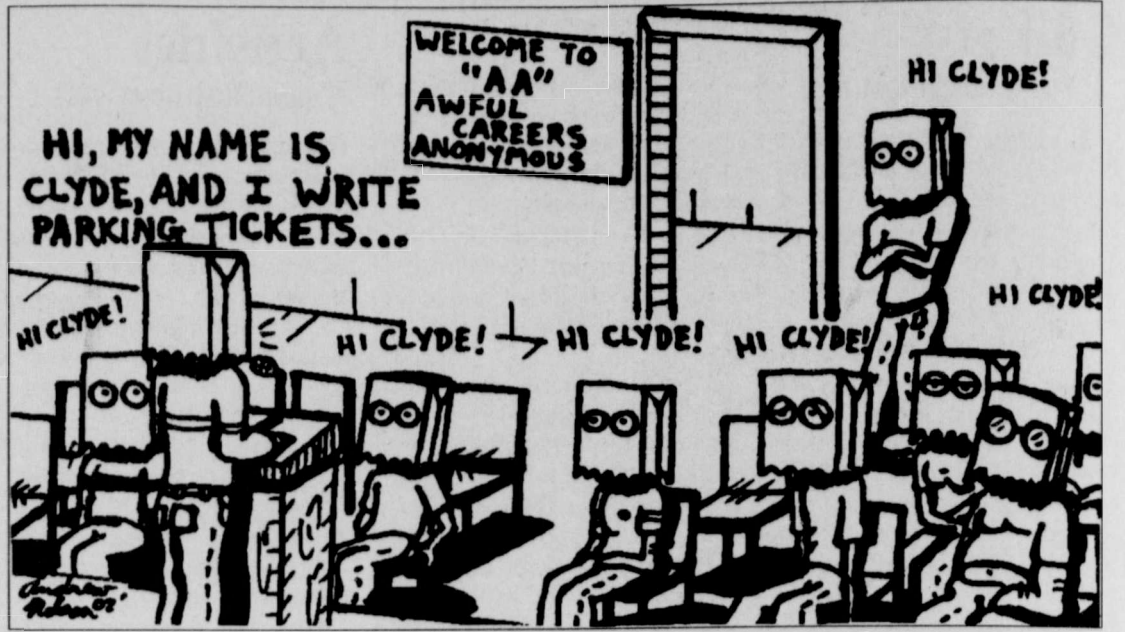
In this paper, it has been established that jokes were made about race and negative work evaluations were filed around the same time period. This is an open invitation to legal action.

As for the instructors who filed the complaints, there are some points to make. Don't sue because someone hurt your feelings. Grow up and realize that very few bosses are going to be your friends. This is a place of work, and not every disagreement needs to end in legal action.

Tech's leadership needs to stop hiding behind a phalanx of lawyers and address the problems with this department. Clearly something is wrong when the EEOC finds fault with the actions of a department over a period of time.

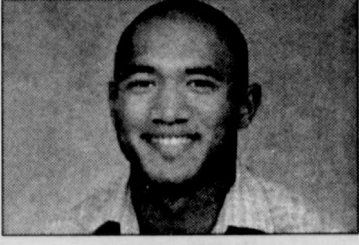
Either the three grievants have outstanding lawyers or serious problems exist that need to be corrected. Either way, this is no time to stonewall. Sure much of this situation was left in Tech's lap by the department, but now it's Tech's problem. The bad publicity alone could cost Tech potential faculty, students and donations.

Clearly a number of people in this well-publicized case need to remember why we are gathered together on this campus. The word "education" comes to mind. And remember that a serious commitment to ending discrimination at all levels is not just the right thing to do, it also is the best way to do business.



Fashion sense not sensible

Last week we all got a chance to realize what is truly cool for people our age thanks to the "Fall Preview" section of The UD. As I thoroughly glanced through this lovely pullout, I realized this whole being fashionable thing is getting out of hand.



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I'm not sure where the majority of Texas Tech students shop for their clothes. Oh wait, yes I do, the South Plains Mall. You can't swing a dead cat (or even a live cat for that matter) without hitting a young man or woman decked out in Abercrombie, American Eagle, Gap or Old Navy (I know, I know, Old Navy isn't technically in South Plains Mall but once a mega-mall resident, always a mega-mall resident).

No one has ever accused me of being trendy I'll admit, but I do have a thing for being genuine. This whole paying-new-clothes-price-for-old-looking-new-clothes thing seems ... how do I put it, a bad idea. Any pair of clothes I own that look like I've been dragged behind a dump truck are probably the clothes I wear whenever I get dragged behind dump trucks.

I'm not a financial wizard. I live paycheck to paycheck and usually spend money on ridiculous endeavors such as rent, electricity and food. So when I see people wearing a pair of jeans that cost \$50, which are meant to look like they cost \$7, I have to call into question their monetary priorities and if daddy knows where that college fund is going.

I started thinking that perhaps I'm just jealous that I can't afford to shop at these trend-setting establishments. Why should I complain about these fashion trends when I have to admit

that my favorite part of going to class is the act of getting there? Whether I'm seeing designer sweats and flip-flops or good ol' fashioned jeans and a T-shirt, this whole "beautifying" the Tech campus seems a little redundant to me. Girls here in Raiderland know how to dress to impress, even if there's no one worthy to impress.

What does bother me about this buffet of eye candy is simply a lack of variety. When I see thousands of girls in their cute little tops and their sexy low-rise pants, it reminds me of that time when you were a kid and you thought to yourself, "Hey, a little sugar on my Cheerios tastes pretty good, so it makes sense that a whole lot of sugar straight into my mouth must be fan-freakin-tastic!" Besides the inability to eat sweets for a year and the diabetic coma, you take away the lesson that maybe there are instances when you can in fact, have too much of a good thing.

Which leads me back to that section. I don't know if it was supposed to be, but it seemed like one big advertisement. Local business names were dropped like cups of beer in my lap after midnight. I've always held that individual taste is what truly makes someone fashionable, but if everyone is being different in the same

way, that kind of defeats the point.

I'm not out to make you feel like the brainless drone you might be. I know plenty of people here in Lubbock whom I love to be around for their unique styles and personalities. On the flip side, I've tried to initiate conversations with countless cookie-cutter Tech students struggling in a search for identity and lost in this misconception that they need to fit in. I know this whole college transition phase is supposed to be difficult, but it seems that a lot of people are making it harder than needed.

I don't consider myself a cynical person. In fact, most people who know me will probably tell you I'm friendly, happy and hopelessly optimistic (sometimes in a special-ed sort of way), and that I would have a conversation with a wall if it seemed at all interested. But being surrounded by so many people stuck in this cultural vacuum with no idea there is a whole huge world of people different than them, makes me wonder where it all went wrong.

There's more to life than Lubbock, and as difficult as it is for many of you to hear, much more to life than Texas. My hope is everyone will eventually realize if everyone is trying to follow the crowd, they're never going to get anywhere.

Also, don't take someone else's word for it, find out for yourself. I know this is a self-defeating statement, since basically I'm telling you to listen to me, but trust me, I've found in my 22 years on this great planet that not listening to myself is generally the best way to go. Which needless to say, makes for an interesting time at the zoo, but that's another column.

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'White Oleander' fails despite good performances

Some movies just make you feel icky. "White Oleander" is a film that is both beautifully filmed and acted, but that cannot hide the fact that it is just downright depressing.

It tells the story of Astrid (Alison Lohman), a young teenager who is extremely close to her mother Ingrid (Michelle Pfeiffer). That is, until Ingrid is sent to prison for 35 years to life for murdering her cheating boyfriend.

So Astrid is given to children's services that find her some foster homes. I say "some" because the film details the adventures of this girl through three different foster families.

She is first put in a home headed by Star (Robin Wright Penn), a former stripper and born-again Christian. Star represents everything that is wrong with the hypocritical religious lifestyle. She preaches good morals, right living and what would make Jesus happy, but dresses like a slut and is living with a married man who she sleeps with on a regular basis. Does this make Jesus happy?

Star soon becomes suspicious that Astrid is having an affair with her man and reprimands her for it. I won't reveal how Astrid is removed from this environment, only to say it is not believable in the least.

Throughout all of these events,

FILM REVIEW



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Not only is the film woefully depressing, but it also moves at such a sluggish pace.

A friend that was watching the movie with me commented that it moves about as fast as a mudslide without water.

Astrid has been able to visit her mother in prison. Her mother is disapproving and tries to convince her daughter that these foster families are

the enemy. Ingrid wishes to impose her hating and distrusting values on her daughter.

After spending some time in an orphanage, she is given to another foster family.

This time, she meets Claire (Renee Zellweger), an actress whose husband is always strangely absent.

Claire shows Astrid general affection and love, and the two become close. Claire is nearly the mother Astrid never had. But, of course, something horrible happens and the two must part company.

Finally, Astrid chooses to live with a Russian woman who works in a market selling used clothes and the like. During this time, she rebels against her

mother, colors her blonde hair black, and starts chain-smoking.

Astrid finally decides she can blame her mother for everything wrong with her, which I suppose is the film's message.

By this point in the film, the audience will be so emotionally exhausted they will be praying for an ending to be near.

Not only is the film woefully depressing, but it also moves at such a sluggish pace. A friend that was watching the movie with me commented that it moves about as fast as a mudslide without water. That's a good observation.

It just gets to the point that one wonders, "How much bad can happen

to one person?"

The film is based on a novel by Janet Fitch, which I have not read, but which might explain the slow pacing. From what I've heard, the book is much more dreary than the film. I cannot imagine.

The film, rather comes off as a gigantic weepy-fest and strongly leans toward the melodramatic.

The performances in the film are superb, especially those from Lohman and Pfeiffer. Lohman is asked to nearly carry the film and does an admirable job.

One only wishes that she had better material to work with. Pfeiffer is excellent as a woman whose anger and malice seeps through her beautiful

eyes.

Even though the film is well acted and beautifully photographed, it is simply not an enjoyable movie experience. It's like having a gifted writer stab you in the eye with their pencil.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★

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

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Beck undergoes heartbreak, style changes



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The more I think about it, the more I realize what a lucky guy I am. I have gotten through nearly 22 years of life without ever really having my heart broken. I've had some close calls, but it seems like no girl has ever had the best of me. The most heartache I have ever felt is when I've been guilty for breaking up with a girl.

It is for that reason I am may not be a good person to review Beck's new album *Sea Changes*. The album is a full-out, powerhouse of a breakup album. Judging from the amount of emotion spilled out onto the liner notes, whoever broke Beck's heart not

only hurt him, but damn near broke him forever. How can I — a guy who has never felt that kind of pain be an adequate judge of where Beck is coming from?

Luckily for me, my girlfriend was out of town last weekend. So all I had to do was pretend like the reason she was out of town was not because she was attending the "American Idol" concert in San Antonio — which I am ashamed to admit is the truth — but rather it was because she was sick of me and was taking a break. I convinced myself she was planning on breaking up with me when she came back from San Antonio.

Eventually, after convincing myself of the many reasons why she would really want to break up with me — I actually started to believe that she might! Then the more I thought about it. I started to realize all the reasons why she really was going to break up with me. "American Idol" concert? She would know that I would never want to go to that — what a perfect excuse for spending a weekend with

her secret lover! At this point, as I started to review Beck's new album — I wasn't struggling for perspective — I was struggling for consolation.

Thankfully, Beck had already been there and back, and was ready to tell me about it. The album opens up with "The Golden Age," which is primarily a subtle guitar strum underneath Beck's vocals and the pretty ring of a glockenspiel in the background. Right away, it is apparent Beck's sound has evolved into something new.

This is the third album uber-producer Nigel Godrich (Radiohead's producer) has done for Beck, and unlike the first two, *Mutations* and *Midnight Vultures*, *Sea Changes* finds Beck in the role of the singer/songwriter figure. Not that he didn't write his own music before, but now it seems that Nigel has taken the helm of the noises while Beck is just a man with his guitar and a tear in his eye.

Most of the heat Beck has received in response to the new album has come from the indie-purists who laud Beck's departure from his lo-fi geek-noise days with Calvin Johnson of K Records. To me, this seems like a logical progression for four-track experimentalists like Beck to take. For Beck, it is not progression of the music per se, but a progression of emotive content. An artist can only screw around on a tape deck and a turn table for so long.

"The Golden Age" also sets the tone for the album. Beck croons, "These days I barely get by / I don't even try, The sun don't shine even when it's day / you gotta drive all night just to feel like you're okay." The lazy drawl of the track evokes Nick Drake's "Pink Moon," but hits a level of sadness non-existent in that song.

The track I think is a weak spot on the album is the following track, "Paper Tiger." On hearing the song by itself, one might be tempted to think, with its ferocious string arrangements (done by Beck's dad, by the way), it is the best track on the compact disc. But in the context of the entire CD the song is out of place; an eyesore on the



COURTESY PHOTO

terrain of the album. It seems like a case of the producer over-producing the 'single'. It reminds me of Mirah's album "Advisory Committee" in which the single, track 1, is produced into a marching exercise in extremity. But in the case of Mirah, the track, due possibly to the lo-fi nature of the production is quite successful. However, with the slick production of "Paper Tiger," the minimalist pulses of sound that come together in the end in a tidal wave of strings seems at best pretentious. It seems as if the song would come together better if there was a common thread instrument, tying it all together — otherwise under Beck's monotone vocals, the song falls flat.

One of the standout tracks on the album is "Lost Cause." This is a departure from the woe-is-me first half of the CD into a more redemptive, "it's all her fault" mindset. Beck points an accusing finger at whoever broke his heart saying, "No one left to watch your back now / No one standing at your door / ain't that what you thought love was for / baby you're a lost cause." The shift in tone also points to the fact the driving force behind the album is not the music itself, but the emotions conveyed by the music. This is the turning point in the album, and thusly, also is right in the middle of the CD — separating the tones of one half from the other.

The final track on the album, "Side

of The Road" sounds like the day you wake up and realize you now have your whole life ahead of you, and it's time to pick up the pieces and move on. The sad slide guitar that filled the beginning of the album has now given way to a hopeful sound.

In the end, Beck's new album is a bird's eye view into the mind of someone who has lost a love. I recommend the CD to anyone who is going through a tough time, or is still bearing scars from an experience in the past. As for my girlfriend, when she got home from her trip she assured me that she had no intentions of ever breaking up with me — but I think I'm going to keep *Sea Changes* — just in case.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Gerald R. Ferguson
Portland, OR 10/15/02

Talk TV's latest success: Dr. Phil McGraw

NEW YORK (AP) — A 17-year-old runaway and her mother were face-to-face on national television, with talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw urging honest communication to heal their rift.

He didn't offer a hug or shed a tear. Instead, he loudly lectured the distraught mom.

"She's going to be gone or dead if you don't get real," McGraw said. "Do you want your baby out of the streets and into your life? Then quit preaching and talk to her!"

Viewers are eating up the televised tough love. "Dr. Phil" has the best ratings of any new talk show since his mentor, Oprah Winfrey, debuted in 1986.

It's a timely boost for the talk show format, which has been suffering the

blows. With Winfrey due to end her show in 2006, TV stations are wondering who will take her place at the top of the heap.

In the season's first week, McGraw drew more viewers than four other new talk show hosts combined — Rob Nelson, James Van Praagh, Caroline Rhea and John Walsh.

"Everyone knew it would be the highest rated of the new talk shows," said Marc Berman, an analyst for Media Week Online. "No one knew it would be this high."

"Dr. Phil" started last month with every advantage. McGraw's once-a-week stint on Winfrey's show the past two years brought him a ready-made audience. That earned him desirable afternoon time slots in most cities, with one rule: that he couldn't be on

at the same time as Winfrey.

"He's not coming in as a rookie," said Roger King, whose company, King World Productions, distributes the syndicated show.

Yet even McGraw's producers wondered how his methodical drawl would play every day.

No problem. "I'm humbled by it," McGraw said of his early success. "And I don't say that trying to be, 'aw, shucks.' I have a lot of confidence in what we're doing."

A trained psychologist, McGraw caught Winfrey's eye as a trial consultant during her legal fight with the Texas beef industry. He's already parlayed their connection into a small empire; even his 23-year-old son has written a self-help book.

Dr. Phil treads the familiar talk

show terrain of unruly children, bickering spouses and latest diseases. Instead of simply reporting, he advises people how to get out of tough spots, and his largely female audience nods through their tears.

McGraw believes viewers find his unwillingness to pull punches refreshing.

"He's the emotional compass that people need in their life everyday, and he provides the truth — two things that people need in their life on a daily basis," said Terry Wood, president of Paramount TV, the show's producer.

Further proof that Dr. Phil has arrived: He's being mocked regularly by David Letterman.

Letterman serves up simplistic bromides to poke fun at McGraw, whose Web site offers "Dr. Phil's Ten Life Laws," including "you either get it, or you don't" and "you create your own experience."

"I used to be living proof that anyone could get a TV show," Letterman said, "and now it's this guy."

More seriously, a former Harvard Medical School psychiatry professor wrote a column in USA Today warning that people may substitute McGraw's advice for necessary medical treatment.

"Dr. Phil is as charismatic as can be but he cannot will a cure with one heartfelt admonition," wrote Steven Berglas. "Protracted follow-up after insight is the key to psychological change, and this is rarely the stuff of good TV or radio."

McGraw said his show follows scrupulous standards by never inviting guests who are undergoing therapy without the permission of the therapist, and never featuring guests who have been suicidal or are taking psychotropic drugs.

He believes viewers with problems will be more inclined to seek medical help after watching his show.

Winfrey has been advising McGraw and his producers. Since her company, Harpo Productions, owns part of the show, she's sharing in his success.

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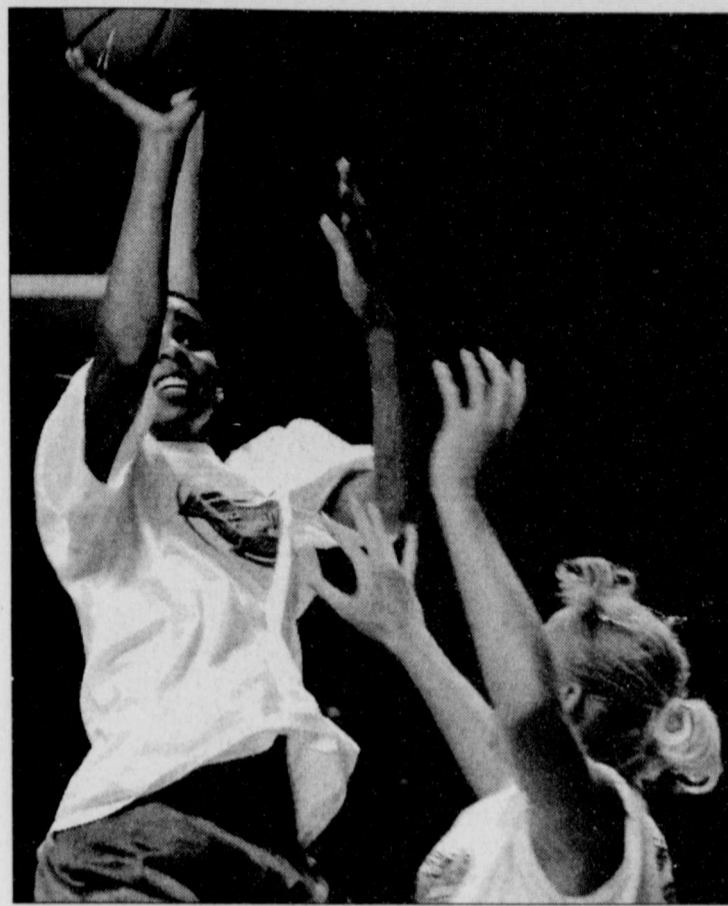
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Pierson returns, makes prediction

Cowboys know they are lucky to be 3-3



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TEXAS TECH CENTER Piennette Pierson shoots over teammate Cisti Greenwalt during practice on Monday at the United Spirit Arena.

PLENETTE PIERSON FILE

NAME: Piennette Pierson
CLASSIFICATION: Senior
POSITION: Center/Forward
HOMETOWN: Kingwood
HIGH SCHOOL: Kingwood High
2001-02 STATS: • Was suspended four games into the season.
2000-01 STATS: • Led the team in scoring averaging 14.7 points per game • Led the team in rebounding with 7.4 boards per game • Led the team with 42 blocks • Named second team All-America by the *Women's Basketball News Service*

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders began practice Saturday boasting the motto "One Team One Goal One Mission" on their T-shirts.

Senior post Piennette Pierson told the fans what that mission is after practice.

"We're going to win the national championship," she said.

It may be early in the season to make such a big prediction, but Pierson said it is a realistic goal for Tech.

"It's not a lofty goal for this team," Pierson said. "Every team wants to win the national championship, but it's more realistic for us. The best thing for us is that every one wants it, and we've all got the heart to get it done."

After being suspended for most of last season, Pierson has returned to the court with the team, and it is a much-anticipated return.

Fans at practice were silent every time Pierson touched the ball Saturday, waiting to see what she would do. Every time Pierson made a shot, the fans cheered.

Tech head coach Marsha Sharp said Pierson did not upset the fans in any way during the practice.

"I don't think she disappointed anyone," Sharp said. "It was obvious she's very focused. She has that mentality that she doesn't want to lose."

Tech forward Jolee Ayers said Pierson's return will be a huge part

of the team and thinks Pierson will contribute much to the Lady Raiders' run at a national title.

"Plennette is very dynamic," Ayers said. "She will help the team so much. I think she has every reason to be an All-American this year."

Ayers said Pierson is ready to perform and help lead the team to victory and prove she and the team are for real this season.

"I definitely think Plennette will have an awesome year," Ayers said. "She's ready to come back and prove people she's as good as they say she is."

It may be fitting that Pierson was the one that made the national championship call at the first practice because she missed a chance at it last season. Now, she is hungry.

"Back with a vengeance is the best way to put it," Ayers said. "It's real exciting to see what she will accomplish this year, and she impresses me more every day."

Pierson leads the team not only in setting the bar high, but also on the court.

"Jia (Perkins) and I share the leadership role," Pierson said. "It's not so much with words, but we lead by example."

With the Lady Raiders being one of the powerhouses of women's basketball in the nation, the preseason polls and predictions have already begun to place Tech among the top and in the running for a long run in the NCAA Tournament.

Tech, however, is not looking at

the polls. Instead, the Lady Raiders plan to show they have what it takes to deserve the recognition when the season begins.

"We try not to pay too much attention to the preseason polls," Sharp said. "With everything we do, we have to deal with reality."

Sharp said the team is more focused on the day-to-day mechanics and knows the preseason polls do not matter because March is what matters most.

The Lady Raiders are looking to improve on last season, and Ayers said Pierson's fearless national title prediction fired the team up for this season.

"I think everyone is excited about her prediction," Ayers said. "We're disappointed with how last year went. I think this year we have high expectations, but we don't feel any pressure from (the prediction) because we want it."

Sharp said Pierson is ready for competition and wants a national championship in her final season at Tech.

"I don't think there's any question she's on a mission," Sharp said. "We just need to surround her with people that feel the same way."

Pierson said the team's motto sets the Lady Raiders' intentions in stone, and she is thinking of that one objective.

"That motto tells everyone we're out to accomplish a goal," Pierson said, "and that's to win a national championship. In my mind, that's what we're going to accomplish."

TEXAS TECH SPORTS UPDATE

The Texas Tech soccer team fell to the No. 3 ranked Longhorns of Texas 5-1 on Friday. The Longhorns 9-2-1, 4-0 Big 12 Conference) outshot the Red Raiders (2-12, 0-6 Big 12) 16-2 in the game.

Tech's freshman goalkeeper Beth Appert recorded six saves, her seventh straight game with five or more saves. Sophomore defender Jordan Wicker scored her second goal of the season to spoil the Longhorns' shutout.

The Raiders Sunday game versus No. 6 Texas A&M resulted in some second half Aggie heroics. The Raiders and Aggies were locked at 1-1, with Tech sophomore Michaela Roberts scoring both goals, making her the leading scorer on the Raiders' squad. Then the Aggies blew up

and scored four goals, three in the final ten minutes of the game, locking up a 6-2 A&M victory.

The Tech women's golf team competed in Las Cruces, N.M. in Price's Give 'em Five Intercollegiate on Oct. 7-9. The Raiders improved their placement to 11th, two strokes out of the top 10. Tech's Sheila Mendez posted her first top 20 finish, shooting a 74 the final day of competition.

The Tech men's tennis team finished eighth, moving up three places from 11th in the Nestlé Purina Classic in St. Charles, Miss., on Oct. 7. Scoring 66 in the final round, Tech's Brad Jacobson placed in a tie for 14th.

The Red Raider women's tennis

team played in the Houston Cougar Fall Classic last weekend, with Tech's Irina Tereschenko winning the single's championship in straight sets, preserving her undefeated record. Tech competes in the Omni Hotels Regional Tournament this weekend.

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Schedule remains tough for Tech

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

They may be the best 4-3 team in the nation. Seven games into this season Texas Tech has three losses to teams with a combined record of 20-1.

Defensive coordinator Greg McMackin said the team's losses have been to some great teams, and the combined record of the teams might as well be 21-0.

"Iowa State is one yard short of being undefeated," McMackin said. "We've lost to three great teams and two of those have been on the road."

The three losses this season have come to No. 4 Ohio State, No. 9 Iowa State and No. 13 North Carolina State. The losses to Ohio State and Iowa State came on the road. During the same stretch, Tech defeated then No. 24 Texas A&M and current No. 21 Mississippi.

Looking back on the losses, Tech coach Mike Leach said Tech could have won any of the three games, but it was good that the losses came to high ranked opponents.

"I think all three of our losses came to really good teams, which is great," Leach said. "You just try to load the wagon as full as you can and see how far it'll take you and try to win them all."

Before the season, many college football odds-makers ranked Tech's schedule as high as second in difficulty. After the first seven games, the Tech players are happy to have played against such good competition.

Receiver Trey Haverty said Tech was capable of winning all the games and thought the team was prepared for the difficult schedule.

"If any team could accept the challenge of that schedule it would be us," Haverty said.

Receiver Carlos Francis said the decision to schedule the tough opponents is not for him to comment on, but said he enjoyed playing higher caliber teams.



TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE back Ricky Sailor (21) trips up Iowa State running back Haiwatha Rutland as Tech safety Raymond Pierce (41) pursues the play during Tech's 31-17 loss to ISU on Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

"I liked playing Ohio State," Francis said. "I wished we played them every year."

The appearance of a 4-3 record may look like an average record to many across the nation, but the Tech players said they did not care if the rest of the nation took who they lost to into account.

"We don't worry about what people think," Francis said. Defensive end Aaron Hunt agreed and said wins should have come and Tech doubters will learn about how good they are.

"We should have beat Iowa State and N.C. State," Hunt said. "All we can do is look forward and keep playing. Sooner or later people will realize."

The rest of the schedule mirrors the difficulty of the early season with games against No. 2 Oklahoma, No. 23 Colorado and No. 8 Texas. Not

to mention Oklahoma State, Baylor and Missouri, respectively.

Francis said the difficulty of the Big 12 makes for a tough remaining schedule.

"The Big 12 is so hard, I can't speak enough on it," Francis said. "We can't lay down to anybody, there are no tough games."

Currently Tech is tied for second in the Big 12 South with Texas, Texas A&M and Baylor, and Haverty said the team controls its own destiny.

The four-way tie in the South along with the fall of perennial giant Nebraska in the North may give the appearance of a parity trend in the Big 12. Leach said the changes are less a product of parity and more a product of teams improving their programs.

"Programs with huge traditions

tend to stay strong and have an advantage," Leach said. "There's some great coaches in this conference, and some programs have gotten committed to football and been willing to do the things that are necessary to be competitive and successful in this conference. I think all that collectively is going to turn out a better football team."

Halfway through the season, Tech is focused on finishing fast this season, and McMackin said the early difficulty of the schedule will be helpful in ending the season well.

"The teams we've played have a great tempo," McMackin said. "Our players have been in that tempo and that speed of the game and that is an advantage. We've played some good running backs and some good quarterbacks. We've played some of the best players in the nation."

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Tailbacks are not only worry in Big 12 Conference running games

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No more. Running quarterbacks have changed those schemes and Big

12 defensive coordinators know that as well as anyone because the league is filled with nimble, fleet-footed players taking the center snap.

"If you look right now in professional football and college football, you're seeing more mobile quarter-

backs this year than we've ever seen in the game of football," Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said Monday.

And what an advantage for a team that has such a player.

"I've often heard it said it's like having another running back in the backfield," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "If your guy can throw it well, it gives you more than a running back."

A look at this week's games in the Big 12 shows the challenges the defenses will face from versatile quarterbacks.

No. 2 Oklahoma, coming off a big win over Texas, has to slow down Iowa State's Seneca Wallace, whose breathtaking 12-yard touchdown run against Texas Tech last Saturday night — he covered an esti-

mated 135 yards on the play — has become a staple on highlight shows.

"He didn't even look like he was winded when he came to sidelines," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney said.

Texas A&M must deal with Kansas' Bill Whittemore, who rushed for 121 yards against Colorado last week. Texas Tech is scheming to stop Missouri's Brad Smith, who was unstoppable against Oklahoma two weeks ago (391 total yards).

Texas must contain Kansas State's Ell Roberson. Ditto for Oklahoma State against Nebraska's Jammal Lord. Whittemore, Smith, Lord and Roberson are so involved in the running game that they lead their teams in rushing.

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