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University killer left letter to newspaper

By Arthur H. Rotstein/ Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — A day after a nursing student shot three professors to death and killed himself, a newspaper received a 22-page list of grievances from the gunman that began, "Greetings from the dead."

"You have received this letter after a rather horrendous event," Robert S. Flores Jr. wrote, apparently weeks before the slayings. As a student who was flunking out of school, he insisted the shootings were not about revenge.

"I guess what it is about is that it is a reckoning," Flores wrote. "A settling of accounts. The university is filled with too many people who are filled with hubris. and Barbara Monroe - but did not refer to

They feel untouchable."

The letter ends with, "As the curtain closes I will exit the stage for a well deserved rest."

The Arizona Daily Star said it received the letter Tuesday night. Police said Wednesday

they had no reason to doubt its authenticity. Flores, 41, shot three of his instructors at the University of Arizona nursing school to death Monday, then killed himself. The divorced Gulf War veteran killed two of the pro-

fessors in the same room, telling one "he was going to give her a lesson in spirituality" and asking the other "if she was ready to meet her In the letter, Flores complained about two

of the instructors he killed — Robin Rogers

His third victim, Cheryl McGaffic, was not

The letter gives a chronology of Flores' troubled life — his failed marriage, poor health and slights from a nursing school he claimed treated male students as "tokens" - and tries to explain the shootings.

"I am rational," he writes. "I understand that I have committed homicide and that I have broken the laws of our society. I will save the taxpayers money and take care of the problem. I realize that I am depressed but even with treatment it will not change my future. People will want to know why I did this? Why the innocent lives?

"To the sociologist, it wasn't the Maryland

sniper. I have been thinking about this for a twisted act." while. To the psychiatrist, it's not about unresolved childhood issues. It is not about anger because I don't feel anything right now," the

The newspaper said the letter was postmarked Monday and was accompanied by college transcripts, military evaluations, recommendations from employers and two birthday cards. It published excerpts of the letter Wednesday and posted the entire document on its Web site.

In a front-page note, Managing Editor Bobbie lo Buel said the Star published Flores' words "not to give voice to a killer who doesn't deserve it, but with the hope that it helps our hurting community come to grips with his

Psychiatrist Jose Santiago, chief medical officer of the Carondelet Health Network in Tucson, said the letter "is a massive attempt to justify what he did."

It's typical of "somebody who is very selfcentered and feels imperfections are found in the rest of the world and not in him," he said.

It appears Flores wrote the letter in two stages separated by several weeks, with all but the first two pages written on the eve of the killings. The letter describes him as increasingly hopeless as he faces a bleak future with financial and health problems looming.

"I am tired, tired and weary," the letter says. "Rather than spend the next month or two selling what little I have I am going to end it now."







JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer JIM VAUGHN, A junior computer science major from Lubbock, and Eden Livingstone, a graduate student studying architecture from Colleyville,

Off Campus

Pimps and Prostitutes

Halloween costume contest

Salsa night costume party

Halloween costume party

Dress Up Contest

Bleacher's

Blue Light

10 p.m.

9 p.m.

9 p.m.

9 p.m.

Hub City

catch a spook in their tour of the haunted house located in the Architecture basement Wednesday night.

Campus events offer Halloween activities for kids, students

By Erica Gonzales/

Staff Reporter

Ghouls and goblins will haunt the basement of the Architecture building this week.

Members of the American Institute of Architecture Students are hosting a haunted house for

The haunted house opened on Wednesday. On Halloween night, the hours will be from 9:30 p.m. to midnight for adults where the haunted house will be scarier. For children, the hours are 7 p.m. to

The cost is \$2 for 12 and under, \$4 for Texas Tech students with a valid ID and \$5 for everyone else.

The haunted house also is part of the Safe Treat activity occurring on campus on Halloween.

Safe Treat is a program where children can trickor-treat in the residence halls from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sonia Dillaway, senior nursing major from Las Cruces, N.M., and program assistant for Chitwood/ Weymouth residence halls, said many of the students in the residence hall enjoy this activity.

"The kids love it and the college students have so much fun giving out candy," he said.

Amanda Stout, a junior architecture major from Austin and co-president of AIAS, said the idea of a haunted house came about last year. The members decided to put their idea into action this week.

The sponsors for the event were Home Depot, Wal-Mart and the Texas Tech Architecture department technician Fred Porteous.

Stout said most of the funding came from the pockets of the members. The members spent two weeks making the floor plans, but ran into some difficulties.

She said the architecture department believes the haunted house will be beneficial.

"We figured it would be a good fund raiser for our organization," she said. "It was a lot different when we started building. Problems developed because we realized that we had more space, so we

On Campus

Safe Treat 6-9p.m.

Electrical Engineering Bldg. Haunted House in Basement

Thurs and Fri 7:30-midnight \$3.00 for everyone

Architechture Building Haunted House in Basement

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\$5 everyone else

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6-9 p.m. Allen Theatre Movie: Halloween Resurrection 10 p.m.

She said the haunted house is similar to a maze and will have some scary aspects.

Timothy Lott, a senior architecture major from Amarillo, said parents will not have to worry about the security of their children on Safe Treat night.

He said there would be ample lighting and workers behind the scenes. The doors also will be locked for the safety of the parents and children. Lott said this also is a learning experience for the members of AIAS.

"It's almost like a research project for us," he said. "We're finding new opportunities."

The students looked at architecture angles they could take and developed illusions with the floors and walls.

"We are using the psychological factor and approach," he said.

Because of the air pressure in the basement, he said the walls also look like they are moving, and the doors automatically rattle.

Lott said although the AIAS members are not receiving credit from the project in their classes,

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New bill to help in voting process

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

cedures a federal issue by passing the Help America Vote Act of 2002. The act, which was recently passed by Congress, addresses the issues brought up in the 2000 presidential elec-

The Help America Vote Act used several

cording to a press release from U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock.

This act will provide funds for states to replace punch cards and le-After the 2000 election debacle, ver voting machines and to improve Congress decided to make voting pro- election administration, as well as es-

tablishing an Election Assistance Commission to set guidelines. The act also will require statewide voter registration systems to ensure voters' lists are accurate and up-to-

Functions of the bill which directly af-

recommendations from the National fect voters include allowing the voter Commission on Federal Election Re- to verify his or her votes and to corform, which was organized in 2001 to rect any errors before the vote is cast. improve the democratic process, ac- If a voter makes a mistake while vot-

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Departments tace shift in leadersh

By Michael Castellon/ Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Philosophy Department and the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures will experience a mutual shift in leadership.

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Jane Winer said Chairman of Philosophy Frederick Suppe and Chairman of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures P.G. Christiansen will trade positions be-

ginning in November. Winer said the College of Arts and Sciences has been considering the change of positions for the past two weeks.

"Both Philosophy and CMLL are now part of one building," Winer said. "Both of these departments have enjoyed tremendous leadership."

Christiansen, who has served as chairman of Classical, Modern Languages and Literatures for 13 years. said he is excited about assuming his new position in the Department of Philosophy.

"I know some of the faculty members over there, and I respect them as philosophers," he said. "The search for wisdom is something that we share."

Christiansen said he will continue to teach Latin and Greek language from within the department of Clas-

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Colleges implement fee for enhancement

In hard times, resources for higher education may be hard to find, said Bob Rhodes, assistant dean for finance and administrative services of the Rawls College of Business Administration in reference to "advising" fees implemented this semester for the business and agricultural colleges at Texas Tech.

Advising programs at both of the colleges, the only two to institute the fees, have several programs that enhance the colleges and their programs. Rhodes said the business college fees, which amount to about \$3.25 per

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter credit hour, pay for a "twofold measure." One measure is to add personnel in the college's undergraduate office to advise students.

"We've had limitations on our staff because of funding," Rhodes said. "The fee will allow us to hire more counselors and have more students use the counselors."

The second measure is to help fund the new career management center, which is located in the BA, presently under construction. Rhodes said the center is expected to open next spring to help students with internships and

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had to be creative."



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Arabia reach agreement up approval of judges falls apart over dispute

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — On the second day of his visit to Saudi Arabia, Houston Mayor Lee Brown attended a ceremony Wednesday in which the Houston Port Authority signed a port cooperation agreement with its Saudi counterpart.

The agreement was signed by Kase Lawal, vice chairman of Houston's Port Authority, and Abdul-Aziz al-Manae, Saudi state minister and chairman of the kingdom's Port Authority.

Also Wednesday, Brown met here with Saudi Finance Minister Ibrahim al-Assaf as his five-day visit continued.

Al-Assaf said that the exchange of visits between U.S. and Saudi officials and businessmen reflects both countries' interest in boosting bilateral relations "specially in the economic field.

On his part, Brown said the United States was keen to improve its bilateral relations with the Gulf kingdom. He said that recent visa restrictions imposed on Saudis visiting the United States in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks were temporary measures and not restricted to Saudis.

The Houston mayor said such measures will be eased by time but added they will not go back the way they used to be before the terrorist attacks on New York and Washing-

Houston mayor, Saudi Bush wants to speed Sharon's coalition

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's election-season proposal to break the perennial logiam over federal judicial nominees was met Wednesday with accusations from Democrats that he was playing unseemly politics with the issue.

"Today our federal courts are in crisis," Bush said at an East Room address. "We clearly have a poisoned and polarized atmosphere in which well-qualified nominees are neither voted up or down. ... Failure of the judicial confirmation process is harming the administration of justice in America.'

Bush offered what he called a "clean start" of strict deadlines to ensure the swift replacement of judges retiring from the federal bench.

"We will not find a solution in an endless cycle of blame and bitterness," the president said.

Yet, with the elections that will decide control of the Senate and House just six days off, Bush hardly paused before laying blame for the problem on the Democratic-controlled Senate.

Noting that 9 percent of federal judgeships are vacant while court filings have increased to an "all-time high," Bush said the Senate has confirmed just 14 of his 32 nominees for the Court of Appeals - "far below the pace of past Senates at the start of an administration."



JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's hardline government crumbled Wednesday, after Labor Party ministers submitted their resignations in a dispute over funding for lewish settlements.

Sharon told parliament he would continue to lead the country, suggesting he would try to govern with a narrow coalition of far-right and religious parties rather than call early elections.

The crisis ended an uneasy 20month partnership that had been formed to steer the country at a time of intense conflict with the Palestinians. The political turmoil could sabotage U.S. efforts to win support for a three-phase peace plan that envisions Palestinian statehood by 2005.

Last-minute efforts Wednesday to reach a compromise over the settlements failed, and Labor said it would vote against a 2003 draft budget. Labor ministers were demanding a cut in \$145 million in funding for the settlements — a key stumbling block in Mideast peace talks - but Sharon refused.

The vote was put to parliament after the Labor ministers resigned, and it passed anyway with the support of parties outside the coalition - as expected — by a 67-45 vote; it must pass two more readings in coming weeks before it is final.

Under Israeli law, the resignations only take effect within 48 hours, leaving room for last-ditch maneuvers but politicians from both sides assessed that Sharon's "unity government" was

"We must fight terror, but this is the day when we have to present a diplomatic horizon," said Defense Minister and Labor Party leader Binyamin Ben-Eliezer. "The prime minister is unable to present a diplomatic horizon."



COLD STARE

GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

TODD NEAHR, A senior fisheries management major from the Woodlands, studies a piece of art on display under the watchful eye of a Sarah Collins' ceramic piece entitled, "We Don't Like to Talk About Uncle Gluseppe," in the Dia de los Muertos exhibit in the Landmark Gallery in the Art building Wednesday afternoon.



The 10th Annual Take a Kid to the Game Day will be Nov. 9 for Texas Tech's football game against Oklahoma State. Students and student organizations can still register to take part in the tradition of taking 1,000 underprivileged children to the game. For more information, contact Britta Tye at (806) 742-742-3631. Registrations will be accepted until Friday.

The Lady Raider basketball team will hold an intrasquad scrimmage at 3 p.m. Sunday in the United Spirit Arena before its opening game Nov. 10 at the State Farm Classic against Louisiana Tech. There will be a prac-

practice and scrimmage, and admis-

Early voting will be on campus from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the remainder of the work week in the Student Union.

Room and Board payments are due Friday in the housing office.

Requests to change residence halls or rooms must be turned in by Friday to respective halls.

Smart-Fest registration is currently under way. Applications are available in 103 Holden Hall. Smart-Fest is a competition sponsored by Eta Omicron Nu and serves as the campus qualifier for the regional College Bowl competition. For more information con-2192 or Leigh Mauer at (806) tact Nathan Poerner at poerner11235@hotmail.com or

Tech Council on Family Relations will be selling pizza on Montice beforehand starting at 2 p.m. drink, and \$5 buys two slices and a ing the drive.

Fans are encouraged to attend the drink. Orders can also be taken for whole, ready-to-bake pizzas. For more information contact, Lane Powell at lpowell@hs.ttu.edu.

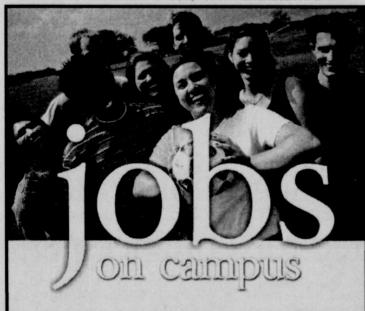
Texas Tech's Department of Physics and the Center for Forensics Studies will present "Facial Reconstructions from Skulls for Identification at 5 p.m. today in 07 Science. The lecture will discuss how crimes are solved through forensics. Betty Pat Gatliff will speak at the event. The lecture is open to the public and is free.

"Justice in the Sky" Get Out and Vote Tour will make a stop in the forum of the Texas Tech School of Law Friday at 11 a.m. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will be one of the Republican candidates speak-

Register your organization, of-Becky Davidson at (806) 742-1828. fice or department to be a part of the Tech CAN ShareFood Drive. The drive is Nov. 4 through Nov. days in the month of November. 8. The goal is to raise 27,000 pounds Pizza can be purchased from 11 a.m. of food for the Center for Campus to 2 p.m. on Broadway outside the Life. For more information visit Human Sciences Building. Three www.campuslife.ttu.edu. Food can dollars can buy one slice and a be taken to the Student Union dur-

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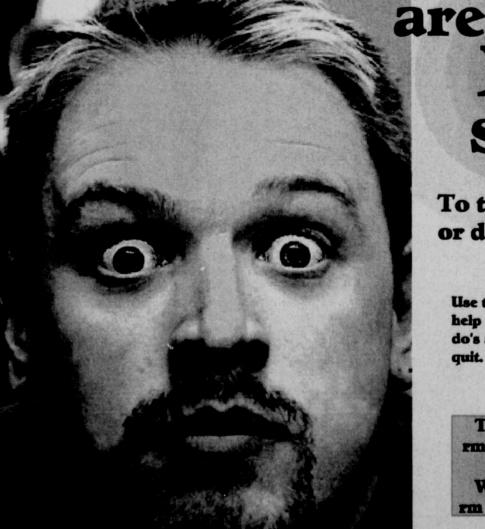


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ing, he or she is notified and can clarify which candidate is wanted.

Brian Collins, an assistant professor of political science at Texas Tech, said this year's elections have some competitive races, both statewide and countywide. The lieutenant governor contest between Republican David Dewhurst and Democrat John Sharp should be close, he said, as well as in-

"It's arguable that the lieutenant governor in Texas has more power than the governor does," he said.

Texas does not have a ticket system, which means voters select candidates for the governor and lieutenant governor separately instead of as a ticket. Because of this two, different parties commonly control the two highest offices in the state, Collins

All of the executive positions are also up for election this year, as are all 150 House seats and a percentage of the Senate seats.

Collins said it is important for people to vote for several reasons.

"There's the realization that your vote can actually end up selecting the candidate," he said, citing the 2000 presidential election, when the election was influenced by just a few hun-

Voting also is the only opportunity most citizens have to affect public policy, especially at the local level, he said. Lubbock is currently debating a bond issue to build a new jail. While it is good for the area, there is a nontrivial tax increase that goes with the new project, and citizens need to ask vote to let their government know what they want.

that preference known," Collins said. "(Some decisions) are not made by the county commissioners. They're not made by the city council. They're not made by the city manager or elected have any reason to complain," he said.

not voting is the perception that one vote does not count, which he said is absolutely true, most of the time. However, in 2000, that was proven

said, adding if those people had vote Democratic, George Bush would not be president today.

Collins said it was not necessary to know all of the issues in an election either. That is one reason for party labels. Voters can align themselves with the party line they agree with the most and vote accordingly.

Jenny Wilson, a freshman accounting major from Littlefield, votes to keep the Republicans, whose beliefs she connects with, in office.

"The things I believe in will stay themselves what they want, and then in," said Wilson. "One vote will make a difference."

Seth Roberts, a sophomore elec-'Voting is the only way to make trical engineering major from Southlake, said he definitely plans to vote this year, and he will be voting Republican.

"If you don't vote, I don't think you

Matt Jacobs, a freshman mechani-One important factor in people cal engineering major from The Woodlands, said he is registered and he might vote, but he is not sure yet. He has too many other things that are more important to get taken care of, he said.

"At the age I'm at, I'm not wor-"Go ask all the people in Florida ried about politics as much as I will be who voted for the Green party," he in the next couple of decades," he said.

Fees

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career development. "By dictate from the BA's ac-

development center," Rhodes said. "The efforts will help the review." Rhodes said the efforts of the

college are to enhance the students'

education and put them in a more

successful position upon graduation. Patricia Alonzo, a senior marketing major, said the college needs these new programs and assistance, saying Tech's Marketing Association has been her only guidance in career choices during her time at

"The advisement is something they've lacked in," Alonzo said. "As (The Marketing Association) help a lot, for me and for other business majors."

Alonzo said it is well worth the fee for all the resources that will be available.

"The university is strapped for funds from the government," he said. "For some things, like the pro-

funding just doesn't exist. If we're going to get bigger, we have to find other sources of funds to make it bet-

The business college fosters about crediting agency, we need a career 5,000 undergraduate students and 500 graduate students, making it the second largest college at Tech and is expected to growing in large numbers, Rhodes said.

For the College of Agriculture, the purpose of the \$1.25 per credit hour fee is to provide enhancements in programming for their students, Executive Associate Dean of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources Marvin Cepica said.

"It's specifically for retaining them and assisting them with career development and placement," Cepica said. "We want to provide programs to assist students while they're here and has been my only resource, this will help them move into their career of choice. We're obligated to provide programs. For some of these programs, there is really no assistance from the university. But times are

hard, and that's to be expected." Cepica said the college also will provide additional tutoring for its students, enhance advising and help stu-

grams we're working on now, the dents "work more closely" in their major and career development. Cepica said he hopes the college can guide students toward more internships and study abroad programs as

Julie Rohde, a senior agriculture communications major, commented positively on the agriculture college's existing advisement and counseling services.

"Our Agriculture Resource Center has gotten bigger," Rohde said. "But we already had a pretty good career center, retention and career help."

Rohde agreed with Cepica's statement that the agriculture college is really like "one big family," explaining that the attention agriculture majors get is very personal, and the offices are always full with students getting help, finding out about events and talking to career counselors.

Rohde said the fee is not much to pay and is doing its job.

"It's not a lot to ask," Rohde said. "There's more programs and are going to be even more. They've had counselors come to classes and talk to us. They're getting us involved, and there's been more programming."

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sical and Modern Languages and Lit-

"For that reason I don't think of it as leaving the department,"

Suppe, who has served as chair of the Philosophy Department for two years, said he has plans in mind for sity. It's a very broad and complex dethe Philosophy Department.

"There are several things I've started working on," Suppe said. "I think we need to take this department in a new and aggressive direction."

Suppe said he is considering using the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures to aid in the recruitment of a more diverse student body.

"Texas, as a state, predicts an additional 500,000 more students attending college over the next 15 years," Suppe said. "I think it would be beneficial in using our strength in Spanish as a tool to recruit. Although these are only early ideas, we're thinking about how they represent our proactive stance."

Suppe said he credits Christiansen's accomplishments for laving the foundation for the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures future.

"None of this would be possible without the leadership of Dr. Christiansen," Suppe said. "I hope to build on his successes. This is the sixth biggest academic unit at the univer- done a commendable job as chair. I

partment."

Professor of Classics Edward George said he has enjoyed working with Christiansen during his tenure as chairman of the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Lit-

"I've known Dr. Christiansen for almost 40 years, since we went to grad school together," George said. "He has found him very congenial to work

with and very accessible to the fac-

George said Christiansen's leadership was significant in relation to the makeup of the department.

"This department is one of the biggest academic units of the campus," George said. "Considering all of the languages are taught out of this department this is a very diverse group of faculty members. He has done very

Halloween

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their professors are allowing them to miss class because it is a learn-

ture major from Paris and co- house, he said.

president of AIAS, said many faculty members are supportive of the haunted house.

"When we first approached the dean of Architecture, he was all for it; he was excited," he said.

Faculty members also will be Jeff Floyd, a senior architec- helping throughout the haunted

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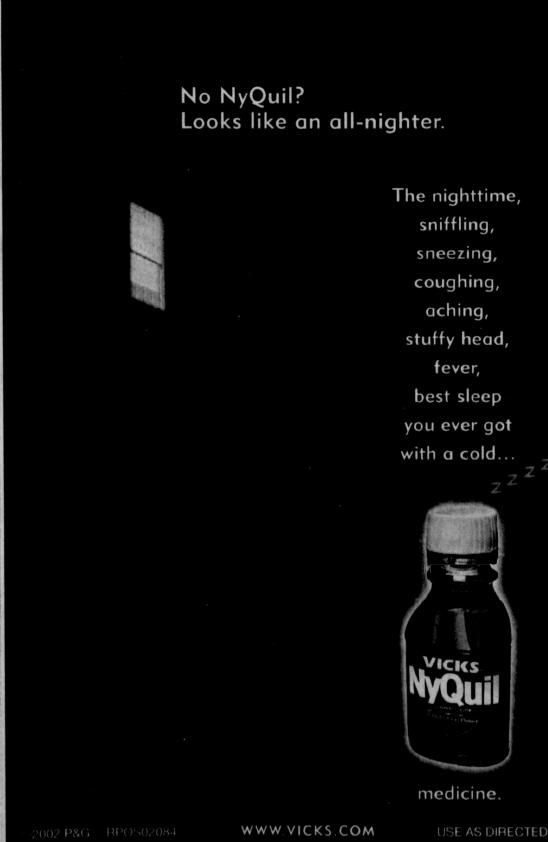
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Evolution, religion conflicting theories

et's start with a hypothetical. You get on the bus tomorrow morning and the driver announces, "I will not be using the steering wheel today. I'm going to keep my hands behind my back and let God direct my bus to its proper destination."

Would you trust a bus driver who let faith drive his bus? Would you trust a surgeon who let faith drive his instruments? Would you trust an airline pilot who let God do his landings for him? It sounds absurd, but those are the questions facing us today. What are the limits of faith? At what point does belief in God become a liability?

Those are the questions inspired by Michael Dini, a Texas Tech biology professor who will not write a recommendation letter unless the student can "truthfully and forthrightly" give a scientific explanation for the origin of the human species.

Does Dini require his students to believe in evolution? He doesn't use the word "believe," but he clearly expects them to accept

From his Web site: "How can someone who does not accept the most important theory in biology expect to properly practice in a field that is so heavily based on

Dini presents two related arguments. First, he says evolution is "the central, unifying principle of biology." He says a physician who rejects this theory would be prone to "bad clinical decisions." He cites the superstitious use of antibiotics as an example.

His second argument is based on the scientific method. He says, "Good medicine, like good biology, is based on the collection and evaluation of physical evidence."

Dini rejects creationism because creationism requires the rejection of physical evidence.

That's the foundation of the scientific method. Scientists run experiments on physical evidence and draw conclusions based on their results.

But maybe you don't reject the scientific method. Maybe you think God and science can coexist. In other disciplines, perhaps. God didn't have a strong opinion about airplanes or elec-

But what about the field of biology, where the creation story flatly contradicts physical evidence? Christians who enter the field of biology are essentially saying, "I will accept the scientific method, right up to the point it conflicts with my mystic book of revealed knowledge."

But the moment you do that, the moment you decide to put faith over evidence, you are no longer acting as a scientist. The



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evolution on religious grounds, you are rejecting the essential tools that make you a scientist, just like the bus driver who refuses to use the steering wheel. In essence, Dini is saying if you don't accept the scientific method, you won't be a very good scientist. Only in Lubbock would this be a controversial position.

When Dini stands up in the classroom and teaches evolution, he is not giving his personal opinion. He is not relying on his personal authority. He is not handing down revealed wisdom from the Grand Temple of Science in Provo, Utah.

Dini is acting as a kind of journalist, reporting the results of experiments performed by thousands of scientists who came before.

The theory of evolution is not based on convention, authority or personal opinion. The theory of evolution is based on observations of physical evidence, conducted acaccording to the scientific method.

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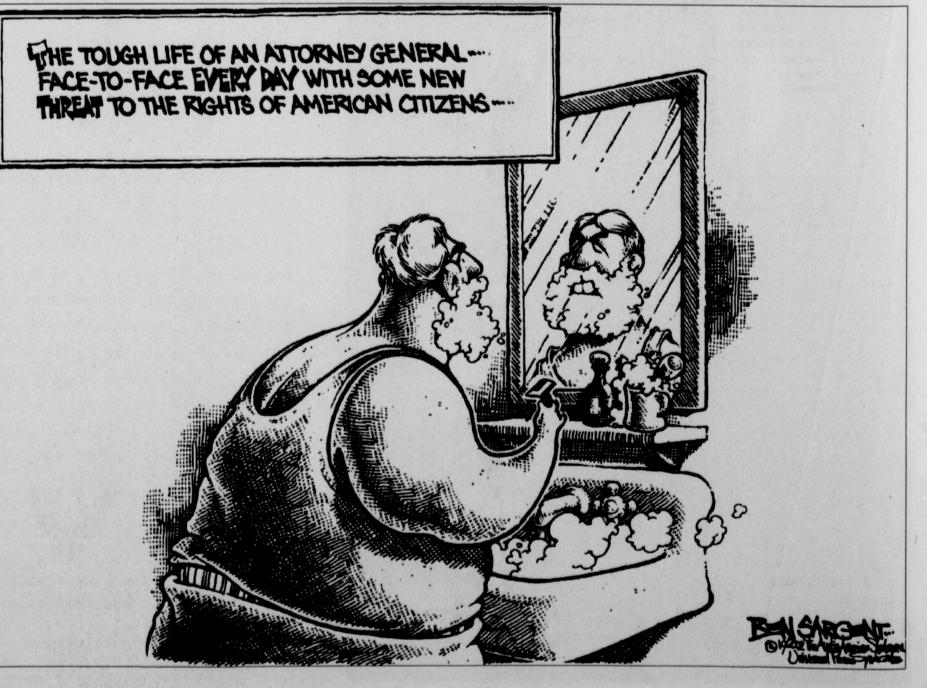
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Halloween safety tricks help enjoy treats

By Lynette Jubay/Staff Reporter

It is once again the time to hear those long awaited words-"Trick or treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat!" Yes, it is Halloween, and with as much money as people spend on this holiday, something extremely good to eat should be in store.

Pat Dunne, associate professor of marketing at Texas Tech, said Halloween has become an increasingly celebrated holiday among both children and adults.

Dunne said Halloween is the second biggest holiday for consumer spending next to Christmas. He said parties, costumes and candy contribute to the big bucks spent on this holi-

parties and candy," Dunne said. "They spend about a billion and a half on just costumes."

Dunne said Americans spend anywhere from \$50 million to \$100 million on Halloween cards. He also said one-third of adults steal candy from their children.

"Many of my colleagues don't call it stealing," said Dunne jokingly. "They call it a 'maintenance fee' or

Dunne said Halloween also is a big day for beer consumers.

"Halloween is one of the biggest days for beer consumption," Dunne said. "(It is) second only to Super Bowl

Dunne said beer consumption rates in Texas are highest on Super "Consumers spend anywhere from Bowl Sunday, followed by Halloween,

has become increasingly popular for people of ages 35 and under, Dunne

Dunne said. "Especially on the weekend where parents can take their kids out and then go out and party."

traditions have made Halloween a more popular holiday, Dunne said.

Dunne said figures vary year to year based on the economy. He said the consumer confidence number is down for the fifth consecutive month

Dunne said he is teaching a retailing class always keeps him updated on these figures.

\$3 (billion) to \$5 billion on costumes, St. Patrick's Day and Cinco de Mayo. the Health Sciences Center, has trip. Patel said although buying cos-Halloween was never a big holi- worked at the center for five years. tumes is more expensive than makday back in the "good old days," but it Patel, along with other doctors from pediatrics, came up with safety tips for Halloween.

> Patel said the American Academy "It's more of an adult's night," of Pediatrics offer safety tips every year and has helped doctors in creating their safety tip list.

> The tips they focus this year is Irish, British, English and French staying in familiar neighborhoods and well lit areas. He emphasizes the importance of loose, fire-retardant costumes, as well, he said.

"Costumes are getting better and safer," Patel said.

Patel said to be cautious with homemade costumes because they tend to be not as safe as store-bought costumes. He said, for instance, the Neal Patel, assistant professor at a child's head could cause them to ing as if it has been tampered with.

ing one, it may be safer to just purchase a costume.

Patel said with the events that have occurred during the past month, it is predicted outdoor Halloween activities will be down more than usual. He said many organizations are offering indoor activities for children to participate in.

"Local churches actually have a lot of programs or times where they have booths set up," Patel said. "Local community organizations have indoor, obviously well-lit, activities for kids to go to."

Patel said one last important thing is for a parent or guardian to look through the candy and toys children "good old ghost sheet" thrown over receive and to discard anything look-

Additional safety tips can be found at the American Academy of Pediatrics Web site at www.aap.org.

Halloween Safety Tips:

- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trickor-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Consider adding reflective tape to costumes.
- Secure emergency identification. · Caonsider non-toxic makeup instead of masks that block eyesight.
- · Openly discuss appropriate and inappropriate Halloween behavior.

Source: www.aap.org

Greek Treat to be safe feat

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

Greek Circle will be blocked off by security on Halloween night, but it is not for parties. Several fraternities and sororities will get together for Greek Treat on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Greek Circle.

Greek Treat, formally known as Safe Treat, will comprise of Greeks giving out candy to children and hosting activities free-of-charge for children to participate in while providing a safe environment.

Rainnie Hull, a senior public relations from Stanton, said the name was changed from Safe Treat to Greek Treat because of the confusion with the Safe Treat event, which occurs at the Texas Tech campus. Another reason for changing the name was to give credit to the Greeks for coordinating the event.

"We figured that the name change would provide a positive image for Greeks," she said.

The purpose of the event is to provide a safe environment for children where they can trick or treat, she said. Security will block off Greek Circle

and will patrol the area. "Our main goal is to provide a safe place for the kids and something for the mmunity to participate in,

she said. The events include two haunted houses, fishing for candy, face painting, a beanbag toss and caramel apples, which will be given away.

Angie Parker, a senior from McKinney, said her sorority, Alpha Phi, paired up with fraternity Delta Tau Delta for fishing-for-candy event.

She said last year children of all ages stood in lines for this event.

For the Greek Treat event, she said the kids use a fishing pole with a clothespin tied to the end of a string instead of a hook. The children throw the pole over a fence, which they cannot see through, while Greek members are on the other side. She said the members tug on the pole and attach a piece of candy to the clothespin to give the children a similar experience to fish-

"Everyone seems to enjoy it, especially the sororities and the fraternities because they can interact with each other," she said.

The response has always been overwhelming and she said people have called up to the Greek houses asking if the event is occurring Thursday.

"At the office I work at, everyone has been asking me when it starts," she said.

Courtney Turner, a senior elemeneducation major from Georgetown, said the idea of the event came from the community six years

She said the community brought this idea to the Panhellenic Council because Greek Circle would make a safe

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"It has grown so much over the past couple of years. It has doubled," she

This year, all the fraternities and sororities are involved unlike last year.

"We've really encouraged every group to put on an activity," she said.

The Greek members enjoy participating in the events as much as the children do, she said.

"They get a kick out of dressing up themselves and enjoy it," she said.



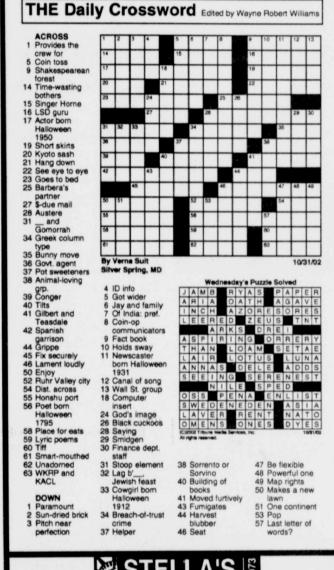
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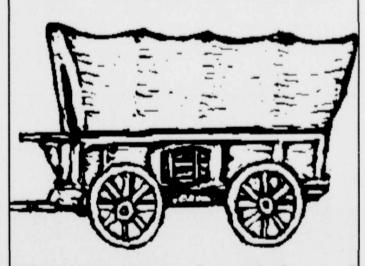
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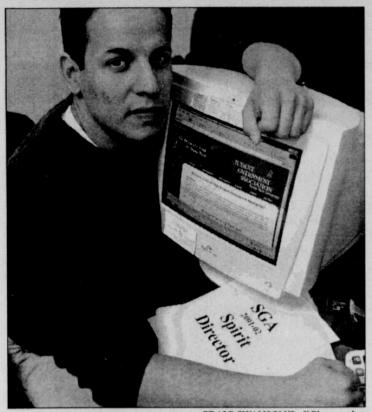
of arranging a live FM-radio show of

leaders "giving the run down on cam-

Moya said he also is in the process

dance of 1,200 is expected.

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ELVIS MOYA, A senior political science major from Shamrock and the spirit director for the Student Government Association, poses at his computer, where he spends over half of his work week.

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By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

Spirit is the name of the game when it comes to one Texas Tech stu-

Elvis Moya, a senior political science major from Shamrock, is the spirit director for the Student Government Association.

He said the spirit director position fun." is a good opportunity.

"This is the perfect position for Sanchez, a senior someone who is interested in promoting spirit," he said.

Coordinating the Rowdy Raider from Houston Rallies, which occur at noon on Fridays at the Student Union, is one of Moya's main duties.

As a former Tech cheerleader, last year. Mova said school spirit is nothing new to him. He attributes the increase of need an inschool spirit at the rallies to his experience of being on the cheerleading squad.

"Being a former cheerleader, I have the outside knowledge of putting together rallies," he said. "I believe with spirit committee do just that, she said. McCay, a graduate of Texas Tech, and experience comes achieving goals."

the responsibility of the rallies, the attendance has doubled.

"My favorite part (of being the spirit director) has been the increase of size of the Rowdy Raider Rallies,"

Working with the spirit organiza- naturally spirited." tions is another aspect of his position,

"It takes work to put the Rowdy

Raider Rallies together," Moya said. "It's definitely a lot of work, but it's

Stephanie communication studies major and the SGA chief of staff, was the spirit director

"We always creased amount of spirit on campus," Sanchez

Moya and the

"Elvis plans and coordinates activiher daughter Morgan, a Tech sopho-Moya said since he has taken over ties," she said. "And he promotes more, will speak at the rally.

> Sanchez said Moya is constantly the parents," he said. "It's getting parlooking for ways to increase spirit ents involved in the rallies, so they can throughout the campus.

"Elvis is so gung-ho at what he does," she said. "He's outgoing and

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ELVIS MOYA

Spirit Director for the

Association

Student Government

Moya said he and the spirit committee are looking into new ideas of implementing school spirit.

Z102's radio personalities Chris and One of his ideas is taking Dina on Nov. 8. It will broadcast from place this weekend during

In collabora-

tion with Tech

yard, following

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the dinner.

ality

the SGA office. "It will be an actual morning show that is Tech-oriented," he said. Parent's Week-The show will consist of student end.

pus," as well as promoting a Thanksgiving community service project, he Parent Relations and its Another duty of Moya's is Family Fun RaiderExpress, the chartered bus sys-Night and Feast, tem for students and faculty traveling Moya said a to out-of-town football games. He said spirit rally will he is looking into planning a bus for begin at 7:30 students going to the University of p.m. Friday at the Student Oklahoma game Nov. 23. In addition to his 20 hours, he Union Court-

spends every week working on spirit programs for Tech. He also is the coed cheerleading coach at Wayland Baptist University and the choreographer and cheerleading coach for two high schools in the Lubbock area.

After graduation, Moya said he "We want to keep the emphasis on hopes to get a cheerleading coaching position on the collegiate level.

Until then, he said he will continue to encourage school spirit.

"(Being the spirit director) is the perform, and awards will be given out best position to be in," Moya said.

girls club' drama canceled

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Fox canceled producer David E. Kelley's new law office drama "girls club" after just two airings because of low rat-

see the spirit (students) have."

Cheerleading and pom squads will

lawyers in San Francisco debuted last week and finished 82nd out of 131 rated programs, according to Nielsen Media Research. The Monday night out November to fill the slot. show lost nearly 1 million viewers

Kelley is best known for shows such as ABC's "The Practice" and Fox's "Ally McBeal."

"While I am disappointed that the show did not succeed, I remain proud The drama about three female of the entire cast and crew of 'girls club," Kelley said in a statement.

Fox will air a rerun of "Boston Public" next week and specials through-

"Girls club" starred Gretchen Mol, this week and gave up more than half Kathleen Robertson and Chyler Leigh the audience that tuned in for Kelley's as three Stanford Law graduates who "Boston Public," which preceded it. get jobs at a corporate law firm.



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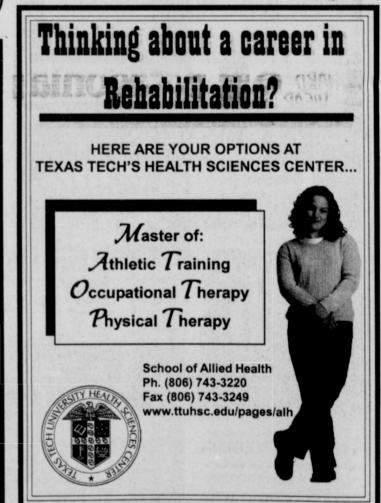


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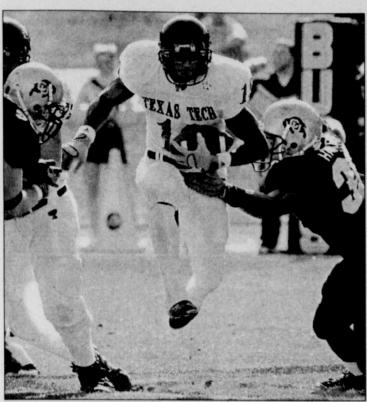
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Raiders happy to be home for three weeks



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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Taurean Henderson breaks through a hole created by his offensive lineman during Tech's loss to Colorado last weekend in Boulder, Colo. Tech plays its next three games at home.

Authorities investigate Nebraska-A&M fight

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Texas A&M University is investigating a fight that broke out after its 38-31 loss Saturday to Nebraska when some excited Cornhusker fans rushed onto the field, where they allegedly were assaulted by A&M's Corp of Cadets.

"In the exuberance of Nebraska's victory, several students jumped over the rail, ran through the police barricade and ran out into field to greet their team," University Police Direc-

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - tor Bob Wiatt told The Bryan-College Station Eagle in Wednesday's edition. "Here at A&M you can't do that, according to some people."

Police said they are unaware of whether the Nebraska fans want to press charges against any of the A&M students involved in the fight, but said Cornhusker fans could pursue misdemeanor charges.

The university's Student Life office is trying to identify the A&M students involved in the fight.

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

It's nice to travel, but sooner or later everyone wants a little home cooking. Texas Tech, which has played six of its nine games this season on the road, will play its next three games in the friendly confines of Jones

SBC Stadium.

Although the Red Raiders were at home two weeks ago against the Missouri Tigers, the team played three consecutive road games against Texas A&M, New Mexico and Iowa State before Missouri. Tech also started the season with consecutive road games against Ohio State and

3-3 on the road. Receiver Anton Paige said the team did not grow weary of the road, but at the same time was looking forward to getting back inside Jones SBC

college football. Just to come home and see the fan's faces fired up with intensity is a motivating feeling. That's college football though, the fans contribute a lot to the game."

The love of the fans is a feeling

spread equally throughout the Tech team. Cornerback Joselio We've got to win Hanson said although road out. So the fans have games allow for focus, more to help us out and home games are stay loud. Just don't always enjoyable because of crazy throw any tortillas. Tech fans. With win-

> penalties. 33 percent better, the players - JOSELIO HANSON likely wish they Tech Wide Receiver could play every

Don't get us any

bock. Receiver This season Tech is 2-1 at home and Carlos Francis said despite the grueling nature of the road, he understands its importance and is excited that the end of the season is played almost entirely at home.

ning percentages

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game in Lub-

"I'm not a big away person, but I "It gives you something to look for- love college football. So if that's what ward to," Paige said. "We must have the it calls for, then it's time to go away,"

best fans and the best student section in Francis said. "I get to play at home for best things going for the Raiders. Dethe next three weeks. So let's see what happens."

> With four games left in the season, the team needs a strong finish to reach its preseason hopes for the postseason. Hansen said the fans will need to help the team in many ways to help them over the final hump of the season.

"So the fans have to help us out and stay get us any penalties."

Hansen was speaking about the two 15yard calls that went against the Raiders during the Missouri game. However, the Big 12 Conference recently announced the penalty has changed to five yards.

Tech coach Mike Leach was even asked by a referee at the Mizzou game to speak to the fans about stopping the throwing of tortillas. Leach has repeatedly claimed that Tech should not be penalized because the team itself is not throwing tortillas and a different solution must be reached.

Aside from the "tortilla epidemic," the fans are being counted as one of the you see everyday.'

THURSDAY

fensive coordinator Greg McMackin said the home field advantage has been

a reassuring topic this week. "That's the best thing we've got going," McMackin said. "I just came from a defensive meeting, and everybody is

jacked up that we're at home." Bowl-game aspirations are not the "We've got to win out," Hanson said. only thing that is important right now to the team. Francis said defending loud. Just don't throw any tortillas. Don't Tech's home field is always the No. 1 objective.

> "I don't know about the bowl, but I hate losing at home," Francis said. "It's the worst thing you could possible do to your team and your fans. If they come in our house, they're going to have to play ball."

> Only two days away from trotting on to Jones SBC, emotions will be at a high for Francis.

"It boils down to coming out there smoking and hearing everyone scream for you," Francis said. "You feel the comradery between your teammates and fans. It's fun to play in front of people

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Mavericks top Grizzlies in opener

Dallas Mavericks really are working on their defense. The proof will take a little longer.

Steve Nash scored 24 points and handed out 13 assists as Dallas beat the Memphis Grizzlies 119-108 Wednesday night, the NBA's highest-scoring team picking up right where it left off last season. But they also let one of the league's worst scoring teams stay too close for comfort.

Assistant Del Harris, filling in for suspended coach Don Nelson, said good defense just doesn't happen overnight.

"We don't want to give up 108 points, but we think our defense nonetheless is coming along," he said.

Nash defended the Mavericks' defense against a Memphis team that topped 100 points only 16 times last season.

"The fourth quarter we got sloppy with the ball, and then they got hot. It was certainly a wake-up call, a situation you don't want to be in after being up 20 points," Nash said.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The 105.2 points last season, continued their domination of the Grizzlies by winning their eighth straight in a series they lead 24-4.

Michael Finley scored 21 points and Dirk Nowitzki had 20 points and 11 rebounds for Dallas. Nick Van Exel had 16 off the bench, Raef LaFrentz 14 and Eduardo Najera 12.

Memphis, featuring seven new players courtesy of new basketball operations director Jerry West, gave the crowd of 16,638 something to cheer about despite trailing 100-80 at the start of the fourth quarter as the Mayericks took what Harris called "frivolous shots."

Gordon Giricek, one of those new players, rallied the Grizzlies with four 3-pointers and keyed a 12-0 spurt that made it 106-102 with 4:08 to go. Nash then drove the baseline, scored and hit the free throw for a three-point play. The Grizzlies couldn't get closer than six the rest of the way.

"We got a little lackadaisical," Nowitzki said. "We left them open, The Mavericks, who averaged they started knocking down shots."

KSU edges Tech in marathon

Statistically it looked good, but the Texas Tech volleyball team still lost to Kansas State 3-2 Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena.

"A loss is a loss," Melissa McGehee said. "We played great, but most people will only see that we lost."

In a seesaw battle with the secondplace team in the conference, the Red Raiders racked up impressive numbers, but it was all in a losing effort.

"We definitely played a great match," head coach Jeff Nelson said.

Tech (8-12, 3-8 Big 12) had more kills, digs and service aces than the Wildcats (14-6, 10-2) for the night, and Nelson said Ann Romjue and Kelly Johnson had good nights. Romjue led the defense with 27 digs, while Johnson pounded out a stellar 35 kills.

"Kelly was absolutely phenomenal," Nelson said. "I told the team I would set her every ball. She had that look in her eye that she wanted to win."

The entire team wanted to win, but let downs in crucial times brought the team down.

'We don't really have an answer," Johnson said. "We just had breakdowns in certain points of the match. Game one was crucial for us because we would have been on top, and instead we had to fight from behind the rest of the night."

point, only to lose 30-27. Nelson said hurts.' that was the most important breakdown of the night.

"There's no question it was a great match," Nelson said. "There's some school records here. That's impressive, but that let down cost us because the rest of the night we had to play catch

Johnson said at times it seemed like Tech was only playing with KSU and

"We were playing with them and

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter not wanting to get a lead," Johnson

The flow of the game went well, and the players were not really worried, but Johnson said the let downs hurt the team.

"I didn't feel any stress," Johnson said. "Everyone was playing smooth, but at crucial times we broke down. We played a great match; it just came down to those little runs."

Earlier in the week, Nelson said the main goal was to play good volleyball. His team accomplished that, but he said it may not have been enough.

"It's hard to get confidence from that," Nelson said. "We've had six losses by two or three points. How can you get confidence from that? I think it wears on you, and makes you question yourself instead of saying, 'this was the second place team' you're thinking, 'what two points made the differ-

Finding those few points will be necessary to find to move on and improve for Tech's next match.

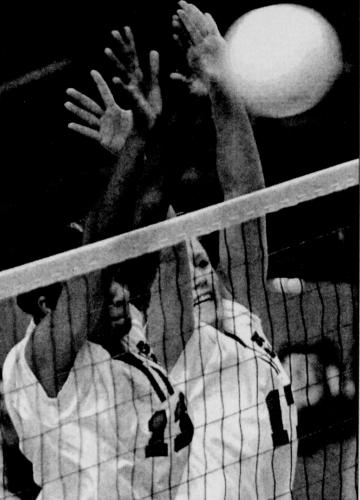
"You're left analyzing where can we get over the hump and not have those two points," Nelson said. "It's unfortunate that we lost. Kansas State is a good team. I'm glad we played well, but a loss is a loss."

McGehee said the loss is harder to take because the team played so well. "It's always tough when you fight

so hard," McGehee said. "We know Tech led game one 23-19 at one we played a good match, but it still

> One positive from the match is the Raiders know they can battle back from behind. They would rather not put themselves in that situation, how-

"We did a good job of coming back at the end," McGehee said. "We shouldn't make those mistakes to put ourselves in that position though."



TEXAS TECH VOLLEYBALL players Stacey Poole, left, and Kelly Johnson combine for the block during Tech's 3-2 loss against Kansas State Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

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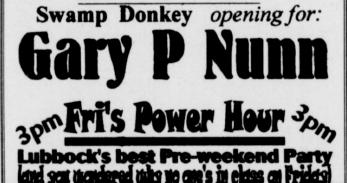
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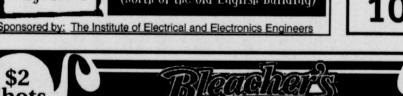
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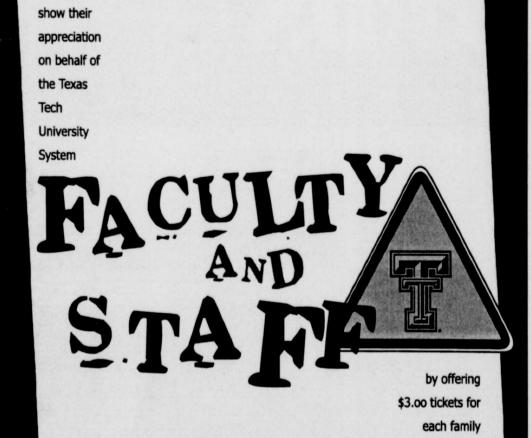
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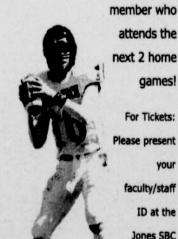
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