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Association partners to offer consolidation

By Michael Castellon/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Alumni Association has announced plans to partner with a national financial service to offer loan consolidation partnership also benefits the university. services to all Tech graduates.

Through the National Education Loan

Tech Alumni Association, said the partnership will benefit all alumni.

"The major advantage to alumni is that it allows them the opportunity to consolidate all

their student loans under much lower interest rates," he said.

Associate Vice President of the Tech Alumni Association Derrick Morgan said the

"Another benefit of this partnership is it provides income to the Alumni Association," Network, also known as Nelnet, Tech alumni Morgan said. "Any partnership that we have will be able to consolidate student loans and like this not only benefits the Alumni Assolock in low interest rates for the life of the ciation but also provides residual income that can be used to finance programs like scholar-Bill Dean, executive vice president of the ships, Red Raider Camp and construction that the Alumni Association takes part in across

> the university." Morgan said details of the program were recently sent out in 20,000 e-mails to Tech alumni.

"This kind of support is a win-win situation for everyone involved," he said.

Mark Schilmoeller, marketing manager for Nelnet, said current variable rates for student loans are 3.46 percent for loans that allow 10 years for repayment.

"With consolidation we can lock that rate for a longer period," he said.

Schilmoeller said alumni wishing to consolidate their loans must meet certain crite-

loans that are not in default, and you must have at least \$7500 in loans," he said.

However, Schilmoeller said Nelnet is currently offering incentives to loan holders that

may reduce their interest rates further.

"We're offering a 1 percent discount for efit." loan holders that make 60 consecutive payment on time," he said. "We also offer a .25 percent discount for loan holders that make their payments electronically through a checking or savings account."

Loan consolidation through the partnership will be available to all Tech alumni, Mor-

"With interest rates as low as they are "To qualify, you must have federally-backed now on student loans and as high as they were a few years ago this can benefit any alumni," Morgan said. "You don't need to be an Alumni Association member to take advantage of this, but if it helps or encour-

ages people to join, that's just another ben-

Schilmoeller said Nelnet has worked in conjunction with several universities across the nation to offer student loan consolida-

"We're the third largest holder of student loans in the country," he said. "We've been very successful working with alumni associations. We don't sell our loans which means when the loan is made with us we have it for

Other institutions participating in a partnership include the University of Illinois, Indiana University, Georgia State University and Oklahoma State University.



LEE GARCIA WITH Labor Ready puts lights on the top edge of the Administration tower Monday afternoon. The lights are being added in preparation for the Carol of Lights ceremony to take place Dec. 6.

Overton project continues as planned



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photograp STERLING UNIVERSITY TRAILS apartments, located in the North Overton area, are being constructed for college students.

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

McDougal Properties's revamp of the North Overton area is proceeding as planned, said Mark Murdock, vice president of marketing for the company.

"We're just delighted with the way things are transpiring," he said.

The company is still clearing land and has started building, he said. The project has generated interested nationwide; last weekend a group visited Lubbock to look to possible retail projects in Overton.

About 80 percent of the land acquisition is complete, he said. He expects phase one of the project to take another year to 18 months.

The project, which should be complete by 2007 or 2008, is primarily residential development. He said a large percentage is single-family housing, such as houses, duplexes, town homes

and garden homes.

A major complaint about the Overton project is the houses will be out of most people's price range. However, Murdock said the houses will be affordable. There will be some in the \$120,000 to \$130,000 range, while most will be between \$150,000 and \$180,000.

There also will be several apartment complexes geared toward Texas Tech students because it is largely a student-designed project, he said. One of the construction projects, The Centre, is a student-oriented building, with retail stores and restaurants on the first floor and apartments throughout the rest of the facility.

Victor Hernandez, the city councilman representing the Overton area, said he hoped the project would accomplish many things for the city. He

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Iraqi lawmaker urges rejection of resolution

By Sameer N. Yaooub/Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's parliament condemned a tough, new U.N. resolution as full of lies and ill intentions during a special session Monday in which a senior lawmaker urged rejection of the Security Council directive - a prospect that could prompt an attack by the United States and Britain.

President Saddam Hussein has used the rubber-stamp parliament as cover for difficult decisions in the past, and the tough language does not necessarily mean parliament will reject the proposal.

After opening speeches, during which lawmakers applauded every time Saddam's name was mentioned, members went into closed session for two hours, before adjourning until Tuesday. The opening of the emergency meeting was broadcast live on satellite television.

Saddam ordered parliament to recommend a formal Iraqi response. Iraq has until Friday to accept or reject the resolution, approved unanimously last week by the U.N. Security

Council in a fresh attempt to rid Iraq of weapons of mass destruction or prove that it has

Salim al-Koubaisi, head of parliament's foreign relations committee, recommended the legislature follow the "wise Iraqi leadership," but advised lawmakers to reject the resolution.

"The committee advises ... the rejection of Security Council Resolution 1441," al-Koubaisi told lawmakers.

Parliament's advice on the new U.N. resolution, which demands Iraq cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors or face "serious consequences," will be go to the Revolutionary Command Council, Iraq's major executive body headed by Saddam.

Should parliament recommend acceptance, as expected, it would allow Saddam to claimthe decision was the will of the Iraqi people. He could then more easily retreat from previous objections to any new resolution governing weapons inspections.

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Drowsy driving week begins with memorial

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Drowsy Driving Awareness week began Monday night at Greek Circle with a memorial and guest speakers.

Despite the inclement weather, more than 100 people arrived at the Chi Omega house at Greek Circle for the memorial.

The event began with a singing performance by the Kappa Pickers, the singing group for the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Two Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters, junior Kendall McCully from Katy and junior Molly Dutch from Marble Falls, spoke about losing their friend and sister Susan Chiodo to a drowsy driving accident over spring break.

McCully remembered Chiodo by saying she was her best friend.

"You don't think things like this will happen to you or that you and your sisters will get a call about your best friend," she said. "But be

careful - a lot is at stake."

Dutch said the loss of life to drowsy driving

"No one knows how bad it hurts to lose a best friend until it happens," she said. Be careful when you drive. It's not a lot to ask."

Tau Kappa Epsilon Vice President and Senior Will Turner of San Antonio spoke on behalf of the loss of Kappa Epsilon Freshman new member Clay Warren of Plainview to drowsy driving in September, and Chiodo, one of his best friends.

"It's senseless," Turner said. "There's no reason for it. We can all stop this."

Jo Henderson, health education coordinator for Student Health Services gave advice on stopping Drowsy Driving, dispelling myths and citing what really works to prevent drowsy driving accidents. She said drivers should get

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do you explain' outside the Chi Omega lodge Monday evening in remembrance of students who died because of drowsy driving. HEATHER DOUGHERTY/ Staff Photographer

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WRITING SEMINAR BEING HELD FOR GRADS



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Symposium aids students with dissertations

GRADUA

By Jacqueline Marshall/Staff Reporter

The Graduate School and the Graduate and Professional Student Government Association are sponsoring two sessions of a Dissertation/ Thesis Symposium on Wednesday in thesis. the Double T Room in the Student Union.

9 a.m. and run until 11:30 a.m. The afternoon session will start at 1 p.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Wendell Aycock, associate dean sessions will have guest speaker Thomas Darwin, a professor at the University of Texas in Austin, speak on

"Writings on Dissertation and Thesis as a Creating Venture."

Deidre Parish, president of GPSGA, said Darwin is an incredible motivator. She said he will give of four faculty students direction and focus toward members and completion of their dissertation or one student

Aycock said Darwin is an expert 10:15 a.m. The in writing thesis and dissertations. He The morning session will start at travels throughout the United States vide explanato discuss the process to students who tions of what is are in need of knowledge and guid-

"Dealing with these topics that should be conof Tech's Graduate School, said both are very complex can be very frustrating," Aycock said.

He said Darwin will speak for about 45 minutes each session, folsion. The morning session will have of history; Michael Giesselmann, pro-

sion comprised beginning at panel will pro-

a panel discus-

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some examples of work to show stu-

Aycock said the morning panel is their knowledge and experience to

trical engi-Rude, professor of English; Michael Stoune, professor of music and Chad Davis, a second-year doc-

fessor of elec-

Aycock said the panel will use

lowed by a question-and-answer ses- comprised of Paul Carlson, professor tell students about their work.

"It is a way of us providing help or support," Aycock said.

The afternoon panel will comneering; prise of Rodger Barnard, professor of Carolyn mathematics and statistics; Hansel Burley, professor of education and psychology; Karlene Hoo, professor of chemical engineering; Leslie Thompson, professor of animal science and food technology and Deidre Parish, a fourth-year doctoral student in biological science from Lubbock.

Aycock said he wanted to make toral student sure the panel was diverse in order to in agriculture get students the best information from a professor in a similar field of

Davis said the dissertation and

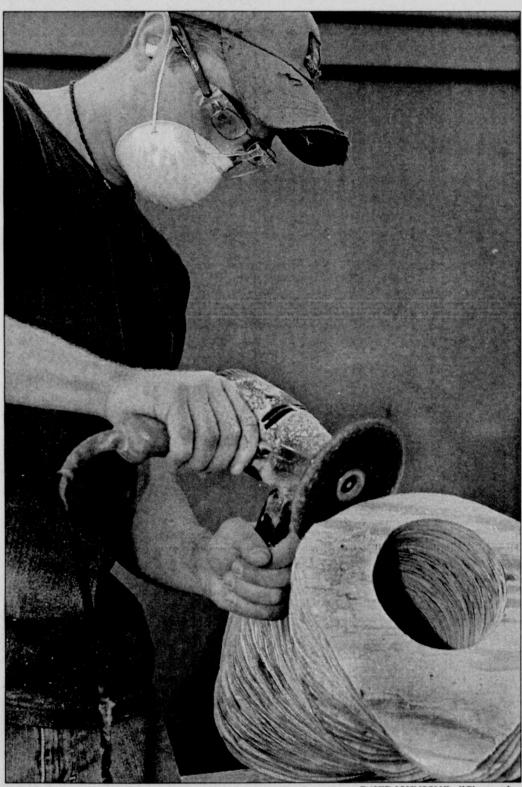
thesis process is complex; there is a lot of work involved and each department has different requirements and number of credit hours needed to receive a degree.

Upon finishing course work, there is a series of comprehensive oral exams, which will determine the entrance of the dissertation stage, when students will enter a proposal and have to defend their research, he said

Parish said the symposium is to get students focused on what they are doing. She said a lot of students get discouraged and drop out, and the symposium is a way to encourage them.

"It is that final motivational push," Parish said.

SAND BOX



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

MATTHEW GORE, A senior photo communications major from Carrollton, sands the outside of a box he is making for his design class with a power tool outside the Art building by the metal shop Monday.



Registration for spring semester classes continues this week. Sophomores with last names Ff-Mh register today and last names Mi-Wa

Wb-Fe register Thursday, last names Ff-Mh register Friday and last names Mi-Wa register Monday.

The Spirit of Sharing program to assist Lubbock area families in need during the holidays has begun. For ways to donate and volunteer opportunities, visit or contact the Center for Campus Life in 228 Student Union or (806) 742-3621. The program ends Dec. 12.

Raider Gate Schedule: Gates will open at 10:30 a.m. This week's band plays at 11:30 a.m. The gate to the student section of Jones SBC Sta-Wednesday. Freshmen with last names dium will open at 12:30 p.m. for the

game. Kickoff is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. For more information on Raider Gate, call the SGA office at (806) 742-3631.

Rowdy Raiders coming soon: Students who think they have what it takes to be a dedicated and rowdy fan can apply to be part of a new student organization. Rowdy Raiders are looking for students that are outgoing, energetic and willing to show Tech spirit. Thirty members will be selected, and the spirit group will have special seating at home basketball games. For more information pick up an application in 230 Student Union.

AUSTIN (AP) - Farmers Insurance Group has reached an interim deal with state officials on the eve of its scheduled pullout, agreeing to renew homeowner policies for another 30 days as negotiations continue.

State officials had been trying to keep the state's second-largest homeowner insurer from following through on its threat to stop renewing policies for its customers starting Monday. As many as 60,000 customers stood to deal had been reached, a state lawmaker had predicted.

Under the temporary agreement finalized Monday, Farmers will give a 6.8 percent rate cut for renewals for existing customers whose policies expire Nov. 11 through Dec. 10, the governor's office said.

Gov. Rick Perry, in a prepared statement, said that he was pleased that Farmers took this "small step" while negotiations continue.

"This standstill agreement benfor both sides to reach a resolution," Perry said.

Farmers Texas executive director committed to resolving the matter.

The Rundown

interim deal on renewal are hiding in Pakistan million to fight AIDS

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. intelligence believes most of al-Qaida's surviving leaders have relocated to Pakistan. although a few have slipped away to countries in Asia and North Africa, defense and counterterrorism officials say. Last week's CIA strike on al-

Qaida's chief operative in Yemen crossed one "top 20" target off U.S. lists. But several key members of the terror group's leadership remain alive and free, although U.S. officials belose their coverage this month if no lieve many are laying low in Pakistan to avoid the worldwide dragnet. Pakistan was the obvious rallying site

once U.S. and anti-Taliban forces overran Afghanistan last year: It is easy to reach but difficult to police. Because of concerns that a U.S. military presence would anger the Pakistani populace, U.S. forces cannot operate with the impunity they enjoy in Afghanistan.

But some of al-Qaida's senior operatives have been on the move presenting a danger and an opportunity, say U.S. counterterrorism offiefits Farmers' customers in the short cials. As mobile operatives cross borterm while providing additional time ders to meet with cells to plot attacks, they often must pass through airports and security checkpoints, spend money and make phone calls, all of John Hageman said the company was which expose them to potential de-nerability to the virus and their lack tection and capture.



Farmers, state reach Many al-Qaida leaders Bill Gates gives \$100

NEW DELHI, India (AP) -Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates pledged \$100 million Monday to fight AIDS in India, a dramatic initiative he said would focus on helping women protect themselves from careless partners.

The \$100 million contribution from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is the largest grant the organization has given to a country to fight the deadly virus. Gates, who wore a "tika," the deep red Hindu mark, on his forehead, started his four-day trip through India with a visit to a private hospice in New Delhi.

"It's a very brave thing to speak out and it's a problem that needs a lot of brave people," Gates told Naveen Kumar, an HIV-positive activist who said India's public health facilities had refused to treat him and his wife.

Kumar said his HIV-positive wife was turned away from public hospitals when she was pregnant. Doctors at one government-run hospital suggested she have an abortion.

"The hospital actually asked my wife to leave. They said it was useless to have the baby," he told Gates. Their daughter is healthy and virus-free, he said.

Gates said his initiative would focus on women, because of their vulof access to treatment in India.

Sniper defense criticizes teen's interrogation

for the sniper suspects criticized the police interrogation of 17-year-old would seek to bar his alleged confession from court.

Malvo reportedly confessed to being the triggerman in several of the Washington-area sniper shootings, including the Virginia slaying in which his alleged accomplice, 41year-old John Allen Muhammad, is charged with murder.

Malvo's lawyer, Michael Arif, criticized police for questioning Malvo without his court-appointed guardian or attorney and for leaking the alleged confession to The Washington Post.

media and poisoning the jury pool with their own paraphrasing and subjective interpretations of state-

McLEAN, Va. (AP) - Lawyers ments made during an unconstitutional interrogation," Arif said.

He said the leak "suggests an inse-John Lee Malvo and said they curity on the part of the commonwealth with the admissibility of these statements."

Malvo talked to investigators for seven hours after he and Muhammad were handed over to Virginia authorities Thursday for prosecution on deathpenalty murder charges. Sources told the Post that Malvo was talkative and even bragged in some of his responses, but kept quiet about Muhammad.

For a murder conviction, prosecutors must show that the defendant was the triggerman. However, under the state's post-Sept. 11 anti-terrorism law, Muhammad could face the death pen-"The police are flooding the alty even if he is not found to be the gunman.

> A Fairfax County police spokesman declined to comment on the in- yers," he said.

terrogation, and Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert E Horan Jr. did not return calls.

One of the shootings for which Malvo reportedly took responsibility is the Oct. 14 slaving of FBI analyst Linda Franklin. Fairfax County prosecutors charged Malvo with capital murder in that killing.

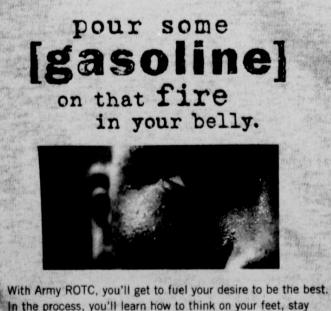
Muhammad is being prosecuted in Prince William County for the Oct. 9 slaying of Dean Harold Meyers. It is unclear how Malvo's alleged confession to that crime

might affect Muhammad's case. Muhammad's attorney, Peter Greenspun, declined to comment on the case directly, but said the interrogation of Malvo without his courtappointed representatives was wrong.

"I think everybody should be concerned about that, not just law-



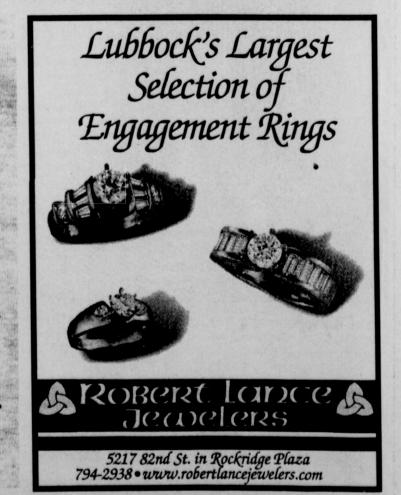
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HSC professor researches ways to rid smoking habi

By Matthew Massie/Staff Reporter

According to the American Lung Association it estimated that of the

Ninety percent of smokers start patient's psychological dependence. Health Sciences smoking before their 21st birthday, and it is estimated there are 4.5 million Americans between the ages of 14 and 18 that currently, chronically smoke.

Of adolescents who have smoked

In many cases, smoking cessation it. devices such as the nicotine patch, nicotine gum and other prescrip-4,800 people who smoke their first tions are less than 20 percent effeccigarette, 2,000 will become smok- tive, according to the Food and Drug maceutical sciences Administration, because of a at Texas Tech's

> In the early 1900s scientists Center in Amarillo, found evidence that the brain had a said he believes a specialized barrier that protected its drug can be develcells. It was termed the blood-brain oped that can cross keeps many substances from enter- smoking cessation by decreasing psy- rier and into the brain.'

at least 100 cigarettes, most report ing the brain, including those sub- chological dependence. they would like to quit but cannot. stances that might be beneficial to

> Allen, assistant professor of phar-

barrier. The blood-brain barrier the blood brain barrier and aid in with a way to get drugs past the bar-

because of the barrier. We use transport proteins, ones drugs to the brain," Allen said. "We are

trying to come up

Allen said he has been research-"There are a lot of beneficial ing drug delivery to the brain since this transport system, using drugs to drugs that cannot 1993, and has recently received an cross the blood-brain barrier, will be get into the brain award from the National Institutes of Health of Health Research En-

> transport nicotine's effects in the brain is one orders as well. needed nutrients to of the ways in which we are trying the brain, to deliver to get medication into the brain by done. this method of protein transport,"

Allen said they have developed several compounds they are testing, and the research is a slow process.

not have the minimum of fairness,

He said it also violates interna-

The U.N. resolution gives in-

Iraq has insisted on respect for

Saeed Mousawi, a senior official

He said it was based on a hypo-

"This decision creates a wide

ground for upcoming crises and not

for a solution," he told the parlia-

If Saddam fails to follow

through, U.S. officials have said a

Pentagon plan calls for more than

against U.S. aggressive schemes"

In a front-page editorial, the

newspaper called on Arab govern-

against Iraq and the Arabs.

200,000 troops to invade Iraq.

used in the past to restrict access to

at the Iraqi Foreign Ministry, noted

the resolution changed the rules

Saddam's palaces.

objectivity and balance."

Allen said he believes the use of used in the future as a way of treating other brain related diseases such hancement to continue his research. as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's, and "A compound that blocks may be effective on other brain dis-

He said he is confident it can be

'We feel this could be a major breakthrough in medical science," Allen said. "But we must continue to test and to stay optimistic about the future."

He told the parliament it "does exporters to boycott the West be-

Gulf oil producers say such a move would be impractical and not

in their interest. "The ill intentions in this reso-In Cairo, foreign ministers of Arab League nations ended a twolution are flagrant and loud in ignoring all the work that has been day meeting with a final communiachieved in past years," Hamadi que that seeks to avoid U.S.-Iraq

confrontation. It urges Iraq and the United Na-"One has to be a bit skeptical spectors unrestricted access to any tions to work together to implesuspected weapons site and the ment the resolution and calls on the right to interview Iraqi scientists United States to commit to pledges outside the country and without it gave Syria that the resolution Iraqi officials present - both issues could not be used to justify military that could become points of dis-

"In our deliberations, the consensus was to deal with the Secuits sovereignty, an argument it has rity Council resolution, accepting its direction, and this is left for the government of Iraq to decide," Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa told reporters late

Sunday after the meeting ended. The Arab ministers put forward thetical, unsubstantiated claim that a united position of "absolute rejection" of any military action against Iraq, saying it represents a threat to the security of all Arab nations - a view Iraqi officials have pressed in recent lobbying of fellow Arab lead-

> They also demanded Arab experts be included on U.N. weapons

They did not specify numbers or Iraq's state-run al-Jumhuriya nationalities, and called on the Security Council to require Israel to ernments and people to "stand firm rid itself of weapons of mass destruc-

In Damascus, the opposition Iraqi Communist Party in exile urged the government to accept the resolution, calling it "the last chance for a diplomatic and peaceful solution."

Overton

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wanted the city to become more aware of the need for adequate and affordable housing.

When one square mile of the most densely populated area in Lubbock is transformed from one use to another, he said, it is necessary to look at the housing needs.

Hernandez said he does not believe the city responded well to the challenge, which is one of the indirect negative aspects of the project.

Other factors he said he is concerned about related to the project include the safety of the citizens and Tech students in the area, he said.

as well as the number of open structures, he is worried about the residents renovations began. traveling back and forth to school and

Some citizens also have expressed it will be 100 percent completed or if mayor.

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enough sleep, leave time to stop ev-

ery two hours, bring a companion and

buy an egg timer to set time to pull

cheaper than your funeral,"

for people to be aware of the dangers

of Drowsy Driving with the holiday

season coming up, a time of extensive

100,000 accidents each year because roads." of drowsy driving in America, and

people suffer from fatigue.

"A \$3 or \$4 egg timer is a lot

University Life Chairman Michael

Memorial

over and sleep.

Henderson said.

the developer will stop partway through, he said.

However, the North Overton area definitely needed some attention, he said, and McDougal's project provided

"This project, like any other project, has its good points and its bad points," he said.

Many residents of the area have either left or are leaving now. According to information compiled by the city, the 2000 Census counted 4,725 residents, while a drive-through estimate last week gave the approximate number of 2,318 people still there.

However, many of those who left will not be able to return to the area, Hernandez said. Although the price increase compared to the city as a Because of the amount of debris in whole is negligible, the increase will the area and the demolition going on, make it virtually impossible to return for those living in Overton before the

This project is unique in many ways, Hernandez said. In addition to the massive changes, the project is doubt on the project's completion, he under increased scrutiny because desaid. Many people have wondered if veloper Delbert McDougal's son is the

Burns said drowsy driving is an

"This is the most important issue

University Life committee mem-

ber and SGA Senator Whitney Bess

said she has worked with the Lubbock

Chamber of Commerce to draft a

week of November Drowsy Driving

of these accidents occur on rural roads,

"This is not just for Tech but for

At noon Wednesday is an in-depth

facing Tech," he said. "This is the most

aggressive and comprehensive cam-

paign of the SGA - it's totally student

important issue on campus.

James Burkhalter, associate vice president for Student Affairs at Tech, said the Overton renovations are beneficial for the university because they provide more housing for the students,

faculty and staff. "Given the growth of the university, we need as much room as we can get," he said.

Because students have the option of living off campus, housing is a major concern to Tech students. The Overton project should help that, Burkhalter said.

Ryan Holland, a sophomore undecided major from Fort Worth, said the project was a good idea and should be beneficial for Tech students. He said he does not think the housing will be overly expensive, either.

"I think it'll help them out," he said. Kelly Hennessy, a sophomore biology major from Dallas, said the Overton project is especially good for Tech because of the housing shortage the university experienced this year.

"Cost is always a concern, but I think it'll be well worth it," she said. "It'd still be improving Tech, and there's always a cost."

Courtyard featuring Tech President David Schmidly and his wife Janet Schmidly as speakers, in addition to Henderson. Students who spoke at Monday night's memorial also will

Drowsy driving accidents have claimed the lives of five students from Tech since 1999, and two in 2002

Drowsy Driving Awareness week previously was a single day in which Tech memorialized people who have died because of drowsy driving. The SGA made the awareness into a week-

EXPERIENCE

Resolution

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President Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, dismissed the Parliament's response Monday.

He rejected the legitimacy of the Parliament's debate on the

of the independence of the Iraqi parliament from Saddam Hussein," she said. "I don't think anyone believes this is anything but an absolute dictatorship and this decision is up to Saddam Hussein."

Iraq has no right to accept or reject the resolution, she said. '

'They are obligated to accept, but the U.N. thought it best to ask for return-receipt requested," Rice said.

Senior Bush administration officials said the president has approved tentative Pentagon plans Iraq had weapons of mass destrucfor invading Iraq should a new U.N. arms inspection effort fail.

The strategy calls for a land, sea and air force of 200,000 to 250,000 troops, officials said.

"Should military action become necessary for our own security, I will commit the full force and might of the United States military and we will prevail," Bush said Monday in a White Daily on Monday urged Arab gov-House speech.

On convening the session, Parliament speaker Saadoun Hamadi denounced the resolu-

He said it was filled with "ill intentions," "falsehood," "lies" and "dishonesty."

ments to use oil as a weapon against the United States and Britain. Saddam has called on Arab oil

about 1,500 fatalities from those accipresentation in the Student Union Send Tech Notes and story ideas to news@universitydaily.net

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P. Burns said he believes it's important proclamation to make the second

travel and also a time when many all of Lubbock too," Bess said. "A lot

Overall, Burns said, there are about and Lubbock is surrounded by rural

Awareness week.



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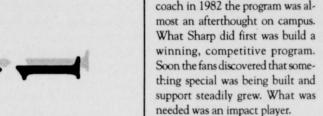
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ers' program.

When Sheryl Swoopes transferred to Tech in 1991, things got really exciting. Swoopes dominated

Tip Off Classic over the weekend.

shows the immense respect that the

Sharp has brought the Lady Raid-

When Sharp became head

The honor is well-deserved and

id you hear the good news? women's college basketball, and the Texas Tech's head women's 1993 National Championship stands basketball coach Marsha as the greatest achievement by any Sharp was elected to the Women's team ever to wear a Tech uniform. Basketball Hall of Fame. The an- Beating Ohio State in the 1993 nouncement was made during the NCAA Championship game was as good as it gets, but the success has con-

The list of Sharp's on-court national basketball community has achievements is stunning and Sharp for Sharp. This is all the more amaz-needs 21 more wins to surpass the 500ing when you consider how far career wins plateau. This season looks to be another successful one for Sharp's squad. She has top players like Plenette Pierson, Jia Perkins and Cisti Greenwalt, and a freshman named Erin Grant promises to make great What Sharp did first was build a things happen for years to come.

> Sharp's dedication to her players rate and the fact so many players come from Texas and remain in the area after graduating. Clearly the lives of many young people have been positively impacted by Sharp.

The Lubbock community has embut one of the Tech Hecklers told me



Sharp's success should be praised

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braced the Lady Raiders and Tech's home attendance is always one of the best in the nation. Many fans travel with the Lady Raiders on road trips and the next major highway project in Lubbock will be named after Sharp. Now that's love.

Why do so many people speak shows in her 99 percent graduation highly of Sharp? I can tell you from personal experience that Sharp is one of the nicest people on this campus. When I first got to Tech (a few years ago) I didn't have much interest in attending a women's basketball game,

fun. I gave it a try, and I've been and black balloons are passed out to attending games.

All too often, coaches who have a great deal of success develop large egos. I don't sense that at all from Sharp. In fact, she treats every fan as an important part of her program. She knows that Tech's loud home advantage intimidates visiting teams that are used to playing in front of small crowds.

But there's something more important to her than her relationship with the Lady Raider fans. She listens to people and her kindness is as genuine as her West Texas accent. Folks around here can tell when someone is a phony, and they know that Sharp really cares about the fans. Little things are done to make games fun for everyone.

In case you haven't been to a Lady Raiders game, I'd like to tell you about coach Tech has ever had.

the Lady Raiders' games were a lot of an example of this. At halftime, red hooked since. Sharp has actually taken Tech students and to the children that the time to thank me personally for attend the games. While this is primarily done so students can wave balloons when opponents are trying to make free throws it also makes games more fun for Tech students and kids. It doesn't cost much and you don't know how many kids smile the rest of the game. This is the kind of friendly, fun atmosphere that surrounds home Lady Raiders' games.

Sharp has accomplished so much over the course of her amazing career, but being elected into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame has to rank up there as being one of the best. Later this season she'll get her 500th career win, and I'm hoping she gets it right here in the United Spirit Arena. She has brought glory to herself, her program, Tech and the state of Texas I only hope she feels up to coaching for another 20 seasons. She's the best

War on terrorists justified, not divine rig

Bowie once said, "God is an American; I'm afraid of Americans." This is a belief that of U.S. citizens here and abroad. A sponsorship of American policies, and "me." particularly by the conservative right, is very egotistical, not to mention that it goes against the whole concept of religion and makes me Stars and Stripes?

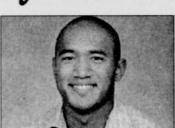
You cannot drive down the street swinging your dead cat without hitting a car with a bumper sticker proclaiming, "God bless America" or "In God we trust" or even "I brake for Hooters Girls." (Readers should hicle and swinging any animal, deceased or otherwise can be buckets of fun but requires practice and lots of tape, so do so responsibly.) People seem to love the idea that the ulti-

backing for the United States, espe-

he British poet David that no loving god would promote the annihilation of innocents; therefore, retributive actions by our government are warranted. So naturally, it is our seems to be instilled in the majority right to assume God approves. But you know what they say about the words wide-spread assumption of divine "assume." It makes an "ass" out of "u"

Think about this. Before a football game between two teams, players on both sides are praying for a win. Who is God to choose? Does She have to ask: When did God start flying the choose since both teams are asking and God answers all prayers? Does She even care? Whichever team wins always ends up praising God for Her help in their triumph, usually through incoherent and fragmented sentences ending in "ya know?" It's true, teams do pray for the health of the athletes and what be aware that operating a motor ve- not, but remember, you can't win games with a team full of gimps, so what is it that they are really praying for I ask?

So follow me on this transition. Name me a culture that said "Yeah, you may have God on your side, but we be smoked!" No. Every time two or The main argument for God's more countries decide to square off, they both hold "God's will" as part of cially in recent times, is the claim their sovereign right to act as they to give them credibility. America, my



Dave Ring

imisspants@hotmail.com please. Does anyone else see the problem with this?

Maybe you don't think governments, i.e. the United States, use God as a policy figurehead. Well, I hope that rock you live under doesn't fall on your stupid, ugly head. Religious threads are woven not only into American culture but the whole of human history.

Every influential civilization in humanity's brief, yet entertaining past has held some sort of higher/otherworldly dimension as a basis for their values and beliefs. Look at paganism, polytheism, ancestralism, monotheism or any other doctrine you fancy and you mate power rocks the red, white and ... have quicker-drying socks! Prepare to ... can attribute some group who were in power to each and every one of them.

All great nations have adopted some sort of supernatural bodyguards

friends, is no different.

Now in this war against an abstract term called "evil" we see a consolidation of efforts spanning different religious doctrines in the "patriotic" support for American justice. Believers in anything in between, we are still fellow citizens who went through a terrible transgression.

But wait, there are other believers in a one-true-"I am" the "God of Abraham" who realized that getting behind the stick of three-passenger jets and ramming them into the sides of buildings is what God commanded them to do. Yes, the doctrinal differences between Christians, Jews and Muslims differ greatly, but Abraham is held as a key player in all three histories. So it seems to me that God isn't choosing sides, it's humanity who's picking sides for Her.

I am admittedly a quasi-cultural relativist, but it is true, "nobody is right, if everybody is wrong." We as Americans have to realize that by justifying our actions with a close-minded belief that we are that sparkling-white city

on the hill, established by the Ultimate Power to watch over and bring all heathens to enlightenment, we are thinking in the exact same way that those we call "terrorists" are thinking.

You may not like that idea, but that a one-true-"I am" the "God of doesn't mean it isn't true. It is hard for Abraham," realized that no matter me to think the God who said, "Love what you are, Jew, Baptist, Catholic or thy neighbor as thy self" appreciates Americans using Her as an excuse to attack anyone at all.

I do think we are justified in hunting down those responsible for the attacks and making sure we do all we can to keep it from happening again. I don't think we are right in saying that God has anything to do with it.

I know I'm probably losing half my readers by addressing a "serious" issue, but I hope that the other three of you (besides you mom and dad) will keep in mind that life is not all fun and games. Well, it's mostly fun and games, but there are times when those with a voice need to speak up for what they believe in. But in the cases where those people don't speak, you can count on bumbling scribes like myself to step up to bat. I hope you all have a great week, and please don't set fire to my car until the weekend.

Letters to the Editor

Requiring two IDs ridiculous, illogical

This letter is to address the continuing shenanigans of Texas Tech's Student Government Association. Their latest genius idea is to require two forms of ID to get into all Tech sporting events. Their reasoning is to get more Tech students to the games. Let's look at this logically; if someone doesn't want to go to the game (which is a very common situ-

ticket to someone else to get more Conference with such a policy. people in the seats. With this idea if - Adam Boedeker is a senior adversomeone doesn't want to go, no one tising major from Flower Mound. goes. They will try to tell us that they have a "limited number" of paper tickets to pick up in exchange for an ID, so why not just go back to the paper tickets for all games like we used to? I can understand if they implemented this policy for the Texas game, since it will be sold out. But to do this for every game is simply ridiculous and defeats its own logic.

Also, on a side note, why the hell Jones SBC Stadium; I'm pretty sure

Comment irrelevant, issue is discrimination

In his letter to the editor, Mechanical Engineering Chairman Thomas Burton said if former law school Dean Frank Newton was haunted by the possibility that he may have misunderstood President David Schmidly's can we not take bottled water into comment, he should have "issued a retraction to his original statement."

retraction. But he didn't. Perhaps this embarrassing lack of diversity. reflects not equivocation or uncertainty on his part but pressure to re-

To me, whether Schmidly made this comment is irrelevant. President Schmidly's record speaks volumes on his receptivity to appointing women in general and men and women of color in particular to leadership positions at this university. Dr. Burton argues that President Schmidly's record of promoting diversity at Tech is "impeccable" and that ample evidence supports this conclusion. Dr. Burton,

ation around here), they can give their it's the only stadium in the Big 12 Dr. Burton is correct. If Newton was what evidence? A cursory glance at uncertain, he should have offered a this university's statistics reveals an

> It is time for the administration to stop focusing an inordinate amount of attention on whether President Schmidly made this comment and begin taking affirmative steps to rectify the rampant sex- and race-based discrimination that is epidemic in its proportions. Dr. Burton, if you are looking for evidence of race- and gender-based discrimination, according to the EEOC, you need not look any further than your own academic department. - Mandy Reichek is a third-year



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Tech student gains 'Idol'istic future prospect

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

Another Texan is heading to Hollywood for a shot at being the next 'American Idol.' Texas Tech student Jerome Bell will perform on the next 'American Idol' TV show in January.

His journey to stardom began at the FOX34 Idol auditions in Lubbock, but he did not make the final cut. Bell said he decided to audition on his own in Austin. Now, Bell is going to Hollywood for the opportunity to sign a record contract on the hit TV show.

At the 'American Idol' auditions in Austin on Sunday, Bell, a sophomore undecided major and Lubbock native, auditioned in front of the 'American Idol' show judges, Paula Abdul, Randy Jackson and Simon Cowell.

"It was so weird seeing them in person," he said.

When Bell walked in the auditioning room, he said it was nothing like it appears on television.

He said there were cameras everywhere, and it was very bright.

He said auditioning for them seemed unreal, but they were very friendly.

"They made me feel so comfortable," he said.

He sang 'Always and Forever' by Luther Vandross. Bell said he was only required to sing one verse of the song, but the judges allowed him to continue singing the entire song. He said it was the responses from Abdul, Jackson and Cowell that gave him confi-

"Randy said 'Man, I would give you a record deal right now,' Paula said 'You sounded amazing,' and Simon said 'You sounded fantastic," Bell said.

Bell said he walked out of the room

"I was yelling at the top of my lungs," he said.

Immediately following the audition, Bell said the producers of the show were praising him.

He said the producers reassured because they let him sing the entire out," he said.

best response we've seen all day from to the 'American Idol' auditions in the judges," Bell said. "I couldn't be-

Later on, Bell said he saw Cowell and Jackson having lunch and walked up to them to thank them.

praised him again on his performance said. and reassured him he would do well on the upcoming show.

Now, Bell is focusing on completing this semester of school and heading to Hollywood in January. He said he is debating on whether he should take next semester off from school in hopes of continuing on the show.

Bell said he never imagined he would go to Hollywood. He was not even the local FOX34 Idol finalist.

"I didn't even make it in the top three in Lubbock," he said.

Before the FOX34 Idol held auditions for the final three, Bell said he was in Florida singing at a wedding reception and was coming down with a

By the time the auditions rolled around, Bell had a sore throat and his voice cracked when he sang.

"I didn't expect to make it in Lubhim the 'America Idol' judges like him bock because I didn't sing my heart Hollywood.

FOX34 paid for the accommoda-"The producers said, 'That was the tions for the FOX34 Idol winner to go Austin and guaranteed the finalist a spot to audition. But anyone who did not make the cut had to go to Austin on their own.

"After I lost, I told myself 'I am go-He said Cowell and Jackson ing to sing my butt off in Austin," he young.

down to Austin on Nov. 3 and stayed not stop until I let him," she said.

Bell said he camped out overnight at the Doubletree Hotel in Austin for the first set of auditions in front of the producers of the show.

He said he was one of the 500 people who made it in the first round out of 2,000 people who auditioned.

Bell said he was eligible for the next stage of auditions in front of the show's executive producer, which was Saturday, and he passed it.

"I was really nervous, but I felt better when I made it," he said.

Bell said he is one of the 15 people who passed the audition in front of the 'American Idol' judges.

Bell's mother, Thelma Davis from Lubbock, said it has been worth the wait to find out her son is going to

"We're starting to breathe now.," she said. "It was a long haul."

When auditions for FOX Idol were announced in Lubbock in October, Davis said she was already making arrangements to take her son to Austin for the 'American Idol' auditions.

She said she has been aware of his great talent for singing since he was

"When he was 5, he would cry at Bell said he and his family drove church to sing with the choir and would

Courtesy Photo
JEROME BELL, A sophomore undecided major from Lubbock poses with Clarence Davis, his stepfather (far left), Thelma Davis, his mother,

Paula Abdul and Chris Vu, a friend Bell met while auditiong for 'Americal Idol.' She said she was not worried about

him auditioning. "After we got there and heard everyone sing, I knew Jerome would make it," his mother said.

Bryan Hughes, FOX34 anchorman, came to Austin as soon as he found out Bell was auditioning in front of Abdul, Jackson and Cowell.

"It was really an awesome experi-

Hughes was able to get interviews with Abdul, Jackson and Cowell who were all extremely friendly, he said.

The judges told Hughes great comments about Bell's performance and he said they were praising him even after the audition.

Hughes said FOX34 is will more than likely to follow Bell to Hollywood to cover his performance in the 'American Idol' show.

Acclaimed philosopher reveals meanings behind movie music

By Harvey A. Mireles/ Staff Reporter

The Philosophy Colloquium Series welcomed a discussion on philosophy, politics and "Wayne's World" Monday evening to about 100 Tech students in the English lecture hall.

Acclaimed pioneering "rock 'n' roll philosopher," Professor Theodore Gracyk, a professor of philosophy at Minnesota State University, brought said. his lecture "Wayne and Garth and the Politics of Identity" to the campus. He was the first and remains the leading authority on the philosophy of rock

The lecture touched on one of the

Politics of Identity." His newest publication was recently selected a cowinner of the 2002 International Association of the Study of Popular Music and was selected as one of last year's top books by the Library Journal.

popular culture has on the individual.

"The idea is based on how we, as

He said when people discuss popular culture, many make "bad assumptions" when interpreting it.

"When people view popular art and fine art, most audiences think there is a difference," he said.

Wanna Be Me: Rock Music and the pop culture like the way Wayne and of philosophy at Tech, said he was re-Garth do in "Wayne's World," they are able to apply it to their everyday lives.

> "Getting through pop culture is much more complex than most think it is," said Gracyk.

He has been studying and research-Gracyk's book discusses the effects ing his idea of philosophy of rock 'n' roll music for about 10 years.

Gracyk said his primary reason for culture, go interpreting art," Gracyk entering the field of philosophy of art stems from his desire to know more than the average rock fan.

> "I was tired of how many stupid things people would state about rock music and the superficial things that people would say that don't get challenged," he said.

ally excited to have Gracyk speaking for the Philosophy Colloquium Series.

"Gracyk's ideas are very worth while," Meskin said. "I'm very sympathetic that we should take rock and films seriously as forms of art."

Meskin said he first met Gracyk and heard his work at conferences. He said they have known each other for about three years.

'Getting the money, working with Ted's schedule was how we were able to bring him to Tech," Meskin said.

The Tech Department of Philosophy, Tech's Fine Arts Doctoral Program and the College of Visual and

Performing Arts sponsored the event.

rock music," Meskin said. "He's the man of philosophy and rock 'n' roll."

Daniel Nathan, associate professor of philosophy at Tech, said he believes Gracyk brings an important and extraordinarily unique view among philosophers.

We invite speakers from around the country and around the world," Nathan said. "The speakers range all different types of philosophy, including legal, ethics and arts."

He said the committee who selects the guest lecturers looks for speakers who "cross diplomacy interest."

"We want (the speakers) to show how philosophy is a part of other parts

of our lives," Nathan said.

gratifying part of his research has not been the awards but the responses he has received from those who follow it.

"Two years ago I created a Web site, and since then I've received an e-mail a week from those with ages ranging from high school students to college students to college professors," he said. "It's kind of fun."

Recently, two additional philosophers have published books about the philosophy of rock. Gracyk said the total number of professors in this field is now at four.

"It's very gratifying that they are teaching my philosophy," Gracyk said. "The general field of studying popular music is a growing interdisciplinary



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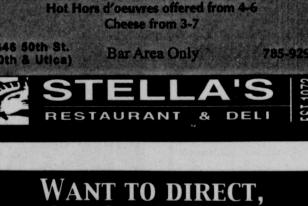
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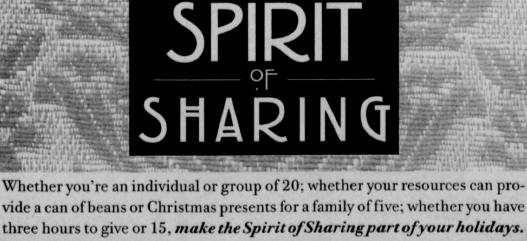




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'8-Mile' delves into rap culture Eminem cashes in,

have to admit, I had my doubts. First of all, I have always disliked Marshall Mathers (Eminem) and his music. Second, I was worried that "8-Mile" would be a rags-to-riches story of a young white rapper living in the ghetto whose talent blasts him to super stardom. I did not want to see Eminem's biography. There have been too many instances where singers have tried to turn their careers toward acting and failed miserably. Mariah Carey in "Glitter" and Britney Spears in "Crossroads" are two prime examples.

Luckily, "8-Mile" focuses more on the culture of what is known as "hip hop," rather than being a way for Eminem to promote his music. It's a down and dirty story of a young man named Jimmy Smith Jr. (Eminem) who has a passion for rap and a world of problems to influence his lyrics.

The film opens with Jimmy, known as "Rabbit," about to go on stage at a rap club called The Shelter. He is preparing to participate in what could only be described as a rap war.



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"Whether one wants to admit it or not, rap and hip-hop are art forms."

Two contestants are each given 45 seconds to out rap and trash their opponent. But when the moment of truth comes, Jimmy chokes. He is booed off the stage and walks home with his head hung low. The film is mainly about Jimmy's quest to rebuild his self-respect.

Home for Jimmy is in a trailer with his mother (Kim Basinger), her deadbeat boyfriend and his sister. They live on the bad side of town. The city's good side and trashy side are separated by the street "8-Mile," where the film derives its name.

But this is not a film about class distinction or even race. It's more about relationships and more importantly, a culture that some may not want to admit exists.

Jimmy runs with a small crew including his best friend Future (the excellent Mekhi Phifer from "O"). Future is a key player in Jimmy's life because he not only believes in his talent, but also he keeps him out of trouble and vouches for him.

Jimmy also connects with Alex (Brittany Murphy) who is more devoted to him than reliable. Even after the two have a falling out, she is still there for him when he is put to the test in the film's riotous climax.

Without giving away the ending, I will say that the filmmakers made the right decision in leaving Jimmy where they left him.

I realize now, the question on peoples' minds will be, "Can Eminem act?" I'm not sure. The role of Jimmy cannot be too much of a stretch for Eminem just because he is playing himself, or at least a version of himself. But indeed, he does a fine job

Although I highly doubt Eminem's name will be called when nominations are announced. What will really tell the tale is if Eminem proves he can be versatile with his roles. But for now, he is right at home in a movie like this.

I think what I loved about the movie was that I really felt I was experiencing the underbelly of a culture I had not previously been acquainted with. I found myself intrigued by everything I was seeing. Whether one wants to admit it or not, rap and hiphop are art forms.

So do I like Eminem any more than before I saw this movie? Not really. But it's strange that everything I hate about him, I loved about him in this movie. "8-Mile" is not a "Hollywood Ghetto Story," but like an angry mob, it pulls you in and even roughs you up a little bit.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★★

**** - Flawless *** - Excellent *** - Good ** - Mediocre * - Awful

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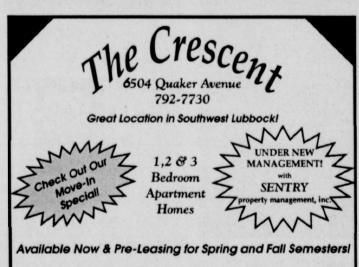
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steals the big screen

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Eminem show has conquered movie theaters.

"8 Mile," the rapper's semi-au-\$54.5 million in its first weekend - the sort of success that eludes cross over to film.

It was the second-best opening ever for an R-rated film behind "Hannibal," which debuted last year with \$58 million.

The big debut and strong results for holdover films lifted the overall box office. The top 12 movies grossed \$133.8 million, up 15 percent over the same weekend last

In "8 Mile," Eminem plays a young white singer struggling in the black-dominated hip-hop scene of where Eminem grew up.

"8 Mile" bumped last weekend's No. 1 movie, "The Santa Clause 2," into second place with \$24.8 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The triumph of "8 Mile" follows the No. 1 debut of the film's soundtrack this month and the chart-topping success of the singer's latest album, "The Eminem Show."

dicates Eminem has gained more flicks with last year's "Glitter." mainstream acceptance after critics branded him a homophobe and misogynist for violent, obscenitylaced lyrics on his previous best-selling records.

Universal, which distributed the movie, said women made up 53 percent of the audience. And while 69 percent of the audience was younger than 25, a fair number of older adults showed up, the studio said.

"A lot more parents are interested in it than I would have thought," said Nikki Rocco, Universal's head of distribution. "In my neighborhood, we went to a theater nearby and quite frankly, I saw parents in their 40s and 50s going to see the film with their teens."

Results for "8 Mile" far exceeded the studio's expectations. As late as lion. Friday morning, Rocco said she had been hoping for an opening-weekend gross of \$25 million to \$30 million.

"Eminem's on top of the world," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "Right now, he's just the hottest thing going."

Playing in a relatively modest 2,470 theaters, "8 Mile" averaged a whopping \$22,050 a cinema.

The weekend's only other new tobiographical movie debut, took in wide release, Brian De Palma's crime thriller "Femme Fatale," opened weakly at No. 9 with \$2.8 million, most pop stars when they try to averaging \$2,655 in 1,066 theaters.

Todd Haynes' 1950s-era melodrama "Far From Heaven," starring Julianne Moore and Dennis Quaid, opened big in limited release. The film grossed \$207,000 in six theaters for an impressive \$34,518 average.

Unlike many singers aiming for big-screen success, Eminem benefited from a collaboration with top-notch filmmakers. Directed by Curtis Hanson ("L.A. Confidential," "Wonder Boys") and produced by Brian Grazer (an Academy Award winner for last year's "A Beautiful Mind"), "8 Detroit's bleak Eight Mile area, Mile" earned solid overall reviews and good notices for Eminem and his costars, including Kim Basinger.

Singers such as Ice Cube and LL Cool I have done well on film but often in ensemble or supporting roles. Madonna has had a fitful film career, including the major flops "Shanghai Surprise" and this fall's "Swept Away." Britney Spears' "Crossroads" was a minor success last spring.

Mariah Carey had perhaps the The movie's huge opening in- most notable bomb among pop-star

"Typically, expectations are extremely low for this kind of movie. People go, 'Oh, another pop star in a movie," Dergarabedian said. "8 Mile' raises the standard for pop stars in terms of what is possible in a movie if the filmmaking pedigree is there."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures will be released Monday.

Box Office Top Ten

1. "8 Mile," \$54.5 million. 2. "The Santa Clause 2," \$24.8 million.

3. "The Ring," \$16 million. 4. "I Spy," \$9 million.

5. "Jackass: The Movie," \$7.2 mil-

6. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," \$5.8 million. 7. "Sweet Home Alabama," \$3.8

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Grote setting table for Red Raider hitters

Filling the shoes left by former Texas Tech sitter Skydra Orzen, who was the No. 2 setter in the nation last season, would be a difficult task for anyone, but this year, redshirt sophomore Laura Grote has succeeded and recently carried the team to commanding victories.

Her coach, Jeff Nelson said Grote has been a catalyst for has performed her job description well the offense this season her coach said.

"The last three weeks Laura has liver," Nelson said. played really good volleyball," Nelson "And the hitting persaid. "Her work ethic has improved, centages have gone up and her confidence has improved greatly."

Playing setter is no easy job. It is the equivalent to pitching or playing quarterback. Night in and night out Grote is in control of the pace of the offense and puts the team's offense on Player of the Week on her shoulders.

Nelson said. "As a setter, you have to quarterback your team to victory every night, and that's a tough task."

ing and the way she's delivering the Player of the Week without her." ball lately," Nelson said.

high percentages in their last two matches. In its last five games Tech has hit more than .300. The high per- when we're down," she said. "I know

play, even though she believes other-

"We've hit high percentages, but that necessarily doesn't have anything to do with me," Grote said. "Some people I can just chunk the ball up, and they'll put it away

no matter what."

Nelson said Grote

"A setter has to deevery week lately."

Outside hitter Kelly Johnson has set three school records in the last three matches and was named Big 12 Monday. She credits "She's figuring how to lead," the records and

awards to Grote for setting her up to recognizes this and believes she still make numerous kills

"She's delivered so well," Johnson "I'm very happy with her play call- said. "I wouldn't have been Big 12

Without Grote the Raiders would The Red Raiders have hit with be without one of its most influential motivators, Johnson said.

"Her attitude pushes the team

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter centages are a direct effect of Grote's if I'm getting blocked, she's always Nelson said. "Laura has started to find there to talk us back up. She's turned out to be an awesome leader.'

Grote brings a different kind of flare to the game than Orzen, which

sets the two apart. "This year I've brought a lot of en-

ergy," Grote said. "I'm **GROTE FILE** more vocal, and I try to CLASSIFICATION: Redshirt Sophomore have a lot more fun out

there."

replace be-

fender and

setter. Grote

HIGH SCHOOL: Westwood 2001-02 STATS: • Has started all 23 matches. •Leads team with 1,086 assists. • Averages 13.08 assists per game. • Third of the team with 17 service aces. • Has 161 digs.

NAME: Laura Grote

HOMETOWN: Austin

Position: Setter

Notes: Grote sat out last year to have more years of eligibility. She took over for Tech's all-time leader in assists, Skydra Orzen.

has things to do to catch up with I've made my own."

"I've noticed I still have a lot to learn about defense," Grote said.

Defense or no defense, Grote is still great setter because she has established herself on the court and begin to create her own style.

"I think every setter is different,"

her comfort zone. She's starting to do nice things for us. We'll have the ability to do very good things if she continues to develop because she's very intelligent and knows the game very

Grote is second in the conference in assists per game and will be in the Top 25 in the nation when stats are updated this week.

Her teammates recognize her performance and believe she has stepped into the role well and had confidence Nelson that she would do so.

"Laura has turned out to be an awesaid Orzen some setter," Johnson said. "I always brought more knew she would be. She's been so condefense to the sistent in delivering that she's added a position, and she is hard to big plus to the team."

Orzen may have left big shoes to cause she was fill, but Grote said she believes she a great dewears her own.

> "I brought another element to the team," Grote said. "I don't think I could ever fill her shoes, but I think

Grote and the Raiders return to action to face Baylor at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena. The two teams have become bitter rivals over the last couple of seasons. The Bears swept the Raiders the first time the two teams played on Oct. 9 in Waco.



TEXAS TECH SETTER Laura Grote sets the ball to a Red Raider outside hitter during Tech's win against Kansas last Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena. Grote leads the team this year in assists and has started in every match this season.

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Lady Raiders to play exhibition

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders will play their first home game of the season in an exhibition game against Spartak Moscow

at 7 p.m. today in the Texas Tech United Spirit Arena.

Tech lost its seasonopener Sunday to Louisiana Tech 85-76. The Lady Techsters' win gave them | Basketball a 25-4 record in seasonopeners.

This is the first of two exhibition games before Tech returns to its regular season schedule Nov. 24 against Washington.

Tech is ranked No. 7 in both the AP poll and the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll.

In Tech's loss to La. Tech, Plenette Pierson led the team with 25 points and 13 rebounds. Guard Jia Perkins added 16 of her own, and freshman point guard Erin Grant tallied 13 points in

her first game as a Lady Raider. The Lady Raiders will play host

in another exhibition game at 2 p.m. Sunday against the Houston

Bonds unanimous pick for fifth National League MVP award

awards so fast and so often, he doesn't know what to do with them.

"All my trophies are in storage. I don't have a house big enough," Bonds said Monday after winning the National League MVP for a record fifth time. "I happen to have a little house in San Francisco. I've been living out

Bonds, the only baseball player with more than three MVP awards, won it unanimously for the first time. The San Francisco Giants outfielder

NEW YORK (AP) — Barry Bonds 448 points in balloting by the Base- on-base percentage. He had a .799

but this is great. I'm very happy about enough to lead the major leagues. it, very excited," Bonds said Tuesday in Japan, where he is on the major league all-star tour. "I'm trying to figure out why a 38-year-old player is still playing like this.

"Forget the historical part about Guerrero (168). of storage for the last eight, nine years MVPs. I'm overjoyed, very happy, very pleased, especially coming off the 73home-run year, to be able to pretty much stay consistent," he said.

Bonds hit .370 to win his first NL batting title, and set records with 198 received all 32 first-place votes and walks, 68 intentional walks and a .582 three times, and only 10 others have Jeff Kent in 2000.

is winning Most Valuable Player ball Writers' Association of America. slugging percentage, down from his "I'd rather win the World Series, record .863 last year but still good

St. Louis outfielder Albert Pujols was second with 26 second-place votes and 276 points, followed by Houston outfielder Lance Berkman (181) and Montreal outfielder Vladimir

Bonds also won the MVP award for Pittsburgh in 1990 and 1992 and for the Giants in 1993 and 2001, and is the first player to twice win the honor in consecutive seasons. No other player has won an MVP award more than

won it in consecutive seasons.

In other sports, only the NHL's Wayne Gretzky (nine), and NBA's Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (six) and Bill Russell and Michael Jordan (five each) have won as many or more MVP awards as Bonds has.

"I wish mine could be respected as much as theirs, but unfortunately they haven't," Bonds said.

Last year, Bonds received 30 of 32 first-place votes, with two Chicago writers casting their ballots for Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa. Bonds finished second to Atlanta's Terry Pendleton in 1991 and to teammate

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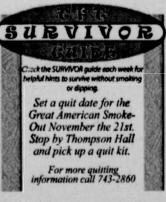
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Hunt for Big 12 sack record accomplished

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech defensive end Aaron Hunt had almost given up Saturday against Oklahoma State, but there was a twinkling hope that he could still make the one play that would define his career.

Hunt's sack of Josh Fields with only minutes remaining in the final quarter gave him the overall Big 12 Conference sack record over former record holder Kansas State defensive end Darren Howard, now a starting lineman for the New Orleans Saints. Hunt's sack on Saturday gave him a total of 30 in his career.

The day after the game Hunt spoke about the frustration of having to wait the entire game to get to the quarter-

"It took a while, until the fourth quarter, but I'm happy that it happened," Hunt said. "They just kept throwing it, and they were double teaming me the whole game so I thought maybe it's not going to happen, but I still had a little hope in me."

Climbing the Big 12 ladder over some of the great ends to play in this league is an accomplishment all in itself, and defensive coordinator Greg McMackin said the achievement is a

"It's a great accomplishment to be a top-notch player.

the career leader not only at the university but also in the Big 12," McMackin said. "There have been some great pass rushers to come through this league."

records Kliff Kingsbury and his offen- and off the field.

sive teammates have put up.

Kingsbury said he was pleased with what his defensive teammate was able to do.

"It was awesome," Kingsbury said. "He's an amazing player. Teams have been game planning him and doubleteaming him. Seeing him get

that record is great to see."

Hunt, over the span of his career, has made impacts on a state and national scale. He has made an all-star team every season since he came to Tech ranging from second-team freshman All-American in 1999 to the 2002 pre-season Playboy All-American team. The coaches who have worked with him consider him to be

McMackin has Hunt at the top of coached in his career. That is quite a feat considering McMackin worked with Warren Sapp, Kenny Holmes a big old guy. I think that's great." The record gives Tech another and Kenard Lang while at Miami. achievement to go with the offensive McMackin spoke highly of Hunt on leader, Hunt said he is relieved to be

team player,"

McMackin said.

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NAME: Aaron Hunt CLASSIFICATION: Senior POSITION: Defensive End HOMETOWN: Denison HIGH SCHOOL: Denison High 2001-02 STATS: • Has started all 11 games this season. • First on the team five sacks . Third on the team with 88 tackles. • First on the team with 15 tackles for a loss. NOTES: Set the Big 12 Conference record on Saturday with 30 sacks in a career.

Hunt's head coach Mike Leach further elaborated on Hunt's character saying he was a down-to-earth player with a humorous comment.

"Did you tell him that he did it vet, because he might not know," Leach said. "He's a pretty level-headed guy."

Leach also spoke about what kind player the defensive end was and what the coach thought of the way he looks while he plays the game.

"He's a really explosive player," his list with the best players he has Leach said. "I think its great to see a guy that big run that fast. Plus he's got that little No. 9 on his chest, and he's

Now that Hunt is the all-time sack rid of the sack-record monkey on his "He's a great back and happy to be able to concentrate on giving his best performance against Texas and Oklahoma. Getting the record against OSU was a goal not "He has done evonly to concentrate on the run at the Big 12 South championship but also to get the record in front of Tech's fans.

> "I wanted to get it out of the way in front of the home crowd, and it worked out for me," Hunt said.

he's a great per-McMackin echoed the importance of Hunt earning the record in front of the Tech crowd. about

> "I think that's what makes it so special," McMackin said. "The fans have been so supportive, especially the students. It's great for him to have achieved this in front of his fellow students and fans."

Hunt will try and add to his sack total when the Raiders face rival Texas at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium. Tech can win the Big 12 South and advance to the Big 12 Championship gave if it wins Saturday and next week against Oklahoma in Norman, Okla.



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE end Aaron Hunt sacks Oklahoma State quarterback Josh Fields to set the Big 12 Conference sack record on Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium. Hunt now has 30 career sacks.

Freshman McNeal will start at quarterback for Aggies

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — One week after looking like the true freshman that he is, Texas A&M quarterback Reggie McNeal came off the bench and led the Aggies to an upset of No. 1 ranked Oklahoma.

The Aggies' quarterback of the future has arrived.

After getting spot duty throughout the season, McNeal got his most extensive playing time under the spot-

light against the top-ranked Sooners upset loss to Oklahoma State Nov. 2. and threw four touchdown passes in a He threw three incomplete passes, two 30-26 victory that dented Oklahoma's national championship hopes.

"Yes," coach R.C. Slocum said without hesitation Monday when asked if McNeal would start Saturday's game against the Missouri Tigers. "Based on his performance last week, I think he's earned it."

of which could have been intercepted. A week later, McNeal shellshocked the Sooners with his running and passing.

"I had to stay calm," McNeal said. "If the team sees me panic, even though I'm just a freshman, they see the quarterback panic and not feeling comfortable with himself; that would McNeal played briefly in A&M's make them feel something was wrong.

"I just had to stay cool about the whole situation."

McNeal hit Terrance Murphy with a 61-yard touchdown pass midway in the second quarter and closed out the half with a 40-yard touchdown pass to Greg Porter in the back of the end zone.

He completed eight of 13 passes for 191 yards, four touchdowns and one interception. He rushed 16 times for 89 yards.

For his efforts, McNeal was named the Big 12 Conference offensive player of the week.

"Reggie coming into the game sparked us," Porter said. "I don't think Oklahoma was ready for Reggie to drop back and at the first sight of an open hole to take off running."

Ohio State tops new BCS standings

(AP) - Miami is No. 1 in two spot in the AP media poll last week polls, but Ohio State is atop the Bowl Championship Series standings.

The Buckeyes (11-0) have 3.41 points to lead Monday's chart, while Miami (9-0) is No. 2 with 4.10 points. Each moved up one spot after previous BCS leader Oklahoma lost to Texas A&M 30-26 Saturday.

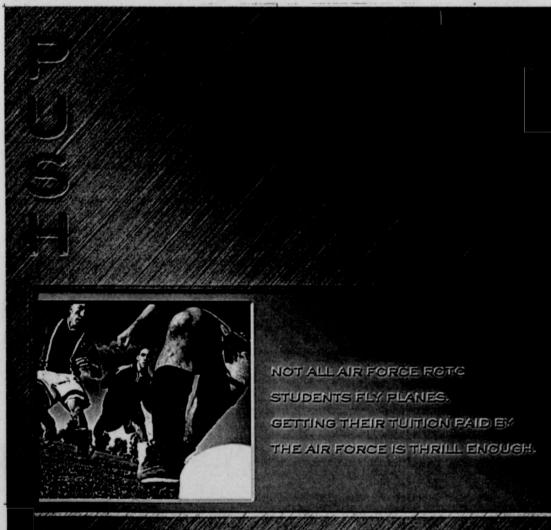
If Ohio State and Miami - the only unbeaten teams remaining win the rest of their games, they will play for the national championship. The top two teams in the final BCS standings released Dec. 8 will play in the national title game at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., on Jan. 3.

champion, temporarily lost the top 11.50 points.

but is now a unanimous No. 1 following a 26-3 win over Tennessee.

The Buckeyes are ahead of Miami for one reason - quality win points. Ohio State has a 4.21 composite total, compared with Miami's 4.10. But the Buckeyes got a 0.8 deduction for a 25-7 victory over Washington State on Sept. 14.

Ohio State's deduction went from 0.6 points last week to 0.8 points this week because the Cougars jumped two spots to No. 3 in the new BCS standings. Washington State (9-1) has 8.77 points, folowed by Oklahoma (8-1) with Miami, the defending national 10.05 points, and Texas (9-1) with



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