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Professor arrested in HSC plague inquiry

By Kelly McAlister and Heidi Toth/Staff Reporters

The Chief of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Infectious Disease Division has been charged by the FBI for making a false statement to law enforcement officers during an investigation into the temporary disappearance of plague-causing bacteria.

Dr. Thomas Butler was being held by the FBI Wednesday evening at the Lubbock County Jail. He is expected to appear before a magistrate Thursday, said Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for News and Publications.

More than 30 slides of plague-causing bacteria that had been reported

missing from the HSC Tuesday were accounted for Wednesday, law enforcement officials said.

According to a news release issued by university officials Wednesday prior to his arrest, Butler has been involved in plague research for more than 25 years and is internationally recognized in his field. Butler also serves as a professor of medicine at the HSC. At press time Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith was unavailable for comment on Butler's arrest.

HSC officials reported Monday afternoon that slides containing *Yersinia pestis* were missing. The Tech Police Department, Lubbock Police Department, FBI and Texas Department of Public Safety were alerted and an investigation began.

Although the slides were accounted for, FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Lupe Gonzales said the investigation is ongoing. However, the case is not considered high-risk.

Smith said he was satisfied with how the situation was being handled during a press conference Wednesday afternoon.

"The systems worked very well and the protection mechanisms are in place," he said. "I'm sorry we had to test the system, but I would certainly give it an A-plus."

University administrators did not anticipate a problem when the slides

were discovered missing, Smith said. However, they needed assurance that the situation was under control before going public with the announcement. Officials did not receive definite confirmation the slides had been accounted for until about 15 minutes before a press conference Wednesday afternoon.

Smith emphasized no violations of policy had taken place during the investigation.

Smith said the disappearance of the slides was not the fault of any procedures or policies the Health Sciences Center has in place. Instead, one

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FBI SPECIAL AGENT Lupe Gonzales answers questions about bubonic plague vials at a news conference at the Lubbock Police Department on Wednesday.
Texas Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith awaits his turn to speak. A Tech professor was later arrested in connection to the incident.
JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

FINANCIAL Frustrations



JAY BOX, A junior pre-pharmacy major from Roswell, N.M., turns in paperwork to receive financial aid in the Financial Aid Office, located on the third floor of West Hall on Monday afternoon.

JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

More than 900 Tech students were dropped for tuition nonpayment

By Josh Allen/Staff Reporter

More than 900 students were dropped as a result of the Jan. 10 payment deadline, leaving students scrambling to re-register for classes.

Stephanie Shelby, a sophomore business major from Dallas, said she was mistakenly cancelled from her classes.

"My dad paid on the ninth, and I was dropped on the 10th," Shelby said. "They should make sure they have received all payments before dropping students."

There are a few exceptions and mistakes made, but Becky Hyde, director of Student Business Services, said the 918 cancelled students, roughly 3.81 percent of the student body, was an improvement from previous semesters.

"We had 1,180 students cancelled in the fall

and over 3,000 last spring," Hyde said. "So students are starting to remember the dates."

Registrar Charles Wickard said the lines were noticeably short considering the deadline but also said cancellations are not yet complete.

"Jan. 31 is the last day to pay off balances from the drop/add period," Wickard said. "It's important that the students know the deadlines and are prepared to apply for the emergency loan or choose the payment plan."

Hyde said there are only two ways to have a withstanding balance past Jan. 31.

"If a student has filled out the request for payment plan option or applies for an emergency enrollment loan, balances can exceed the 31st deadline," Hyde said.

Fifty percent of all tuition and fees are due with the submission of the payment plan option.

The next 25 percent is due Feb. 15, and the final 25 percent is due March 15. The only stipulation with the payment plan demands the plan form is turned in on first payment.

The emergency enrollment loan can be filled out before the first day of cancellations and must be repaid within 90 days or by April 15. The Student Business Services require a \$25 handling fee to administer the loan but gives the student more time to come up with tuition.

Hyde said this leaves no reason for anyone to be dropped. She said students should take advantage of their options.

"Anyone can come fill out the emergency enrollment loan before first cancellation," Hyde said. "So everybody has the opportunity to keep them-

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Tech's presidential search under way

By Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said the university's next president should serve more like a CEO, although the president should still report to the chancellor.

Smith addressed the Faculty Senate during its meeting Wednesday and discussed the presidential search, which follows the resignation of David Schmidly last year.

Smith said he and Interim President Don Haragan would like to have a new president in place by next fall, although Haragan said the search is getting a late start.

The Board of Regents did not take any steps toward organizing an advisory committee during its December meeting.

Chairman of the Board of Regents Robert Black expects a committee to be formed during the February Regent meeting.

"Officially (the process) is not under way," he said.

The hiring of an outside search firm that would locate presidential candidates has not been ruled out yet, Smith said.

"We have not made a decision whether or not to use a search firm," Smith said.

"But students will be involved and part of the search committee."

Haragan, who was president of the university for five years before Schmidly, said it is a difficult time for the university to be searching for a president.

"Anything I can do to keep things moving, I'll do," he said. "We have to find the right person."

Haragan said he would like to have a new president in place before the fall term, but will continue to fill the position until after September if necessary.

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Groups push SGA for code revision

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

After being approached by students who feel discriminated against because of whom they choose to date, the Student Government Association is in the process of implementing the words sexual orientation in the non-discrimination policy of Tech's code of conduct handbook if a resolution is approved.

SGA President Kelli Stumbo said students from the organizations Queers and Allies, and Social Injustice, along with several theater students, approached her about their concern of feeling discriminated against because of their sexual orientation.

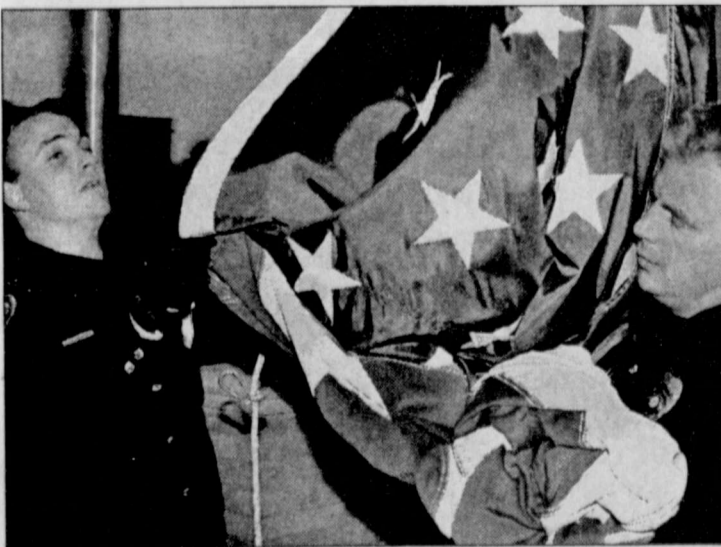
One of the students who went to Stumbo was Q&A President Chris Mitchell.

Mitchell said a column ("Homosexuality unusual, wrong" published on Oct. 16) written during the fall semester by a *University Daily* columnist first sparked interest in the switch.

"It was a real controversial column that made us think 'Can he do this?'" said Mitchell, a senior history and English major from Lubbock. "We felt discriminated against."

According to the policy on non-discrimination in the university's Student Affairs handbook, "The University

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TEXAS TECH POLICE Officer Chris Patterson lowers the American flag into the arms of Officer Keith Miller in Memorial Circle on Wednesday evening.

JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

Tech students prepare to train for war

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Matthew Judd joined the Marines in May because he wanted to serve his country.

After being activated last weekend, the sophomore geography major from Houston has no regrets of his choice to join the Armed Forces. There is no fear in this Texas Tech student, he said.

"I'm not too scared, and it is not like I am worrying about dying," he said. "I didn't think this would come so fast though. But I joined for a reason. And that is to serve and protect my country."

Judd, a reservist, is one of many Tech students who were activated last weekend after a Pentagon order called for the deployment of more than 62,000 troops to be ready for war in the Persian Gulf. After the latest addition of troops, there will be more than 100,000 troops ready for war by Jan. 31.

Judd said his unit, The Sixth Motor Battalion Company B-, has about 15 Tech students in it. He said he would not be departing Lubbock until next week when he trains at Camp Pendleton near San Diego, Calif. From there they will go overseas at an undetermined time.

Judd said when his family and friends first heard the news of his deployment, they were "pretty shook up."

"I just told them not to worry," he said. "It is time to go, and I have no choice."

Judd's friend, Daniel Coomes, a junior family financial planning major from Dallas, said his initial reaction was fear for his friend.

"Being an outsider you don't know what they have to go through," Coomes said. "When (Judd) first heard, I think it hit him pretty hard. But he will be OK. He is not a slacker, and he is a great human being."

Coomes said he and his friends have thrown a couple of parties for Judd since the news hit.

"We just want him to have a good time before he leaves," he said.

Coomes said he is proud to know someone who will be serving the U.S. in the Persian Gulf.

"It is a great privilege and honor to know a friend that is representing our country," Coomes said. "If there was anyone I would want to go to war, it would be him."

With war on the verge, Coomes has the draft on his mind.

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Iraq infuriated with U.N. Palace search

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — In a move that infuriated Saddam Hussein's government, U.N. arms experts visited a presidential palace compound Wednesday in Baghdad, spending four hours searching two office complexes and opening safes.

The visit was the second to a presidential site since the inspectors resumed the search for weapons of mass destruction in November. Iraq has long resented searches in Saddam's calling — of which there are dozens — calling them off to its sovereignty.

known if Saddam was in the palace at the time.

Iraq's Foreign Ministry called Wednesday's palace inspection visit a "clearly provocative step to harass important national security sites" and said the inspection had "no relation at all to so-called disarmament."

Many of Saddam's dozens of palaces are not used for public purposes or are idle much of the time. In the past, Iraqi officials resisted palace searches. But the current inspection regime, backed by a stringent U.N. Security Council resolution, allows snap inspections of palaces.

When inspectors searched the Al-Sajoud palace in Baghdad on Dec. 3, Iraqi officials did not obstruct them, but the next day called the inspection a provocation.

Perricos said the two office complexes in the presidential compound attracted the inspectors' interest because satellite images showed they had high walls and a double fence.

The inspectors stayed longer than expected in the complex because the Iraqi official who had keys to four safes took two hours to arrive, he said.



Man sentenced to death for bathtub slaughter

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former nightclub employee charged with a string of rapes and two murders was sentenced to death Wednesday for killing a teacher in her apartment bathtub.

Jurors deliberated about 90 minutes before handing down the sentence for Dale Devon Scheanette, 29, who was convicted last week of capital murder.

Relatives of Wendie Prescott, 22, found her nude body bound with duct tape on Christmas Eve 1996 in her Arlington apartment. Three months earlier in the same complex, the nude body of third-grade teacher Christine Vu, 25, was found in her bathtub.

Scheanette was convicted only in Prescott's death.

But during the trial's penalty phase, prosecutors wanted to show Scheanette was a danger to society.

Prosecutors presented evidence linking him to Vu's September 1996 death and five rapes in Arlington, Lancaster and Grand Prairie in 1998 and 1999.

Prosecutor David Hagerman had urged jurors to hand down the death sentence, saying Scheanette should pay the ultimate price for his crimes and that "there is a real edge to this guy's evil."

Defense attorneys and some of Scheanette's relatives asked jurors to spare his life, saying a life prison sentence would be an appropriate punishment.

The Rundown



Bush opposes Michigan affirmative action policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush plans to challenge a University of Michigan program that gives preference to minority students, telling the Supreme Court there are better ways to promote diversity, administration officials said Wednesday.

Justice Department and White House attorneys, acting on Bush's orders, were preparing a brief arguing against programs that gave black and Hispanic students an edge when applying to the university and its law school.

Without confirming Bush's plans, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said the president was meeting Wednesday with his advisers to review the brief which is due Thursday.

"He wants to find a way to recognize the importance of diversity, and do so in a way that serves one and all," Fleischer told reporters. "The challenge is to focus on diversity in ways that do not use quotas."

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle called it "a watershed moment for the administration. They have to decide whether they're for civil rights and diversity or not."

"I think the burden of proof will be on Republicans to show us how they can be for diversity and yet be against the laws that promulgate diversity," the South Dakotan said.

The lawsuit brought by three white students is the biggest affirmative action case in a generation.



North and South Korea plan for high-level talks

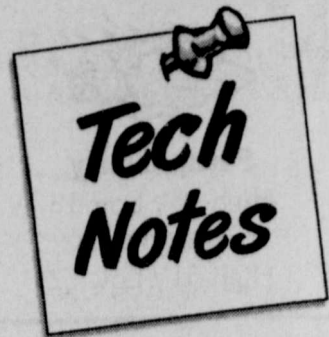
PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — North and South Korea set dates for high-level talks Wednesday, boosting the diplomatic drive for a peaceful solution to a nuclear dispute despite signs the North has increased military patrols near its border with the South.

The announcement that the two Koreas would hold Cabinet-level meetings later this month was matched by hopeful comments by U.S. envoy James Kelly, who said before meetings in Beijing he was "reassured" by efforts to persuade the North to give up its nuclear weapons development.

The reclusive regime in Pyongyang, however, kept up its drumbeat of anti-American invective through the state-run media, blaming nuclear proliferation on the United States and accusing Washington of using its weapons to threaten and blackmail other nations.

The public bluster had no effect on diplomatic moves in the region. In Seoul, South Korea announced it had agreed with Pyongyang to hold talks Jan. 21-24. The nuclear dispute was expected to be on the agenda.

Tensions on the peninsula have been rising since North Korea admitted in October to having a secret nuclear program. Last week the communist regime announced its withdrawal from a global treaty aimed at limiting the spread of nuclear weapons, and threatened to begin testing missiles again.



Applications for 2003 Red Raider Camp staff will be available Jan. 21 in the Center for Campus Life, 250 West Hall, and at information tables from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Student Union building. RRC staff selection information sessions will be at 3 p.m. Jan. 22 to 23 in the Red Raider Lounge, Student Union. Interested students should attend to find out more about camp and the staff positions.

Student Organization Advisory Congress will conduct their monthly meeting Jan. 23 in the Student Union Building Red Raider Ballroom. For more information contact Stephanie Sanchez at 742-3631.

Students are welcome to join the Knight Raiders, the new campus chess club. For further information and to join, contact Dr. H.R. Karlsson at 743-3130 or hal.karlsson@ttu.edu or Dr. E. Cabrera at or 742-3281 or ecabrera@ttu.edu.

Attention Commuters: Because of an event taking place in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion on the morning of Jan. 24, a portion of the Auditorium/Coliseum parking lot (C1) will be closed. Please allow additional time on that day to find parking. There should be available space in the parking lots west of Indiana Avenue and in the C13 lot located north of the university greenhouse.

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Hoover appointed dean

By Josh Allen/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech officials have appointed Linda C. Hoover as dean of the College of Human Sciences.

"I think it had to do with giving back, and I thought now was the time to do it," Hoover said.

Becoming the new dean was not originally the intent of Hoover. Tech Provost William Marcy said Hoover needed some convincing to accept the position.

"I've known Linda since I was dean of engineering and she was dean of research at human sciences," Marcy said. "I admit I had to twist her leg a bit due to her dedication to the research effort."

Hoover said while research almost kept her from taking the job, she is now getting the best of both worlds.

A graduate of Texas Tech, Hoover attained her master's and doctoral degrees from Texas Women's University.

Loyalty to the university was one of the characteristics Marcy said made Hoover a perfect fit for the position.

"Her tenure with Tech proves her loyalty to the university," Marcy said. "She's such a scholar, and combined with her people skills, there was simply no other choice. It was her job to

take."

Hoover said few things would change as a result of her appointment.

"An associate dean will take over faculty development and mentoring," Hoover said. "And there will be a task force assembled to review departmental structure."

Since Hoover served as interim dean and part of the research department of the college, Marcy said not much will change, and the transition should be smooth.

"The Department of Human Sciences here is one of the best and largest in the nation," he said. "She will continue to improve the reputation making the college so successful."

Interim President Donald Haragan said Hoover's experience made her a prime candidate.

"Since she has served as interim, she should be able to hit the ground running," he said.

Marcy said selecting the right person for the job is not only important



Hoover

but also necessary.

"It's essential because the decision-making process starts with the dean," Marcy said. "She will be in charge of grants, budget concerns and everything happening with Human Sciences."

Haragan said he is confident in Hoover's ability to manage the college.

"Leadership is an important quality Linda possesses," Haragan said. "There is no doubt she will be able to lead the department into the future."

Hoover said she is excited about the opportunity.

"We have many projects and ideas that are popular on a statewide level," Hoover said. "But hopefully with time, we can present those ideas to a much broader audience."

Hoover said Human Sciences is a growing college, and soon it will be hard to accommodate all those majoring in the college.

"There are many other schools and universities looking at our ideas and trying to learn from us," she said. "It is my hope that we can help them to become just as successful as we are."

"Our mission is improving and enhancing the human condition," Hoover said. "With more attention and exposure for human sciences, we will be able to help more people."

Tech prepares for enrollment growth

By Jack Shaeffer/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech officials have implemented a comprehensive enrollment management plan for the university that will enable the it to manage forecasted growth.

The plan projects how the university's enrollment will change over the next five years. It also suggests what accommodations will be needed in order to suffice the anticipated growth in enrollment.

Vice President for Enrollment Management Michael Heintze said the plan is an organized outline to aid institutions in making better decisions related to enrollment management.

"It is all about managing and planning for the future," he said. "Strategic plans like this are elegant tools that serve institutions well."

According to the Enrollment Management Plan, the first goal of the new plan pledges the university's commitment to improving student access and diversity by "recruiting, retaining and graduating a larger, more academically prepared, and more diverse

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— MICHAEL HEINTZE
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

student body" through 2006.

The primary objectives of the plan include determining the optimal enrollment for the university, including faculty, staff, space, student support services and financial resources.

The plan also will aid university officials in developing a plan which will effectively market Tech to prospective students, particularly diverse and high-achieving students.

Projecting how the university's enrollment will change over the

next five years is important to successful growth, Heintze said.

The plan is intended to work in conjunction with the state's Closing the Gaps initiative, which projects statewide increases in enrollment over the next 15 years.

Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said the Enrollment Management Plan is Tech's tool to forecasting changing dynamics in enrollment.

"The value, in terms of a plan, is that we, as an institution, have to update the plans regularly and it is always important to remember that we must remain flexible," he said. "We are growing leaps and bounds, and by growing, we also develop."

Shonrock said the plan was constructed by officials from across the state and in conjunction with Tech's campuses.

"I have only been to Las Vegas once or twice, but if I was rolling dice, I think Double T's are going to show up every time because we are really a great value with great opportunities. What a magnificent time to be part of Texas Tech University."

Craddick reports donations

AUSTIN (AP) — Newly elected Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick raised more than \$1 million for his campaign in the last six months of 2002, according to campaign finance reports filed Wednesday.

About 46 percent of the funds Craddick, R-Midland, raised were donated by individual contributors from across Texas.

About \$260,000 came from 116 Austin-based political action committees, while \$157,000 came from 85 other Texas-based PACs. About \$65,000 came from out-of-state PACs.

"I am especially gratified at the widespread support evidenced by these contributions from Democrats and Republicans, including many incumbent office-holders here in Texas and in Washington," Craddick said.

Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of the Texas office of watchdog group Public Citizen, was dismayed by the report.

"It's outrageous that Craddick has raised \$1 million," Smith said. "He's raised most from a who's who of people who are going to want special favors from the House this session."

Legitimate expenses of the office should be paid for by taxpayers, not special interests, Smith said.

"The smartest businessmen in Texas don't make these contributions unless they see a direct benefit in terms of greater access or special favors buried deep in a bill," Smith said.

Former House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, raised about \$1.3 million for his campaign fund during the same cycle in 2000.

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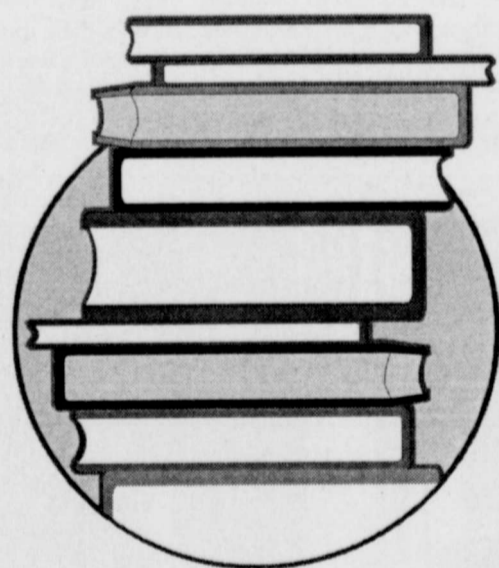
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PERSPECTIVES

Might I make a suggestion?

Howdy Techsans! Once again, the time has come to put up your skis, break out the pencils and notepads and divert beer money to the textbook fund.

Strangely, however, the usual joys of spring semester still are being drowned out by the Ides of December.

When we last left our fair campus, Texas Tech President David Schmidly had jumped ship and deflected to Oklahoma State after a sexual discrimination flap. Former pres Donald Haragan had taken the reins in the interim as Tech geared up for the presidential search process.

Meanwhile, our fearless Student Government Association continued the fight for better student representation by establishing the Student Regent Task Force. The student body would be better served, goes the argument, by having one of its own on the Board of Regents. Which brings me to my point.

Students need a voice. Tech needs a president. A student president. Isn't it obvious?

Tech students already have a "president," Kelli Stumbo, you could argue. But SGA, frankly, lacks the influence and prestige it used to have. As hard as our senators work on our behalf, they still haven't beaten city hall.

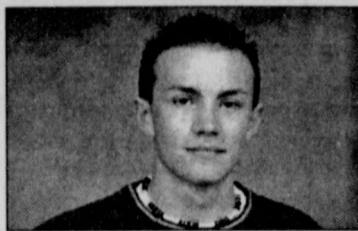
Case in point: transportation! Techsans are facing an apparently substantial deficit (*The University Daily*, Oct. 28, 2002) in terms of the transportation fee that pays for Citibus services and Safe Ride.

With rising enrollment comes rising transportation needs, and the SGA came up with the \$50 off-campus bus passes to cover the costs. They only raised \$65,000. This amount pales next to the \$1.65 million budgeted for transportation.

Meanwhile, dozens of Lubbock apartment complexes are making a killing advertising their location on the off-campus Citibus routes. Yet External Vice President Leigh Mauer can't coax them into paying their fair share of a service that ups their profit margin tremendously.

But could the university president?

Imagine the possibilities: Tech President Joe Blow walks into Marc McDougal's office and says, "Look, we have a problem." The very next week, the city council passes a measure requiring apartments advertising their



Joe G. Biles
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proximity to our bus routes to pay the price. No more problem.

Let's face it. Only students truly understand student problems. Did anyone ever catch Schmidly eating in one of the campus dining halls? The omnipresent, dreadful sanitary conditions are proof he didn't, at least not unannounced. If a student president noticed his plate hadn't been washed for the third day in a row, he'd make darn sure no other student had to deal with it either.

Ever had a problem with Student Business "Services?" Ever notice how when they owe you money, the attitude is, "Pay them whenever; it doesn't matter," but when you owe them money, you'd better watch out? Joe Blow, university president, wouldn't have it.

President Blow could even improve Financial Aid. Anyone who has ever used one of those nice emergency enrollment loans to cover their tuition before cancellation day knows how useful they are. Let's expand. How about 90-day \$200 cash loans to pay for textbooks, no FAFSA necessary?

Take a walk over to the Student Union. Pick out any Techsan randomly. I guarantee you he or she has probably been around the block a few times with at least one service or office on campus. I guarantee you they could come up with a few reasonable reforms, just like the ones I've listed, based on their own experiences. Then why the delay? Am I really the first person to think of this?

The time for a student president is now. *Laissez les bon temps roulez!*



Life, vacation change in college

I hope everyone out there had a wonderful break. It is great to be back and going to school. I know all of you feel the same way.

I am not really sure if anyone else felt this way, but while at home, I felt extremely out of place. You freshmen may not know it yet, but things will change at home for you. Sure, things are normal now because you have not been away that long, but things will slowly change.

You will begin to go home with your roommate instead of back to your own family just because you want something different, not because you do not love your family. Do not let your mom guilt trip you into thinking just because you don't make it home for the Easter holiday, the world will end for her. She will make it through this transition, I promise, no matter how much she whines.

If you are the baby or the only child of the family, beware because the guilt trip will come on hard and fast. Your parents will be worried the whole time you are away and call you just to see where you are and make sure you are still in one piece.

There is nothing wrong with this; it should make you feel loved that they keep checking in. And as the years go along, they will adjust to the fact that you like to travel and really don't have to tell them where you are going. It's just a common courtesy, and it helps to call, especially if you need money to get where you are going.

But not going home for every holiday is not the only thing that changes. Because when you finally make it home again, you begin to realize your parents are really getting rid of you. They hold



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It hurts a little to realize you have no true home anymore. Sure, you still say you are going home for the break, but you also say you are going home when you come back for school.

no true expectations of you returning home for good again. You find out when you reach home that your room has been turned into a television room for your dad or even an exercise room.

You now are staying in the guest room, which makes you officially a guest. You also wonder what happened to all your stuff that was in your room before you left. It's probably in boxes in the garage along with your brothers' and sisters' stuff.

It hurts a little to realize you have no true home anymore. Sure, you still say you are going home for the break, but you also say you are going home when you come back for school. This can lead to confusion with others when they hear you talk about your plans. I made a promise

to myself when I left for college that I would not end up back at home living with my parents after I graduated. I have seen many of my friends graduate and return home for just a while — at least that's what they think.

Your friends also change when you come back home. The friends who stayed behind in town while you went away to school especially change towards you. They don't say it, but there is bitterness in their expression when you tell them about all your new friends at school.

You become so excited telling them about all the things you do and how much fun you have that you miss the bitter expression on their face. They try not to make you feel bad for leaving them behind, but you cannot help but feel a smidgen of guilt for going off and making something of yourself.

There also are the friends who left but ended up returning for some reason or another. They are jealous of what you have and are going to become. Do not let these people bring you down because it is not your fault you made it out and they didn't.

Another group of people to be aware of are the exes. They will try their best to bring you down, especially if you dumped them right before leaving town.

They will blame you for anything and everything that has gone wrong in their lives, but do not believe them. Tell them how often long distance relationships fail and how it never would have worked out, and then ask them if they would like to fool around a little for old time's sake.

I hope this column has helped you a little with the hard time adjusting to college life and leaving home for good. If it does, then good. If you have already experienced some of these things, I am sorry my column was late in reaching you.

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Arrest

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person likely made a mistake somewhere in the process of working with the bacteria.

A large amount of the problem was perception, he said. The slides were perceived as missing when they had actually just been misplaced.

Smith was pleased with the reaction of the HSC faculty as well.

"Everybody pulled together to be able to determine the answers," he said. "The real issue here is one of public health and public health safety."

Dr. Richard Homan, dean of the School of Medicine, said it was not clear how long the slides were misplaced. However, all the cultures were accounted for and had not been tampered with.

Access to the biohazard area where the bacteria were limited,

even to the faculty, he said. However, no surveillance cameras are in place to monitor activity.

The HSC used the bacteria to determine whether or not it is vulnerable to certain antibiotics, Homan said. The research will aid in preventing a recurrence of the Black Death epidemic of the 1300s, which created a plague that wiped out more than 25 million people in Europe.

Dr. David Waagner, chief of pediatric infectious diseases at HSC, said the contents of the slides contained the organism that causes bubonic and pneumonic plague, which are the diseases caused by *Yersinia pestis*.

The bacteria could be mass-produced and used as a weapon in bioterrorism, but it would be difficult to do so, he said. The slides contained the bacteria in a jelly-based substance. In order to be dangerous, it would need to be a dry, desiccated powder. In its current condition it is harmless.

The same bacterium causes both

bubonic and pneumonic plagues, which are essentially the same disease. Bubonic plague is spread by flea bites and occurs naturally in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas regions.

As bubonic plague spreads through an organism that contracted it, the organism's lungs aerosolize the bacteria. The airborne bacterium is the cause of pneumonic plague.

Waagner said the United States annually has 18 to 20 cases of plague, with more than three-fourths of those coming from New Mexico.

Mayor Marc McDougal said the city wanted inform Lubbock citizens earlier, but wanted to wait until there was good news to report.

Smith said he was reporting the outcome of the incident.

"We didn't want to spread panic, because that's the biggest fear," he said.

Revision

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ity is committed to the principle that in no aspect of its programs shall there be differences in treatment because of race, creed, national origin, age, sex or disability and that equal opportunity and access to facilities shall be available to all."

Mitchell said he believes if he were to have a problem with being discriminated against because of his lifestyle, no action could be immediately taken.

"It is imperative for the university to move into a positive direction," Mitchell said. "It is absolutely necessary (to include sexual orientation in the handbook). This is Q&A's No. 1 priority right now."

That is when Stumbo and the SGA Student Senate enter the scene.

After the resolution is drafted, it will be sent to the Rules and Administration Committee, a group of students appointed by SGA Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown.

If the committee decides to allow it move onto the floor, it will be presented in front of the SGA Student Senate and will be discussed by elected senators and voted on.

If majority rules, sexual orientation will be implemented into the handbook.

Brown said the process could be completed and taken into effect as early as the next Senate meeting on Jan. 23.

Stumbo said the resolution would benefit students seeking grievance procedures.

"Since it was not in the code of conduct, they didn't know what to do," she said. "It will be assured that if students run into that problem, they will have a place to go."

Mitchell said the switch would

give him comfort.

"This is more symbolic," he said. "It is the step in the right direction. Will this change anything?"

Mitchell is unsure.

"Whatever the rules and regulations say, not much can still happen," he said. "I just want to defend my rights and be treated equally."

Stumbo said the SGA presented the change to the university's Staff Senate last week.

However, she said the motion to support was delayed because members of the Staff Senate wanted to look more into the issue before they make a decision to support the change.

The SGA also will seek support from the Tech Faculty Senate at its next meeting.

If neither student decides to support the change, Stumbo said she is still confident it will pass at the student senate level.

"We were elected to represent everybody," Stumbo said. "However they choose to live is our duty to respect it and protect them."

Brown agrees.

"I'm 98 percent sure it will pass," he said. "It needs to be addressed. I was always raised to treat everyone the same, and here at Tech, we shouldn't discriminate anyone."

Mitchell said he believes the Senate will make the right choice.

"I have pretty strong confidence the senators will do what is right," he said.

Stumbo said if the Student Senate agrees to alter the policy, Tech would become the eighth school in the Big 12 Conference to address sexual orientation in its discrimination guidelines.

Mitchell said if Tech wants to become a respected university, the change must take place.

"Every other well respected university has it (in the handbook)," he said. "If we want to join the ranks of being respected, it is important this happens."

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Financial Aid

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selves from being dropped. We want to have the least amount of cancellations possible."

Hyde said cancellations happen because there is always a chance students will not show, denying those waiting for certain classes.

"If not for the cancellations, we would not be able to clear out more seats for the people who are waiting and really need those classes," Hyde

said.

Hyde said the total number of students enrolled at the time of cancellation was 24,080, and the number is getting higher every semester, signifying student understanding of the due dates. She said the number is encouraging, and she hopes the trend persists.

"If students are just aware of the dates and the options they have available to them, hopefully we can get everyone in their classes and avoid having any more cancellations issues," she said.

Search

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sary.

"I'd like to get back to my first love - teaching," he said.

Haragan has worked at Tech for almost thirty-five years, during which time he has held several administrative positions. Most recently, he served as dean of the Honors College.

Smith said he would like a regent to chair what should be a slightly larger committee than the one that led the search for the Health Sciences Center president, completed earlier this month.

"I'm convinced we have an incredible product to sell," he said.

Smith reassured the senate that he will take the recommendations offered by the committee.

Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said if there are any students concerned about the draft, then students can visit with counselors at the Student Counseling Center located in West Hall, Room 214.

"We have known about this for sometime that this was going to happen," Shonrock said. "And it hasn't happened in quite some time. We know a lot of students are probably scared about them implementing a draft."

"But there are a lot of services students can use if they want to sit down and talk one on one. Whatever we can do. We are here for (the students)."

Reservists

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Coomes said he never thought about a draft being implemented until he talked to Judd.

"He told me if the reservists get activated, it is pretty serious," Coomes said. "Something big is about to happen. And it is something that has been on my mind."

Kevin Nelson, another one of Judd's friends, said he has not thought about a draft being put into affect.

"If it happens, it happens," said Nelson, who is a family financial planning major from Houston. "I'm sure if they do it, they won't choose college kids."

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Five goals in place for Tech's new strategy

By Phillip Barnhard/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Board of Regents completed the final steps to a new strategic plan that should enable the university to thrive in many different areas over the next few years. The idea proposed by then-Chancellor John T. Montford to the Board in 1996 is now a goal the university is striving toward.

The TechStar Five-Point Strategic Plan's purpose is to select five broad goals that will benefit the university in its efforts to comply with the goals set by the State of Texas.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board's strategic plan for the state calls for the addition of 500,000 more students to higher education by the year 2015.

The five broad goals in Tech's plan are growth, diversity, people, partner-

ships and recognition.

The university has seen a 12.3 percent increase in enrollment from Fall 2000. The university system's goal will be to enroll 30,000 students by the year 2005, according to the strategic plan.

With this growth, university officials plan to promote a more diverse campus that meets the needs of every student while continuing to maintain its status as an accredited university.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith, along with the Board of Regents, said he has worked to see the strategic plan followed through to its completion and will continue to pressure the State Legislature for further funding when it meets this month.

"We need to make sure that message is delivered during the legislative session," Smith said. "And i.e., that we focus our funding requests around

those. It does little to have a strategic plan if you don't (go back) to the actual way you operate as an institution."

Student Government Association President Kelly Stumbo said she is pleased about the Board's completion of the plan.

"I have to commend the chancellor and the administration for following through with (the plan)" Stumbo said.

She said it was something the university had been in need of for some time.

Stumbo said the completion of the strategic plan should serve as a good road map for the university to follow.

The SGA intends to work with the Board of Regents and the administration to strive for diversity at Tech, she said.

"Our plan is to get the research, so that we can go to the Board of Re-

gents and present (to them)," she said.

Stumbo said she plans to illustrate for the Board the need for a diversity education office located on campus.

Working toward these goals with Stumbo is Coordinator of Diversity Involvement Mike Gunn. Gunn assists students of all ethnic origins who are looking for a way to become involved in campus life.

"You look at Texas Tech and Lubbock," Gunn said. "The reality is that our world (at Tech) is expanding. The small town person that you get on campus has been exposed to diversity."

Student minority involvement has



gone up over the last two years, Gunn said, and many minority students are becoming involved in organizations and different areas of campus life.

Vice Chancellor for News and Publications Cindy Rugeley said a complete version of The TechStar Five-Point Strategic Plan is not yet available. The university should have the strategic plan on the Web for public viewing some time this month.

Smith said with the completion of a strategic plan, the university improves its chances to receive funding from the state. With a formatted plan and set of goals established, it should be easier to get the message across to the Legislature.

"It's going to be critical that we use the same argument for the funding that we are asking for in the legislative session," Smith said.

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El Paso HSC may become 4-year school

By Felicia Simpson/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in El Paso is moving forward with the construction of a research facility that could expand into a 4-year medical school.

Regional Dean for Texas Tech in El Paso Jose Manuel de la Rosa said the construction for the new research facility will break ground in August and will be completed in June 2005.

According to de la Rosa, the cost of this project is estimated at \$38.5 million, which has already been allocated by the last state legislature session.

The research center will target experimentation in border health, especially with infectious diseases, environmental health and diabetes, he said.

Besides research facilities specializing in aging, diabetes and drug and

substance abuse, two other areas of interest for the future are a library dedicated to data on Hispanic health and a genomic facility to link hereditary diseases in families.

According to de la Rosa, the HSC in El Paso is asking the next state Legislature session for funds to construct a four-year medical school.

Interim President for the HSC Elmo Cavin said the HSC admits 120 students per class. These students all attend the Lubbock campus for their first two years of classroom training since the El Paso campus can only accommodate third and fourth year medical students.

He said approximately 50 students attend the El Paso medical center. With the addition of a 4-year medical school, as many as 200 students could be admitted per class since there would be classrooms for first and second year students at the

El Paso campus.

"It offers the opportunity for more students to attend medical school," Cavin said.

James Fay, a second year medical student from Dallas and president of the Student Government Association at the HSC, said the Lubbock HSC would benefit from a future El Paso medical center.

"I think it will be a real positive thing for the Lubbock campus," Fay said.

He said it would relieve the hassle of students having to move from the Lubbock campus to El Paso.

Also, Fay said it would be beneficial for the Texas Tech HSC system and the communities where each branch is located.

He said when a medical school is established within a community, it brings more professionals to an area not as appealing otherwise.

"If an area is underserved, it's good to target that area," Fay said.

The Dean of the School of Medicine and Graduate School of Biomedical Science, Richard V. Homan, M.D., said the development of the research center and future 4-year medical school would affect El Paso.

"As a 4-year medical school evolves and develops, El Paso will have distinctive research," he said.

Homan said the specialized areas of research would become a method of attracting medical and graduate students to the HSC. Students will be recruited according to their interests and areas of expertise. Eventually, these graduate students would be able to conduct experimentation at the research facility.

"As the research develops, graduate students will be part of the education process," Homan said.

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BOSTON (AP) — Harvard University launched a new financial aid plan Wednesday aimed at making the Ivy League school more affordable to graduate students who hope to enter less lucrative careers in public service.

The program includes a combination of low-interest loans for all graduate students and \$14 million in grants for students in public service fields.

It fulfills a long-standing pledge by university President Lawrence Summers to make financing for graduate studies just as open as it is for undergraduates.

Beginning in September, the school will make available \$14 million in grants over three years to students pursuing public service and research careers in eight graduate and professional schools, including the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Kennedy School of Government, the School of Public Health and the School of Education.

The grants will not be offered to students in scientific fields, which are already well funded, or to students entering the law and business schools, where departing students are typically offered large salaries, Summers said.

The plan will also include a new loan program, offered in partnership with Citibank, for all postgraduate students at Harvard who number about 12,000. The loans, offered at below-market rates, will save students between \$1.25 million and \$4 million a year, university officials estimate. A student borrowing \$20,000 over two years would save about \$2,500 over the life of the loan.

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Answering the CALL

About 300 people audition to be cast in Spring Break movie

By Harvey Mireles/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech and the surrounding Lubbock area attempted to leave their mark on Spring Break Wednesday as about 300 people auditioned for a chance to take part in the tentatively titled "Spring Break: The Movie."

Bunim/ Murray Productions, producers of such reality television shows such as ABC's "Making the Band" and FOX's "Love Cruise," visited the Hub City on one of the final legs of its 11-city tour.

Megan Sleeper, a casting assistant with the project, has been helping with the selection process. At the beginning of the day, the flow of people had been slow, collecting only about 11 people prior to noon.

"It's been a little slow this morning with it being the first day of classes," she said. "We expect there to be a larger turn out once people start getting out of their classes."

Sleeper said she had interviewed many people and a majority of those were people who had lived their entire lives in Lubbock.

"Mainly we've been interviewing people who have been born and raised in Lubbock," she said. "Something like this Spring Break is something a large majority of them have never experienced. That's one of the reasons we're here."

Those who auditioned were encouraged to bring friends or people close to them who also were interested in auditioning.

"We are interviewing with groups," she said. "We can get a chance to see how they interact, any stories they may have and see what they bring to the table."

Stephen Blackheart, casting director for the movie, anticipated at least 150 people for Wednesday's event.

"It had been really slow this morning, but it picked up through out the day," he said. "The line waiting from auditions was wrapped around the bar."

Blackheart and the rest of the casting crew had been promoting the casting call since they arrived in Lubbock on Monday.

"As casting director, you stop people in everyday stuff to get word out there," he said. "People in big cities just kind of ignore or shrug us off when we approach them."

Blackheart said the Hub City is home to some of the friendliest people he has met on the casting tour.

"People were more than willing to stop when we wanted to talk to them about the Spring Break movie," he said.

"These are the kinds of people that you can ask for directions from. It's a great quality."

Blackheart believes interviewing everyone in groups allows the casting directors to get an in-depth look to see if people know themselves and the people they came with.

"There's no set routine to our auditioning process," he said. "If we did that, the casting process would be bland. We really want to know about these people."

He said most people walk into the audition with a misconception of casting directors.

"This is not like the way Hollywood may depict casting calls where the casting director keeps shouting out 'Next!' after each person he may not like," he



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

TYSON JEFFREYS, A senior finance major from Lubbock, calls out names on a list for casting auditions for the tentatively-titled, "Spring Break: The Movie" as Eric Dikken, a junior finance major from Austin, Derek Waleko, a junior pre-medicine major from San Antonio and Brian McCauley, a sophomore business major from Dallas, wait for their names to be called at Bleacher's Sports Cafe on Wednesday evening.

"We're interested in the responses they give to see what kind of fundamental person they are."

Aaron Villagomez, a sophomore management information systems major from San Antonio, was one of the earlier people to audition.

"I've only really got out for Spring Break once at Corpus Christi," he said. "This a free vacation. I'll get to be on TV and on the big screen."

Villagomez said being seen on the big screen would probably be pretty shocking to his friends and family.

"They'd probably give me flack for doing it," he said. "They'll probably say

it's something I could eventually show to my kids. But that's college life. It's all about that."

He said he is keeping his hopes up and has big expectations.

"I'm just keeping my fingers crossed," he said. "I don't know how good my chances are with other schools that they went to, but I have a good feeling about it."

Villagomez said he believes he would bring a good attitude to the Spring Break house if picked.

"I don't want to say the party aspect is my biggest attribute as much my ability to meet people," he said.

Jessica Harris, a freshman psychology major from Lubbock, accompanied her long-time friend Nicole Walinski, a freshman education major from Lubbock, to the audition. The two said they have known each other for nine years.

Harris said she did not hesitate to jump at the opportunity of going to Cancun for Spring Break for the Spring Break movie.

"I was like 'Yeah, let's go do it,'" she said. "We get to go to Cancun. The legal drinking age is 18; we get to be on camera and become somewhat famous. That's awesome."

Harris said she wants to leave an

impact on the casting directors.

"I just got to let them know what I can bring to the table," she said. "'Spring Break: The Movie' won't be any good without me."

Blackheart said the first round of auditions is a lot like "getting a taste of the people."

"It's like cooking gumbo, lifting the lid and getting a waft of the scent," he said. "The first round is the waft and the further into the casting process we get the more we get a taste, then a bigger taste, then a bigger one. Then finally, the audience gets to eat up the final product."

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Weighing DIETS

Health experts give advice on fading out the fad diet

By Sara Schroeder/Staff Reporter

"Nothing endures but change," a philosopher once said. Change is inevitable in today's society. The most common form of change is trends.

Fashion trends change year after year; dating trends change day after day; sports trends change season to season, and music trends change decade after decade.

There is another trend that changes from week to week, sometimes day to day, and it's one of society's most talked about topics today.

The trend is the famous four-letter word - diet.

Thousands of diets have surfaced over the years, including the more recent Atkin's Diet, the all protein diet and the low carbohydrate diet.

As can be expected, with a new year comes new change to the meaning of dieting. People are starting to say goodbye to the trend of short-term diets and focusing more on long-term, lifestyle goals.

Julie Benson, health educator for the Student Health Services Center, said people are becoming smarter about their dietary habits.

"People are becoming more educated," she said. "They are looking at the long-term effects more than short term."

Instead of buying those diet pills or ordering the latest diet craze off an infomercial, people have started to become more sensible and are taking realistic steps to losing weight and feeling better, she said.

"More people are figuring out common sense nutrition," Benson said. "They are going to Weight Watchers or seeing a dietician."

The latest concept of dieting is a person doesn't have to make drastic changes to lose weight.

"Take simple steps," Benson said. "Use the stairs instead of the elevator, that kind of thing."

One problem students have is their schedules; many do not have the time to go to the gym every day.

David Anciso, general manager of Gym X, said he thinks television can help a workout move along faster.

"People don't get bored on the treadmill anymore," Anciso said. "They can watch TV, and that helps time go by faster."

Fad diets always will be popular with society and students today, but

and more people are starting to understand these diets may not be the best thing, Benson said.

Janda Ibbetson, assistant director for recreational sports at the Fitness and Wellness Center, said people who still look for help with fad diets usually do not have long-term results.

"Fad diets are still popular, but they are not long-sustaining diets," she said. "They are less likely to work in the long-term effect."

Students and health educators agree on one thing: People need to eat to keep healthy, and they need to exercise.

Cole Kuykendall, a sophomore animal science major from Sourlake, says eating is important.

"You gotta have fuel in your tank," he said. "Eat well balanced meals, and exercise."

Ibbetson said nutrition in conjunction with exercise is important.

"A combination of nutrition and exercise compliment each other, and fad diets don't give you the nutrition you need," she said.

Another fact dieticians and health educators are stressing is short-term diets can lead to harmful long-term effects.

"Short-term diets lead to many



long-term problems," Benson said.

Supplements also do not need to be used if the people are taking in the correct amount of nutrients. Benson stresses if students do decide to use a supplement, then consult a physician first.

"People need to be careful when taking a supplement," she said. "Especially be aware of caffeine and ephedrine."

The new trend of long-term dieting likely will change as society tends to do, but Benson said the moral of

today's diet trend is to eat in moderation, think less about short term and take advantage of exercises that are appealing, not just habit forming.

"Take advantage of what is around you," Benson said.

Holiday season proves popcorn-worthy, could last to February

Let's be honest. The holidays, for most people, include two essential activities: eating and then going to the movies.

This holiday season was no different. The movie industry raked in hundreds of millions of dollars during the last month. Theaters were filled with sequels, big-budget extravaganzas and Oscar hopefuls. Like any sudden rush of movies, there were some hits, some misses and a surprise or two.

Early in December came "Star Trek: Nemesis." This 10th installment in the series featured Capt. Picard (Patrick Stewart) facing off against a clone of himself he never knew existed. Call it "Picard vs. his Mini-Me." Although there were some cool things in the movie for "trekkies," I still had some

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major problems with it.

Question for fans: How can a ship whose shields are completely shot successfully ram a giant ship with 70 percent shields and do any damage? I'm sorry. It's just not possible. The cast of the film looked bored, and the film

tanked in the box office. I think this shows that even Trek fans are tired of Trek.

After many problems with production and delays by the studio, director Martin Scorsese's "Gangs of New York" roared onto screens. I had to see the film twice because there was just so much to take in when I saw it the first time. I was not even sure how I felt about it. It is a violent and towering epic of the struggle for control of power in New York in the 1860s.

After the second viewing, I knew I loved the film, especially Daniel Day Lewis' performance as Bill the Butcher. It is an amazing and searing performance, and he may be my favorite movie villain ever. Mark my words: He will win the Oscar. "Gangs" also fea-

tured a strong performance by Leonardo DiCaprio, who I am beginning to like more and more.

DiCaprio also did an excellent job in Steven Spielberg's "Catch Me If You Can," co-starring Tom Hanks. This film about a notorious young con-man in the 1960s is the most fun you will have at the movies all year.

Jack Nicholson gives a strong performance, as always, in "About Schmidt," and the film is certainly funny at times, but some viewers may find this story about a man coming to terms with old age and retirement to be too depressing at times.

It explores the feelings of loneliness, hopelessness and rejection in a deep way. Nicholson's Schmidt is a sad man, and the movie overall feels dreary. I liked the film, but it will not make my top 10 list for the year.

"Antwone Fisher" is another film I liked very much, although it feels like it should possibly have been called "Good Will Antwone Fisher." This story of a frustrated young man dealing

with demons in his past and seeing a shrink sounds a little familiar. There is, however, a strong performance by newcomer Derek Luke to admire. He may have a very outside shot at a nomination. The film features Denzel Washington in his directorial debut.

But there was no question as to which film "towered" over the rest. "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" is on its way to being one of the biggest films of the year. This installment carried a darker tone and felt a bit different overall from the first film. Director Peter Jackson still is doing majestic things with his camera and the staging of battles.

The star of the movie, however, may very well be the digitized creature, Gollum. Creations such as Gollum are bringing about a whole new breed of actor.

If I had one complaint about "Towers," it would be that Jackson and company chose to take a few too many liberties with the book by J.R.R. Tolkien. This film features plot tangents and

ideas that were never in the book. I cannot help but wonder why, when you only have three hours to cram this epic book into a movie, would you choose to waste time making up things that were never in the book in the first place? Why not delve more deeply into the work? It takes a certain amount of audacity for one to think they can somehow improve on such a book.

However, if one is willing to forgive this grievance, the film still is magnificent, and the series is turning into one of the grandest ever filmed.

For most of the country, moviegoers now are faced with an onslaught of movie studio garbage after the Oscar deadlines.

For Lubbock, however, we can look forward to the delayed movies we have been hearing so much about. These include "Chicago," "The Hours," "The 25th Hour," "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" and others.

For us, the holiday movie season can stretch in to February.

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Track and field gets national recognition

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

This year marks the fourth of Wes Kittley's tenure as coach of track and field at Texas Tech. In the past, the Red Raiders have received little attention, but this year is a bit different.

The Tech men's team is ranked 24th in the nation, according to Trackwire's preseason rankings, and although the women's team is unranked, there are some talented individual performers.

Kittley said he believes the national ranking will increase the pressure on his runners or at least he wants it to.

"I think there is more pressure on us," Kittley said. "I think maybe I've brought a little of that to the team because I've told them it's really time for us to start making a move in this conference and for our university."

Sophomore Jonathan Johnson, who is ranked fourth nationally in the 800-meter race, said the increased pressure is going to be part

of the daily grind for the team.

"I believe it adds a little pressure," Johnson said. "But we've got to learn to deal with pressure. As a team, I think it's good to be ranked up there."

Sophomore Bobby Most is ranked seventh nationally in the pole vault, and said he has high expectations for himself.

"This year the automatic qualifying high for nationals is in my reach," Most said. "My goal is to make it to nationals, perform my best and bring back the national title to Texas Tech."

Kittley said the women's team will need more time to develop and be as competitive as the men.

"We're probably still a year away from being as competitive as the men will be," Kittley said.

Sophomore Licretia Sibley, who is ranked 12th in the 400-meter race and expects to fare better this year than last, keeping her time to a maximum of 52 seconds in the 400-meters.

"I want to make it to outdoor nationals," she said. "I wasn't able to make it to nationals last year in the 400, only the mile relay. I want to get our mile relay time

down and get my 400 time way down, low 52 or 51."

Johnson said he expects tough competition in the Big 12 Conference,

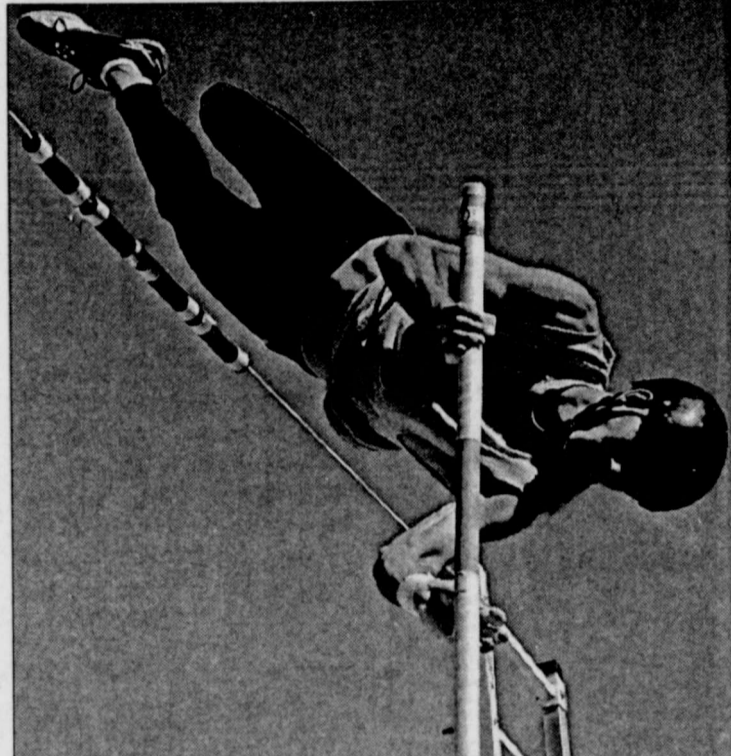
but the team should adapt and get better because of that.

"Competition is always going to be good in the Big 12," Johnson said. "I just believe the better competition we have, the better off we're going to be. We always enjoy a challenge. I believe it'll just make the program better."

Johnson also said this year's team is more cohesive, a stark contrast to last year's group, like the difference between masking tape and cement.

"This year, we're like a family," he said. "We're all getting along. We're a lot closer than we were last year."

Kittley said he expects a good showing from his team this year, given that they are talented in a variety of areas. "What I like about this team that we haven't had in the past two or three years is that we're spread out," Kittley said. "We have a lot more well-roundedness than we've ever had. That's the part I'm real excited about."



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BOBBY MOST, TECH pole vaulter, practices his event at R.P. Fuller Stadium. Most enters the 2003 season ranked seventh in the nation.

Lady Raiders end losing streak to Oklahoma

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders defeated the Oklahoma Sooners for the first time since 2000 Wednesday night. The 80-71 victory also was Tech's first win in Norman, Okla. since 1999.

The game started off in Tech's favor as the Lady Raiders opened on an 8-0 run en route to ending the losing streak to the Sooners.

Oklahoma answered with a brief run of its own, but Tech kept adding to the lead by extending it to 11 points at the half.

Tech controlled the boards in the first half. At the intermission Tech led that category 21-14, and Big 12 Conference Rookie of the Week LaToya Davis brought down five of them in 10 minutes of play. Oklahoma, however, became the first team to out-rebound Tech in Big 12 play.

The Sooners' leading scorer, Maria Villaruel, was held to only two first-half points before exploding for 18 second-half points. Villaruel was averaging more than 17 per game before Tech handed OU the loss.

The game saw a duel between freshmen sensations in the first half, Tech's Erin Grant and OU's Chelsey Welch. Both played together in the Texas-Oklahoma All Star Game this summer. Grant had 15 points in the winning effort.

Jia Perkins broke out of a recent shooting slump by finding her touch and draining 13 points, although Plenette Pierson led the Lady Raiders' offensive attack with 18 points.

Tech ended the game by exchanging

blows much of the second half. The Lady Raiders maintained their 11-point lead at a number of stopping points.

All five starters contributed double-digit points, and the win elevates Tech to 14-1 overall and 3-0 in Big 12 Conference play. Oklahoma drops to 10-5, 2-1. Tech will continue Big 12 play as the Cowgirls of Oklahoma State will faceoff with the Lady Raiders at 3 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

Cowboy DB charged in hit-and-run

DALLAS (AP) — Cowboys reserve defensive back Dwayne Goodrich was free on bail early Wednesday on felony charges in a hit-and-run accident that killed two people.

Police said Goodrich was the driver and lone occupant of a luxury car that allegedly slammed into a wreck site earlier Tuesday on a North Dallas freeway. Two motorists who were trying to rescue a man from a burning car were struck and killed by the BMW, speeding at an estimated 110 mph.

Goodrich was booked into Lew Sterrett Justice Center, where he posted \$50,000 in bail on two manslaughter charges and was released about 2 a.m. Wednesday, said a Dallas County sheriff's Department spokeswoman.

A magistrate had earlier set bail at \$25,000 each for the second-degree felony warrants.

Goodrich had first talked with police Tuesday afternoon, his agent said. Sgt. Hollis Edwards told reporters early Wednesday at Dallas police headquar-

ters that Goodrich returned to surrender at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday.

"He turned himself in today and told them what happened. He's devastated. It was a tragic accident," Goodrich's agent, Stephen Zucker, told The Associated Press late Tuesday.

A source told *The Dallas Morning News* in Wednesday's editions that Goodrich was questioned extensively at his attorney's office Tuesday afternoon and provided police a written statement.

Before the hit-and-run, a car had rear-ended a disabled tractor-trailer rig and caught fire about 2:15 a.m. Tuesday in the northbound lanes of Interstate 35 in North Dallas.

As a rescue attempt began, the driver of the speeding BMW came on the scene and then tried to swerve between the disabled vehicles, but struck three people, two of whom were killed.

A passenger from the burning car was trying to help the driver escape and the two other motorists had also pulled off the freeway to assist in the rescue.

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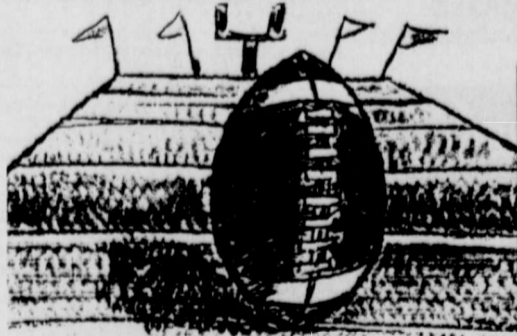
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