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Tech awaits court verdict Perry orders budget cuts

By Michael Castellon/ News Editor

Two former Texas Tech School of Pharmacy professors who filed discrimination claims against the university are awaiting judgment from a U.S. Circuit Court.

Mary Corbet, president of the Amarillo branch of the American Association of University Women, attended last month's phase of oral arguments at the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

"This is very important to us," she said. "We have to do whatever we can to clean this mess up somehow.'

The claims of discrimination stem from complaints filed by two School of Pharmacy faculty members, Lucinda Miller and Elaine King-Miller, who are not related.

Last year, U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson ruled the women could sue the university after the pair filed joint complaints with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which then issued a right-to-

sue letter to each party.

Representing the university is U.S. Senator and former Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, who filed a brief arguing the university is immune from a federal disability

However, the U.S. Department of Justice contends the university is not subject to im-

The USDOJ filed a brief last June in support of the plaintiffs, contending state institutions are not immune from the Americans with Disabilities Act.

According to the Department of Justice's brief, " ... the defendant knew as a matter of law that it was waiving its immunity for Section 504 claims when it applied for and took federal financial assistance. Defendant's attempts to create ambiguity where none exists should be rejected."

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits acts of discrimination by federally funded entities.

The Texas Attorney General's office did not immediately return phone calls.

Corbet said the AAUW has successfully raised \$25,000 for Miller's legal fees.

"We're very interested in this," she said. "When we went (to New Orleans), we had supporters from Mississippi and Louisiana come to show us their support.'

King-Miller claims university officials refused to discuss reasonable accommodations with her after she was diagnosed as legally blind in 1999, according to court documents

King-Miller's husband, Tim Miller said his wife was unable to comment pending liti-

"All I'm able to say right now is that I support her," he said. "I think people should look at the abilities of others, not just dis-

King-Miller also alleges the university de-

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By Michael Castellon/News Editor

Texas Tech officials are reeling from a decision made by Gov. Rick Perry that calls for all state agencies to cut their spending by at least 7 percent.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith was unavailable for comment, but in a prepared statement he wrote, "In anticipation of this request, Texas Tech is analyzing its budgets and identifying areas of savings ... Our goal is to minimize, to the extent possible, any impact on teaching our students and supporting our faculty."

News of the request comes at a bad time for the university.

Earlier this month, university officials began appearing before the State Legislature in an attempt to obtain adequate biennium funding in light of a \$9.9 billion state budget deficit.

According to Smith's statement, "Texas Tech has rapidly growing institutions. While we believe the process currently under way will address the short-term problem, we remain concerned about the long-term budget situation in Texas and its impact on our ability to grow at the current pace."

At Thursday evening's Student Organizations Advisory Committee meeting, Student Government Association President Kelly Stumbo expressed dissatisfaction with the handling of the university's budget con-

"It's all in the hands of the administrators," she said. "There's no checks and balances right now. There's nothing to hold them accountable to give (students) ser-

Stumbo expressed a challenge to university officials, asking for better control over the university's finances.

Hospital finances in review

By Felicia Simpson/Staff Reporter

With the country suffering from an economic downturn, some of Lubbock's medical institutions are reviewing their financial plans in order to offset revenue cuts.

Eddie Owens, director of public relations for the Covenant Health System, said people have been laid off and positions have been eliminated in order to meet long-term budget expec-

"A total of 151 people have been laid off," he said. "(Also), we have eliminated 80 to 90 positions as they became vacant."

Owens said the positions eliminated have been primarily in administrative areas, such as positions in marketing, human relations and public relations departments.

Covenant's financial problems originate from the Balance Budget Act of 1997, he said, where provisions cut Medicare reimbursements at different intervals. In October, it was discovered Covenant would not receive a \$30 million reimbursement from

"The most recent cut in October was a lot harder than anticipated," Owens said.

Covenant recognized that the long-term budget would not be met at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2003, so employees were fired and positions were eliminated, he said. However, Covenant does not anticipate the laying off of more employees.

"The only thing we are doing right now is budget cuts," he said. "There

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KEVIN MERKLING, A senior architecture major from Richwood, attempts to juggle three knives as Andrew King, a senior management information systems major from Plano, watches during the Juggling Club's weekly meeting in the Student Union Courtyard on Thursday night.

City Council obtains more terrorism coverage

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

The Lubbock City Council voted unanimously Thursday to purchase more terrorism coverage for city property, but declined to act on another resolution authorizing more terrorism coverage for aircraft.

The additional coverage will mean about a \$52,000 increase in each premium, said Bob Goodwin, corporate committee manager for the city. It works out to be a 2 percent increase.

Lubbock already had some terrorism coverage, said Mary House, managing director of human resources for the city. The insurance is sold in layers so the city can buy coverage in pieces instead of all at once.

"The city needs it because we have a lot of property that costs a lot of about \$600 million.

money and we have an airport," she said, adding that currently the airport the city, said the probability of Lubhas \$100 million of terrorism cover-

An act of terrorism is defined by the policy as an act by a foreign en- happen.

tity, not local, House said. The Oklahoma City bombing, for instance, is not classified as terrorism because Timothy McVeigh was

American. erty, although all of the policies are power for some time, she said. The worth only \$300 million. To replace terrorism coverage can assist in cirall of the city buildings would cost

bock being the target of foreign terrorists was small, but the city wanted to be prepared in case something did

plant was de-Lubbock City stroyed, it city about \$70 million, she said. It would be difficult to come up with

that money, The insurance covers all city prop- and much of the city would be out of cumstances like that.

House said Lubbock is different

Leisa Hutcheson, risk manager for from many cities because it has both an airport and a power plant, which are what terrorists would go for should they attack.

> 'The problem is we're kind of in a new world and no one knows quite If a power what to expect," she said. "No one knows exactly what the risk is."

The Council also voted 5-0 to would cost the change zoning requirements in an area across the street from Texas Tech, by request of McDougal Realtors. The zoning case is part of the Overton project the company is doing. Mayor Marc McDougal and Councilman Victor Hernandez both excused themselves from the vote.

The Citizens Traffic Commission also is addressing parking issues con-

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Senate approves new Election Code

By Matt Muench/ Staff Reporter

Students who are campaigning this spring for a position with the Student Government Association can no longer use signs larger than 11 by 17 inches to promote themselves after Senate Bill 38.01 was Student Senate meeting of the se-

The signage issue was one of two main topics of concern in the bill that amended the Election Code. Senator at Large and journal clerk Wesley Stephens and Law School Senator Brandi Grissom coauthored the bill, and the SGA senators passed every section of the bill with few disagreements.

"There was a lot less controversy the election run a lot more in the code for structure reasons. smoother."

Stephens said the change in the signage issue would allow the elections to be fair.

"People would make these huge signs and go to the basketball games at the United Spirit Arena and get on TV, and that is unfair I think," he said. "It makes the playing field

The only controversy that arose is whether or not a candidate can put numerous 11 by 17 inch signs side-by-side or on top of one another. The controversy quickly ended when Senator Jason McAfee amended the bill by saying two signs by one candidate have to be at least three feet apart. The amendment

The other main topic was the rumors that candidates ask for personal test numbers from friends or other students to vote for themselves numerous times. It was something that was never allowed since online voting began, but was never implemented in the Election Code. If a candidate is caught passed Thursday night at the first in the act of a violation or if there is reason to believe they have been obtaining personal test numbers, the candidate will face the Election Com-

Stephens said this is an issue the Election Commission has been attempting to address since voting went

"We don't know if this will solve the problem," Stephens said. "But it will put a dent in it." McAfee told the Senate he could

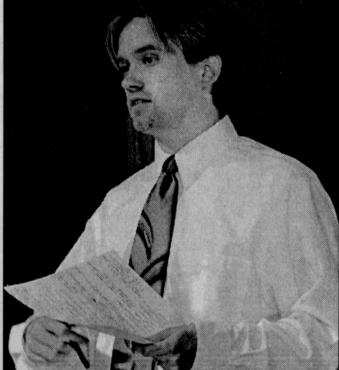
than I expected," Stephens said. "I not believe that this issue had to come am happy it passed, and it will make up, even though he realized it was put

"I really think it is ludicrous that we have to say this," he told the Senate. "Evidently, there are some extremely stupid students on campus."

Other changes to the Election Code included adding words that have never been in the code. An example was changing University Center to Student Union Building in the code's language. Also addressed was the elimination of four polling locations where personal test numbers are distributed because students never or rarely appeared there. There will now be 10 locations throughout campus.

Before the bill was addressed, SGA External Vice President Leigh Mauer

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WESLEY STEVENS, senator at large and journal clerk, addresses Bill 38.01 Thursday night at a Student Senate meeting, which amended the Election Code. One topic of concern was the size of signs candidates can use to promote themselves during elections.

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are no plans on the drawing board for additional layoffs. Laying off of positions is a last resort."

close attention to patients' opinions of services received in order to discover if patient care is being affected.

"We have tried to minimize affects for patients," he said.

by the patients, Owens said patient care is being affected minimally.

He said all of health care has aleconomy or will be affected in the fu-

ous," Owens said. "We will always services. Dane said UMC is being conhave to deal with this situation. The servative on how it handles its fibaby boom (generation) is making nances.

Sunday

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more demands on health care which cannot be met.'

Jeff Dane, vice president and chief financial officer of the University Medical Center, said UMC also is cautious about its finances.

"Currently, UMC is doing OK," he Owens said Covenant is paying said. We're doing all right. However, we have a number of concerns."

These concerns stem from the state's deficit of \$9.9 billion. Dane said the next Legislative session would likely cut money for Medicare so the From surveys that were filled out responsibility for funding health care would fall to the local level.

"(Covenant) and (UMC) are having a significant problem with rising ready been affected by the current costs and the decreasing of reimbursements," he said.

To combat these problems, UMC "The future in health care is tenu- is reducing its costs on supplies and

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"My biggest concern is Lubbock is a big health care market for the surrounding communities," he said. "I have concerns about Covenant and UMC being there to help the commu-

Elmo Cavin, the acting president, executive vice president and chief financial officer of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said the HSC is financially sound.

"HSC is financially very stable," he said. "We have approximately a \$400 million operating budget. We function within the parameters of that budget."

Cavin also cites the HSC's diverse revenue sources in keeping good finances. Revenue stems from legislative appropriations, patient care, contracts and research grants.

However, the HSC is preparing itself to combat financial problems if a budget cut ensues from the State Leg-

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moted her from associate dean to professor and twice denied her tenure. Her appointment was terminated in July

Miller, a former full professor and vice chairwoman of the pharmacy practice department, was denied tenure and alleges her salary did not match those of male coworkers. She resigned from the university in 1999, according to court documents.

Miller did not immediately return phone calls.

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cerning the more congested areas of the city, namely around Texas Tech and two of the high schools. Bob Goodwin, corporate committee manager for the city, said Lubbock had a residential parking program for the last several years to deal with parking for neighborhoods around

In the Tech Terrace neighborhood, residents can request that their street be part of the

He or she must submit a petition with signatures from 60 percent of the residents of that street, according to information from the city.

Residents are given permits that allow them to park in front of their homes, as well as one guest permit. The program has a \$50 application fee plus the cost of signs. Towing is enforced from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

City traffic engineer Jere Hart said the city did a survey of the participants and more than 60 percent of them liked the program. The city wants to expand it to neighborhoods around Lubbock and Monterey high schools.

Hart said the city will have public meetings in March or April to consider the program's

CLASS PICTURE



DAVID IOHNSON/Staff Photographe

ROSS ORINGDER, A junior advertising major from Houston, draws a sketch for his drawing class in the Architecture building Thursday afternoon for an assignment.

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discussed her plan to form a committee of students to meet with Lubbock City Council members and Mayor Marc McDougal to help Texas Tech's relationship with the city of Lubbock.

She also discussed the transportation fee proposal which may make students pay \$45 per semester to help with the Tech bus system. Mauer told the Senate she wanted suggestions to whether a fee should needed to be updated."

be implemented.

'We have to find a way to handle this problem," she told the Senate. "Because we will face it."

Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown said he was happy with the first meeting of the semester because many of the senators got involved.

He additionally said he is pleased the bill was passed because the 2003-04 election process begins Monday.

"It will really help the election process," he said. "And the election code

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SOAC debates student concerns

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

The Student Organization Advisory Congress convened Thursday night to voice student concerns. The Congress, made up of representatives from registered student organizations across campus, currently meets once a month to discuss issues brought forward by individual representatives on behalf of their organizations.

In response to requests for designated free speech areas on campus, SOAC discussed possible areas. According to the Texas Tech Student Affairs Handbook and the Tech Open Policy Manual, the gazebo located immediately east of the Southwest Collections building currently stands as the designated free speech area.

Student Government Association Chief of Staff Stephanie Sanchez read options for new or additional free speech areas on campus: the area of Will Rogers and Soapsuds; the Engineering key median; Urbanovsky park for large "events"; the North-East brick area of the Student Union; or the Southwest Conference Circle.

Saddle Tramp representative Zeb Wright, a junior business management major from Hondo, said the Saddle Tramps would disagree with the designation of Will Rogers and Soapsuds or the Southwest Conference Circle.

The Engineering key median was mentioned as important for the purposes of ROTC drills. The North-East brick area of the Student Union was agreed upon as fair, although the Sundial also was mentioned by Joe Wigner, a doctoral student studying computer science from Lubbock, as being ideal to catch the attention of students walking to and from park-

Sanchez pointed out that students can protest at Memorial Circle.

"A lot of people have very different sentiments about Memorial Circle," she said. "It would take us changing the handbook."

Discussion arose over the possibility of formalizing SOAC meetings for efficiency and fairness purposes. Laura Bell, a senior human development and family studies major from Kermit representing the Latter-Day Saints Students' Association, voiced dislike of the current situation at SOAC.

"Two or three people monopolize all the time," Bell said. "It makes me not want to come back."

Some representatives agreed there should be formalization of the SOAC meetings and perhaps more frequent meetings for consistency and strengthening of proceedings. Wagner expressed the fear that formalization would stifle discussion.

Melissa Borden, representative and Editor of The University Daily and a senior international business major from DeSoto, suggested SOAC develop a stronger focus and mission statement.

"It seems like all we do is bitch." Borden said. "We need to develop a mission statement, a goal - dedicate the group to change something - all the same issues are being brought up."

Sanchez and adviser from the Center for Campus Life Sandra Marquez-Hall pointed out the organization attempts to follow its original mission statement as closely as possible, reminding attendees that SOAC is in its early developing

Members decided to form committees in order to deal with campus issues brought forward by members of

SGA president Kelli Stumbo asked the members of SOAC to accept a challenge from the SGA. The challenge involves obtaining more student input regarding fees.

Two helicopters crash near Mexico

FALCON HEIGHTS (AP) -When he saw the two huge fireballs after a South Texas military helicopter accident, it was clear to witness Larry Shoal that the occupants of the two choppers had no

"There was nobody that could have survived that," said Shoal, 67, who lives in a recreational vehicle park near the site where four Marine Corps reservists died when their AH1 W Super Cobra helicopters crashed Wednesday night.

"There was no way to help them," Shoal said Thursday. "We heard a loud boom and all of a sudden the engines in the helicopters quit, so I went outside and looked and there was a ball of fire."

He saw another fireball close

Wreckage from one helicopter was at the entrance to the RV park, and burn marks from that crash stretched for about 40 yards. The other crash site was about 300 yards away, with various helicopter parts between them. Brush and grass around the second helicopter was burned for about 40 yards around, a witness said.

The Marines -- two per helicopter - were flying above Falcon State Park near the U.S.-Mexican border when their helicopters crashed at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, said Armando Carrasco, a spokesman for Joint Task Force Six, a Department of Defense unit that helps the Border Patrol in counterdrug efforts.

The Marine Corps is investigating. Marine Corps spokesman Capt. Joe Kloppel said he had no immediate information on what might have caused the crash. A collision was certainly a possibility, he said, but that had not been confirmed.

"It was at night, so that probably complicates (getting details from) any eyewitnesses that may have seen it," he said.

"The helicopters were conducting a nighttime aviation reconnaissance counter-drug operation in support of the U.S. Border Patrol, Laredo Sector, at the time of the accident," Carrasco said.

The crews were based in Camp Pendleton, Calif., but were operating out of Fort Bliss, an Army post in El Paso.

Texas Tech offers free computer courses

By Jack Shaeffer/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech officials have announced plans to offer free computer classes to all Tech students, faculty and staff.

Computer Shortcourse Coordinator Heide Mansouri said the computer courses provided by Technology Support are free of charge and are designed to aid users' understanding of several popular programs.

"Some universities charge almost \$100 for same quality courses, and Tech's shortcourses are free," she said. "All classes are hands-on and instructor-led."

Lori Hefley, coordinator for marketing and promotions for Information Technology Division, said most students are unaware Tech has outstanding computer courses.

"Our goal is to let students, faculty and staff know that these resources are available to them, and we just want to encourage them to attend these classes," she said.

The courses consist of seven categories, which include: Office 2002 XP, e-mail, SAS/SPSS, Internet/ Web, Multimedia/Macromedia, Database Development and Program-

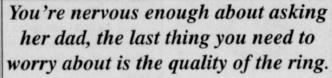
Mansouri also is among the nine instructors who teach the courses, which are offered semester long, which began Jan. 21 and will end

Classes run about two to three hours, and space is limited because of the number of computers and software installed, Mansouri said.

Sheri Snider, director of Technology Support, said while credit is not offered for the courses, users can expect to gain insightful knowledge about the programs.

"The courses are offered on a noncredit basis," she said. "It is the users' decision if they learned the material from the classes or not. If the users feel that they did not absorb all the information taught in the class, then they are more than welcome to repeat the course if they want to."

Snider said Technology Support has been helping students, faculty and staff of all skill levels to enhance their computer skills for several





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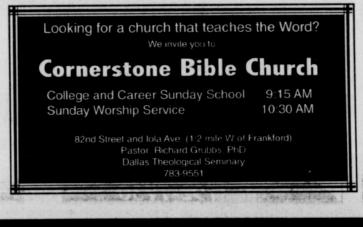


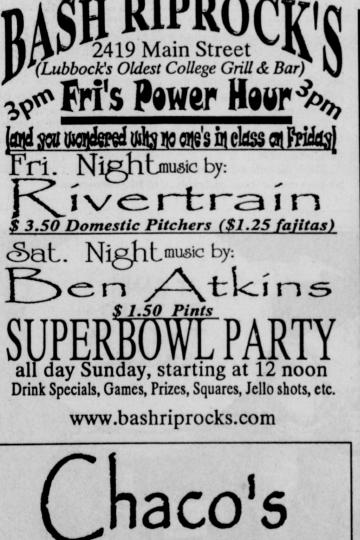
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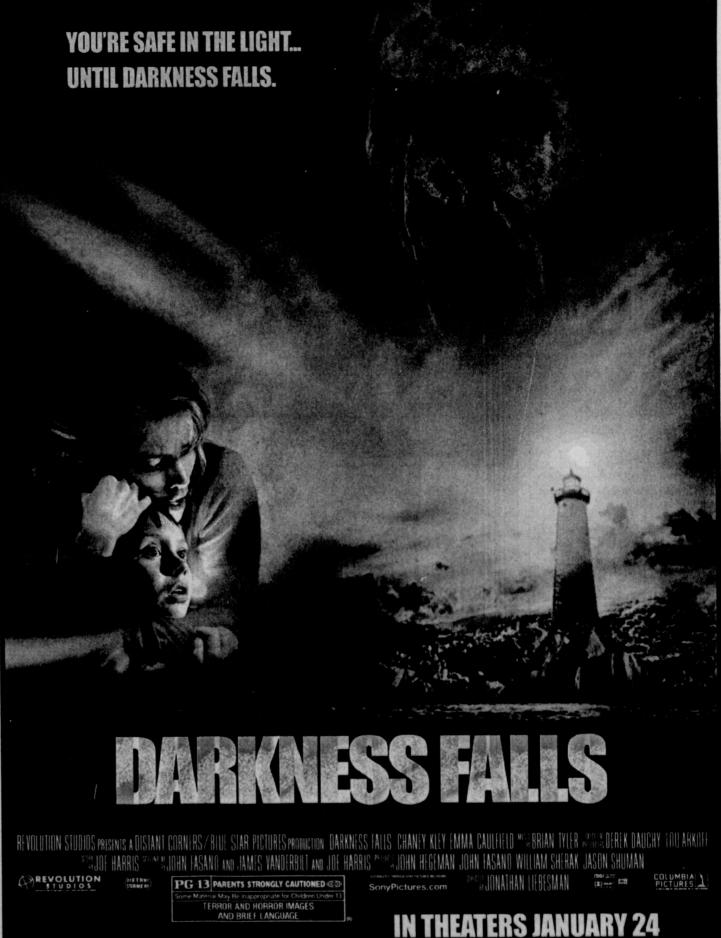




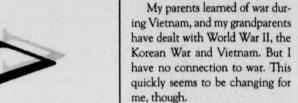












This summer while vacationing in Dallas, I was introduced to a girl named Kelly. Although we went to the same high school, she was quite a few years older than I. After her high school graduation in 1996, she enrolled in the Army and created a new home on a base in Clovis, NM. Soon after returning from boot camp, she met her future husband,

ground deeply sadden me. Weekly,

I have been startled with the news

of friends and relatives being sent

overseas to prepare for the long-

awaited war with Iraq.

n the news, the large numbers boy named Isaac. Kelly decided to of soldiers being sent to leave the Army to stay home with her Saddam Hussein's bloody playson. Shortly after this, the couple decided to part their own ways.

With difficulty making ends meet, Kelly had to make a decision in order to keep the lifestyle she was accustomed to. After contemplating a return to her previous military career, Kelly decided to enlist in the reserves, while keeping her day job. Working through the week, being a mother at night and a soldier on occasional weekends, made up the majority of her

Then about three weeks ago, I was alarmed with news of her relocation to set up camps in the Middle East before the other soldiers are sent to

Even more astonishing, she had less than two weeks to prepare herself and her child for the new situation in which they would both be introduced. She barely had enough time to move married and gave birth to a precious out of her comfortable house, find a



Bush's talk takes friends far away

Kori Hahn greatcolumn@yahoo.com

The days before the move were engulfed in tears, and the attempt at explaining the emotional situation

damn good babysitter and finish the other chores preceding a two-year ab-

was hardly bearable.

The days before the move were

at explaining the emotional situation was hardly bearable. Isaac is not old enough to understand why Mommy will be leaving, and more than that, he lacks all comprehension of the lengthy time before they will reunite. The most difficult part for Kelly is the reality of missing her son's most crucial years. She will miss the words he learns to say and the games he will learn to play.

She has now been gone a week, and she patiently waits for the significant departure from Fort Hood to her new home in Iraq.

Until now, President Bush's 20minute speeches threatening war on CNN have not deeply affected me, but after this heartfelt change of events, I have a much better understanding of the severity of our leaders' most diminutive decisions.

ashamed to admit my slight ignorance at home.

engulfed with tears, and the attempt of the country's foreign relations prior to becoming affected personally and witnessing the aftermath. These are not only warriors; they are fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, boyfriends and girlfriends, husbands and wives and most of all friends.

Since I have returned to Lubbock, I have sadly been told of two other friends who have already departed from right here at Texas Tech. My peers make up the battle line, and that is what is the hardest concept for me to embrace. That could be me.

I hope for the safe return of each and every soldier overseas. I hope they know how grateful I am for everything they have done and will continue to

Like them, I too cannot wait until this frightening era is over and they happily return home. I want to give thanks to who they are, what they Her departure has left me with the have done and what they most grareality and humanness of war. I am ciously are doing for all of us, here safer

k better known after Bubonic

dubious distinction of being the most newsworthy university in the nation. It was not because Tech researched something significant. No sports team did anything surprising. Thankfully, no one died.

But Tech did manage to lose track of 30 slides containing a strain of bubonic plague. We should all be

What's really scary is Tech's new Experimental Sciences building will, upon its completion, be used for storage of diseases far deadlier than the plague, such as smallpox and the Ebola virus.

I wonder if the government officials responsible for security were watching the news last week and thinking to themselves, "Maybe

It's incredible to me that someone can claim to have lost track of the bacteria that was responsible for wiping out more than 50 percent of the population in 14th century

ast week, Texas Tech had the a pack of freakin' peanuts here.

I'm going to harp on this for a while. Below is my entirely fictitious recreation of what the conversation in the office may have been like on the day "Plague-Gate" broke out. Forgive the pun.

"Morning, Jim."

"How you doing, Tom?"

"Is that coffee fresh?" "I think so."

"Good. I need some caffeine." "Having trouble thinking this morning, Tom?"

"Yeah, I just keep losing stuff, Jim." "Like what?"

"Well, I don't know what I did with my television remote. I searched for 30 minutes trying to find my glasses before I left today. And for the life of me, I don't know what I did with those bubonic plague slides."

"Did you try retracing your steps?" "Yes, but I can't remember if someone stole them or if I destroyed them." "Damn."

One thing is certain.

It's not like we're talking about Tech after Bob Knight came to town sorry for any alumni attempting to find



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What's really scary is Tech's new Experimental Sciences building will ... be used for storage of diseases far deadlier than the plague, such as smallpox and the Ebola virus.

Anyone who didn't know about probably knows about it now. I feel

work right now. Here's a hypothetical

"So you majored in biology?"

"Yes, sir." "Graduated Magna cum laude?"

"That's correct."

"Texas Tech, heh?"

"Yes, sir." "The plague school?"

"Well don't call us, we'll call you." In fact, let's add some new classes that might prove to be more applicable in the daily lives of Tech students and faculty.

> PR 4340: Spin Doctoring. MCOM 1330: When the Truth

> HDFS 4301: Raising the Bubonic

RWFM 2300: Rat Extermination. FIN 3301: Purchasing the Plague.

CRIM 1300: Security Manage-

HONS 3301-H01: Ethics in Biol-

HIST 3321: Malthusian Population Checks and You.

that? Memory Tools for the Elderly. Regardless, I'm still quite proud to

be a Red Raider. First of all, I said last semester that Tech's defense needed a new name. Well, they've got one. Instead of

Swarm (blah), they can now call themselves "The Black Death." I love I think Tech can take advantage of this situation and start up a new marketing campaign as well. I have de-

vised a series of new slogans that may help inspire and amuse people looking at Tech in the wake of this whole plague fiasco. Texas Tech: Babes and Buboes.

Texas Tech: More Than Just STDs.

TTU and FBI: Working Together for a Better Tomorrow.

Texas Tech: Land of the Free and Home of the Plague.

Tech Spirit: It's contagious.

Get "hands-off" experience at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. Texas Tech: The Clap and the

Red Raider Spirit: No one is im-PSY 4359: What Did I Do with mune.

Letter to the Editor

disrupt observatory

I've been a student for three years at Texas Tech, and I've dealt with the parking woes that all students face. Having said that, what

to most students. I am firmly against the new Park and Ride lot to be installed next to the Health Sciences Center, the reason being it will destroy what seeing is left available at the Texas Tech Observatory.

Students in the astronomy courses

laboratory exercises. It also is used for community star parties as well as local astronomy club meetings.

Currently, the lights from the HSC, softball complex to the south and the street lights of Indiana,

Park and Ride will I'm about to say may come as a shock use the observatory as part of their ing off so much light pollution that and it would be a great loss to the en even on a good night, the list of visible items is limited.

Should this new parking lot go in, it will destroy what views are left to the general public.

This is the only widely-available

tire community to lose it to a parking lot. There are plenty of other places to put a new parking lot, and I hope the administration will reconsider its position.

- Joe Wigner is a doctoral student

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News Briefs

SUV accident causes first traffic death in 2003 Memorial service honors former professor

Lubbock's first traffic fatality of 2003 could have been avoided had the driver taken a few seconds to fasten his seat belt, said Cpl. Terry Boyer of the Lubbock Police Department.

Paul Bownds, 29, of Lubbock, died of a broken neck Wednesday after a one-car accident on Slaton Highway. His vehicle struck a culvert, ran off the road and flipped several times. Bownds, who owned El Rodeo, a local nightclub, was ejected from his vehicle.

A witness said he saw Bownds hit something, and then his 2001 Chevy Tahoe catapulted into the air and started flipping. The witness described the flip as a "cartwheel mo-

According to the police report, the vehicle stopped about 300 feet away from the culvert. The metal grating of the culvert had shifted, and a large amount of dirt was strewn across the paved turnaround.

The police officer approximated

the vehicle left the road 204 feet east of the culvert. When EMS arrived, Bownds was laying 50 feet away from the vehicle, in the median.

The police officer also observed Bownds being verbally and physically uncooperative with emergency personnel, according to the police re-

He was transported to UMC, where he died a few hours later. The official cause of death was a broken

A memorial service for Byron Abernethy, former professor at Texas Tech, and his wife Helen Abernethy will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Unitarian Universalist church in Lubbock. They died on Jan. 2 and 3.

Byron Abernethy's career is significant to Tech because the nonrenewal of his contract in 1957 was one of the reasons the American Association of University Professors placed a 10-year censure on the university.

Byron Abernethy was a professor at Tech before World War II. His contract was not renewed after an executive session of the Board of Regents in July 1957. Once the Board came out of the closed session, they gave no reason for the nonrenewal of his contract, according to a 1984 recorded interview with Byron Abernethy.

Abernethy was involved in research funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Welfare.

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Tech was the second American university that gained national recognition from a Board failing to renew contracts without a reason, hearing or grievance procedure, according to the AAUP Bulletin.

"(The Abernethy's) were important people in our lives," said Duane Christian, a friend of the couple. "(Abernethy) was a gentleman, a scholar and a gracious man. He was a man of very high ethical and intellectual standards."

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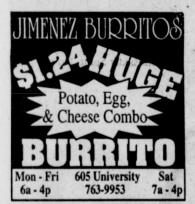
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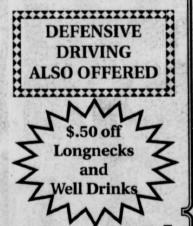
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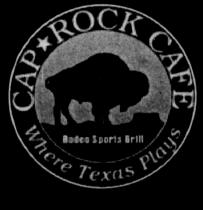
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Sixth annual wine and chocolate festival on Saturday

By Sara Schroeder/Staff Reporter

Food and drink are an essential part of a person's life. Although tastes differ, there are some that can tickle anyone's fancy.

For lovers of chocolate and wine, the Sixth annual Llano Estacado Wine and Chocolate Fantasia should entice both taste buds and creative

The Fantasia, which takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Llano Estacado Winery, features creative sculptures made mostly of chocolate. It also offers free samples of the chocolate used in the sculptures and red wine to complement their flavor.

This event began with the inspiration of Kurt Melle, a certified executive chef for Lakeland Marketing Inc., and is designed to help the community and charities of Lubbock.

"We created an original event," he said. "There is nothing like it."

Russell Gillentine, tasting director for the Llano Estacado Winery, said the event serves as more than just a fun-filled time.

'The Wine and Chocolate Fantasia benefits the West Texas Parkinson's Society and also the South Plains Chapter of the Texas Chefs Association Scholarship Fund," he said.

Chris Wilson, corporate chef for United Supermarkets and a certified executive chef, said this event is a

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good time for a good cause.

"This event is not only about fun," he said. "It helps raise money, also."

In addition to offering taste testing, the Fantasia also is a competition for chocolateers. Thirty to 40 contestants will compete in four different categories, including amateur, professional, chef and student.

"Everyone can use any type of chocolate and create anything they wish to make," Gillentine said.

He said the contestants "can make anything they think of."

Kurt Melle, a certified executive chef, said the chocolate sculptures are creative and original.

"The idea for the design is as important as the execution," he said. "The contestants take their ideas and develop themes.'

Designs from the past include windmills, cars, tear cakes, houses, saddles and more.

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Winners will be determined on a point system, and those with the most points will receive either a gold, silver or bronze medal.

With this system, more than one winner can be announced in each category, Melle said.

"The medal system is new this year," Melle said. "With this system, there will be more winners, and it will not be as competitive."

He adds this event has "friendly competition."

There also are categories for Best In Show and People's Choice Award.

The judges for this year are a mixture of people from the South Plains Chapter of the Texas Chefs Association, two radio DJs from KLLL-FM and a playwright who owns a publishing company.

Along with decorative chocolate sculptures and tasty cabernetsauvignon wine, people can enjoy the blend of bluegrass, jazz and blues style music from Alan Munde and Joe Carr.

Tickets cost \$30 and can be purchased by calling Llano Estacado Winery at (806) 745-2258.

The mixture of wine, chocolate and music should put everyone in high spirits, Gillentine said, and those who attend should dress warmly, as the wine cellars are at temperatures of 50

When you have good wine and good chocolate, it's all good;" Gillentine said.

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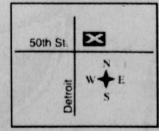
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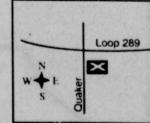
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Red Raiders host Cowboys

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech men's basketball team will face Oklahoma State at 1 p.m. Sunday at the United Spirit Arena. The game will match up two ranked teams, No. 17 Oklahoma State and No. 25 Tech. The game will be televised by ESPN.

Both teams enter the contest coming off similar games. They both played in overtime, but the difference

is Tech lost to Oklahoma and Oklahoma State beat Baylor.

The No. 17 ranked Cowboys (15-1 overall, 4-0 Big 12 Conference) have been the early surprise in the Big 12 as they sit in first place. Their resume includes victories against ranked opponents Oklahoma and Missouri.

Tech is in a different situation. The No. 25 ranked Raiders (11-3, 1-2) have dropped two of their first three Big 12 games, and Sunday's contest could

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make or break the Raiders' season.

A win could get the tide to turn. A loss can drop Tech's momentum faster than an avalanche.

The Cowboys boast three guards that average in double figures in the scoring department led by Tony Allen's 16 points per game.

This could come into play as the perimeter defense and 3-point shot has haunted Tech. Big 12 opponents have hit 24 3-pointers against Tech

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in three games.

Andre Emmett, who leads the league in scoring by averaging 21 points per game this season, leads the Raiders. However, Emmett has not scored more than 18 points the last three games.

Players were unavailable for comment Thursday.

Tech will stay home to play Colorado on Wednesday in the United Spirit Areana at 8:15 p.m.

DALLAS (AP) - Blood and hair

samples have reportedly been col-

lected from Dallas Cowboys player

Dwayne Goodrich's car following a

Court records made public Wednes-

day show that investigators collected

hair and blood from a point of impact

in the center of the windshield of the

backup cornerback's 2002 BMW 745i.

derneath weatherstripping near the

windshield, and fiber and hair were

Tissue and hair were also found un-

fatal hit-and-run accident.

Pudge signs with Marlins

ARLINGTON (AP) -There's no place like home, former Texas Rangers star Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez says, adding that signing a deal with the Florida Marlins will make possible a yearlong reunion with his family.

A formal announcement of the \$10 million, one-year contract for the 10-time All-Star catcher was expected Thursday.

Rodriguez played his final game with the Rangers on Sept.

Police collect samples from Cowboy's car

29 to multiple standing ovations. He said he would never forget the fans.

But Rodriguez was not offered a new contract by the Rangers, for whom he had played since reaching the major leagues in 1991 at age 19.

"The only team that wanted me very badly was Florida, and that was nice," said Rodriguez, who has a home in Miami Beach. "I'm going to be home, at least for a year, and my kids will see me all year. I'm going to be very happy to be home all the time."

Basketball Picks

Record Percentage OSU vs. Tech Tech vs. Colorado (W) Arizona vs. Kansas Nebraska vs. ISU Missouri vs. Texas KSU vs. Texas A&M OU vs. Baylor ISU vs. Nebraska (W) Kansas vs. Texas A&M (W) Texas vs. KSU (W) OSU vs. Missouri (W)

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found near the right headlight, the records show. They stated that fragments of glass with blood were collected from the right dashboard, and hair samples were taken from the right front seat.

Goodrich, 24, was free on bonds totaling \$50,000 on two felony counts of manslaughter in the Jan. 14 deaths of Joseph "Joby" Wood, 21, and Demont Matthews, 23, both of Plano.

Dallas police said the department has secured Goodrich's vehicle at the city auto pound and would not allow

it to be viewed Wednesday.

"We're working closely with the district attorney's office, and the car should be made available at a later date," Dallas police spokeswoman Janice Houston told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions.

Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill would not provide details on the investigation, but said evidence such as hair and blood found on a windshield of a car could be helpful in reviewing a case involving pedestrians.

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Lady Raiders ready to move on from loss

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter on Saturday, and the team knows the ward to facing Colorado because they don't have any choice. I've learned

Texas Tech Lady Raiders coach Marsha Sharp knew this week would be one of the toughest all season. Tech (15-2, 4-1 Big 12 Conference) lost to Texas on Wednesday, and now will square off with Colorado (14-2, 4-1).

"I think some of the better matchups are happening right now," Sharp said. "When I looked at our schedule early in the year, I circled this week as one that was going to be real important to us. If we want to stay in the race until Texas and K-State lose, you don't one game."

Texas will visit No. 4 Kansas State

implications of its own game and the UT-KSU one as well. Jolee Ayers said this weekend has the potential to influence more than just the Big 12.

"This is a really big week for the Big 12," Ayers said. "The top teams are playing each other; it will be interesting to see who comes out with wins and losses. That will have something to do with the way the conference ends ... which is a big thing for NCAA's. Actually, this is a big week for women's basketball because which teams win could dewant to distance yourself more than termine how teams are seeded in the playoffs."

The Lady Raiders are looking for-

have a loss to put behind them and a bad taste in their mouths.

"Obviously no one likes losing, and no one likes losing in that atmosphere," Ayers said. "I think we're going to get refocused and try to be more aggressive and not get back on our heels and really attack them."

Perhaps the Lady Raiders will attack the Buffaloes like rabid dogs because Erin Grant said Tech is not happy with its performance Wednesday night.

"I think we are a little upset in a way," Grant said. "I think in the way an 11-point hole early, one the Raidwe played and also we didn't want to lose, and especially not to Texas."

Moving on will be the most important part of the game Sunday because Sharp said dwelling on the past can get a team in trouble in the Big 12.

"(Wednesday) was one of those you want to hurry up and forget," Sharp said. "I think in Big 12 play, you

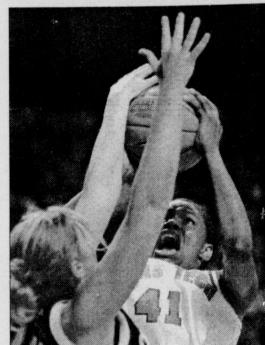
you can't get too excited about any wins you have and get too disappointed in a loss you have.'

Pulling themselves up and getting back in the race is just part of the long process of the Big 12 season.

"I've told our players several times the Big 12 is not won or lost in one game; it's a marathon of 16 games," Sharp said. "And whoever is the toughest to handle 16 games will be the winner."

Tech fell victim to an aggressive attack from Texas and found itself in ers could not find a way to dig themselves out of.

"That's really not characteristic of us to have somebody jump on us 11-0," Grant said. "That's usually what we're trying to do to other teams. I think we want to do that against Colorado and get them out of it early, especially on their home court."



LADY Raiders' win over Oklahoma State, LaToya Davis goes up for a shot. Davis will get her first career start in Colorado on Sunday afternoon when the Lady Raiders take on the Buffaloes. JAMIE TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer





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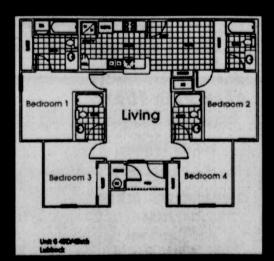
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