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SGA looks at adding \$45 transportation fee



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TEXAS TECH STUDENTS pack into the Red Raider route bus Monday in front of the Mass Communications building. The Student Government Association is proposing a \$45 transportation fee added to tuition to fund Citibus routes.

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Over the next month, Texas Tech students will face two critical possibilities: another fee on their tuition bill or a major cut-back on bus services.

The Texas Tech Student Government Association is proposing a \$45 transportation fee to be paid each semester by all students. SGA External Vice President Leigh Mauer is anticipating a drastic restructuring of the university's contract with Citibus.

While Mauer said she wants the fee to be implemented, she does not have faith the administration will support it.

"I foresee this not being a priority for the university," Mauer said. "To me, parking is going to be crazy next year. If you can't get to class, how important is it to go to the class? I have a pretty bad feeling it won't (pass)."

Mauer proposed the fee in an effort to cover the costs of the Citibus system.

Mauer said there are three main reasons

why the fee should be implemented: Costs are rising to receive bus service, enrollment at Tech is increasing and Tech's three-year contract with Citibus ends this year.

The SGA's initial plan of covering Citibus' costs backfired when it charged students \$50 to ride off campus.

The SGA raised about \$65,000, which failed to fully fund the service. However, if the fee is approved, Mauer said students can ride anywhere in Lubbock with a valid Tech ID.

"It will put us in a really good situation," she said.

Leslie Seaman, who handles the Tech account at Citibus, said she hopes the fee will be implemented because students will know where their money is being spent.

"I always want a receipt when I go to the store," she said. "It is important to know where your money is going."

Mauer presented her proposal to the Student Services Committee in November. The

committee wrote a recommendation to Vice President of Student Affairs Michael Shonrock. Shonrock then wrote his recommendation to the presidents' office, where the proposal sits now.

Seaman said with no fee, there would be a major shortage of buses and off-campus utilization.

"The most important thing is there are less than 30,000 students at Tech, and we counted that the buses went on four million trips last year," she said. "That is big. I'd hate to see people who have gotten comfortable with the bus system have to use another one."

If the administration accepts the proposal, Interim President Donald Haragan will present it to the Board of Regents in February.

Haragan did not immediately return phone calls.

The Office of the Chancellor declined to comment on the proposal.

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Local teen killed by Lubbock police

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Lubbock police shot and killed a local teenager Friday afternoon when he refused to respond to their commands and pointed a replica gun at them, police officials said.

Bill Morgan of the Lubbock Police Department said a dispatcher received a call Friday afternoon reporting a man walking on Erskine Street carrying a gun. He was later identified as Michael De La Rosa, 19.

One officer was on his way to the scene when someone flagged him down and reported a Hispanic male, dressed in all black, with a gun.

Two officers intercepted De La Rosa between Erskine and Fordham Streets. They asked him to stop, and he refused.

"He absolutely ignored them," Morgan said. "He just walked along like they weren't there."

The officers followed De La Rosa for half a block, repeatedly asking him to stop walking, Morgan said. He continued walking until he reached Fordham Street, when he turned quickly and pointed what the officers believed to be a gun at them.

The officers then shot De La Rosa, said Assistant Chief of Investigations Randy Ward.

Morgan described the gun as a non-functional, full-sized semiautomatic handgun, which looks the same as a functional gun, he said.

De La Rosa, who would have turned 20 on Sunday, was shot once in the chest and twice in the right arm, Morgan said. He was pronounced dead at UMC about 5:15 p.m. Friday.

The officers involved in the shooting, Chris Hennesley, 24, and Brad McMahan, 22, were placed on paid administrative leave, which Morgan said is standard procedure in police shootings.

Morgan said there will be both a criminal investigation and an internal investigation into the shooting.

Both officers will have a separate review board, which is responsible for reviewing both criminal and internal affairs investigations, and getting testimonies from officers and other witness to reconstruct what happened.

According to information from the Lubbock Police Department, the board will classify the shooting either within policy, outside of policy or accidental. It also will as-

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Texas Tech utilizes Biodefense center

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech School of Law's Center for Biodefense Law and Policy is looking toward becoming a national focus for biodefense law and policy this year.

The Center, which opened in October, is continuing to develop because of the issues of terrorism, counter-terrorism and the possibility of bioterrorism, School of Law Dean Walter Huffman said.

Huffman said the biodefense center will be working with agencies related to biodefense such as the Center for Disease Control and the U.S. Army's Infectious Disease Research Center.

Huffman said Lubbock is now a national focus because of the recent Health Sciences Center situation concerning missing slides containing a bacteria that causes the bubonic plague.

Huffman said the emphasis at the Biodefense center is one regarding the

American people.

"How do you make sure the American public is informed and protected?" he said. "This knowledge has proven useful in a practical situation, right here."

Huffman said making sure the American people are both informed and protected on issues such as biodefense rests on centers such as the one at the law school doing research on law and policy.

"It's a very important center," he said.

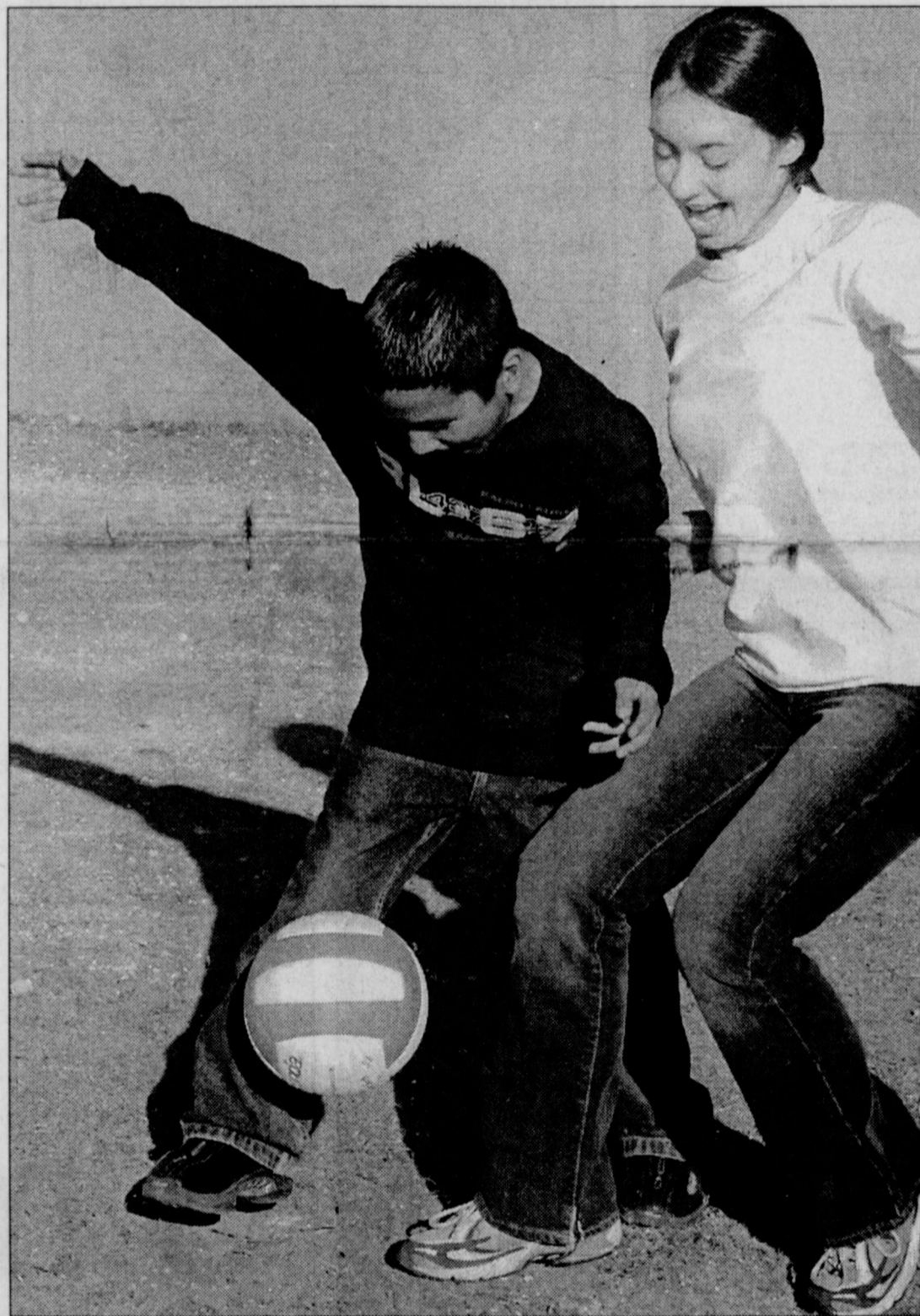
Huffman added that, unfortunately, the timing for the biodefense center was very good.

"The timing was very good, although it was an important issue before 9/11," he said. "There was certainly less of an emphasis before 9/11. Post-9/11 it's gotten an emphasis."

Huffman said the Center and nation need to look at laws and roles in the country, comparing it

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JUST KICKIN' IT



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

CHELSEA KECK, A sophomore business major from Levelland, plays soccer with Joe Angel at the Boys and Girls Club on Monday. Many Texas Tech students volunteer to play with children after school in its Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

Tech responds to Bush's affirmative action stance

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Using race as a factor in admissions is a hot topic these days, as the University of Michigan prepares to defend itself and its policies in the Supreme Court.

The Bush Administration is split on its affirmative action stance. President George W. Bush denounced using race as an admissions factor for higher education, while Secretary of State Colin Powell considers himself a strong proponent of affirmative action.

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice took the middle ground, saying race can be considered

as one factor among many to achieve a more diverse student body.

The National Society of Black Engineers condemned Bush's position, stating in a press release that studies have proven affirmative action in college admissions policies have helped create more diversity on campuses nationwide, as well as enlarging a strong black middle class.

Texas Tech sophomore Allyson Carriere said affirmative action was good but should not be necessary.

"I think it's kind of sad that we still have to do it in this day and age," the early childhood major from Amarillo said.

Tech does not use race as a factor

because of the Hopwood decision in which the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals declared affirmative action unconstitutional. However, if the Supreme Court decides Michigan's policies are constitutional, Texas' precedent could change, and affirmative action could be allowed.

Interim President Donald Haragan said he is not in favor of a quota system, which is the most prominent method of affirmative action.

"We are continuing our primary thrusts and special efforts to recruit high numbers of minorities, but we do not limit admissions on quotas," he

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2002 University Enrollment

■ WHITE	21,786
■ BLACK	818
■ AMERICAN INDIAN	162
■ HISPANIC	2,800
■ ASIAN	584
■ UNKNOWN	365
■ NONCITIZEN	1,054

SOURCE: Tech Department of Institutional Research

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The Rundown



UTEP coach arrested on a charge of DWI

EL PASO (AP) — Texas-El Paso head basketball coach Billy Gillispie was free on bond Monday after his arrest on a charge of driving while intoxicated, say police.

Law officers in the West Texas city stopped Gillispie, a first-year men's coach, for a traffic violation early Sunday.

Detective Darrel Petry said Gillispie was driving the wrong way on a one-way street about 2:25 a.m. and was subsequently arrested for DWI.

Gillispie, 43, was released from the El Paso County Jail on bond of \$750.

An assistant district attorney initially declined to pursue prosecution, Petry said, but District Attorney Jaime Esparza accepted the case after further interviews.

"We have not received all of the details of the incident involving Billy Gillispie and local authorities. We are in the process of gathering information," said UTEP assistant athletic director Jeff Darby, referring questions to police. "We will refrain from commenting until we feel that we can make a response."

FAA asking airlines to weigh passengers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration will ask airlines to weigh some passengers and bags before they board 19-seat planes to find out whether current weight estimates are appropriate.

Investigators are exploring the possibility that too much weight contributed to the Jan. 8 crash of a 19-seat Beech 1900 turboprop that killed 21 people in North Carolina.

Debbly McElroy, president of the Regional Airlines Association, which is working with the FAA, told The Associated Press airlines are being asked to weigh passengers and bags once within a month at about a third of the airports used by aircraft that carry 19 passengers.

The directive will affect a total of about 200 Jetstream 31s, Metro 23s and Beech 1900s, she said.

The FAA allows airlines to estimate a male passenger flying in winter averages 175 pounds, including clothing and carry-ons, and each checked bag weighs an average of 25 pounds.

"They want to get a sense for whether those numbers are still appropriate," McElroy said.

Trains collide near French-Italian border

SAINT-DALMAS DE TENDE, France (AP) — French and Italian passenger trains collided head-on in an Alpine tunnel in southeast France on Monday, killing two people and injuring four seriously.

French authorities said the two trains slammed into each other in the Biona Tunnel near the Italian border at 11:15 a.m., throwing passengers to the floor and causing their suitcases to tumble down from overhead bins.

"Everywhere, people were screaming," said Paolo Branconi, a passenger in the Italian train. "Three people managed to get out of the car and call for help."

The confined area of the crash site made rescue operations difficult, said Jean-Paul Boulet of the French railway authority, SNCF.

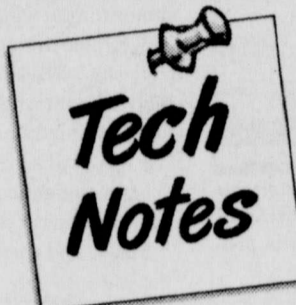
About 150 rescue workers were on the scene, and four helicopters were flying overhead to render assistance. Italian authorities contributed a helicopter and ambulances to the effort.

Passengers from both trains were taken to a community center in the nearby village of Saint-Dalmas de Tende.

GRAND SLAM



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer
DEVIN WAKEFORD, A senior industrial engineering major from Cape Town, South Africa and member of the Texas Tech tennis team, practices Monday afternoon at the McLeod Tennis Center.



Volunteer training for the Family Outreach Center of Lubbock begins today and continues each Tuesday and Thursday through Feb. 11. Training will assist the center in preventing child abuse and neglect. Call (806) 747-5577 for more information.

Come join the Tech Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and help the Lubbock community. The first meeting is 4 p.m. today in the Lubbock Room in the Student Union building.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life is looking for resident assistants for the 2003-04 academic year. If you are interested in promoting community and learning in the residence halls while developing personal leadership skills, you are encouraged to attend an information session to receive an application. The information sessions will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Wall/Gates Lobby and 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Doak Hall Formal Lounge.

If you have any questions about the sessions or the application process, please contact the Residence Life Office at (806) 742-2597.

The Amateur Radio Society of Tech is having a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in room 116 of the Petroleum Engineering building. For more

information contact Mark Matalik at (806) 543-3455 or mark.matalik@ttu.edu.

The game Outcast will be at 10 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Student Union Courtyard. To become a contestant, students can enter a drawing at the Rec All Nighter on Jan. 31 or stop by room 228 in the Student Union. Names of contestants will be drawn and announced prior to the game on Feb. 7. Prizes will be given, including a grand prize of a cruise for two to the Bahamas. For more information call (806) 742-5433.

Income tax forms are available in the Tech library basement. For more information, contact Government Documents/Maps at (806) 742-2282 or visit their Web site which has a current list of IRS and private Web sites that provide more information on federal taxes, www.lib.ttu.edu/gov_docs/ustaxes.htm.

The Catholic Student Association is sponsoring Raider Awakening, a three day retreat for college students by college students. The retreat will be held Feb. 28 through to Mar. 2. Sign-ups are at St. Elizabeth's Hanley Hall, 2305 Main St., 2 p.m. Sunday.

For more information visit www.raidercatholic.org or e-mail Katherine Lashlee at katxp52@hotmail.com.

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PERSPECTIVES

Why surprised at call to duty?

I keep hearing a lot of news about how world events are hitting "home" here in this dusty West Texas town. People seem surprised that there is actually a real world out there where everyday actions by others actually have an effect on someone far away.

Well if you didn't know, we do not, I repeat, do not live in a bubble here in Lubbock. This whole "Texas is the center of the entire universe, and everything else revolves around it" attitude has always boggled my mind, and I hope the current events going on start to boggle a lot more. I can't watch the news now without some story about local reservists being called up to go transport this or refuel that. People act like this is shocking to them for some reason. Well, that's why they are called "reservists." They are in the military, and the military is here for one thing to fight.

The military has become a scapegoat to many college students these days. I'll say it plainly: I don't think 90 percent of people in the ROTC programs are in it for the right reasons.

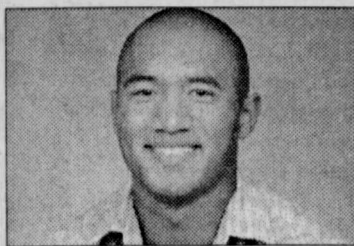
ROTC has become a way to pay for college, much like an academic or sports scholarship. True, there is a "requirement" of service for repayment after they graduate, but after a few years of weekend warrior-ing and the occasional deployment, they are generally no worse for wear.

So it confuses me when people are shocked that they are actually called to serve and seem surprised. If someone never thought they would have to leave their family behind when summoned, they shouldn't have joined the military. Service is just that, service. There is a job to do, so do it.

Trust me, my heart goes out to those mothers and children who find themselves fatherless or the parents who find an empty nest for the first time. I'm not a totally cold, callous, shallow bastard. Some of my best friends I've ever had are serving right now. They are active and have been there for months. They knew what they were getting into; their families knew what they were getting into, and everyone understands that. I know they are in danger and that a couple might not come back the same, if at all. But I live with that because that is what they are paid to do.

The entire fact that I'm forced to voice this issue is based on a ridiculous premise. We shouldn't be going to war in the first place. We've sent thousands upon thousands of men and women into an area controlled by a man with an army decimated by shoddy equipment and even shoddier morale. Members of the Republican Guard have been begging for food and money after evening prayers in the streets.

Here's a suggestion: Instead of



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shooting and killing these men, we should just taunt them with pamphlets of deep-dish pizzas and Britney Spears sitting at a table on a lawn with the sprinklers running. Of course you'd have to put plastic wrap over the pizza so it wouldn't get wet, but I'm sure the pop star would be just fine.

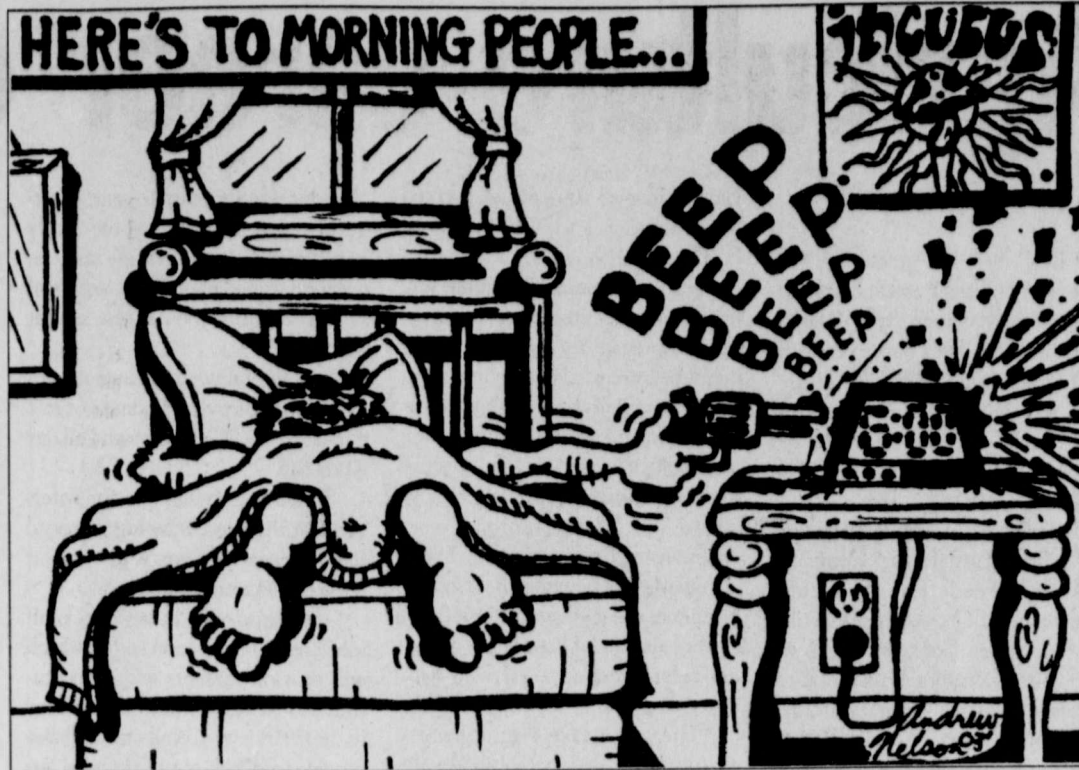
So why is the First Cowboy choosing to dial up 1-800-SOLIDER? Do you remember when you were a little kid and you would do anything to make your parents proud? Well imagine that instead of giving your dad a drawing of a blue duck to put on the fridge, you gave him the ousting of a dictator that he couldn't quite take care of back in his day. I wonder if they make greeting cards that say, "Happy-Irrational-Global-Isolation-Revolve-for-Your-Daddy Day!"

The current administration thinks if they can get Americans to focus on the war on Iraq, the American public will forget the fact that we are helpless in finding Osama bin Laden. Oh wait, it did! That promise made over a year ago by Bush to hunt down the terrorists and bring them to justice seems to have slipped every one's mind. Oh well, we have another bad guy to pick on now. And he has a mustache!

The even bigger political double-talk comes when looking at North Korea. Here we have a country that brags they have nuclear capabilities and even kicks out the United Nations unit responsible for preventing this. But are we mobilizing the reserves to the Korean peninsula? Not really.

Bush knows most Americans only have the attention span to focus their opinion on one country that starves its citizens to spend money on military research. And since we haven't been to Korea in 40 years and "Prime Time Special: Desert Storm" was just around the decade, the White House knows that like a sorority girl, the American public gets easily confused by too many shiny objects. Anyway, it's not like North Korea is geographically closer to the United States or anything.

So next time you are shocked to realize this haven many like to call "Texas" isn't so immune to the real world, punch yourself in the stomach and say, "Wake up man!" War happens, whether it should or not. People in the military go off to do military things because that's what they're paid to do. There is an entire world out there, mostly full of people who think America is doing more good for itself than for humanity. Most of them think we should quit trying to play international-dictator-disguised-as-global-philanthropist. Most of them are right.



Economy not growing enough?

If you followed the news during the holidays, you likely noticed the commentators, analysts and talking-heads were rather fixated on holiday retail sales. Something of an annual ritual, our mass-media oracles anxiously predict the coming year's fortune, but rather than studying the stars or examining bird entrails, they look at Wal-Mart's sales figures.

Since consumer spending constitutes the bulk of our economy and the holiday season represents the upper limit of consumer spending, the health of our economy is evaluated according to holiday sales.

We consumers dropped the ball this year, fearing war, unemployment and uncertainty. But something struck me, listening to them bemoan people's stinginess and general lackluster holiday performance. The analysts despaired not because people bought less than the year before, rather because people didn't outdo themselves by as much as they'd hoped. Specifically, Wal-Mart only sold 3 percent more stuff this year than last year, which apparently wasn't enough.

I'm not an economist, and there are surely some subtleties I'm ignorant of. Nonetheless, I worry when I hear our economy is essentially dependent on perpetual growth, when sustaining our economic system requires we always spend more than we did before. Considering consumers already cannot afford their consumption and are continually sinking deeper into debt, even to the point of borrowing on the equity of their overvalued homes and yet still are not spending enough, it would seem that eventual failure is kind of inevitable.

The natural reality of limits would dictate that nothing on Earth can grow forever. Nothing is unlimited, especially an economy increasingly propped up by unsecured debt



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spending (credit cards) and requiring exponential growth. And I'm not exactly encouraged by promising car sales when the anomaly of interest-free car loans hardly constitutes a sustainable economic reality.

Sounds pretty glum, huh? After all, if the economy tanks, what do we have left? Well, to be blunt, I don't know. Further, I don't know if what I've said is valid in the least. The system and all its components and complexities are quite beyond an amateur like me. But in thinking about and musing on the world's greatest economy, I've stubbed my toe on an interesting paradox. That is, what is good for society is often bad for the economy, and vice versa.

Here's a short list of things that benefit the economy: sickness, addiction, divorce, sadness/boredom/loneliness and natural disasters.

Consider sickness and poor health in general. Disease and decrepitude create demand for treatment, medicine and various medical services that wouldn't be needed otherwise. A poor diet and sedentary lifestyle, besides boosting demand for the sofa and junk-food industries, employs cardiologists, therapists and the guy who roto-roots the accumulated crud from people's arteries. Conversely, healthy people in general require less upkeep and thus offer no real boost.

Tobacco addiction is another one. Along with supporting tobacco farmers, respiratory technicians and the tracheotomy-ring industry, smoking contributes rather a lot of tax revenue to states and municipalities. As an interestingly morbid side note, the Czech government, on the advice of

Philip Morris, the American tobacco giant, was toying with the notion of actively encouraging smoking and premature death, in an effort to ease the burden on their pension system.

Divorce, beyond employing people in its processing and implementation, typically makes two households where there was one before. That is two houses, two dishwashers, two washer/dryers, two entertainment centers. More is consumed by two households than by one, and that helps the economy.

As for sadness/boredom/loneliness, more than a little consumer spending is undertaken beyond needs and reasonable wants, falling under what I would call "compensatory consumption." That is, compensating for personal psycho-spiritual deficits with the acquisition of stuff.

Further yet, the futility of this existential Band-aid assures the elusive goal of someday filling one's inner void with fast cars and nice wristwatches will never be met, ensuring unquenchable demand, which is great for the economy.

It's a verifiable fact that moderately destructive natural disasters cause an increase in GDP. When a hurricane takes out 1,000 trailer-homes, 1,000 trailers need replacing, employing men to build and service them.

All of the examples I've given obviously are subject to limits and exceptions. A vast flu epidemic is not economically helpful, nor is widespread drug addiction or catastrophic region-wide flooding. By their sheer scope these things, beyond prompting demand, debilitate our productive capacity. The cases I've cited are valid in moderate, specific terms.

So in short, I suppose this has been an exercise in perspective. There's more than one way to look at things, in this case, our lagging economy. There's more to a healthy nation than a healthy economy, or at least that's what I'm going to tell myself for as long as the economy stinks.

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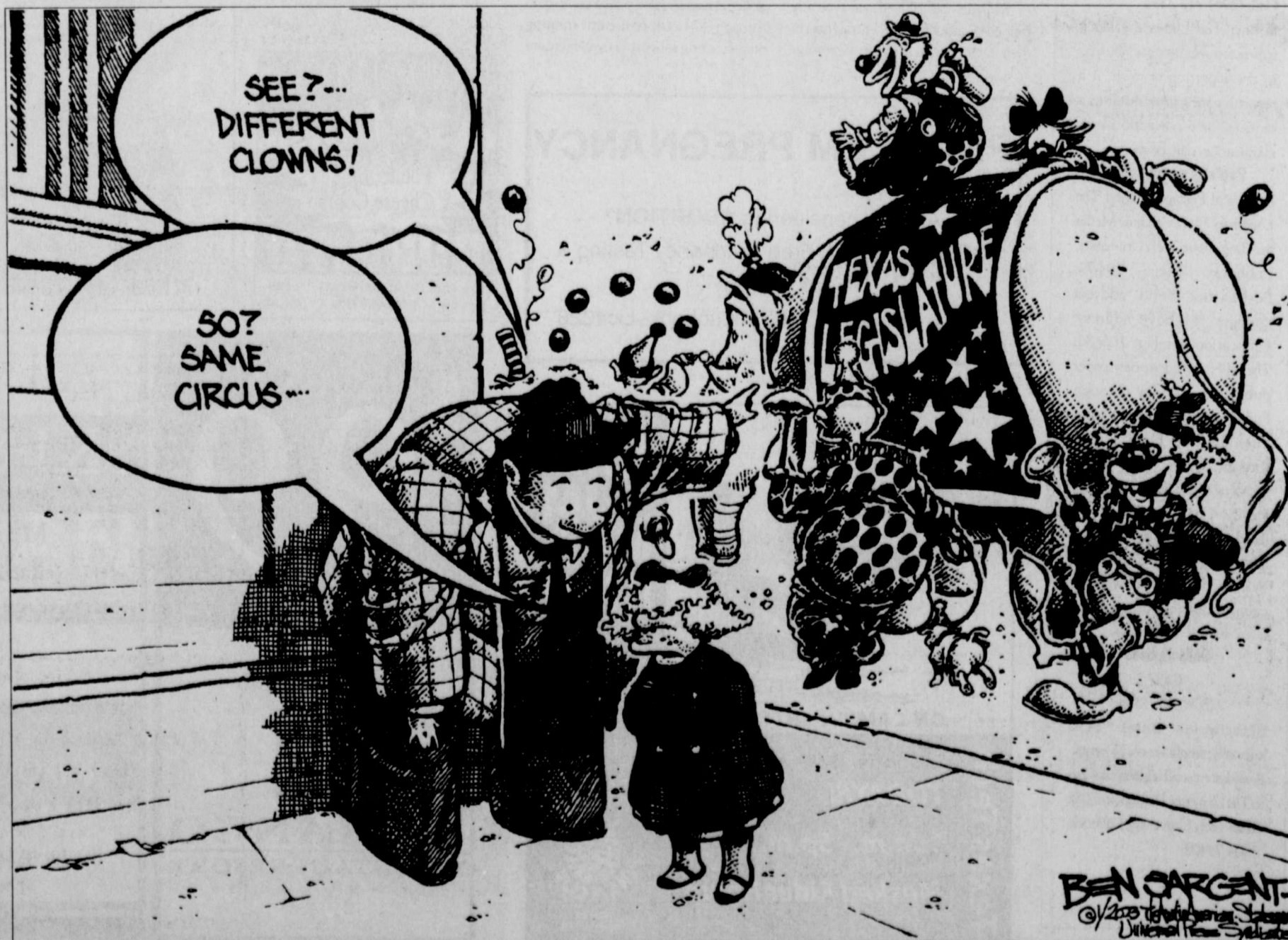
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Ritchie, Lady Raiders regain confidence

By David Wiechmann/Sports Editor

When the Lady Raiders invaded the Colorado Lady Buffaloes' house on Sunday, they added to the collection on their key chain. Tech (16-2, 5-1 Big 12 Conference play) walked away owning Colorado with a 22-point win and a game at home to follow.

The Lady Raiders will take on Big 12 bottom-feeder Missouri tonight at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena. The game marks what many are calling the easier part of the conference schedule for Tech, with Missouri and Kansas next up and the more difficult road trips out of the way.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said she knows her team will not look past any of the teams on the schedule, however, and she thinks her team is smart enough not to.

"I think we have the maturity to handle everything one game at a time because of everything we've been through the previous two seasons, and I don't think this group will overlook anyone," Sharp said. "Every game is just as important as the next one, and there won't be a big game if you don't take care of everything."

Forward Jolee Ayers said she knows people may talk about cruising through the next few games, but she thinks

those are the harder games sometimes. "I think this is more critical than the games we just went through is making sure we don't slip up and lose a game," Ayers said.

Natalie Ritchie said the team knows that after running the gauntlet of Texas and Colorado, it is not time to set sail and coast. "In Big 12, you know you take it game by game, win or lose," Ritchie said. "I think last week was a good test for us. We played a lot of good teams on their home floor, and this week, we've got to look to these next two teams we're playing; Missouri first."

Ritchie drained a career high-tying 21 points Sunday and said she was glad to get her touch back. "It felt good to finally hit some threes again," Ritchie said. "I've been going on a streak of not hitting some so it was nice to get in the groove and get my confidence back up."

The Midas touch returned after Ritchie had a poor night against Texas, one she said she was glad to put behind her. "I had a hard shooting night at

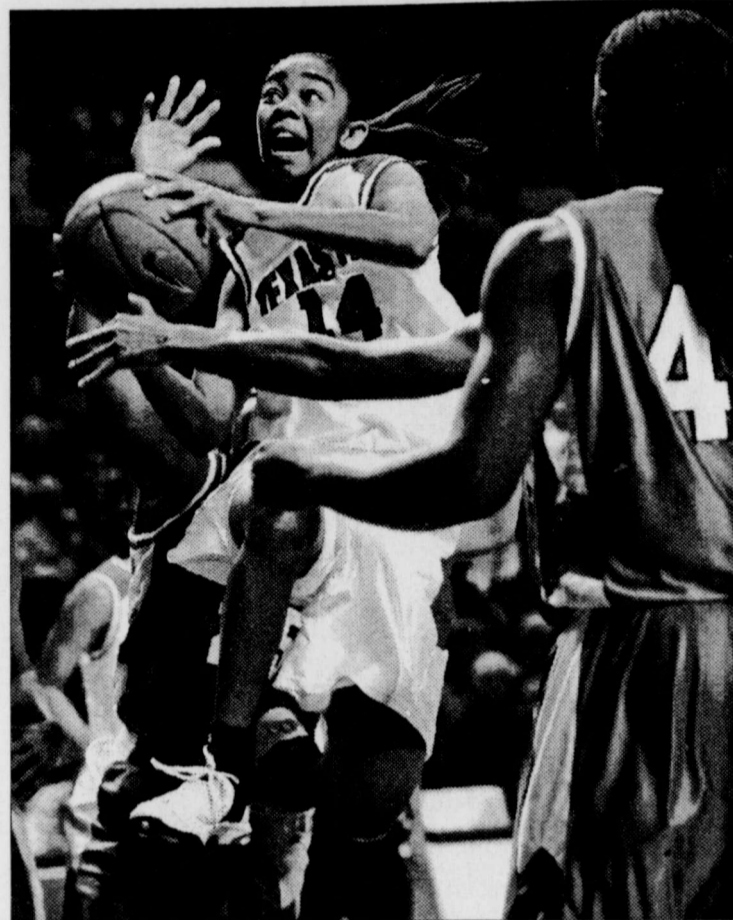
Texas, so I felt like I had to step it up at Colorado, play well, and I was just really glad I was hitting again," she said.

Because of the impact Ritchie had on the game, it was almost like "the return of Ritchie," but Ayers said she has always been there. "I hate to call it the return of Natalie," Ayers said. "Because

she didn't go anywhere, and whether she scores 20 points or only hits one shot, she's creating a spot to where there's not going to be any help defense coming off of her because no one's going to sag off of Plenette (Pierson) for Natalie ... If there's no one helping on her, she can hit the three."

Sharp said Ritchie will be an even more effective tool in tonight's game because she rediscovered her touch.

"I hope we'll have a chance to give her some looks," she said. "Whether she gets looks or draws more attention because of what she did (Sunday), that will help our post players a little bit. It will get people out of the paint a little more. No matter how you look at it, there's a real chance for it to be a positive for us."



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer
ERIN GRANT DRIVES the lane and prepares for a layup in Tech's last home game against Oklahoma State. The Lady Raiders take on Missouri at 7 p.m. tonight in the United Spirit Arena.

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1 Pitcher's rubber
5 Border upon
9 In pieces
14 Pierre's noggin
15 Filmmaker
16 Large mackerel
17 British nobleman
18 Toledo's lake
19 Beginning
20 MLB site opened 1916
23 Trap
24 Wildcat
25 Inter — (among others)
29 Picnic pest
31 Outer cover
33 Extra dry
36 Spring back
40 Profit prophet
41 62,000+ MLB site
44 Pay attachment?
45 Angst
46 Blues singer
47 "Citizen Kane" director
49 Disney dwarf
51 Eyelid affliction
52 Burden
56 Drummer Starr
60 Former and "New" MLB site
63 Super-sensory sense?
66 Poker token
67 Time unit
68 Figurative phrase
69 Present!
70 Thompson of "Wit"
71 Animal dens
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3 Open courts
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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43 Convert code
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58 Cranky one
59 Gumbo
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63 Part of RSVP
64 Actress Lupino
65 Caesar's dozen

Coaches are people too; treat them like it

We live in a world where athletes and coaches are celebrities. Their every move is watched. They cannot go one day without someone knowing or wanting to know exactly what they did. Sports have become so important to our society, we have put them under a microscope.

By doing this, we fail to realize what we have in common with these mighty beings of athleticism and strategy: humanity.

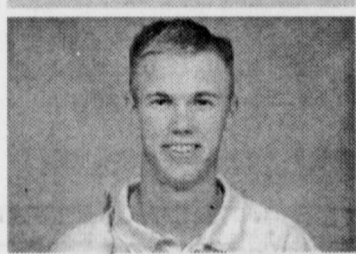
Sports figures are people, too. They walk on two legs. They eat, breathe and sleep. They have the same fears as "normal" folk, but we don't treat them as such.

This problem is apparent right here at Texas Tech.

Bob Knight is a living legend. His record, reputation and the religion that in sports have given him such status, but not without the help of his fans.

His fans are the problem. They are the reason his human status has been upgraded to royalty.

SPORTS COLUMN



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Maybe Knight wants to be normal. Is it a possibility that he gets bothered by all the autograph requests? Is his smile and courteousness out of self-awareness of an image he needs to portray?

One thing is sure about Knight. He likes Chinese food. How do we know this? He was seen at a local Chinese restaurant last Saturday night.

He was not the focus of the restaurant. Hordes of people did not come up to his table and ask for autographs. People did not point and whisper at their tables. They had their own

conversations.

I was at this restaurant and was at a table with a clear view of Knight and his three friends. He was having his own conversation with his party doing one of the things he does best: telling stories.

The conversation I had with a UD sports reporter was mainly centered around Knight and the fact that we were both glad to see Knight being treated in such a way. For a few hours, he was human.

There were no distractions from his stories. No pens and papers were broken out.

If fact, my conversation went something like this:

"I think it's awesome that no one has asked him for an autograph yet," I said.

"Yes, I bet he gets tired of doing that. People should just leave him alone and let him have his time," said my colleague.

"He is human, and people should treat him like he is. He's no different than you or me. Yes, he's one of the

greatest basketball coaches of all time, but he's been here for almost two years. It should not be a big deal to see him someplace."

My colleague and I discussed this matter further and came to the conclusion that it may have been acceptable for us to say hello to the General because it would have been business in a social atmosphere. Just greeting him and leaving would have been fine, but we didn't.

No one in the restaurant would have recognized us as half of *The University Daily* Sports section (Our celebrity status has yet to grow that much). Therefore, if we had talked to Knight, the floodgates would have opened, and the unofficial autograph session would have begun.

You are welcome, coach Knight, for not bothering you. I would like to think we gave you more time to socialize with your friends like a normal person. I hope the two young ladies that asked for your autograph near the end of the night did not break the dam.

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Red Raider Open a success for track and field

The Texas Tech indoor track and field team competed in the Red Raider Open this weekend at the Athletic Training Center.

In the field events, Tech's Clifton Eddington placed second in the men's triple jump. Tech's Olivia Clardy placed first in the women's weight throw and Jason Young finished first in the men's weight throw.

In the men's high jump, Mike Beasley placed second. In the women's triple jump, Gerald Dukuly placed second, and her long and triple jumps were personal bests.

In the men's pole vault, Raiders Ken Wilson, Buster McLain and Jared Thornhill occupied the top three spots, respectively, with Wilson's 5.21 meter height setting a new personal record.

In the running events, Beasley had a performance worthy of NCAA provisional qualification. In the men's 1,000-meter run, Kyle Atwood logged in at second with a time of 2:29.15. Jonathan Johnson's time of 1:50.24 gave him first place in the men's 800-meter run.

In the women's 400-meter run, Rachele Evans and Licretia Sibley came in first and second place, respec-

tively, for the Raiders.

Sibley and Evans, along with teammates Latoya Fry and Tori Polk, helped Tech to a third place finish in the women's 4x400-meter relay. The men's relay team, consisting of Johnson, Albert Booker, Jason Lovell and Orin Darrington, got a second place finish.

Bronnie Yosten, Tracy Akerhelm and Abby Schubert finished fourth through sixth, respectively, in the women's 3,000-meter run.

Tech will compete again in the ATC on Saturday in the Red Raider Classic.

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Today in Sports History...

1961: Russian Valery Brumel sets a world record in the high jump with a leap of 7 feet 4 1/2 inches at an indoor meet in Leningrad. His jump broke the indoor record by two inches. Brumel won a silver medal in the 1960 Olympics and went on to win gold in 1964.

Today in Tech Sports History...

1927: In its second season, the Texas Technological College men's basketball team lost to Hardin-Simmons in a squeaker 29-25. The Matadors finished the season 8-10 coached by Grady Higgenbotham. Higgenbotham served as head coach for two seasons at Tech and posted a 14-18 career record.

Big 12 Conference Men's Basketball Standings

	Overall	Conf.
1. OSU	16-1	5-0
2. Texas	13-2	4-0
3. Oklahoma	13-3	4-1
4. Kansas	13-5	3-1
5. Missouri	11-4	2-2
6. Colorado	12-5	2-2
7. Texas A&M	10-5	2-2
8. Kansas State	11-7	2-3
9. Texas Tech	11-4	1-3
10. Iowa State	11-5	1-4
11. Nebraska	9-9	1-4
12. Baylor	9-7	0-5

Big 12 on TV Today

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Texas A&M vs. No. 7 Oklahoma will be broadcast as part of ESPN Super Tuesday at 6 p.m. on ESPN2.