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Regents approve \$3/hour transportation fee

SGA PRESIDENT KELLI Stumbo presents ideas on a student regent advisory board and input on increasing university fees to the Board of Regents on Thursday in the Administration building.

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By Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporter

Executive members of the Texas Tech Student Government Association pushed through an increased transportation fee at the Thursday Board of Regents meeting, adding to the proposed 19 percent increase in tuition and fees for the academic year 2003-2004.

The mandatory fee will be an additional \$3 per credit hour for up to 15 hours and will be effective in the summer of 2003, along with the majority of the other proposed fee increases.

The originally proposed 19 percent increase accounted for an optional off-campus student transportation fee of \$50.

The additional fee results in an increase of no less than 21.5 percent, said Vice President of Fiscal Affairs Lynda Gilbert.

"(The administration) felt we had a re-

sponsibility to the parents and the students to not tax them any more than we had to," Gilbert said.

SGA President Kelli Stumbo told the Regents if the fee were left as optional, the bus service would not be adequately funded because the SGA did not think there would be enough students who opted for the fee to fund the current bus program that cost \$500,000 this year.

The fee will include on- and off-campus bus service, as well as Citibus service throughout the city.

"It is a necessity to have this fee," Stumbo said. "We have to have a way of getting (students) to the classroom."

Stumbo said there are not currently enough parking spaces to accommodate the proposed influx in student enrollment.

"(The SGA) has exhausted all (its) options," she said. "The student government

can't promote anything that would decrease the amount of service (to students)."

SGA External Vice President Leigh Mauer said the increase is fair to students.

"I realize this is an increase for students, unfortunately," she said. "I feel with the \$3 per credit hour, it's a good compromise for the students."

Tech Interim President Donald Haragan said the fees could still change depending on the outcome of the Legislative session.

"We were trying to hold the fees down as much as possible," Haragan said. "I have no problem passing what we did."

Chancellor Dr. David Smith addressed the status of the state Legislature in terms of the budget effect on higher education.

The administration wants to minimize the short-term effect on the classroom, Smith said.

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Gonzales fills city manager vacancy

By Heidi Toth and Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporters

Tommy Gonzales, assistant city manager for community services, will serve as interim city manager following the retirement of City Manager Bob Cass.

Cass announced his retirement as city manager Wednesday, after discussing it for several months.

Gonzales has worked with the city of Lubbock since June 1991 and had served in his previous position for three years.

He has shown outstanding leadership in several projects, Mayor Marc McDougal said.

"We currently wanted someone who was aggressive ... and could get the public confidence," McDougal said.

Gonzales said he is ready to take on the endeavors of the City Council.

"I will commit to the Council that in this interim position, I will do my very best," he said.

Cass said he had considered retiring, but budget issues came up and controversy arose over the West Texas Municipal Power Agency, so he had stopped the discussions for the time being.

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JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

TOMMY GONZALES, LEFT, who was employed as the assistant city manager, addresses local media after being named the interim city manager by Mayor Marc McDougal at the City Chambers on Wednesday night. Former City Manager Bob Cass resigned Wednesday.

Professor appointed to State Department

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

One of Texas Tech's professors will be actively involved in the United States' fight against weapons of mass destruction.

Carleton Phillips, a professor of biological sciences and assistant vice president for research, was selected as a William C. Foster Fellow for the State Department.

His one-year appointment begins June 1.

The State Department conducts the fellowship to bring people from the academic community into government, Phillips said.

"In my case, what the fellowship means is the State Department will have an experienced scientist as a member of its policy-making group that deals with the nonproliferation

of weapons of mass destruction," he said.

Phillips will be working in the Nonproliferation Bureau, a division of the State Department that studies weapons of mass destruction. The bureau is on the front line of the situation with Iraq right now, he said.

"My guess is that everything Secretary (of State Colin) Powell says about weapons of mass destruction and issues of proliferation, all of that comes from this group of people," Phillips said. "It's kind of interesting because this group of people ... literally is the group that represents the entire United States government on issues of weapons of mass destruction."

Undersecretary of State John Bolton made the decision. Fred Fleig,

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SPIRIT PUMPED UP



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TRUMPET PLAYERS FROM the 'Goin' Band from Raiderland charged onto the court and played for the audience while on their backs during the Lady Raider basketball pep rally.

Tech students get rowdy at Lady Raider spirit rally

By Sara Schroeder/Staff Reporter

Enthusiasm was high at the United Spirit Arena on Thursday night. Cheers graced the seats as several organizations participated in the spirit rally for the Lady Raiders, put on by the Student Government Association's Spirit Committee.

The event began at 6:30 p.m. with Kelli Stumbo, SGA President, and Elvis Moya, spirit director for the SGA, opening with introductions of the various spirit organizations involved in the rally and also introducing the guest hosts for the evening.

The two hosts were Emily Jones, sports director for KCBD-TV, and DJ Kidd Carson of Z102-FM.

"We are here because we want to make the Lady Raiders feel special," Jones said.

More than 100 Texas Tech fans from the university and the Lubbock community had their Guns Up and joined the Tech cheerleaders in their chants of "Go Tech!"

The yelling crowd received free T-shirts from the cheerleaders as well as

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TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

MEMBERS OF OMEGA Delta Phi fraternity get crazy during the most rowdy organization contest at the Lady Raider basketball rally. The fraternity won first place for its spirit.

Constancio questions block voting as reason for loss

By Matt Muench/
Staff Reporter

One day after losing to Jeremy Brown in the Student Government Association presidential race, Louis Constancio said he was "pretty bummed."

He said he has two reasons: He is disappointed in the voter turnout, and he is upset that it is tough to beat the Greeks.

"I am absolutely disappointed," he said. "More so at the

voter turnout. I know for a fact that the majority of the votes are from the Greeks (fraternities and sororities), and it is more difficult for a non-Greek to win."

Constancio said he heard from a few students that Brown's fraternity, Farmhouse, allegedly had a block party with computers set up to rally votes to the election code.

"They invite them all in, and it is very hard to compete against," he said. "It has been tradition for the SGA. I

am not trying to start any hardship because Greeks are a big part of this campus. But if you look at the wall of the SGA, you can count on your hands who aren't Greek as opposed to who are Greek. It is difficult to beat them."

Brown denied the allegation.

"That is a rumor," he said. "My fraternity did not do that. I didn't go to anything. This is a rumor that starts every year."

Brown said it upsets him to hear the rumor.

"It makes me mad," he said. "I didn't do anything like that last year, and I didn't do anything like that this year. If he wants to know, I went to bed at 9:30 p.m. both nights. My guys didn't have any party."

Constancio said he does not plan to appeal the election because he does not want to sound like a sore loser.

"I had 12 percent of the votes," he said. "I don't know if 78 percent (Brown's votes) constitute all the

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NASA defends its handling of Columbia

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA's top official vigorously defended on Thursday the space agency's handling of the internal debate about the safety of Columbia in the days before the shuttle's breakup, saying engineers ultimately were convinced the spacecraft would return safely.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, his voice rising in exasperation during a congressional hearing, insisted that concerns by some senior engineers about risks of serious heat damage to Columbia's left wing — which turned out to be hauntingly prescient — were handled appropriately, even though they never were passed up to NASA's top brass.

"Based on what I can see, the vetting of all this information that occurred on orbit during the operational mission was handled by the individuals, they vetted those questions, satisfied themselves there were solutions that could be found and determined if there was a safety-of-flight risk attendant to that, and determined there was not, in their judgment," O'Keefe said.

'Mister Rogers' dies of stomach cancer at 74

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Fred Rogers, who gently invited millions of children to be his neighbor as host of the public television show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" for more than 30 years, died of cancer early Thursday. He was 74.

Rogers died at his Pittsburgh home, said family spokesman David Newell, who played Mr. McFeely on the show. Rogers had been diagnosed with stomach cancer sometime after the holidays, Newell said.

"He was so genuinely, genuinely kind, a wonderful person," Newell said. "His mission was to work with families and children for television... That was his passion, his mission, and he did it from day one."

From 1968 to 2000, Rogers, an ordained Presbyterian minister, produced the show at Pittsburgh public television station WQED.

The final new episode, which was taped in December 2000, aired in August 2001, though PBS affiliates continued to air back episodes of the show.

Security Council ends divided about Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A Security Council meeting about Iraq ended in bitter disagreement Thursday with council members unable to agree on basic issues such as a timetable for weapons inspectors to report next to the council.

Diplomats described a terrible atmosphere within the council, which met behind closed doors for four hours Thursday.

The council is split between those who are supporting the Bush administration's calls for the use of force to disarm Saddam Hussein, and others, led by the French, who want to continue weapons inspections.

At the end of the session, French Ambassador Jean-Marc de La Sabliere said the majority of the council still opposed a U.S.-backed draft resolution, and he pushed the French proposal for additional time for inspections.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte didn't speak with reporters though Washington's quest for support on its resolution appeared to be picking up steam with several undecided council members.



Applications for the 2003 Homecoming Coordinating Committee are available at the Center for Campus Life in Room 228 of the Student Union building. The application deadline is today. For more information, contact Siobhan Shahan at (806) 742-5433 or siobhan.a.shahan@ttu.edu.

Students are invited to the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Exhibition from noon to 1 p.m. today in the Student Union Courtyard. The event will include an introduction and explanation of moves and free Brazilian food and music. For more information, contact professor Antonio Ladeira at (806) 742-1550.

The application deadline for the Health Sciences Center's Summer Pre-medical Academy is Saturday. To access the online application, visit www.ttuhsc.edu/medicine.

The Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences Major's Club is hosting a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday in the Double T Room of the Student Union building.

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Soaring spire chosen for ground zero

NEW YORK (AP) — A spire that would rise hundreds of feet higher than the World Trade Center was chosen Thursday to fill the yawning hole in the city's skyline, opening a complex new phase in the rebuilding of ground zero.

The plan by architect Daniel Libeskind will restore "lower Manhattan to its rightful place in the world," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

The design calls for a cluster of glassy, angled buildings and a 1,776-foot spire filled with gardens instead of office space. It would preserve part of the pit that was the foundation of the twin towers for an as-yet undesignated memorial to the nearly 2,800 people who died there Sept. 11, 2001.

"The plan succeeds both when it rises into the sky and when it descends into the ground. In doing so, it captures the soaring optimism of our city and honors the eternal spirit of our fallen heroes," said John Whitehead, chairman of the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., the agency that picked the design.

Libeskind's design was chosen over the THINK team's 1,665-foot lattice-work towers, which echoed the trade center in design and shape.

Libeskind's spire, at 1,776 feet, is meant to evoke the year of America's independence. It would rise far above Malaysia's 1,483-foot Petronas Twin Towers, the tallest building in the world. The trade center towers were

1,350 feet tall.

Officials praised Libeskind for trying to create a bustling, vibrant streetscape around the site, complete with a five-star hotel, a transportation hub, a memorial museum and a sky-high restaurant that recalls the trade center's Windows on the World.

It also includes a space designed to capture a wedge of sunlight each year on Sept. 11, from the moment the first plane hit until the time the last tower fell.

Despite enthusiasm for the design, questions remain about almost everything else surrounding the project, including how Libeskind's design will be paid for. A separate design competition for the memorial is scheduled to begin this spring, but how it will be

funded is uncertain.

The insurance held on the trade center complex by developer Larry Silverstein is expected to help finance redevelopment, but he said earlier this month he was not satisfied with either plan. He did not speak at Thursday's ceremony, though a spokesman said Silverstein "eagerly looks forward to working closely with Studio Daniel Libeskind on developing their site plan."

There also is the question of who takes the lead now. The development corporation was created to oversee the rebuilding, but the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey owns the site and Silverstein holds the lease.

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National terror alert lowered to yellow

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration on Thursday lowered the national terror alert from orange to yellow, suggesting the threat of an imminent terrorist attack on U.S. soil has eased somewhat.

The conclusion of the Muslim hajj holiday period played a role in the decision to lower the threat

level from orange, the second-highest level on the five-part scale, Attorney General John Ashcroft and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said in a joint statement. President Bush concurred with the decision to lower the alert status, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Counterterrorism officials had said a significant amount of intelli-

gence pointed toward an attack during the early February holiday.

Nevertheless, officials warned that al-Qaida still has the capability to strike in the United States.

"The lowering of the threat level is not a signal to government, law enforcement or citizens that the danger of a terrorist attack is passed," Ashcroft and Ridge said.

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He said he felt obligated to see through the first step of the WTMPA investigation, which was the audit presented to the Council last week.

"The opportunity never really came up to put a nail into it," Cass said.

City Attorney Anita Burgess drafted a severance agreement the Council and Cass could agree on, he said. The City Council spent all day Thursday in executive session debating the terms of the agreement.

According to Cass' contract, which runs out in 2005, if he quits before the contract ends, he owes the

city more than \$400,000 in severance pay.

Cass, who has served as city manager for 10 years, said he would formally retire April 30 and remain available as a consultant to the City Council for another year. He will retain his salary and benefits, which are approximately \$200,000 a year.

He was not dissatisfied with the city or his position, Cass said. He decided it was time to move on.

"You make enough decisions and you make enough mistakes and you realize someone else can do the job better," he said.

Cass said he is unsure of what the next step in his career will be. He has been with the city of Lubbock since

1976, when he was hired as an administrative assistant.

Cass is considering teaching or consulting, he said, but has not made a definitive decision yet, nor does he know if he will stay in Lubbock.

"I figure there's three million things I haven't done; surely, I can find something to do," he said.

Cass' resignation follows the resignation of Lubbock Power & Light Director Paul Thompson on Feb. 10, which Cass said was related to the WTMPA investigation. Councilman Ty Cooke, who is chairman of WTMPA, also resigned at the beginning of the month. It is not clear if Cass' resignation is related to the WTMPA matter.

Spirit

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from the Saddle Tramps, two of the participating organizations.

Other organizations who joined in the rally were the High Riders, the Goin' Band Court Jesters, the Rowdy Raiders, members of Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Delta sororities and members of Omega Delta Phi fraternity.

Lindsay Reece, a freshman pre-nursing major from Houston and a member of Kappa Delta, said this was a great chance to support Tech basketball.

"This event is really spirited and gets students involved with Tech," she said.

Katy Fitzgerald, a junior psychology major from Fort Worth, agreed the event is a positive thing for Tech.

"We wanted to get the Lady Raiders pumped up and show we are behind them with their games against University of Texas and Kansas (State) University," she said.

Jones and Carson introduced the Lady Raiders after introductions of

the cheerleaders and pom squad, who lined up and cheered the players as they were announced.

Jia Perkins, guard for the Lady Raiders, added flare to the introductions by doing a cartwheel through the line.

Some Lady Raiders spoke to the crowd to express their gratitude for the event.

"We will really need y'all on Sunday," Perkins said. "You bring lots of energy to the game."

Casey Jackson, forward for the Lady Raiders, also said she appreciates fan support.

"You are the best fans in the country," she said.

Two contests were held during the event, a 3-point contest and a lay-up contest.

"The contestant has to make 1 in 3 3-point shots to win the prize," Carson said.

For the lay-up contest, two contestants competed to see who could make the most lay-ups in 24 seconds.

The winners walked away with a \$125 gift basket.

The battle for the grand prize, a private party at the Daquiri

Lounge, was fought for by Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Delta and Omega Delta Phi.

Omega Delta Phi won the prize with members' loud chants and cheers to the tune of "We Will Rock You."

The Spirit Rally was an event celebrated by both the players and coaches.

Marsha Sharp, head coach of the Lady Raiders, was happy with the outcome of the event.

"I really appreciate everyone coming out to support us," she said. "We want to go out and play great for our fans and for Tech."

Jolee Ayers, forward for the Lady Raiders, also said she was excited about the rally.

"It's awesome to have this much support," she said.

The rally ended with the Mator Song and the fans of Tech holding their Guns Up.

Natalie Ritchie, guard for the Lady Raiders, said the fans are what the Lady Raiders are all about.

"You are what makes this program great," she said. "Make sure to bring your family and friends and watch us kill the Longhorns."

Professor

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Bolton's adviser, said there were quite a few qualified candidates from across the nation and only three were approved.

They were looking for someone who they thought could make significant contributions to the work of nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, Fleig said.

He noted several advantages, both for himself and for the university, in taking the fellowship. One thing shared by all professors, he said, is the desire to learn new things and broaden horizons, and this opportunity presents that.

"A year from now, I'll know so much more than I know right now," he said.

This also has a value to Tech. When he returns to teach after his time in Washington, he will be able to talk to students about his experience in government, policy-making and decision-making.

Professor of biological sciences Ron Chesser agreed.

"It's a good deal for Carl and it's a good deal for Tech," he said. "What this is going to do for Carl is give him a real hands-on experience with issues; how they get funded and how they get resolved."

Department Chairman John Zak said this is a credit to the university, the department, and especially Phillips and the work he has done.

"It's a very prestigious honor to be able to participate in that matter," Zak said. "It really is an honor and a clear indication of what kind of faculty we have at Texas Tech."

Chesser, who has worked on the

Chernobyl research project with Phillips for four years, said Phillips has many unique skills that make him qualified for the fellowship, including experience in administration at several levels.

Phillips has a good amount of international experience, Chesser said, which is important in Washington, D.C., and should help him cut through the bureaucracy and get things accomplished.

Phillips said his knowledge in biological sciences and disease-carrying animals will help him in this position as well, as will his experience with the Chernobyl project.

"Although I'm not going to Washington as an expert in nuclear proliferation, I'm probably one of the few people there with experience in places like Chernobyl," he said.

He is excited to have this opportunity, he said.

Fees

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If these cuts become annualized, they will affect the academic mission, and Tech will have to make some permanent changes in personnel.

The Board met in closed session to discuss the search for a new university president. The search will begin with the first meeting of the search advisory committee March 11, committee chairman Brian Newby said.

The committee will discuss its task and the president's job description at its first meeting, Newby

said. The committee has received letters of nomination and application, as well.

Smith also presented a report from the Office of Community and Multicultural Affairs. He said the foremost issue preventing increased diversity at Tech is the lack of financial support through scholarships.

"At the end of the day, we want to see more students of color coming through Tech," he said.

The Office of Community and Multicultural Affairs has created an advisory council, which is working with Lubbock community leaders to determine ways Tech can more effectively.

Smith said the program represents

the external outreach of the university. The council looks for other ways students can interact on campus and for business opportunities for students who stay in Lubbock during the summer.

"I think you're going to see we can make progress at Texas Tech," he said.

In addition, the Board allowed Smith to complete the contract with new HSC President Dr. M. Roy Wilson. Smith said the contract, which includes a salary of \$340,000, extends for three years beginning in June.

The Board also approved the donation of Dr. R.J. Mehdiabadi's practice to the HSC. Acting HSC President Elmo Cavin said the major value of the gift is the patient base.

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Greeks," he said. "I don't want people to say, 'Oh, this guy is crying because he lost.' Jeremy is a good guy, and I don't want to knock him. I don't think (the block party) was his deal. He is an honorable person."

Brown said he thinks the race was fair and thought the results would have been closer.

"I think we both ran clean campaigns," he said. "I think there was nothing shady."

Only 2,255 students voted for the presidency, which upset Constancio. He said he thinks more people would

vote if the election was not online.

"We have to go back to good old-fashioned voting," he said. "The other way (online) gives too many people too much access to computers. That is where that block party thing really hurt. But they chose who they chose, and votes speak."

So what is next for the man they call "Big Lou?"

"I'm not sure," he said. "I am just trying to get over this election. (Running again next year) has not crossed my mind yet. We will see."

Constancio, whose platform was to attempt to stop fees from rising, said Brown has a challenge ahead of him.

"Under this kind of pressure (regarding the fee and tuition hike), I don't

know where Jeremy will stand," he said. "I was fighting against fees, and as far as I am concerned, so were a lot of students."

Brown said it is impossible to discontinue fees.

"I agree with him that fees are a very big issue on campus," he said. "But you can't run a campus without fees."

Brown said he encourages Constancio and his other competitor, Carissa Noel Nichols, who finished third with 7 percent of the votes.

"I would be glad if they want to still be involved in SGA," he said. "If they were running for president, I know they must have ideas."

Nichols did not return phone calls to *The University Daily*.

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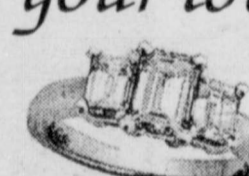
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Where will you find yourself after this life ends? Where will we go? The most mysterious and confusing concept in every person's mind is the concept of death and afterlife.

Since the beginning of time, different ideas, rituals, customs and beliefs birthed, and have since vanished. Beliefs on the sensitive subject of death and afterlife differ greatly among countries, time periods and personal experiences of individual people. Any two people of the same religion might disagree on the essentials of this matter.

People fear death for mainly two reasons: the finality of death and fear of what will follow. By taking a look at a handful of unique perspectives on death, we are faced with the reality there is no consistent belief in the universe, which is what makes the whole matter so frightening.

The most feared aspect of life is the absence of life itself. There are many beliefs and rituals concerning death that I, like most Americans, am ignorant to. With this being such a sensitive subject, I am just listing some beliefs I found interesting.

In Egypt, pyramids served as tombs for the departed, and in order to relocate into the afterlife, the body must remain intact.

In Jamaica, nine nights after a burial, there is a celebration in the room of the deceased. Throughout the night, relatives and friends sing, pray, play games and dance. At midnight, the dead person is supposed to appear through someone in the room to make his or her final statements explaining the death and give away his or her belongings.

Then we have the Maoris of New Zealand, who place their deceased in huts that are later burned. The lifeless corpses are sat up and dressed in nice clothing to be viewed by the public. Sometimes the mourners even cut themselves with knives. After the hut is burned, the bones are cleaned and are located inside a special cave for safekeeping.

Similarly in India, bodies are cremated on a pile of logs, and the ashes are thrown into the nearby river.

Still today, there remain severe discrepancies among religions.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or Mormons, believe in three different afterlives.

Muslims believe the present life is a trial preparation for the next realm of existence. The actual day someone dies, the body is washed, wrapped in white cloth and buried with a simple prayer said. At the burial ground, everyone fills the hole with soil.

The Hindu religion says you may have to go through many incarnations before you eventually discover



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The human body is an engineering marvel we have only temporarily been given.

your eternal salvation.

In Judaism, contrary to the Hindu idea of multiple lives, God offers even the most evil men repentance, and the most heinous crimes are forgiven.

Finally, familiar to most, there is Christianity, which I need not explain.

Of all these unique faiths, there is one constant truth. The human body is an engineering marvel we have only temporarily been given.

We are all born only a few inches tall and eventually, lengthen into puberty. Then, we have a slow aging phase, which leaves our body old and weak until we run out of time.

Through our lives, we evolve from many different stages until our final rest, and we fear none of these other steps except for the final.

I like to think I have been gifted with my own personal shell to achieve certain ambitions that require having it.

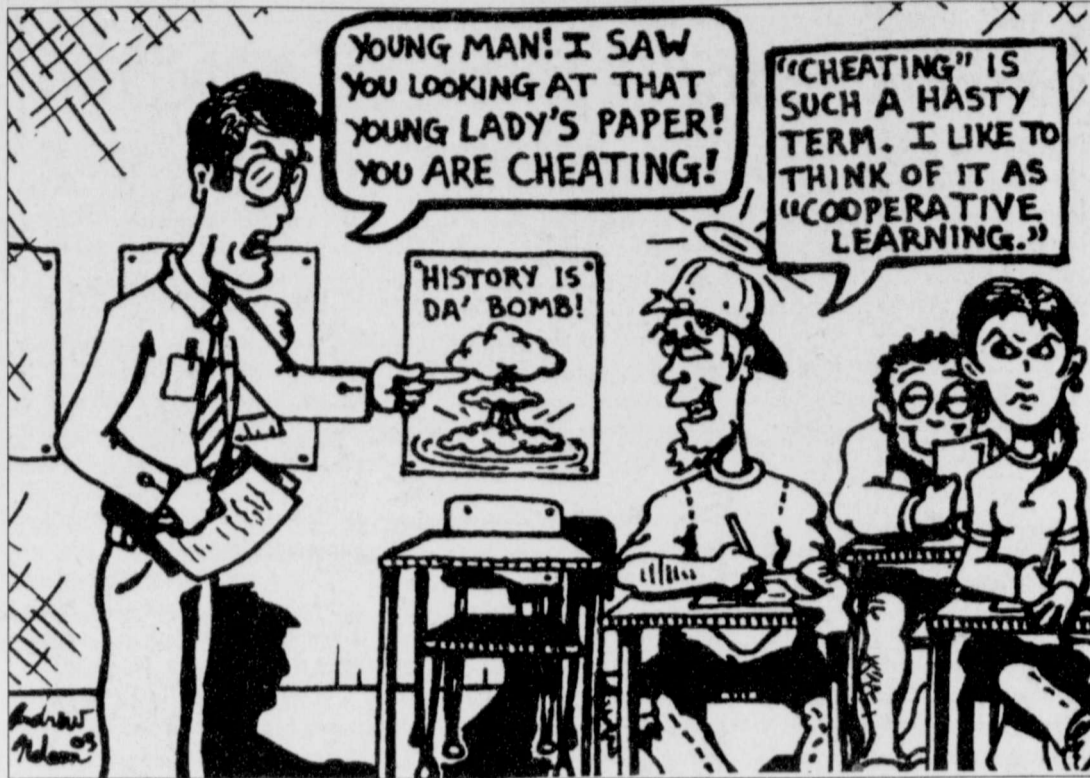
To better explain myself, I am saying that without this body, I would not even be able to write this and send my message to all of you. I would not have the ability to kiss another human being. Simple physical tasks require a body, and that is why we have one.

We should remember it is only a temporary amount of time until we will no longer have a body. So make sure you use yours exactly how you want and take care of it to the best of your ability.

The final day is guaranteed to greet us all. Grass, flowers, trees, insects, fish, dinosaurs and even stars eventually die.

They do the tasks they were placed on Earth to do. Grass and trees help make oxygen, flowers feed pollen to insects, and on and on. You get my point.

Obviously, each and every one of us was placed on Earth for a small but important job, just like all the other smaller parts of the Earth. And in return, the Earth will continue to spin.



Some refuse to go to war

I have been at a loss all week as to what topic I would choose for this week's column. Then I remembered; we're on the brink of war, and people are pissed about it.

History truly does repeat itself. It may as well be 1938, as far as I'm concerned.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed, ending World War I. One of the stipulations placed on the defeated Germans was disarmament. Upon Adolph Hitler's attainment of supreme power in 1933, he began the process of rearming Germany.

In 1936, the Germans remilitarized the Rhineland along the border with France and Belgium, a clear violation of the Treaty of Versailles. France and England did nothing.

The Germans' support of the fascists in the Spanish Civil War from 1936 to 1939 made Spain a testing ground for German weaponry. France and England did nothing.

During the summer of 1938, Hitler pressed for the addition of the Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia, inhabited by Germanic peoples, to the Fatherland. Not being in the mood for conflict, France and England conceded to Hitler's wishes.

On Sept. 29, 1938, the Munich Pact was signed, wherein Hitler told the French and the English he would seek no more territorial additions. Czechoslovakia had no say in the matter.

In March 1939, Germany violated the treaty, marched into Czechoslovakia and annexed it, along with its military supplies that further bolstered the German juggernaut. France and England did nothing.

On Sept. 1, 1939, World War II began, and the rest is history.



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On Feb. 25, 2003, Saddam Hussein continues to stall, giving head U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix more piecemeal information while balking at requests to destroy his stockpile of Al Samoud 2 missiles.

This stalling for time has continued for more than a decade since the end of the Gulf War in 1991.

France does nothing. Not being in the mood for conflict, French president Jacques Chirac is willing to give Hussein more time. The French don't learn too quickly.

The Russians and Germans have pledged their support for the French proposal to give Iraq one more last chance. For these two nations, this push for peace represents a dramatic role reversal, historically speaking.

For practically all of the preceding century, the world debated what needed to be done to disarm Germany and Russia. They have not yet been on this side of the disarmament issue.

Amazingly, the diplomatic community of the present day has not quite learned the lesson that appeasement does not work. Only the United States and Great Britain have the wherewithal to tell the world, "Hey, bad things happened the last time we let a dictator pull crap like this."

Here's a simple analogy.

If you toss a frog into a pot of boiling water, he will hop right out. If you put him in a pot of cold water, however, and heat it up slowly, he will sit there and boil to death because he is

not quick enough on the uptake to notice it's getting hotter and hotter.

With the exception of the United States, Great Britain, Spain and Bulgaria, the entire international community is one gigantic boiling frog. How many times will the U.N. slap the Iraqi regime on the back of the hand, scold it for not cooperating and give it another chance?

As stated in the U.S.-British-Spanish proposal that can be found at msnbc.com, Security Council Resolution 1441 of Nov. 8, 2002, should have been the last chance for Hussein.

In the resolution, the Iraqis were afforded one final opportunity to comply and disarm, which they did not do.

False statements made by the Iraqis would be deemed further breeches, according to the resolution. They have made numerous false statements, and nothing has been done.

Iraq was warned in the resolution that a persistent attitude of noncompliance would have serious consequences.

The French, Germans and Russians apparently have a different concept of what serious consequences entail. The only consequence they speak of is another resolution stating that there will be serious consequences if Iraq does not comply.

At what point in time will the protest-happy international community wake up and realize it's a bit warm in this pot of water after all?

How many resolutions are necessary? When is noncompliance finally going to draw the ire of the rest of the world? When will Hussein see something more than mere empty rhetoric coming from the Security Council?

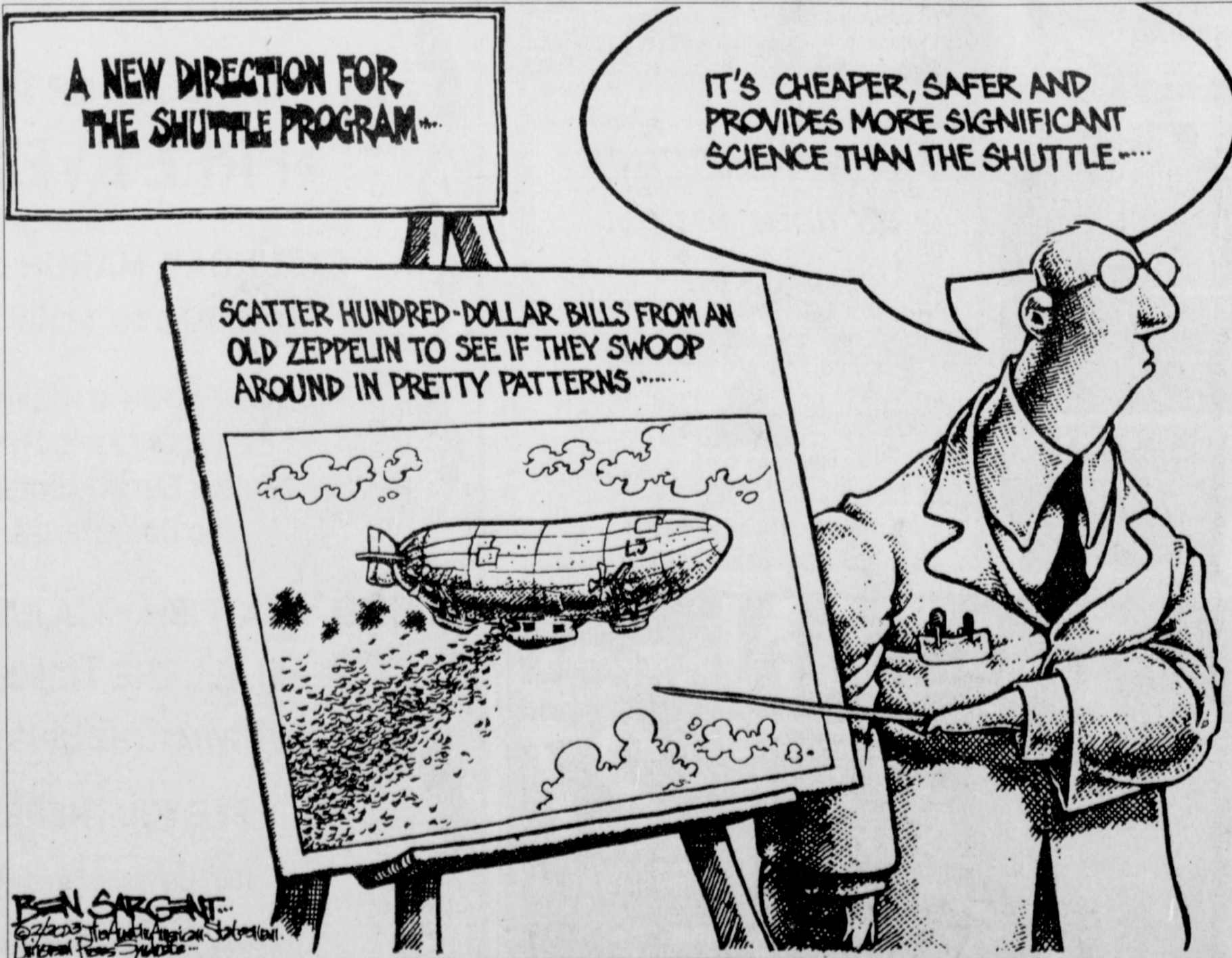
I believe that time has come and gone. Iraq will never fully comply. Hussein hopes the clamor from anti-war protests around the world will drown out the sounds of weapons manufacturing in his country. Thankfully though, George W. Bush and Tony Blair are still eavesdropping.

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'Amen Corner' gives bold, poignant message

Texas Tech's production of "The Amen Corner" may hit a little too close to home for some.

Lubbock is what some call a "church town" and resides in what is generally referred to as "the Bible Belt."

"The Amen Corner" addresses issues that those familiar with churches will be able to identify with.

It's not always a pretty picture. The play opens in the Holy Ghost Station Church, a foursquare gospel-style church pastored by Sister Margaret (Leticia Bryan). While church is in session, everyone worships the Lord together, encourages one another

and prays for one another. But it is when church is out of session there is dissension and strife spreading throughout the congregation.

The church elders mumble to one another about their pastor's lack of spiritual leadership. She has skeletons in her closet.

They find out she left her husband, a non-believing jazz musician, years ago. There also is a rumor that her son, David (Brice Russell), is getting himself mixed up with things that are "unholy."

All of this erupts when Margaret's husband, Luke (Justin Cypert), comes to visit after years of being gone, falls ill and takes a room in

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Margaret's house.

Margaret soon leaves town on a short trip. This allows time for the church elders to rally the small congregation against her.

In the meantime, however, David is able to reunite with his father in one of the play's best scenes. The two have a smoke together and talk about music, religion and fears they have in common.

The play also deals with Margaret's conflict with herself. In the face of adversity, pain and loss, she must ask herself if she truly believes what she preaches.

"The Amen Corner" was written for black actors, but director Cleo House, Jr. has done something interesting by incorporating cross-racial casting, meaning he has cast white actors in parts written for black actors. This may be challenging for

some, but when watching the play, one realizes race simply should not be a factor.

The issues of spirituality, hypocrisy and family are all topics that transcend race. House has not made this a play about race but has proven the play is told well enough for race not to be an issue.

House has selected an impeccable cast. Those who have seen the other Tech plays this semester are already sold on the powerhouse strength of Bryan and the versatile excellence of Cypert.

Quite possibly the most astonishing performance, however, is delivered by Radhica Ganapathy as Sister

Odessa, Margaret's sister. In a play full of religious haughtiness, Odessa is the light in the darkness. Ganapathy plays the role with conviction. Her presence is felt even when she is silent.

Nadia Bodie also deserves mentioning as Sister Moore, the Bible-thumping holy-roller, who cannot see past her own religious pride.

This play was written to take place in the 1950s, but what is so sad is people can still identify with these problems in churches today; churches have not changed in 50 years.

"The Amen Corner" seeks to shed light on problems within churches and does so in a profound and unique way.

Unions considering merger

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The nation's two major actors unions are considering joining forces to increase their clout in the face of changing technology and the consolidation of the entertainment industry.

The Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists have long shared many members, even while pursuing sometimes conflicting agendas.

A merger of the two unions has been discussed and rejected in the past. In recent years, the consolidation of firms like America Online and Time Warner and the creation of Vivendi Universal have concentrated industry power in fewer hands.

"What we found is that instead of just being a good idea or a convenience, this kind of unity is more and more becoming an absolute necessity," AFTRA President John Connolly said. "If you intend to be able to survive and thrive, you better be united."

Earlier this month, the boards of the two unions approved a framework

for consolidation. They are to meet again April 5 to consider a specific business plan and constitution, along with a new name. A vote by members is expected in May.

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Martial arts teaches Brazilian culture

By Harvey Mireles Staff Reporter

A mix of music, candy and combat will combine for a recipe to give Tech students a taste of Brazilian culture today.

The Department of Classic and Modern Languages and Literature and the Tech Portuguese Program, will present a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu exhibition at noon Friday in the Student Union Courtyard.

The event will showcase students of Pittman's Academy of Martial Arts & Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and consist of introductions and explanations of the techniques to be spoken in English and Portuguese, the national language of Brazil.

Klay Pittman, program director of the academy, said the exhibition will begin with a history of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and detail its journey to the

United States.

"Jiu-Jitsu is a simple, proven technique of leverage, which allows a smaller person to take on an aggressive attacker," Pittman said. "The thing that differs it from other fighting styles is it's done very rational and calmly. It's not an aggressive technique and does not rely on strength and size to use them in situations."

He said most of the fighting in Jiu-Jitsu is done on the ground.

"Since about 95 percent of all fights end up on the ground, punches and kicks are useless," he said. "Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu relies on a series of submission and choke holds, which are capable of choking someone out, breaking an arm or making someone tap out."

Pittman said the beginning of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu revolves around the Gracie family, which began the first

academy in Brazil in the early 1900s.

"Rorion Gracie came to America in the 1980s and started teaching Jiu-Jitsu in his garage," Pittman said. "In 1993, he developed the Ultimate Fighting Championship, which put a challenge out to all martial artists."

Royce Gracie won the first few Ultimate Fighting Championships using Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and the popularity of the fighting style spread like wild fire, Pittman said.

"His winning showed the dominance of Jiu-Jitsu technique and that the smaller person can defend themselves against the larger, stronger person," he said. "It just ended up taking off from there. It is relatively new in the Americas."

Antonio Laderia, an assistant professor of Portuguese, which is part of the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures, ar-

anged today's exhibition.

"I'm hoping the event will promote and strengthen the Portuguese program here at Tech," Laderia said. "This will add some visibility to our cause."

Laderia said he hopes the exhibition will generate interest in Brazilian culture.

"It's a very lively and exuberant culture," he said. "It's been becoming increasingly popular mostly because of things such as samba and Carnaval, which takes place in Rio de Janeiro."

He said he hopes to eventually bring a Carnaval demonstration or celebration to Tech, which he said would be the university's first.

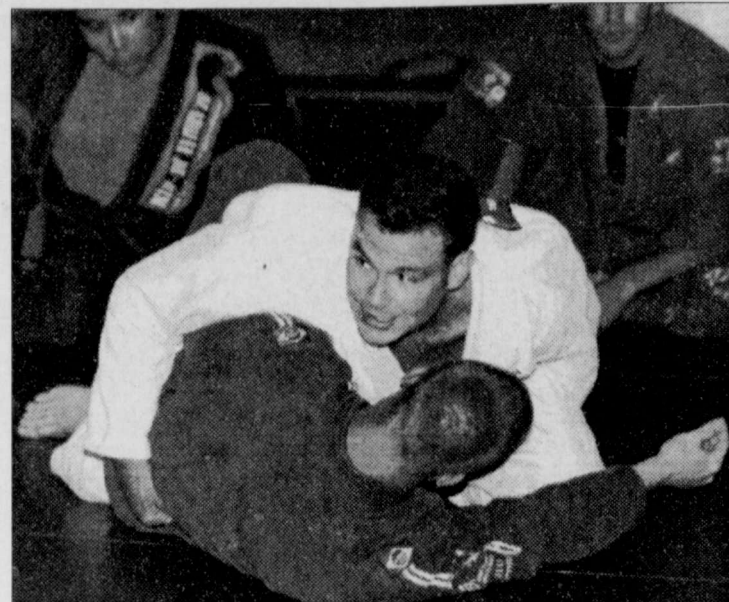
"Through these events, we want students to gain an appreciation for the richness of culture and literature," Laderia said. "I hope they also learn of the other different Portuguese cultures throughout the world."

Laderia said the event should set an example of reaching out to capture student interest.

"We're taking our lesson and moving out of the classroom," he said. "The idea is to go to where the students are. It's a proactive approach."

Laderia said the diversity of Tech should be the focus of students.

"It should be one of the priorities of the university," he said. "Students need to choose not to take the beaten path, and ponder and learn about the



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INSTRUCTOR KLAY PITTMAN, owner and operator of Pittman's Academy of Martial Arts and Jiu-Jitsu, demonstrates a new move with Brandon Guinn, a senior technical writing major from Lubbock, before the class.

different cultures, including those of Latin America."

Mara Vaughn, a graduate student from Aracaju, Brazil, studying Spanish and Portuguese, said the purpose of the exhibition is not just the physical activity, but also getting students interested in Brazilian culture and language.

"There is a lot of opportunity in the country of Brazil," she said. "The

Portuguese language is very influential in many countries around the world."

Vaughn said the most important things students will learn from this event is a way to view different cultures and how they are unique.

"They need to experience these multi-cultural events," she said. "It is important to learn a different language and learn of different ways of life.

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HIV meds affordable to poor

AUSTIN (AP) — For now, eligibility will not change for a state program that helps low-income Texans get lifesaving HIV drugs, the board of health decided Thursday.

Health officials considered reducing the income levels of those who qualify to get state money for the medicine. That would have made only the poorest of the poor eligible, eliminating about 2,500 from the 12,000 who use the Texas HIV Medication Program.

Hundreds of Texans spoke out against the proposal in person and

through written statements.

"Overwhelmingly, folks have said this isn't the way to fix this problem," said Dr. Sharilyn Stanley, associate commissioner for disease control and prevention.

So the state health board decided Thursday to table the plan, effectively killing it.

"We're just going to go back to the drawing board and cobble together a variety of cost-saving measures," Stanley said.

As the Texas Department of Health deals with a \$41.5 million defi-

cit, Stanley cautioned that in the coming months there "very likely might be a temporary halt to the enrollment of new clients" in the program.

Besides creating a waiting list, other options health officials may look at include redirecting some money within the state health agency, obtaining additional federal money, and implementing a sliding scale co-payment system, Stanley said.

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Final CUT

Tech students travel to Los Angeles to compete for spot in Spring Break movie.

By Harvey Mireles/
Staff Reporter

After an 11-city tour, thousands of interviews, and numerous hours of browsing through video tapes of countless applicants, Bunim/Murray Productions is preparing to make the final cut for individuals who will take part in "Spring Break: The Movie." Two Tech students are among the 40 invited for the final interviews.

Landon Taylor, a junior financial planning major from Rowlett, and his brother Alan Taylor, a freshman broadcast journalism major from Rowlett, will leave today for the final round of interviews in Los Angeles.

The two were notified less than two weeks ago.

Alan said it all started when he was visiting a friend's dorm.

"I found an ad for the casting call going on at Bleacher's (Sports Cafe) in the trash can of a friend

of mine in the dorm," he said. "I stuck it in my pocket and said, 'Maybe I'll go.'"

Alan said he went to an interview for a job, which lasted three hours, and when the company said it would not hire him because of his schedule, he decided to give the casting call a shot.

"I went on a whim, pretty much," he said. "I got there around 5 or 6 when the big rush of people were there."

Approximately 300 people auditioned during the casting call at Bleacher's in mid-January, movie-casting directors said in January.

Landon said his brother was asked by casting directors for suggestions

of friends or anyone else who would like to audition for the chance to be in the movie.

"He said, 'I've got my brother and my roommate,'" Landon said.

"I think we're both excited at the chance to become famous. We'll be

two of 12 leads in the movie."

The film will document the lives of 12 college students as they live in a house together and spend Spring Break in Cancun, Mexico.

Alan said if he gets a chance to be in the movie, he will most look forward to the women.

"I think this would be a really exciting, fun time because I'm young, have a lot of money and single in an exotic location with other people who are equally young, have a lot of money, who won't be wearing much," he said. "There is the possibility of many different and exciting situations to occur."

Landon said there is no limit to what he and his brother can do if they make it to Cancun.

"In such an expensive and exotic location, we'll be allowed to do whatever we want to do," he said. "The trip's all paid for, but I'm sure the camera will be looking for a little controversy."

Landon said the two have received different reactions from friends and family about the opportunity.

Some are happy and supportive, and some are scared of what they may be getting into.

"Mom really wanted to get into acting when she was young, so she's really excited for us," he said. "Dad said if he was given the opportunity when he was younger, he would have done it."



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LONDON TAYLOR, A junior financial planning major from Rowlett, and his brother Alan Taylor, a freshman broadcast journalism major from Rowlett, horse around outside the Cactus Theater on Thursday afternoon. They will travel to Los Angeles this weekend for the casting finals for the up and coming movie "Cancun: The Spring Break Movie." Forty people will compete this weekend for a spot, but only 12 will be chosen to be in the movie.

Anne Marie Seymore, a friend of Landon and Alan, said she has been interviewed by casting directors to give insight on them.

"They've been some really hard questions," the senior human development major from Sulpher Springs said. "They've asked stuff like, 'What's their greatest fear?' and stuff they don't want everyone to know."

Seymore said she is excited for the brothers.

"I really admire Alan for taking the initiative to go out and take the interview," she said. "I think they really have a strong chance. (The casting directors) have stressed a lot on trying to get to know them."

Alan said he has not concentrated on the outcome of the interview this weekend.

"It's just been going on for such

a long time," he said. "Whatever does happen will be fine. I haven't really prepared myself for either outcome."

Bunim/Murray has partnered with production/finance company FilmEngine to produce the film, which will be distributed by New Line Cinema.

The motion picture is scheduled to be released this summer.

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Living for the TEAM

Students plan camp-out for Tech-Texas games

By Jack Sheaffer/Staff Reporter

March Madness is approaching, and Texas Tech basketball fans are responding by breaking out the tents, sleeping bags, bottled water and a miniature basketball goal to get the rivalry blood pumping.

University of Texas comes to town Saturday to battle the Red Raiders, and students started camping out as early as Wednesday afternoon. With a miniature basketball goal to help keep them occupied, students are bearing the cold and are ready for the shoot-out.

Mark Sparrow, a graduate student from San Antonio studying marketing, said he camps out on the southeast corner of the United Spirit Arena a few nights before every home conference game because he truly loves Red Raider basketball.

"The intensity at our home games is incredible, and we want to be a part of every one of them," he said. "It does get cold during the night, but there is nothing better than having the front seats at the biggest games. We are those crazy guys that loved to pump the Red Raider crowd rowdy and jumped during the games."

While trying to pass time before tip-off, the students have established ways to stay busy. Besides calling next game for the miniature basketball court, the "spirit campers" also have taken the wheels off of a skateboard. They ride the naked board down the sloping lawn of the USA until they

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GRADUATE STUDENT FROM
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MARKETING

eventually make it to the bottom, or crash and burn on their way down. The students said face first in the dirt is the most glamorous way to bust.

Al Cameron, a sophomore business major from San Antonio, said he looks forward to camping out before the home games because he gets to showcase his skills on the grass board, and he gets the best student seats in the arena.

"We like the front row seats so that we can get rowdy with the community how much we all support Texas Tech basketball," he said. "With Robert Tomaszek being my favorite player, you know I'll be getting rowdy. Hopefully, he will bring down a lot of rebounds while we shoot down those 'horns'."

The campers said there are more rewards to camping out before the games other than just the best seats.

Last night, Indiana University alumni had pizzas delivered to the USA for all of the "spirit campers" in support of Texas Tech basketball.

Coach Knight sent Tech basketball T-shirts to the students in recognition of their support for the teams.

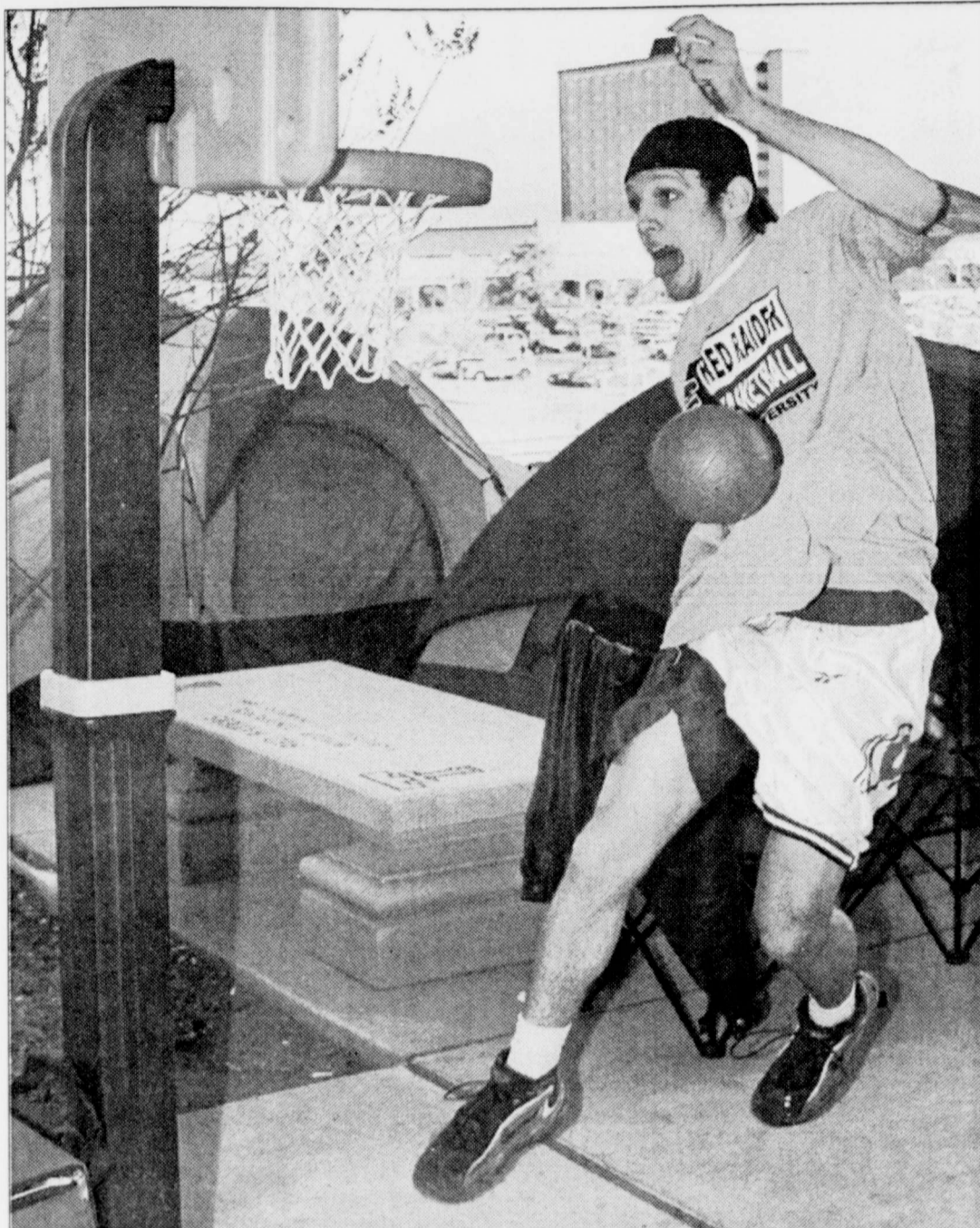
Brian Sparrow and Brayden Robertson, freshmen marketing majors from San Antonio, said they help hold each other's spots in line while they rotate between taking showers and going to class.

"We know attending class is important, so we swap turns leaving our tents," Robertson said. "With the line to the UT game getting longer, we try not to stay away for a long period of time. We shower, go to class, say hi and bye to our girlfriends, and then back to either the naked board or shooting some baskets in anticipation for the big game."

The campers said after the game is over and the crowd has left, they will set their tents back up and wait for tip-off for the Lady Raiders game on Sunday, also versus UT.

After the Sunday game, they will once again set their tents up and prepare for the next men's game against Kansas on Big Monday, which will be aired on ESPN.

The campers predict a big weekend for Tech athletics, and ask arena operators to turn back on the electricity on the southeast side of the arena so they may bring space heaters to keep warm and a Playstation to keep occupied.



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer
AL CAMERON, A sophomore business major from San Antonio, plays basketball outside the United Spirit Arena on Thursday afternoon to pass time while he and his friends camp out before the Red Raider game against the University of Texas at 3 p.m. Saturday.

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Tech looks to take Longhorns twice

Lady Raiders know stakes are high against UT

By David Wiechmann/Sports Editor

The end of the regular season is drawing near, and the No. 7 Texas Tech Lady Raiders (23-3, 12-2 Big 12) are in a position to claim a share in the Big 12 Conference Championship. Standing in the way first, however, are the No. 10 Texas Longhorns (20-5, 13-1).

The heated rivalry will take court at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the United Spirit Arena, the day after their male counterparts battle it out in the same facility.

The Lady Raiders know how important the game is on a number of levels. "I think there's two reasons I want to win. Obviously if you beat UT, you get a chance to play for a share in the conference title against K-State," coach Marsha Sharp said. "And the other reason is in the power rankings Texas and Kansas State are highly regarded, and wins against them would help with where you're seeded in the NCAA Tournament."

The game should no doubt be full of excitement, and the atmosphere will be buzzing as two Top 10 teams with a storied past face off.

"There's always a little bit of an added emotion. I think our fans feel it more than the coaches or players. I think the people at Texas Tech are excited any time Texas comes to town, and you want to do a good job for your fans and protect your home court."

The players recognize the significance of the game and are getting pumped up for the battle as well.

"This game is huge for us from the aspect that you never want to let them win two," Jolee Ayers said. "It's really important we play well and come out with a win this game for our standings and also our morale as a team."

Two key focal points of the game

will be defense and rebounding for Tech, as the Longhorns outplayed the Lady Raiders in both areas in their first meeting.

Players and coaches said stopping Stacie Stephens and rebounding to prevent her from getting second-chance points will be important to getting a victory.

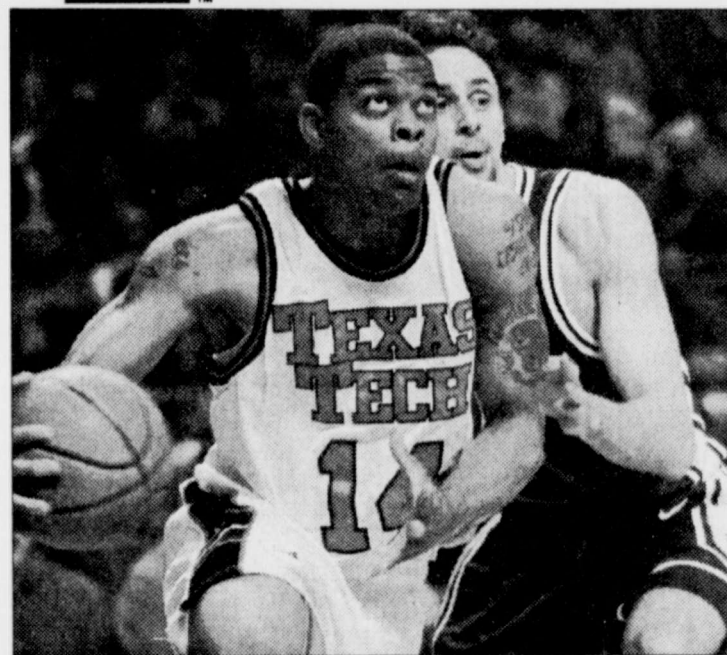
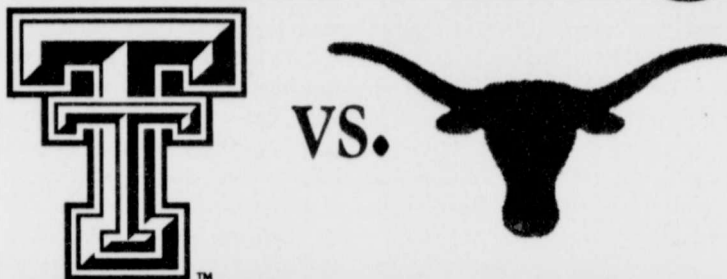
Also, Sharp said she told her team it cannot have a similar defensive performance as its last game against Nebraska.

"That's the last game that we can afford to have that look because everything from here on out is against ranked opponents and for a conference championship and to stay in the NCAA tournament," she said. "So we don't have any margin for error at this point." Even with so much potentially on the line down the road, Natalie Ritchie said Tech's sights are set on Texas first, and the team will not begin to think about Kansas State until Monday.

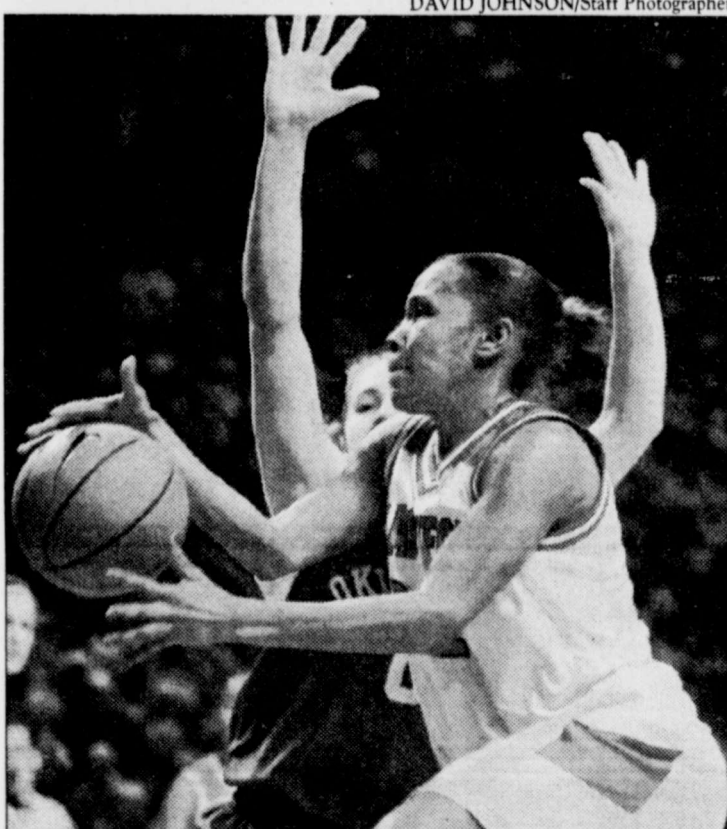
"We've had to take it one game at a time, but our whole goal was to get to this part of the season and play these last two games against UT and Kansas State," she said. "And UT, we're focused on UT right now, and we're real excited about them ... we got a hard loss to them at UT, so we can't wait to get them in the building."

Ritchie said once the Longhorns are in the building, it could be an intimidating experience, but Tech will have to make the Red Raider faithful the second dynamic of the game to push them past the burnt orange.

"We're going to come out from the beginning," she said. "We know we have to come out from the beginning against Texas because if not, we'll get ourselves in trouble. We're hoping to get the crowd involved early with some big plays early ... because once we get our fans going it's awesome, and it really intimidates the other team."



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

ANDRE EMMETT (ABOVE), Casey Jackson (below) and their respective teammates will take on Texas this weekend at the United Spirit Arena.

Texas in way of Red Raiders' tourney hopes

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech reserve Mickey Marshall crossed his fingers when he heard the words NCAA Tournament.

But the junior guard is not about to look too far ahead and begin polishing his dancing shoes for the Big Dance in March.

The Texas Longhorns are on his mind, and he wants revenge when the two teams have a date at 3 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

"We need to redeem ourselves," Marshall said. "Right now everybody has the NCAA Tournament on their mind. But we can't look too far ahead because it will hurt us. We have to focus on (Saturday)."

Tech (16-8) has a 6-7 Big 12 Conference record with three games remaining in the regular season. If Tech wins its next three games, it is probably a sure bet the selection committee will send an invitation Tech's way.

Two wins will get the team sweating, and one or no wins will probably force the committee to dump Tech, and it will go to the smaller dance - the National Invitational Tournament.

Tech forward Kasib Powell said he likes Tech's chances of reaching the Big Dance.

"We are really feeling good right now," he said. "But we know Texas is a good team, and to win, we have to eliminate our mistakes."

The Longhorns (19-5, 10-3), who most likely will be dancing in March, also have a lot on the line Saturday. They are fighting for the Big 12 crown and seeding placements in the NCAA Tournament. They are coming off a big win against Kansas State on Wednesday after losing to Oklahoma State three days earlier.

The two teams met 11 days ago in Austin, with the Longhorns winning 77-65.

However, guard Andre Emmett, who leads the Big 12 with 22 points per game, did not touch the basketball because he was suspended for missing the team's morning breakfast and shoot-around. Since the suspension, Emmett has paced Tech with 26 and 30 points, respectively, during the last two wins against Texas A&M and No. 17 Oklahoma State.

Powell said it would be a good ad-

vantage to have Emmett back in action.

"It will be real good to have him back on the floor," he said. "He has picked up his game in all parts. If he plays like he has been playing, it will be good for us."

Marshall agreed. "(Emmett) has been playing solid defense and stepping up on both sides of the court," he said. "He is stepping up at a big time for us."

Tech enters the game riding a two-game winning streak for the first time since early January when it won back-to-back non-conference games.

Powell said Tech has to keep the wins increasing if it wants any chance of a bid in the NCAA Tournament.

"We have got to win the rest of our regular season games," he said. "There won't be any dancing if we don't take care of business."

The Longhorns may have the most offensive weapons out of any team in the conference.

Texas guard T.J. Ford leads the conference in assists with seven per game, and he paces the offense with 15 points per game. Center James Thomas is Texas' inside presence and the Big 12's top rebounder with 11 boards per game.

Plus, the Longhorns have two of the best 3-point shooters, Brian Boddicker and Brandon Mouton, in the conference. Both rank in the top eight, shooting 43 percent from beyond the arc. Mouton was key in the win against Tech, as he hit six 3-pointers.

"We just have to play good team defense," Powell said. "They have good rebounders, good shooters and an overall good team. We know it will be tough."

Following Saturday's game, Tech cannot relax too quickly, as the team will turnaround to play its third consecutive Big Monday game on ESPN against Big 12 powerhouse Kansas at 8 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

The team will close the regular season March 8 against Baylor in Waco. Saturday's game will be broadcast regionally by CBS. Veteran journalist Dick Enberg will give the play-by-play, and NBA Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul Jabbar will do the color commentary.

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