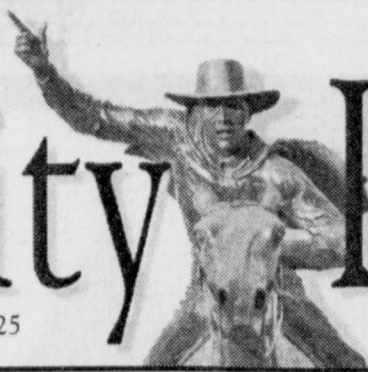




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Financial aid office moves services online

TRIMMING TIME: Tasks dealing with financial aid can be handled on the Internet cutting lines, costs.

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Erin Caldwell, like about 60 percent of the student population at Texas Tech, receives money through the Office of Financial Aid.

The graduate student from Plano studying interdisciplinary studies said college would not have been possible if it had not been for financial aid.

Now, going through the financial aid process may be easier.

Some of the more time-consuming processes behind receiving financial aid have changed because of the need to reduce costs at Tech.

Tasks such as checking financial aid packages, declining and accepting aid and reducing awards have moved online, said Director of Student Financial Aid Earl Hudgins.

Students must use the system to verify and check on their award packages.

"In the past, we have always sent letters," Hudgins said. "Returning students are no longer getting that, though they will get a postcard with the information about the Web site. This is to reduce costs."

Hudgins said the process should go easily for many returning students as most of them are familiar with the Tech's Web site.

Additionally, the time-consuming mail delivery will be eliminated and the electronic program will expedite the financial aid process. Things that used to be done by mail delivery will be done quickly and registered automatically in the system, Hudgins said, such as accepting or declining financial aid awards.

"Students have been able to see what their awards were for some time," Hudgins said. "Now they can tell us what they want to do with it. Plus a lot of the waiting for students will be cut out."

For example, if a student verifies the amount of the loan they will be using and decides they do not need the full amount, they can reduce it online. The change will be registered automatically in the financial aid system, Hudgins said, and the remaining money

will be left in the system for the student to return to if they decide they need the extra amount at some point in time.

Incoming students will be mailed their financial aid information until they are familiar with the new system in place.

One thing students should be aware of, Hudgins said, is in addition to the informative postcard sent to their addresses, an e-mail notification of the new system and how to use it will be sent to their Tech e-mail addresses.

Hudgins recommends students who do not check their university e-mail to find out how to do so or direct it to a more frequently used e-mail address. The danger that many students do not use their Tech e-mail is the reason the Financial Aid office will be using the postcard system for a while as well.

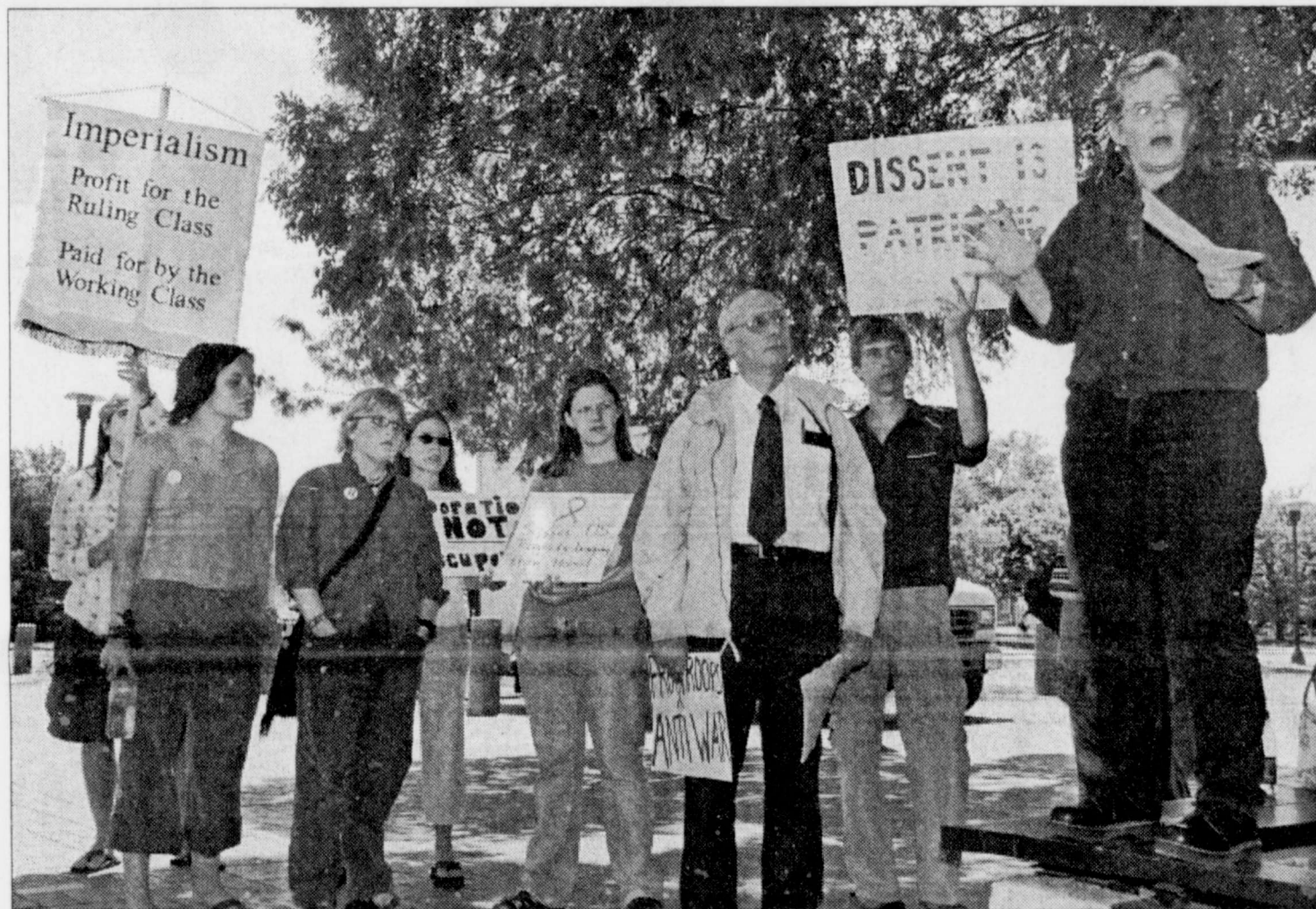
Accepting, declining and reducing awards online may be done at <http://techs.tosm.ttu.edu/student/>. Students will need to use their Tech PIN number.

Additionally, for some students, summer financial relief may be available: for the first time ever, the TEXAS Grant will be available for summer 2003.

The TEXAS grant, Hudgins said, previously has not been available to students for summer school. Now, however, students who received the grant during the Fall 2002 and Spring 2003 may be eligible for the summer. Awards will be given based upon the date on a student's Summer Aid Application, which needs to be submitted to the Financial Aid

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Students for Social Justice protest war



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STUDENTS LISTEN TO history professor Catherine Miller speak about the U.S. and imperialism during a war protest sponsored by the Students for Social

Red Raiders, professors speak on beliefs about Iraq situation

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech student Gianpaolo Macerola stood alone supporting the war at a protest demonstrated by the Students for Social Justice as he held his American flag in front of him and wore his "Who wants a freedom kiss?" button near the Student Union building Wednesday.

"My button shows the disgrace I have for France and my support for the United States," said the freshman communications studies major from Houston. "They are out here protesting imperialism of America, but that is not what our nation is conducting."

Trevor Smith, a graduate student studying philosophy from Chicago, Ill., and a member of Students for Social Justice, said the group was trying to present the true nature behind the United

States' foreign policy.

"The Students for Social Justice are working together as a whole to show people that America isn't liberating the Iraqi people but attempting to occupy," he said.

Catherine Miller, an associate professor of history, spoke at the protest and extended this thought as she spoke to the crowd of about 30 students and faculty about the Iraqi protestors killed Tuesday by U.S. troops.

"The war may be over, but the killing continues," she said. "We say we will build democracy and civilize them, but then we take their resources just like we are doing now."

Macerola had different feelings toward the situation in Iraq.

"They are only presenting one side of the story," he said. "The protestors that were killed because

they opened fire on American troops, whom upheld the rules of engagement."

Todd Overholser, a supporter of American policy, said he has heard this same kind of protest several times at Tech.

"They are digging up obscure relationships with today's politics and imperialism in the past," the law student from Des Moines, Iowa, said. "But what America is doing is trying to protect lives, which is what they are enjoying today."

Ed George, a professor of classical and modern languages and literatures, spoke at the protest and said he was in support of the war and the reasoning behind it.

"The U.S. has the strongest military force in the world, so we feel we are welcomed to use it as we

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Tech responds to conflicts in Iraq

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

The battle may be won, but the war is far from over.

Everything appears to be going well for coalition forces in Iraq. Saddam Hussein is out of the picture, at least for the time being, and the United States is working on transitioning Iraq's government.

But feelings from throughout the world, the nation and the Texas Tech campus indicate the United States' involvement in Iraq is nowhere near complete.

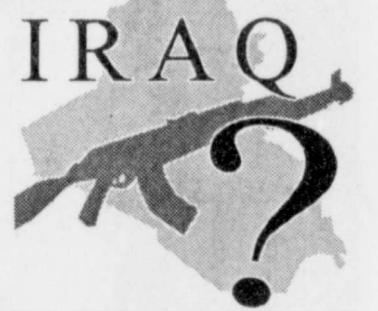
"I don't think it'll ever end," Tech student Michael Manus said. "It'll slow down, but there's always going to be a disturbance."

The sophomore communications major from Lubbock said he believes the fighting is close to being finished, although the American troops will not be leaving anytime soon. Tech student Ethan Johnson agreed.

"I think we're very far from being done," the sophomore business major from Lubbock said. "I think the fighting is pretty much over, but the conflict is far from done."

David Snead, assistant professor of history, seconded both opinions, and added the United States still has one major problem in its path.

When President George W.



Bush called for this war, he did so on the basis of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and its ties to al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations. So far, no proof has been found of either of these.

"Besides that, I think it's pretty much gone as planned, if not better than expected," Snead said. "If we found them, it would give legitimacy to the action."

Not having proof makes it easier for those against the war to claim the United States was simply grabbing power in the region, he said. However, that is not the coalition's biggest concern.

The next challenge for the United States and its allies is creating a government that satisfies both the Iraqi people and the United States, assistant professor of political sciences Martin Edwards said.

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Peterson campaigns for less government

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Congressional candidate Richard "Chip" Peterson is ready to decrease government involvement in every American's life.

"I support maximum individual freedom with minimum government control," the Texas Tech emeritus professor of finance said. "Go back to what we had when we founded this country. We thrived as a nation under those rules and regulations. It's only in recent years that people have become so dependent on government to solve problems."

Peterson, the sole Libertarian on the ballot for the May 3 Special Election to replace U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, supports legalizing marijuana, a flat tax and improving Social Security, his biggest campaign focus.

The United States needs to address the Social Security problems soon, he said, because the average age to retire will go up and people need to see a schedule.

"We'd better tell people quick before the baby boomers start thinking they can retire," he said.



Peterson

Perhaps the most controversial view of Peterson's is his belief that marijuana should be legalized. He does not advocate the use

of it, he said, and acknowledged the dangers of drug use.

"Marijuana is no worse than alcohol so it should be treated like alcohol," he said. "Libertarians believe that it is a crime to harm someone else, but if you're an adult and you do something that harms yourself, that's your business, not the government's business."

It should not go unregulated, he said. There should be an age limit and a limit on the amount a person can use and still be considered safe to drive, as there is with alcohol. He would like to see some of the alcohol regulations softened.

Peterson's stance on drugs is one reason why Libertarian Party State

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U.S. troops fire on anti-American protesters again

IRAQI FREEDOM: Rumsfeld tells Iraqis U.S. eager to return country to their control.

By Niko Price/Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — For the second time this week, U.S. soldiers fired on anti-American protesters Wednesday in the city of Fallujah; the mayor said two people were killed and 14 wounded. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld became the first top Bush administration official to visit Iraq since Saddam Hussein's ouster.

Operating out of a Baghdad palace once used by Saddam, Rumsfeld taped a broadcast message to Iraqis saying the United States is eager to

return the country to their control. He also paid in-person tribute to U.S. troops gathered at Baghdad's airport.

"We want the Iraqi people to live in freedom so they can build a future where the Iraqi leaders answer to the Iraqi people rather than killing them," Rumsfeld told the soldiers.

He told the troops they have "unleashed events that will unquestionably shape the course of this country."

Rumsfeld also said the Bush administration is using diplomatic efforts to encourage countries to turn over wanted Iraqis to U.S. authorities, and

that some nations are no longer taking in fugitives.

The shooting in Fallujah, 30 miles west of Baghdad, occurred less than 48 hours after gunfire during a demonstration Monday night that hospital officials said killed 13 Iraqis.

About 1,000 people marched down the city's main street Wednesday to protest the earlier incident, stopping in front of a battalion headquarters of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division — a former office of Hussein's Baath Party.

American officers at the scene, and U.S. Central Command in Qatar, said U.S. soldiers in the compound and in a passing convoy opened fire in response to rock-throwing and gunfire.

"The evildoers are deliberately placing at risk the good civilians," said Lt. Col. Tobin Green of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. "These are deliberate actions by the enemy to use the population as cover."

During the march, and for hours afterwards, U.S. Apache attack helicopters circled the site, barely skimming the tops of the tiled-roof minarets of Fallujah's mosques.

Fallujah's mayor, Taha Bedaiwi al-Alwani, said two people were killed and 14 wounded, and he asked for an investigation and compensation for the victims. He added that U.S. soldiers have been asked to stay away

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The Rundown



Deputy indicted for indecency with a child

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County sheriff's deputy has been fired and a grand jury has indicted him for allegedly driving a 15-year-old girl around in his patrol car while he was on duty and having inappropriate sexual contact with her.

Dustin Hodson, 27, was indicted for indecency with a child and fired on Tuesday, Harris County Sheriff's Department spokesman Maj. Mike Smith said Wednesday.

Hodson did not immediately return a phone message left by The Associated Press.

Smith said Hodson responded to a disturbance call at the girl's home on Friday night. After arriving the girl told authorities he asked her if she wanted to "hang out later." The girl gave the deputy her pager number. The next night, Smith said Hodson picked up the girl and drove her around in his patrol car. At one point, he kissed her, according to a criminal complaint.

Smith said Hodson again picked up the girl on Sunday and is accused of fondling her and "took her hand and placed it on his crotch."

The girl told officials at her school about what occurred and the sheriff's department was informed.

Poisonings at Maine church leave one dead

NEW SWEDEN, Maine (AP) — State police investigators plan to interview every member of a church where arsenic is suspected of sickening a dozen people and contributing to the death of a 78-year-old man.

Five of those sickened at Gustaf Adolph Lutheran Church were still too ill Wednesday to talk to detectives, State Police Lt. Dennis Appleton said.

"We are taking it as a suspicious death, but only because we don't have the answers," Appleton said. "We have no evidence it's criminal."

The victims had all shared sweets and sandwiches on Sunday that were left over from a church bake sale the day before, and several church members said people who drank the coffee had complained that it tasted funny.

State Health Director Dora Anne Mills said Tuesday that arsenic, which can have a bitter taste, was the probable cause of the illnesses.

An autopsy on the body of Walter Morrill, who died after falling ill following the church gathering, was inconclusive, and toxicology tests were planned.

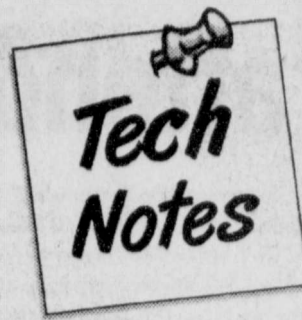
Mediators present 'road map' to peace

JERUSALEM (AP) — International mediators presented Israeli and Palestinian leaders Wednesday with a new Middle East "road map," an ambitious blueprint for ending 31 months of violence and establishing a Palestinian state.

The U.S.-backed plan is supported by a unique consensus of world leaders and comes at a time when U.S. clout is at a high point in the wake of Saddam Hussein's ouster in Iraq.

It also coincides with the advent of a new Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, who was inaugurated as prime minister on Wednesday. He has denounced terrorism and vowed to end attacks on Israelis, but the dimensions of the problem were illustrated by the fact that a suicide attacker who killed three bystanders was linked to a group within Abbas' own Fatah party.

The plan, whose details have been known for months, was presented to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon by U.S. Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer in Jerusalem. Shortly thereafter, Abbas received it in the West Bank town of Ramallah from representatives of the four parties that drew up the plan: the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations.



The underpass north of the university greenhouse at Main Street and Hartford Avenue will be closed to pedestrian traffic for four weeks while the natural gas line is lowered in preparation for the Marsha Sharp Freeway. Students and faculty should find an alternate route.

The Muslim Student Association invites students to attend a lecture on Muslim youth relations at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Senate Room of the Student Union building.

The lecture will be by Sami Hijazi, headmaster of the Muslim School in Michigan, with a ques-

tion-and-answer session afterward. For more information, contact Ali.Gowher@ttu.edu.

The last day to drop a course, transfer between colleges or withdraw from the university is Friday.

The Pre-Vet Society is having a rabies drive and dog flea dip from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Dub Parks Arena at 4th Street and Quaker Avenue. Rabies vaccinations cost \$8 and dips cost \$10.

The Center for Campus Life is sponsoring the "When You Move Out, Don't Throw It Out" program, Monday through May 14. The program gives students an opportunity to donate their unwanted items to the community. Drop-off points are located in the residence halls or in the Student Union building. For more information, contact the Center for Campus Life at (806) 742-5433.

Send remaining Tech Notes by Friday to ud@ttu.edu.

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"The fact is, the things that make democracy work just aren't there," he said. "I think we have to be a little more subdued about what kind of government's going to be there."

Historically, American attempts to build a democracy have not worked, Edwards said. However, much of that was during the Cold War, Snead said, which shifted pri-

orities.

"What the United States was most concerned about was stopping communism, and the result was the U.S. supported some right-wing dictators who were anti-communist," he said, adding there have been more attempts in the last decade that have been different. "I can't say we've been successful, but we haven't really been unsuccessful."

Snead was confident a government could be put in place but not one that is a mirror image of American democracy.



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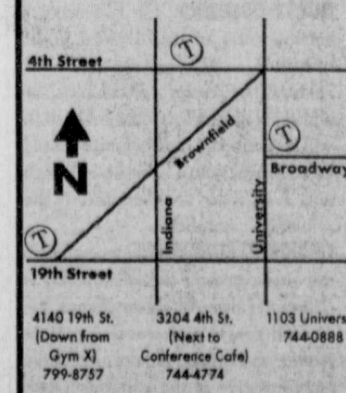


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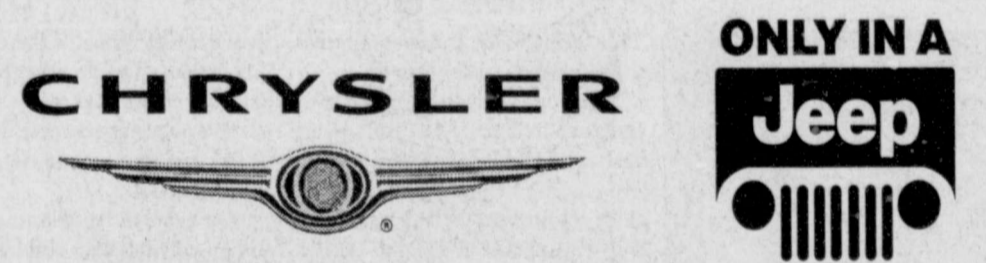


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PERSPECTIVES

Student attendance should be priority

The on-field activities of Texas Tech's athletics programs are reported on a daily basis, but little is said from the fan's perspective.

It's important everyone understand that successful teams on the field need large, loud student sections at home games. Teams should be fan-friendly so students want to attend home games, because large student turnouts always help Tech teams perform at a higher level.

But what makes a program fan-friendly? First, a student needs a good coach who seeks student involvement. Then there's a need for activities and giveaways that make games fun. It's also beneficial to schedule "meet and greet" events so fans can meet players and coaches.

I believe these events also help players understand that fans care about them and want them to know just how special it is to be playing with a Double-T on their uniforms. These events allow students to meet new players and give freshmen opportunities to see the locations of student entrances and seating.

These events also help create early season excitement. Why is this important? Tech teams draw plenty of fans for Big 12 Conference games, but teams need to get students to attend the early games when crowds are smaller and there is a greater need for loud students.

The spring semester is coming to an end, and most Tech teams have ended their home seasons. This is the perfect time to review the fan-friendliness of Tech's athletics programs and suggest improvements. Here is my review of Tech teams.

This may surprise you, but one of the most fan-friendly programs on campus is men's tennis. Coach Tim Siegel has worked hard to get fans involved in men's tennis matches at home and deserves to take a bow. Fans can get free T-shirts and pizza at every home match, and Siegel personally thanks fans. He also is one of the most approachable coaches at Tech.

I've been going to matches for a few years and have witnessed a remarkable surge in enthusiasm and at-



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tendance for men's tennis. My only suggestion is keep up the good work.

The Lady Raiders had an event to meet fans last fall and gave away T-shirts and a number of other items to students this season. One of the best giveaways was a card set commemorating the 10th anniversary of the 1993 National Championship team. It's always fun to watch the Lady Raiders play.

I especially enjoyed the scheduling of back-to-back games with the Tech volleyball team that introduced thousands of basketball fans to the excitement of volleyball. This spoke volumes about Lady Raider head coach Marsha Sharp's willingness to

work with everyone so other women's programs can share in her program's remarkable success.

My only suggestion is follow up with more joint basketball-volleyball events so two women's sports can fill the United Spirit Arena.

Tech's men's basketball program worked hard to get students involved in home games with free T-shirt giveaways and activities just for students.

Head coach Bob Knight sincerely appreciates the advantages of a loud student section, and his staff did an outstanding job working with students.

I'd like to suggest the Red Raiders hold a "meet and greet" event next fall. Knight is a major national celebrity, and students (especially freshmen) would love to be able to shake his hand and thank him for all he has done for Tech.

Head football coach Mike Leach works hard for students. Fans have chances to meet the football players after the Red and Black game and during the annual autograph session held in August.

The best thing Leach has done is

consistently beat Texas A&M. Whipping Clemson in the Tangerine Bowl created extra excitement for next season. My suggestion is give T-shirts to students before a big game next fall. It would look great on television and would get the students excited during the game.

The Tech women's soccer program had some promotions last season, but what we need is a competitive team on the field. Last fall, they had a school record 17-game losing streak. I'm a big soccer fan, and I believe Tech and the Lubbock area would strongly support a good team.

It was especially surprising to see Tech soccer players appear in a movie about Spring Break in Cancun. Tech Athletics Department administrators should take a close look at the soccer program and evaluate the priorities of those involved.

Teams perform at their peak when the stands are full and fans are loud. That's why everyone in the Tech Athletics Department should make student attendance a top priority. Everyone wins when students attend home games.

Remaining readers should remember forewarning

In my inaugural column on Aug. 30, 2002, I forewarned everybody that they would be offended by my writing.

I would write things that would inspire people to complain to their friends, launch a protest or two and then subsequently drive them to continue reading my columns each week because of the intrinsic desire everyone has to be offended.

Did I lie to anyone? Of course not. Let's recap.

Sept. 18: The Beginning. I told everyone about the benefits of nicotine addiction. I received one e-mail from a fellow whose screen name resembled a famous cereal character that not so kindly requested I transfer to another school.

Oct. 2: The Ironic. My discussion of the design flaws of the human body yielded more than one response tell-

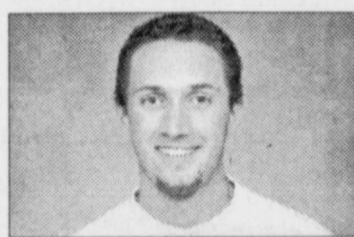
ing me that I was an atheist. You learn something new every day.

Oct. 3: The Cult. David Wiechmann and I angered everyone in College Station when we discussed the cultic activities of our friends at Texas A&M. One fellow pondered who the 28-year-old virgins were who did "On the Porch." I was angered by that response. I'm not 28 years old.

Oct. 16: The Day of Reckoning. I told everyone what I thought about homosexuality. Roughly 100 students convened what I like to call the "Anti-Me" rally that same day.

My inbox was inundated with responses varying from well-reasoned objections and agreements to warnings never to travel to San Francisco, otherwise the residents would beat me to a bloody pulp and throw me off the Golden Gate Bridge.

The number of posts to my col-



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umn, at last count 105 with many that were never posted, dwarfed those posted to any column ever written, including the other column written by that other guy everybody hates. And did I mention there was a rally protesting my existence?

Oct. 23: The Confusing. My column about the benefits of responsible alcohol consumption resulted in my reception of multiple theological dissertations regarding the metaphoric

aspects of the Bible, all of which simply gave me a headache.

Oct. 30: The Observance. I wrote about the pointlessness of various holidays and angered the Stuttering Awareness Foundation. I'm s-s-so s-s-s-orry.

Nov. 13: The "Special Column." I told people the purpose of sports is to teach people to compete, not to pander to certain, less capable people's self-esteem. Someone told me I couldn't be "any wronger." Someone else said I couldn't be "righter."

Feb. 7: The Supernatural. I wrote a mock horoscope satirizing people's use of astrology to prove the point that the stars do not dictate the future. Someone — we'll call her Fortune Flora — told me about the amazing track record of astrology in predicting the course of events such as the Sept. 11, 2001, tragedy and the Bucs' victory over the Rams in the 2000 Monday

Night Football game. The latter was something I wanted to thank her for.

Feb. 21: The First Time. I bashed the French incessantly. No one was offended.

Mar. 12: The Game. I compared dating to the game of billiards. I offended some who had no sense of humor.

April 3: The Second Time. I told everyone about replacing French words and phrases with "Freedom-whatevers." Someone asked me if I truly believed that should happen. I reminded him of what it's like to be in France.

Since then, I've been slacking off, and I haven't angered too many people. Dave Ring took point in that effort for a while. Still, I'd say I gave a good warning before this year commenced.

Did people enjoy being offended as I had predicted? I have a plaque reading "Best Columnist" that makes me think so. See you next year.

Make memories in college that are worth telling your kids about

Well everyone, the time is almost upon us. The time where we break free from school for a little while and become our usual lazy selves.

We no longer have school every day, and there is no more pressure of writing at least one paper a week. We can now be free and look back on all the things that we have done over the last two semesters.

You can look back on those endless nights of drinking and bonding with your friends. Well you can try to remember what happened even though some of it may be a blur.

When your summer finally starts, make a point to sit around and talk about the past year with your friends.

They may remember things that you don't and can help you fill in those blurry spots. You can all sit around and reminisce while making all new memories.

People always say remember your college years because they will be the best times of your life. Maybe they are right, but since I don't know yet and I am still in college, I'll have to rely on my friends who are out of school to tell me the truth.

So far, by using my wonderful powers of observation, I have noticed many cannot let go of their college years. Sure, they move away and get "real" jobs, but they haven't gotten away yet. They still think in the college mind set. Their body is still set



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on drinking mode. They still go out to bars and stay out all night partying 'til the sun comes up.

But I hope the time will come when they realize that maybe it's time to get into the grown-up mode. The situation can be made doubly difficult for you if you move to Dallas.

This seems to be the most normal thing for Tech students to do.

Everyone graduates and moves to Dallas to look for a job and get an apartment with a friend from school. This doesn't help your situation because you are used to hanging around with this person and doing all the normal college things.

But back to us who have years and years of school left. We don't have to worry about the "real" world just yet. We should put off this worrying until we definitely have to. Let's just enjoy it all and not look toward the future.

I want to look back on these days and think I did it all. I left nothing out that I wanted to do. I think you

should do the same. If the opportunity comes up to do something you have always wanted to do, then do it. Have no regrets, because these will be the days that we proudly tell our children about.

You want to be able to sit back and proudly tell your children, yeah I did the same things you're doing but better. Know that you are making the best of your college career and worry about the "real" world later.

So have a good summer and make great memories.

And while you're making them, have a lot of fun, because this may be the last truly free moments you have. But remember, be careful and always wear protection.

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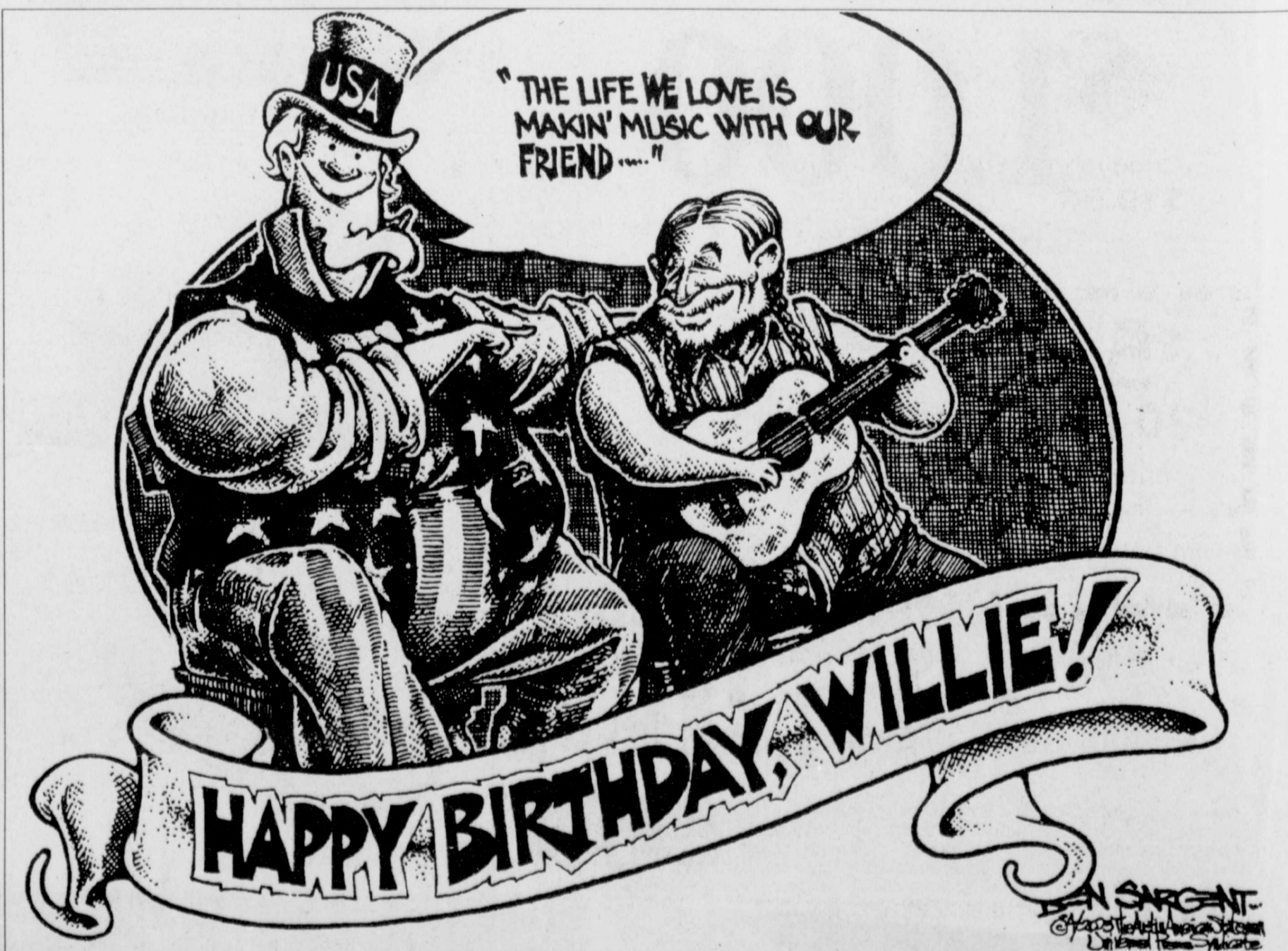
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Candidate

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Chairman David DeLamar believes he will be a good representative.

"He's the only candidate that has taken a favorable position on the insane war on drugs," he said, adding the drug war has resulted in many violations of the Bill of Rights, which someone needed to take a stance on.

To fix the economy, which is similar to the economic conditions before the Great Depression, Peterson said he would like to see continued tax cuts until the economy turns around. The double taxation on dividends also needs to be eliminated, something President Bush has proposed as well.

DeLamar cited Libertarian history and said no party officeholder had ever voted for a tax increase, a tradition he is

confident Peterson would uphold.

"We've never had an elected candidate vote for a tax increase," he said. "Our word is good. Whatever we campaign for, we stick to."

Peterson said he wants preferential treatment for American contracts when determining who gets control over the Iraqi oil fields, he said, which will help the energy business in the region. He also would like to see the government maintain semi-depleted oil fields, which could still have oil deep down in them.

To aid the agriculture industry in the region, Peterson proposed a new farm bill similar to the current one, which compromises between what the farmers want and what the government wants.

"People have a lot of capital tied up in agriculture," he said, adding his proposal will keep price supports in place but gradually decrease them as they be-

come unnecessary, which gives farmers time to shift crops and equipment.

Peterson remembered his ties to Tech and said he plans to continue getting funding for the colleges and universities in the district, including making sure student loans are available. He also will keep getting research money, he said.

"I know when I taught, the research I did actually showed up in the classroom," he said. "It's valuable for society as a whole to support those kinds of things."

Peterson's third-party status also allows him more ability to consider the best interests of the district, DeLamar said.

"He wouldn't be behold to special interest groups; he wouldn't be beholden to a party," he said. "That's reason enough to vote for him in my opinion."

Iraq

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from mosques, residential areas and other sensitive places; the Americans agreed to study the request.

"Many people believe these are occupying forces. And many of them are still cautious until they see their intentions," said al-Alwani, a former Iraqi exile and opponent of Hussein's regime.

Local officials in Fallujah said they saw or heard no shooting from among

the protesters.

The incident, coupled with the deaths Monday outside a school in Fallujah, are increasing tension as American forces try to keep the peace in Iraq and win the trust of its people.

Financial aid

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office. The Summer Application is available in the office or at www.fina.ttu.edu.

Hudgins said students who wish to receive the TEXAS grant this summer need to take at least nine hours during the summer and have a 2.5 grade point average.

If TEXAS Grant students are taking summer courses at an institution other than Tech, they need to check with the institution to verify the ability to use the grant there.

Overall, Hudgins said, financial aid awards and services at Tech are not going down because of the budget crunch, as most of what the office does is federal.

For example, the Texas Public Education Grant or TPEG, is compiled using money from tuition students pay. The money goes into a communal pot and is awarded back to the students.

"With our enrollment growing, we actually have more money than in past," Hudgins said.

In fact, the Financial Aid office received a small percentage more to fund work-study than the past year. If students received work-study this past

year, they will receive it again, Hudgins said, assuming they remain eligible.

"We touch an awful lot of students on campus," Hudgins said.

Caldwell, the recipient of three grants, two loans and work-study, said the electronic services will make financial aid much easier to go through.

"I think it will be better because I've had to wait on award letters in the past. But it hasn't been real difficult to deal with them," she said. "They've been real good about stuff."

The Financial Aid office is located in Room 310 West Hall and can be reached at (806) 742-3690.

Protest

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want," he said. "We try to create peace by using a superior force."

Macerola said the protestors should realize the difference between two things.

"An absence of proof isn't a proof of absence," he said. "The Iraqi people are cheering in the streets because they are

free from being oppressed by Hussein." Miller said she believed the war was about the control of oil.

"Evidently, the U.S. feels that oil is too important for Arabs to control, and they are out to serve the interest of U.S. industries instead of the people," she said.

Macerola said he wondered if the protestors knew the justification for the war and its aftereffect.

"The war was completely justified by

a sense, and we are not pushing our agenda on the world," he said. "Even though more people were killed, the quality of lives for the other ones still in Iraq has improved."

Overholser said the main concern of the protest was dealing with money and oil.

"Everything they protest about has some aspect of money issues, and Tech does the same thing to us so why don't they protest the campus," he said.

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Airline lays off 7,000

FORT WORTH (AP) — Executives of cash-strapped American Airlines Inc. are moving quickly to slash their unionized work force by an estimated 7,000 employees under new concessionary contracts the carrier demanded in an effort to remain solvent.

Company spokesman Bruce Hicks said the company was scheduled Wednesday to start sending out notices to about 1,300 mechanics and related workers represented by the Transport Workers Union, to become effective May 16.

New contracts with three key unions are poised to kick in Thursday. The Fort Worth-based carrier sent out notices to 5,000 junior flight attendants Tuesday, warning that they could be laid off as early as July 1.

Also, 1,200 fleet service clerks will receive notices within the next few weeks, informing them of a June 14 layoff.

"We're continuing to move forward with our plan to reduce annual operating costs by \$4 billion," Gerard Arpey, American's new

chief executive, said in a prepared statement issued Tuesday night. "The changes to pay, benefits and work rules brought about by the sacrifices of all employees are vitally important components of our efforts to return to financial stability."

Although the number of flight attendants facing layoffs is greater than the 2,400 cuts required under the new contract, American officials contend additional layoffs are necessary because of the return of some attendants from voluntary leave of absence. Attendants under their previous contract were allowed to take leaves instead of being furloughed.

During the leaves, workers maintained their seniority level and certain benefits, but gave up their salary.

Hicks met Tuesday with the Association of Professional Flight Attendants.

Effective Thursday, all domestic American employees will take pay cuts and the carrier will begin implementing other aspects of its \$1.8 billion in employee cost sav-

ings. "The most difficult part of the changes necessary to keep American out of certain bankruptcy is the significant personal impact on so many of our employees," Arpey said.

Of the estimated 7,000 positions to be eliminated as a direct result of the new contracts, 2,400 are flight attendants, with 2,200 pilots. Changes to certain voluntary leave programs mean that the actual number of employees to leave American could be greater than 7,000.

American, which has been meeting with the Allied Pilots Association on contract implementation, said the first pilot furloughs will occur in July, with notices sent on June 1. The number of pilots immediately affected is still being determined.

Pay, benefit and work rule changes will also occur on Thursday among employees not represented by unions — the airline's agents, representatives, planners, support staff and management employees.

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A GROUP OF graduating seniors show off their new class rings after the traditional ring ceremony Wednesday evening at the Merket Alumni Center. Tech rings, worn with the Double-T upside down, will be changed over for all to see after the seniors graduate May 17.

Bush to end major combat in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — From the deck of a homebound aircraft carrier off the California coast, President Bush will declare on Thursday that major combat in Iraq is finished.

In his speech aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, the president will stop short of declaring victory or saying the war is over, spokesman Ari Fleischer said Wednesday.

Such declarations would trigger international provisions requiring the speedy release of prisoners of war and limit efforts to go after defeated Iraqi leaders.

But the setting will allow Bush to showcase the rapid U.S.-led military campaign that led to the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, and say what lies ahead.

White House aides portrayed the speech, set for 9 p.m. EDT, as a bookend to the one he gave from the Oval Office on March 19 to announce to start of combat.

It will come as the Lincoln is several hundred miles off the California coast, steaming toward San Diego. The carrier's eventual destination is its home port of Everett, Wash. The Lincoln has been at sea for about nine months.

Bush's advisers and GOP leaders see the speech as part of a process of turning the country's attention to Bush's domestic agenda after the military successes in Iraq.

"It's a pivoting point for all of us," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., after a White House session in which Bush previewed his speech and talked about moving on to building support for his tax cut plans.

The president will reach the Lin-

coln in a small Navy plane that will make a cable-assisted landing on the deck. The cable will be too far offshore for the usual mode of presidential arrival, a helicopter flight, officials said.

The aircraft, an S-3B, called a "Viking," is used routinely for reconnaissance and mine-detection, according to a Pentagon official. It only carries a pilot and several crew members. Bush, a former pilot himself, will sit beside the pilot, White House aides said.

Although the plane will have an arrested landing — its forward speed will be checked by cables stretched across the deck — administration officials said such landings were routine aboard carriers and not viewed as particularly risky.

Bush will spend the night and leave the ship on Friday — this time by helicopter — before it docks in San Diego.

Bush previously had said he wanted to hear from Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of U.S.-led forces in Iraq, before addressing the nation on the progress of the war.

He got such a call on Tuesday, Fleischer said. "General Franks told

the president that major combat operations have ended and that the next phase has begun, which is the reconstruction of Iraq."

Fleischer suggested that the president's words would be taken carefully to keep from formally declaring the war to be over.

Under the Geneva Convention, an international code of conduct that governs war and military conflict, once war is declared over the victorious army must release prisoners of war and halt operations targeting specific leaders.

"This is not, from a legal point of view, the end of hostilities. Clearly, we continue to have forces that are shot at," Fleischer said.

Marine charged with attempted murder

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — A 21-year-old Marine has been charged with 13 counts of attempted murder for allegedly sabotaging parachutes before a jump last fall that left three fellow Marines wounded, the military said Wednesday.

The Marines Corps formally referred Lance Cpl. Antoine Boykins to a general court-martial on charges that also include 13 counts of reckless endangerment and one conspiracy to commit premeditated murder.

Boykins will remain in confinement at the base, said Sgt. J.J. Connolly Jr., a spokesman for Camp Lejeune.

Three Marines were injured last

September when their parachutes failed to open when they jumped from about 1,250 feet; their reserve chutes deployed safely. Other jumps were canceled and investigators later found that 13 of the 22 parachutes had been tam-

pered with. Last month, a military prosecutor said Boykins and another Marine had cut parachute suspension lines because they had been disciplined and were angry with their platoon commander.

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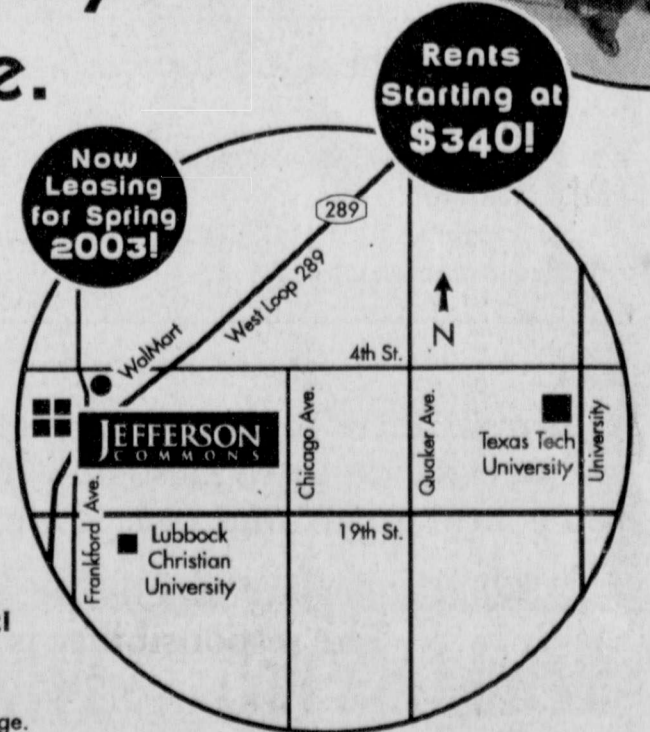


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BUBBLY TIME



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VERONICA RODRIGUEZ, A junior early childhood development major from Idalou, and Jennifer Moses, a sophomore early childhood development major from Dallas (middle background), blow bubbles with kids at the Child Development Research Center during a carnival they held for the kids.

Senate and House pass \$117.7 billion two-year spending bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Calling drafting the state budget “an excruciating process,” Senate Finance Chairman Teel Bivins on Tuesday began laying out the \$117.7 billion two-year spending bill that proposes cuts to education, public safety and other areas of government.

Bivins, R-Amarillo, told the 31 members of the Senate that the bill uses every available dollar without raising taxes to fund what he called core services in fiscal years 2004 and 2005.

Budget writers have been grappling with a \$9.9 billion shortfall with promises not to raise taxes.

Bivins said the plan cuts unnecessary spending but funds Texas’ needs such as prisons, schools and health care for needy children.

The Senate was expected to vote

on the bill after passionate debate but without the divisive amendment process that dragged the House budget debate out for days.

The two chambers’ budgets have the same grand total but are starkly different in key areas. Those differences must be worked out and a compromise bill sent to Gov. Rick Perry before the end of the session June 2.

Bivins said the total budget is more than budgets for some countries, including Saudi Arabia and India.

“Ladies and gentlemen, this is a

big enterprise that we’re involved in,” Bivins said.

The Senate plan recommends spending \$59.9 billion in state money, partly by using payment delays, the \$1 billion Rainy Day Fund and other mechanisms not approved by the House, which spent \$58.6 billion in state general revenue.

When federal and other funds are added in, both houses’ bills total \$117.7 billion.

Some senators warned they were unhappy with proposed cuts to health and human services and other areas.

Terror attacks against U.S. dropped significantly in 2002

WASHINGTON (AP) — International terrorist attacks fell significantly in 2002 and so did anti-U.S. attacks, the State Department reported Wednesday.

Seven countries remained on a list of countries the department says sponsor terrorism — Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Syria and Sudan. An official said Iraq is likely to be removed now that President Saddam Hussein has been deposed.

“It’s legally difficult to take them off the list,” said Cofer Black, the department’s counterterrorism coordinator, but Secretary of State Colin Powell is recommending steps to do so.

Iraq’s links to terrorist groups, which the administration cited as one of the reasons for going to war to remove Saddam, included laying the groundwork for possible attacks on the United States and other countries, the report said.

The report accused Cuba of sending agents to U.S. missions overseas to provide false leads designed to divert investigations into the Sept. 11 attacks.

Presenting the annual report, Powell said the United States, with help from many other countries, “will make certain that terrorists and their supporters are not safe in any corner or cave of the world.”

But, he said, “We cannot and will not relax our resolve, our efforts, our vigilance.”

He said that “unprecedented progress has been made across the international community” in combatting terrorism. He noted that more than \$134 million in terrorist financial assets have been frozen.

The report said Iran was the most active state sponsor of terrorism, with its supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei referring to Israel as a “cancerous tumor.” The report said

Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard and Ministry of Intelligence and Security assisted Lebanese Hezbollah and Palestinian groups opposed to Israel’s existence.

Syria, one of Powell’s stops on a trip beginning Thursday, allows some terror groups to maintain offices in Damascus and helps Iran supply Hezbollah via the Syrian capital, the report said.

In 2002, there were 199 terror attacks worldwide, a drop of 44 percent from the 355 attacks recorded in 2001. A total of 725 people were killed last year, far below the 3,295 — including thousands in the Sept. 11 attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania — who died in 2001.

Attacks on the United States declined from 219 to 77.

Thirty U.S. citizens were killed in attacks in 2002. Among them were seven died at a resort in Bali,

Indonesia, five at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal’s South Asia bureau chief, in Pakistan.

The American victims included a hiker and a missionary in the Philippines, two diners in a West Bank pizzeria, two attending church services in Islamabad, Pakistan, three people at a missionary hospital in Yemen, and Laurence Foley, an administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development in Jordan.

The bombings in Bali in October which killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists, was the deadliest terror attack since the Sept. 11 attacks.

In Africa, simultaneous attacks on a commercial airliner and a hotel in Mombasa, Kenya, in November were cited as dramatic evidence that sub-Saharan Africa continues to suffer from terror.

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'The Real Cancun' belongs to Tech's Taylor

Attention, ladies and gentlemen, we have officially hit rock bottom. With the onslaught of reality TV shows as of late, there was a dread in the back of my mind that it would only be a matter of time before a movie studio got the bright idea of following suit.

It didn't help matters that "Jackass: The Movie" was a surprise hit last year, and incidentally, a movie that this critic defended.

The creators of MTV's "The Real World" and "Road Rules" gathered up a group of college students and shipped them off to Cancun for Spring Break encouraging them to do whatever they wanted.

It occurred to me that this would be prime material for a filmmaker like Christopher Guest ("Waiting for Guffman," "Best in Show") to tackle. Making a mock-documentary about making a movie about kids in Cancun could be a very creative prospect.

FILM REVIEW



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Viewers will find that they are simply having to sit through scenes in the film just waiting for Taylor to reappear.

But no such luck here.

Most of the cast themselves are simply living, breathing stereotypes. We have the muscle-headed jocks out to get laid many times over, the shy girls, the naughty girls and a few dorks.

The film, at its outset, attempts to spread the wealth and not play favorites. They attempt to give camera-time to everyone, but sooner rather than later, the film picks out its heroes and couples start pairing off. Not a single one of these couples have anything to offer because they are all the same story—the guy is working to break down the girl's barriers to get her into bed, then gets bored and finds someone else, which triggers jealousy in the girl.

As for the film's heroes, there are several. Jeremy is the pretty-boy whose goal is to have as many women as possible. He spends the first part of the film wooing sweet, innocent Laura and then ditches her

the morning after. Sky is the self-proclaimed "token black girl" who is bound on playing mind games with Paul. Then, of course, we have the twin sisters from Texas Tech, Roxanne and Nicole, who merely serve as conquests to be had and eye-candy for the guys during a wet T-shirt contest.

But at the end of the day, this movie belongs to Tech's Alan Taylor, who completely ruins any chance for any of these other kids to be remembered two weeks after this movie is released. Taylor, a freshman, already showed promise this year as he exploded on to the Tech Theatre scene wowing both audiences and fellow actors.

The movie falls in love with Taylor, the Texas-born Bible Belt boy who, until this Spring Break, had never even tasted alcohol. Naturally, the film's chief goal, along with the other students, is to get Taylor to take his first drink. They succeed.

But even when Taylor isn't earning laughs in his drunken stupor, he still proves that he has likeable screen presence, natural charm and charisma. Viewers will find that they are simply having to sit through other scenes in the film just waiting for Taylor to reappear.

If anything good could come from this movie, it may be that a talented actor like Taylor could get a break. Hey, Tom Hanks had "Bachelor Party," maybe Alan Taylor can have this one.

But as likeable as Taylor is, even he cannot hide the fact this is simply a trumped-up MTV reality show, only without sparing the audience the raunchy details. Nudity abounds, and there's even these special night-vision cameras so we can watch Jeremy and the other guys go to town under the covers with their girl for the evening.

Although the film claims to be the "first reality movie" (apparently

the film's producers have never seen, or heard of something called a "Documentary") it's surprising how much reality is omitted. Sure, we go to the parties with the gang and watch them drink themselves silly, but the scenes of them retching over the toilet and suffering from hang-over are strangely absent.

But I understand — tequila-barfing just isn't sexy.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★ 1/2

- ★★★★★ - Flawless
- ★★★★ - Excellent
- ★★★ - Good
- ★★ - Mediocre
- ★ - Awful

Project GRIP looks to improve, beautify Lubbock area

By Rachel LaFerney/Associate
News Editor

While many areas of Lubbock are rapidly developing, others are neglected and beginning to be an eyesore to the community.

Gamma Beta Phi is seeking to change that fate for one area of Lubbock. In the organization's inaugural Project GRIP, Gamma Beta Phi, Ready to Improve and Plant, members are taking the initiative to pick up trash, plant and improve a plot of land.

"The land is in a neighborhood, and we're cleaning it up for them," said Courtney Barger, a junior business and education major from

Marble Falls and Gamma Beta Phi's service coordinator. "(We want) to make Lubbock look a little better."

The land is located at 3rd Street and Avenue F, near Interstate 27. Watson-Sysco Food Services, Inc. owns the land and gave the organization permission to clean up the area.

"We're going to plant trees and flowers to make it more aesthetically pleasing to the people of the community," said Laura King, a freshman chemistry major from Keller and a member of the park clean-up committee.

Barger said there are three sites the organization will be working on,

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— LAURA KING
MEMBER OF THE PARK
CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE

each with different improvements to be done. The main site will have a gravel path laid, and trees and flowers will be planted. The second site will have red yuccas planted on it because the area is rocky. The third site will have a trash pick-up, and this activity will spread to the rest of the property as needed.

Gamma Beta Phi anticipates a large turnout for the event.

"We are expecting about 150 people," King said. "It is mostly Gamma Beta Phi members, but there will be six to seven Zeta Phi Gamma members coming to participate as well."

"I think it'll be fun," said Sabra

Jennings, a sophomore journalism major from Granbury and secretary of Gamma Beta Phi. "There'll be a lot of people there so it sounds like it'll be fun. I'm looking forward to planting some plants."

The event already has a lot of help, and the deadline for organizations to register to participate has already passed, Berger said.

"We just invited other organizations, and there were a lot of other people who want to get out there and help," she said.

Although the sign-up deadline has passed, if organizations or individuals wish to donate to the event, they are welcome, Berger said.

Gamma Beta Phi is seeking shovels, tarps, hoes, rakes, lawn chairs and individual-sized beverages.

In addition to the clean up, the event will feature a picnic with hot dogs and hamburgers, and Gamma Beta Phi's officers will speak.

This is Project GRIP's first year, but park clean-ups have been done by the organization before.

"We decided to take it out of the parks and recs, and take it to where it is more needed," Barger said.

King said the organization plans to have a Project GRIP every year.

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SARS affects WNBA preseason games

(AP) The San Antonio Silver Stars of the WNBA canceled their preseason game against the Chinese national team Wednesday because of travel concerns related to the SARS virus.

The game was scheduled for Monday in Austin, Texas.

China, which is not allowed to travel to the United States, was also scheduled to play the Houston Comets, Sacramento

Monarchs and the defending WNBA champion Los Angeles Sparks.

San Antonio, which relocated to San Antonio from Utah, will now play its first game against the Sparks on May 10.

SARS has infected more than 5,400 people in about 20 countries. More than 375 people have died worldwide, with at least 159 deaths in China since November.

Knight deposition released

By Adam Aasen/
Indiana Daily Student

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Depositions by former Indiana men's basketball coach Bob Knight obtained in a court victory by Indianapolis news station WTHR (and published later by their new partner the Indianapolis Star) have shed light on the personalities of both the former coach and his son, Pat.

In the depositions, taken Aug. 27, 2002, in Lubbock, Texas, Knight and his son touch on the firing and bumping by Knight of IU assistant coach Ron Felling, the alleged choking of former IU player Neil Reed, Knight's departure from IU and his cameo role in the Adam Sandler movie "Anger Management."

Felling's lawyer William C. Potter II questioned both Knight and his son individually, with attorney Russell Yates present at both questionings. Both Knights were under oath on the videotape.

Knight said he fired Felling after overhearing Felling and former IU assistant basketball coach Dan Dakich make "hurtful" comments in a telephone conversation, indystar.com reported.

On Dec. 1, 1999, Knight said he was watching a game tape when he accidentally bumped his telephone and overheard Dakich and Felling

talking about him.

"And the first thing I heard was Dakich saying, 'Are you doing anything different in practice?'" Knight said during the deposition. "And Felling said, 'No, we're doing the same old s—t, four corners and all that shit that doesn't do any good at all. But (Knight) won't listen to anybody. And those guys that are with him don't know a thing about coaching."

"And then, 'You should have seen the fat f—t come into the locker room with no shirt on and try to show somebody post defense. You know, it just got ridiculous. I don't know what the hell's the matter with him.'"

After listening for a while, Knight jumped into the conversation.

"I said, 'Dakich, don't bother calling me again about help,'" Knight said. "And I said, 'And Felling, it would be a good idea for you to start looking for another job.'"

Knight said he approached Felling later that day, telling him, "I'd like to know how you can take money from a guy and then bad mouth the hell out of him just like you've been bad mouthing me, not just here, but for sometime now? How the hell can you do that?"

Knight said he wasn't so much angry at the situation, as he was hurt.

"You know, I was really hurt that here's a guy that no one but me ever

offered a job to, for a variety of reasons, and yet here we are at a point where I think I have really taken care of this guy ... I felt sorry for Felling that he doesn't understand that somebody's been pretty good to him here for a long period of time," Knight said.

Knight admitted he bumped into Felling but said it was not with much force.

Pat Knight, former IU assistant coach and now an assistant coach at Texas Tech, said he thinks the entire lawsuit is ridiculous.

"It is a f—ing joke," Pat Knight said. "You guys are coming at my family and my father for — I mean, Ron Felling got fired because he just didn't do his job. And this whole thing is just something to go after my father for no reason."

Pat Knight said his father was justified in bumping Felling.

"(I would have) literally beat the s—t out of him," Pat said in the deposition. "It would have been confrontational, and we wouldn't be having all this crap."

Potter also asked Knight about his other incidents of anger, including the alleged choking of former IU player Neil Reed.

"I obviously touched Neil Reed on the chest," Knight said. "It was said that I choked him with both hands, that an

assistant coach had to pull me off Neil Reed. The tape immediately shows that neither of those two things happened."

Potter asked Knight if he had any sort of anger problem, which Knight denied.

Potter then asked Knight why he appeared in the recent Adam Sandler film, "Anger Management," if he had no anger problem.

"I thought it was a great parody of everything that has been done relative to my temperament over the year, and I thought the — I think the movie will be pretty funny," he said.

IU spokeswoman Jane Jankowski said the release of depositions are not a concern to IU.

"The university was not a party to the litigation in which the depositions were taken," she said. "The transcripts of those depositions were made available by the court some months ago. The court has simply provided video copies of the deposition so there is no new information."

She said the university is involved in litigation with Felling.

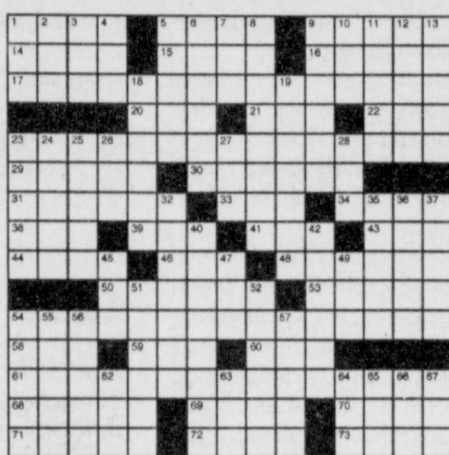
Felling settled his suit with Knight out of court. He now lives in Hot Springs, Ark., and is working at summer basketball camps.

Knight's attorney, Russell Yates, could not be reached for comment as of press time.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Madison, WI

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Eustachy admits to alcoholism, suspended

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa State basketball coach Larry Eustachy was suspended Wednesday after acknowledging he is an alcoholic, and the athletic director urged the school to fire him.

Three hours after Eustachy said he has sought treatment but will not resign, athletic director Bruce Van De Velde held a news conference of his own to announce that Eustachy would be suspended with pay and should be replaced.

Eustachy has five days to appeal to the president's office.

Eustachy is 101-59 in five seasons at Iowa State, including 17-14 last season. In 13 seasons as a head coach, including stops at Idaho and Utah State, he is 265-145. Eustachy guided Iowa State

to Big 12 championships in 2000 and 2001 and was the AP national coach of the year in 2000.

Van De Velde took the action because Eustachy "had engaged in behavior that is inconsistent with his responsibility to conduct himself in a manner that reflects positively on Iowa State University and the university's athletic programs."

Van De Velde said he could not comment beyond a prepared statement that he read, and he left without taking questions.

Eustachy's admission at a news conference earlier Wednesday came after photographs were published of him partying with college students in Missouri. The photographs, published Monday in *The Des Moines Register*, show him partying with the students and kissing young women.

"It's not my way, and I won't (re-sign). I believe in second chances, I do, but time will tell," Eustachy said.

He apologized to his family and his players.

"It hasn't been easy for them in the last few days," he said. "Words can't express enough the remorse I have, that I've brought upon everybody."

He said he realized he was an alcoholic nearly a month ago and is seeking help.

"For the rest of my life I will seek

counseling for this illness," he said. "I have no excuses for my behavior ... we'll see what happens in the future, but I am looking forward to the future as a sober person."

The photographs touched off a national buzz and prompted calls for Eustachy's dismissal or resignation.

Eustachy is under contract through the 2010-11 season and is paid more than \$1 million a year.

Eustachy's behavior was a hot topic on radio talk shows, both local and national. *The Register* said in an editorial that Eustachy "has to go."

Iowa State's basketball players went to the university's president and athletic director Tuesday, urging them to keep Eustachy.

"I'm behind coach Eustachy 100 percent, as I know he would be for each and every one of us," forward Jackson Vroman said.

Vroman said the players told university President Gregory Geoffroy and Van De Velde that they supported Eustachy and wanted him to be their coach.

"Bruce Van De Velde told us he would do what is best for the university and the basketball program," said Vroman, who will be a senior next season. "We want them to do what's best for the basketball team and that's to keep coach Eustachy."

Vroman and center Jared

Homan, who will be a junior, said they would seriously consider leaving if Eustachy was not the coach next season at Iowa State.

"Basically, he's treated me like a son," said Homan, who was charged with public intoxication last month. "He always looked out for me and has been there when I needed him. I feel this time I need to be there for him."

Vroman said he thought the photos made Eustachy "look bad," but added, "I don't think it portrayed him as who he is at all."

Eustachy, 47, is holding a can of beer in the photos. The pictures were taken at a Jan. 22 apartment party in Columbia, Mo., just hours after Iowa State lost to Missouri. In some photos, Eustachy is kissing young women on the cheek or is being kissed on the cheek.

Eustachy's wife, Stacy also spoke at Wednesday's news conference. She said her husband is a kind and loving father to their two children and has learned he has to treat the condition.

"I'm totally behind him 100 percent; I'm totally behind this man," she said. "He's a human being like everybody in here. He makes mistakes like you all do and like I have."

"He stepped up to the plate and made himself accountable, and that's a great example to our kids," she said.

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Ford to announce plans for next season today

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas All-American T.J. Ford said Wednesday he will announce Thursday whether he will return for his junior season or enter the NBA draft.

In a brief interview outside the Longhorn basketball offices, Ford said he hadn't made up his mind.

"I'll trot out a decision (Thursday). Right now, I have got 24 (hours) — another day," Ford told *The Associated Press*.

Ford, in response to a direct question, said he had not made up his mind. Asked if he was just unwilling to disclose his decision, he responded, "Find out tomorrow."

Newspaper and broadcast reports have quoted anonymous team sources that Ford is likely to enter the draft June 26, when he's projected as a lottery pick.

"Whether I want to give up col-

lege or not, basically that's what it boils down to," he said.

A news conference with Ford and Texas coach Rick Barnes was scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

Barnes did not immediately return calls. Ford's family did not return a telephone message left by the AP at their Houston home.

With Ford, Texas figured to be a favorite to win the 2004 NCAA national championship. Without him, the Longhorns would be left trying to find a new leader and public face for a resurgent program.

Ford was the star power behind a team full of role players last season as Texas got to the Final Four for the first time in 56 years. The Longhorns were ranked in the top 10 all season and generated the kind of excitement and talk of a national title normally reserved for the school's football team.

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SARS not Rangers' problem

Prior to their transit to the city of Toronto for their series against the Blue Jays, the Texas Rangers were forewarned that there have been 250 cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome in Toronto, 21 people having died from it.

The World Health Organization issued an advisory recommending that people not travel to Toronto because of the SARS outbreak.

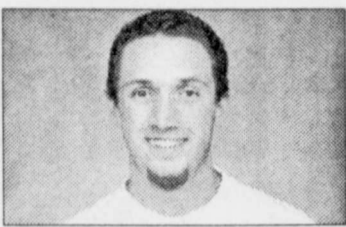
Bud Selig and Major League Baseball don't give a damn. It's going to take a hell of a lot more than a stinking worldwide disease to stop baseball.

In fact, one Blue Jay fan was clever enough to bring a sign reading, "Catch the ball, not SARS" for his Toronto team that leads the American League in errors with 28 already.

Then in the SARS-ridden city of Toronto, the Rangers won 16-11. They won, I say, they won. Maybe disease could be the explanation, and maybe not.

Regardless, any one of my fellow Rangers fans would say the team has been afflicted with a variety of ailments during recent years. Here's a list of illnesses many

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of you may recall.

SPAWS: Starting Pitching Always Worthless Syndrome. Despite having hitters like Alex Rodriguez, Juan Gonzalez and Rafael Palmeiro, the Rangers seem to be incapable of getting enough run support to preserve a lead.

Then there's another disease that afflicts the team whenever SPAWS is in remission.

TBV: The Bullpen Virus. With this malady, the Rangers can have the usually quasi-dependable Francisco Cordero on the hill with a 6-2 lead over the Angels in the top of the eighth and then lose the game 9-8. As you can see, this illness doesn't kick around.

Another disease has only surfaced recently and may prove to devastate the team if it is not kept under control.

STASAI: Stand There And Stare At It Syndrome. Alex Rodriguez was the first to show the symptoms of the confounding STASAI virus when, in a game against the Yankees, he stood there and watched three indisputable strikes go right down the middle without lifting the bat off his shoulder.

Sometimes it goes into remission quickly, though, and the infected person goes 5-for-5 the next day. If a vaccine is not developed soon, though, someone might need to let Pete Rose know we've found him a sure thing.

Here's another one that has always plagued the Rangers in the past. From the name, I would guess they contracted it while on the road in Tokyo.

KABABATSUI: Kick Ass Before All-Star Break And Then Suck It Up Syndrome. Anyone who has

followed Texas Ranger baseball knows it can be fun to watch prior to the month of June, but then after that, you may as well watch a band of retarded primates throw poo and try to hit it with sticks.

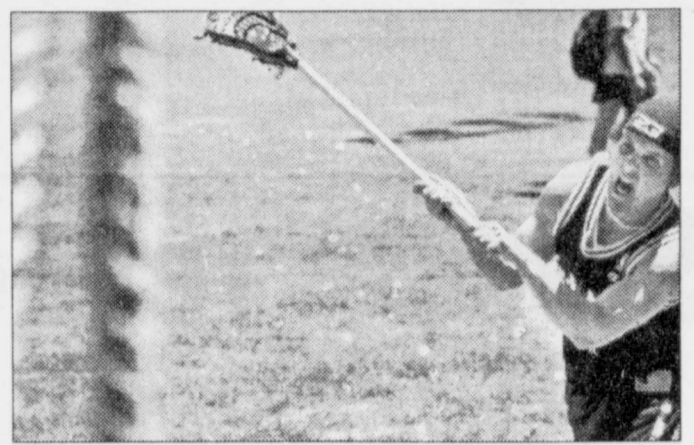
This year, the Rangers at least have been nice enough to stay below .500 since their opening-night win. Sometimes the diseases affect the fans.

GTSS: God, They Suck Syndrome affects Rangers fans the most during the month of September. When fans of other teams are wondering where their squads will fit in the playoff race, all we can do is curse, drink more beer and throw chips and queso at the television.

So maybe SARS could prove beneficial to the Rangers' cause. Don't fear dying of some respiratory disease. Fear blowing another lead and making people like me cuss at the television. Certainly, a few cases of SARS here and there couldn't make things any worse, could they?

'God, They Suck Syndrome' affects Rangers fans the most during the month of September.

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Seniors reflect on time with tennis team

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

As the popular song by Boys II Men said, "It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday."

The thought is not lost on the senior members of the Texas Tech tennis team, who are moving on from college tennis in different directions.

Alfonso Perez, Devin Wakeford and John Walker played in their final match at the Big 12 Tournament in a 4-0 loss to Texas A&M and now are making plans for their future.

Perez, who became the team's No. 1 player during the course of the season, said he plans to begin preparation next year to play on the professional tennis tour while he finishes his remaining classes.

The player finished with an 11-8 record this season and said tweaking certain parts of his game will be necessary before starting the pro tour.

"I plan to be playing pro tournaments within a year," he said. "I'm going to be working on my mental game and trying to get bigger. I've been work-

ing with my strength coach on that."

Men's tennis coach Tim Siegel said the player would have to be mentally tough because the pro tour requires mental sharpness.

"It's like playing minor league baseball," he said. "The players that make it are the players that are mentally tough. There's no excuses. You just start on that lower level and grind your way through to get and make it to the next level."

Although Siegel said the task is daunting, he believes Perez is capable of getting through it.

"Alfy (Perez) has improved a lot in one year," he said. "I do think if he is willing to put in the work, he can do well. He has the game. He just has to keep improving on the mental aspects. He's good enough to give it a try."

Although fighting the way up the charts of the pro tour is a sizeable task, Perez said he has wanted to play pro tennis since he was 8 years old and is excited about the opportunity. The player also said he has played with pro players before and knows what to expect.

Perez, who has one academic year left at Tech, will still likely be a fixture at Tech tennis events and will have company from senior teammate and team captain Devin Wakeford, who will be finishing his class load next year as well.

Wakeford had his season cut short this year after falling ill with mononucleosis but went 12-5 in competition this season. The player said he would stick around Tech to finish his studies in engineering and would support his former team.

"I'll be around to watch some matches and give some support," he said. "I might even practice with them if they need an extra body."

Wakeford, who is from South Africa, said he plans to get a job in the states after graduating and spoke volumes about how special his career at Tech was.

"I've played two years here after transferring from a small school," he said. "It was a good experience playing for Tech in the Big 12 Conference, which is the toughest conference. I

also enjoyed playing for coach Siegel."

The other senior in Tech's lineup this season, John Walker, also will be taking classes at Tech next year and said he will graduate in December.

Walker, who had a 14-6 record this season, said he felt as if his final season fell incomplete against A&M and said he would miss competing at the college level.

"It was kind of weird. I didn't get to finish my last match," he said. "Coach just came over and told me we were done. I'm going to miss competing."

With another senior class moving on to new things, the cycle of players through collegiate tennis at Tech begins again, but the team will miss the seniors on this year's team.

Siegel said the seniors who led this team were exceptional student athletes.

"They're three good tennis players, but they're also just great guys," he said. "They can take constructive criticism, and they've all three improved a great deal. They're just good people and great student athletes."



ALFONSO PEREZ PLANS to go pro within a year. He, Devin Wakeford and John Walker were the seniors on this season's men's tennis team. FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

Red Raider Club excited about success of donor based seating

By David Wiechmann/Sports Editor

Texas Tech University caught up with the times in January when it decided to change its premium seating at Jones SBC Stadium to donor-based seating. Tech was the last school in the Big 12 Conference to make the switch, and it will result in a major impact on its bank account.

The donor based seating will be limited to members of the Red Raider Club, an organization that donates 100 percent of its profits to the athletic scholarship fund for Tech. Approximately 9,100 seats in the donor-based seating sections of Jones SBC Stadium could mean a lot of money

for the Red Raider Club. Senior Associate Athletics Director Steve Uryasz said that is exactly what the Red Raider Club is hoping for.

"We have had a tremendous response to the donor-based seating," he said. "When it's all said and done, we expect to garner a minimum of 300 new members at a variety of different donor levels."

New members will be joining the club because Tech did not sweep the sections clean like other universities did when converting to donor-based seating. Uryasz said all ticket holders in those sections were notified of the change and how much more it would cost them, if anything be-

cause a number of them are already members. He approximates half of those seats were already sold to Red Raider Club members.

The donation varies according to the location of the seats, which would explain why Uryasz said the new members would enter at different levels. Box seats and Sections 5 and 19 carry a \$300 donation up to four tickets and \$75 for each additional ticket. Sections 4 and 6 require a \$150 donation and Sections 104, 106 and 119 have a \$100 required donation.

The transition has been smooth so far, and two thirds of the tickets are already sold. The speed of sales is something Assistant Athletics Director Russell Warren is excited about.

"We have sold about 6,000 in the donor-based seating sections," he said. "With a new program and the new stadium club seating, to be at that number at this point in the season is great."

Warren, who is in charge of ticket sales, said 6,000 donor-based seats is great because a number of the new box seats have been sold to Red Raider Club members who sat in the donor-based seats last season.

"It's great to be at this point because we have so many seat holders moving upstairs to the suites," he said.

"To be at that number within that realm is very good."

Warren said he could not speak in terms of money because that is the Red Raider Club's area, but he believes people will buy the tickets because they

know where the money will go.

"Once you initiate a program of this magnitude, you are going to have varying opinions," he said. "You'll have people who are going to support it and people who aren't going to support it, but when you look at the reasons why, people begin to see what the end result will be and people understand that."

The end result will be an estimated \$100,000 generated by new donors.

"Our goal for year one is an excess of \$100,000 from new memberships," Uryasz said. "We're hoping for (\$100,000) or more every year, and we want that to continue to grow that number."

Complaints have been few and far between, and Uryasz credits that to not clearing the seats beforehand and not raising prices.

For a non Red Raider Club member to hold four seats in Section 5 for the 2002 season it would have cost them \$1,000 for the seat option plus \$225 dollars per ticket, adding up to

\$1,900. Joining the Red Raider Club and keeping those same seats would be an additional \$180. The seat option remains the same, but the ticket price drops to \$180, added to the \$300 donation, equals \$2,080: for the same seats and a donation to Tech athletics.

Warren said donor-based seating has been in the works for a while, and the time was right to make the change.

"This has been on the table for many years," he said. "We were waiting for what we felt like was the right time to make the change, and we are the last school in the Big 12 to switch to donor-based seating. We just felt like it was time to move forward."

Uryasz said donor-based seating is the first step to what will improve Tech's athletics and ease the burden on the Athletics Department's pocketbook by increasing the Red Raider Club's revenue.

"It's all about taking little steps to help our programs get to the next level," he said.



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Illinois finds head basketball coach

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He has roots in the conference, having worked 18 years as an assistant to Gene Keady at Purdue.

"Our goal is to win a national championship at the University of Illinois," athletic director Ron Guenther said. "I believe that Bruce Weber is the coach to lead us to the next level."

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