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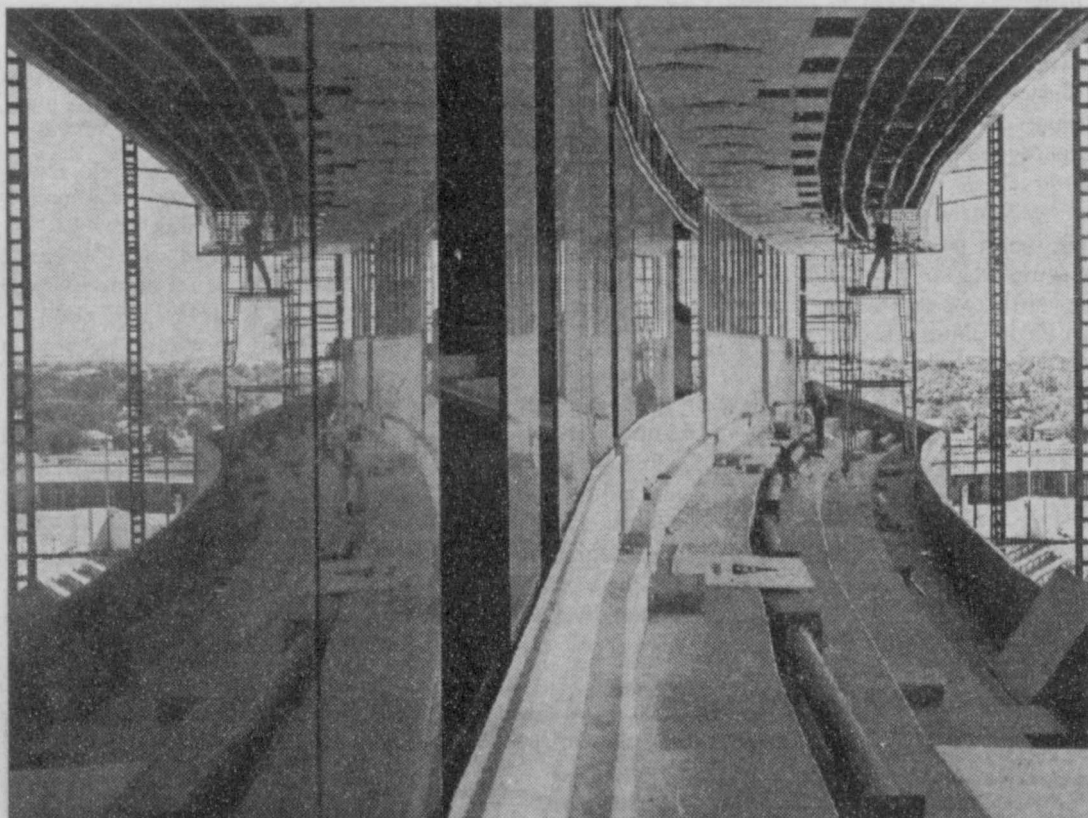
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GLASS WINDOWS ALONG the suite area of Jones SBC stadium reflect Lee Lewis workers putting up ceiling tiles in the outside club seating area of the club level Tuesday afternoon.

Renovations are slated to be complete Aug. 30

By Jason Lenz/Managing editor

The Texas Tech campus is well known for its construction sites and renovation projects. As of Aug. 30, there will be one site well on its way to completion.

Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction Mike Ellicott said the construction on Jones SBC Stadium will be completed on that date.

"We are on schedule," he said. "The West Stadium building with the 1,100 person club, 47 luxury suites as well as the stadium operations and the press box

will be open and ready to use by Aug. 30."

Although the project has not gone perfectly to plan, Ellicott said there have been no major delays. The only thing not scheduled for completion by Aug. 30 is the brickworking and stone exterior, which Ellicott said ought to be finished in early September.

The current project is the second phase of renovation on or near Jones SBC Stadium. Ellicott said this phase is a \$51.9-million project.

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Suspected killer of Tech grad gets death for another murder

By Sabra Jennings/Staff Reporter

A man accused of killing a Texas Tech graduate received the death penalty May 16 for the murder of another woman.

Sheldon Ward, 23, of Haltom City was found guilty of capital murder Feb. 14, 2002, for the death of Nyanuer "Mary" Pal, a woman from the Sudan nation who resided in Fort Worth, said Ben Leonard, prosecuting attorney. Pal was raped and shot in the head, he said.

Seven weeks before Pal was killed, police found Tech graduate Rachel Urnosky, 22, raped and shot in the head Dec. 18, 2001, in her Fort Worth apartment.

Terry Urnosky of Lubbock, Rachel Urnosky's father, said police used the two bullets found at the crime scenes to link Ward to the deaths. He said the two bullets used were from the same handgun.

Also charged for the two cases was Cleve Foster, a 39-year-old Army recruiter from Fort Worth. Leonard said Foster and Ward rented a room together in a Fort Worth motel from January to February 2002.

Pal, Foster and Ward frequented Fat Albert's, a Fort Worth bar, but Leonard said the bartender had never seen the three interact together before Feb. 13, 2002. On that night they played pool together, but they did not arrive at the bar or leave together.

Leonard said Ward did not know Rachel Urnosky, but it was not beyond the realm of possibilities that he had seen her before.

According to *The Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Dr. David Self, a senior physician at Rusk State Hospital, testified that Ward was a predator and a "high risk" for future violence based on evidence from both the Pal and Rachel Urnosky murders.

Even though nothing can change the fact that two young women were killed, Leonard said he was satisfied with how the trial ended.

"As far as I'm concerned, he had nine bullets left in his gun, and if he hadn't been stopped, I fully believe more girls would have gotten killed," he said.

Defense attorney Fred Cummings said his goal was to try to keep Ward from receiving the death penalty.

"It is very tragic that (the women) died but that is separate from my role in defending my client," Cummings said. "I feel like I have failed him in that respect."

Terry Urnosky said the trial was pressure-packed and unlike anything his family had ever been through. He said having to listen to testimony and review slides of the crime scene was extremely tough.

"Picturing in your mind the torture she went through, that was hell," he said.

Although Foster's specific trial date has not been set, Leonard said it will be held in either October or January.

Rachel Urnosky graduated in 1996 from Frenship High School and then graduated from Texas Tech magna cum laude in 2000. She was

DEATH PENALTY continued on page 5

State Senate approves bill where Texas' public universities could raise tuition by more than 50 percent

By Jim Vertuno/Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas' public universities could raise tuition by more than 50 percent over the next two years and go even higher after that under a bill approved Tuesday night by the state Senate.

Supporters say the move is needed to help universities offset state budget cuts. But opponents, including students at the state's two flagship universities, say it threatens to freeze the

middle class out of an affordable higher education.

Already approved in a similar version by the House, the Senate supported the plan sponsored by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, who said schools should have greater tuition flexibility than the levels currently set by the Legislature.

Under current tuition rates, costs for the upcoming fall semester at 13 of 35 state schools would be \$92 per credit hour. Under the bill

approved Tuesday, schools could charge up to \$115 this fall and as much as \$142 for the fall 2004 semester.

Schools would be free to charge even more the next year if they meet certain performance standards for enrollment growth, retention and graduation rates, financial aid and academic excellence.

The standards would be set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Schools would not be forced to raise their

rates but supporters acknowledge they likely will, although there is debate about how high they would ultimately go.

"The market is going to determine what they can bear," said Shapiro said. "I really don't see this as a boon for all of them."

Any school raising tuition under the guidelines would have to use 40 percent of that money to help with work study programs and grants to help low-income and middle class students who might see tuition increases.

Man sneaks onto plane at Pittsburgh airport

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A man described as a paranoid schizophrenic sneaked through security at Pittsburgh's airport late at night and was found sleeping aboard a parked commuter airplane the next morning, authorities said.

The airport's security chief said he was "extremely upset" over the weekend incident.

Louis Esquivel remained at the Allegheny County Jail on Wednesday in lieu of \$25,000 bond, county Police Superintendent Ken Fulton said. He was charged with criminal trespass, theft, receiving stolen property and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Flight attendants told police they found Esquivel, 23, of San Antonio, at 5:30 a.m. Saturday in a seventh-row seat of an American Eagle plane. He had neither proper passenger credentials nor

an airport pass, according to an arrest warrant.

Allegheny County police said Esquivel told them he was able to dodge security by ducking behind a closed ticket counter in the all-but-deserted airport late Friday.

From there, he went through a tunnel, got on the tarmac, and jumped aboard a United Airlines van where he found the keys in the ashtray, according to an affidavit. He drove to a gate, got onto an enclosed ramp and boarded the unlocked plane, officials said.

"It raised tremendous alarms for me and, obviously, I'm extremely upset about it," said Robert Bloise, head of security for the federal Transportation Security Administration at Pittsburgh's airport.

Airport spokeswoman JoAnne Jenny said ticket counters are supposed to be kept secure either by airport officials or airlines. Officials are investigating whether someone forgot to secure the baggage conveyor belt or if something was broken.

Esquivel has paranoid

schizophrenia, according to a San Antonio police missing-persons report. He disappeared May 18 from a small boarding home, said his mother, Maria Esquivel.

"He wasn't trying to blow up a plane or something like that," she said.

Esquivel told a flight attendant he was a passenger from the evening flight and simply spent the night on the plane, police said. But later, police said, he told detectives he wanted to fly the plane to St. Louis, his boyhood home.

"I mean literally fly it," Fulton said. "We are dealing with somebody who is not in reality here."

Police said after leaving Texas, Esquivel made his way to Los Angeles and then to Pittsburgh, where he stayed at least one night at an airport hotel.

Federal rules require parked airplanes to be disconnected from jet bridges and their doors closed but does not require them to be locked, Lisa Bailey, an American Eagle spokeswoman, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.



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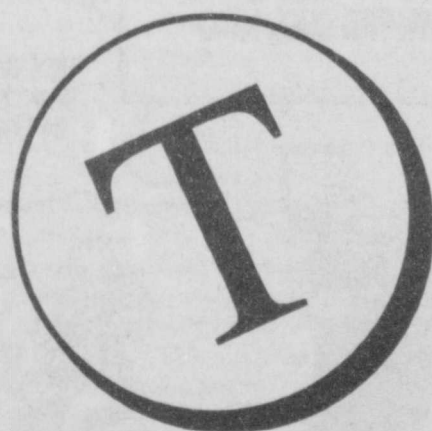
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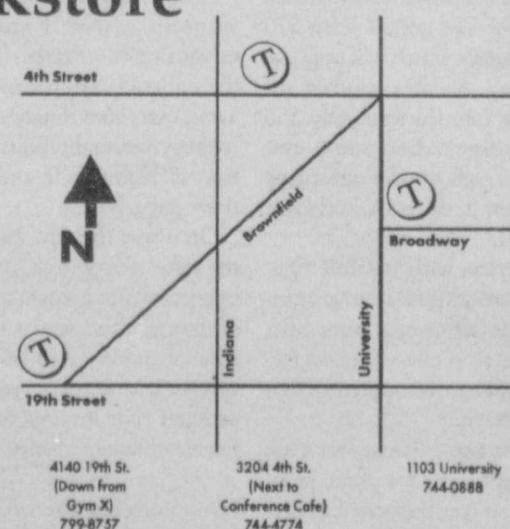
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Prom not fun and games anymore

Everyone remembers high school prom. It was a pleasant evening where you'd go out with a girl you maybe didn't know so well and hope that it went somewhere, or perhaps turn it into a glorified date with your significant other.

In its utopian form, it is a very innocent and simple ceremony in which everyone involved has fun and goes home safely. Total cost was somewhere around \$500 for one couple.

Well not anymore! Capitalists have gotten hold of our little ritual and corrupted it to its core. According to a Tuesday AP story out of Westport, Conn., the prom industry rakes in \$2.7 billion per year. The prom industry consists of dressmakers, shoemakers, formal wear companies, salons, florists, limousine companies, hotels, booze brewers and lingerie makers. Hotels, booze and lingerie! You've got to be kidding me. The kids these days.

The average couple will spend more than \$1,200 at the prom this year, with the average 17-year-old spending \$638. One student, 18-year-old Raquel Lucas in Connecticut, managed to rack up a tab of more than \$700 by herself.

"It's totally worth it," she said. "How can you put a price tag on a lifetime of memories?"

Well, that's fairly easy: \$250 for the dress, which may or may not be worn the entire evening anyway, \$100 for the shoes, which she'll take off when her feet get all achy, \$70 for a new hairdo, which will only piss her off when she sees another girl donning her hair the same way, \$50 for a limousine, when you're not even old enough to take advantage of the wet bar in the back, and so on and so forth.

As a person with possible aspirations of fatherhood, I can guarantee that the memories from Miss Lucas' prom won't be what lasts forever. The bill for the prom, now that will last forever.

Students are getting part-time jobs simply to pay for their prom nights. Whatever happened to saving up money for a better car, a new stereo or, hell, college? Now they're pouring money into a single night.



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When I went to my prom, I rented a Citibus trolley with about 20 other friends. It cost about \$20 per couple. I bought basic corsages for a few bucks, and I didn't even think to invest in a hotel room. Today it's an entirely different atmosphere. Gone are the days of the Saved-by-the-Bell prom.

There's even a magazine called Your Prom. You've got to be kidding me. Has the entire world gathered together to embrace collective financial ruin?

What has changed in a mere five years? Suddenly, birth control is part and parcel of the prom night experience. It's like girls use prom as a preparation for their wedding nights while guys view it as a really expensive attempt to enter the promised land.

Another incredible part of the modern prom experience is the cover just to get into the damn thing. The aforementioned fiscal setback in Connecticut said she could pay as much as \$90 to get in the door. \$90! You've got to be kidding me!

Proms are a great experience wherein you will garner many memories to cherish forever, but there shouldn't be the need to spend a monetary sum roughly equivalent to gross national product of the nation of Namibia in order to have these experiences.

In a way though, speaking from the male perspective, prom was an opportunity to prepare for a lifetime of dating. You spend an inordinate sum of money and go home. Of course, it is never a man's business acumen that inspires his quest for female companionship.

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Freedom, power, prosperity factors in worldwide Anti-Americanism

Why do they hate us? Since 9/11, no question has so desperately sought an answer as why so many people could so loathe us that they would make our destruction their unifying purpose in life. And more baffling still, how could such active hatred make us its focus without our realizing it until planes started crashing into buildings? How couldn't we have known?

The media's coverage of the attacks, and our consequent actions, have given occasion to a contentious recurring theme: anti-Americanism. What is anti-Americanism, and what does it mean?

The term covers a broad scope of sentiment and manifestations, from mild protest to violent terrorism. Anti-Americanism can be as harmless as an Austrian university student casually suggesting over coffee that America is too big for its breeches, or as hateful as an Iranian mob screaming for death unto the Great Satan. By and large, within the American media anti-Americanism is understood to explain away anything even mildly negative that is done or said in opposition to our nation or any of its policies. Often times, anything less than beaming adoration and unflinching support is



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deemed anti-American.

As for how our great country has fallen into disrepute, theories abound. Some say it's pure envy that provokes resentment. We have the coolest cars and the most cable channels, and we're hated for it. Some see a struggle between freedom haters and freedom lovers.

We can do and say what we please, and some people find that threatening. Others allege that the immodesty of our women is to blame, or our culture's unembarrassed love of money. And still others suggest that through our influence-peddling among the Arab states and Israel, we have painted ourselves with a big, red bull's-eye. And of course there's Iraq, a topic for another column.

Since I am not a disenfranchised third-world Ameriphobe, I can't say with any authority which it is. I be-

lieve that, as with most things, the roots of anti-Americanism are complex and interwoven. Religious fervor, justifiable anger and politics, as well as ignorance and raw envy, all add to the stew of anti-Americanism.

I chose to address this topic because of what I see as chronic over-simplification going on at a certain popular news network. I realize that a large swath of the American public simply does not want meaningful analysis of complex events. To many, the arena of world affairs is just more entertainment, and as with any action movie, it's fun to root for the invincible, bullet-dodging hero taking out faceless enemies for the cause of freedom and democracy. Hence the incredible popularity of Fox News, which even its most loyal fans faintly realize is not a "news" source in the truest sense.

So yes, we are hated because of our freedoms, our prosperity, and our unfathomable power.

As I said, anti-Americanism is a complex phenomenon, too complicated for simple, jingoistic explanations.

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Stadium

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Phase one was completed roughly one year ago, Ellicott said.

"We already completed phase one," he said. "It involved new restrooms, new concession stands, structural rehabilitation to the seating bowl, waterproofing of seats, creating handicapped accessible seating. It also added about 3,500 seats to the stadium. That was a \$22 million project."

Upon completion of the third phase, the new structure that is more than 140 feet tall will contain the top level for the media, two levels containing the 47 luxury suites, a club level with interior and exterior club seating, a camera level for game filming, and intermediate level for athletics and maintenance personnel and a mezzanine and concourse as well as six passenger elevators and an escalator system.

Project manager Robert Cameron said the changes will be pleasant ones, for example the press level, which he hopes can attract national attention.

"We're anticipating that the working press people will really enjoy their new environment," he said. "When people are happy, they tend to spread the word that where they are is a good place to be, and that helps."

Head football coach Mike Leach said he believes the new venue will be helpful to the Red Raiders.

"I think it'll be a huge plus for us recruiting-wise and on the field," he said.

The third phase of the construction is the football training facility located at Sixth Street and University Avenue. Ellicott said this project, scheduled for completion by Aug. 15, would be a great benefit to the football team and other athletics teams.

"It's about a 56,000-square-foot building for the football team," Ellicott said. "That's an \$11-million project. It contains locker rooms,

coaches' offices, (football) team meeting rooms, a weight room and an all-sports training and rehabilitation facility."

Although the training facility will be operational by Aug. 15, Cameron said he does not know when the team will move into its new home.

"It's real problematic about when the football people will actually move into it because the building will be ready in time, but they'll be right in the middle of practice and they may not want to move in right away," he said.

Leach said he thinks the new training facility will be even more important to the football players.

"I think that (facility) may be even bigger," he said. "From a football player's standpoint, the training facility is where they spend most of their time."

After a 9-5 season last year, Leach said the expectations of the coming season and the new look to Jones SBC Stadium ought to help the team out.

Death penalty


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a member of several organizations including the dean's council, Baptist Student Mission and First Baptist College Ministry in Lubbock.

Terry Urnosky said his family wanted justice and revenge from the trial, but they cannot hate Ward or let themselves stay bitter.

"He took two lives, and (the death penalty) is about as much justice as you can get," he said. "I died on (the day she died). Nothing can ever fill that hole."

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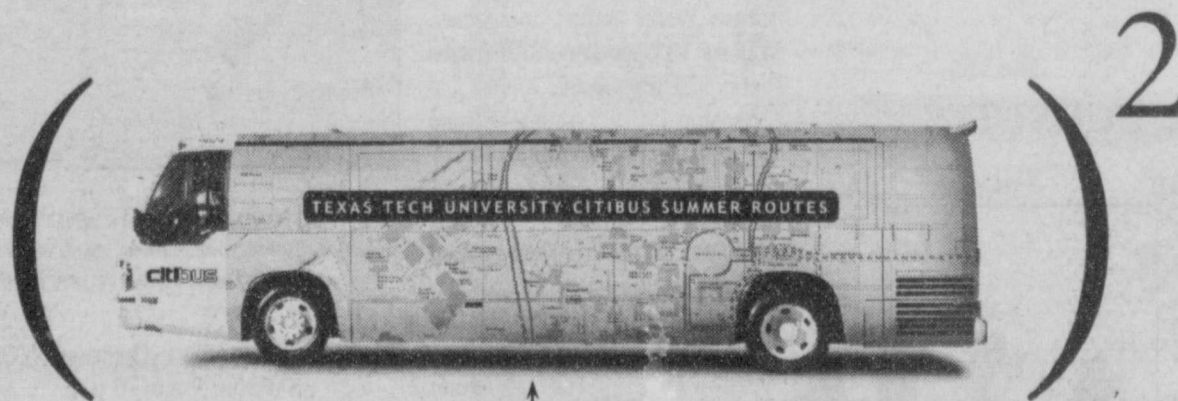
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FITNESS/WELLNESS SPECIAL EVENTS

Couples Fundamentals Climbing Class Mon. June 9 or Thu., June 12 5:30pm.
Learn the skills necessary to belay as well as basic climbing movement Pre-register by paying \$5 per person at the Climbing Center 1 day in advance.

1 Mile Predicted Time Run/Walk Friday, June 13 5:30 pm
The original 1 mile outdoor jogging track was completed in 1982. It has been closed since 1996 with the construction of the United Spirit Arena and SRC addition. Join us for an official ribbon cutting opening of the track with this fun run/walk. Individuals and Co-Rec teams predict how long it will take them to finish the man, woman and team closest to their predicted time are declared the winners. Have a healthy start to your weekend! Rec Center users of all ages are encouraged to participate. FREE!

Couples Massage Workshop Thursday, June 26 7:30-9pm in Room 201
Learn a variety of massage techniques for relaxation and stress reduction. Each couple should bring a towel and body lotion. Participants should wear shorts and short-sleeved shirts. Cost: \$5 per couple. Register in the Fit/Well. Limited number of spots available.

Lunar Lope 5K/ 1 Mile Fun Run Sunday, July 13 START: 10:00am
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Session I June 9 - June 25
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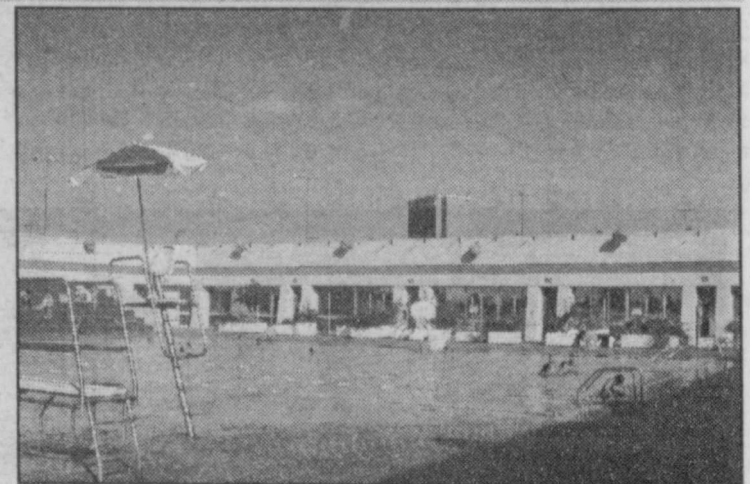
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	Climbing Center	2pm-6pm	4pm-9pm	4pm-9pm	4pm-9pm	4pm-9pm	closed	closed
	Fitness/Wellness	closed	11am-7pm	11am-7pm	11am-7pm	11am-7pm	11am-7pm	12pm-5pm
	Outdoor Pursuits	closed	12pm-6pm	1pm-5pm	1pm-5pm	1pm-5pm	12pm-6pm	closed
	Aquatic Center (AC)	12p-6:45p	6:30a-7:45a 12p-8:45p	6:30a-7:45a 12p-8:45p	6:30a-7:45a 12p-8:45p	6:30a-7:45a 12p-8:45p	6:30a-7:45a 12p-8:45p	12p-6:45p
	AC Family Hours	12p-6:45p		4:30p-8:45p		4:30p-8:45p	4:30p-8:45p	12p-6:45p

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

1st Session Specialty Classes

Register for your favorite Specialty Classes now in the Fit/Well Center! Classes begin June 2.

Belly Dance is a popular middle-eastern dance that assists in torso conditioning, rhythm and balance. Wed 7-8:30pm. \$12.

Boxing Techniques is a non-contact class emphasizing muscular endurance where participants will learn the basics of boxing by using the heavy bag, wraps and jump ropes. Tue/Thu 2-4pm. \$24 and \$6 wrap fee.

Fitness Instructor Training will teach you how to become a group exercise instructor. Wed 3-5pm. \$25.

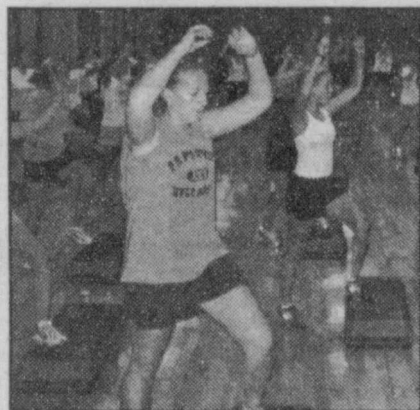
Jazz Dance A beginner level dance techniques class; no special skills required, just a positive attitude! Tue/Thu 7:45-8:45pm. \$16.

Knockout Jam is an invigorating combination of aerobics, boxing, kick boxing and step moves. This athletic fitness workout will improve both cardiovascular and muscular conditioning. Tue/Thu 6:30-7:30pm. \$16 and \$6 wrap fee.

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Student Union scheduled for completion by start of fall semester

By Ashleigh Adams/Staff Reporter

The Student Union Expansion project is scheduled to open the doors to phase one before school begins in the fall, bringing students an innovative and stylish twist on the current Student Union building many have become accustomed to.

One of the main goals of the renovation is the hope that the renovations will draw a larger portion of the student body to use its facilities on a regular basis.

"Right now, only a small group of students come and spend time at the Student Union," Student Government Association President Jeremy Brown said. "The goal is to make sure the building is catered to the students so they can come, enjoy and relax."

In order to do this, surveys and polls were taken to find out exactly what the students wanted out of the

new building. Director of Student Union and Auxiliaries Tom Shubert said that approach worked.

"The most common response we had was that we needed more lounge space," he said. "In the new building we have large lobby areas and smaller closed off areas equipped with chairs, couches and end tables that are specifically designed for students to come take a load off and just relax."

Beside extensive lounge areas, there will also be two television rooms with surround sound, each which seat approximately 50 people, and a mini-theatre that seats 100 people.

"The new mini-theatre can be used for art films, conferences, and pretty much anything else you can think of," Shubert said. "We will still have the Allen Theatre for larger groups as well."

Developers also wanted to make sure students had the capabilities to work on laptops if needed. Phase one alone boasts nearly 800 Ethernet connections, located throughout Barnes and Noble, lounge areas and meeting rooms, aside from the computer lab itself which holds 30 computer stations as well as printers.

One of the most noticeable additions in the new building will be the two-level Barnes and Noble, and attached Starbucks Café.

"Barnes and Noble will have its regular setup on the ground level, with fiction and non-fiction sections, and also school supplies," Shubert said. "The lower level will supply textbooks only, and there will also be a window you can access from outside the bookstore specifically for textbook returns."

The design and architectural de-



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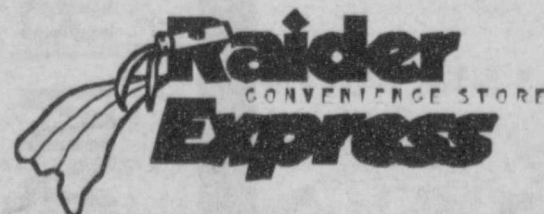
Construction workers put some finishing touches on the Student Union Barnes and Noble.

tail, however, is what makes the renovations so impressive.

"We wanted lots of windows to

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SARS vaccine possible in three years

(AP)- Fifteen or 20 years to create a new vaccine is considered quite speedy. So the federal government's blueprint for a shot to stop the SARS epidemic in a mere three years seems positively head-snapping.

Can it be done?

Certainly, says Dr. Gary Nabel, chief of the Vaccine Research Center at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "If everything went perfectly," he qualifies. "If all the stars were aligned."

The stars almost never align precisely in medical research. But if they do, Nabel says scientists will finish all the basic lab work, creating the vaccine, testing it in animals, in just one year.

Then they will spend two more trying it out on people to make sure it works, turn the results over to the Food and Drug Administration and be done.

No vaccine in modern times has gone from start to finish nearly that fast. But even if Nabel's time line proves unrealistic, his willingness to state it out

loud shows how seriously the government takes SARS.

The strategy for changing the pace from glacial to galactic: Forget solving problems one at a time.

At Nabel's institute, two teams are working separately to create possible vaccines. One sticks to the time-tested approach of making them with dead or weakened viruses. The other builds them with up-to-the-second gene-splicing tools.

Instead of dealing with big technical issues in the usual one-by-one order, scientists will jump into all of them at once. For instance, they are gearing up production of newly minted vaccines at the same time they figure out how to test them in animals and tease apart exactly how the human immune system does the job of fighting off SARS on its own.

"Parallel tracking," Nabel calls this. It's also called science in a hurry.

Why the rush? Why work so hard to defend against a disease that is just a few months old, that has yet to kill a single person in

the United States?

No one knows how bad SARS will become, whether it will burn out or continue to spread, even exactly how it makes people so sick. But the consensus among the country's top health officials is that it would be foolish to wait and see.

Even if SARS is somehow contained in China and Taiwan, many experts doubt it will ever be wiped from the planet, even though this is the World Health Organization's goal. More likely, they say, the virus will come and go, perhaps in some seasonal pattern, maybe by chance.

No matter what happens in the next few months, federal officials promise to keep working on a vaccine so the world will be ready whenever, wherever SARS returns.

"We need a vaccine. There's no question about it," says Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the infectious disease institute. "This is potentially disastrous enough that we can't just hope it will go away and stay away."

Student Union

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Shubert said. "Also, all the walkway railings will be glass so you have a view of the lower levels. It gives off more of a mall feeling."

Many of phase one's qualities come from the different accents used to tie the design of the building together such as extruded metal ceilings, Double T emblems on the floors and statues by world-famous sculptor Tom Otterness.

Shubert said one of the most unique trademarks of the design is turkey track, which is fossilized stone that is used as an accent throughout the interior and exterior of the building.

"This will be pretty much the only building with a large amount of this stone," he said. "It accents the de-

sign so beautifully. We're lucky to have the opportunity to use something that will be so rare."

Another benefit of the addition is that the third floor will provide an office for every recognized student organization as well as all SGA officers, 66 total, Brown said.

"I think having all the student organization offices on the same floor will really let them have more input on important decisions," he said. "Communication between the student body and the SGA will benefit."

Students said they would also be more inclined to use the new building.

"If I have more than a hour between classes I always go home," Chris Klose, a senior horticulture from Lometa said. "But after the new building is done, I'm sure I will be using it a lot more."

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Shuttle investigators may recommend test flights before real missions

HOUSTON (AP) — The Columbia accident investigators said Wednesday they may recommend that NASA stage a demonstration space shuttle flight before resuming full-scale missions. Retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., chairman of the Co-

lumbia Accident Investigation Board, said the possibility of such a test flight appears unlikely, at least for now.

But he said the idea is being considered by the panel and might be among its return-to-flight recommendations "if we think that's what it takes" to safely resume missions.

Gehman did not elaborate on what a demonstration flight might entail. But Columbia's first four flights, back in 1981 and 1982, were considered test flights by NASA. Each time, only two pilots were aboard — instead of the full crew of five to seven — and they had ejection seats.

NASA spokesman James Hartsfield said the board has not yet asked the space agency to look into the possibility of a demonstration flight. NASA will await the board's recommendations before putting together any return-to-flight plans, he said.

The recommendations almost

certainly will include the need to re-evaluate shuttle inspections and closer oversight by NASA, whose role has dwindled dramatically over the past several years, the board noted.

Columbia was on its 28th flight when it shattered over Texas on Feb. 1, killing all seven astronauts. The board suspects a piece of foam that broke off the fuel tank during liftoff put a hole in the leading edge of the left wing, allowing scorching atmospheric gases to penetrate during re-entry.

The investigation board also is considering whether some or all of the shuttle components should be recertified for another 20 years of flight. In the military, recertification of aging airplane parts can be a long, extensive process.

Gehman and others on the 13-member board will start moving to Washington next week and begin writing their final report, expected to be completed by the end of July. He expects a "very, very thick re-

port," extending all the way back to when NASA decided to build space shuttles.

At Wednesday's news conference, Air Force Brig. Gen. Duane Deal said he and others on the board are focusing on the need to improve the quality of NASA's hands-on shuttle inspections, which have decreased because of a shift in this work to contractors.

Until the mid-1990s, NASA itself conducted more than 40,000 inspections at Florida's Kennedy Space Center in preparation for a shuttle flight, compared with 8,500 right before the Columbia disaster, Deal said.

No one interviewed by the board — "from line technicians all the way through management" — was satisfied with the quality or number of inspections, Deal said. Some critical inspections that have been turned over to outside contractors should be overseen more closely by NASA once more, he said.

"There are a few things that NASA is not laying their eyes on that are critical ones ... and we believe that they should be laying their eyes upon all those critical items," Deal said.

He cited an instance in which NASA checked a rope and line used to mate the fuel tanks and booster rockets, but did not look at the alignment itself, and another case where NASA inspected a hydraulic pump but paid no attention to the way it was installed.

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Summer season for sequels, prequels, superheroes

FILM REVIEW



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Never underestimate the lack of creativity in Hollywood. The summer movie season officially started with the release of "X2: X-Men United," which is almost poetic in that this movie encompasses nearly everything audiences can expect to see in theatres this summer: sequels and superheroes.

Which is not to say that there will not be a few original works released this summer, but the sequels, and films made in order for the possibility of sequels, are nearly overwhelming.

As already stated, "X2: X-Men United" opened with hopes of breaking a May record for ticket revenue. That may be difficult in light of "Spider-Man" opening with 114 million in one weekend last year. Reportedly, there were some troubles on the "X2" set with director Bryan Singer being addicted to pain pills, and several

actors reportedly walked off the set at one point in filming.

The biggest movie of the summer, in my prediction, will be the highly anticipated "The Matrix: Reloaded." This sequel to the smash-hit "The Matrix" in 1999 will be split into two parts—"Reloaded" is the first part of the sequel, and the second part will open November 5th with "The Matrix Revolutions."

Looking at a list of summer releases, I count no less than twelve sequels or prequels. They include: "2Fast 2Furious (June 6th) without Vin Diesel, "Dumb and Dumber: When Harry Met Lloyd" (June 13th) without Jim Carrey or Jeff Daniels, "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" (June 27th), "Terminator 3: The Rise of the Machines" and "Legally Blonde 2: Red White and Blonde" (July 2nd), "Bad Boys 2" and "The Exorcist: The Beginning" (July 18th), "Spy Kids 3" and "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" (July 25th), and finally, "Jeepers Creepers 2" (August 29th).

The power for a sequel to bring in more money than its predecessor used to be unheard of. But recently, the tables have turned. This list of sequels for the summer is definitive evidence that Hollywood has caught on to the trend.

But there is still something to be said for originality in Hollywood. There are

several films opening this summer that are, in fact, not sequels-yet.

Ewan McGregor and Renee Zellweger star in "Down With Love" (May 16th) which looks to be like an old Doris Day/Rock Hudson movie complete with David Hyde Pierce ("Frasier") playing the Tony Randall character.

Jim Carrey, who wouldn't be paid enough to do a "Dumb and Dumber" sequel is starring in "Bruce Almighty" (May 25th) in a comedy about a man who is given the powers of God by God Himself (Morgan Freeman). Jennifer Aniston co-stars.

Disney and Pixar ("Toy Story," "Monster's Inc.") will open "Finding Nemo" on May 30th. The movie takes place under water as two fish look for their lost son. The trailers still make me laugh.

"The Italian Job" (May 30th) is another heist-movie with a big cast including Edward Norton, Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron, and Donald Sutherland about a group of thieves betrayed by one of its members.

"Hollywood Homicide" (June 13th) is a cop-buddy movie starring Harrison Ford and Josh Hartnett. No, I'm not kidding. Harrison Ford looks a combination of mortified and bored in the trailers.

"The Hulk" (June 20th) carries on the Marvel Comics craze at the movies. The film stars Eric Bana and

Jennifer Connelly and is directed by Ang Lee ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"). Let's hope that "The Hulk" doesn't suffer the fate of another green monster—"Godzilla."

"The Pirates of the Caribbean" (July 9th) is the first in what Disney is hoping to be a franchise of films. This first one stars Johnny Depp who

is out to stop an evil pirate ship led by captain Geoffrey Rush.

Those are the big movies to be expected this summer. As with most summers, look for at least one little film to surprise everyone.

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Texas Tech track travels to first regional competition

By Jason Lenz/Managing Editor

Times are a changing. The 2003 outdoor season marked the third recruiting class for Texas Tech track and field head coach Wes Kittley. During those three seasons, the men's side went from last place in the Big 12 Conference to seventh to fourth this year at the conference tournament in Austin May 18 and 19.

It's not over yet though as the Red Raiders travel to Lincoln, Neb. for the NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament Friday and Saturday. This is the first year there has been

a regional competition prior to nationals. To make it to the national competition June 11 to 14 in Sacramento, Calif., each competitor has to place in the top five in his or her event.

Kittley said he views the regional tournament differently than some others might.

"Like I told the kids, this is the first round of the (national competition)," he said. "You can look at it any way you want to, but this is just like the first round. If you don't get out of this one, you don't get the chance of going any further. So we're

real excited about going to Lincoln this weekend. We've been waiting for this all year long."

The format of the regional tournament is similar to the format of the Big 12 championship, which Kittley said is a good preparation.

"We had two hard days of running at conference," he said. "That's what we have here again. The kids know what to expect."

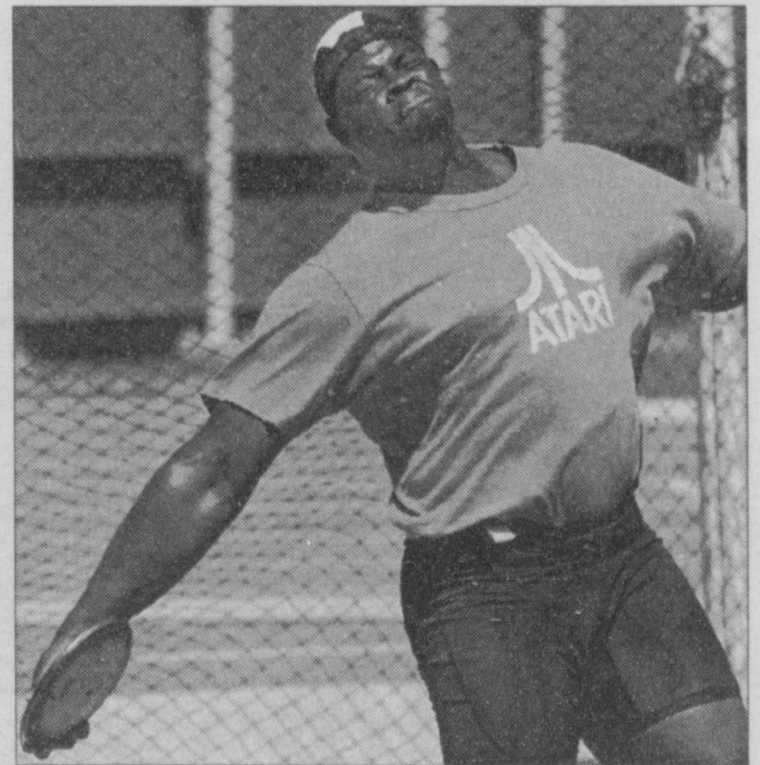
Freshman pole vaulter Bobby Most, who placed first at the conference tournament, said the team is confident going into the weekend's competition.

"I think all of us are pretty confident going into the regional meet," he said. "We've been training hard all year. This is do or die. Nationals is what we're all hoping for and wanting to achieve. It all comes down to this."

With this being the first regional competition, Most said there is some nervousness among the athletes.

"I think all of us are a little nervous, but nervousness comes with a big competition like this," he said. "If we go out there confident and with the right mindset and accomplish what we're capable of, then we've got a good shot of making it."

Sophomore sprinter Jonathan Johnson, who won the 800 meter



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily
Tech senior Jason Young, who is traveling to Lincoln, Neb., heaves the discus at a home competition earlier this season

dash at the conference tournament for the second consecutive year, said the team views the regional competition as simply the next meet to tackle.

"We always talked about it as a team how we wanted to take it one

meet at a time," he said. "Our expectations are high this year, and we want to go in and send the most people to nationals that we've ever sent. We want to finish in the top five in the regionals and put Texas Tech on the map."

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