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## Veto of excellence fund shorts Tech millions for research

By Ashleigh Adams/Staff Reporter

The surprising veto of Excellence funding in higher education will be detrimental to research both at Texas Tech and in the state of Texas, Chancellor David Smith said.

The Excellence Fund, a bill enacted to assist universities on the cusp of becoming major research institutions, was originally signed into law, but the appropriation of the funding was unexpectedly vetoed by Gov. Rick Perry for undisclosed reasons. To atone for the loss of funding, Perry approved a bill that recovers 100 percent of indirect costs, but Smith said that will only allow Tech to keep up as op-

pose to being a step ahead.

"The veto was really a surprise to the delegation," Smith said. "We had been working on several initiatives, partnerships, and other economic developments where we used Excellence funding as leverage. Without that money it will be more difficult to continue those projects."

Smith said one of the major benefits of funding was the ability to attract researchers that otherwise may not have been interested in Tech.

"It was nice to be able to bring in researchers and experts in our field," he said. "The extra money also allowed us to bring in researchers that already had grants and their own funding which helped as well."

Kathleen Harris, associate vice president for research services said Excellence funding contributed more than \$4 million to research at Tech last year.

"Anytime you lose that kind of funding, it is bound to be pretty devastating," she said. "There were initiatives within each college that are still in startup, which makes it even more difficult to continue them."

Projects already in progress include a study in food industry excellence, a federal crop insurance assessment, a study of zoonoses, which are diseases animals can pass on to humans, and epidemiology, plus others in chemistry, physics, and engineering, Harris said.

Lawrence Schovanec, professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics said via e-mail that a portion of excellence funds were used to support faculty and graduate assistants as part of a research program entitled Mathematical Control Theory Applied to Multidisciplinary Challenges.

"Texas Excellence Funds were vital in leveraging additional federal research money and growing graduate programs," he said. "That is why I am so dismayed that the governor decided to veto this program."

Schovanec said the total of new funding received by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics in regard to projects supported by Excel-

lence funding has exceeded \$3 million in the past two years.

"Of course, the faculty will continue this research without Excellence Funds, but the scope and rate of progress will undoubtedly be affected," he said.

Smith said with Tech's largest enrollment approaching in the fall, the loss of Excellence funding might indirectly affect tuition.

"We are growing, and we want to be able to continue to grow and invest on the front end instead of always playing catch up," he said.

However, Tech will adapt and find its own funding if the situation

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## Texas A&M dean recommends cutting journalism

By David Wiechmann/Editor

The Texas A&M administration received a recommendation to drop its journalism department July 10.

Dean of Liberal Arts Charles Johnson told A&M's student newspaper, *The Battalion*, the decision to recommend the closing of the department came from an external review of the department in 2001 and recent cuts in the budget.

The roughly 500 journalism students enrolled in the department will be allowed to finish their degrees, as the program will not be entirely wiped out. Classes will be offered on

a limited basis, but after this year's incoming class of 55 students graduate, journalism and related fields will not be offered as majors.

The impact this may have on Texas Tech is yet to be determined, but journalism professor Randy Reddick believes Tech could see a number of students from A&M come to Lubbock.

"We are likely to have an impact...," he said. "Texas Tech will rise and begin to be the first choice for them, and we will see some of those people here who would have been at A&M."

Robert Wernsman, a journalism

professor at Tech, said it is disheartening to see the closure, but money is a hard thing to come across in mass communications.

"In a department like ours, we don't generate a lot of research dollars," he said. "And a department that doesn't make a lot of money in research has to be looking behind them to see who's catching up."

Wernsman said it is sad to see a journalism program potentially on an executioner's list because of the role journalism plays in America.

"Administrators often don't like

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## First presidential candidate finalist to visit campus

By Sabra Jennings/Staff Reporter

Presidential candidates are slated to begin visiting Texas Tech on Thursday, bringing the university one step closer to filling the position.

Brady J. Deaton, executive vice chancellor and provost of the University of Missouri, is scheduled to visit Tech on Thursday and Friday. He will be led through a series of interviews and meetings with Tech officials, faculty, students and Lubbock community members.

In April, a 21-member search

committee began compiling a list of possible presidential candidates after David Schmidly accepted a position to become the president of Oklahoma State University.

The committee reviewed 111 candidates, narrowing them down to a select few, said Brain Newby, search committee chairman.

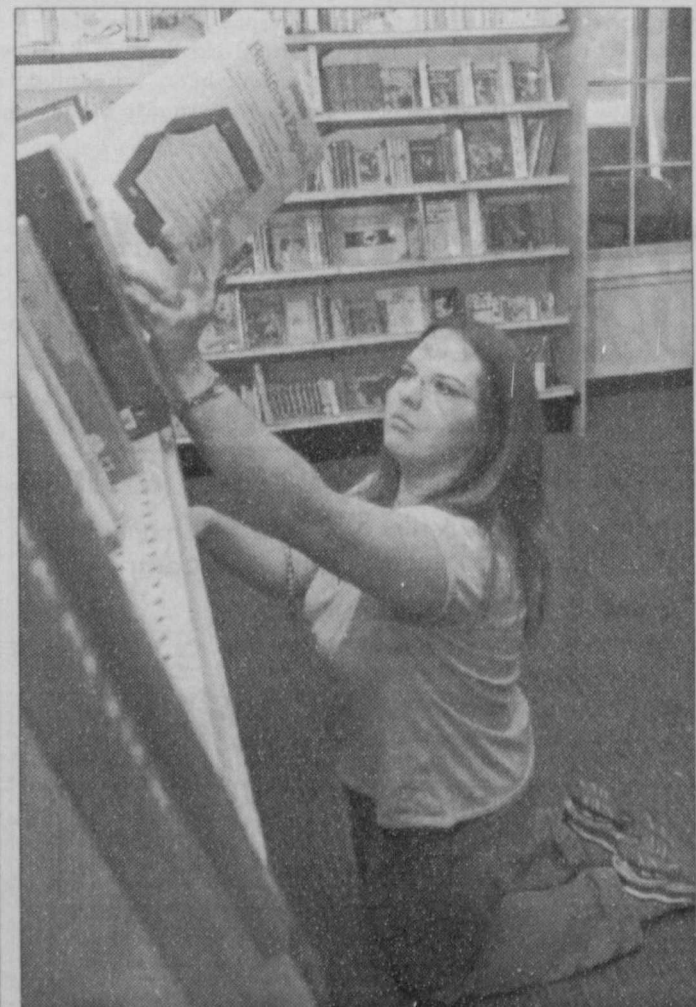
"We put advertisements in several different academic publications requesting nominations and applications," Newby said. "We also did some recruiting to see if some individuals (had an interest in the position)."

Chancellor Dr. David Smith said the search committee has recommended the candidates they believe would be the best fit, but he ultimately decides on the selection.

"The individuals that the committee has identified are fully capable of doing the job. The question is going to be: Who has that slight edge?" he said. "I think there are a number of things to look for - leadership skills, a sense of humor, because this is a tough job, and someone who can

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IN STOCK



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer  
Melissa Markland, trade book manager at the new Tech bookstore in the Student Union building, stocks bookshelves Thursday afternoon.

# LISD decides to fight lawsuit regarding student club

By Ashleigh Adams/Staff Reporter

The Lubbock Independent School District decided Monday it will fight the lawsuit filed against it for failing to recognize the Lubbock High School Gay-Straight Alliance as a legitimate school club.

The GSA filed two separate requests to allow the club to meet on school grounds and its request was denied at the District level, according to a complaint filed by Lambda Legal on behalf of plaintiffs Mirah Cruzer, Yvonne Caudillo and the GSA. The request reportedly complied with all of the District's regulations.

"I am not surprised LISD has decided to fight the case," said Brian

Chase, the Lambda Legal attorney on the case. "A lot of the situation lies in politics."

Chase said the denial of the GSA's request is in violation of the Equal Access Act as well as LISD's own non-discriminatory policies.

"It is the District's policy to have a public forum," he said. "The plaintiffs just want the GSA to be treated like any other club, no more, no less."

According to LISD policy, the principal and the superintendent subject to availability of suitable meeting space and without regard to the religious, political, philosophical or other content of the speech likely to be associated with the group's meetings may approve requests made by students.

"It's clear that they are fighting against their own policies," Chase said. "We have faced lawsuits like this before and have always come out on top. Chances are the District will eventually get an order to let the GSA meet on school grounds and everyone will see that the whole situation is just smoke and mirrors."

Chase said a case in Salt Lake City resembles LISD's situation. In an effort to stop the GSA from forming, the school in Salt Lake City banned all non-curricular clubs, and then finally gave in after a court order was issued. The Salt Lake City school district spent more than \$250,000 in its defense.

"First of all, LISD had said that

Lubbock High did not have many non-curricular clubs to begin with, which is untrue," he said.

LHS non-curricular clubs include Fellowship of Christian Athletes, What's African American Minds and Future Business Leaders of America among others, according to the school's Web site.

"Secondly, LISD has said that their insurance will cover their attorney costs, so no money will be lost," Chase said. "But their insurance doesn't cover our fees, which in a lawsuit like this can become rather costly."

Ann Manning, LISD's attorney on the case from the law firm of McWhorter, Cobb and Johnson, did

not return phone calls.

Although this is not the first dispute Texas has seen, it is the first lawsuit filed. There are currently 26 GSA organizations in Texas public high schools.

Ricky Waite, who graduated from Lubbock High School in May, tried to organize the GSA beginning in the fall of 2002. The groups' purpose is to provide support for gay and straight students in an effort to promote equality in the school system and community.

"This is about treating students equally," Waite said in a press release. "My friends deserve the same right to form a school group as any other student here."

## Legislators in Austin discuss process of redrawing congressional district maps

AUSTIN (AP) — One lawmaker working to redraw congressional districts withdrew from the task and angrily left a Senate committee hearing and another one stepped up to take on the job that has dogged the Texas Legislature since May.

Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, was expected to present two maps to the Senate Jurisprudence

Committee for consideration on Wednesday, but he stormed out of the Capitol auditorium after saying his maps contained glitches.

"I'm out of the map-drawing business. Senator Staples now has that business," Harris said.

Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palmer, had been scheduled to present his own map to the com-

mittee Thursday morning, but committee Chairman Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, announced it was not ready. Duncan said he thought Staples would be able to present a map Thursday afternoon.

"I want to make certain that the map I do lay out is a map the committee can vote on," Staples, a committee member and chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus, said Wednesday night.

An early version of the map would likely elect 18 Republicans, 11 Democrats and three "toss-ups," said Sen. Florence

Shapiro, R-Plano, who originated the map to be introduced by Staples.

The map splits Travis County into three districts and would pair Arlington Democratic Rep. Martin Frost with Republican Rep. Joe Barton, Shapiro said. Staples would not discuss the map Wednesday evening.

Harris had earlier said his main intention in drawing the maps was to eliminate Frost. But, Harris withdrew the maps he said were given to him by the attorney general's office. He said a computer glitch rendered

them unable to withstand court scrutiny.

He later said, "None of them had my intent."

Attorney General Greg Abbott said his office only assisted the Senate in determining the legality of various maps.

"Any statement implying that the Office of Attorney General conceived a redistricting plan or maps is false," Abbott said. "The Office of the Attorney General is not — and has not been — in the map-drawing business, and we have not formulated any redistricting plans."

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## Blair defends US-British led war on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — British Prime Minister Tony Blair told Congress Thursday he believes “with every fiber of instinct and conviction” that the U.S. and British led war on Iraq was justified.

“We promised Iraq democratic government. We will deliver it,” he said.

In prepared remarks for an address to a joint House-Senate session, Blair suggested that history “will forgive” the toppling of Saddam Hussein’s government even if it turns out that he and President Bush were wrong about Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, allegations used to justify the war.

But to have hesitated “in the face of this menace when we should have given leadership ... that is something that history will not forgive,” Blair said.

Blair’s visit to Congress, and then to the White House for a meeting and joint news conference with Bush, came amid deepening ques-

tions about the intelligence information both leaders used in arguing that war against Iraq was necessary.

The two leaders were the closest of allies on the war, but the relationship has been strained in recent weeks over questions about British claims that Iraq sought to buy uranium in Africa and the president’s use of such an assertion in his Jan. 28 State of the Union address.

“Can we be sure that terrorists and weapons of mass destruction will join together?” Blair asked in his prepared remarks. “But to say one thing, if we are wrong, we will have destroyed a threat that at its least is responsible for inhumane carnage and suffering.”

Blair arrived aboard his British Airways jet in early afternoon and went directly to Capitol Hill. It was the first leg of a seven-day tour that will also take him to Asia. He is the first British prime minister to address

a joint meeting of Congress since Margaret Thatcher in 1985.

His speech also touched on the war on terrorism, the Middle East peace process, the need to eradicate poverty, disease and famine in Africa and the need to promote free trade.

“When we invade Afghanistan or Iraq, our responsibility does not end with military victory,” Blair said. “Finishing the fighting is not finishing the job. We promised Iraq democratic government. We will deliver it.”

“We promised them the chance to use their oil wells to build prosperity for all their citizens, not a corrupt elite. We will stay with these people so in need of help until the job is done.”

“I believe with every fiber of instinct and conviction I have that we are” right in deciding to go to war without broad international support, Blair said.

## President

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function in a lot of different environments.”

Senior Vice Chancellor Richard Butler said he has been on the road actively recruiting candidates.

Some universities choose to hire a search firm specializing in higher education to compile a list of suitable candidates, Butler said.

Candidates are much more likely to respond to personal contact from the university than by ads or companies hired to conduct the search, Butler said.

“If they get a call from a company, a lot of times they don’t even return (the call). They’re not out there reading the want ads; we’ll have to

find them,” he said. “We felt this is too important to us to leave it up to a third party. We feel we can do a better job (of recruiting candidates).”

Butler made about 40 direct contacts and personally visited 18 candidates, he said. Each visit lasted an average of three hours, and it is an intensive, exhausting process, he said.

Butler said the candidates he talked to were interested in Tech and what the university has to offer.

“There is a lot of excitement out there about Tech. A lot of folks see us as poised on the brink of being a major research institution,” he said. “We have a status that has really appealed to (the candidates).”

Smith said there are only two candidates scheduled to visit Tech at this time, but they are both ex-

remely qualified for the position.

“I’ve had a chance to meet with both individuals over the phone, and I am very excited about where we are in the search process,” he said. “I think the two (candidates) really do epitomize the high level of quality we are looking for.”

The second presidential candidate is set to visit the campus in early August, but the individual has asked that his name not be released until closer to his arrival date, Butler said.

Administrators are looking for someone with energy, enthusiasm, and creativity, someone who can help Tech grow, Butler said.

“Anyone can see that our trajectory has been going up,” he said. “We want someone who can continue the trajectory, someone who can build on a legacy.”

## Coffee shop causing concern in neighborhood

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Controversy is brewing over a cafe that bills itself “the Hooters of coffee” — complete with scantily clad waitresses, a foosball machine and a macho motif.

Owner Tony Nunez believes city officials are unfairly targeting his coffee shop, Sugars, blaming it for parking hassles in the family

oriented neighborhood and alleging the mobster-themed cafe is a den of prostitution.

Since the cafe opened in February, city inspectors and police have ticketed Nunez, his business partners or his landlord for playing live music and sponsoring lingerie shows, and for failure to properly maintain the building’s plumbing and patio.

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the truth to be told,” he said. “It’s a quandary, and yet look at how vital it is to our society.”

Associate Director of the School of Mass Communications at Tech, Dennis Harp said A&M has not put much into its journalism department lately, and he does not believe closing it will impact Tech much at all.

Tech already faces a growing student population, and with the closing of A&M’s journalism department, the School of Mass Communications may want to be ready just in case there is an impact.

Reddick said precautions are already being made. He said a meeting was held in the spring when it was first rumored A&M was dropping journalism. He said no solid

ideas have been reached and more meetings would be necessary.

“What are we going to do with 30,000 students on campus and a couple hundred more in Mass Communications?” he asked. “We don’t know, but we’re thinking about it.”

Some Tech students believe the A&M students may feel alienated by the university, but they do not see Aggies immediately coming to Tech.

“I would stay and finish my degree,” said Justin Wyrick, a junior journalism major from New Orleans, La. “I would be very concerned about quality. Now that the program is not there, what incentive do they have to bring in quality professors and teach the classes?”

Harp said he questioned how many students would transfer to Tech because of the loyalty Aggies traditionally have to their university.

“I’m wondering if being an Aggie is more important than being a journalism major,” he said.


## Funding

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arises, Smith said.

“We want Tech to be a forerunner in research,” he said. “If the funding is completely cut, we will find other ways to privately raise money to be able to compete with other universities at the national level.”

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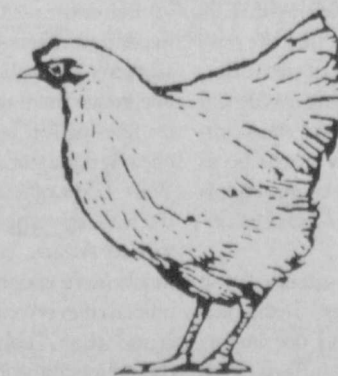
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## Political support for Tech will keep Raiderland on map

By now everyone knows that state public universities, including Texas Tech, got the short end of the stick from the state budget. Every public university received less funding than in previous years.

Tuition deregulation has given the Board of Regents the ability make up these losses by passing costs on to those paying tuition. Tuition deregulation is not a positive step and will increase tuition dramatically.

Texas public universities need to cooperate during the budget process because the new political leaders in Austin simply do not fully support public education. These new leaders are taking advantage of the competition between the public schools and are providing less money to politically weaker universities while adding nothing to the larger ones.

I have discussed these issues over the past few weeks, and I'd like to take this discussion one step further by examining specifically what Tech can do to improve its position during the state budget process.

For starters, the political climate in Austin is not very good for Tech. We have a governor who has benefited from his own public education yet has not been a strong proponent of public schools. For example, he shouldn't have vetoed the \$7 million for research at Tech.

But we can't blame everything on the governor. He's responding to the political realities of the state. A professional politician like the governor takes advantage of situations. Tech doesn't have enough political power and clearly Tech needs to improve. We'll probably never be as politically powerful as larger schools but we can do a better job of maximizing our resources.

Tech has done an excellent job lobbying regional West Texas officials. They understand the importance of Tech to this area. Tech needs to expand this lobbying and push to include Tech alumni, parents and students throughout the state.

Elected officials in Austin need to understand that there are Red Raiders in every voting district in Texas. You can be sure that Long-



**William Mattiford**

horns and Aggies have a strong statewide presence and it's time for Tech to follow suit.

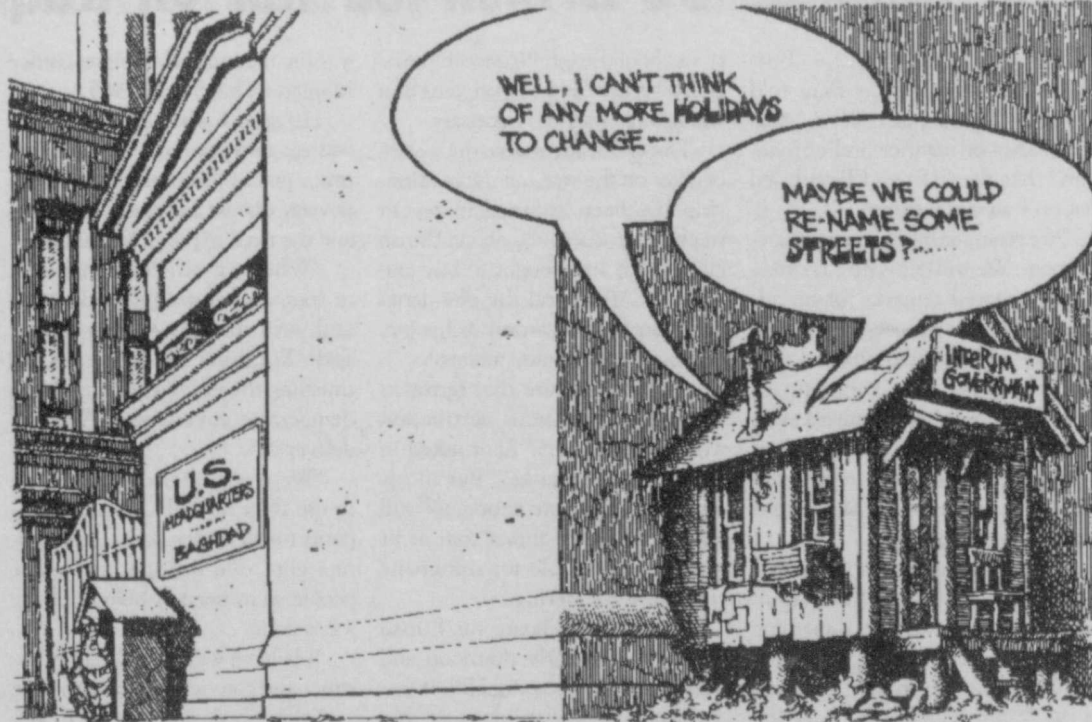
Alumni have a financial interest in Tech's improvements, while parents and students want to keep Tech's educational quality high and costs low. We need to get everyone to understand the importance of the state budget process.

There are Tech alumni all over the state. Many of these potential supporters would probably love to help their alma mater. Plus, as Tech improves so does the value of their degrees from Tech. Many may even volunteer to get involved with larger issues.

Another key area is the parents of Tech students. These parents are paying taxes to the state to support public education, and if those taxes aren't used for public education it is the parents who must make up the difference. Essentially they are paying twice when the state doesn't support our universities.

Before the next state budget, Tech needs to contact alumni, parents and students throughout the state and encourage them to speak up for better funding for Tech. This could be cheaply done through e-mail. Elected West Texas officials could still take the lead regarding important Tech issues in Austin, but they would get much more cooperation from other officials if everyone in Austin understood that Tech has supporters throughout the state. Many Red Raiders want to help Tech, and we need to get everyone involved.

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## New president serves as chance to advance university

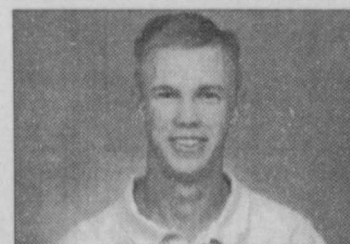
Our university is in the midst of a presidential search. The committee has narrowed down the class to three people, and one of the finalists will be visiting campus next week.

It's nice to know progress is being made in this important stage of Texas Tech history right now, but what kind of president will we be getting? What kind of president do we need?

With tuition deregulation and constant bickering among the students about higher fees, a president who wants to please the students would be great. It would be nice to see our next president show up at a pep-rally or sit in the student section during a football game. What if he participated in the Stadium March with the Goin' Band? That would send a message that the president cares.

The bottom line is the students are what make Texas Tech. Without us, this university would cease to exist, and the administration should do everything within its power to make sure the student body is happy with where it chose to further its education.

Maybe Tech should shy away from the "good ol' boy" president, too. David Schmidly was just too far back in the past to be an effective president.



**David Wiechmann**

Tech is isolated out in the middle of West Texas and surrounded by small agricultural communities, not to mention this is the Bible Belt. Some may perceive Tech and Lubbock as being old fashioned where opportunity only knocks on certain people's door. That's not the image we want this university to have.

It's time Tech takes a step into the 21st century. Maybe Tech should consider hiring a woman as president.

Women can do just as good a job as men, and it could benefit Tech to hire a woman as president. It would show Tech is moving up in the world and advancing with the times - just something to consider.

The next president needs to be focused on improving education at Tech. There are a number of programs at Tech that need more pro-

fessors or advisers. Some programs need better professors.

The money may not be available for such a lofty goal, but knowing that our president is in favor of an advancement of this type would be comforting to the students. If a president pushed for more professors where needed, the money may appear from somewhere. Alumni may begin to feel a little more pride in Tech because of the dedication of the administration to make Tech a top-notch university.

Tech needs a different image, and its last president didn't help it much. We need to hire someone who will make Tech respectable again and believes a university is a place of education, not a secret society of male aristocrats.

I love this university, and I want to love it more. I can't do that, however, until I see a noticeable desire and vision for making education and advancement Tech's No. 1 and 2 focuses because that is why I came here - to learn and not to feel certain people will not be given opportunities.

David is a senior journalism major from Lubbock. Comments on the search may be sent to [wreckem\\_d\\_man@hotmail.com](mailto:wreckem_d_man@hotmail.com).

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# 'League' turns out not to be all that 'Extraordinary' after all

## FILM REVIEW



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Extraordinary? Not even close. It's sad when such a great premise yields such mediocre results. "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen," being called "LXG" for short, had the makings of being one of the smartest comic book movies to date.

The premise of the comic was to have a team of literary characters, each with some special ability, joining together to fight a madman. These characters include Allan Quatermain (Sean

Connery) from H. Rider Haggard's "King Solomon's Mines," Dr. Jekyll and his alter ego Edward Hyde (Jason Flemyng) from Robert Louis Stevenson's "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Mina Harker (Peta Wilson) from Bram Stoker's "Dracula," The Invisible Man (Tony Curran) loosely based on H.G. Wells' "The Invisible Man," Captain Nemo (Naseeruddin Shah) from Jules Verne's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" and Dorian Gray (Stuart Townsend) from Oscar Wilde's "The Picture of Dorian Gray."

Concerning Mina Harker, many people have been asking me, how can there be a woman in this League of "Gentlemen?" Honestly, I don't know - affirmative action, I suppose. A better question, however, is how did Tom Sawyer (Shane West) make it into the League? This Sawyer has little to do with Mark Twain's character, other than his name, and it is explained that he is a secret service

agent for the U.S. Anyone who has read Twain's novel knows that there is no way Tom Sawyer could ever be a secret service agent of any kind.

My suspicion is that the screenwriter (James Dale Robinson) threw in Tom Sawyer just to please American audiences. I'm also guessing that Robinson hasn't read many books.

It is for this reason that such a literary premise yields illiterate results. Some characters have nothing to do with the characters they are based on, and even small children will be able to pick apart the movie's logical flaws.

The film opens with the recruitment of Quatermain, which is a fun scene. Connery, who is over 70 years old, still has undeniable screen presence. It's fun to watch him still fighting the bad guys, reminiscent of his Bond days, with his classic half-smile. But we get the feeling Connery, who is one of the greats, is secretly thinking to

himself, "is this all I have left? Spouting out catch-phrases and silly dialogue?"

Quatermain is soon introduced to the rest of the League. Their mission is to stop a madman from taking over the world. That is, unless he is paid "one million dollars!"

No, wait, that's something else.

Seriously, though, there's not much else in the way of plot. Many early scenes involve the characters getting to know each other, occasionally interrupted by bouts of action.

The League soon discovers one of them is a rat, and in cahoots with the Bad Guy. And in true Bad Guy fashion, he explains his devious plan to the League before it is completed, assuming they will be soon dead anyway.

Although the plot and characters leave something to be desired, I will say that the set design is spectacular. Everything from Gray's house to the inside of Nemo's Nautilus is top-notch. The

special effects work as often as they don't work, but even Hyde looks better than "Hulk" did. Some of the action scenes are fun, even if ludicrous.

It is, however, difficult for me to hate "LXG." It really wasn't as bad as it could have been. In fact, I desperately wanted to like this movie a lot because of the great premise. But in the end, I just couldn't convince myself.

After meeting the League, Connery's catch phrase for the movie is, "I'm waiting to be impressed!"

Yeah, me too.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★

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

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## Small arms fire across Demilitarized Zone may intensify situation in Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South and North Korean soldiers briefly traded machine-gun fire in their border zone Thursday, raising tensions even as Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed optimism about diplomatic efforts to resolve the North Korean nuclear standoff.

The South Korean military said

it did not suffer casualties in the shooting between two guard posts a half mile apart in the heavily mined Demilitarized Zone, or DMZ, the buffer created at the end of the 1950-53 Korean War to keep opposing armies apart.

North Korea did not comment on the exchange.

"We need to clarify whether it's intentional or accidental before we can say anything about its impact on

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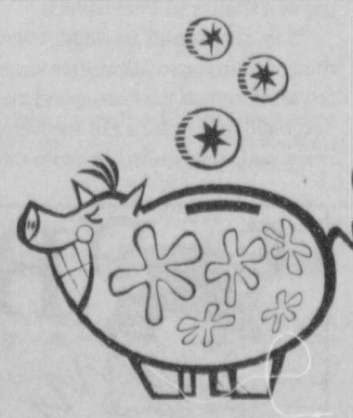


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# Junior high student damages Clement Hall during band camp

By David Wiechmann/Editor

Approximately seven rooms of Clement Hall were damaged when a junior high student participating in last week's Texas Tech School of Music Band and Orchestra Camp flooded his room July 9.

Texas Tech Police were called to 430 Clement to investigate, and found the student had

plugged the drain of the sink in his room by clogging it with towels and leaving the water running. The boy was removed from the camp, and his parents escorted him home.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman said the investigation continued earlier this week. He said he believed a second student possibly involved was released of all suspicion. He said the one student

still being investigated could face criminal felony charges if the damage reaches a high enough expense.

"We have yet to get a dollar figure," Hoffman said. "It's hard to estimate, but it could be in the thousands of dollars. Apparently from what I've heard, it could be very expensive."

Damaging property in the residence halls is not something new

to Tech, but Hoffman said this is the first time he has ever heard of it being done in this manner.

"Vandalism is not uncommon in the residence halls," he said. "I can't recall an instance, however, when a room was damaged when the sink was overflowed intentionally."

Tech Police are expected to turn the case over to the Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center,

but director Les Brown said he had not received the paper work as of Wednesday morning.

Officials at the School of Music would not comment on the matter and directed all questions to the police department.

Director of Housing and Residence Life Sean Duggan did not return phone calls asking about the extent of damage to the rooms.

## Texans clean up, survey damage from Claudette

SURFSIDE BEACH, Texas (AP) — Dr. Hubert Smith and his wife, Leanne, waited patiently for a ladder so they could get back into the beach house to retrieve their belongings and a refrigerator full of food, items they had stowed the day before Hurricane Claudette forced their evacuation and ended their vacation as it began.

The ladder was needed because Claudette decimated the stairway on the house, which like all the homes along the beach is built on piers in the event of high surf such as the 9-foot waves that accompanied the hurricane Tuesday.

As the 65-year-old Houston physician waited for his stepson to bring the ladder, he pointed out something else that was missing.

"At low tide, the beach goes out about 50 yards. About half a football field," Smith said, peering over the decades-old bulkhead that prevented crashing waves from doing even more damage. "At high tide, it's maybe 20-25 yards."

As he spoke, the Gulf continued to lap at the bulkhead even though Claudette was drifting over Mexico and far West Texas, and he wondered how much beach would remain once the seas returned to normal.

Gov. Rick Perry visited the storm zone for the first time Thursday, stopping at an elementary school serving as a shelter in Port Lavaca.

"I'm committed to doing everything we can to provide the resources, first and foremost to clean up and then to rebuild and make a full recovery," Perry said, surrounded by state offi-

cial and relief workers, at Jackson-Roosevelt Elementary School, which housed 68 Port Lavaca-area residents Wednesday night.

Officials worried that beaches far from where Claudette's eye came ashore suffered severe, perhaps permanent, erosion damage from jackhammering waves. Surfside Beach is 60 miles up the coast from Palacios, approximately where the storm center first touched land, and further beach damage might have happened another 60 miles northward to Bolivar Peninsula.

Unlike most of the Texas coastline, many beaches of Brazoria and Galveston counties are lined with front-row homes just behind the dunes. Under the Texas Open Beaches Act, once the vegetation line at the back of a beach moves behind a structure because of erosion, the General Land Office condemns the property if dune grasses don't start returning within two years.



**Science, It's a Girl Thing,** a summer science camp for girls is Monday. For more information call, (806) 742-2420.

Wednesday is the last day to drop a class and receive an automatic W. Wednesday also is the last day to declare pass-fail intentions.

The Museum of Texas Tech is holding "Bedtime under the stars" at 7 p.m. Thursday as part of the Bedtime at the Museum series. It is open to children ages 6-10 and free of charge, but registration is required. Call (806) 742-

2432 for more information.

Red Raider Camp starts July 23 at the Tech campus in Junction. The program lasts three days and two nights and is designed to help incoming freshmen learn about Tech before the start of the fall semester.

A Mentor Tech information session will take place at noon, July 28 in 206 Administration for faculty, staff and graduate students interested in serving as mentors in the Lauro Cavazos and Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program. For more information call (806) 742-8671 or e-mail mentor@ttu.edu. Another session will meet at 4 p.m., July 29.

Country music's Toby Keith will be in concert at the United Spirit Arena with Junior Brown and Blake Shelton Aug. 21. Tickets are \$45.50 plus a \$4 service charge and are available at all Select-a-Seat locations including the Student Union building.

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## 'Loaded' teddy bear found in Orlando airport

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Airport security workers found a loaded handgun stuffed inside a brown teddy bear a 10-year-old boy was carrying on a trip home after his family's Florida vacation, authorities said Thursday.

The TSA found a loaded .22-caliber gun after the bear was opened. The boy's family told investigators that the bear was a gift from a girl at the hotel where they stayed during their Orlando vacation.

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# Third women's football clinic set for action at Jones SBC

By David Wiechmann/Editor

Female Texas Tech football fans will have the opportunity to learn more about the game at the third Texas Tech Football Clinic for Women on Aug. 4.

The clinic has seen success in its first two years, and Assistant Athletics Director of Football Quality Dennis Simmons said people had to be turned away the first year. This year's participants can expect something different from the previous clinics' methods.

"The first two years is was done in a classroom-type setting, but this year we're taking it to the field," he said.

Simmons said the motivation behind changing the clinic was to keep things fresh and not be repetitive.

"Obviously, since this is our third year, if you came the first two years, and you come this year, we want you to learn something new," he said.

The clinic allows for women to delve into football a little more, and Simmons said they will be able to participate a little more at games.

"We get a lot of people who's sons play football, and they just want to know what is happening when they go to their son's game," he said. "We get some college aged girls who will be able to sit with their boyfriend and

understand what's going on when they watch a game together."

Seeing the X's and O's on the field at Jones SBC Stadium may help the women to remember what they are learning a little better, and it will allow the staff to show off its new pride and joy - the renovations to the stadium.

"I get spoiled because I work here and see it every day," Simmons said. "The community has put a lot of time and effort into letting have these nice facilities, and we wanted to let them have the chance to enjoy it as much as we do. Our jerseys say Texas Tech, but we really represent Texas Tech and Lubbock, Texas."

The clinic will teach women the rules and strategies and other basics of the game, plus a tour of the new press box at the stadium.

The opportunity for female fans to learn about the game will add to their enjoyment and bring more women to the games, Simmons said.

"We pack a lot of information into a short amount of time because we don't want them to get bored with it," he said. "We want them to walk away with a better understanding and more appreciation of the game of football."

The clinic will also feature an auction with authentic memorabilia signed by current and former Red Raiders.

Simmons said he is excited about the auction because all the money made will be donated to two charities. He said the charities benefiting from the auction will be announced at the clinic.

Simmons is also looking forward to revealing the Raiders' new uniforms. He would not go into any detail on the new threads, saying people would have to wait.

"August 4th you can see the new unis," he said. "All three sets will be there, but you have wait until then."

The entry fee is \$20 before Aug. 1 and \$25 after. Groups of four or more may register for \$15 per person. For more information call (806) 742-4260.

## Tech ticket office fills openings in department

Texas Tech added two new players to the roster this week in the Athletics Ticket Office. David Welsh is the new assistant athletics director for ticket operations, and Liz Kelley assumes the position of assistant ticket manager.

Welsh has been employed at Rice since 1991 and was promoted to ticket manager there in 1997. His position was previously occupied by Russell Warren, who is now director of marketing for Lady Raider basketball.

Before going to Rice, Welsh spent a year and a half as the assistant athletics ticket manager at the University of Tampa. He was also a sports information intern at the University of Miami, Fla., for one semester.

Kelley joins Tech after spending one year as a travel manager/financial assistant and three years as ticket director for the University of California-Santa Barbara. She replaces former assistant ticket manager Jarod Huddleston who was promoted to director of ticket operations.

## Missing player's cell phone used after disappearance

DALLAS (AP)—Missing Baylor University basketball player Patrick Dennehy's cell phone was used to call a limousine driver in the New York area three days after he vanished last month, published reports say.

Dennehy's girlfriend, Jessica De La Rosa, told *The Dallas Morning News* in Thursday's editions that his phone bill shows that the one minute call to the driver was one of two outgoing calls made from his phone after his disappearance June 12.

"One call was made to New York City and then two or three minutes later, another was made to a number in Waco," Daniel Okopnyi of Arlington, a friend of Dennehy's, told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* after talking with De La Rosa. "Those were the only calls made on that phone that day."

Okopnyi said De La Rosa attempted to call the phone numbers. "At one of the numbers, the person didn't speak a whole lot of English and couldn't tell her anything," Okopnyi said.

The limousine driver, who agreed to be identified only by her first name, Christina, told *The Morning News* she did not recall getting a call, and was unaware of the Dennehy case and had not been contacted by Waco police.

"I don't know those kids ... Until today I don't know what happened with this," she said.

De La Rosa said the phone had been used only twice since June 15. She was unable to explain the New York call and would not discuss the second call, but said she was sharing the information with authorities inves-

tigating the disappearance of Dennehy, a 6-foot-10, 230-pound forward.

While the phone remains missing, Dennehy's account is still active, said his stepfather, Brian Brabazon of Carson City, Nev. He said he knew of no one in the New York area that his stepson knew or would have called.

Sgt. Ryan Holt, a Waco police spokesman, declined to comment.

Dennehy has not been seen since mid-June, and his 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe was found abandoned in a Virginia Beach, Va., parking lot June 25.

Meanwhile, a former Baylor basketball player reportedly was driving Dennehy's sport-utility vehicle about the time Dennehy was last seen.

Melissa Kethley, Carlton Dotson's estranged wife, said he was driving Dennehy's vehicle when he visited her in Sulphur Springs on the evening of June 12, her stepfather, Sulphur Springs Police Chief Jim Bayuk, told the *Star-Telegram*.

He said because the visit occurred before Dennehy was reported missing and Dotson often drove his vehicle, Kethley didn't think it was odd at the time. Kethley later told Waco police about the incident but is no longer talking to news reporters, he said.

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