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## Butler case topic of discussion in AAUP meeting

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

Health Sciences Center professor Dr. Thomas Butler's case was the major discussion at the first meeting of Texas Tech's American Association of University Professors.

The group determined to do everything in its power to help Butler, said Linda Donahue, an associate professor in the department of theater and dance. Donahue is the AAUP president this year.

The Butler case was brought up when the group met for the meeting Monday in Holden Hall, Room 141. Donahue opened the floor for discussion about topics of concern for the coming year.

Marc Giaccardo, associate professor of architecture, said Butler contacted him during the summer.

Giaccardo said Butler has been asked to resign from his position at Tech.

"He seemed a little lost," he said. Butler has since been dismissed for cause by the university, although he is still on the university's payroll. It will not become final until the Board of Regents approves the dismissal.

Giaccardo said he encouraged Butler to join Tech's AAUP chapter, but Donahue said she has not yet heard from him. The group discussed meeting with Butler's attorney to determine what, if anything, the AAUP can do to support him.

"What we thought we might do is ask him if he's considered contacting the AAUP on the national level," Donahue said. "They have lots of resources. Things like this are often addressed by the AAUP."

Other issues brought up by members included the term "sexual orientation" being added to Tech's general non-discriminatory policy, the results of a campus diversity survey, the distribution of funds between athletics and academics and free speech regulations on campus.

Law professor Tim Floyd commented about a statement released concerning free speech on campus. The statement says that free speech is prohibited unless it is spoken in one of six designated areas on campus.

"We have the right to free speech anywhere we want on campus," he said.

The AAUP plans to invite Jon Whitmore, Tech's new president, to join them in discussing these and other issues that occur this year.

"I know throughout the year, we're going to have other issues come up," Donahue said. "We would love to have him come meet with us."

Donahue said Tech's chapter of the AAUP is recruiting new members. She organized a recruitment committee at Monday's meeting, and it will begin spreading the word about AAUP immediately.

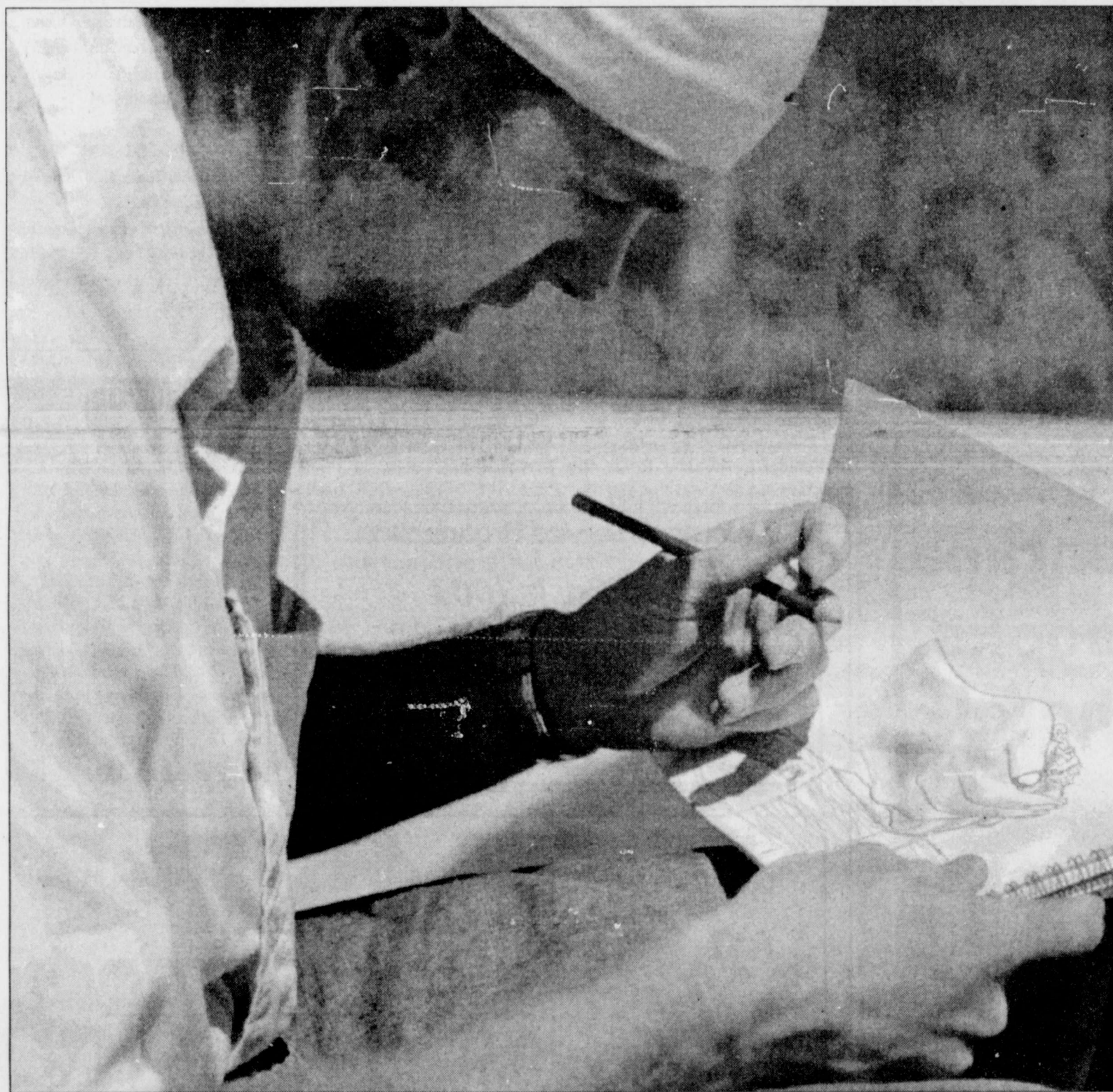
According to the AAUP mission statement, the group will work "to develop and strengthen the professional concept of teaching and research, to promote the interests of higher education and, in general to increase the usefulness and advance the standards and ideals of the profession."

AAUP's next meeting is Sept. 29 at noon in Holden Hall, Room 141.



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer  
LINDA DONAHUE, WHO works from theater and dance facilities speaks to co-workers at the first American Association of University Professors Monday morning in Holden Hall. Donahue is the organization's president.

## HAND-EYE COORDINATION



TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer  
BRADLEY DOHERTY, A freshman architect major from Boerne, analyzes his drawing of the fountain in the English/Philosophy courtyard on Monday afternoon.

## College of Arts & Sciences lacking funding for faculty

By Brent Young/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's College of Arts and Sciences lacks funds to hire faculty, said Jane Winer, dean of the college. The department of biological sciences has lost five tenured faculty members in the past year and is unable to replace them with full-time professors.

The primary problem in replacing faculty members in the science sector of the college is money to set up the laboratories, Winer said. Without money to start their laboratories, professors will not come to Tech.

Provost William Marcy said some positions require substantial amounts of money just to make those positions competitive with other universities. The start-up costs associated with equipping a laboratory sometimes reach the \$1-million mark, and that kind of money is not available under current budget restraints, he said.

The Higher Education Assistance Fund is a major source of resources for the university, but the money it provides is not enough to go around, Winer said. The Texas Excellence

Fund was also a good source of equipment but it no longer exists, so new sources must be found. Such sources will include fund raising in the private sector and gifts.

"We will be working closely with administration to raise money," she said. "We hope to be able to help solve this problem."

The effects of this shortage are major and affect many students and faculty members.

Associate professor of biological sciences and Faculty Senator Lewis Held said research time is hard to find, since many professors are teaching additional classes because of this year's record enrollment and decrease in faculty size. A professor's job is not merely

to teach, he said; it is also to do research and often this research is what brings money into the college or specific department.

"We have requested authorization to advertise for these positions," he said. "But the limiting factor is start-up money."

Held said scientific equipment is costly and when a new faculty member is hired, the department cannot be relied on to provide the money necessary for that person's specific area of research.

"Research specialization does not overlap," he said. "Each researcher is unique in their pursuits."

It is difficult to understand why there is such a shortage, Held said.

The chairman of each department goes to the dean to request resources, but many are told that the provost does not have any money to give to the department. When the provost is asked why there is no money available to offer the departments, the department is told there just is not any money.

The high student-faculty ratio is a major concern of Held's and it needs to be alleviated if professors are going to have time to conduct their research and to preserve morale among faculty.

"If we want to solve this problem, we need to find money," he said.

The problem needs to be solved quickly before it becomes a crisis, he said.

"We are mortgaging our future in order to solve a short-term problem" he said. Tech President Jon Whitmore has said in faculty meetings that he will do everything in his power to find resources to fix the problem, Held said. Whitmore is familiar with the problem from his long track record and Held is confident he will find a solution.



## Jury selected for Joe Gonzales murder case

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

Jury selection began Monday in the 137th District Court in the case of the State of Texas vs. Joe Gonzales. Joe Gonzales, 20, faces a capital murder charge for the Aug. 14, 2002, shooting death of 21-year-old Texas Tech student Colin Schafer.

Computer malfunctions caused jury selection to begin at 1 p.m. instead of the scheduled 9 a.m. Seventy individuals appeared for the selection process. Testimony was postponed until 9 a.m. today.

If he is found guilty of capital murder, Joe Gonzales will serve a capital life sentence in prison. The death penalty will not be sought.

Gabriel Gonzales, Joe Gonzales's cousin, is serving life im-



Joe Gonzales

prisonment for the capital murder of Schafer. He pleaded guilty Jan. 10 and received 60 years in prison, with 40 years until parole is possible.

Brian Murray will be Joe Gonzales' defense attorney. Acting District Attorney Matt Powell will be prosecuting the case for the state.

Joe Gonzales' wife, Jessica Gonzales, was present throughout the selection process.

The parents of Colin Schafer, Scott and Susan Schafer, also were in the courtroom during the proceedings.

## Tech community reacts to Bush's request to Congress

### MORE MONEY MORE PROBLEMS:

Students, professors respond to George W. Bush's request for \$87 billion for war efforts

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Frank Thames, an assistant professor of political science at Texas Tech, reacted to President George W. Bush's speech by saying he believes Bush has lost his credibility within Congress.

Bush spoke to the American people Sunday night and said he will ask Congress for \$87 billion to continue war efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also asked that more nations help with the costs.

"Most of the nations don't seem to be particularly impressed by his speech," Thames said. "I don't see many of them lining up to help. The bottom line is—if they are going to send aid and troops, they will want more control over reconstruction and security than the United States is willing to give them at this point."

Thames said not only did Bush's plea not impress the rest of the world, but it probably did not turn many heads in Congress either.

"I think Bush has lost credibility within Congress, and it will be hard to gain their support," he said. "However, at the same time they will want to do all they can to help the troops with the necessary resources they need to survive. Imagine a congressman up for election and having to justify why they didn't help support the troops."

Bush's request for \$87 billion is based on the assumption that continuing military operations in Iraq alone will cost about \$4 billion a month. Of the \$87 billion, \$20 billion will be used for the reconstruction of Iraq's infrastructure, which according to Bush's plan was origi-



nally supposed to be covered by Iraqi oil sales.

"There's been people who have suggested that there's not enough revenue from Iraqi oil to cover reconstruction," Thames said. "Bush has counted on it, but they don't have the ability to pull out as much oil as they'd like because of the oil industry's condition—it's old, and people are blowing up the oil fields in retaliation to our presence, making it hard to get oil."

Overall, Thames said Bush was probably a little too confident in his plan for Iraq.

"Bush was overly optimistic of the response he would receive from the Iraqi people," he said. "He was also overly optimistic on the American capabilities to provide security and new infrastructure."

Tech students had various reactions to Bush's speech.

Zach Bland, a junior industrial engineering major from Dumas, supported Bush and his monetary request.

"Since none of the other countries really helped us in the war, I think they should at least help us rebuild the country if that's what is necessary,"

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The Rundown



Next space shuttle run to be test flight Bush aides defend \$87B request for Iraq Arab League OKs seat for Iraqi Council

SPACECENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA said Monday that when shuttle launches resume sometime next year, the first mission will be a test flight, the first of the early days of the space program, with astronauts inspecting their ship and practicing repair techniques to guard against another Columbia-type disaster.

The space agency considered flying a minimum number of astronauts and keeping the mission as short as possible. But NASA decided to go with a full complement of six or seven astronauts on a mission of about a week and a half in order to accomplish some overdue repair work at the international space station.

"If we're going to go through all this risk to get there and do that, we ought to go ahead and make sure that we do some of those things that are important to the international space station because if we don't do those things, it raises the risk of the station," said Bill Parsons, the new shuttle program manager.

With no firm launch date yet, NASA has yet to settle on all the details of an emergency rescue plan.

But in a long return-to-flight document issued Monday, the space agency said it is looking at using the space station as an emergency shelter for stranded shuttle astronauts and considering having another spacecraft ready to blast off on a rescue mission.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration tried to reassure Americans on Monday about its larger-than-expected \$87 billion request for Iraq and Afghanistan, saying the war against terrorism is the nation's highest priority and it won't wreck the federal budget.

At the White House, presidential spokesman Scott McClellan defended the size of Bush's pending request for funds.

"We continue to believe the deficit is manageable. We have a plan to address it, and we're working to address it," he said.

"This is the war on terrorism. This is about making the world safer," McClellan added. "This is about making America more secure. And the president will do what it takes when it comes to the highest of priorities."

The \$87 billion would come on top of the \$79 billion that Congress approved in April for the initial costs of the war and its aftermath and for worldwide efforts against terrorism.

Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, said Monday the additional money the administration asked for is badly needed.

If Iraq can be stabilized, "those costs will be won back over and over again," she said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"We don't know the numbers in which they are going to Iraq, but that's why they're going," she said on CBS's "The Early Show."

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The Arab League early Tuesday granted the U.S.-appointed Governing Council on Iraq a seat on the 22-member pan-Arab body — despite fears that such recognition could be seen as a sign of support for the American invasion.

The decision is the league's first to officially recognize the council — appointed July 13 after U.S. forces deposed Saddam Hussein's regime — as an authority able to represent Iraq on the regional stage.

Torn for weeks over whether to recognize Iraq's U.S.-appointed authority, Arab League foreign ministers issued a communiqué after six hours of debate saying the Governing Council had been granted Iraq's seat until a legitimate Iraqi government is formed and a new constitution drawn up.

"This decision was agreed upon unanimously," the Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher told reporters following the meeting.

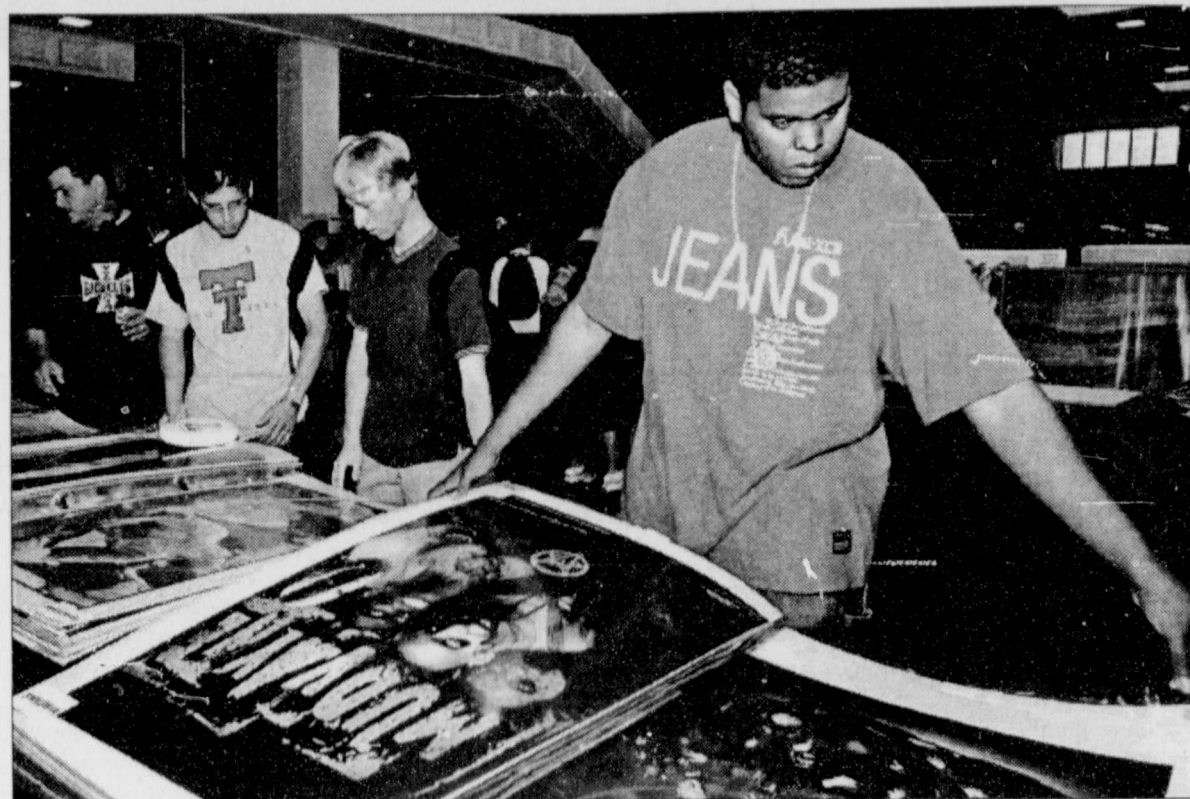
The Arab League, which opposed the U.S.-led war in Iraq, had been reluctant to welcome the Governing Council into its fold, fearing any recognition of it would be seen as a sign of support for the American invasion of an Arab state.

But Tuesday's landmark decision paves the way for Hoshiyar Zebari.

He is the Iraqi Kurdish leader appointed foreign minister when the Council's first Cabinet was named Sept. 1, to sit alongside other Arab envoys when a two-day foreign ministerial conference begins later in the day.

The Iraqi seat on the Arab League has been vacant since the war that toppled Saddam's regime.

A PAGE TURNER



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DUSTIN VENEGAS, A sophomore management information systems major from Lubbock; Alex Walther, a sophomore accounting major from Irving; and Chris Blue, a sophomore business marketing major from Dallas, look through posters at the annual poster sale in the Student Union on Monday morning.

Last of fallen 9/11/01 firefighters mourned

NEW YORK (AP) — A vial holding the blood of a firefighter was placed in a coffin alongside his uniform Monday, marking the final memorial service for the 343 firefighters killed at the World Trade Center.

The family of Michael Paul Ragusa, 29, had put off any funeral for two years in the hope that his remains might be identified. But they never were.

However, the family had blood that Ragusa had donated to a bone marrow center in the months before Sept. 11.

Ragusa's family said the donation represented his lifelong dedication to helping others.

"He had such a generous spirit," Monsignor John Delendick told mourners at the Church of St. Bernard in Brooklyn. "Friends always called him when they needed help. They knew Michael would take care of the problem. Always."

About 500 people sat or stood shoulder-to-shoulder inside the

church's small sanctuary. Thousands more firefighters — including many who never knew Ragusa and others who came from other states — listened via loudspeakers outside.

The Mass was punctuated by sorrowful rituals that have become too familiar to the fire department in the past two years — bagpipes wailing "Amazing Grace," the somber beat of a drumline, a silent fire truck carrying the coffin.

Of the 2,792 people who died in the attack, the medical examiner has identified remains of just more than half. Many families have held memorial services without their loved ones' remains.

Former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani received a loud ovation when he approached the altar, then lauded the fire department for struggling through what once seemed an endless procession of funerals and memorials.

"I remember them in the rain, in the snow, sometimes 12 funerals a day," he said. "Each individual life was very important."

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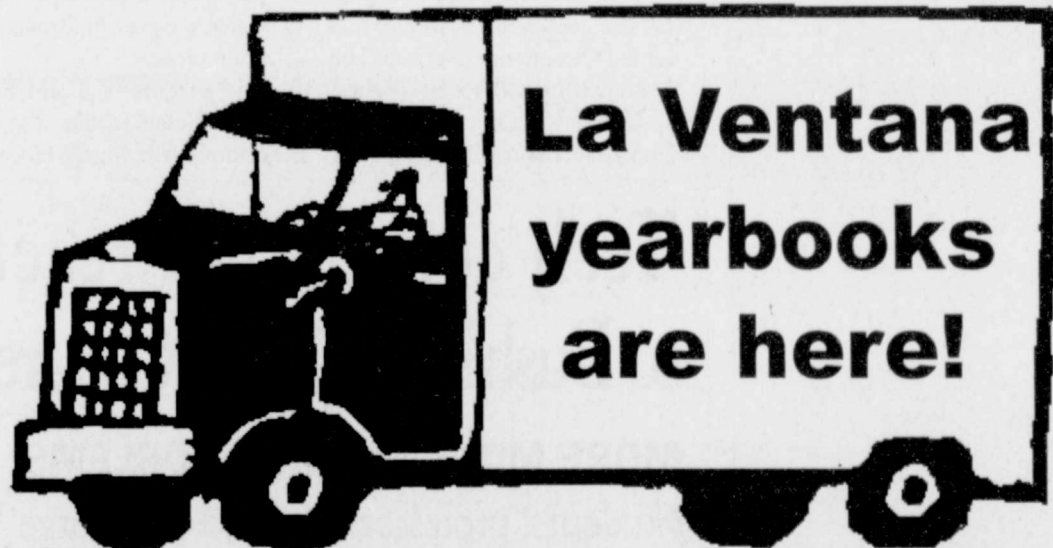
In the Sept. 8 issue of The University Daily in the story on healthy lifestyles, Dr. Donald Wesson's name was spelled incorrectly. The UD regrets the error.

In the Sept. 2 issue of The University Daily, a story on Traffic and Parking stated parking tickets were not being issued the first week. This information was incorrect, and we apologize to all those students who received tickets. The UD regrets the error.

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# Honors College has new office, programs

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Honors College has begun the new school year with a new location and new curriculum. With a new home in McClellan Hall, the college has started taking in students for their new liberal arts degree and humanities minor.

Last year, the college's offices were in Holden Hall. The need to relocate spurred from the increased enrollment at Tech and the increase of interest in the Honors program. At the beginning of the semester, the enrollment within the Honors College was 1,073 students, Dean Gary Bell said, adding that enrollment will decrease slightly later in the semester. "After we check the students' GPA, the enrollment will drop to around 950 students," he said.

The college hired more faculty to help with increased enrollment and

the new liberal arts degree, Bell said. Students of the college can choose from two degrees within the college. The Natural History and Humanity degree began last year. The degree became the first degree of the Honors College, he said.

This year, the enrollment for the degree is 12, Susan Tomlinson, assistant professor in the Honors College, said.

The natural history and humanity degree offers its students a flexible curriculum that has been customized for the students, Tomlinson said.

"The students are given a category of classes and the students make a choice out of the category," she said.

This year, the college added another degree for the students who are interested in liberal arts. The degree's official name is the Honors Arts and

Letters degree, Bell said.

The degrees are not the only curriculum expansion within the college. This year, Honors began a new humanities minor. Bell said the new education platform is helping the college grow above all others.

"We have one of the most comprehensive programs in the nation when it comes to the Honors College," Bell said.

The program has helped bring a higher level of education to the

campus, he said. When the college began 10 years ago, the average SAT grade on campus was 960. Now the average has risen to 1124.

The Honors College is still setting the bar for the rest of the campus. Becky Davidson, the assistant to the dean of the Honors College, said the average SAT grade for the college is approximately 1330.

To help more students, the college has also begun to house the scholarship office. The office now has

about 2,400 scholarships. Scholarships are used to recruit the best and brightest of incoming freshman classes to Tech, Bell said.

The college still has its share of national scholarships. Several students have won administrative national competitive scholarships such as the Rhodes, Truman, and Goldwater scholarships, Bell said.

Aside from classes, the college continues to stay involved with academics throughout campus. In February, the college will participate in the regional College Bowl Tournament, which is a chance for college students to compete against one another, Bell said.

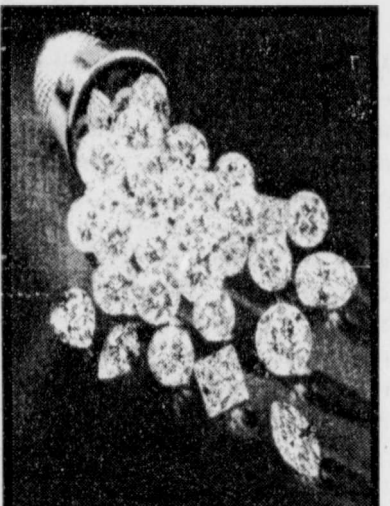
Davidson said e Smartfest also is coming up. Smartfest is a tournament where fraternity, sorority and residence hall members and other groups compete to see who is the smartest. In an effort to push academics, the

college has continued to support the chess club, Bell said. The college is also making an effort to show their freshmen how much the college supports them.

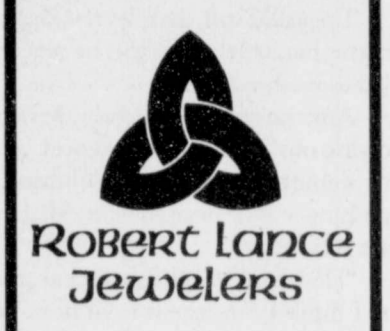
The Honors College will hold freshman convocation on Thursday. It will be at the Allen Theater in the Student Union building at 7 p.m. Bell will speak to the newcomers. The event will give a chance for freshman to meet the faculty and continue to make the transition to college life, Kathy Lindsey, academic program assistant, said.

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**GARY BELL**  
Honors College dean



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# Food court moves to new home in SUB Ballroom

**SUB's substitute:** Many Tech students not happy with the temporary food court.

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

Many Texas Tech students were excited to see there was a new Starbucks on campus, but they will have to wait until January 2005 to eat at the new food court.

The food court in the Student Union was closed at the beginning of the semester for a remodeling project that will start later this fall.

Sam Bennett, director of Hospitality Services, said students have a facility in the Student Union Ballroom where they can grab something to eat.

The facility offers a variety of ready-to-go meals and for students to take advantage of between classes.

"Students have Mexican and Italian food," Bennett said. "They also have sandwiches and other ready-to-go food that they can take on their way to class."

He said the rumors about students getting to vote on what food chains they wanted in the new food court were not true.

"We have had students involved in the early parts of planning," Bennett said. "They gave us some input on what students would want, but no, students will not be able to vote on what they want."

Many Tech students, however, do not think the temporary facility in the ballroom is appropriate for them, especially compared to the old food court.

Abigail Martin, a sophomore music major from Del Rio, said she is disappointed to know she will have to eat in the Student Union Ballroom for the next two years.

"I don't hate the food, but it's definitely not good quality," Martin said. "This is the only place where I have time to eat, and I thought this (facil-

ity) was going to be a temporary thing."

She said she does not like the atmosphere in the ballroom, which makes her not want to spend her lunch there.

She would like to see an a bigger variety of food chains in the new food court once it is built, and she said she will like better quality food in the ballroom.

"If I'm going to have to eat here," Martin said, "I would like better food and services."

John Love, a senior mechanical engineering major from Amarillo, said every time he walks in the ballroom to get food he feels like he is buying food at an airport.

"I would love to have something more than microwave pizza and hotdogs," Love said. "I wish this wasn't where I am going to eat for the next two years."

He said the food that was in the food court before was good, and Hospitality Services should offer better food to the students.

O.J. Martiz, a junior kinesiology major from Lubbock, said the food is not awful, but it could always be better.

"I work for the catering department," Martiz said "This is my first time to be here, and in 15 minutes I knew this place needed some help."

Tom Shubert, director of the Student Union, said the new facility is east of the new side of the Student Union.

He said the food court will have about 400 seats, and it will be set up with multiple vendors like a food court. However, instead of the separate lines in use now, there will be a



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH STUDENTS eat lunch Monday in the temporary food court, which is opened up to students in the Red Raider Ballroom on the old side of the Student Union building. The old food court is being remodeled. The project is expected to take about two years.

cash register area where students will pay.

"It will be like a food court/catereria," Shubert said "They will be able to get their food and then pay at a specific station."

The chains that will be in the food court will be Taco Mayo, Stake Scape, Sbarro, Center Pit BBQ, Cinnabon, Seattle Best Coffee and Chick-fil-A.

Shubert said a Tech Bistro will be opening in late October, where students will find ready-to-go food like sandwiches and salads.

"I'm excited about the new building," Shubert said. "I hope everyone understands our delays, but we are working very hard to build the best facilities for our students."

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## God does not change mind

Militant Muslims crashing planes into federal buildings. People jumping from smoking structures to their death. A nation mourning the great loss it suffered while celebrating its heroes.

This is what comes to mind when thinking about the terrible tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, and its two-year memorial Thursday. Sadly, though, Americans miss the greater tragedy behind it all, one that cannot be replayed on television or re-examined in newspapers.

After the attacks, a broken nation turned its eyes to God, looking for answers and strength and giving thanks for the gifts he has bestowed upon us.

It renewed its moral tradition and faith and went back to its roots — the one sure thing it could count on. Everyone remembers those "God bless America" billboards.

Gradually, this desperate society grew stronger, recovered from its loss and returned to the way things were.

Tragically, still, they did not forget their battle, but somehow forgot the general who led them through it.

America uses God as a baby uses a bottle, crying out for it in the darkness, needing its warmth, comfort and fulfillment, then pushing it aside once the immediate needs are satisfied.

"Hey thanks God, I appreciate it but uh ... I think I can take it from here. So just take five and we'll catch ya when the crap hits the fan again," one might say.

Oh, and as long as most of the world hates America, tragedy will strike again, and this redundant cycle will continue.

Again, society will cry out for that bottle, wondering where it's been all along ... as again God lovingly welcomes us with open arms, despite our ignorance and stupidity.

Always this serves as a reminder that he has always been there, will always be there, and then America will forget the latter ... again.

America has become like the Israelites of the Old Testament, i.e. the Book Of Judges, where they constantly go through cycles of falling away from God and then returning to him during hardship.

Hmmm, I thought America was a nation that wanted to keep history from repeating itself.

This vicious cycle is the by-product of the moral dilemma in today's society.

Mainly, its obsession with sex. And, now its new fling with homosexuality (see the Britney Spears-Madonna exchange.)

Along with the new idea that lesbianism is sexy and cool, instead of wrong and immoral, homosexuals are now part of the clergy.

For instance, the new openly-gay bishop of the Episcopal Church, Gene Robinson.

Unlike many of the public who found it shocking and offensive that the Episcopal Church would promote an openly gay priest to the office of bishop, I found the Church's reasoning behind the decision itself offensive.

Regarding the promotion, Rev. Sherman Hesselgrave, a priest from Portland, Ore., smartly observed, "God changes God's mind."

Yes, folks, he was actually serious when

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he said that.

Basically, you see, sometimes God changes the laws he has set in place since the beginning of time for the world he created, in order to mesh with current world philosophy.

I know, it seems like they can't seriously believe that, but they do.

By the way, after they promoted Rev. Gene Robinson to bishop, the Episcopal Church also announced the changing of its name to the "Make Your Own God" Church.

I guess they missed 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, which says "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually im-

moral nor idolater nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders..."

Sorry, but true values don't change even though society is going in a different direction.

God has been around for a long time, even longer than sex. He is

unchanging and does not change his mind about anything.

So, in spite of the present-day societal love affair with homosexuality, this totally new "progressive" thing is nothing new to God, so how can one correctly assume that he would change his will in order to be more in tune with the world?

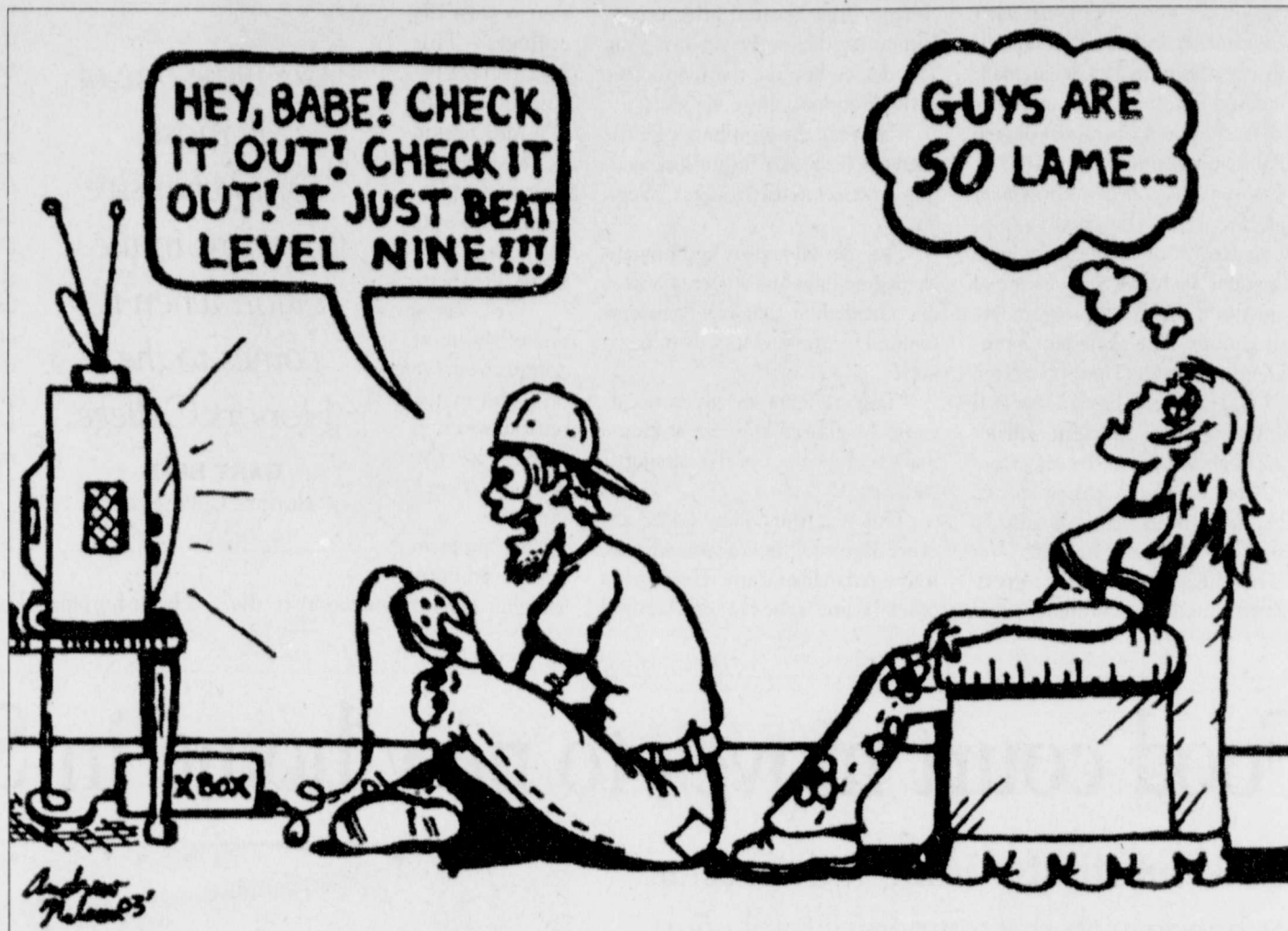
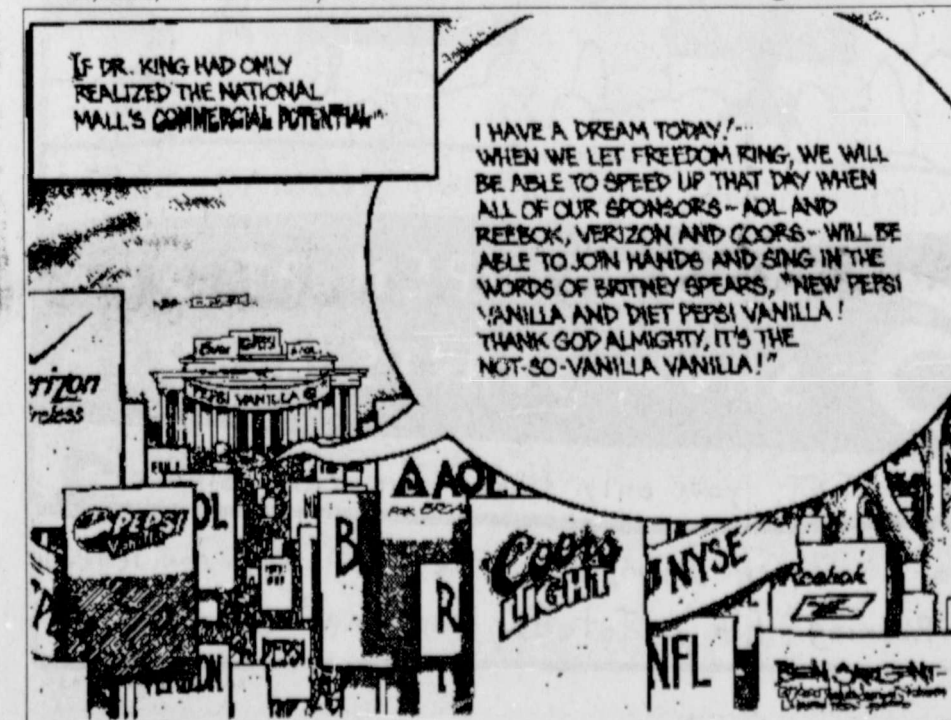
Likewise, America needs to realize that God's love is also unchanging, that it is the same for all people no matter what their beliefs or sexual orientation.

His love is in over-abundance for me, you, Billy Graham, Charles Manson and those guys from "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

Through his love he will welcome us back, and be the bottle we cry out for like infants in the night.

So God bless you please, Mr. Robinson, Jesus loves you more than you could know ... and be ever thankful that will never change.

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## Life in lubbock has its charm

As a New Mexican from Idaho living in Texas, I tend to look at life here in Lubbock with a bit of a skewed vision.

"Skewed" meaning depressed by the lack of trees, water, topographical variation, hospitable weather, and so-on and so-forth.

When I travel now and people ask where I'm from, I usually respond by raising an eyebrow and clearly pronouncing — "Lubbock ... Texas."

Somewhere is the vague hope the person would know where I'm talking about.

Most often, I simply get the "Oh ... I've been to Houston" response, followed up with "Do you know these girls named Angelina and Kristi? I think they are from Texas."

Right. We Texas residents are so extremely in love with ourselves that we all know anyone who's had the blessing to step foot in the Lone Star state, and all get together for barbecues and Volkswagen sledge-hammerings.

And yes, of course I know Angelina and Kristi from Houston. Who doesn't?

I used to wonder who I screwed over to have gotten stuck in Lubbock for the past two years.

I used to wonder how a place like this could still exist, given the whole freedom of press and public education system and what-not.

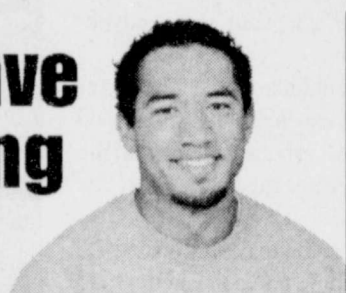
I often heard sayings like "You see, Lubbock, well it grows on you."

What? That is a good thing? I've always thought it was bad to have something growing on you.

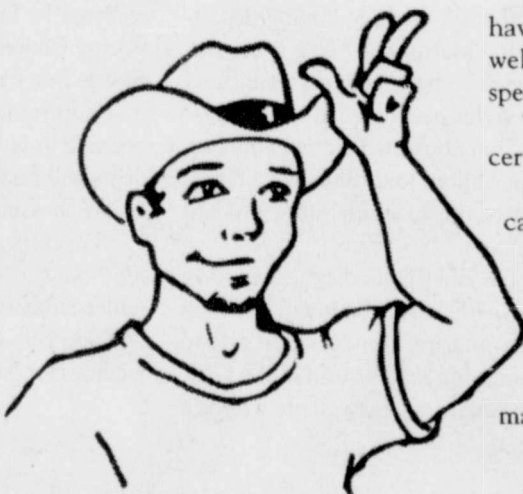
Especially if what's growing on you is dry, rough and has the faint (and sometimes not-so-faint) aroma of cow dung.

There isn't much fine art, cultural experiences or political diversity, but the sunsets are nice.

**Dave Ring**



*There are enough people our age to not get too bored with seeing the same people day-in and day-out. But you also feel a sense of comfort when you randomly see them at the four-keg house party with only one tap.*



I'm not saying I want to live here forever, but I am saying that there are a lot of worse places to end up.

Upon recent reflection, however, I've come to realize this town does in fact have some redeeming qualities, one of which is the people.

I don't care if it is the friendly convenience store clerk or the girl walking in front of you wearing those little gym shorts with the upside-down "V" cut in the side, it is the people of Lubbock that make it bearable to call this two-horse town "home."

I have met some amazing people here, despite my cynicism toward the typical "West Texas culture."

There are enough people our age to not get too bored with by seeing the same people day-in and day-out.

But you also feel a sense of comfort when you randomly see them at the four-keg house party with only one tap.

There is a famous saying about New York City that goes: "If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere."

Now, I love New York.

If I could, I'd be there now. But seriously, whoever wrote that obviously hadn't visited our little slice of heaven.

If you can survive and even manage to have some fun while living in the LBK, well then you, my friend, are something special.

The town I once loathed now holds a certain charm.

Sort of like girls who snore. Sure it can get on your nerves, but when it comes down to it, it could be a lot worse.

Maybe I'm guilty of letting L-boogie "grow on me."

But hey, sometimes strange growths make interesting conversations.

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### Letter to Editor

## RaiderGate should remain open until game time

Dear Editor,

Monday's article "Pregame Powwow; Red Raiders join in football festivities at student tailgate" failed to mention one thing — students were forced to leave an hour before the game.

This is absurd.

The majority of students had just finished cooking and were enjoying spending time with their friends when the officers instructed many of us to "get go-

ing or go home" and, in their defense, they were only following the orders of the Student Government Association who was running RaiderGate.

I think RaiderGate is an excellent idea, and I am glad Tech is finally following some traditions of other major football schools in zoning areas just for students, but forcing them to leave an hour before the game, or at all, is ridiculous.

I know the school does not force out any other tailgaters from any other sections

on Tech's campus, so why force those who fill the majority of the stadium?

Forcing students out will only do one thing; keep them from returning to future RaiderGates.

I look forward to the reply from the SGA, which I am sure will include some dumb reply about why students have to leave.

— Todd Keagle, third-year law student from Harker Heights

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



GARY LEWIS, THE conductor for the Texas Tech univeristy orchestra, leads the orchestra during their first practice Monday afternoon.

Music industry files more than 200 lawsuits in an aggressive attempt to discourage piracy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The music industry's largest trade group filed 261 copyright lawsuits across the country Monday against Internet users who trade songs online, an aggressive campaign to discourage piracy through fears of expensive civil penalties or settlements.

The Recording Industry Association of America warned it ultimately may file thousands of cases. Its first round was aimed at what it described as "major offenders" illegally distributing on average more than 1,000 copyrighted music files each.

Durwood Pickle, 71, of Richardson, Texas, said his teenage grandchildren downloaded music onto his computer during their visits to his home. He said his grown son had explained the situation in an e-mail to the recording industry association.

"I didn't do it, and I don't feel like I'm responsible," Pickle said. "It's been stopped now, I guarantee you that."

Pickle, who was unaware he was being sued until contacted by The Associated Press, said he rarely uses the computer in his home.

"I'm not a computer-type person," Pickle said. "They come in and get on the computer. How do I get out of this? Dadgum it, got to get a lawyer on this."

Yale University professor Timothy Davis, who also was among those named in the earlier lawsuits, said he will stop sharing music files immediately. He said he downloaded about 500 songs from others on the Internet before his Internet provider notified him about the music industry's interest in his activities.

"I've been pretending it was going to go away," said Davis, who teaches photography.

He added: "I'm not some kind of college student who's downloaded thousands and thousands of things. It isn't like I'm trying to broadcast these things anywhere."

Another defendant, Lisa Schamis of New York, said her Internet provider warned her two months ago that record industry lawyers had asked for her name and address, but she said she had no idea she might be sued. She acknowledged downloading "lots" of music over file-sharing networks.

"This is ridiculous," said Schamis,

26. "People like me who did this, I didn't understand it was illegal."

"I can understand why the music industry is upset about this, but the fact that we had access to this as the public, I don't think gives them the right to sue us," said Schamis, who added she is unemployed and would be unable to pay any large fine or settlement. "It's wrong on their part."

An estimated 60 million Americans participate in file-sharing networks, using software that makes it simple for computer users to locate and retrieve for free virtually any song by any artists within moments. Internet users broadly acknowledge music-trading is illegal, but the practice has flourished in recent years since copyright statutes are among the most popularly flouted laws online.

"Nobody likes playing the heavy," said RIAA President Cary Sherman, who compared illegal music downloads to shoplifting. "There comes a time when you have to stand up and take appropriate action."

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., has already promised congressional hearings into how the music industry has identified and tracked the Internet users it's suing.

"They have a legitimate interest that needs to be protected, but are they protecting it in a way that's too

broad and overreaching?" Coleman said. "I don't want to make criminals out of 60 million kids, even though kids and grandkids are doing things they shouldn't be doing."

The RIAA did not identify for reporters which Internet users it was suing or where they live. Federal courthouses in New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, Dallas and elsewhere reported receiving some lawsuits.

"Get a lawyer," advised Fred von Lohmann, a lawyer for the San Francisco-based Electronic Frontier Foundation. "There's no simpler advice than that, whether you intend to fight this or not. You'll need someone to advise you."

With estimates that half of file-sharers are teenagers, all sides braced for the inevitable legal debate surrounding the financial damage to parents or grandparents. The RIAA named as the defendant in each lawsuit the person who paid for the household Internet account.

"That question will come up immediately, whether a minor can have the requisite knowledge to be the right defendant," said Susan Crawford, who teaches cyberlaw at Yale University's Cardozo law school.

"A very young child who didn't know what they were doing would be a bad defendant for the industry."

Oklahoma bombing trial moved

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The murder trial for Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols will be held more than 100 miles from the site of the bombing, a state judge ruled Monday.

District Judge Steven Taylor decided to move the trial to the southeast Oklahoma city of McAlester because of extensive pretrial publicity. It is to start on March 1.

Nichols' attorneys had asked that the trial be moved out of state, and state prosecutors wanted it held closer to Oklahoma City.

McAlester, a city of about 16,000 people, is about 130 miles southeast of Oklahoma City.

Nichols, 48, was convicted of federal charges in the April 19, 1995, bombing and sentenced to life in prison for the death of eight federal agents.

He now faces 161 state counts of first-degree murder for the other victims in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. One of the victims included in the charges was a fetus whose mother was killed in the blast.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

In a statement, Oklahoma County District Attorney Wes Lane said he agreed with Nichols' attorneys that the jury should not be picked there.

"We are confident as is the trial judge that a fair and impartial jury can be found with the good folks around the McAlester area," Lane said.

Nichols' lead defense attorney, Brian Hermanson, declined comment, citing a gag order.

Nichols was at home in Kansas the day the bomb exploded. But authorities allege he helped Timothy McVeigh pack the bomb inside a Ryder truck the day before.

McVeigh was sentenced to death in the federal trial and executed in June 2001.

React

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country if that's what is necessary," Bland said. "Since we had to go through all the troubles of the war and all that we shouldn't be held totally responsible for establishing their democracy—other countries should help."

Jamie Clark, a sophomore business major from Double Oak, said the United States should help rebuild Iraq on one condition — if they give it and the American public a break on gas prices.

"I think Iraq should rebuild themselves," Clark said. "We helped free them, even though some of them didn't want it and now they're a free country. It's their job to rebuild; we shouldn't have to pay for everything, I'm sure

they've got money somewhere. I just don't think we should be their main source of income when it comes to rebuilding the country, they should work for it like we have."

Assistant professor of history David Snead disagreed and said the United States has no other option.

"We don't have much choice," he said. "We've committed our forces and we told them we were coming as liberators; if we didn't do that those would all be empty words."

Snead said he believes the United States will eventually have no problem getting outside help.

"I think there will be a larger U.N. role in the reconstruction effort," he said. "Maybe I'm an optimist, but it's in the best interest of France, Germany and Russia among others that Iraq become a stable nation. If they want a stable Iraq they will have to help with the reconstruction effort."

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# Former Raider Pat Green returns to Lubbock

By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

Lone star favorite and former Red Raider Pat Green will make a stop in Lubbock on Friday night at the Canyon Amphitheater as part of his tour Wave on Wave.

Tickets to see Green start at \$29, and the concert will start at 10 p.m.

According to Doug Moyes, owner of the Canyon Amphitheater, a crowd of 4,000 to 5,000 people is anticipated, and there are tickets left. Green had an excellent turnout when he played in concert last year at the amphitheater, but this will be Moyes' first time to hear the singer since he took over ownership of the amphitheater in February, he said.

"I have never heard Pat Green play before," Moyes said. "I have heard him only on the radio, and

am looking forward to the concert." Mike Fuqua, the owner of Bash Riprock's, said he has known Green since he gave him his musical debut about 10 years ago.

Fuqua said Green and Cory Morrow, another favorite Texas artist and former Red Raider, were the first musicians Bash Riprock's to play entertainment for them.

"Pat and Cory had never played in public before they played at Bash's," Fuqua said. "We didn't want to pay them because we didn't know what they would sound like. So they put a tip jar at the end of the stage, and that's how they earned their money."

Fuqua said he remembers Green as being a lot smaller.

"Back then Pat was about 5'10"

and 190 pounds, and today he is about 6'3 and 220 pounds," he said.

At the entrance of Riprock's there is a tribute to Pat Green and Morrow made up of magazine covers, pictures, miscellaneous collected over the years and newspaper articles.

"We kept bothering Pat and Cory to pay a tribute to Bash's, since this was where they got their start," Fuqua said.

Fuqua's wish was granted. Green and Morrow's CD "Songs We Wished We'd Written" includes pictures of Bash Riprock's on the cover and in the booklet.

Fuqua said Pat stops into Bash Riprock's from time to time when he is in Lubbock.

"He comes and plays Golden Tee (a video game), and drinks a few beers," he said. But somehow some radio station will find out that he is there, and once the crowds start coming, Pat leaves."

Fuqua said he is thankful to Green and believes he is one of the reasons that Bash Riprock's hosts many of the up-and-coming country music artists.

"I liked Pat's music back then, and I like his music now," he said. "People should definitely come and see the tribute. It's pretty neat that they (Green and Morrow) got their start here."



PAT GREEN, FORMER Red Raider turned famous country artist, played at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock last September.

## Aaliyah's parents sue for negligence

MIAMI (AP) - The parents of R&B singer and actress Aaliyah have reached an undisclosed settlement in a negligence lawsuit over her death in a 2001 plane crash, family attorneys said.

A chartered Cessna 402B carrying Aaliyah and eight others crashed shortly after takeoff on a flight from Marsh Harbour in the Bahamas to the Miami suburb of Opa-locka. Investigators believed the plane was 700 pounds overloaded.

Attorneys for Aaliyah's parents, Diane and Michael Haughton, filed a notice in federal court Thursday to say the case has been settled with an agreement to keep details confidential. Calls to attorneys in the case were not returned Monday.

The parents sued plane operator Blackhawk International Airways Corp., owners Skystream Inc. and Gilbert Chacon and flight broker Black Atlantic Flight Group. Blackhawk did not have permission from the Bahamas for commercial flights.

*"I liked Pat's music back then, and I like his music now. People should definitely come and see the tribute."*

— MIKE FUQUA  
BASH RIPROCK'S OWNER

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### THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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## Texans show pride with license plate

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texans now have one more choice when it comes to finding the perfect license plate.

The "Native Texan" plate was officially unveiled Friday in San Antonio.

For an extra \$30, drivers can adorn their bumpers with images of the Alamo and the San Jacinto Monument set against a Texas flag background.

"Finally we have a license plate for

very special people — native Texans," said Elaine Milam Vetter, historian general of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, which operates the Alamo and other historic sites around the state.

But don't worry about digging out your birth certificate to prove your eligibility. Anyone in the state with a car can buy the plate, though Vetter — who was issued the first plate to recognize her effort in creating it — expects the public to police itself.

"I can't imagine anyone who's not a native Texan buying it," said the seventh-generation Texan, who counts Texas independence figures Ben Milam and Collin McKinney among her ancestors.

According to 2000 census data, nearly 13 million of the state's 20.8 million residents were born in the state.

The DRT will receive \$22 from every plate sold to use for upkeep at the historic sites the organization oversees, and for education programs in Texas history.

"This is another way to raise

money from the people of Texas," said state Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, who introduced the legislation to create the new plate.

Vetter said it costs the DRT about \$5 million a year just to operate the Alamo. The vast majority of that money now comes from gift-shop revenue, she said.

Along with the Alamo, the DRT's properties include the 19th-century French Legation building in Austin, the J.B. Wells house in Gonzales and the Cradle, a small structure in Galveston where the DRT's founders began to organize the group.

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## Doctors warn teens about harmful tanning booths

CHICAGO (AP) -- A study found that nearly a third of white teenage girls in the United States have used tanning booths at least three times, suggesting an alarming number of teens are ignoring the dangers of skin cancer for the sake of sporting a good tan.

Twenty-eight percent of teenage girls and 7 percent of boys reported using tanning booths three or more times, the nationally representative study found. Forty-seven percent of girls aged 18 and 19 reported use that frequent.

"Teenagers may think they look good now, but the sad part is that by the time they reach 60, their skin will look like a leather bag and they'll be paying a dermatologist to try to reverse the damage," said Dr. Ted Daly, director of pediatric dermatology at Nassau University Medical Center in New York, who was not involved in the study.

The study and an accompanying editorial appear in the September issue of Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, published Monday. The Case Western Reserve Uni-

versity researchers analyzed data from 6,903 white teens who answered questions in a separate national survey on adolescent health in 1996.

Indoor tanning was most popular in the Midwest, where sunny weather is limited, and the South, where heat and humidity might make outdoor tanning uncomfortable.

The study's lead author, Case Western researcher Catherine Demko, said there's evidence that indoor tanning might contribute to the risk for malignant melanoma, the most serious kind of skin cancer.

Indoor tanners also were more likely to smoke, drink or use marijuana than paler adolescents, the researchers said.

"Tan skin beats a healthy vampire glow every time," said Dr. Robert Dellavalle, a Denver dermatologist. He wrote an accompanying editorial proposing a \$20 tax per tanning session for kids under 18, which he said might help curb demand and increase funds for more skin cancer awareness campaigns.

"Since youth represents an especially critical period during which UV radiation increases skin cancer risk, altering tanning behavior of minors is a prime target of skin cancer prevention efforts," Dellavalle said.

Many teens are attracted to tanning booths because salons promote them as being safer than natural sunlight, which isn't true, Daly said.

"An occasional visit to the tanning booth may not be so bad, but teens should not go on a weekly basis or over the long-term," he said.

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# What lies in store for Raiders' season?

Two weeks into its 2003 season the Red Raiders are looking into what many would have called the two most pivotal games of the season.

So where do the Raiders stand? As of the third quarter against New Mexico, Tech would have had to be on top of the world. The Raiders were leading the Lobos 28-7 with the video screen at Jones SBC Stadium boasting about the upset losses by North Carolina State and Mississippi earlier in the day.

So many eyebrows were raising with jubilation in the stadium one might have thought a Keystone truck had jackknifed on Broadway and beer was running through the streets.

The word of North Carolina State's loss to Wake Forest had more jaws dropping than Madonna's tongue-lashing of Britney Spears, and Mississippi's debacle of a loss to Memphis ended Eli Manning's Heisman chances earlier than my last shot at a diet.

So with only 15 minutes left against New Mexico, there wasn't that could go wrong for the Raiders. Except for the Lobos raging

## Kyle Clark

back and coming within yards of tying the score, of course. But who would possibly think that would ever happen? I didn't think it was possible, but I guess the Tech defense didn't think so either.

The fourth quarter shot back in the new Mexico as the "Swarm Defense" relapsed to its 2002 form and allowed Lobo backup running back D.D. Cox to tear through it for 187 yards.

Then there was the New Mexico passing game, which found that going over the top of Tech's defense was an assured way to rack up 345 yards through the air.

Such antics could put so much pressure on a coach that Mark Maggino might have collapsed and had a coronary.

So at the end of what shouldn't have been such an exciting game, Tech was still 2-0 looking into a

week off followed by road games at NC State and Mississippi.

And so the question remains. Where do the Raiders stand?

While Tech players will have


its own field by the mighty San Diego State Aztecs.

But if Wolfpack running back T.A. McLendon returns from a knee injury that held him out of the game against Wake Forest, then N.C. State could pull off the upset of the Buckeyes.

But what Wolfpack team would the Raiders rather see Sept. 20 in Raleigh, N.C.? A 1-2 team that once had national championship aspirations; so desperate for a win that it would sell the collective

souls of its members for a touchdown. Or would Tech rather see a 2-1 team coming off the biggest victory of its existence, ready to

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carry on the momentum gained from beating Ohio State towards a shot at a BCS bowl?

The Raiders will be put in a sticky situation either way, but I could have predicted that from day one. I am psychic.

So for this week, Red Raiders, shore up the defense, rest the injured team members, and go into Raleigh ready for anything. Because if N.C. State and Mississippi's records have taught me anything, it's that anything can happen in college football.

■ **Clark, a sophomore journalism major from Odessa, is the Sports Editor of the University Daily. E-mail him at kevin.k.clark@ttu.edu**

## Wildcat passer out with injury

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Kansas State quarterback Eli Roberson will be sidelined indefinitely after his injury during a victory over McNeese State.

McRoberson, who is right-handed, hurt his left hand or wrist. Bill Snyder, coach of the No. 7 Wildcats, was not sure when Roberson would be back.

"We're not going to play him this weekend," he said Monday. "How quickly we can get him back, I am uncertain right now."

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# Peters becomes go to receiver against Lobos

By David Wiechmann/  
Staff Reporter

It is said that when an athlete is "in the zone," he sees everything in slow motion. Michael Jordan has experienced it. So has Wayne Gretzky. And now Mickey Peters said he has as well.

The senior inside receiver for Texas Tech had a team high performance against New Mexico with eight catches for 121 yards and three touchdowns. Peters said it would have been impossible for anything bad to happen.

"After a few catches you realize it, and you feel like nothing could go wrong," he said. "Everything slows down, and you feel like nobody can do anything to stop you and everything works out best for you."

His performance should come as no surprise, because Peters said with the offense the Red Raiders run one receiver is bound to have a big night every time out on the field.

"It was one of those nights where I just clicked," he said. "Next week it

might be Carlos (Francis) or Wes (Welker) or anybody else."

Peters said with five receivers on the field, one of them is bound to be open, and when one of them starts to feel in the groove, the ball just comes to them.

"It's just one of those days when you get hot and everything seems to go your way," he said. "New Mexico gave us a lot of looks where B.J. (Symons) found me, and he did a good job of getting me the ball."

Peters caught a number of his passes for third down conversions, but he gave his success in that department to his coach and quarterback.

"Coach Leach does a good job of calling plays to get me open, and B.J. did a good job of finding me on third down," he said. "But we have so many other good receivers people can't key in on just me and have to worry about the other receivers."

Inside receivers coach Dana Holgorsen said that's the beauty of the Tech offense. There are too many threats on the field at once and defenses can't guess who will be getting the ball.

"Defenses have a hard time keying in on one guy because we have five good guys out there that can catch the ball," he said. "So he's one of five out there that could get the ball in a third down situation. All those guys can catch it and make that play, but he obviously has the capabilities."

Holgorsen said he was not surprised to see Peters break out for a big game on Saturday. He said it's something he expects from the veteran receiver.

"He's been having some big games here for the better part of three years now," Holgorsen said. "He's our seasoned, experienced guy, and we sort of expect something like that out of him."

Holgorsen said the Mickey Peters of 2003 is not the same Mickey Peters of 2002, and the coach said he likes

the metamorphosis.

"The difference in how Mickey has done now and a couple years ago is he had a great off-season," he said. "He's bigger than he's been in the past; he's faster than he's been in the past; he's healthier than he's been in the past; he's quicker than he's been in the past. And that's the biggest difference between (Saturday) and what I've seen in the past, is just how he's moving out there."

With those additions and his ability to run good routes and catch the ball, Holgorsen said a similar performance should be seen more often this year.

"He's always ran good routes and always made plays, but never at the pace that he has been this year," he said. "And we're expecting that out of him for the remainder of the season."

## PETERS FILE

**Name:** Mickey Peters  
**Classification:** Senior  
**Position:** Inside Receiver  
**Hometown:** Weatherford  
**High School:** Weatherford High  
**2002-2003 Stats:** 13 receptions for 181 yards and four touchdowns • Had eight catches for 121 yards and three touchdowns against New Mexico Saturday.  
**Notes:** Rated No. 5 tight end in the nation by *Lindy's* 2003 College Football Preview magazine • Led the nation's tight ends in receptions in 2002 with 64 receptions • Has 749 yards receiving and eight touchdowns in last season • Was originally recruited to Tech as a quarterback after passing for 831 yards and seven touchdowns in 1998 for Weatherford High.



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TECH'S LEADING RECEIVER Mickey Peters charges through the New Mexico Lobo defense after receiving a pass from quarterback B.J. Symons in the first half of the Red Raider's 42-28 victory Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium. Peters had eight receptions for 121 yards and three touchdowns against the Lobos, which brings his season totals to 13 receptions for 181 yards and four touchdowns. Peters and the Raiders have the week off this week and will return to the field Sept. 20 when the face the North Carolina State University Wolfpack in Raleigh, N.C.

His three touchdowns against the Lobos are not important to Peters, though. He said he is one part of 11 men on the field fighting for one common goal - to score. And if he is involved in it, great. But Peters said he

just wants to win. "One of these days it will happen again," he said. "I may catch four touchdowns some day, but that doesn't matter. It might happen again, but it only matters how the team plays."

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## Volleyball team readies itself for two games in El Paso

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

There is no rest for the weary among the Texas Tech volleyball players.

By winning three matches this weekend at the Big Orange Bash in Clemson, S.C., the Red Raiders have improved their record to 7-0 to start the season.

Now the team has to travel again, this time to El Paso to play UTEP at 8 p.m. CST today and then New Mexico State at 8 p.m. CST Wednesday.

Junior libero Jessy Herrera said the Raiders are unfazed by playing on the road so often. In a way, they enjoy it.

"It's probably not an issue," she said. "We play well on the road and home. We like going into places and upsetting

people at their home, and make them look bad."

The Raiders defeated Charleston, Winthrop and Clemson over the weekend, but Herrera said UTEP and New Mexico State are a different story, since they are teams who would sooner enjoy beating Tech.

"They're going to be tough," she said. "They always have good programs, and they're always ready to play us. They always want to beat us. It'll be good matches."

Head coach Nancy Todd said Tech has faced improved competition each match.

"We'll again be challenged this week, both by UTEP and New Mexico State," she said. "Each week we're going to be facing more and more competition, at least on the

level. They're looking forward to that. They know what's coming."

Although Tech did win every match, the Raiders dropped one game versus each opponent, two of those losses being the first game of the match. Junior outside hitter Kelly Johnson said dropping early games is not a worry.

"It doesn't concern me," she said. "It was just a matter of us coming up with a strategy. Once we figured out a

strategy for how to beat their people, we dominated...because you don't have tape on these people, you know literally nothing about them."

Follow outside hitter and senior Angela Mooney said it is important for the Raiders to rebound from a loss to win a match.

"As long as we came back and didn't have to go five (games)," she said. "We

didn't roller coaster. If we lost that one game, we came back strong, and we stayed strong."

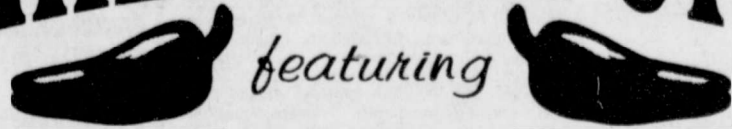
The only problem Mooney said Tech has to face is a problem most teams would not mind having.

"For the team right now, we don't have a set starting lineup," she said. "People are still winning spots, and that keeps practice real intense and keeps everyone working hard all the time. We never know from day to day who's going to get their chance to play, who's going to get their chance to shine, but that's a good thing when someone on your bench can play as good as your starters."

During both of Tech's first two tournaments, Johnson was named tournament MVP. She now leads the team with 157 kills on the season. With one more service ace, Johnson will hold the Tech career record for service aces. She was also voted Big 12 Player of the Week, and so Johnson said she expects opposing schools to be gunning for her.

"I'm sure of it," she said. "But at the same time, that's good for us because if they key in on me then that opens up opportunities for other hitters so they can dominate. It's fine with me. As long as we're winning, I don't care."

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