

TONE TUNING



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GOIN' BAND BASS section leader Bobby Halamiczek, a senior music education major from Menard, tightens the lugs on a bass drum while tuning them after the heads were changed in the music lot south of the Music building Monday afternoon.

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The Rundown



Democratic candidate Clark visits Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark swooped into the heart of President Bush's territory Monday and declared the nation needs a change in leadership.

"I'm happy to be down here in George W. Bush's home state. I think people in Texas know very well what this administration in Washington is about today," said Clark, who entered the Democratic presidential race 12 days ago.

Clark repeated his call for an independent investigation into reports that a Bush administration official leaked the identity of a covert CIA agent.

Clark said the name was released "in violation of law, in violation of good sense, in violation of protection of the American intelligence system."

"It's wrong, it's shady, it's cheap. And we're calling for an independent commission to be established," Clark said, to cheers from the crowd.

The White House on Monday denied that Bush's chief political strategist, Karl Rove, was involved in revealing the identity of a CIA operative.

Other Democratic presidential candidates who called for independent probes were former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean; Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.; Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.; and Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

Clark said the U.S. Justice Department under Attorney General John Ashcroft is not the agency to investigate.

Clark also said Bush's tax cuts have hurt the economy and that Bush has taken the United States into "an unnecessary war in Iraq in which we've lost hundreds of people. We don't need to be there."

Bush signs no-call bill; FCC will enforce it

WASHINGTON (AP) — While court fights continued, President Bush on Monday signed legislation to ratify the Federal Trade Commission's authority to set up a national do-not-call list that could lead to fines for telemarketers.

"The public is understandably losing patience with these unwanted phone calls, unwanted intrusions," Bush said. "Given a choice, Americans prefer not to receive random sales pitches at all hours of the day. The American people should be free to restrict these calls."

Businesses that solicit people on the list for telemarketers could face fines. Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael Powell said earlier Monday his agency would enforce the penalties because the FTC was prevented from doing so by a federal judge's order.

"FCC rules have not been disturbed by recent court cases," Powell said.

His intervention was the latest twist involving the list containing more than 50 million telephone numbers sent in by people who say they don't want to be bothered by telemarketers.

U.S. District Judge Lee R. West ruled in Oklahoma City early last week that the FTC lacked authority to run the registry. That prompted Congress to quickly pass a bill clarifying the agency's role.

Bush signed the measure at a White House ceremony Monday afternoon. However, the legislation did not address other court fights that have thrown the list into legal limbo.

John Paul II selects 31 new cardinals

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II's selection of 31 new cardinals has cemented the conservative line of the group that will pick his successor, but it has also broadened it geographically and increased the possibility of a Third World pope, experts said Monday.

Cardinals new and old will have their first chance to size one another up when they gather in three weeks for the 25th anniversary of John Paul's pontificate and the formal consistory to give the new cardinals their red hats — an event many are calling a pre-conclave.

"There'll be lots of subterranean politics happening at this meeting," said Chester Gillis, chairman of the theology department at Georgetown University. "Everyone is anticipating that this papacy is very close to its end. Therefore, the cardinals may not have another time to be together again until the conclave."

The pope appointed the 31 on Sunday, bringing to at least 135 the number of voting-age members of the College of Cardinals, the elite band of churchmen who will select the next pontiff when John Paul dies, almost certainly from within their own ranks.

The college actually has 195 members now, but only those under age 80 are eligible to vote in a conclave.

John Paul's selection contained few surprises and didn't alter the theological makeup of the electors, all but five of whom have been named by the current pope. They follow his conservative line on major issues such as abortion and the death penalty.

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Regents

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new blood coming in will change some things with the new minds. I think it's wise the state rotates the members." He will diligently serve Tech, but he said it is difficult in some ways, knowing that he will be leaving soon. "It does, in a way, limit an outgoing regent," he said. "They aren't as inclined to initiate any objectives that would take years to achieve. ... The most important thing for us is to educate and help the members who have greater longevity than we do."

Black said he believes all of the special legislative sessions taking place are causing the delay with the appointments. He said there are many positions that need to be replaced. "The governor is busy with redistricting, the budget deficit and public school financing, and I understand that's important," Black said. "I've still urged him to make the necessary appointments as soon as possible so we can get on with the business of the Board." Black said it takes about six months to appoint a replacement. "In my case, my appointment was effective May 11, 2001, replacing someone whose term was up in January of that

year," he said. The governor appoints the replacements and the Texas Senate confirms them, but appointees may serve before they are confirmed if the Legislature is not in session, Black said. "My understanding from talking to the governor about a month ago is that there is a very high interest in the positions for the Tech Board of Regents," he said. "There have been over 100 applications so far. It's a very sought after position and that's what we need as regents, people who want to come serve Tech." While the outgoing regents have served without problem Black would like the appointments to happen soon.

"The three (members) have diligently continued to serve," he said. "But it is unfair to expect what essentially is a lame duck to put as much focus in as someone who's beginning their term with enthusiasm in their effort." Black stressed the importance of the timeliness of the appointments. "The spring tuition increase will be discussed this weekend," he said. "By February, we will be discussing long-term tuition. I've been hoping we have our appointments in place, but we certainly should by the December board meeting."

Rates

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this report. "It is widely accepted as a better indicator," he said. "It goes by a five-year window instead of six as well." Although the NCAA report shows Tech has low numbers for the graduating class, it also shows that Tech has a high percentage of student-athletes that have stayed for their careers. "We are proud to be at 86 per-

cent for our exhausting eligibility," Anderson said. "Those are the student-athletes who started as freshmen and stayed all four, five or six years to finish their degrees since 1987-88." Myers said coaches are becoming more aware of the situation and it will continue to have an effect. "Our budget has increased since 1996 and we have added a big staff as well as some academic counselors and more support staff," he said. "It is not as good as we have hoped but we will stabilize when this period is over."

Tax

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ment of funds by an employee. These types of problems could continue even if the organization becomes an AAAA corporation because internal control would not be tightened, McMahon said. "Any additional funds raised will benefit the business community because it will be used to create more jobs and the more likely to retain Tech students in Lubbock," he said. This is not the first time the public voted on a sales tax increase. Six years ago a group of citizens filed a petition requesting an increase in the sales tax. All revenue from the sales tax would go to economic devel-

opment. The City Council passed the plan, but it failed in the public polls. It failed because all of the revenue went to economic development, Morrison said. He said he does not foresee that being an issue in this election. "I believe that if more were committed to economic development, it would be less likely to pass," he said. Thirty to 35 percent of sales tax revenue comes from people who live outside of Lubbock's city limits. "The impact is minimal. The

shopping in Lubbock is better; that's why people come here," said McMahon. "I doubt anybody that is making a trip is worried about three-eighths of a cent." Beth Bridges, marketing manager for South Plains Mall, said she could not predict what effect the increase could have. "Anytime there are tax increases of any kind, it affects the consumers' discretion of spending," she said. "But it does make consumers cautious of what they spend."

There are alternate ways to generate funds instead of increasing the sales tax, said Jeffrey Edwards, a Texas Tech assistant professor of economics. "They could find the money within the already existing budget," he said. "They could decrease spending and then shift resources in the budget." The public must approve the sales tax. If it is approved, it will go into effect October 1, 2004. Early voting for the election begins Oct. 20 and ends Oct. 31. The election will be held Nov. 4.



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15 Humdinger

16 Sierra

17 Offend slightly

18 Cantor and Lupino

19 Cheap jewelry

20 Front attachment: abbr.

21 Four-time Winston Cup runner-up

23 Marsh plants

25 Nautical assents

26 Gemsbok

28 Tenets

33 Legend car maker

36 Garden tool

39 Enthusiastic opinion

40 Ayn and Sally

41 Best pitcher

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43 Choir member

44 Eight bits

45 Chicago airport

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64 Twitches

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66 Murphy of movies

67 Uncommon

68 In ___ of

69 Gaffer Calvin

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6 Chinese port on Korea Bay

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9 Half of UTEP

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27 Medical shot?

29 Five-time Monaco Grand Prix champion

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34 Colombian metropolis

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Symons passing through Big 12 record books

By David Wiechmann/
Staff Reporter

Right now, no one has put up as much distance through the air as Tech quarterback B.J. Symons. Except for, maybe, the United States Air Force.

Against Mississippi the Texas Tech quarterback threw for a school and Big 12 Conference record in passing yards for the second time this season Against Mississippi. Symons broke his mark of 586 passing yards in a game last week with 661 in a 49-45 win. This record also sets him at No. 3 all-time on the NCAA list.

Lineman E.J. Whitley believes Symons is more powerful than anyone in the country, even the USAF.

"I don't think there's anybody who has more air power than B.J. does," he said.

Symons was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week for the second time this season for his performance against the Rebels, and he said it is more of a team award because of the people he throws the ball.

"Those awards are nice," he said. "But I've said all along that individual honors are nice, but they don't mean anything much to me. I think they are more team awards because of the receivers I have to throw the ball to."

Symons is not wide-eyed by the numbers he puts up either. He said 661 is a surprising amount of yards, but he expects the offense to produce like that, and he reiterated that was not the Tech offense at its complete potential.

"To be honest, I really would never have expected to throw for that many yards," he said. "But at the same time after the first couple of games when

we moved the ball effectively and we didn't really have a complete game together, it wouldn't really be a surprise if it did happen."

And 661 may not be the limit for Symons. Head coach Mike Leach pointed out that two other quarterbacks have thrown for more yards in a game, and Symons said the offense has yet to click on every cylinder.

"I still feel there's more in store for us," he said. "You might think I'm crazy, but you probably thought I was crazy last week when I said 600 or 700 was in

reach. We still haven't even put a full game together, and it's gonna be scary for defenses. I said that last week, and I'm gonna keep on saying it."

Eliminating the four turnovers and bearing down in the red zone to punch it across the goal line are two areas Symons said the team needs to work on to get closer to its potential.

Whitley said he believes the potential of the offense is unlimited with Symons at the helm, and he said the Red Raiders' signal caller should be considered for college football's highest honor considering who Symons beat this weekend.

"We really do want to get Ws," he said. "But really if he's not considered for the Heisman, it's not really fair because the fact that Eli (Manning) was,



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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK B.J. Symons runs for a touchdown in the second half of Tech's 42-28 win against New Mexico. The Red Raiders will play against Texas A&M Saturday at 9 p.m. at Jones SBC Stadium.

and (Symons) just out-passed him and beat him on his home field, and that was the only home loss in school history in a night game. He's thrown for almost 2,000 yards in four games, and that's just unbelievable numbers."

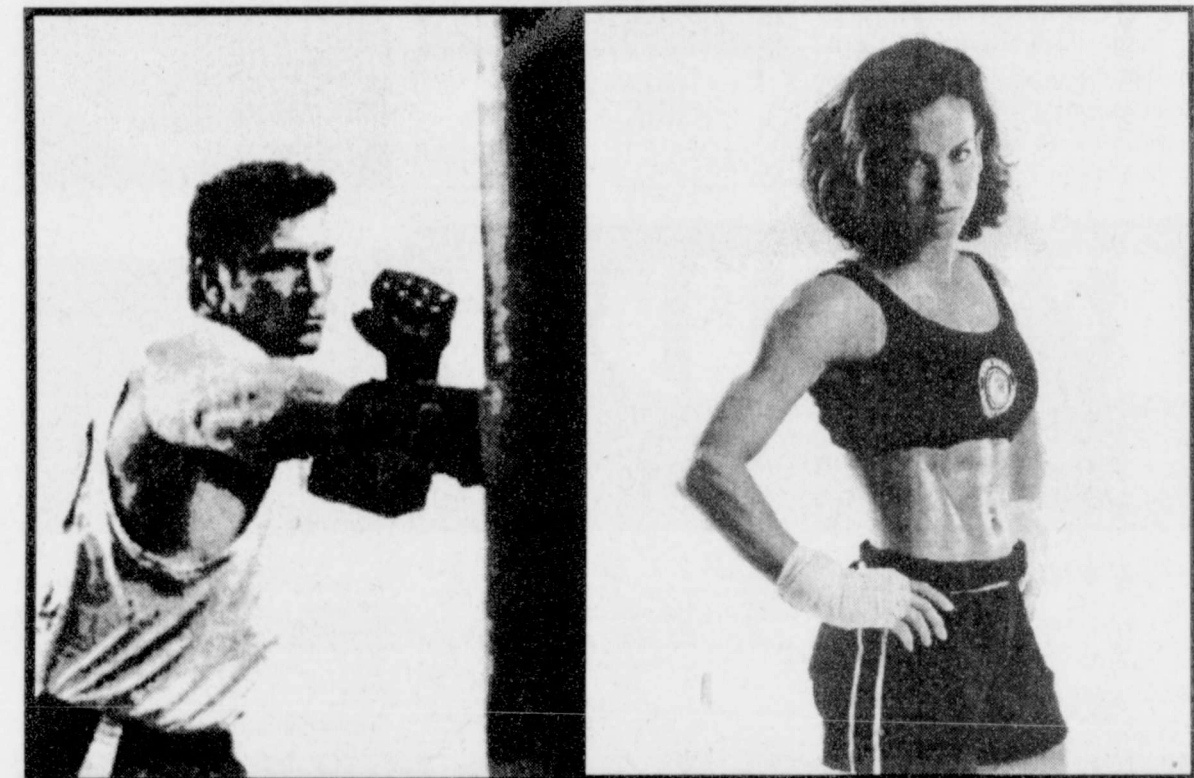
Unbelievable numbers aside, wide receiver Carlos Francis said his

preseason prediction of Symons is coming true.

"I tried to tell people how good he is," he said. "And I don't have to say too much (now) because I think his play speaks for itself. He's probably one of the best in the NCAA. I said that at the beginning of the year. He's proven me right, and he will continue to prove me right."

The conference record still has not sunk in to the quarterback's mind, and he finds it hard to believe when people congratulate him.

"It's almost not even real when people call me and say they've seen me on ESPN," he said. "But 661 yards is a lot, and like I said, I think there's more in store for us."



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