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Tech short four regents, waits for Perry

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Board of Regents will meet Thursday and Friday in Lubbock, but they will be one member short with three members serving until they are replaced by Gov. Rick Perry, who has not yet appointed new regents.

J. Michael Weiss, John Jones and Nancy Jones' terms were up Jan. 31, but all three will continue to serve until Perry appoints replacements.

Regent Dave Lopez resigned in August af- upcoming spring semester. ter moving to Oklahoma. Generally when a board member moves out of state, he is asked Board of Regents is the key policy and decito resign his position.

The Board will discuss several issues at this



Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said the sion-making entity on campus.

Jones

"They do many things like approve the



like tuition, and approve all construction projects on campus," he said. Smith said the Board has set a "strategic cilities area."

vision" with five main points.

"The things they focus on with the vision meeting, including the tuition increase for the budget, set the policy for admissions and things are growth, diversity, people putting students cess takes a long time.

first, partnerships, such as working with community colleges, and recognition for Tech on the announcement," he said. "Once the apa state and national level," he said.

Smith said he has never seen an appointment process take as long as this one, even when he was the State Health Commissioner and had an appointed board.

"It's critically important that we get the board named," he said. "Both presidents (Jon Whitmore and M. Roy Wilson) want to move forward with new initiatives for faculty and research to build academics. There may also be the need to address some things in the fa-

governor's office, said the appointment pro-

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"I'm not aware of a specific timetable for pointments are made, there will be a formal announcement by the governor."

The University of Texas and Texas A&M both had two of of their three expired in January regents replaced in the spring, said C. Robert Black, chairman of the Board of Regents.

Weiss said while he and his colleagues are waiting to be replaced they still serve Tech to the best of their abilities. Members of the board serve six-year terms and three members are replaced every two years.

"We still have an 8-member board essen-Gene Acuña, a spokesman for the tially," Weiss said. "There's no question that

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Tech athletic graduation rate decreases 7 percent

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Although graduation rates are lower than last year, the stereotypical view of being a "dumb jock" may not apply to Texas Tech student-athletes.

The NCAA released a report that shows graduation rates for schools throughout the country, and Tech ranked eighth of the Big 12 schools for overall graduation rates for student-athletes and fourth for football players in the Big 12.

Based on student-athletes that entered in 1996-97, the report displays the amount of athletes who finished within the six-year time frame. Tech finished with 56 percent overall, tying Texas and trailing behind the top performers, Oklahoma (74 percent) and Texas A&M (65 percent).

With last year's graduation rate at 63 percent, Tech officials said the reason for the decrease dates back to when the university was under probation and undergoing many coaching transitions.

John Anderson, Tech associate athletic director of academic services, said the athletic department was disappointed with the rate but understands the reason.

"We are not happy with the numbers because we wanted to improve," he said. "During that time, a lot of people transferred out, who were still in good standing, because we were in the years of our probation."

Several stipulations affect the results of the reports. Anderson said trans-



ferring student-athletes, walk-ons, and other players who enter in later during the six-year period are not accounted for in the numbers.

"Because of our probation term, several athletes transferred to other schools and they don't count for those schools as well as for ours," he said. "We also went through several coaching transitions during this time so students left to go play at other schools and they still count against us."

Tech head football coach Mike Leach said the NCAA reports are not as accurate as they should be because of the way the figures are determined.

"If a guy quits, it still counts against you even if he goes on to be a brain surgeon," he said. "It counts whether a leaves the program; it counts if he doesn't graduate. How they come up with the figures is just ridiculous."

Leach said although he was not at Tech during the time of probation, he knows why the graduation rates are down.

"You are not going to get the guys with the best grades during probation," he said. "But it is rising. The amount of players on track to graduate is extremely high."

In football, Tech has a 60 percent graduation rate that tops eight schools in the Big 12. Leach said he believes Tech has a higher rate because of some schools decide not to share their information.

"We have the highest or second highest graduation rate in the Big 12," he said. "Baylor keeps theirs a secret so as far as I'm concerned, we're above theirs as long as it's a secret."

Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers said allowing student-athletes to transfer during probation period caused a low retention rate.

"That is the big reason for the drop off," he said. "We can never control why athletes leave. Some realize the Big 12 is tough and others leave for financial or personal reasons."

Having a graduation rate above the rest of the students at Tech (52 percent), Anderson said the report did have its better side to it.

"We are satisfied that we are above the student body's rate of 52 percent," he said. "I think that it presents a huge red flag if you are not above that rate, but we are."

The American Football Coaches Association also puts out a report similar to that of the NCAA, except that it adds in the fact of transferring studentathletes, dropouts and people who leave to go to other campuses.

Anderson said Tech has been in the top 25 colleges in the country for

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Big 12	Gradu	ation Ra	ates
School	Overall Rate	Student Athletes	Football Players
Texas	71	56	19
AM Texas A&M	75	65	56
B Baylor	72	66	75
Texas Tech	52	56	60

Source: www.ncaa.org/grad_rates/

TECH STUDENT MARGARET Walker a sophomore Art major from Katy practices spinning a rifle Monday outside Wall-Gates Residence Hall. Texas Tech student battles rare syndrome but does not let it get in her way

By Sabra Jennings/Staff Reporter and photo by Andrew Weatherl/Staff Photographer

Thile most students were walking to their first day of fall classes, Margaret Walker was in the hospital getting poked by needles. Walker spent four days in the hospital, causing her to miss the first day of school and her first football game as a member of the Texas Tech color guard.

A sophomore art major from Katy, Walker suffers from Tietze Syndrome and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

Tietze Syndrome is a rare, inflammatory disorder characterized by chest pain and swelling of the cartilage of one or more of the upper ribs and sternum, according to Webmd.com. Chronic fatigue syndrome means she always is ex- chest pains and trouble breathing. hausted and has chronic chest pain, Walker said.

Although it is uncommon for Walker to have an attack, they usually do she could not breathe. not hit as hard as the one Aug. 30.

Having an attack is like wearing a corset that is being pulled tighter and tighter around her ribs, Walker said.

"You know how your foot falls asleep? Put your whole body in that," she said. "It tingles and it starts going numb, and I can't breathe. And then I get really dizzy, and I can't hold my own weight.

That Saturday, Walker's whole body went numb, and she was going in and out of consciousness.

"That's what made my friend call the ambulance because I was actually passing out," she said.

Walker's roommate and best friend, Rachel Olson, said she was really scared when Walker had the attack.

"I made the decision to call the ambulance, but I didn't leave her side. Someone else actually called," the sophomore early childhood education major from Katy said. "I was spazzing out. She didn't want me to call, but I had to do what I knew I needed to do."

Usually, when a bad attack does hit, Walker just has to wait it out.

"It takes a couple of hours to calm myself down again because it kind of freaks you out when you can't breathe," she said.

Walker was 13 and a freshman in high school when she began having

She lived a mile from her school, and when she walked home, Walker said

"It felt like there was this anvil sitting on my chest, and it'd get tight. I would sit on the couch and sob because it hurt," she said. "I had trouble breathing so (doctors) thought it was asthma because my dad has asthma. So they tried me on an inhaler. All the inhaler did was make me dizzy."

For one year in high school, Walker wore a device called a TENS Unit. The little box

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Proposed increase of sales tax could benefit Texas Tech students

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

The cost of rent could decrease and job opportunities could increase in Lubbock next year if the proposed sales tax increase is passed in a public election on Nov. 4.

is an opportunity for rent or price of a year. goods to lower," Mayor Marc McDougal said.

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The City Council unanimously Board Chairman Kevin McMahon. approved a sales tax increase of threeeighths of a cent. The increase will raise sales tax from the current 7.785 percent to 8.25 percent on taxable purchases.

The total revenue generated from the revenue division. "If the expense if lower, then there this increase would equal \$9.8 million

> This is not as high an increase as it appears, said Chamber of Commerce

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increase to equal a penny. On a \$300 purchase, the increase would only be a dollar, he said.

Two different areas benefit from

One-fourth of the sales tax increase, or \$6.5 million, would be used to offset property tax, possibly reducing it by seven or eight cents. The opment plan, Market Lubbock.

Council could lower property tax more It would take a \$3 purchase for the next September when this year's budget is reviewed.

> "In a competitive economic marcorporation. McMahon said this ket, rental rates decrease from a lower would alter the way funds are distribproperty tax," said City Councilman uted by enforcing stricter guidelines Frank Morrison.

The other \$3.3 million, or oneeighth of a cent, would fund economic development and the economic devel-

on stewardship and accountability. Market Lubbock recently was under scrutiny for the alleged embezzle-

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The increase in funds will allow

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GOIN' BAND BASS section leader Bobby Halamicek, 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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Clark visits Texas

AUSTIN (AP) - Retired Army needs a change in leadership.

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.

that a Bush administration official to restrict these calls." leaked the identity of a covert CIA agent.

"in violation of law, in violation of good sense, in violation of protection Powell said earlier Monday his of the American intelligence system."

"It's wrong, it's shady, it's cheap. commission to be established," Clark order. said, to cheers from the crowd.

nied that Bush's chief political strate- said. gist, 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 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 did not address other court fights low his conservative line on major islost hundreds of people. We don't need that have thrown the list into legal sues such as abortion and the death to be there."

The Rundown



Democratic candidate Bush signs no-call bill; John Paul II selects FCC will enforce it

WASHINGTON (AP) -Gen. Wesley Clark swooped into the While court fights continued, Presi- John Paul II's selection of 31 new carheart of President Bush's territory dent Bush on Monday signed legis- dinals has cemented the conservative Monday and declared the nation lation to ratify the Federal Trade line of the group that will pick his Commission's authority to set up a successor, but it has also broadened "I'm happy to be down here in national do-not-call list that could it geographically and increased the 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 Clark repeated his call for an in- sales pitches at all hours of the day.

Businesses that solicit people on calling a pre-conclave. the list for telemarketers could face Clark said the name was released fines. Federal Communications politics happening at this meeting," Commission Chairman Michael agency would enforce the penalties

"FCC rules have not been dis-The White House on Monday de- turbed by recent court cases," Powell

> twist involving the list containing 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 clave. ohn Ashcroft is not the agency to Congress to quickly pass a bill clarifying the agency's role.

> Bush signed the measure at a limbo.



31 new cardinals

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope 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 dependent investigation into reports The American people should be free consistory to give the new cardinals their red hats - an event many are

"There'll be lots of subterranean said Chester Gillis, chairman of the theology department at Georgetown University. "Everyone is anticipating because the FTC was prevented that this papacy is very close to its And we're calling for an independent from doing so by a federal judge's end. Therefore, the cardinals may not have another time to be together again until the conclave."

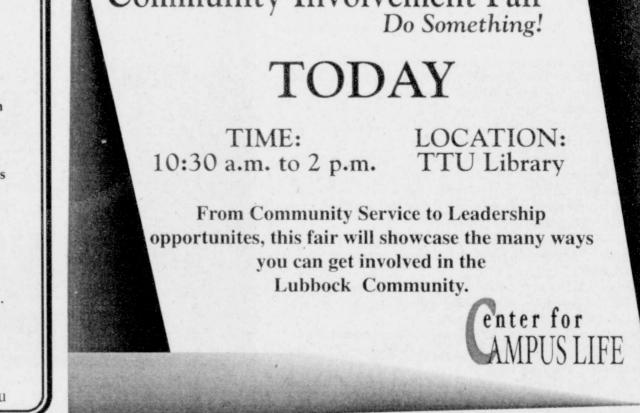
The pope appointed the 31 on Sunday, bringing to at least 135 the His intervention was the latest number of voting-age members of the College of Cardinals, the elite band more than 50 million telephone of churchmen who will select the numbers sent in by people who say next pontiff when John Paul dies, althey don't want to be bothered by most 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 con-

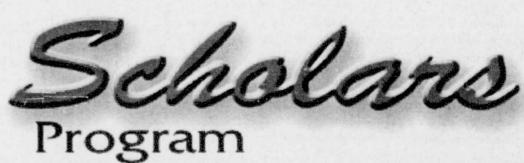
John Paul's selection contained few surprises and didn't alter the theological makeup of the electors, White House ceremony Monday af- all but five of whom have been ternoon. However, the legislation named by the current pope. They folpenalty.

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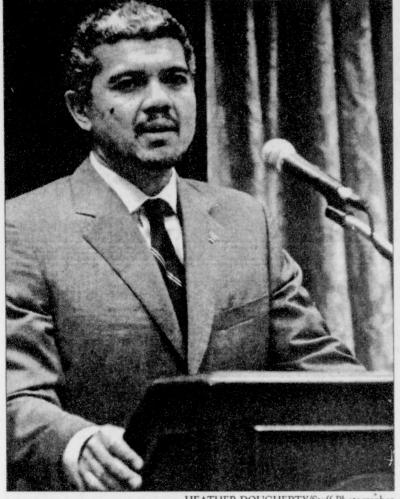
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TEXAS TECH'S HEALTH Sciences Center President Dr. M. Roy Wilson speaks about a health initiative to address obesity at the McInturff Conference Center Monday morning.

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

As his first major project as Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center President, Dr. M. Roy Wilson is going ahead with an initiative to improve the quality of life in Lubbock.

Representatives from various backgrounds throughout Lubbock came together for the inaugural public meeting of the Healthy Lubbock Initiative on Monday at the Don E. McInturff Conference Center at University Medical Center.

The meeting focused on obesity and related health problems.

Wilson said he made the decision to address the obesity issue after hearing input from HSC professors about the seriousness of the problem.

"At first, I was a little reluctant. This is a daunting task," he said. "Obesity is ubiquitous - it's all around us. It's hard to put our arms around the problem and tackle it."

Wilson said the only way HSC can accomplishits goal is by joining forces with the city to make the project an effective tool.

"My hope is that by working together we can begin to understand the problem in Lubbock and make some concrete steps to make the quality of life in Lubbock the best it can be," he said. "Our ultimate goal is to make Lubbock the healthiest city in Texas."

Dr. Patti Patterson, vice president of rural and community health for HSC, is helping spearhead the project.

"We are looking for what's best for Lubbock," she said. "Not transplant other methods from somewhere else."

She agrees obesity is a complex problem. "There's no vaccine," she said.

"There's no easy solution. It's not like smoking; you have to eat."

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith spoke at the meeting.

"This is a major problem, not only in Lubbock, but in Texas," he said. Patterson said obesity is difficult to deal with because there is still a lot of information doctors do not know about its cause.

"Culture and environment are important," she said. "Obesity is both biological and psychological."

Patterson contributed the unhealthy eating habits of Americans to oversized portions and in part to food advertisements.

"We're not trying to bash the food industry," she said. "But they will have to be a part of the solution."

Wilson said parents must make good lifestyle decisions to set healthy standards for their children.

"Adults have choices," he said. "Children many times don't. We sometimes force our choices on them."

Smith said obesity is dangerous because it leads to other diseases such as heart disease and diabetes.

"Diabetes is rampant in this area," he said.

Patterson agreed, saying children who are overweight or obese are more likely to develop Type 2 Diabetes. Black and Hispanic children are more likely to become diabetic than non-Hispanic white children.

Wilson said obesity is a frightening epidemic.

"This is a silent threat," he said. "If we don't deal with it now, it may be too late.'

Patterson said while obesity in adults can lead to premature death or disability, there is a high incidence of suicide in obese children because of the social stigma associated with being overweight.

"Obesity isn't something that stands alone," she said.

If obesity trends continue, the next generation of Americans could potentially set a record as being the first generation in American history to have a shorter expected life span than their parents, she said.

"Forty percent of fourth graders in

Texas are already overweight or obese," she said. "That's why we're here."

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An adult woman is considered obese if her body mass index is 30 percent or higher.

Men are held to a similar standard, although they are given a little more leeway depending on their height and build.

Patterson said a new study released in July showed obesity in women in their 70s can lead to the development of Alzheimer's by the time they are in their 80s.

To calculate BMI, take weight in pounds multiplied by 703.1 and divide the previous equation by height in inches squared.

Though BMI gives doctors a starting point for diagnosing obesity, Patterson said individual circumstances make diagnosis difficult.

"What is obese is not a real clear or easy question," she said.

Patterson said two-thirds of American adults are overweight, and 300,000 people die from obesity a vear.

"It's right on the heels of tobacco," she said. "It will probably surpass tobacco."

For more information about obesity, go to www.cdc.gov and search for overweight and obesity.

Walker

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clipped on to her waistband, and it had four electrode patches that attached to her chest.

"They send electrical shocks so you're basically electrocuting yourself, and it's supposed to reduce muscle tension. It kind of tingles," she said.

Security guards at Walker's high school stopped her in the halls believing that she carried a CD player. Also, the wires from the device were so long, they caught on things often.

"I pulled out drawers several times," she said. "I'd be unloading the dishwasher, and it'd get caught, and I would move to grab a dish and just pull the drawer all the way out. Luckily it was only silverware and stuff like that."

Students at Walker's high school mocked her daily because of her illness. Because Walker cannot carry a

before and after every class. This meant that she needed to leave early from most classes, and her classmates did not understand that.

"They don't really understand, you can't blame somebody for not understanding," she said. "When you don't have money as it is, they mock you for that, and then you get sick, and it's all over with."

Enduring her classmates' comments was difficult, but Walker said she just had to deal with it.

"Some people will never grow out of it," she said. "You just have to accept it as people being ignorant."

Walker is always in pain, but that doesn't stop her from doing things she loves, such as color guard and rock climbing.

"It hurts no matter what I do. It's just a matter of does it get worse and how bad can I take it?" she said. "I can feel it when I wake up in the morning when it's going to be a bad day. And I backpack, she had to go to her locker suck it up and go; I'm not dying or said.

anything."

In high school, Walker spun rifles and sabers instead of flags as part of her high school color guard. Although Tech does not have a weapon line, she still enjoys being part of the guard. Walker's high school guard instructor pushed her to fight it when things got rough, she said. He understood what she was going through because he has the same disorder.

"I'd start to get really bad, and he's like 'You gotta fight it. Don't sit out. Don't do it.' I'd say, 'I can't breathe,' and he'd say 'I don't care, don't do it," she said. It's rare in men but he does have it. Which is why he pushed me so hard; he was like 'I know it hurts, but you gotta do it."

When Walker missed the first football game a few weeks ago, she lost her spot and became an alternate. But she can get her spot back.

"I just have to prove that I'm not going to go in the hospital again," she

Along with color guard, Walker has a passion for drawing, and she said she wants to make comic books for a living.

"I can duplicate any Disney character; I can duplicate Warner Brothers," she said. "Those are easy. I like the Japanese style because it's harder. It's more of a challenge."

to the point of stupidity about doing the things she likes, even though they may not be good for her.

Although she cannot carry a backpack, avoids climbing stairs and her chest always hurts, Walker said her disorder does not stop her from leading as normal a life as possible.

"I've had it for so long, it's just there. It doesn't go down, it will go up but it won't go down," she said. "There's no point in living if you can't do the things you like."

The College of Engineering is holding a job fair Wednesday under the arches of the engineering buildings on the north side of Memorial

"The purpose of the job fair is to bring students and employers together to find the right matches," said Delores Ludwig, director of cooperative education with the college.

The job fair will include 62 companies. Ludwig said she encourages all engineering students to participate in the job fair, despite the tight markets in some of the engineering fields.

Ludwig said participants should come prepared. Two of the most important things that engineering students can do is to be dressed appropriately and to have a resume ready.

Engineering holds job fair

Graduate assistant Rebecca Eiman can help students preparing their resumes, Ludwig said. Students should be prepared with the proper attire, because some companies will be holding interviews on Oct. 2 in the Career Center in "Wiggins complex.

A list of the companies, the engineering students they are looking for, and the companies' e-mail addresses are available in the dean's office in the Engineering Center.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ludwig said she suggests that any students interested in a co-op, internship, or future employment stay at the job fair for two to three hours in order to see as many companies as possible.

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Walker jokes that she is stubborn

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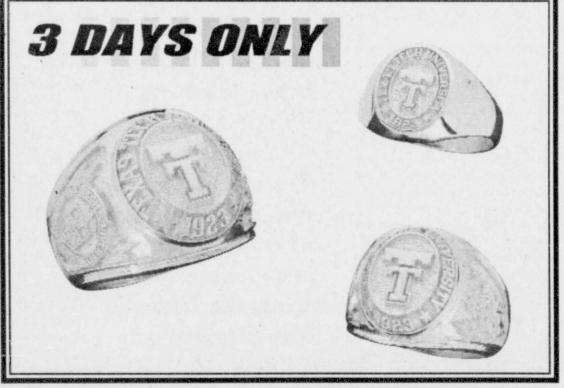
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International scene — complex web controlled by rich, powerful

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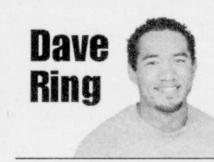
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and messages from god.

Ut here in West Texas is a tradition (and when I say tradition I mean a prank born out of sheer boredom) where someone from around here invites a non-native, usually a city slicker, and takes them into the middle of nowhere to look for something called a "snipe."

If you aren't familiar with the good ol' "snipe hunt," basically the poor, ignorant soul is lured into the middle of nowhere to look for a snipe while the rest of the people in the SUV drive off, leaving the uninformed to search for the fictional target.

Only after the drivers have had a good laugh, picked up some hot fries and a Dr Pepper will they return to reveal the joke to an angry friend sitting on the dirt throwing rocks at a cactus.



elite who control the tangibles like land, oil and industry, and the few radical extremists with abstracts like hate, intolerance and messages from god. What both sides

What both sides have in common, however, is weap-

ons, loads of money and a willingness to do what it takes to ensure

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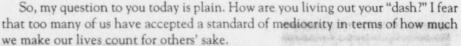
You see, there are two sets of fourdigit numbers and a hyphen that will someday be attached to the end of all our names.

For John F. Kennedy, it was 1917-1963; for John Lennon, it was 1940-1980; and for Jackie Robinson, it was 1919-1972.

The problem with this issue is many of us pay more attention to those two numbers, while never realizing the most important is the symbolic dash that separates them. Though we have no control over either of those two numbers, there is one aspect we do have control over, and although it is the smallest physical aspect of this pair of numbers, it is the most significant.

You see, that little dash that separates your birth date from your death date is the very same dash that separates great men and women from the common. That little dash encompasses all that you are from your first breath to your last, and it is the evidentiary substance for all to judge whether every breath between your first and your last was insignificant or purposeful.

You think you are above that judgment of your "dash" from others. Allow me to submit to you that funerals are simply evaluations of each person's "dash," and an expression of one's impact or lack, thereof, in the lives of others.



Often times we do not see the selfishness in our ways until we come to grips with



Tell me something will your dash, one day, be nothing more than a hyphen separating the years of your birth and death; or, will you choose this day to make your life count for something great on this earth? Will your dash serve as proof that one day you made a decision to never settle for mediocrity but strive for excellence in all that you do?

And hilarity ensues.

Or you can think of it in modern-day terms. American military So we as

and civilian forces have been lured into the vast landscape of the Iraqi desert to search for the promise of uncovering world-threatening weapons of mass destruction that even Secretary of State Colin Powell doubts exist.

In the meantime, Saddam is off gallivanting across the cradle of life chalking up every American casualty as a small victory for himself.

A lot of the reality (I use the term loosely here) being uncovered as the days pass, spawns straight out of Bush's top people.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and U.S. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice both issued statements that Iraq and particularly Saddam himself had no connections to terrorist organizations or the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

The entire "War on Terrorism" itself screams of one big tease. Terrorism is a policy adopted out of rebellion against some larger, imposing force. I think terrorism is for cowards and morons, but I also recognize the nature of the stance itself.

Terrorism will always exist, as long as there is a radical imbalance of power, much like the world today.

Violence has been seen as a problem-

solver since the beginning of time. Terrorism thrives off of our natural instincts to avoid confrontation. True, terrorists try to inflict physical harm on their enemies, but their main objective is mental harm.

People keep saying that we live in a different world than we did two years ago. No, we live in the exact same world. It is only that now, we sheltered Americans see the international scene as what it really is — a complex web of struggle between rich and powerful So we as a nation must face the fact that our leaders have

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Now Bush is realizing his rashness isn't panning out like he thought (I use thought here very loosely). With three times as many troops still in the region than estimated by the administration, the president is finally trying to persuade, coerce and bribe other countries into taking the "responsibility" they have to the people of Iraq (read the U.S. budget) by being a free nation.

So I guess it goes that no matter which country gets someone else in a pickle, it is the duty of other countries that share some of their ideals to fill in when summoned?

Maybe we are just reacting like any victim of the snipe hunt feels. We want to put the burden on everyone else but ourselves, even though it was our own rash decision-making and desire for bloodshed that got us into the situation in the first place.

I know George W. Bush and company

will never own up to the true motivations for their actions. All I can hope is that in a few years he's working in the private sector and negotiating for someone to ghostwrite his autobiography and giving motivational speeches.

But I still may move to France.

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Will your dash serve as proof that one day you made a decision to never settle for mediocrity but strive for excellence in all that you do? You see, I worry that many of us settle, every day, for commonplace and just getting by.

We are complacent with lives infected with apathy and plagued by purposelessness. So, again I ask, how are you living your "dash?" I am convinced that every man or woman on earth who has been labeled "great" has been done so based on their positive or negative affect on people.

This is about making your life count for more than just the good of yourself. A short maxim of the United States Military cadets puts it this way, "Risk more than others think is safe. Care more than others think is wise. Dream more than others think is practical. Expect more than others think is possible."

I do believe that when we begin to see our lives as an opportunity, a gift, a choice to make a difference for someone else, at that moment, we begin to give that "dash" more significance.

At that moment, an egocentric life becomes one of purpose and value. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once wrote, "Lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime."

How ironic is it that in spite of the fact that the title "great" must be bestowed upon one by another, we often only seek to find greatness in the form of self approval? We are content with never leaving our comfortable paradigm, and we are appeased to live each day of our "dash" no different from the one before.

However, my hope is that we might someday experience what Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. meant when he said, "Every now and then a man's mind is stretched by a new idea and never shrinks back to its original proportion."

It is time to make a change and never go back to how your life was before. It is time to make your "dash" worth more than a hyphen signifying empty space between insignificant numbers. It is time to make your life count for more than selfseeking gain and self-interested profit. It is time that we looked at our lives and realized that whether we are remembered for our "dash" or cursed for our "dash" is contingent upon the decisions that we make each day.

The "dash" is a powerful concept and can only be limited by the two numbers that surround it. Those of us who choose to live for self will be remembered, even if only by birth date and death date. However, those of us who choose to make every day count for the sake of others will be remembered, most assuredly for that "dash" that exists between those two dates.

Ments and concerns about the meaning of your dash at d.I.white@ttu.edu.



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Regents

Tax

McMahon said.

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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."

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These types of problems could con-

tinue even if the organization becomes

an AAAA corporation because inter-

nal control would not be tightened,

benefit the business community be-

cause it will be used to create more jobs

and the more likely to retain Tech stu-

This is not the first time the pub-

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-

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dents in Lubbock," he said.

lic voted on a sales tax increase.

"Any additional funds raised will

ment of funds by an employee.

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.

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 threeeighths 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.

"The three (members) have dili-

gently 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

Black stressed the importance of the

"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."

with enthusiasm in their effort."

timeliness of the appointments.

"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.

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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."

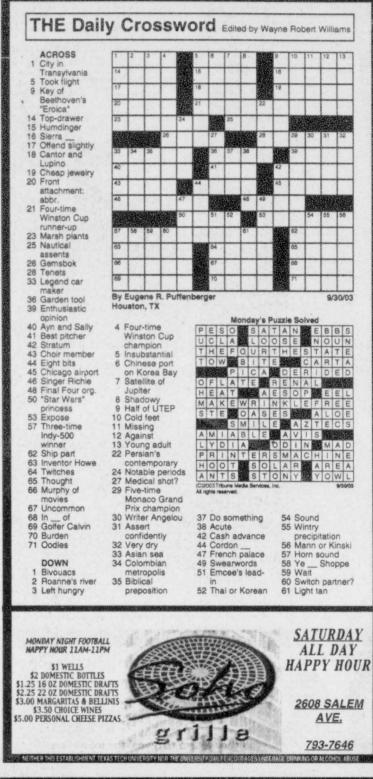
Although the NCAA report shows Tech has low numbers for the graduating class, it also shows that Tech has a high percentage of student-athletes that have stayed for their careers.

"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."



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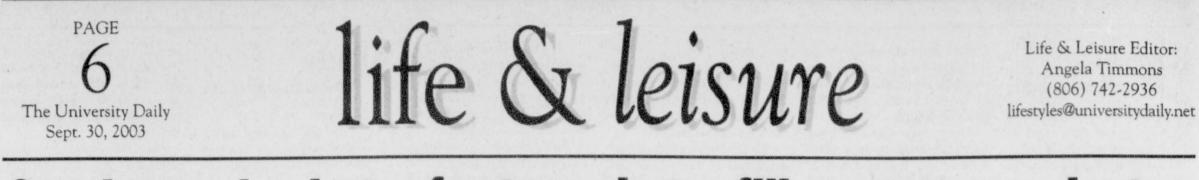
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Students look to fast cash to fill empty pockets

By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

through college blessed with the absence of financial worries, but with the exception of those select few, most to donate to get beer money for fra-Red Raiders worry daily about their financial status and it can become a huge migraine in a student's already students before Tech athletics travel \$35 with the second donastressful life.

Paco Garza, the operations man-

Some Texas Tech students breeze come to the center each week to do- some students come in and nate plasma.

> "We see a lot of students coming need the extra cash," he said. ternity parties," he said.

> Garza said the center sees a lot of with the first donation and to play an away game.

"Students tend to come in before an

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ager at the Alpha Plasma Center, said away game because they are looking for an average of 150 to 200 students ways to pay for their trip's expenses, but thing to do, but when you need A Pawn Shop, said 10 to 15 students program, I have seen most students donate just because they

> Garza said students are able to make up to \$15 tion

"Most of the students we see come back and donate. and most of the students we see are male," he said "I think it is hard for women to donate at first because they are smaller, but we have a better staff than years past, and most people now feel more comfortable to donate than before."

Garza said people are able to donate up to two times within a seven-day period.

"Donating plasma can be considered a job because one has the opportunity to make up to \$240 a month," Garza said.

Sarah Wright, a junior business major from Houston, said she has doher college career.

"It is definitely not my favorite



money, you need money," she said.

Because needles may not be every college student's outlet to fast cash, nated plasma a couple of times during others turn to pawn shops to get the extra money.

Dave Baker, the manager for Acme visit his shop each week

looking to earn cash.

"Students bring a variety electronic equipment such as computers and car stereos, earn more money for electronic equipment," he said.

owner of Varsity Jewelers, sell their belongings. said the average amount a student makes with a tradein is between \$25 and \$60.

"I see about 15 to 25 students a week, and they bring in their old broken gold jewhe said.

Phelps warns the gentlemen about giving their girljewelry.

"I see a lot of girls commoney off of jewelry their ing their spending plans.

ex-boyfriends gave them," he said. Ryan Halley, the graduate assistant for the Red to Black program at Tech,

turn to credit cards.

"Working with the Red to Black when they need money charge stuff or get a cash advance," he said.

Halley said this would not be a maof things, but I mostly see jor problem if students did not use several different credit cards.

"I have also seen a lot of students probably because students can use their financial aid money when they need extra cash," he said.

Halley said he would not recom-Randall Phelps, the mend to students to donate plasma or

"Instead of fixing the problem short term, we recommend that students focus on their expenses and increase their income," he said. "We have students that come in and say that their bills are \$1,000 and their elry or sterling silver pieces," income is \$400; obviously this is a problem," he said.

Halley suggests that students pick up hours at their job or use student friends expensive pieces of aid money when their expenses exceed their income.

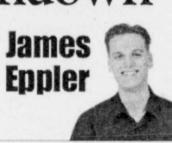
Halley said students need to priing in trying to make some oritize and be creative when address-

"Don't make purchases that don't make sense and try to pay off your credit cards because it is so easy to get said when students need money, most into debt but so difficult to get out of it," he said.

'The Rundown' is Rock-solid f

have smelled what The Rock is cooking. And I like it. When Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson made his first starring appearance in "The Scorpion King," I enjoyed it and remember thinking that he had what it takes to be a major action star. He has now proved it with "The Rundown."

The Rock stars as Beck, a retrieval expert who collects debts for his boss. But Beck is not your typical tough guy. He doesn't like to get rough with



people, he refuses to use guns, and he has aspirations of getting out of the business and starting his own restaurant.

Smackdown, right? But wait.

Beck steps into the bathroom and calls his boss. He tells him the situa- basis. tion. We get the idea that his boss is telling him to make the entire team driver. sorry. Beck pleads, "They have a legitimate chance of repeating this another one of his classic "Walken year!"

No dice. Beck, reluctantly, goes back and thrashes the entire team.

Hoping that was his last job, Beck tells his boss he wants out. His boss In the film's opening sequence, sends him on one last mission, how- ity. Here we get a speech about the Beck is going into a nightclub to col- ever, to find his son, who is currently

driver who makes his workers rent their shovels from him on a daily

He's a very business-savvy slave-

Walken fans will also be treated to Speeches." He's known for delivering hilarious speeches in some of his films (the watch speech in "Pulp Fiction," and the dog speech in "Suicide Kings") but delivered with the utmost sincer-Tooth Fairy that only he could get

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lect on a large debt owed by an NFL player. On the way in, he passes Arnold Schwarzengger who tells him to "have a good time."

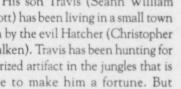
You don't have to be a deep-thinking English major to see the symbol- a prized artifact in the jungles that is ism in that statement. For Beck, there are two ways that Hatcher is after the same thing.

people can do things: A. Beck's way and B. Beck's way the hard way. There is no C. As expected, the NFL quarterback who is surrounded by his defensive linemen refuses to pay the ance out the sometimes annoying owed sum and throws a drink in Beck's face. Now it's time to lay the and he has a ball here as an evil slave-

in South America. His son Travis (Seann William Scott) has been living in a small town run by the evil Hatcher (Christopher Walken). Travis has been hunting for

Beck ends up in the middle.

The movie plays out like most movie. buddy action comedies, but The Rock has enough charisma to bal-Scott. Walken is always a good bet,





away with.

But the real star of this film is The Rock, who has now firmly established himself as an action movie star and a box office force to be reckoned with. He has the magnetism, the chiseled sure to make him a fortune. But features, and the style needed to be a successful action star.

Make no mistake-this is his

Director Peter Berg, who directed the dark comedy "Very Bad Things," a movie panned by most but enjoyed by me, has made a strong showing in this action movie. The film moves along at a brisk pace and audiences will never be bored.

There are plenty of shootouts for action fans, made especially interesting by the fact that The Rock's character doesn't use guns. At least, not until things get really nasty.

The movie is way more fun than it really has any right to be, but I suppose that's what happens when you build your foundation on the solid Rock.

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SPORTS

Raiders facing Aggies should embed pride

t has become a tradition at Texas Tech to write this col umn. That is, the token Aggie-bashing column in preparation for the Raider's annual duel against the College Station boys.

I took it upon myself to write the column last year, but because of a cramped sports section that week my column was forced on to The UD's Web Site. Half an hour and 200 emails later I edged out the sheriff from the Dukes of Hazzard to become the most hated man in College Station.

It was worth it. College Station bristled at the sound of my name for one weekend, and a Bryan/College Station Eagle reporter accused me of trying to evoke violence at the game. She also called my column an editorial, which shows what a good job the folks



in Bryan do with their newspaper. Well I'm back, Aggieland, and I still can't stand the Aggie fan base.

The previous event wasn't the first episode associated with my bashing of Texas A&M. In fact, I've been doing it for some time now.

As a junior sports editor for the Odessan, which is Odessa High School's student newspaper, I made quite an impact.

Our paper at OHS was put out every six weeks. It was finished and sent to the presses on Tuesday, and we passed it out to students on Friday. As I put the finishing touches on my column that Tuesday I blasted the Aggie fan base saying that they would die for a sheep or some of their bonfire wood. The problem is, later that night some Aggies did die for some of their bonfire wood, and that Friday I became a notso-popular guy around town.

I felt bad about that for a long time, but it wasn't my fault and I could not have known what would happen. But I should stick to less somber topics.

Aggies operate in a world of their own, where walking on the grass is a shocking offense and worshiping a drugged-up collie is part of life.

And they aren't good fans. They're loyal fans. Don't be confused about the Aggies. Sure, they have never chunked a goalpost into an opposing fan's seating section, but they are far from angels.

I remember the first Aggie game I ever went to, I came draped in red to cheer on my favorite team. I expected to be harassed by the students at A&M, and I was. But when I got up to the entrance gate I received a good shock. An elderly woman asked me what I was going to do when my team got its ass kicked that day. Being the respectful Nebraska fan that I was, I just told her that I would go home.

If that old prune tried that on me today, she'd end up in Shady Acres nursing home watching her precious Aggies play from a hospital bed.

That's what I love about being a quassi Tech fan. As Nebraska fans, we are taught to cheer the other team and be respectful of all players and fans. As a rude gestures with my genitalia in R.C. Slocum's direction.

Now don't get me wrong, Tech fans aren't bad people and other team's fans are just as bad. But no Raider should be offended by the stereotype of being a drunken party animal. Instead I relish

Last year I told Tech fans to be proud of who they are before going into College Station, and as I saw the maroon clad morons disappear from Kyle Field, while about 8,000 stood strong celebrating the victory, I felt genuinely good about what I had written.

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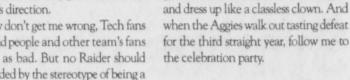
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rhetoric. Have a good time before the

game. Drink some beer, eat some burgers,

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Tennis teams compete in weekend tournaments

MEN'S

The Texas Tech men's tennis team competed in the Baylor Intercollegiate Tournament during the weekend.

Tech finished day two of the tournament 1-2 in singles competition. Dimitrio Martinez and Bojan Szumanski lost in singles play. Tech's lone win came from Teddy DiBlasi, who beat Naeem Kath of Lamar.

Tech was 2-2 in day one action as

Martinez and DiBlasi.

Tech will return to the court hosting the United States Tennis Association-Futures tournament at the McLeod Tennis Center Oct 10-12.

WOMEN'S

The Texas Tech women's tennis team competed in the 2003 Polo Tennis National Collegiate Preview tournament last weekend. The three-day

the Raiders received wins from event was Tech's first tournament of the season.

> On Sunday Tech experienced a losing day in the A flight as Irina Tereschenko, Kendall Brooks, and Hristiyana Gocheva lost to players from Illinois State. In flight B Tech was 1-2 as Tara Browning and Iva Gyurgina lost to players from Illinois State, but Lakann Wagley came through with a victory.

Wagley also got a win the previous

.day. The player was joined in the winners bracket Saturday by teammate Katia Kovacic.

In doubles action Saturday the team of Browning and Kovacic was 2-0 winning matches against a team from Illinois State and a team from Oklahoma.

On day one of the tournament Tech finished 2-4 in singles play. Browning and Gyurgina were able to pick up singles victories for the Raiders. In doubles action Tech finished 1-2.



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Symons passing through Big 12 record books

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Right now, no one has put up as quarterback B.J. Symons. Except for, the people he throws the ball. maybe, the United States Air Force.

Against Mississippi the Texas Tech quarterback threw for a school and Big honors are nice, but they don't mean Mike Leach pointed 12 Conference record in passing yards for the second time this season more team awards because of the re- quarterbacks have 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 alltime 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 Offen- we moved the ball effectively and we reach. We still haven't even put a full sive Player of the Week for the sec- didn't really have a complete game to- game together, and it's gonna be scary ond time this season for his perfor- gether, it wouldn't mance against the Rebels, and he said really be a surprise if much distance through the air as Tech it is more of a team award because of it did happen.'

> "Those awards are nice," he said. not be the limit for "But I've said all along that individual anything much to me. I think they are out that two other ceivers I have to throw the ball to."

> Symons is not wide-eyed by the yards in a game, and numbers he puts up either. He said 661 is a surprising amount of yards, but he fense has yet to click expects the offense to produce like that, on every cylinder. and he reiterated that was not the Tech offense at its complete potential.

"To be honest, I really would never he said. "You might have expected to throw for that many think I'm crazy, but yards," he said. "But at the same time you probably thought I was crazy last goal line are two areas Symons said after the first couple of games when week when I said 600 or 700 was in

And 661 may Symons. Head coach thrown for more Symons said the of-

"I still feel there's more in store for us."

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SYMONS FILE

Name: B.J. Symons Classification: Senior Position: Quarterback Hometown: Houston High School: Cypress Creek 2002-2003 Stats: 143 completions for 1,962 yards and 16 touchdowns and four interceptions •Had a Big 12 record 661 vards against Mississippi Saturday. Notes: Leads the nation in passing vards thus far this season by 212 yards.

across the 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.

said. "But really if he's not considered for the Heisman, it's not really fair be-

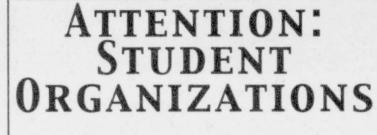


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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK B.J. Symons runs for a touchdown in the second half of Tech's 42-28 win against New Mexico. The Red Raiders will play against Texas A&M Saturday at 9 p.m. at Jones SBC Stadium.

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 he is," he said. "And I don't have to "We really do want to get Ws," he almost 2,000 yards in four games, and that's just unbelievable numbers."

Unbelievable numbers aside, cause the fact that Eli (Manning) was, wide receiver Carlos Francis said his



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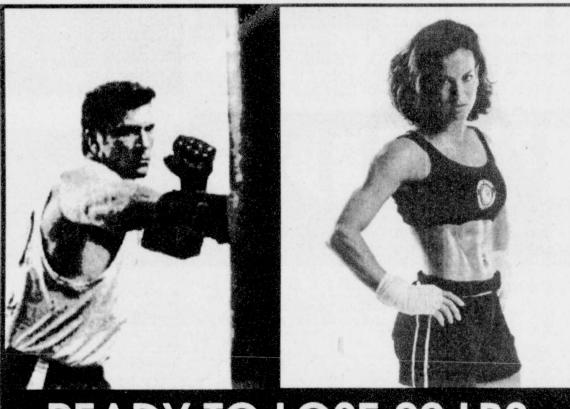
preseason prediction of Symons is coming true.

"I tried to tell people how good 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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