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# Butler denies destroying vials of bubonic plague

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

Dr. Thomas Butler, a Texas Tech Health Sciences Center professor, denied on national television Sunday that he destroyed 30 vials of bubonic plague in January.

"They presented me with their evidence of the investigation that pointed to only one possibility, and that was accidental destruction," Butler said during "60 Minutes" on CBS.

In the 15-minute segment, Butler said the FBI coerced him into signing a statement admitting he accidentally destroyed the vials. He signed the statement without an attorney present.

Butler's lawyer, Jonathan Turley, said after the initial charge of lying to the FBI, the government added numerous counts to the indictment. There are 69 counts against Butler. The counts vary from smuggling the bacteria into and around the United States to embezzlement and fraud.

The fraud allegations deal with how Butler handled research reaction Monday to the airing of the show.

U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings ruled in September that the FBI statement signed by Butler would be permitted in the trial on

If convicted, Butler could face a maximum imprisonment of 469 years and up to a \$17 million fine.

Officials issued a gag order one hour following the interview by CBS

correspondent Lesley Stahl.

Due to this gag order, the Tech administration, lawyers and all other involved parties are restricted from speaking to the media about the case.

HSC President Dr. M. Roy Wilson did, however, discuss his

Wilson said he was surprised not only by the show but also that the network would choose to run the episode so close to the Nov. 3 trial date. Despite these factors, he said he thought the piece was well-balanced.

The national attention is a bad thing for Tech because Tech has respected the gag order and not told its side of the story,

"There's only one viewpoint being expressed by the media," he said. "My statements have always been we'll just wait and see what the trial brings up."

Not all the facts in the case are known yet, he said.

Butler said in the interview that he did not remember destroying the vials. Wilson does not know what happened to the vials, but he said no investigation is under way to determine whether they are still missing.

Wilson was not present at the university during the January incident, so he said he could not comment on the university's reactions during the scare.

Dr. Jerry Spencer recently was under internal review for the removal of items during an autopsy. Wilson said that the incidents concerning Spencer and Butler are isolated events that do not harm the credibility of the HSC.

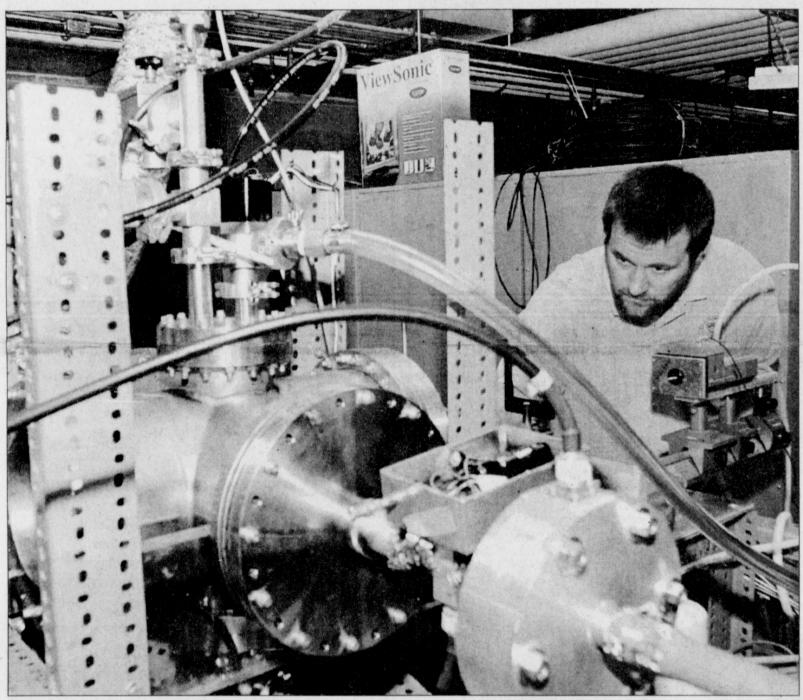
"In general, I think that we all live by certain rules and procedures," he said. "We know what they are and we have been able to do the work we need to do while respecting well publicized university accepted standards of research conduct."

Butler is not allowed in his laboratory but is on paid leave. A job dismissal process is underway that will determine his future role at the HSC. The process is in the mediation phase, Wilson said.

The trial will not harm the professional standing of the HSC,

"In fact, when all is said and done we will have gained respect and credibility in the science community for how we handled this whole situation," he said.

# RAIDER PULSE POWER



DR. ANDREAS NEUBER, an associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, makes an adjustment on a pulse machine that breaks down oil.

## Texas Tech electrical engineering department applies study to world

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter and photo by Tyson Jeffreys/Staff Photographer

or the past few decades, Texas Tech's department of electrical engineer ing has been working with pulsed power and power electronics in the classroom and in the laboratory.

Magne Kristainsen, professor of engineering, is the founder of studies involving pulsed power. Andreas Neuber, an associate professor with electrical and computer engineering, said Kristainsen's work has developed the laboratory, courses and information that is available.

The area of pulsed power research involves storing, shaping, transmitting and measuring high voltage and high current pulses of electrical energy. According to the Center of Pulsed Power and Power Electronics booklet, power electronics involves high efficiency power supply designs, rotating machines and special, high power solid-state circuit designs.

Neuber said other applications of pulsed power are surrounding people in their everyday lives. One of the simplest examples he presented is the ignition switch in an automobile.

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## Summer school funds not costing faculty jobs

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Summer school at Texas Tech will no longer be funded with funds from vacant faculty posi-

Tech used to purposely keep 30 percent of its faculty positions open so the university could use that money for faculty salaries to fund summer school.

"We had grown to the point where vacant faculty lines couldn't fund summer school," Tech Vice

President for Fiscal Affairs Lynda Gilbert said. "Plus, it's a very unstable funding practice; it's not good fiscal management either. We wanted to completely fund summer school because we felt it's very important to stu-

The funds now available for summer school are state funds that used to go to the Library. A few years ago, Tech put a lot of money into improving the Library and its reputation as a research facility. Tech succeeded in that goal and those funds are now being used elsewhere, Gilbert said

The library fee went up from \$5 per-credit-hour to \$15 per-credit-hour this past summer, she said, so Tech's Library is entirely student-funded and does not get any money from the state. The University of Texas' library fee is \$10 per-credit-hour, while Texas A&M charges \$21.80 per-credit-hour.

"Now we can redirect that money back to help fund summer school," she said. "We had to have money in place to fund the library still; that money is the library fee."

In the past, the unsure funding system from vacant faculty lines led to poor summer school planning by academic departments, faculty and students, Gilbert said. Now students and faculty alike can plan better for their summer school endeavors.

"I took summer school when I was in school," Gilbert said. "I graduated in four years, and to help students do that there needs to be an embedded funding in the budget so there is more assurance to departments that the funds are there for supporting the offering of courses for summer

The administration has been working for the past two to three years to better fund summer school and help the program grow.

The budget for next year's summer school will be done this month, instead of in May, which is when it was done in the past, Gilbert said.

"The long term goal for summer school is that the course offerings are so established students can plan their education around the summer school

Vice Provost James Brink said the way summer school was formerly funded was called lapse faculty money. The salaries of faculty who left or retired, which is about 80 per year on average were used to fund summer

'We'd use their salaries for summer school, but we never had sure numbers," he said. "Funding summer school became a real problem; it wasn't a very efficient way of planning."

Administration has set aside \$5.5 million for summer school. Academic

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## New GPSGA president sets goals for organization

**NEW VISION:** She hopes to get funding for graduate school

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

The new president for the Graduate and Professional Student Government Association, Catherine Polydore, has set new goals for Texas Tech graduate students and for the organization.

Former GPSGA President, Dustin McAfee resigned on Oct. 15 because the GPSGA did not get any funding from the department of student affairs. Officials said last week the organization used its funds incorrectly in previous years.

Polydore said the GPSGA constitution states the vice president will assume the president's position if his or her office is terminated for any reason.

She said her main goal is to address the issues of graduate students at Tech. The information will be gathered from graduate students, and she will try to find a solution to their problems.

"If I can't help the students, I want to make sure I direct them to other sources where they can get

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help" she said. "I want to know that all graduate students' needs are met."

The main concern graduate students have at Tech is the issue of funding, she said. The GPSGA will find a way to permanently fund graduate students' activities and organizations.

Polydore said she wants to have more speakers talk to the graduate students, including experts from different professional fields who will share experiences about their work with Tech's graduate stu-

The resources for fellowships and scholarships are low, she said. GPSGA executives want to find more money for students who want to be in Tech's graduate program.

Polydore refused to further comment on the different options the organization has to fund graduate students' activities and organizations.

"I'm just going to let the actions speak for themselves," she said. "We are exploring different options and we don't want to say anything until we

have everything in place." A temporary fix to the funding issue will be academic funding and individual donations, she said.

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Graduate student housing is a big issue, she said. There are graduate students who have families, and they cannot live on campus because family housing is not provided.

She said graduate student housing will give the graduate program an edge, and more students will be encouraged to come to Tech.

Polydore said most graduate students are supportive of the GPSGA and what the organization is trying to accomplish.

"We are working along with the graduate school because they are very supportive of our organization," she said. "We have also talked to some administrators, and they support a separate organization for graduate students."

She said GPSGA's former president, Dustin McAfee, did not have the vision that the organization's members had.

"McAfee is an individual, and he is entitled to say whatever he wants to say, but I think he had a very small vision on how the GPSGA

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ANDREW WEATHERL/Staff Photographer

TIM BARNETT, A senior advertising major from Houston, makes his

way up the rock climbing wall in the Student Recreational Center.

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## Sniper suspect denies relation to shootings

Sniper suspect John Allen theory," he told jurors. "If we moni-Muhammad won the right to act as tor (the evidence) step by step, it his own lawyer Monday in a surprise, will all show I had nothing to do last-minute request at his murder trial, with these crimes.' then broke a year of stony silence with a rambling opening statement in the slaying of Dean Harold Meyers, which he assured jurors, "I had nothing to do with these crimes."

decided to fire his lawyers, who will ber. He was the seventh victim of a serve as standby counsel.

Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. that he was satisfied with his attorneys.

today is to find out what everyone last Oct. 24 at a highway rest stop wants to know. What happened?" Muhammad told the jury at the outset of his 20-minute statement. He were part of a plot to extort \$10 miltalked about the meaning of truth but lion from the government. Prosecusaid nothing about the shootings ex- tors say Malvo has made several cept to deny involvement.

what didn't happen. They're basing in many of last fall's sniper shootings.

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) - what they said about me on a

Muhammad, 42, is charged in a 53-year-old Vietnam veteran who was gunned down outside a north-It was not clear why Muhammad ern Virginia gas station last Octothree-week shooting spree that left Just last week, Muhammad told 10 people dead in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Muhammad and fellow suspect "One of the things we're here for Lee Boyd Malvo, 18, were arrested in Maryland.

Prosecutors said the shootings statements to police and jail guards "I know what happened. I know in which he confessed involvement

## plane security case

BALTIMORE (AP) — A college student who told authorities he placed box cutters and other banned items aboard two airliners to test security was charged Monday with taking a dangerous weapon aboard an aircraft and was released without bail.

Nathaniel Heatwole, 20, told federal agents he went through normal security procedures at airports in Baltimore and Raleigh-Durham, N.C. Once aboard, he said he hid the banned items in compartments in the planes' rear lavatories.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Harvey Eisenberg said the government was not seeking detention, and U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan K. Gauvey freed Heatwole on his own recognizance.

### The Rundown



### Student charged in Grandmother charged Blaine emerges from with endangering child box lighter, hungrier

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. (AP) -A woman accused of leaving her 22month-old grandson to die inside a burning vehicle was charged with endangering the welfare of a child.

Police said 41-year-old Pamela Dreadin was driving in a rural area around 3 a.m. Sunday when her Ford Bronco ran off the road and a fire. started in the engine compartment.

Dreadin went to a house nearby to call for help but did not mention that her grandson, Michael Malinowski, was in the car until 10 A preliminary hearing was set for minutes later, when a police officer arrived, authorities said.

> By the time rescue crews arrived, the fire had engulfed the vehicle, killing the child.

Dreadin turned herself in on Monday and was released on her own

recognizance. Dreadin's lawyer, William Menges, did not immediately return a call for comment.

Prosecutor Robert D. Bernardi said he would ask a grand jury to consider the more serious charge of reckless manslaughter.

LONDON (AP) - New York magician David Blaine has emerged from his plastic box after 44 days dan-

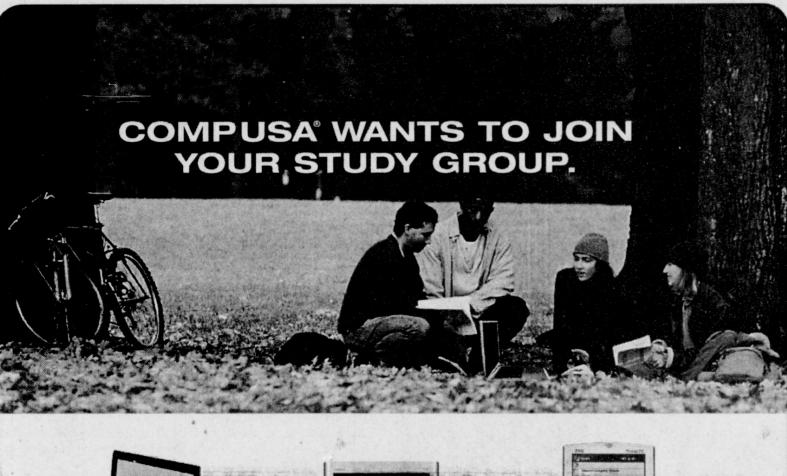
"This has been one of the most inspirational experiences of my life,"

"I have learned more in that box than I have learned in years. I have learned how strong we are as human

Blaine added: "Most importantly I learnt to appreciate all the simple things in life such as the smile from a stranger and the sunshine and the sun-

Paul Kenny, a medic at the site,

adrenaline," Kenny said.





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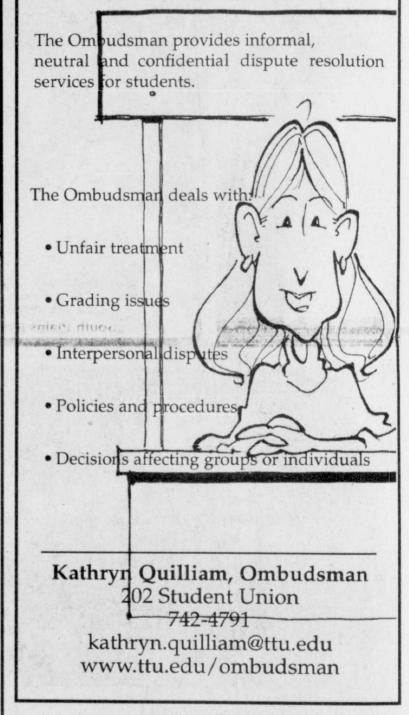
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gling near the River Thames, 50 pounds lighter and hungry.

Blaine told the crowd that turned out to cheer his last few hours of isolation Sunday in a 7 foot by 3 foot box.

said Blaine would undergo blood tests at a private hospital and would be given fluids intravenously before moving onto blended foods. It could be several days before he resumes eating solid foods, Kenny said.

"If you look at him, he looks great, but I suspect he's been living on



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# Grad school gets \$1 million for programs

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's Office of the Provost recently provided the graduate school with \$1 million to increase the enrollment of the school and provide support for students.

Provost William Marcy said this is a step in helping the graduate

"This is the first time the graduate school has been given resources that they could allocate to increase enrollment and help the program," he said.

The money came from graduate students' tuition, John Borrelli, dean of the graduate school, said.

The graduate school will not be able to keep most of the money. Instead, the school will allocate the money into colleges throughout campus to improve the number of graduate students in the school and the number of student credit hours,

Usually, the school would re-

ceive \$100,000 to help pay for the locate the graduate tuition back to salaries of faculty and staff and cover general expenses. Borrelli said the remainder of the money was dispersed among many of the colleges on campus.

Borrelli said he asked the colleges on campus to develop proposals on how they would use the money. Many of the ideas ranged from developing distance education courses to student services.

"Many of the colleges have been given the opportunity to express different ideas to leverage the funds, and they have done it," he said. "Some through research, teaching and service activities."

All of the colleges on campus received a portion of the money. However, the distribution among the colleges was not equal. Borrelli said the money was allocated in proportion to the number of student credit hours within the pro-

"We are making the effort to al-

where the money was generated to support graduate education," he

One group on campus getting money from graduate school is the department of agricultural sciences. Borrelli said the department has developed master's degree that cuts

> across the board. The degree, involving many aspects of the department, will have about 100 students in the pro-

> "(The degree) is a good idea," he said. "It involves people who are interested in it, and they know how

to do it in a successful way."

Other departments and colleges worked on different projects and proposals in order to receive a

> share of the money, Borrelli said. Some proposals included changes in research and developing new courses.

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Borrelli

used to improve the school.

"It would be fun to use the money, but that isn't the purpose of the money," he said. "The purpose is to allocate back to the col-

Improvements in the courses

offerings."

Brink said the best result of the new funding in place is the new ability to hire more faculty now that the lines are 100 percent open.

"It's really a win-win situation for us," he said. "On one side we can plan summer school more efficiently. On the other side, we can hire more faculty which we've already addressed as a need.'

and the school will help to maintain and improve the quality of the students, faculty and the school, Borrelli said.

The energy and resources put forth by the department and the faculty makes the process work, but the money helps the process move

Borrelli said he does not expect to see any returns this year, though.

"Most of the money ends up with the graduate students. The work they do gets multiplied later on," he said. "I don't expect any returns until next year and the following year."

The funds received from the Office of the Provost do not cover all of the developments within the graduate school.

Borrelli said when a college begins developing a new area, it takes more resources than he can pro-

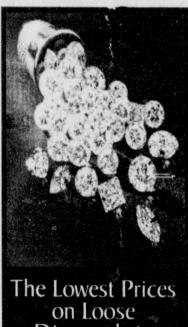
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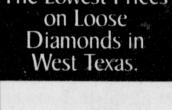
Send Tech notes to UD@ttu.edu. cessful out of the colleges.

In the future, Borrelli said he is looking to get the same amount of money each year to go to other colleges and stimulate different pro-

The immediate goal of the graduate school is to improve the enrollment. He hopes to have 20 percent of the student body consisting of graduate students.

"Currently, graduates students make up a seventh of the population. We want a fifth," he said.







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deans have been asked to submit plans for the courses they will offer in the summer.

The administration is encouraging the deans to offer classes in the summer that students need and want to take, Brink said.

"We've basically moved from a system of organized chaos to a system of sound planning," he said.

Brink said students will be able to plan their academic progress better and will know earlier in the



spring what will be available in the upcoming summer.

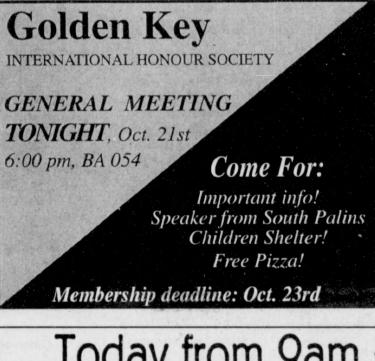
He said it should prevent any lag in the process of students getting their degrees as soon as possible.

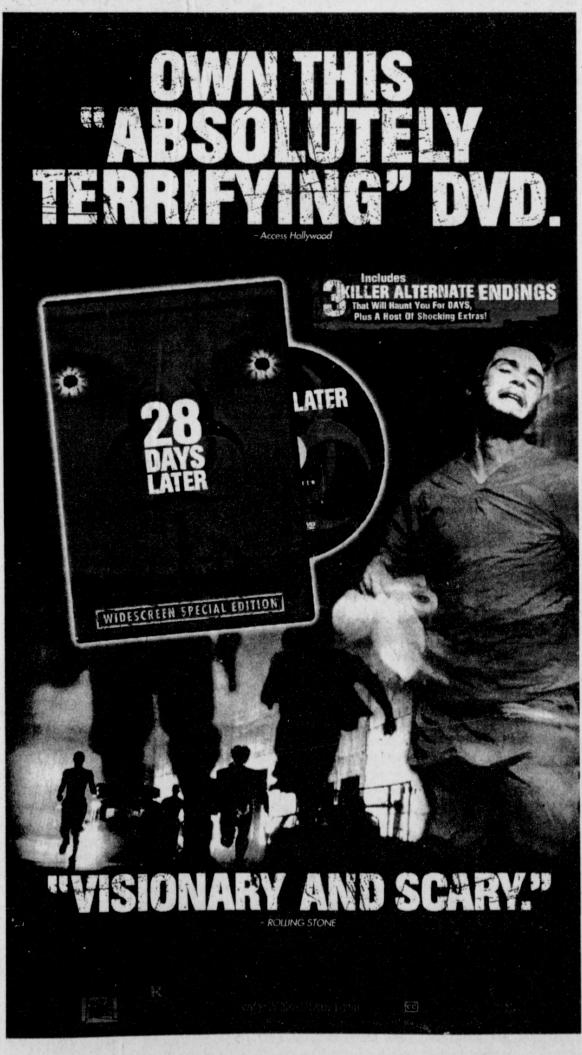
"It will also help departments and faculty in their planning," he said. "If they know what courses will be open, they won't be scrambling to open up more courses or to order their textbooks."

Bruce Daniels, chairman of the department of history, said the new funding structure allows him to coordinate summer school with the long semesters.

"The best thing for me is I can plan more efficiently because we have more secure funds for summer school," he said. "We can also appropriately supplement the regular course offerings with our summer







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# We are 'starving' and don't know it

ndia Arie, one of my most favored artists, so eloquently stated in one of her A songs, "Dark future ahead of me, that's what they said - I'd be starving if I ate all the lies they fed."

Each time I get the opportunity to listen to this song, I am reminded of what is important in life because too often we take the tranquil opportunity to lose sight of where we are going and focus on whatever we might be going through.

However, I wish for just one day we could know what it is like to be so focused on our dreams and our ambitions that neither friend nor foe could deter our attention from what we are striving for.

In fact, I would go so far as to say that many of us are "starving" and don't even know it.

We go through this life entrapped and entangled in a box placed around our lives that we allow to determine how far we can go and how much we can take.

We no longer believe that we have the potential to do great things because we cannot see our dreams long enough to step out of that box.

Be it a boyfriend or girlfriend who has us confused into thinking we could not possibly deserve or do any better than the person who stands before us tearing us down with their words and eating you up inside with their actions.

Be it those so-called friends who have you convinced the best you could ever be is second-class and average.

Or be it that parent who has told you that we will never amount to anything.

Whoever it is in your life tearing you down, know the moment you limit yourself and begin to consume "all the lies they feed," you have just become your greatest enemy, and you have just succumbed to an adversary that will get stronger before getting weaker.

I like the way my fraternity brother, Rudyard Kipling, put it in his poem "If" when he wrote, "If you think you are beaten, you are. If you think you dare not, you don't. If you'd like to win but think you can't, it's almost a cinch you won't."

What is most interesting to me about this poem is that it clearly explains how our perception of ourselves is often the greatest cause of our failure.

Just the same, many times we allow the words and judgment of others to determine just how far we will go in life and just how much we can bear.

If only we could break down that box long enough to see our true potential and what we are truly capable of, we just might understand what it means to overcome and really make it, in spite of what others may have limited us to.

If we look at the civil rights movement of the 1960's we can catch a glimpse of what happens when a leader sees beyond the box and is able to see his goal so clearly that the limitations and boundaries placed by others only serve as energy to fuel the flam of determination.

I am speaking of Dr. Martin Luther King; and, although I do feel many for the purpose of adding "diversity" to writings often overuse his legacy, he epitomizes the concept in my words today.

At a time when it was only natural that black men and women be discouron them during this timepiece of history,



If only we could break down that box long enough to see our true potential and what we are truly capable of, we just might understand what it means to overcome and really make it, in spite of what others may have limited you to.

Dr. King helped others see what they simply could not.

He was a leader who was placed in a box by others who hated him but never allowed that box to become his complacent home.

He helped others understand the concept that Mike Espy offered to Bill Clinton during the 1992 presidential campaign when he said, "It is not the name they call you, but it is the name to which you answer."

Too many of us are answering to names that are not our own because we have allowed the theoretical limitations of others to become factual reality in our own lives.

I wish we could learn to be like Dr. King and understand what it means to see beyond the boxes of stereotypes and judgment that others prophesy in our lives.

Have you ever noticed the racehorse and how it is able to focus on that one obstacle which lies between it and its goal of the finish line?

Did you ever notice the pieces of leather that blind that horse from seeing that which confines it and that which is competing against it?

Horses cannot see to their left or to their right during the race; they only see the goal, the finish line.

It's time that we learned how to see that goal, that finish line, of our lives; and, it is time that we learned how to not allow the box walls all around us to determine whether we make it or not.

At the end of her song, India. Arie says, "You can fly ... fly. You can live, or you can die."

It is a decision that we make to never again allow the words and actions of others to continually "feed" us into starvation and ultimately die.

Not the death of our physical lives, but the death of our dreams and ambitions.

Dreams are the building blocks of our future. What type of future can we build if we allow others to kill those very dreams?

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### Letter to the Editor

## SGA — a big tangled mess

What the hell is going on? I'm a Texas Tech student who is sick of all this bull.

rial on Wednesday that the Student Gov- caught up in the stupid SGA love triangle, ernment Association and its three main just an average Tech student who is sick of leaders are useless.

On Friday, SGA President Jeremy Brown blamed his Senate. (The same tactic he used when he was running for SGA president and was serving his term as the president of the Senate.) It is obvious he cannot lead his own senators!

Also on Friday, Arts & Sciences Senator Nathan Harvey writes an angry letter to the editor defending the Senate and the SGA president who has just publicly humiliated the whole lot of them. Harvey writes that it is The UD that is useless.

What a friggin love triangle! What the hell is going on? Really? Looks to me like The University Daily stated in an edito- Brown is passing the buck ... again! I'm not the drama and ready to see some action.

> You talk about raising the standards, right? Well, the standard is so low right now that you're destined to succeed if one of you would just attempt to write some meaningful legislation. And for God's sake, stop busying yourself with asking questions and getting feedback! You know what the problems are — you're not fooling us.

Sick of the finger pointing, - Tom Nichols, senior electrical engineering major

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# Having drama doesn't score points

ately I've noticed that having conversations can sometimes feel more like playing that annoying card game, speed, more than lazily kicking back with friends

You know the game I'm talking about, that one where you place the next highest card on either of the two piles in front of you in order to beat your opponent to the punch?

Anyway, conversations modeled after the card game tend to sound something like this:

"Man, I have two tests today," one student says looking drained, staring bleakly at the other.

"Oh yeah, well, I have three tests, and they're all back-to-back," the other says leaning his weight on one leg with his hand on his hip, annoyed that someone with two tests would even have the nerve

"Well, both of my tests are in oral essay format, they're back to back, AND my dog died," the first student says triumphantly all in one breath, nearly spitting on the other in all the excitement.

The other student turns beet red, shakes his head and storms away.

See what I mean?

I swear, the frustration and tension between people competing for the gold medal in Olympic misery is amazing.

As I sit and listen to these unusual one-up-man ships, the fact becomes more Beth Aaron

Everyone knows that no one likes to hear a constantly pessimistic point of view. Surely, no one likes to confide in people who will only push their troubles aside and replace them with "more important" concerns.

and more apparent to me that some people are not only unhappy, but they become very insulted if someone is more unhappy than

Why do we dwell on the bad days? What's the point?

Everyone knows that no one likes to hear a constantly pessimistic point of view. Surely, no one likes to confide in people who will only push their troubles

aside and replace them with "more im-

I guess I just don't understand this type of competition. Now, I'm not saying I am above it, mind you, I said I just don't understand it. I freely admit that I have been accused of causing my own share of drama.

However, after spending all summer with a young woman who recently lost her father, my perspective on bad days and drama changed completely.

I realized that my problems have thus far never measured up to what she is dealing with. She is truly remarkable because even though I know she thinks about her father's death every day, you wouldn't know looking at her. She smiles through both her good and bad days and doesn't complain nearly as much as the rest of us.

She made me realize that falling out of iendship with nearly every person I met last year, or living in the dorms again, or my current roommate's thinking that my major is nothing more than the equivalent to stalking with a notepad doesn't matter.

The point is, nothing, unless it truly is life threatening and not just an inconvenience, is that big of a deal.

Hey, at least I know who my real friends are; at least I have a roof over my head; and best of all, at least I have a roommate who doesn't yell at me if I forget it's my turn to empty the trash.

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## America failing the test of tolerance

By Gillian Oak/Georgetown University

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON - Two old friends, meeting up in Washington, D.C., looking forward to exchanging news and getting reaquainted.

Not an uncommon scenario, and surely it was not unreasonable to expect to enjoy the experience and to anticipate showing off my new home away from home with a certain amount of pride in the multitude of attractions the city has to offer.

Instead, after my friend's weeklong visit, I was left with sick feelings of disgust, despair and humiliation.

It was the first day on the subway when the commotions began.

An irate, middle-aged woman started shouting, practically spitting expletives at me and my friend Kala. "You're all terrorists," she said menacingly, showing her fists. "Go back to where you come from. Don't pollute our country."

Her anger was aimed at my friend because she's Muslim and wears a yeil. These days, with the nasty backlash aimed at America's Muslims, my friend wishes she were invisible when she leaves her house.

The next day, we were at a museum when a man started making snide remarks, pointedly within earshot, about the Muslim faith. We shrank from the abuse and immediately left the area.

A guard asked him to leave — but not

before the man started shouting venomous insults at us. The guard grabbed him and escorted him out of the building. We didn't leave the building right away because we were afraid he would be outside waiting for us. It was a chilling experience.

For the week my friend was visiting from another state, similar scenes were daily occurrences. Wherever we went, the nastiness was beyond belief. I look at my friend and see an average

American college student like myself. Others see her as a Muslim with potential terrorist connections or at least terrorist sympathies. By the end of the week, we decided to stay indoors instead of going out to dinner and a movie. It simply wasn't worth the stress.

My friend told me that her life has been hell since Sept. 11, 2001, and the ensuing wars with Afghanistan and Iraq. Each time the country goes on Orange Alert she doesn't leave her house unless she has to.

If she does go out, people call her epithets such as "Taliban bitch" or "Saddam's daughter." Somehow my friend remains an optimist at heart. She says she thinks her life will get better even if she can't enjoy it right now.

Being different in America is a fundamental part of our identity as Americans. We are a multicultural society that is supposed to welcome and thrive on diversity. If we attack each other because of those perceived differences, life will become intolerable. What will we have left?

In our society, there was a time when people looked out for each other and particularly for other people's children or young adults under stress.

But this past week, not one person intervened or protested the abuse. Is that type of social collaboration gone for good? If so, how terribly sad. Some people have told my friend not to wear her veil because then she could hide her ethnicity.

America is neither your country nor mine. It is ours, all of ours. My friend should be able to leave her house at any time without the threat of harassment. Her veil represents a personal involvement in the specific values and beliefs of her religion. As Americans, we are supposed to be al-

lowed to express those values, beliefs and aspirations. And wearing clothing that reflects our religion is one means of expression. Different minority groups in America

have gone through painful revolutions to gain social equality and social recognition at different times. The Muslims are going through a tre-

mendously difficult period right now. Their faith preaches peace and tolerance, not violence.

Nobody can justify violent outbursts that label and exploit people, scarring to the extent that they seal themselves in their homes.

Being American and being Muslim are not mutually exclusive. There is a place for everyone in America. That's what America means to me.

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## LPD investigating weekend killing of Lubbock man

Lubbock police are searching for vehicle in the parking lot of 2156 two suspects in connection with the Sunday shooting death of a 39-yearold Lubbock resident.

Police found Ernesto Chico Cabrera Jr., 39, hunched over the center console of his 1991 maroon Ford Tempo at 7:12 p.m. Sunday in a parking lot in the 2100 block of 50th Street, according to the police report.

Officials at the University Medical Center pronounced Cabrera dead at 7:42 p.m. Sunday.

The suspects are described as two Hispanic males. Witnesses last saw the suspects driving westbound on 50th Street in a white 1997 Chevrolet pickup.

Cabrera's Ford was facing west beside the white pickup when the passenger of the pickup exited the vehicle and shot Cabrera through the back of the driver's seat, said Lt. Victor Quintana of the Lubbock Police De-

After Cabrera was shot, his vehicle rolled 100 yards westbound until it collided with an unoccupied, parked

50th St., Quintana said.

The passenger window on the driver's side of Cabrera's vehicle was shattered, and fresh bloodstains were on the driver's back rest and the steering wheel. Police observed bullet holes in the front driver seat and also on the driver's side door, according to the report.

A black handgun was found on the floorboard of the vehicle.

"What involvement that weapon had in the whole scenario, we don't know," Quintana said.

Police found one unidentified shell casing on the ground at the scene of the crime, according to the

There are multiple witnesses to

"We didn't get anything real specific, like a license plate number," Quintana said.

Corp. Bill Carter of the LPD is leading the investigation, but so far

### Power

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An ignition switch takes energy that is stored in the battery, Neuber said. The ignition is the pulsed power. Once 20,000 volts are sent through the spark plug, the car will have enough energy to turn over.

The process of pulsed power is comparable to using a bow and arrow because both use the same mechanics, Neuber said.

"With a bow and arrow, you draw the bow slowly in order to store tension," he said. "Then, you release the arrow. We do the same thing electrically. We can draw power out of an electrical outlet, store the energy and release it."

By using pulsed power, the power can be produced in nanoseconds with a gigawatt or megawatt of power, Neuber said. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a gigawatt is equal to 1 billion watts, and a megawatt is equal to 1 million watts. In relation to household goods, the normal microwave only produces about 1,000 watts, Neuber said.

The laser used for eyesight correction is another example of a pulsed laser. In order to produce the radar beam used in the Doppler radar, pulsed power is used. Neuber said pulsed power was used with the anthrax threat in the fall of 2001.

"We can produce an electron beam. The beam was used to sterilize incoming mail because of the fear of anthrax. With the beam, anything on the letter will be killed," Neuber said.

Plasma research at Texas Tech started in 1966. The initial work was concerned with different aspects of plasma, including the heating of plasmas and pellet injections within hot, dense plasmas, according to the center's booklet.

In the last few years, the emphasis has been on things like power electron-

no possible motives have been discovered, Quintana said. ics, applications of plasma technology to pulsed power devices, and high power microwave generation,

according to the center's booklet.

Since the center's beginning, the

laboratory has expanded into one of

the finest labs in the nation, Neuber

The laboratory has nine faculty members. Although many are from the electrical engineering department, some also work for physics and mechanical engineering, Neuber

He said the pulsed power lab at Tech is the largest pulsed power lab in the nation at the college level. In the world scale, the Tech pulsed power and power electronics lab is comparable to one or two in size. Currently, the laboratory workers and the faculty have been working on plasma research for the construction of highways.

Neuber said a pothole in a road could be fixed using concrete. However, the concrete can be washed away or unstable enough to need future repairs. With the field-testing the center has done with the Department of Transportation, he said he hopes they will be able to eliminate the whole problem.

"With a pothole, we can fill it up using quartz sand. By using a highpowered arc, we can produce temperatures that will make the quartz sand melt into quartz. As soon as it cools, it is stabilized," he said.

The center and the department receive their funds from grants, due to the complexity of the research. Although the university does not provide any funds for research, grants to the department bring in about 1 million dollars per year, Neuber said. Many of the research projects currently being worked on in the department are in conjunction with national laboratories, such as Los Alamos, N.M., and places like the Air Force Office of Scientific Re-

# College students getting close to first life crisis point: the quarterlife crisis

It would be nice

to be able to go eat

and see a movie or

have a drink. It's

an event to go out

when you have a

kid.

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

Many people associate life crisis with balding, 40-year-old men who buy brand new red convertibles to make them feel better about growing older. However, in a new book written by two young women, the idea of a life crisis has been re-defined.

'Quarterlife Crisis: The Unique Challenges of Life in Your 20s," written by Alexandra Robbins and Abby Wilner, explores the difficulties of young adulthood.

Gary Fireman, director of the psychology clinic and assistant professor of clinical psychology at Texas Tech, said he had not heard of the book but said quarterlife crises are likely in young people moving into different life situa-

"I understand there are unique challenges for people in their 20s," he said.

Fireman said some challenges twenty-somethings face are getting married or becoming a parent, transitioning from a school setting to employment or a specific career path, and taking on increased financial responsibilities.

"There are a whole new set of responsibilities that people in their 20s often take on," he said. "These new sets of responsibilities can be stressful."

Jesse Griffith, a senior agricultural communications major from Lubbock, who is now 26 years old, said he got a little blue when he turned 25.

Griffith is married but does not have any children.

Griffith said though he is older than students in some of his classes, he does not find making friends difficullt.

"It's strange to still be in school and be 26," he said. "I have a TA this semester that I had a class with—she's 22."

Griffith said staying in school to ensure that he chose the right career for him is the best thing he could have done. He attributes his ability to still relate to most of his class-

"Being in school and being around a bunch of 18- and 20-yearolds, you definitely feel like you have to seem like you're young," he said. Rebecca

mates to exposure.

White, a-senior general studies major from Lubbock, is Griffith's sister. She said she stopped worrying about birthdays when she gave birth to her son at age 22.

White said she finds making friends hard because she is married and has a child.

"I go on the assumption that they wouldn't want to go out with me and my husband, so my social chit-chat ends there," she said.

Fireman said students closer to graduation or those who have already settled down often struggle with gaps in life experience rather than an age gap alone.

"It's not so much the age gap but the change in life situation that matters," he

"It's not the fact that I'm older, it's that I'm married," he said.

White calls her stressful feelings about getting older a pre-midlife crisis. "A lot of stuff isn't the same," she

said. "The need to party all the time is definitely gone. My money's more important to me

now."

White said though she enjoys being married and having a child, she and her husband sometimes wish they had spent more of the free time they had

when they were

younger more

nice to be able to go

eat and see a movie

or have a drink,"

she said. "It's an

event to go out

"It would be

wisely.

White said she and her brother could

make careers out of their current jobs,

but finishing college and earning a de-

gree is essential for advancement. She

said though she feels some pressure to

hurry through college, she is thankful she

stayed long enough to ensure she got into

the Gap or bartending or waitressing just

to pay bills," she said. "Why have a job

that you are going to hate every morn-

"It's no longer a matter of working at

a field of work she is happy with.

REBECCA WHITE Senior General Studies Major from Lubbock

when you have a kid.'

dents must find a balance both physically and spiritually. "Don't be all work and no play," she

ing when you wake up?"

Fireman said students often struggle

with thoughts about whether or not they

have made the right choices either with

careers or socially. He said people often

question their stock in personal skills or

trist at Texas Tech Health Sciences Cen-

ter, said to deal with life's transitions stu-

Dr. Valerie Robinson, neuropsychia-

talents needed to reach specific goals.

Robinson said students she sees usually have experienced a major detour in future plans, such as an unexpected pregnancy or a change in major. She said students in these life-altering situations must roll with the punches in order to

"Be flexible," she said. "Don't lose sight of your goals. Learn to adapt. Life may not be what you asked for."

Robinson said students who find themselves turning to negative resources to take their minds off of life's stresses should take a second look at the patterns they're making, such as stumbling into the pitfalls of alcohol or drug abuse or an eating disorder, and instead seek professional help immediately.

"If problems are serious enough, get serious help before things get more complicated," she said. "These things tend to get worse over time."

For more information about quarterlife crisis, www.quarterlifecrisis.com. For help with stress from quarterlife crisis or other issues, call the Student Counseling Center at (806) 742-3674.

## **GPSGA**

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could get funding," she said in response to McAfee's comments printed in The University Daily on

She said McAfee did not want to get funding from any other medium that was not the SGA.

Over the summer McAfee met with SGA President Jeremy Brown where they talked about the new executive office for the vice president student affairs within the "(McAfee) was aware of the

possibilities of funds being removed from the GPSGA, and he did not say anything to us," she said. "If we would have been aware that funding were not going to be available, we would have started looking for funding immediately."

She said the GPSGA has registered with Center for Campus Life, and they are a standing student organization.

McAfee was supposed to register the organization as one of his duties as a president, but he never did, she said.

"When we received the information that we were not registered, we were trying to find McAfee so

he could sign the papers, but he could not be reached," she said. 'We tried to contact him for three days, when finally, I decided to sign it for the president."

Polydore said graduate students will be represented by the executives they elected through the GPSGA. Jennifer Anderson, a senior

marketing major from Dallas, said she plans to go to graduate school, but she has not decided where she "I wanted to just stay at Tech,"

discussions and problems graduate students at Tech are having, I don't think I want to stay here. Anderson said she hopes the issue will be solved before she has to

she said. "But after seeing all the

make a decision about what graduate school she wants to attend. In its meeting Thursday, the SGA tabled the resolutios dealing with

implementing a new executive position, a vice president for graduate student affairs, so the senators could learn more about the issue. The SGA also held a forum Oct.

9 so senators could talk to graduate students and find out how the students thought the funding and representations issues could affect them.



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# Ephedra use leads to severe health risks

By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

Some students who turn to weight loss supplements and energy pills containing the herb ephedra might be at risk of losing something more than the freshman 15 — they are in jeopardy of losing their lives.

Robert Pfeil, a junior public relations major from Houston, said his friend went to the emergency room for complications resulting from use of an ephedra-based supplement.

"Taking (the supplement) jumped his heart rate — young people have a high metabolism, and taking (the supplement), which has Ephedra in it, makes young people's metabolism far outweigh its benefits. even higher," he said.

Pfeil said his friend has stopped talking the supplement since his hos-

Ephedra, also known by its Chinese name, Mu Huang, is a popular herb found in weight loss and energy supplements that has been causing a he said.

stir in the medical world because of the recent deaths of professional, college and high school athletes who all had ephedra in their systems at the time of death.

Kelvin Clark, the head strength and conditioning coach for Texas Tech, said the use of ephedra-based supplements is banned for athletes at Tech and the athletes of the NCAA

"Ephedra is a dangerous drug, and had any probthere have been a lot of problems with lems with epheit—the fact is you can get the same dra use in the benefits that ephedra gives you, other past. and safer ways," he said.

Clark said the dangers of ephedra bert, partial owner of

Gerald Myers, director of athletics at Tech, said ephedra is a banned substance that Tech cannot issue and athletes cannot take.

"If an athlete is tested positive for ephedra, the penalty they receive is that they lose one year of eligibility,"

Myers said the banned use of Ephedra is a good policy.

"There have been many deaths attributed to this stimulant at other schools and in the profes-

Myers said he could not comment when drug testing for athletes is held or if the school has

sional leagues," he said.

Dwayne Gil. Discount Sports Nutrition, said the proposed banning of ephedra by medical officials is ridiculous.

"You can overdose on aspirin and alcohol; it is stupid because if you look at cases containing deaths related to ephedra, there are not that many that have died," he

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

Abuse touches more people than

many students realize. Just ask Texas

Gilbert said he asks his customers if they have serious heart problems or based supplements or any supplements if they are sensitive to ephedra before to my clients unless it is a multi-vitaallowing them to purchase a supplement containing ephedra.

their doctors first before buying any supplements," he said.

Gilbert said supplements that do not contain ephedra are less effec-

LA Weight Loss Centers, said the center does not recommend ephedra-based supple-

he drug lose weight. "Ephedra

increases your heart rate, and it is damaging to your kidneys," she said.

Angela Fulton, a personal trainer with the Tech Fitness and Wellness Center, agreed with Vasquez.

"It's always 'he's a great guy' and

do anything to impress you," the so-

One-man play teaches variety of male roles

min," Fulton said.

"There are too many risks associ-"I always tell my customers to ask ated with supplements—the best way to lose weight and keep it off is to eat healthy and train right," she said.

Dr. Alan Kaye, professor and chairman of the anesthesiology department college campuses. and a professor with the pharmacol-Leticia Vasquez, a counselor for ogy department said ephedra is a potent drug and should be banned.

> pressure, stroke, sudden death, dizziments to ness, anxiety, insomnia and headaches," he said.

> > lems with supplements in general is that they are not standardized or regu- pounds by taking a supplement is not lated by the FDA.

> > "What the makers of the supplements are saying is in the supplement, the country that are so desperate to really isn't in it," he said.

> > Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich of Illinois signed a law on May 25 that made Illinois the first state to ban the sell- ous, and the drug should be banned," ing of ephedra.

Kaye said Texas is currently looking into banning the sale of the drug, effects from ephedra are recorded.

"I never recommend ephedra- but banning is difficult since the sale of supplements is such a big market.

"The supplement market is a \$15 billion market. It is a huge business, and that is one of the reasons why it is so difficult to regulate," he said.

Kaye said that there is an epidemic of supplement use, especially of supplements containing ephedra, on

"Young people want to look good, and they think they are a little overweight so they take a supplement hop-"Ephedra can cause high blood ing to lose that last ten pounds or the pudge in their belly-in college you are young and strong and think you are invincible, when in fact they are Kaye said one of the main prob- really harming their bodies," he said.

Kaye said losing that last 10 worth putting your life on the line.

"There are so many fat people in lose weight, so they take an ephedra based supplement and kill their bodies to lose the weight; it is so danger-

Kaye said only 1 percent of the side

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through an abusive relationship for "But then it gradually starts to hap- and be able to help those in violent pen and they make you feel like there's relationships get out. something wrong with you. That's why I stayed in the relationship."

Brister was a victim of verbal abuse and two months ago ended the relationship.

"There's like billions and billions of people and you don't have to stay in one (relationship) that isn't healthy," she said. "I'm a better person now. I'm happy."

Brister is now a member of Impact violence. Tech and is helping teach other students about violence in relationships through the play "You the Man."

"You the Man" was shown at the Allen Theater Monday to start the national Week Without Violence. About 250 students attended the production, hosted by the Center for Campus Life and Student Health.

The play was taken from the man's broader perspective, Brister said.

She helped with the play to help educate others about violence and what they can do to help themselves in an unhealthy relationship.

"A lot of people don't realize how much domestic violence affects college students," she said.

The play was planned to aid students in getting information about abusive relationships.

Paul Taplett saw "You the Man" and said he enjoyed it.

"I thought it was really good," the freshman English major from Lake Jackson said. "He (the character) questioned a lot of good issues when as old as 81. it comes to dating violence."

The actor, Eddie Martinez, starred in the one-man play. He took on six roles. All of the characters were affected by someone committing violence toward a girl - Jana.

Martinez portrayed a friend of hers, her father, her teacher, a police officer as well as others. He, as one of his characters, stated the theme of what all the characters learned about

"You have to listen, give her support and not judge her," Martinez

Olga Barcenas, a community education advocate for the Women's Protective Services was at the play and said she wanted to educate others about the possibility and danger of being in a violent relationship.

Women's Protective Services ofpoint of view to show a different, fer services such as protective housing and counseling for abused and battered women. "We don't discriminate with our

services," Barcenas said. "But we are a volunteer agency so people have to She said she wanted students to

be educated about violence because education is the only way to stop violence all together.

According to Texas Council for Family Violence, 117 women in Texas died last year because of domestic violence. While people16 to 24 years old have the highest rate of violence, some of the women killed were

"It can happen to anyone at any Taplett said he wanted to learn age," she said. "Violence does not dishow to recognize the signs of violence criminate in any way."



# Big 12 coaches discuss Stoops, Sooners ability

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -There is a simple formula for beating No. 1 Oklahoma, says one coach who has already game-planned against the unbeaten Sooners.

"It's going to take a great, great football team being at their best and the Sooners being off a little bit," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney said Monday.

The Sooners (7-0, 3-0

Big 12) opened their Big 12 season Oct. 4 with a 53-7 rout of McCarney's Cyclones. In the ensuing two weeks, they've laid a 65-13 whipping on nationally ranked Texas and vanquished Missouri 34-13 after building a quick 21-point lead.

"They protect the ball so well, have so much talent throughout that football team," McCarney said Monday. "Quality depth. Jason White is a legitimate Heisman candidate. They're going to have to be off a little, maybe turn it over a little, and the other team is going to have to play as well as they could possibly play."

Behind White, a senior quarterback who is showing no ill effects from multiple injuries of the past, the Sooners are No. 2 in the nation in scoring with a 45.7-point average.

Plus, they have a stifling defense that ranks eighth nationally by yielding just 14.4 points per game.

Oklahoma also possesses a game-breaking special teams star in kick returner Antonio Perkins. His 69-yard touchdown return against

Missouri was his fourth of the year, tying a Division I-A season record, and was the seventh of his career, tying the NCAA mark.

"They've assembled a really, really good football team," said Mis-

souri coach Gary Pinkel. "You see them on TV, you feel it a little bit. When you're standing on that sideline, you really feel it."

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops admits this team compares favorably with his national championship team of 2000.

"Overall, we have more quality depth, more players ready to play, and far and away our most experienced team," Stoops said.

"It's hard to explain ... but there seems to be a special quality about these guys, a genuine humility to them and a hunger to them in wanting to play well. I just felt in the last few years we were a little bit short in some areas.

"But it's like we're stronger this year overall. And you have the leadership with the seniors and juniors."

One surprise is White's lightsout play. He leads the nation in pass efficiency rating at 174.2, going 149-for-221 for 2,040 yards and 22 touchdowns. He's thrown just four interceptions.

"I guess we expected Jason to be very good, and he's turned out to be more than great the way he's played," Stoops said.

## Mailbag answers Symons' Heisman fate

week removed from my last mailbag, there has been Ltons of mail flowing into my account wanting to get my answers to some of the bigger questions in college football.

There is no time for gumsmacking opening jive. I will get right to the letters.

Hey Kyle, did you catch the Red Raiders and Oklahoma State this weekend? What's up with the defense? Troy from

Yes, Troy, I did get to watch the full extent of Tech's latest exciting chapter of football. I was at a sports bar in Odessa, so we didn't lose the game for any length of time, while I

Muskogee, Okla.

heard Lubbock lost the game for quite a while. It was a great game, or should I say a typical Tech game. Quarterback B.J. Symons and the offense got the game going late and almost came through with another win. As for the defense I guess nothing ever changes. I understand there are young players on the field for



those players are learning a new system. But when the Tech offense spots its defense 49 points, there is no excuse for a loss.

> Hey Kyle, Symons still had a great game. Is he still the No. 1 Heisman candidate? Phil from Cincinnati, Ohio.

No. Don't get me wrong, Symons is still the best player in America.

He still deserves this award, but Oklahoma quarterback Jason White is the best player on the best team in America, and both are the deciding factors for the award. I hold out hope that Symons will still be invited to New York, but all hopes of him winning the award are still in Stillwater, Okla. Sorry B.J., but your defensive cohorts probably lost the Heisman for you.

Hey Kyle, I know we won this week, but I heard what you said about my team costing me some money. You wouldn't happen to have any pro agents' phone numbers lying around would you? Roy from Austin, Texas.

Sorry Roy, I am not as well connected in this industry as I would have everybody believe, but if you're willing to take a chance on a young man with a big dream and a big stomach, I would be more than happy to be your agent.

Kyle, the first Bowl Championship Series rankings came out Monday. What do you think about the BCS? Phil from Baltimore, Mary.

Yet another BCS question. The BCS is the best current system all football fans could hope for. It's not as biased as the poll system and takes into account strength of schedule and other important matters. It really doesn't matter this year though. Two of the three undefeated teams that are in competition for the national title, Miami and Virginia Tech, play each other. In a best case scenario the winner of that game will go undefeated and so will Oklahoma. But if either

of those two teams lose, things could get hairy and there could be a vast amount of one-loss teams knocking on the door. I wouldn't bet on Oklahoma losing, though.

Hey Kyle, what's the deal with Oklahoma anyway? Did you know they were going to be this good? Gene

from Hoboken, N.J.

The safe bet on Oklahoma is to assume this team is always going to be this good. But to be more honest, I did not see this kind of season coming. I figured the loss of running back Quentin Griffin would affect the nature of the Sooners offense, but not as much as it has, and I could never have expected White to be passing the ball as well as he is. The defense is stout again and I honestly don't know how this team will ever lose. But I'm sure Oklahoma State is breaking down game film as I type. Good luck Cowboys, but if the past two years are any indication, you may not need it.

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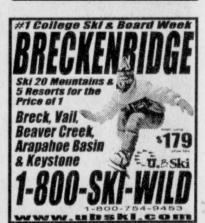
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# Tech coaches address defensive problems

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

A chain can only be as strong as its weakest link, and for the Texas Tech Red Raiders that link may be its defense.

Tech's defense ranks No. 113 in the nation, but its offense is No. 1. The difference may be getting a little fruscoaching staff.

Despite his defense being ranked the fourth worst in the nation, defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich said he wants the responsibility of improving the Raider defense and establishing an attacking mentality. He said he accepted

the job at Tech because of the challenge he would be faced with.

"I'd coach at Oklahoma, and we'd be damn good," he said. "You know what, my wife could coach at Oklahoma, and they'd be pretty damn good, too. ... I think it's a real challenge. I think this is a test of me personally, a test of my coaching, a test to see if I can get these guys to get better, and I like the test."

Tech's head coach Mike Leach has made it no secret that he deals with the offense and gives Setencich complete control of the shortfalls of the defense and knows things can turn around.

fense. You battle that all the time," he said. "Every team is building and working on something. And every so often you look at a team that all of a sudden they get great at a certain position, and they'll roll along for a while, but within the next four or five years they'll have to rebuild at that same position."

With a new defensive coordinator trating for the fans, players and the it may take some time for the defense to fully click under Setencich's leadership

> and in his system. Setencich is aware of this and has said all year it will not happen over night, but Tech is seven games' into a 12game season, and the defense is still where it started the season - the bottom

of the conference. Leach said the defensive weakness is something his team has to deal with.

"You're going to be short somewhere, and you just have to keep working it," he said.

In a game in which the Raiders were beaten for 673 yards and 51 points, it might be hard finding positives and not excuses, but Setencich said the team was simply caught off guard and had difficulty getting back on track against the Cowboys on Sat-

"I think we got hit in the mouth by a very good team and couldn't redefense, but Leach recognizes the cover, and as the offense started to rally we started to rally," he said.

He compared the battle between "I think we're improving on de- the two teams to a classic boxing

match because each team knew it could afford to let up, and it was his team that let up and had to make the uphill climb to recover from it.

"Playing a team like that is fighting two heavyweights," Setencich said. "It's like Muhammad Ali and George Foreman. Each one of them knows they can't relax because the other one can break their jaw. Oklahoma State was capable of not relaxing, and Texas Tech on defense couldn't hold up to that. We'd make a play, and they'd hit us in the head. So our maturity level wasn't good enough to take that pounding again and to get it back again."

The attacking attitude was missing from the defense for much of the game Saturday, and strong safety Ryan Aycock said that deficit cannot happen. Every player has to be ready when the opening kickoff is teed up. No player can rely on someone else to execute his job for him.

"Everyone has to hold themself accountable," he said. "We can't look for the offense or other teammates to make plays. They've got to make a play when it comes to them."

The defense has five game remaining to show improvement, but Leach is growing tired of answering questions about the defense. That was evident during his Monday press conference with the local media.

"I realize you're disappointed in the defensive performance, just like me you're gonna have to live with it and wait until next week, and can you write other articles, and I'll call more plays," Leach said.



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TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE end Adell Duckett moves to attempt a sack of Iowa State quarterback Chris Love during the Raiders 52-21 victory against the Cyclones. The Texas Tech defense is No. 113 in the nation and is surrendering 490 yards per game. Last week the unit gave up 673 yards to Oklahoma State.

## Lakers' Bryant to stand trial for rape

on a charge of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old resort worker, at a posh resort in nearby Edwards. a judge ruled Monday, clearing the way for a celebrity trial the likes of which hasn't been seen since O.J. Simpson. appeals are rare, legal experts said.

Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett said prosecutors presented enough evidence Bryant might have committed the crime June 30. The Los Angeles Lakers guard could face a life sentence if convicted.

Bryant has said the sex was consensual. His attor-

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Kobe Bryant must stand trial other men in the days before her encounter with Bryant

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Prosecutors in Colorado almost always succeed in perneys suggested the woman's injuries came during sex with suading a judge to order a trial after a preliminary hearing.

## First BCS rankings have Oklahoma Sooners ranked No. 1 in country

iar place - first in the initial Bowl Championship Series standings. The Sooners' task this year is to stay there.

Oklahoma was No. 1 in the first BCS standings for the third straight other than winning our games," Miami

year, matching the spot it has held in the two major polls all season.

"It's a positive indicator that we've played awfully well for seven games," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said Monday. "We've earned that posi-

tion and have played well through this part of the season. Now, it's our job to continue it, finish it and keep it." Miami and Virginia Tech, the other

two undefeated teams from major conferences, are second and third.

The BCS standings are used to determine which teams play in a national title game. The teams that finish 1-2 in the final BCS standings on Dec. 7 will play for the title at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on Jan. 4.

The formula uses the AP media and coaches' polls, seven computer rankings, strength of schedule, losses and a bonus-point system for quality wins.

The Sooners (7-0) have a 2.77 total. Oklahoma is ranked first in four ond in the first standings and went on of the season.

(AP) — Oklahoma is in a famil- of computers with Miami the top team to win the national championship in in the other three.

> The Hurricanes (7-0) have 4.10 points and Virginia Tech (6-0) has 10.23. "We can't get caught up in anything

> > coach Larry Coker said. "If we do that, everything will work out as it should."

Georgia (12.99), Florida State (13.14), Ohio State (13.20), Southern California (13.83) and Purdue (21.50) round out the top eight.

teams in Division I-A are not at the top of the standings. Northern Illinois (7-0) of the Mid-American conference is 10th, while TCU (7-0) of Conference USA is 14th. Both teams have poor strength of schedule rankings, with the Huskies 100th and the Horned Frogs 96th out of 117 Divi-

sion I-A teams. In the first five years of the BCS, the teams that were in the top two spots in the first standings never stayed there for the final standings. However, the 10 teams that have played in the championship game were all in the top 6 in the first BCS standings.

the Orange Bowl against Florida State.

"There seems to be a special quality about these guys, a genuine humility to them and a hunger to them in wanting to play well," Stoops said.

The BCS was started five years ago to create a national title game without playoffs. Champions of six conferences - the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC - qualify for a BCS game, and two at-large teams are selected to fill out the field.

Northern Illinois and TCU will The two other undefeated need to be in the top 12 to be eligible for one of the lucrative bowl games.

"We've got so much football to play that we don't even really waste time thinking of that right now," Northern Illinois coach Joe Novak said.

Tulane president Scott Cowen, whose school was left out in 1998 despite going undefeated, has started a coalition to lobby the major conferences and has even threatened an antitrust suit.

"The BCS system is a restrictive and exclusive system," Cowen said. "The combination of automatic qualifiers and the ranking system make it virtually impossible for non-BCS schools to get ranked."

The BCS standings will be re-Three years ago, Oklahoma was sec- leased each week for the remainder

