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Center files complaint against Tech

UNPLEASING POLICY: Center for Equal Opportunity upset at decision to reintroduce race and ethnicity into Tech's admissions policy

By Heidi Toth/News Editor

The Center for Equal Opportunity filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education against the Texas Tech system on Tuesday because of the university's decision to reintroduce race and ethnicity into its admissions policy.

Edward Blum, a senior fellow for the center, said the

system Tech has, which does not allow racial preferences to be used, should stay in place.

"This is clearly out of what the Supreme Court has decided in the most recent Supreme Court case," he said.

The case, *Grutter v. Bollinger*, which was decided in June, dealt with the University of Michigan's law school. The Supreme Court ruled that race or ethnicity could be used as a factor in admissions but could not be the only

factor. This decision overruled the 1996 *Texas v. Hopwood* case from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court that said race could not be used as a factor, which was previously the precedent for Texas.

At the Oct. 3 Board of Regents meeting, the Board decided to study the university's admissions policies with the possibility of adding race as a factor, said Sally Logue Post, interim director of News and Publications.

According to the center's complaint, the Court's decision only allows the use of racial preferences if "race-neutral means have tried and failed." Blum said because Tech has used the top 10 percent rule, which grants auto-

matic admission to any student in the top 10 percent of his or her graduating class, Tech has achieved diversity.

"The reintroduction of racial preferences would be a violation of the law," he said, citing Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. "Before Tech actually introduces once again the use of racial and ethnic preferences, we're hopeful the Department of Education will prevent them from doing that."

Post said the university is not worried about the complaint. "They're complaining about something that doesn't

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PEACE OF MIND

Muslims use month of Ramadan to reflect

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter and photos by Jaime Tomás Aguilar/Staff Photographer

Ramadan is a method for Mahmood Subhani to try to improve himself by fasting.



"It makes you appreciate everything you have," said the sophomore electrical engineering major from Allen. "You pray more, read more of the Koran and try to be nicer."

The month of Ramadan is the ninth month in the Muslim calendar. The month began Monday and will end Nov. 25, and about 400 Muslims who attend Texas Tech will fast and give up sexual relations in order to feel the pain of the poor and hungry.

Ramadan is known as the month the first verses of the Koran were revealed to the Muslim prophet Muhammad. Muhammad fasted during that time, and now it has carried over into a tradition carried on by the Islamic church.

Fasting starts about an hour before sunrise and continues until sunset. Eating a date, which is a type of fruit, after sunset traditionally breaks the fast.

Subhani said fasting is not very difficult once it becomes a routine.

"The first few days of the month you might not remember and eat something," Subhani said. "But fasting is to let you know how poor people feel."

Muslims also are recommended to give a fourteenth of their annual income every year. If they have not yet given their money to the church, they are expected to give it during Ramadan.

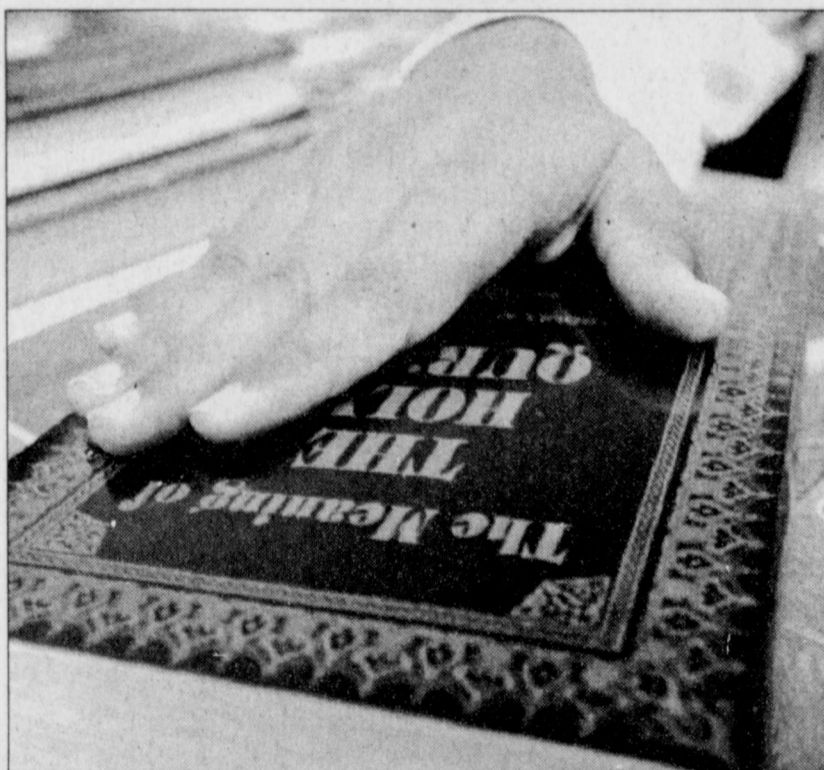
Halil Yenigen, a graduate student in political science from Istanbul, Turkey, said he feels devoted to Islam during the month of Ramadan.

"You make a sacrifice for your God," he said. "It's just for the sake of Allah. It gives you a feeling of dedication to your religion."

Yenigen said starting the month of Ramadan may be hard, but he adjusts and gets used to it.

"It makes you satisfied from another point

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ABOVE: A GROUP of men reflect during a worshiping service Monday evening at the Lubbock Islamic Center on the first day of Ramadan. In the Muslim religion Ramadan is the month of worship, spirit and piece of mind that also includes a practice of fasting "to nourish a sense of self control." LEFT: Mohamed El-Moctar, the Imam (prayer leader) for the Lubbock Islamic Center, places his hand on the Holy Qur'an, which he has memorized from cover to cover and recites each day throughout Ramadan. The holy period ends Nov. 25.

Sales tax early vote ends Friday; debate continues

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

Out of the more than 28,000 Texas Tech students, only 3,000 students are registered to vote in Lubbock, according to an estimate by Lubbock Chamber of Commerce President Eddie McBride.

This low number does not prove to the city that students are concerned with community issues, he said.

"Students need to put their votes where their mouths are and prove it," McBride said.

Early voting for the Nov. 4 sales tax election ends Friday.

The election comes after the Lubbock City Council unanimously approved Mayor Marc McDougal's proposal of a sales tax increase of three-eighths of a cent, raising the tax from 7.785 percent to 8.25 percent on taxable purchases.

Tech SGA External Vice President Colton Batchelor said it was important for Tech students to be informed about the issue.

"You always have to question someone's motives," Batchelor said. "It's really hard to be 100 percent for or 100 percent against."

The biggest complaint Batchelor said he has is that the city made no effort to speak to Tech students about the election.

"I really want to inform people on the issue," he said. "Although every Tech student may not be a property owner, it may be in the best interest of some. Economic development is in the best interest of the majority of students."

While Batchelor would not voice his opinion on the issue, he said the proposal should be reevaluated in a way that benefits Tech students more overall.

"Whenever you go to vote on this, you really have to weigh the costs and benefits," he said.

Two separate areas will benefit from the additional revenue. One-fourth of the sales tax increase, or about \$6.5 million, would be used to offset property tax, possibly reducing it by 7 or 8 cents per \$100 valuation.

The other \$3.3 million, or one-eighth of a cent, would fund economic development and the economic development plan, Market Lubbock, Inc.

Market Lubbock, Inc. focuses on the expansion and retention of existing businesses. It also provides monetary incentives for new businesses to develop in Lubbock, McBride said.

The nonprofit organization would become a 4A Economic Development Corporation if the sales tax increase passed. The monetary guidelines of the corporation would become stricter, allowing tax dollars to be spent only on certain projects outlined by the state.

While the 4A corporation would focus on creating career path jobs, the tax revenues can be spent on select job categories only. Some of these categories are crop production, manufacturing, wholesale trade, information and scientific research and development services. The list excludes the retail industry.

The larger businesses create spin-off jobs that are not just minimum wage jobs, McBride said.

The Lubbock County Democratic Party opposes the increase because it will be a hardship on college students and middle-income families, said chairwoman Irma Guerrero. The employee scandals and mismanagement of funds by Market Lubbock, Inc. also raises questions of reliability.

"If they had a shiny record, you wouldn't hear a peep out of us," she said. "Do we really think we should trust them with more

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STOMACH SLIDING



JENNA HANSEN/Photography Editor

JASON JOURNEY, A mechanical engineering major from Richardson, slides down a home-made slip and slide while friends hold the plastic tight Monday night.

Dotson returns to Waco to face murder charge

HE'S BACK: Former Baylor basketball player was indicted in August for the murder of Patrick Dennehy.

By Angela K. Brown/Associated Press

WACO (AP) — Former Baylor University basketball player Carlton Dotson was transported back to Waco on Tuesday, three months after he was arrested in Maryland in the shooting death of a former teammate, an official said.

Dotson, 21, will face another arraignment and bail review hearing in Waco. He was flown to Austin on Tuesday afternoon from Maryland and was being driven to Waco.

Dotson was indicted in August in the slaying of Patrick Dennehy, 21, who had been missing six weeks when his body was found July 25 in a field near a rock quarry south of

Waco. The 6-foot-10 player, who shared his apartment with Dotson since April, had been shot twice in the head.

Dotson had been fighting extradition since his July 21 arrest in his home state, where he returned in June after leaving Baylor.

Early Tuesday, Dotson left the jail in Chestertown, Md., 55 miles from his hometown of Hurlock on Maryland's Eastern Shore, said Joseph Flanagan, assistant state's attorney in Kent County. Texas authorities arrived in Maryland earlier this week to prepare for the transfer of Dotson, Flanagan said.

Dotson has appeared in court three times as officials shuffled extradition paperwork between Texas and Maryland. Last month, Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich signed a warrant agreeing to turn Dotson over to prosecutors in Texas.



A Kent County district judge served Dotson with the governor's warrant in court earlier this month, and Dotson's attorneys faced an Oct. 17 deadline to file their next appeal. But attorneys said Oct. 16 that they would no longer try to keep Dotson in Maryland.

Filing the appeal would have further delayed extradition, but officials in both states have said Dotson prob-

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The Rundown



Doctors say one twin may need skin graft

DALLAS (AP) — Catheters in the chest veins of the separated Egyptian twins were removed Tuesday, decreasing the risk of serious infection, doctors at Children's Medical Center Dallas said.

Mohamed and Ahmed Ibrahim are progressing in their therapy and their nutrition is good. Although still weak, they continue to make daily progress, said Dr. James Thomas, chief of critical care services.

Ahmed also visited his brother's room for the first time Monday.

"He obviously enjoyed his wagon ride to and from the room, but smiled the broadest when he discovered Mohamed in his crib," Thomas said.

"While Mohamed is more physically playful, shaking his rattle and throwing other objects, Ahmed taught himself how to click his tongue this morning and beams with pride each time he does it, especially if the noise gets a response from the staff or family members."

The 2-year-old boys were separated from the tops of their heads in a 34-hour surgery on Oct. 12. Doctors have been pleased with their progress.

Houston boy's rush to van leads to death

HOUSTON (AP) — An effort to catch a Houston boy taking advantage of special private bus transportation.

A little more time is all that William Rivera needed for Monday to have unfolded like any other school day and for the rest of his life to remain before him.

But the 7-year-old was still standing in the parking lot of the Glen Willow Apartments in southwest Houston when the van to Kolter Elementary School was pulling away.

William tore across the parking lot, hoping to catch the van before it turned. "Run, William, run!" yelled his mother, Rosa Alvarez.

The student almost made it, but the van got to the street before he did. As it turned right, the boy reached out to bang on its side so the driver would stop, but tripped and fell beneath its wheels while his mother watched in horror.

William's torso was crushed and he was pronounced dead on arrival on Ben Taub Hospital.

The van he had to catch was not his scheduled normal ride. The van returns to the complex on a second run, which was when he normally caught it, family members said.

At least 17 dead from California fires

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Firefighters beat back flames that had threatened hundreds of homes Tuesday in northwest Los Angeles, but to the south, a fire official said his exhausted crews were being pulled off the lines even if it means more homes will burn.

Amid one of the most destructive and deadly wildfire outbreaks in California history, two major blazes were threatening to expand and destroy more homes in San Diego County. Even so, some firefighters were being pulled off lines there to rest.

"They're so fatigued that despite the fact the fire perimeter might become much larger, we're not willing to let the firefighters continue any further," said Rich Hawkins, a Forest Service fire chief.

"It's like war. This whole fire has been a war so far."

At least 17 deaths were blamed on the fires, 15 in Southern California and two in Mexico, as separate blazes were scattered along an arc from the suburbs northwest of Los Angeles to Ensenada, Mexico, about 60 miles south of the border. At last count, 1,137 homes had been destroyed in California.

Car bomb kills at least four in Fallujah

BAGHDAD (AP) — A car bomb exploded Tuesday west of Baghdad, killing at least four people a day after three dozen people died in a wave of suicide bombings in the Iraqi capital.

U.S. officials said one of Baghdad's three deputy mayors was killed in a hit-and-run shooting.

The latest attacks, including the Sunday killing of Deputy Mayor Faris Abdul Razzaq al-Assam, raised fears that a strengthened insurgency is increasingly targeting Iraqis who work with the U.S.-led coalition as well as international groups that had considered themselves at less risk than U.S. soldiers.

Despite the escalation in attacks on Iraqis, American forces remained targets, with insurgents firing on a U.S. military base and convoy in two northern cities Tuesday.

In Baghdad, a rocket-propelled grenade attack killed one U.S. soldier and wounded six others while they were trying to destroy roadside bombs, the U.S. military said Tuesday.

Cousin says sniper suspect acted strangely

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Weeks before the sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington area, John Allen Muhammad showed a cousin in Louisiana a rifle and claimed he was on a covert military operation, the cousin testified Monday at Muhammad's murder trial.

Charlene Anderson said she let Muhammad and fellow sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo stay in her Baton Rouge, La., home for a few days in late summer 2002.

The cousins had grown up together in Louisiana, but she said Muhammad, a normally well-dressed Army veteran, looked unusually disheveled during the visit.

Anderson said he asked where he could buy bullets for the rifle, which he carried in a duffel bag, and told her he was on an undercover mission to recover plastic explosives that had disappeared from the military.

Anderson said Malvo made her uncomfortable.

"I just had a bad feeling about him," Anderson said. She said she made up a story about visiting friends to get the two to leave her home.

Two Americans killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Two Americans working for the CIA have been killed in an ambush while tracking terrorists in Afghanistan, the agency said Tuesday.

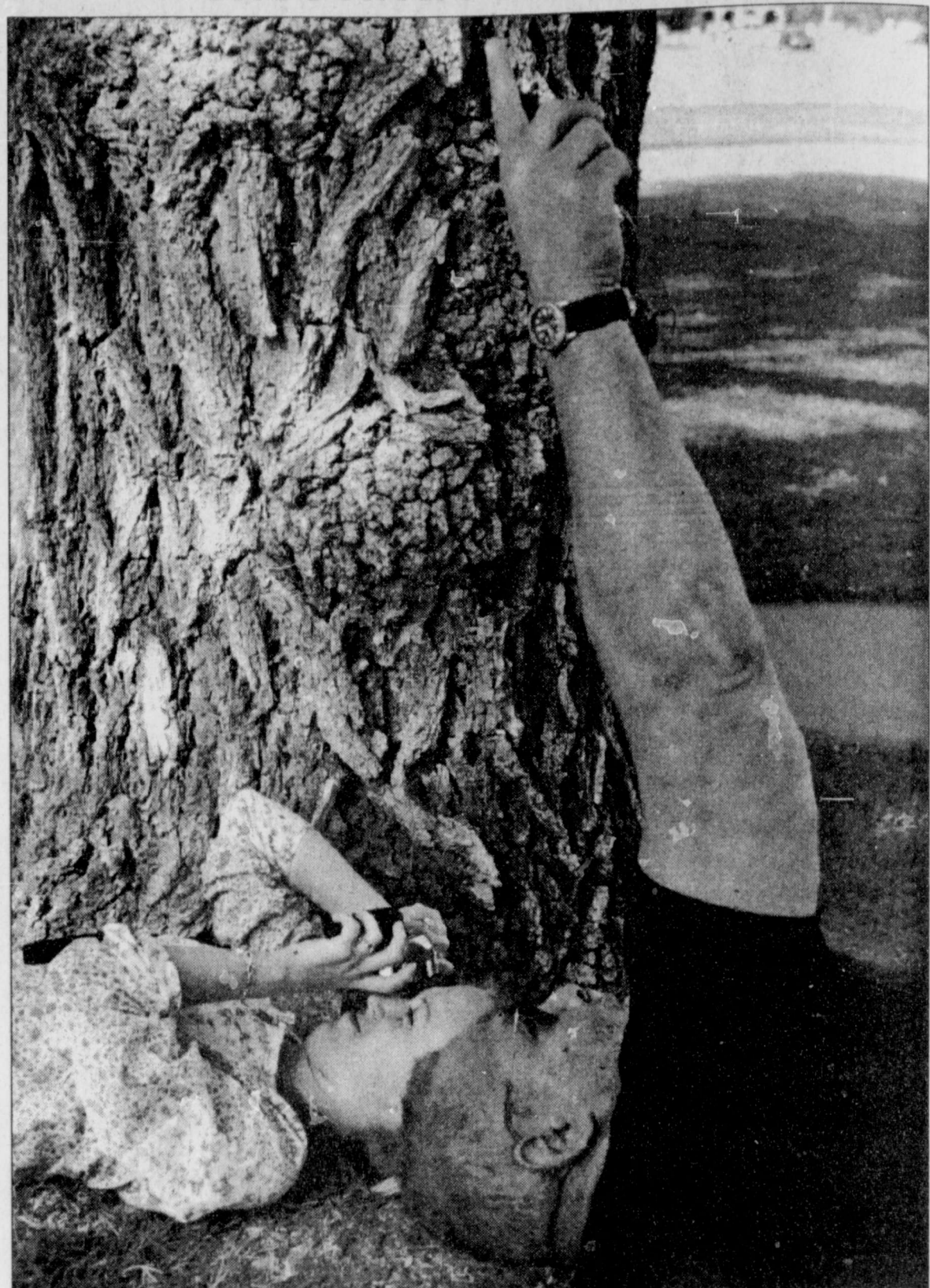
The ambush Saturday happened on the same day and in the same region as a six-hour firefight in which U.S.-led coalition aircraft and Afghan militia killed 18 rebel fighters, the U.S. military reported from its headquarters in Afghanistan Tuesday.

Six Afghan militia soldiers were wounded in the fighting, but there were no coalition casualties, the military said. It was unclear whether the two incidents were linked, but the military did not explain why its account of the fighting was delayed by three days.

In Washington, the CIA identified the two men as William Carlson, 43, of Southern Pines, N.C., and Christopher Glenn Mueller, 32, of San Diego. Both were veterans of military special operations forces, the CIA said.

They were "tracking terrorists operating in the region" of Shkin, a village in eastern Afghanistan, when they were killed Saturday, the CIA said in a statement.

SHOOTING FOR SKILLS



TIFFANY TODD/Contributing Photographer PHOTOGRAPHY PROFESSOR TONY Gleaton helps Stacy Carter, a sophomore from Pampa, Okla., understand some metering and photographic skills.

Election

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money? No."

Guerrero said she is surprised the mayor proposed such a self-serving issue.

"It's amazing that the mayor has the gall to propose a sales tax increase and then trade-off for a property tax reduction," she said.

McDougal said the sales tax increase election was proposed for two reasons: to clean up the way Market Lubbock was funded, and to give property tax owners a reduction in taxes.

"That's certainly not self-serving on our parts," he said. "We're giving citizens a change to vote it up or down. I don't see how calling and election and letting the citizens decide could be called self-serving."

Tech students wanting a part-time job could find number of blue collar jobs, while white collar, higher-salary paying jobs are available for graduates, McBride said.

Progress Lubbock, a volunteer

political action committee, conducted preliminary surveys that found more than 90 percent of participants agreed that economic development and more than 70 percent agreed that a reduction in property tax are both important.

There is no guarantee of the number of jobs the increase could create, Chairman of Progress Lubbock David Seim said.

There are 400 cities in the state with 4B corporations, and Lubbock is the only city of its size without one, Seim said.

The price of rent will not necessarily decrease. Property owners could disregard the offset property tax and raise rental rates anyway, McBride said.

If the rates do not increase, then they will more than likely stay the same, he said.

People living outside the city limits that the property tax reduction will not affect can take advantage of the increase of sales tax in different ways, Seim said.

"When they come to town, they use the streets," he said. "Who pays for all that? The property owners do."



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Students lobby for gay student organization at Lubbock High



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RENE CAUDILLO, A Lubbock High School student, speaks about his experiences getting tormented for being openly gay at a Gay Straight Alliance town meeting in the Law School forum Tuesday night.

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

The Gay Straight Alliance hosted an open forum at the Texas Tech School of Law Tuesday night to inform the community about issues gay and lesbian high school students are confronted with and to educate the community about the organization they want to establish.

The GSA is an organization formed by gay and lesbian high school students who are reaching for support from their peers. It is also for those students to be in an environment where they feel safe to talk about their problems and concerns.

The Lubbock Independent School District filed a lawsuit against GSA two years ago because gay and lesbian students were holding meetings on school grounds, which it was not allowed to do.

Brian Chase, staff attorney at Lambda Legal and lead attorney for GSA, said GSA members should be allowed to meet within school premises because they should be treated the same as any other school organization.

"These kids have the right to get together and talk about their problems," he said. "They are so brave to even come

up here tonight and share their stories with you. This is about every one being treated equally and not about different sexual orientations."

Ricky Waite, co-founder of GSA, said he would do anything to protect other students from going through the same things he did in high school.

He said Lubbock is a conservative city, but it is not a hostile community. There are individuals who do not understand or want to understand homosexuality, and they can create an uncomfortable environment for homosexuals.

Waite said before he came out there were psychological problems that made every day very difficult.

"I felt as if I was not good enough, not a good person," he said. "We feel this way because there are people who are stuck on what their religion says, and they make us feel like we are not worthy — like we are not good people."

The organization is for high school students who need to talk to someone, someone that will understand what their troubles are, Waite said.

The organization is fighting for the right to meet on campus, he said. It is a

low-budget program and is not able to pay for personnel and a facility.

The main goal is to have an office in campus where students can get a hold of him when they need to talk, Waite said.

Throughout history there have been protests about different rights for people, and this is the time to make a difference and teach people about homosexuality.

"I came out on July of 2001, and it was the hardest thing I have ever had to do," he said. "I saw my mom crying, and at that moment I wished I could have taken it back; I wished I could have done something to make her stop crying."

Waite said he found support in his family and his friends, and he wants to provide the same support for other students who need help. He wants to give this support through the GSA.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is a national organization that supports and promotes the well being of gays and lesbians.

Bill Armstrong, PFLAG Lubbock chapter president, said the organization has about 2,000 members nationwide. The group provides support to gay and lesbian students who need help.

"We need to celebrate diversity and treat everyone equally," he said. "These students need a safe environment, and some people are pushing them away."

Armstrong said gay and lesbian students are more likely to commit suicide, drop out of school or become depressed.

Other schools around the nation have programs like GSA and research shows the existence of such programs has diminished the amount of harassment directed toward homosexual students.

Mirah Curzer, a Lubbock High School student and spokeswoman for GSA, said the community should care about this issue because it is not about sexuality; it is an issue of justice.

"This is everyone's fight. This is about justice, and this should be something that we all care about," she said. "We should all want to fight for the right of the students in the community."

Curzer said there are issues standing in the way of the organization. The community should write letters to the school board, wear pins showing support for gays and lesbians, talk to people who do not understand homosexuality and inform them of the situation.

Duncan receives Civil Justice Award for work in making legislature more balanced

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, was presented with the Civil Justice Award on behalf of Texans for Law-suit Reform for his work during the past legislative session, where he had a leadership role in helping to create a more balanced Texas Legislature.

The award was presented at the Texas Tech International Cultural Center on Tuesday.

Duncan said during the last Legislative session, he was asked by Sen. Bill Ratliff to assist in the mechanical aspects of new legislation.

Duncan said he was honored to receive the award.

"TLR is a great organization," he said. "They have always been a good friend so it is very significant for me to receive recognition due to the success they've had in legislation over the past couple of years."

Duncan said TLR is an organization

made up of people from businesses throughout the state who work to promote legislation. Their main goal has been to achieve more of a balance in Texas' legislation.

"They're statewide, not just a group of people from one town," he said. "They support and conduct reform measures."

Lubbock Mayor Marc McDougal said Duncan does his best to make sure he is representing the West Texas area. He said Duncan deserves to be honored in this way.

"He does an excellent job representing Texas consistently when issues come up in West Texas," he said. "It's great to have a legislator that takes the time to listen to what his constituents needs are."

Delbert McDougal, Marc McDougal's father, said Duncan, much like the bill he was so instrumental in helping to pass, works to achieve balance not only in legislation, but in his responsibilities to Lubbock and Texas.

"Bob is not just a senator from Lub-

bock, he is a senator for Texas," he said.

Ken Hogland, vice president for TLR, said Duncan's award relates to the passage of House Bill 4, a bill he referred to as the most comprehensive civil justice bill in America.

Duncan said the bill tied up legislative loose ends in Texas.

"House Bill 4 dealt with a lot of reform issues facing the state that haven't yet been solved," he said. "The bill brought Texas in line with the rest of the country."

Richard Trabulsi, president of TLR, said House Bill 4 has 19 points that address issues such as medical liability, class action suits, product liability, appeal bonds and venue.

"This means, of course, that the law itself will be more fair and balanced," he said. "It will also give Texas a huge competitive advantage in attracting jobs."

Trabulsi said his organization has authority in the Senate, and his colleagues look to Duncan for insight into

key issues in the criminal justice system.

"Sen. Duncan is one of the most influential members of the senate," he said. "He served on the budget conference, and had a large role in determining a balanced budget for Texas under difficult circumstances."

Richard W. Weekley, TLR founder, said the need for lawsuit reform was realized when, in 1994, The Washington Post called Texas the "Lawsuit Capital of the Country."

"The situation needed some attention," he said. "It was outrageous."

Weekley said the reforms impressed the governor's office and were signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry earlier this year. He said other states took notice, considering what kinds of reforms they could take back to their own legislatures.

"It's unbelievable what these gentlemen did," he said. "I'm very proud of these guys. These reforms are so amazing."



ANDREW WEATHERL/Staff Photographer
STATE SEN. ROBERT Duncan of Lubbock receives the Civil Justice Award at the International Cultural Center Tuesday afternoon.

Complaint

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exist yet," she said.

The policy would not go into effect until fall 2005 and would be one of many criteria in the admissions process, she said.

Assistant professor of political science Kevin Scott said the Supreme Court's decision in

Grutter was intentionally vague, which means many universities' policies will have to be reviewed by a federal court. It basically stated that each case should be treated individually.

"Challenges like this are to be expected, but I'm not sure how they're

going to play out," he said, adding Tech will most likely be able to go ahead with its policy.

Scott said the center's assertion that the percentage of underrepresented minorities did not change before Hopwood is accurate according to Tech's diversity data, and the university did not become less diverse after race stopped being a factor. Similar data is found in Tier 2 schools around the nation. Increasing diversity may not be the only reason universities are rushing to comply with the ruling.

"The problem is, if the University of Texas reverts back to affirmative action, we have to compete with the University of Texas," he said.

One reason UT moved quickly to add race into its policy is because it has to compete with universities throughout the United States to keep top graduates in state, Scott said. Using racial preference benefits universities, which can more easily recruit students that will enhance diversity.

Similar complaints have also been filed against the University of Texas and Rice University, Blum said, and they are watching other public universities throughout the state and will probably file complaints if similar policies are implemented.

The next step in the process is for the Department of Education to initiate a formal complaint against Tech, if it chooses to do so. Tech will

be invited to respond, which normally takes about four to six weeks, he said.

The department's Office of Civil Rights listen to Tech's defense of its admissions policy and will determine if it violates the law, after which both will come to an arrangement that each side finds satisfactory.

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ably would not have been successful.

McLennan County Sheriff Larry Lynch said Texas authorities had 10

days from the Oct. 17 appeal deadline to pick up Dotson.

The case has rocked the Baptist school and its basketball program.

Coach Dave Bliss and Baylor's athletic director resigned in August amid revelations of NCAA viola-

tions.

School investigators said they discovered that two players were receiving improper financial aid and that staff members did not properly report some players' failed drug tests.

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Last week in one of my classes the discussion turned toward the flying of the Confederate flag in southern states.

I refrained from participation because at the time I had a headache and most decidedly did not feel like embroiling myself in such an argument.

However, I do not have a headache right now.

The states that most recently removed the confederate flag from their capitol buildings were South Carolina and Georgia.

It took a boycott of all tourism to the state by the NAACP to finally inspire the South Carolinians to take down the flag in June 2000.

In Georgia, it was only in May of this year that a flag not containing any emblem resembling the traditionally accepted Confederate flag was hoisted above public buildings across the state.

The citizens of the state of Georgia, however, have been divided on the issue. Some support the new flag, while others want the old one revived. I have to support the latter group.

First, I need to give a quick explanation of the Confederate flag. What one thinks of first is likely the Confederate Naval Jack, the rectangular flag with the stars and bars going across it diagonally. Similar to that is the Battle Jack, which is square and occupied roughly half of the former Georgia flag.

Few people would recognize the original flag of the Confederacy, which had a design similar to the original U.S. flag. It is the Naval Jack that the crazies like to use as their symbol of hatred.

In general, opposition to the Confederate flag is based on pure emotion inspired by the actions of this minority of right-wing extremist groups.

Historically, there is no reason for southern states not to let the Confederate banner fly atop their public buildings, and here is why.

I have a considerable amount of Appalachian American blood coursing through my veins.

This part of my family came from the hills of Tennessee, and several of my ancestors were Confederate veterans. Slavery was a bottom tier priority for these soldiers. In fact, most of them were not wealthy enough to own slaves.

They were concerned about what they perceived as the imposition of unfair economic policies by the industrial North. Of course, they probably did not sound quite that eloquent when they protested.

When they carried the flag into battle, it did not symbolize their support of slavery or their hatred for blacks.

Granted, few of them had much positive sentiment for blacks, but that feeling was not the flag's purpose. Its purpose was to represent unity in the face of the seemingly improper practices of Northerners.

Jason
Lenz



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Let's take another look at the groups of dingbats who have made the flag such an anathema. To illustrate how ignorant of world history these people are, consider that they carry around these Confederate flags alongside banners bearing the Swastika of Nazi Germany.

One would be hard pressed to find two ideologies more diametrically opposed than those of the Confederacy and Nazi Germany. The former embraced states' rights and individualism while the latter endorsed government control of practically everything.

Furthermore, they base their policy of hatred on the Bible.

In Genesis 9:24-25 Noah's youngest son Ham sees his father naked after Noah had gotten plastered, and therefore Noah curses Ham, whose descendants would become the Canaanites (the people racists believe became Africans). The curse dictated that these descendants would be slaves to the other sons.

So there you have it. Because of the ramblings of a man with a hangover and some questionable genealogical research, racists justify their actions and beliefs.

Thus, people who simply care about their history and their heritage, despite its negativity, are unable to do so indirectly because of a band of wackos.

The direct cause preventing the Confederate flag from holding a place in southern heritage is the reaction of the general populace to the flag.

Because of a small group of people misusing a symbol of cultural pride, the Confederate flag is tantamount to evil in the national psyche.

Interestingly, it has been trumpeted that Muslim terrorists have similarly debased Islam. Does that mean Islam ought to also be tantamount to evil in the United States?

You decide.

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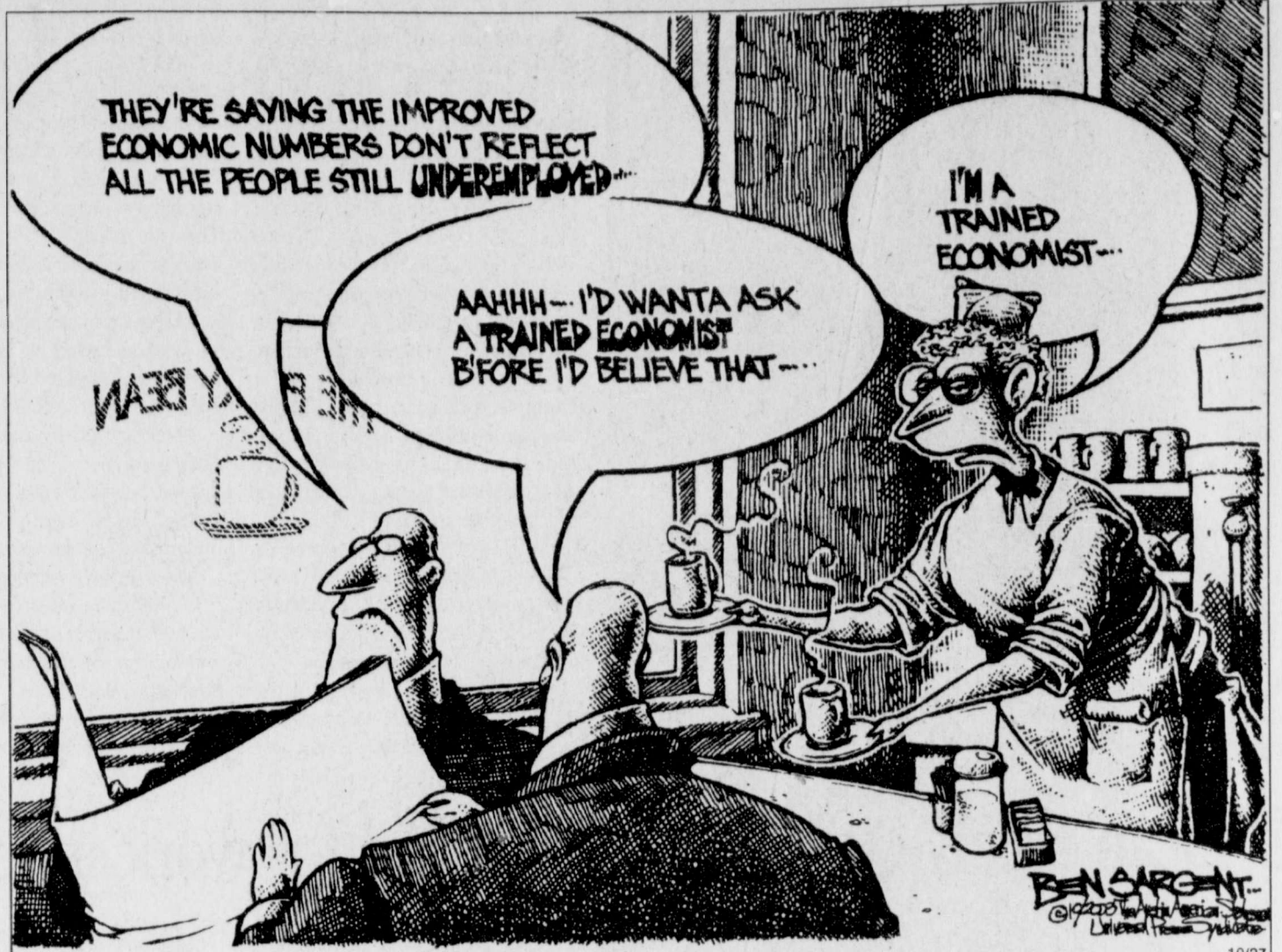
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Everything I need to know I learned from Halloween

Dave
Ring



Do you remember what it was like the first time you ever heard of Halloween and understood what went down?

I don't know how old I was, but my earliest memories of dressing up with a plastic He-Man mask and my belt wrapped over my T-shirt are melded harmoniously with images of stock-piled candy sitting underneath my desk begging for me to eat myself into a coma.

You mean people give ME candy just for walking up to their door with a bag and a costume?

How absolutely wonderful was this news to you? What better invention than a day where you get free candy? The topper was/is that you got to wear whatever outlandish costume you want.

For just this night you could be anything that you want (usually dictated by your parents' willingness to work on/pay for a costume). From an evil demon to a banana in a top hat, the possibilities were endless.

So what the hell happened to Halloween?

Ever since I stopped going door-to-door with my wholly-insufficient little orange jack-o-lantern bucket I've noticed that kids these days don't really get out that much. I don't know if this drop in trick-or-treating is due to parental paranoia or the fact that people now hand out rice cakes.

I'm putting my money on the rice cakes.

So now here we are, bitter and cynical ex-Halloween professionals.

That dozen year run finally came to an end that Halloween you went out and

people kept thinking you were the dad and passed you over because you forgot to shave.

So no more free candy, unless you have access to yours or someone else's kids to take door-to-door or don't mind beating up youths half your age of course.

The nice thing is, unlike Christmas, people during Halloween seem more "genuine" in the whole process of giving.

As kids we are taught that Christmas is about giving, not receiving, even though every single media-market tells us otherwise. But with Halloween, there's no bullcrap. The youth want something, and they expect you to give it.

And the payoff comes if you have ever spent the night passing out candy to trick-or-treaters.

I love kids — as long as they aren't mine and don't come in my house.

So Halloween offers a chance for us pedophobes to see just enough of the rug rats without fear of contamination.

What we do still have, however, is by far the best part of Halloween. I speak of nothing else than the costumes.

When you go out this Friday, there will undoubtedly be people who are "too cool" to get dressed-up. But if you are a true fan of Halloween you will do the right thing and kick them the hell out of your party.

Really though, why not get dressed up

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But I've learned that it is much easier to explain to your parents and mailman if you do it all this Friday night.

So take the time to reflect on what Halloween really means to you.

Is it a time of freely giving to your fellow man?

Do you love the way no one can judge each other on the way they look and how that truly reflects on a color-blind ideology? Or do you just like to get wickedly hammered wearing bed sheets?

Either way I hope that all of you have the best Halloween of your life.

Two things to get that started; stay out of car wrecks and know your allergies.

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Guest Column

Angry veteran speaks out about protests

I am writing in response to Monday's article about the protest on the war in Iraq. No opposing views were given.

I am a Corporal in the US Marine Corps, a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I spent six months of my life liberating an entire nation and ensuring the safety of the United States and our allies.

Therefore I feel my writing in defense of the President and in defense of those who gave their lives for this country is fitting.

These protestors are saying, "look at the facts," so I've got some facts for you. Saddam Hussein is the use weapons of mass destruction against innocent people. He has murdered untold thousands of his own citizens. Iraq has attacked every bordering country and invaded two others under Saddam.

Iraq had a WMD program to develop nuclear weapons; however the extent of their progress is still unknown. The Iraqi people were oppressed, beaten and tortured by their government, and I saw the scars and missing limbs first hand as Iraqis thanked me personally for "saving" them from Saddam.

They said "saving" because they didn't know the meaning of freedom. So to you selfish greedy protestors I say look at the facts and look at the human element of this war. Every human has the right to be free and live without fear. That includes Iraqis.

In response to some of the comments made by the protestors I must first say I support everyone's right to express their opinion. I just feel it is my duty to educate those who protest without knowing the whole story.

Mr. Boyle, instead of regurgitating rhetoric spewed out by liberal politicians, look at the facts. The war in Iraq has absolutely nothing to do with the increase in tuition. University tuition is controlled by the state and now each university's Board of Regents, so I'm afraid you are barking up the wrong tree.

And by the way, \$87 billion comes out to less than \$350 per American. I definitely feel \$350 safer having the most evil dictator since Adolph Hitler removed from power.

Mr. Gitler, you speak about power put forth by the government. I ask you where you are receiving this enlightenment about something you have never seen nor have ever participated in. As for equipment, every Marine and soldier I came across while in Iraq did in fact have body armor.

The discrepancy is between the new style body armor with ballistic plates and old style flak vests. The department of the army chose to replace the vests only when they are worn out. If you are truly concerned about the problem, write your senator.

The armed services committee has more say in the matter than the President. What

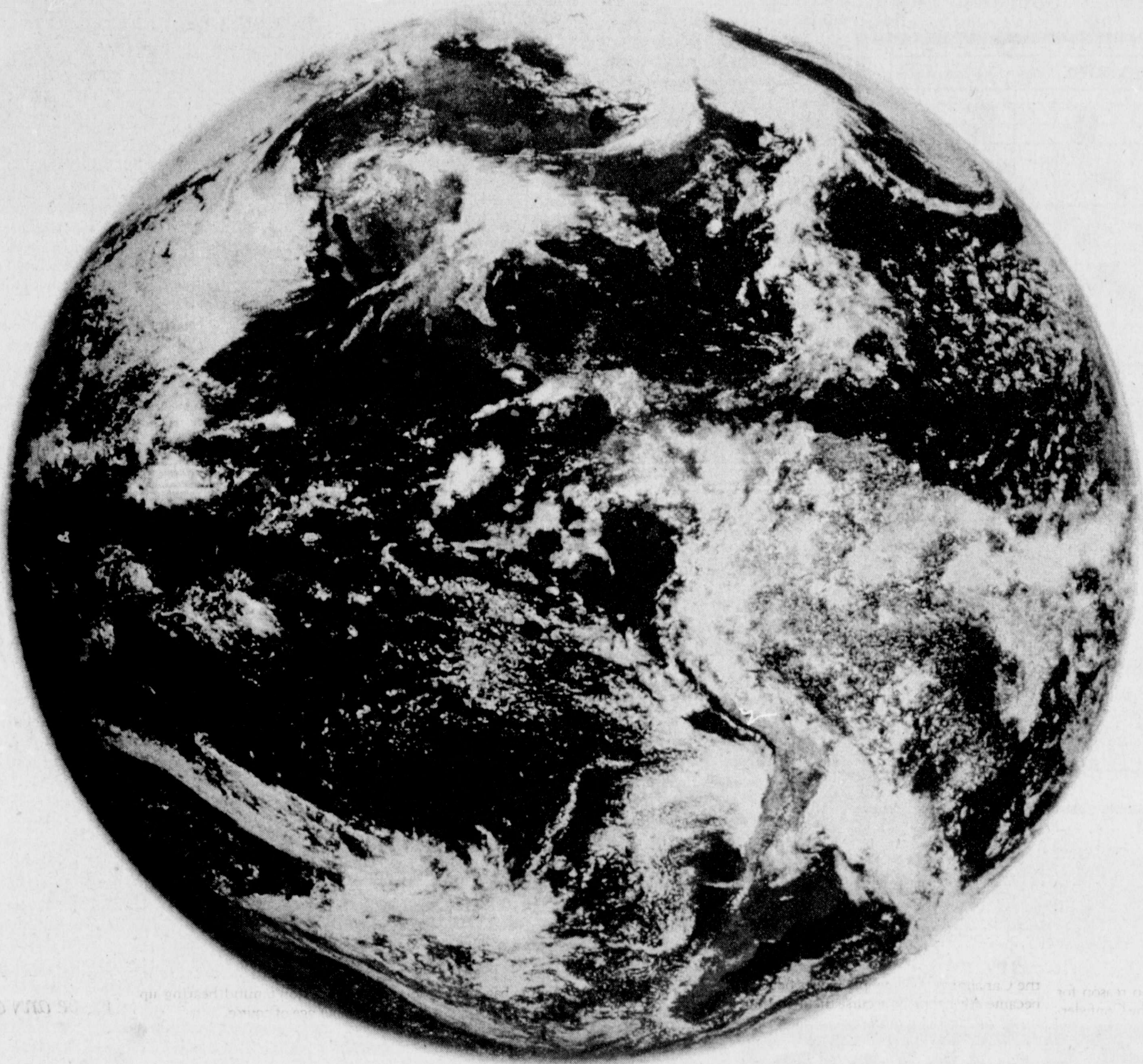
do you know about the reconstruction of Iraq other than what the news tells you? I was there and witnessed first hand the conditions in Iraq and the beginning stages of the reconstruction.

I say they are not illusions. I saw seven months ago a country with no freedom and no infrastructure, and four months later I left a free country rebuilding and starting anew much as we did over 200 years ago. These things take time.

Mrs. Miller, what are you talking about? Didn't you read your history books? We liberated the Philippines from the Japanese in World War II. Are you saying they were better off before that? What other countries are you referring to? Japan? South Korea? Germany? Are you saying that we should have left Japan an imperialist government under a radical dictator and left them to clean up the ashes of Hiroshima and Nagasaki alone? Are you saying Germany was worse off after we occupied it and rebuilt it? South Korea would be ruled under an oppressive communist regime if it wasn't for the brave men and women occupying the 38th parallel today.

So I say to each of you — Get your facts straight before you spew out lies and misconceptions.

— Joshua Araujo, senior mechanical engineering major from San Angelo



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Whitmore vacates residence hall for house

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

When thinking of a presidential residence, the first thing to usually come to mind would be 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington, D.C.

Until last weekend, when he began moving into a house, Texas Tech President Jon Whitmore lived in a peculiar residence for a presidential figure — 121 Gordon Hall, Texas Tech University.

Whitmore said he spent two years in

residence halls in his college years at Washington State University when he lived in a quad with two bunk beds and a community bathroom.

"This one is quite a bit different," he said. "It's a two-bedroom apartment; one's my bedroom, and the other has a desk and stuff. But I usually sit in the living room and work at the coffee table."

He lived in the residence hall because he could not find a house, he said.

"I'd get up at about 5:30 in the morn-

ing and walk around campus to get my blood going for the day," he said. "I'd come back and make coffee before work, and then I usually have meetings all day and events to attend every night. So I'd get home at about 9:30 (p.m.), watch the news and go to sleep."

Unfortunately, he said, he never got a chance to eat cafeteria food because of nightly events that usually included dinner. He also has an affinity for making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, which he said he has mastered.

"It'll be great to have some good home cooking," he said. "My wife's a very good cook and likes to have people over for dinner."

Whitmore said he took a few jabs from his colleagues about living in a residence hall, but nothing too bad.

"People are surprised and say 'you live in a dorm?' I have to tell them it's not quite like a normal dorm you would think of," he said.

Alyssa Yount, a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Fort Worth, said she thinks it is odd for the president of a university to be living in a residence hall.

"You'd think he would have better accommodations until he found a place," she said. "But it's also a good chance for him to be around students, he could get a good reputation for that."

His wife, Jennifer, and children Ian, 16, and Amy, 15, were a little more accepting of his living situation.

"The kids have seen the place," he said. "They think it's pretty neat. My wife came for Homecoming and stayed for a

few days. I had to warn my children that this wasn't a typical dorm room."

Whitmore said he will be happy to have a laundry facility of his own.

"I've only had to do my laundry a couple of times," he said. "I usually do it early in the morning on the weekends. There's no one there, as you can imagine."

He was never invited to parties, but he said there was one crazy night in his two months of living on campus.

He said the campus was electric after the Tech football team beat Texas A&M on Oct. 4, and since the game was not over until 1 a.m., people were up late celebrating.

"I was up after the game ended, and there was a lot of energy, but I was so tired I didn't have much trouble going to sleep," he said. "I used to just walk to the games. That was pretty handy, it's the one thing I'll miss, I guess."

With his family here, they can begin settling into Lubbock, he said. Ian is enrolled at Coronado High School, and Amy is at Irons Junior High, while Jennifer is looking to get the new house feeling like a home.

"The new house definitely has more room than my dorm room," he said. "It's in a nice neighborhood in southwest Lubbock, but it takes about 20 minutes to get (to campus), as opposed to the two-minute walk I used to have."

It takes about six months to a year to get acclimated to a new environment, he said, but he is becoming more comfortable with how Tech operates.



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer
TECH PRESIDENT JON Whitmore sits in the living room of his apartment at Gordon residence hall, where he lived for the first two months of the school year. He and his family moved into a house last weekend.

He said he had some nice furniture in his suite but there are a couple of pieces of furniture from home that he has been craving for the past couple of months.

"I've got a couple of big chairs I like to sit around in," he said. "One's in the family room and the other's in the living room. I'll be very happy to have those again."

It has been good to see how students live on campus and to get a sense of how the residence halls operate, he said.

"One thing I've noticed is a lot of kids studying in groups," he said. "That's a good way to learn, and it's neat to see that."

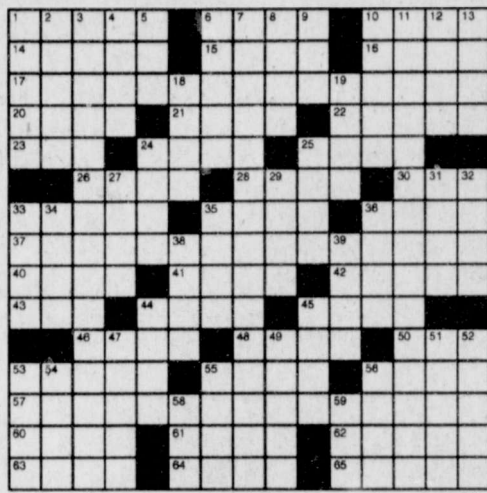
Aside from getting settled in to a new environment, basketball season is coming up on the Whitmore family agenda.

"I'm really ready to get out to a basketball game, both men's and women's," he said. "I really like basketball games, and both of our kids play so the whole family is looking forward to it."

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Roger Jurgovan Potomac, MD 10/29/03

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Perchlorate found in local water supplies

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

Two departments at Texas Tech have found perchlorate in the South Plains.

The Institute for Environmental and Human Health conducted studies that found the chemical in milk from supermarkets in Lubbock, while the Water Resources Center with the civil engineering department found perchlorate in water wells throughout the region.

Andrew Jackson, an assistant professor of civil engineering, said perchlorate is a chemical that is used as an oxidizer in solid rockets. Within the rocket, the

chemical takes the place of oxygen. Perchlorate also can be found in flares, matches and some explosives.

Recently, the concern about perchlorate in drinking water has become a major issue. According to one graduate student, this is because perchlorate can reduce thyroid hormone production and impair development of the gland.

Andrea Kirk, a graduate research assistant for the TIEHH, began her findings while working on her dissertation, she said. Since fall 2001, Kirk has found the chemical in seven supermarket milk samples bought randomly in Lubbock, according to her dissertation.

Ernest Smith, an associate professor for the Department of Environmental Toxicology and TIEHH, said the study is not definitive.

"The information is very limited because of the number of samples we are using," Smith said.

Although TIEHH has been able to detect smaller quantities of perchlorate, the quantity has not dropped below the limit of detection level, Kirk said.

To answer more questions, TIEHH has been working with the department of chemistry and biochemistry to validate the method and see if it is reproducible

through the chemistry department, he said. However, the work put forth by Kirk and the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology Research Laboratory has broken new ground in the study.

"This is the first to have this as a published, validated method for finding perchlorate," Smith said.

Little is known about the effects of perchlorate in humans. Although there is not much definitive data, TIEHH is looking into the effects of perchlorate at the molecular level, Smith said.

The research could explain more of how perchlorate affects offspring, Smith said one example could be an expecting mother who is exposed to large amounts of perchlorate. The unborn child's metabolism and central nervous system could be affected by the exposure.

The Environmental Protection Agency had set a draft for dosage in regard to the amount of perchlorate in the human body. However, the draft has been challenged by the U.S. Department of Defense. Jackson said the draft would be sent to the National Academy of Science to be rechecked.

Currently, the chemical has been found in about 30 states. The Water Resources Center in the civil engineering

department has been researching hundreds of wells in the West Texas region and have found the chemical in low concentration.

"There is a significant number of wells with perchlorate in them," Jackson said.

The center's work with the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality and the United States Department of Agriculture has taken the researchers throughout the region. Jackson said he would like to research wells further east in Texas.

Despite the chemical found in the region, the amount of perchlorate found has been in low concentration. Jackson said more research would need to be done in order to find out where the chemical originally came from.

In some cases, the chemical originated from rocket plants being in the area, Jackson said. The Water Resources Center does have their own hypotheses to the findings, but have not found any scientific evidence to back them up.

"It could be a natural chemical in the water or the natural use of Chilean fertilizers. A very small percentage of it could have been used in this area," Jackson said. "However, this is all a hypothesis. There is no scientific evidence in it yet."

Ramadan

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of view, and you don't really think about it (as hard)," he said.

Muslims also are commanded to pray after eating during Ramadan. They pray the Taraweeh after eating before the sun rises and after the sun sets. Muslims

are supposed to pray five times a day.

"Fasting is the object of prayer," he said. "We are commanded to pray. This is an obligatory command."

Marwa Mujahid said Ramadan reminds her of the things she takes for granted.

"It reminds us of all the blessings we have by fasting," said the junior marketing and management major from Wash-

ington, D.C. "It reminds us of the little things."

Not eating when other people around her are eating can be hard for her, she said.

"When you see people eating in class and you see food, you get hungry," Mujahid said. "Especially if you smell it."

Mujahid said she prays more faithfully during Ramadan. She prays the same prayer, the Taraweeh, but she said she may pray the first verse in the morning and repeat the verses twice at night.

"I don't have time to pray five times a day, but during Ramadan I get up at 5 a.m. and eat and pray," she said. "You get more involved with religion."

She said non-Muslims do not always understand why she fasts and prays.

"A lot of times, people don't understand the point until I explain," Mujahid said. "When you tell someone (you are Muslim) people look at you like 'You're different.'"

She said she respects Ramadan and enjoys growing more appreciative of the things she has.

"It's a part of our religion," she said. "It allows you to reflect on the good things."

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History of Halloween a mix of traditions

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

Candy and scary costumes are two of the usual concepts Halloween brings to mind.

Rebecca Robertson said her favorite part of Halloween is dressing up in a costume.

"It's an excuse to dress up," the sophomore undecided major from Katy said. "It's kind of fun to be something different instead of wearing T-shirts and jeans."

The candy also is an alluring part of the evening for Robertson, but she said Halloween in general doesn't appeal to her, maybe because of her dislike for frightening things.

"I don't like being scared," she said. "I can do scary movies, but not the real thing. Haunted houses freak me out. I've never done anything to make myself scared, and no one has done anything to me — they know better."

She said she plans to go to some Halloween parties and dress up this year in an inexpensive costume made of clothes that may be a little too small.

"I'll probably go as a hooker," she said. "It's cheap, and I've got something in my closet."

Despite having participated in Halloween activities since she was

a child, she does not know the origin of the holiday.

"I'm sure it has something to do with dead people," she said, but knew nothing else of how Americans began celebrating Halloween.

Putting to rest rumors and myths surrounding Halloween, associate professor of history David Troyansky shed some light on the history of Halloween.

The word Halloween is of Scottish origin, meaning "All Hallows' Eve" celebrated the night before "All Hallows' Day" or "All Saint's Day."

When Christianity came to the British Isles, the locals celebrated Samhain, their own festival of the dead on Nov. 1, the Celtic New Year. They celebrated a night in which the dead wandered, and people practiced leaving food and drink offerings to masked and costumed revelers.

"All Saint's Day" was established

by Pope Boniface IV to honor Catholic Saints and offer intercessory prayers for the deceased in February. Pope Gregory III changed the date to Nov. 1, coincidentally, the same day as the Celtic

beliefs," Troyansky said. "Pagans and Christians are both interested in the dead. The pagans are concerned for the dead not settling and that gets combined with Christian concern for the repose of soul."

The Catholic Church melded the pagan rituals into a religious holiday to help make the conversion to Christianity easier, he said.

"In essence, the papacy tried to set faith rules for religious practice for a world partly Christian but still pagan," Troyansky said. "They are a way an older cultural practice surfaces under new traditions."

He said the American practices of Halloween originated from these European rituals.

"Medieval and early modern Eu-

rope did have a lot of experience with disguise and village celebrations involving disguise," he said. "This became an important part of the American traditions."

The idea of ghosts and goblins wandering the earth on one night of the year also ties into the idea of purgatory in the Catholic Church and the Reformation.

"When the English Protestants tried to separate themselves from traditional Catholic beliefs, they got rid of purgatory," he said. "But for ordinary English people, that was a different process. So it appears there then developed a concern for ghosts that surfaced from purgatory."

A misconception is witchcraft is a part of Halloween, but Troyansky said it has just been associated in more recent years. The idea of witches was not popular until the

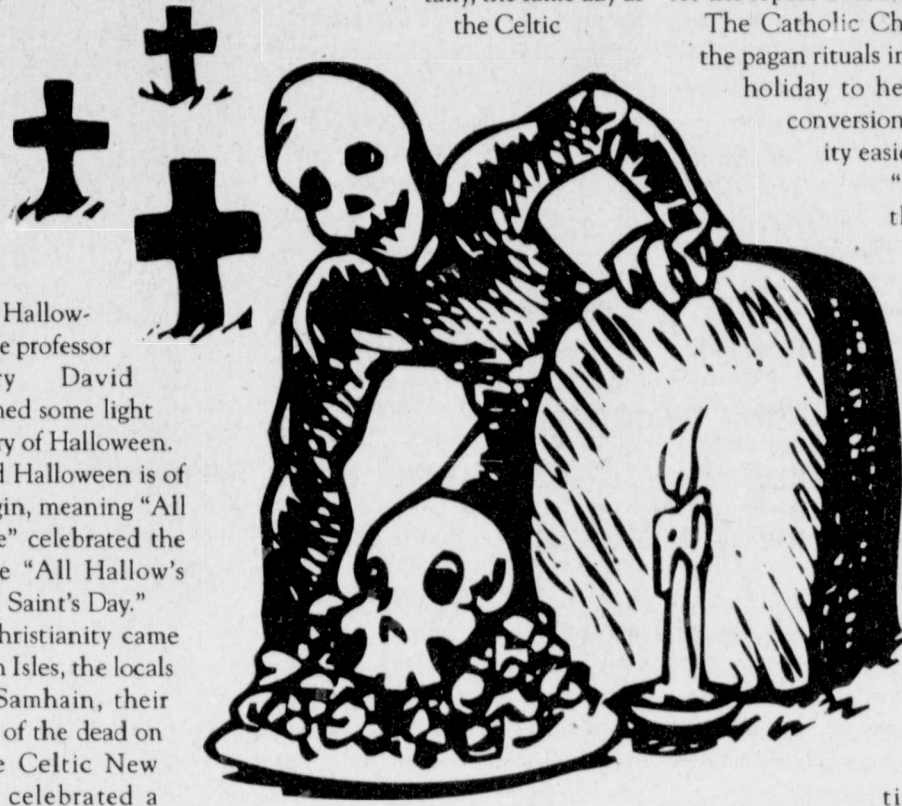
15th century and died out in the 17th and 18th century.

"It just has to do with the fear of death," he said. "There are historians who think that European witchcraft developed out of popular pagan practice but more would say that it was Christians and the Catholic Church that defined what witchcraft was and lead people to believe what witches were."

Catholics in Europe still celebrate All Saint's Day with church services and a procession to cemeteries, but Troyansky said some places in Europe have started taking up some American traditions.

"In Europe, children dress up in costumes," he said. "That's not traditional."

It is traditional here, and he said he expects it will not change any time soon.



This is the third of a week-long series on Halloween

Halloween a chance to dig up buried treasures of horror movies

Around this time every year, video stores have their "horror" sections ravaged by terror-hungry customers searching for something to watch on Halloween night. They always go for the same obvious titles — "The Exorcist," the Freddy and Jason flicks, the "Halloween" movies, certain Hitchcock films and anything bearing the name of Stephen King. People who pick these titles are not necessarily looking to be scared all over again. It's more a sense of tradition. But those looking for something frighteningly different this Halloween may want to consider a movie out of the following horror categories.

James Eppler



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"The Campy Scare"

Most camp movies fall into the "it's so bad that it's good" category like Sam Raimi's "Evil Dead" films. But there are a few camp horror films besides those that have merit. Robert Rodriguez's "From Dusk Till Dawn" stars George Clooney in one

of his first big starring roles opposite Quentin Tarantino, who wrote the film. It's a stylish vampire splatter-

fest that never takes itself too seriously and is loads of fun. Avoid the awful sequels, however.

Another horror gem that few have seen called "Ravenous." It stars Guy Pierce ("Memento") as a soldier in the Civil War who stumbles onto a group of cannibals. Co-starring Robert Carlyle, it's an exciting and twisted tasty treat of a film.

Jack Nicholson fans may enjoy seeing him prowling around as a werewolf in the intelligently campy "Wolf" co-starring Michelle Pfeiffer.

Tim Burton's telling of "Sleepy Hollow" stars the excellent Johnny Depp as an eccentric Ichabod Crane investigating a series of murders by the headless horseman. In true Burton fashion, the film is a pitch-dark mystery, and heads are freely lopped off right and left.

Johnny Depp also starred in "From Hell," a slickly dark and gruesome look at Jack the Ripper in the 1800s.

Speaking of dark films, "The Crow," (the original, none of the sequels) with the late Brandon Lee is

nearly the perfect Halloween movie. Lee is a rock musician who is murdered along with his girlfriend and comes back from the grave to wreak vengeance.

Lee was killed during the filming of that movie.

"Shadow of the Vampire" is probably the most purposefully campy of any of these films and works as a mix of horror and comedy. John Malkovich stars as a filmmaker who hires a real vampire (Oscar-nominated Willem Dafoe) to star in his vampire movie. Malkovich is soon forced to cover up the fact that his star is killing off some of his cast in the process.

"The Smart Scare"

Hitchcock, it could be argued, is the grandfather of intelligent horror. Not all horror films are mindless gore-fests. Some of these smart horror films have shown up recently.

"Frailty" failed to find much of an audience in theatres, but it is a superb film that will freely get in-

side a viewer's head and stay there. It is the story of a father who believes he and his sons are commissioned by God to exterminate the world of demons in human form. It's highly disturbing, constantly scary and totally involving.

"Identity" was released this year and stars John Cusack, Ray Liotta and Amanda Peet. When a group gets stranded at a run-down motel due to a flood, they begin getting killed off one by one. The film's twist ending will leave viewers' heads spinning like a top.

"The Mothman Prophecies" is based on allegedly true events of a small town being terrorized by what has been called a demon or possibly an alien. Richard Gere is a reporter who goes to investigate and begins to experience some of the horror.

"Stir of Echoes" was released around the same time as "The Sixth Sense," but because of the latter film's popularity, "Echoes" was widely ignored. It's a shame. The film stars Kevin Bacon as a family man who believes that his house

may be haunted, and he will stop at nothing to get to the bottom of the mystery.

"The Cell" is one of Jennifer Lopez's few truly good movies. She stars as a psychologist who enters the mind of a comatose madman to try to discover where he has stashed a kidnapped woman before it's too late.

"Event Horizon" is a terrifying sci-fi with a ship entering a black hole in outer space. When the film was released in theaters, it was reported that one man in an audience suffered convulsions due to the terror and an ambulance was called.

Finally, for fans of "The Exorcist" and "The Omen" who will find that that those titles are already checked out of most video stores, "Stigmata" is a good substitute. It stars Patricia Arquette as a woman suffering from an ancient curse and a priest (Gabriel Byrne) who is determined to help her.

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Halloween costumes becoming sexier, not scarier — a new trend in holiday styles

CHICAGO (AP) — Step into Frank's bar and you'll get a glimpse of what Halloween is becoming.

The popular tavern in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood has been decked out for weeks in black and orange, and patrons can order drinks with such names as "Sex on a Tombstone." On the night itself, manager Robby Ehler expects to see a number of costumes that won't be G-rated.

"A lot of the costumes are, uh, not costumes kids would wear," he says with a chuckle. "You'll see sexy cops, sexy pirates — anything sexy basically."

Increasingly, Halloween is a holiday for adults, sometimes celebrated with kids but often without them.

"I've never seen a season like this," says Joe Marver, founder of Spirit Halloween Superstores, a chain of nearly 200 specialty stores nationwide that open just for the weeks preceding the holiday.

Marver says most adults used to wait until the last minute to throw together a costume. But this year, he's already had to reorder some lines of adult-sized garb. (He, too, says pirates are big this year, apparently due to the movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl.")

Adults now represent up to 65 percent of his costume sales, a noticeable shift compared with years past.

"This is an adult holiday," Marver says. "It's party time."

A first-time survey done in recent weeks by the National Retail Federation found that young adults are fueling the trend.

Of those surveyed, 57 per-

cent in the 18-to-24 category said they planned to dress in costume and nearly half said they'd be attending a Halloween party. In the 25- to 34-year-old category, it was 45 percent and 37 percent, respectively.

Survey respondents in their 40s and 50s were more likely to decorate their homes and yards.

"I think our generation is a little more hesitant to let go of childhood

than past generations," says Ehler, the Chicago bar manager, who's 30. "We want to hang onto Peter Pan as long we can."

Heightened adult interest in Halloween has caught the attention of many, from alcohol distributors to nonprofit organizations.

UNICEF now enlists a number of top restaurants to donate \$1 for every meal served on Halloween.

Others are carving out their own holiday traditions.

At OrangeYouGlad, a three-woman design firm in New York, Halloween is an "official company holiday."

Last year, the trio dressed as "Domo-kuns" — friendly space creatures from Japanese lore — and attended the packed annual Halloween parade in Greenwich Village. The fol-

lowing day, they traipsed around town posing for photos with tourists and at city landmarks.

"We love it because we get to be creative and fun," says 36-year-old

Monica Hsu, one of the firm's partners. And with all the seriousness of life — war, terrorism, economic woes — she adds, "This is one day when people can let go."

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Tech hopes Mooney's return provides spark

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech volleyball team suddenly has four more years of experience on its roster.

After missing eight matches following knee surgery, Tech's only senior, outside hitter Angela Mooney, saw some playing time against the No. 24 ranked Missouri Tigers Saturday.

Though she is not yet 100 percent, Mooney will join the rest of the Red Raiders (9-11 overall, 1-10 Big 12 Conference) for today's 7 p.m. match in the United Spirit Arena against the No. 11 ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers (17-2, 9-2).

Mooney said she was a little jittery at first, but now she is ready to provide some leadership for her younger teammates.

"It felt really good," she said. "At first I had some jitters. I felt like a freshman. I would go in and think what am I doing, I've played a lot of volleyball. There were some nerves at first. My hands were shaking, but

once those jitters went away, and I realized what I could do and that I was strong enough to play, then it was automatic."

For Mooney's teammates, the presence of her senior leadership on the floor may be invaluable. Junior defensive specialist Jessie Herrera said the Raiders are glad to have her back. "It makes us all very happy," she said. "We've missed her for these games. I've played with her since I've been here, and I love playing with her on the court; she's very encouraging, and she helps bring us closer together."

Besides being back from injury and not quite the player she once was, Mooney said she also is playing out of position at middle blocker, an area where the Raiders lack experience.

"I just know that I can give that experience in the middle that we don't have right now because we are playing freshmen," she said. "Jessica (Watson) is a sophomore who played a little bit last year, but with me in

the middle it'll give us a little more experience."

Tech is coming off a four-game loss to the Tigers in which Tech's junior outside hitter Kelly Johnson earned Big 12 Player of the Week honors for the third time this season after she logged 27 kills and a .261 hitting percentage against Missouri, as well 16 kills and five blocks against Oklahoma. Johnson said she hopes the award makes the 'Huskies key in on her even more.

"That's good because that opens up opportunities for other people on the team," she said. "Hopefully, they will. It'll open up the middle."

When Tech played Nebraska on Sept. 27, head coach Nancy Todd told her team it was the best she'd seen a Tech team play Nebraska, even though the Raiders lost in three games. She said she would like to see that

competitiveness carry over into today's match.

"We played well, and it was competitive," Todd said. "It's always fun to play teams like that who are ranked so high."

Beating Nebraska is something only Missouri and Kansas State have been able to accomplish this season. Todd said defense is of the utmost importance.

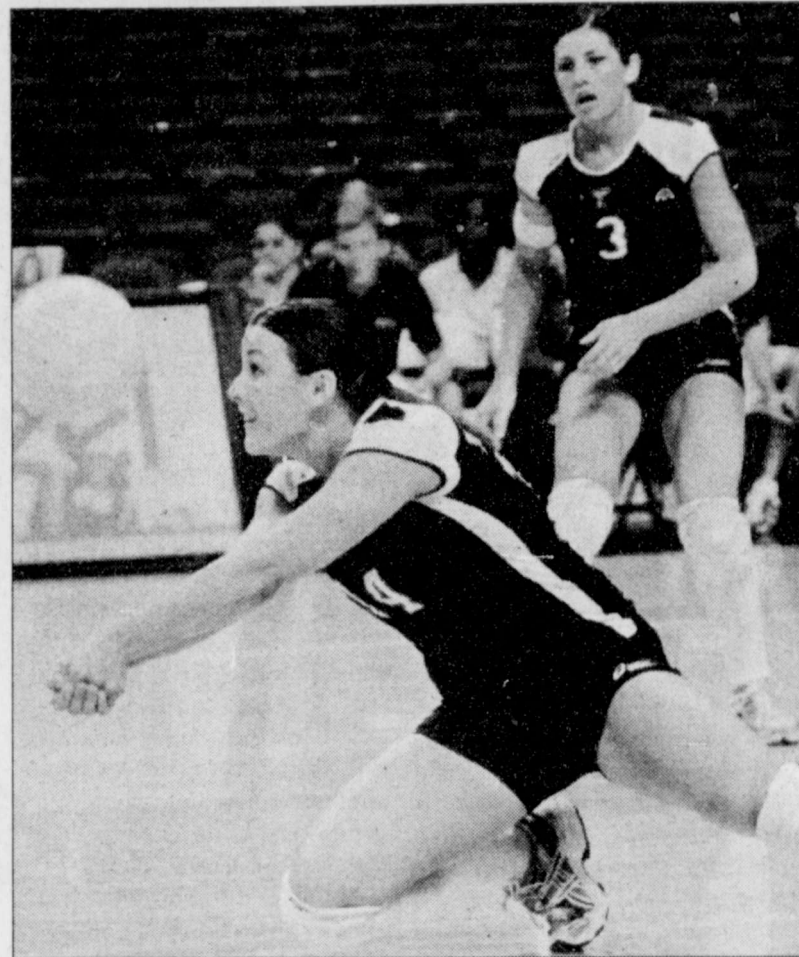
"We have to play a lot of defense," she said. "We have to serve tough to take them out of their offense."

Johnson said one thing is for certain. The Raiders are not going to be intimidated.

"They've never been intimidating to me," she said. "I think they're just a big team, and that's where they get that intimidation factor. It comes from their height, but as far as their skill in volleyball, they're just like anybody else in the Big 12."

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— ANGELA MOONEY
Texas Tech Middle Blocker



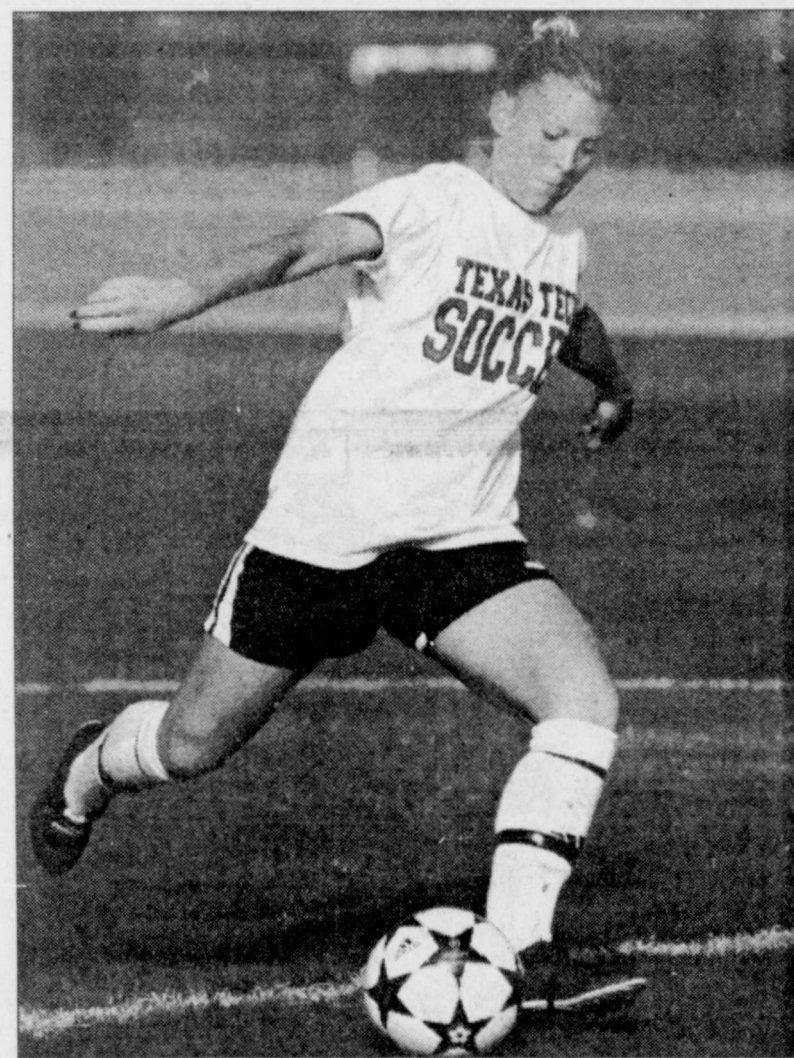
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TEXAS TECH OUTSIDE hitter Breanna Pursley watches as defensive specialist Daneen Grisham bumps the ball during the Raiders' loss to Oklahoma State in the United Spirit Arena on Saturday.

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10:00	Sesame Street	Martha Stewart	Price is Right	Hatchett Hatchett	View	John Walsh	
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4:30	Nightly Bus.		News	CBS News	Access	News E.T.	Friends Raymond
5:00	News	W/For.	Millionaire	Extra	Enterprise	My Wife 'PG	That '70's Stan Hooper
5:30	Great Performance	Ed 'PG	50 Minutes	Enterprise	Relative	That '70's Stan Hooper	
6:00	American	West Wing	King/Queens	Jake 2.0	Bachelor	O.C.	
6:30	Masters	Law & Order	Brotherhood of Poland	King/Queens	Karen Sisco	News	
7:00	Nightly Bus.	News	NBC News	News	ABC News	News E.T.	Seinfeld Frasier
7:30	News	Tonight Show	David Letterman	Ext. Dating	MASH	E.T.	Becker Shoot Me
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TEXAS TECH MIDFIELDER Kerri Campbell moves the ball upfield during practice at R.P. Fuller Stadium on Tuesday. Campbell and the Red Raiders won their last home game against Missouri Sunday and will close out the team's season against Baylor on Friday in Waco.

Campbell reflects on father as she closes her Tech career

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Kerri Campbell's father never saw his daughter win a conference game at Texas Tech. Despite the fact he died last year, Campbell said she believed he had enjoyed the wins from above.

Remembering him yell from the stands, Campbell said anybody could point out her father at the games because he was always there.

"My dad was the program's biggest supporter," she said. "I know he is now looking down and enjoying every minute of (our wins)."

Tech coach Felix Oskam said Campbell showed her true strength after her father's death even though the two were very close.

"What Kerri has gone through during the middle of her college career, it just shows her character and her personality," he said.

As a friend and teammate since the age of nine, senior forward Catie Arsenault said Campbell played every game for her father this year the best she knew how.

"In her eyes, she would want nothing more than perfection for her father in every game," she said. "And the way she played every game was nothing short of perfection."

Sunday, Tech beat Missouri to give the Red Raiders their third win overall and second in the Big 12 Conference. As for Campbell and the team's other seniors, Arsenault and Tiana Boyea, Oskam said he is happy for the success they have had this season.

"It's been a long time since we've

had a team win their senior game, which is the last home game of the season," he said. "Our three seniors deserved a win."

With the final week of practice coming to a close this season, Tech may only have three wins in the 16 games they have played, but players and coaches still say they believe the team has made a complete u-turn from years in the past.

"It's one more win than last year. We wanted to definitely do better than last year," Arsenault said. "We are trying to build the program back up one step at a time."

Tech lost its final 17 games last season. Oskam said he had no idea what was going to happen before the season started.

"Coming into the season, I didn't know what to expect," he said. "We won more games. We won conference games."

Despite winning two conference games this season, Tech will not reach the Big 12 tournament this year.

"The Big 12 is just a tough conference. Anything can happen," Oskam said. "We have no chance of going to San Antonio this year (for the tournament)."

Campbell said despite not making the tourney, she has obviously noticed the program in a rebuilding phase.

"I think it's a great start," she said. "Just since last year, it has made a drastic change. Everything is much, much better this year, and it's only gonna go up from here."

The Red Raiders will travel to Waco to face the Bears at 7 p.m. Friday.

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After a long season, the All-U tournament is tonight. All-U takes the winners from; Residence Hall, Open, and Greek and lets them decide on the field which league is supreme. As of Monday, the 7pm games are; Greek Black vs. Greek Red and Men's Open vs. Residence Hall. The winners will play at 8pm. Also at 8pm, the Women's Open champ vs. the Women's Greek champ. Don't wait to find out what the results are next Wednesday, come out tonight and see what all the fuss is about.

Got Webbed Feet? Swim Meet Coming Next Week

Wednesday, Nov. 5 is the intramural swim meet. This is a one-day meet at the Aquatic Center at the SRC beginning at 6:30pm. Swimmers may enter the meet by coming to room 202 of the SRC. There is no charge to participate.

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This is a once a year event, so if competitive swimming is for you, come in and get entered!

Golf Scramble Results

Last weekend Tech intramural golfers took the course for the fall golf scramble. 45 pairs took to the links in Open and Greek play.

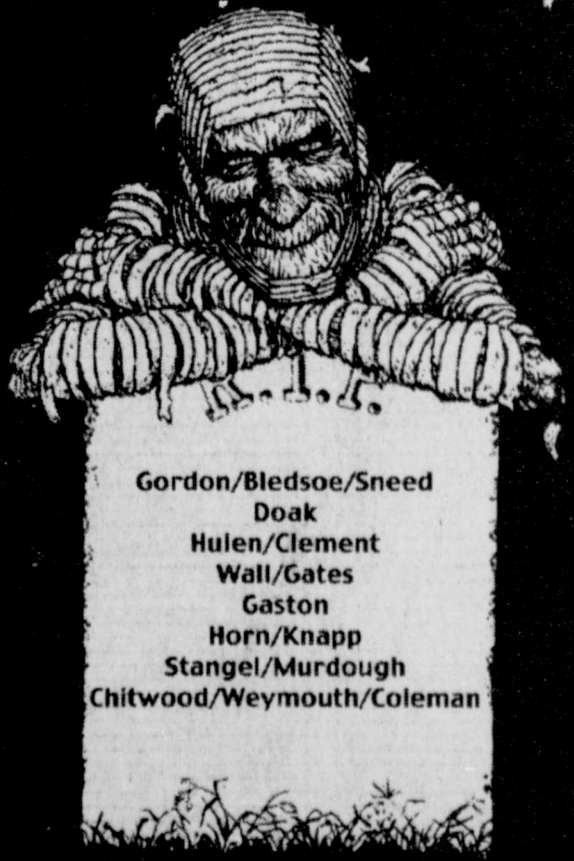
In the Open Division, Andrew Purell and Shelby Bruhn shot a 65 to defeat Jerry Parr and Fred Heartmeister by a single stroke. One more back at 67 was the pair of Chris Wright and Dylan Kuhne.

In the Greek Division Beau Turner and Mark Acker of Kappa Sigma led the way with a 61. The team event was won by Fiji as their top pairs came in with 63, 64 and 65 for 192 to claim the team title. Pi Kappa Alpha finished second with a team score of 195. Members of the winning Fiji team were Mitchell Moses, Matt Rainey, Patrick Mulherin, Ryan Rottman, Justin Croate and Matt Enoch.



Jenn Humphries of the Gophers connects for a two-base hit during a Co-Rec game against Mojo Rising. The Gophers went on to win 12-2. The fall softball playoffs are underway now, check out www.recsports.ttu.edu for playoff brackets and updates.

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