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Sex offenders required to turn porch lights out

STRICT ORDERS: West Texas officials want to make Halloween as safe as possible; law enforcement will keep eye on offenders.

By Betsy Blaney/Associated Press

Authorities in three West Texas counties have strict orders for sex offenders this Halloween: Go home, turn out your lights, close your blinds and don't answer your door.

Officials in Lubbock, Potter and Tom Green counties on Friday are requiring convicted sex offenders on probation, whose victims were children to be home by 6 p.m., and officers will check on the 100 or so men and women throughout the evening.

"It's good to know they are putting sex offenders on notice," said Margaret Crawford, president of the Lubbock school district's Council of PTAs who will take her

8-year-old son out to collect candy and treats. "I think that's a top priority for any parent."

Potter County began the Project Lights Out program last year. Lubbock and Tom Green counties are using it for the first time Friday.

Statewide, parole and probation authorities will increase their surveillance of sex offenders during the entire weekend, said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Mike Viesca.

Letters went out last week to sex offenders in Lubbock County whose victims were children. The reaction has been mixed, said Steve Henderson, director of adult probation.

"Some are doing it willingly, some are complaining

about it," he said. "They have not advanced as far in treatment as they need to."

One sex offender who is on probation for indecency with a child about five years ago said he thinks the program is appropriate.

"There's no reason for kids to be going to our houses anyway," said John, 28, who asked that his last name not be used.

John, though, got permission to deviate from the program's requirements. In the years since he was placed on probation for indecency with a 15-year-old in Abilene, his routine on Halloween has been to be away from his home with friends.

John will tell his probation officer where he will be and officers will check on him at that location, said David Rowan, the supervisor of the sex offender unit in Lubbock.

Terry Easterling, the head of adult probation in Pot-

ter County, got the idea from a television reporter three days before Halloween last year and implemented the program quickly.

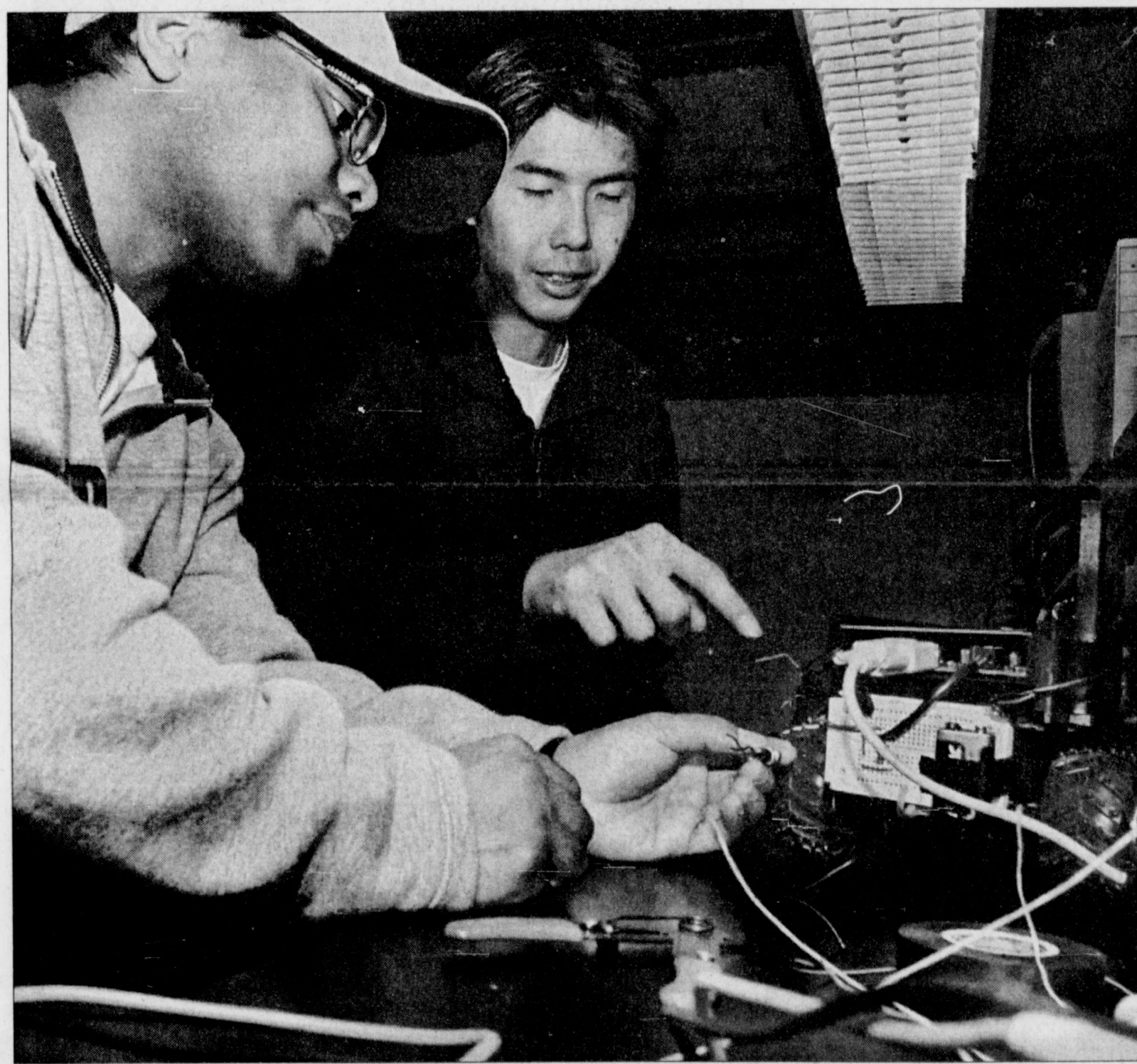
"If we can protect one kid, 10 kids, it's certainly worth the small amount of time and effort that we are putting into this project," Easterling said.

Other states, including New York, Virginia and California, have similar initiatives. In California, Operation Boo has been part of Halloween for about 10 years. Parolees are not allowed to have candy in their homes and can't put up any Halloween decorations.

Marc Klaas, whose daughter, Polly, was abducted from her California home in late 1993 and found murdered two months later, said more programs like Project Lights Out and Operation Boo will help safeguard children who are out enjoying being children.

"I think they're a great idea," he said. Otherwise, "it's like Santa Claus knocking on your door if you're a pedophile."

ROBOT WIRING



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

MUNEEM SHAHRIAR, A junior electrical engineering major from Bangladesh, and Chiang Tan, a junior electrical engineering major from Malaysia, discuss where to place a switch on a robot that will be guided by a GPS once the lab project is completed.

Early voting for sales tax lower than normal

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

Early voting for the Nov. 4 sales tax election ends Friday, and 6,272 citizens ends as of the ninth day of early voting, said Rebecca Garza, the city secretary.

The Lubbock City Council unanimously approved a sales tax increase of three-eighths of a cent. The increase will raise sales tax from the current 7.875 percent to 8.25 percent on taxable purchases, generating an increase of \$9.8 million annually.

The early-voter turnout is lower than the same time frame for the January 1998 early sales tax voting, Garza said. The 1998 election plan was to increase the sales tax and allot all generated sales tax revenue to economic development. A citizen-led petition proposed the plan, but it failed in the public polls.

The sales tax revenue generated for the fiscal year October 2001 to September 2002 was \$28.9 million. Of this amount, the estimate is that non-Lubbock residents generated 31.4 percent, or more than \$9 million.

The United Supermarkets at 82nd Street and Quaker Avenue and 4th Street and Slide Avenue received more than 1,000 voters each during

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Business college preparing their reaccreditation reports

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

Before the overall university reaccreditation takes place in May, many of the colleges on campus will submit reports to become reaccredited.

The Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration is one of those colleges. Don Clancy, associate dean of the college, said he has been working on the report since February.

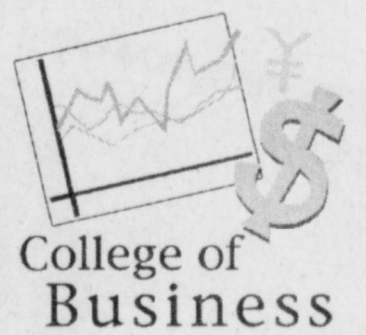
The continuous review process looks at topics like curriculum and student services. Clancy said one of the topics the college is looking to improve upon is the student-to-faculty ratio.

"The primary problem is there is not enough faculty. It has been a situation for years," he said.

There are approximately 5,100 students to the 90 full-time faculty members, Clancy said. Dean Allen McInnes said the college would need more faculty as enrollment increases.

To help the college grow, McInnes said the college will need to make sure it uses its resources effectively. He hopes limiting the number of students in the college and encouraging students to graduate on time will help this process.

"We have begun to limit the size of the student body by increasing the



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Hantavirus diagnosis of Lubbock women reversed to negative

The Texas Department of Health results disproved an independent lab's positive hantavirus pulmonary syndrome diagnosis of a Lubbock woman, said Ken Condon, epidemiologist for the city of Lubbock Health Department.

Health officials received the lab results Wednesday from Austin of the woman initially believed to have contracted a deadly disease from mouse droppings.

The case was reported at the beginning of October. Lubbock officials just received the results because of confusion between the state and Lubbock officials, Condon said.

The woman inhaled aerosolized mouse droppings, and a few days later she began to feel ill. She went to her doctor and asked for the test to determine whether she had the virus, Condon said.

The hantavirus has a mortality rate of 36 percent to 50 percent, Condon said. Last year, there were two cases of hantavirus in Lubbock County. Both victims died, Condon said.

"Either you're going to make it or not," he said. "It depends on prompt diagnosis and aggressive supportive care."

There is no cure for the virus, and there is not a specific antiviral therapy for the virus, Condon said.

The symptoms are very acute and flu-like. A fever, muscle aches and gastrointestinal problems are the first symptoms. The virus is not spread by person-to-

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Jones SBC Stadium open house scheduled today, Friday

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students have the chance to see the nooks and crannies of the newly renovated Jones SBC Stadium in an open house today and Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

The event will give students, faculty and staff the chance to tour the west addition to the stadium that features the new suites and the stadium club level.

Tech President Jon Whitmore said many people have been curious as to what the new stadium addition looks like.

"People who don't normally go to that part of the stadium will get to see it," he said. "That's why we organized the open house for the university community."

Many of the individual boxes owned by local businesses like Gandy's and Cox Com-

munications will be open giving away prizes, he said.

"I know (the president's) box will be open so students, faculty and staff can see what it's like," he said. "We see it as an opportunity to raise funds for the university."

Student Government Association President Jeremy Brown said the addition was partially funded by the students, so they should get a chance to see it.

"We organized this because we heard students talk about wanting to see the new addition," he said. "They helped pay for it, so I think it's important that students get to see it."

He was amazed the first time he saw the new section, he said. It is something that all students and faculty should see.

"The idea pretty much came into effect when we had meetings with the president's

and chancellor's offices," he said. "If I was a normal student I think it'd be really cool to see; I wanted the opportunity for all the students to see it."

Brown said some incentives to get people out will be soft drinks, cookies and popcorn available for people during the tour.

"It's pretty much a come-and-go thing," he said. "People will be able to wander around and check out what all there is. I think they'll enjoy seeing it; it's beautiful and makes Texas Tech stand out."

Senior Associate Athletic Director Steve Uryasz said the university community will get to see the state-of-the-art stadium club facilities.

"It gives people a chance to see what Tech

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TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH FANS will get a chance to tour new suites at the club level of Jones SBC Stadium today and Friday. The event is free of charge.

The Rundown



FBI arrests 4 men on alien smuggling charges

HOUSTON (AP) — Four men were held Wednesday on charges of alien smuggling and hostage-taking after an illegal immigrant in California told police the men were holding his wife against her will.

Law officers said Sylvia Panteleon of Guatemala had been held in a north Houston house for 10 days while the group tried to extort \$4,000 from her family.

Smugglers charged Panteleon one price to help her enter the country but demanded more money once she arrived, FBI spokesman Bob Doguim said.

Houston FBI agents arranged a sting, convincing the suspects they would be meeting someone who would pay the money.

After making the arrests, the FBI said its agents searched the house where Panteleon was being held and found two more people.

None were physically injured.

The FBI identified those charged as Alfredo Rivera-Benito, 25; Servando Nunez, 41; and Fernando Herrera, 24, all of Mexico, and Edwin Rodriguez, 24, of El Salvador.

Since all four are in the country illegally, Doguim said, they will likely be deported even if found innocent of charges.

Firefighter dies, 18 dead in Calif. fires

LAKE ARROWHEAD, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters struggled desperately Wednesday to save emptied-out resort towns in Southern California's San Bernardino Mountains as 200-foot walls of flame engulfed dead and dried-out trees.

In San Diego County, the state's largest fire claimed another victim when a firefighting crew was overcome by flames, killing one and injuring three. The event marked the first firefighter death since the series of blazes began last week and brought the total number of dead to 18.

"There's fire on so many fronts, it's not even manageable at this point," said Chris Cade, a fire prevention technician with the U.S. Forest Service, as he watched a pillar of smoke he estimated at 9,000 feet rise into a hazy sky thick with ash. "I am at a loss what you can do about it."

The fires have burned more than 620,000 acres and destroyed 1,800 homes. More than 12,000 firefighters and support crew were fighting what Gov. Gray Davis said may be the worst and costliest disaster California has ever faced. He estimated the cost at \$2 billion so far.

Rescuers find 11 of 13 trapped miners

NOVOSHAKHTINSK, Russia (AP) — Search crews blasted through solid rock to rescue 11 of 13 coal miners who emerged covered in soot Wednesday after six days trapped in a deep shaft in southern Russia. One miner died underground and another remained missing, emergency officials said.

Rescuers reached the men Wednesday morning after drillers punched through to the pit face where the miners had sought refuge following a flood. Entering the chamber, the rescuers found a note scrawled on a ventilation pipe, showing in which direction the miners had moved, NTV television reported.

"The guys looked fine for people who have been trapped in a mine for six days. They came out themselves," said Alexander Smetalin, one of the rescuers. "They were found in the northern part of the mine. They were lying there all together."

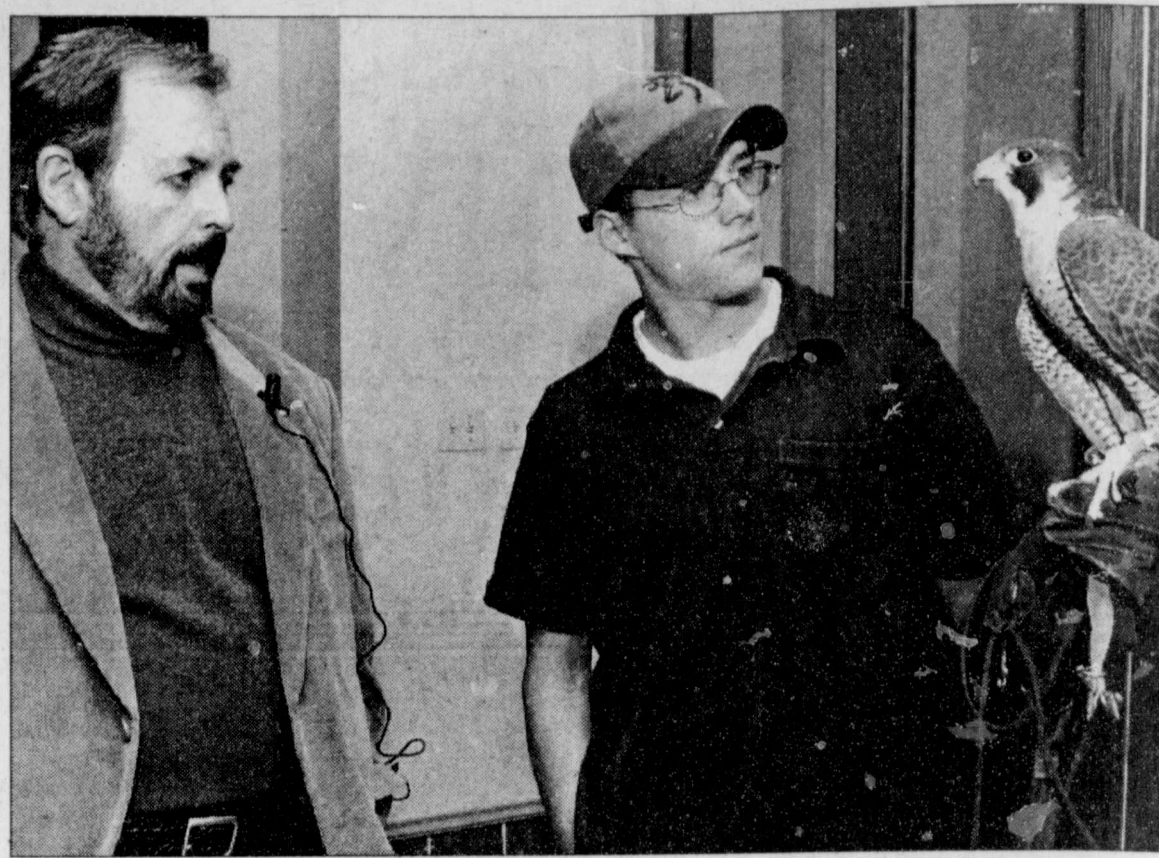
Rescued miner Vasily Karlov said conditions had become increasingly desperate in the last hours before the rescue.

"We felt that the water level was rising and there was little oxygen and people were not feeling well," he said from a hospital bed.

"When we saw the rescuers, it was like the appearance of Christ, it was the people," said another of the rescued miners, Vasily Avdeyev.

"We had nothing to eat. I delivered a speech saying that a 20-day fast has not ever hurt anyone and it is good for the health," added Avdeyev, who was the mine's director and had been trapped with the others.

BIRD ART



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

PAINTER STUART GENTLING talks with Jeremy Hull, a range and wildlife management major from Fort Worth, about the peregrine falcon Hull is holding. The falcon and other native birds from the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center were in a reception preceding a lecture from Gentling about his book, "Of Birds and Texas," and paintings from the John James Audubon collections from Birds of America.

Two Waco attorneys appointed for Carlton Dotson in murder case

WACO (AP) — Attorneys appointed to represent the former Baylor University basketball player charged in the shooting death of an ex-teammate said it's too soon to say whether they will seek an insanity defense.

Waco attorneys Russ Hunt and Abel Reyna were appointed to represent Carlton Dotson on Wednesday during his first court appearance in Texas, the day after he was extradited from his home state of Maryland.

At the start of the hearing, the 6-foot-7 Dotson stood stoically before state District Judge George Allen and was told that he had been indicted on a murder charge and faced a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Allen asked if any of the attorneys were with him; Dotson said "no." When asked if he had funds, Dotson mumbled that he was trying to get some money, then answered "no" when the judge asked if he had any now.

The judge appointed the Waco defense attorneys after Dotson filled out a pauper's oath declaring that he had no money.

Dotson, 21, had been jailed in his home state of Maryland the past three months, and he recently gave up an extradition fight.

He was arrested July 21 after calling police from a supermarket, saying he was hearing voices and needed counseling. Officers took him to a hospital, where he contacted the FBI. Later, he denied that he confessed to killing his former

teammate and roommate Patrick Dennehy.

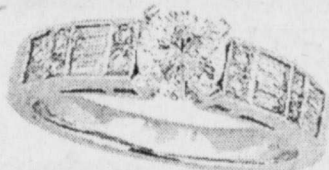
Dotson was indicted in August in the death of Dennehy, 21, who had been missing six weeks when his body was found July 25 in a field near a rock quarry south of Waco. The 6-foot-10 player had been shot twice in the head.

Hunt and Reyna said they met briefly with Dotson after the hearing but had not seen the prosecution's files. Later, the attorneys entered an innocent plea on Dotson's behalf, according to the McLennan County Web site.

Hunt said he would explore all options, including insanity and self-defense, just as he would do in any case.

"Only a fool makes up his mind before seeing the facts," Hunt said after the hearing.

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Date-rape drug does not cause sterility

CYBER RUMOR: E-mail saying rohypnol, progesterex cause sterility unfounded.

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

Scaring up urban legends about a woman named Bloody Mary may be commonplace, but encountering a hoax concerning a new type of drug that could be slipped into your drink when you turn your back to bob for apples may not be something many people think about.

An e-mail warning women about progesterex, a supposed horse sterilization pill, has been circulating in cyberspace. The letter states that progesterex is being coupled with rohypnol. Rohypnol, or "roofies," knocks the victim out, while progesterex prevents any evidence of the assault from being detected and leaves the victim permanently sterile.

Hailee Jones, a sophomore pre-physical therapy major from Garland,

said she has heard of the phantom drug. "I was kind of baffled," she said. "I was shocked that someone would use a horse drug on a person."

Emily Mulligan, a sophomore international business major from Arlington, said she does not understand why someone would come up with the idea.

"It sounds pretty irresponsible," she said. "To send an e-mail out like that seems rather dense."

Lynn Franke, nurse manager for Student Health Services, said there is no such drug as progesterex.

"The drug they're talking about doesn't exist; there isn't a pill to sterilize horses," she said. "Why would women get tubals if there was just a pill?"

Dr. Kody Kothmann, a veterinar-

ian at Caprock Veterinary Clinic, said he has never heard of a drug like that. "I haven't even heard the rumor," he said.

Progesterex is not real, but ketamine, or "special K," is an animal sedative that people have used for the purpose of date rape, Franke said.

"It's a pretty dangerous drug they're playing with," she said.

The short-term effects of ketamine include delirium, confusion and hallucination.

"(There is a) feeling like your hands and feet won't follow what you're wanting them to do," she said.

Franke said people who have taken the drug without knowing it rarely realize what they have done. She encouraged students to watch their friends closely when out and about.

"By far today, alcohol is the No. 1 chemical used to commit date rape because of its easy access."

—RENE RAMIREZ
Assistant Director of Lubbock Rape Crisis Center

Franke also warned students to watch their drinks and to be aware of anyone who is adamantly encouraging them to take a sip of something.

Rene Ramirez, assistant director for

Lubbock Rape Crisis Center, said date rape drugs are not just added to alcoholic drinks, but any types of drinks. He said students could prevent accidental ingestion of one of these substances by discarding drinks that have been left unattended for any period of time.

"There are definitely ways to prevent it," he said. "Be completely aware of what you're ingesting."

Ramirez said date rape drugs are virtually tasteless, odorless and colorless, making it almost impossible for someone to distinguish the drug in whatever the person is drinking.

"By far today, alcohol is the No. 1 chemical to be used to commit date rape because of its easy access," he said. "Rohypnol is the second."

Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate, or GHB, is another date rape drug. Ramirez said GHB is often used because it is easy to acquire. There are even Internet sites advertising ways to concoct the drug.

Jones said she did some research on GHB in the past and does not believe taking or giving the drug is a smart thing to do.

"People actually take that for enjoyment," she said. "I would never take it. Some of the effects are really intense — amnesia, you can even end up in a coma."

Ramirez said in response to the high incidence of the use of date rape drugs, there is a company beginning to manufacture products such as coasters and credit card-like indicators that turn colors when dipped into a liquid containing any of the substances.

He would like to see such products distributed in local bars and nightclubs.

"If there was a community effort for these things to be marketed by individual stores or alcohol distributors, to make this stuff more visible to people, that'd be cool," he said.

For more information, go to www.drinksafetech.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

Texas Tech student dies in early morning car accident

Texas Tech student Candace Michelle Ashley died Wednesday from injuries suffered in a traffic accident that occurred at the 4200 block of E. 50th Street and East Loop 289.

Ashley, 20, a freshman business major from Lubbock, was driving a 1994 Mitsubishi 3000 GT when she lost control of the vehicle just after 5 a.m. and drifted from the left side of the road to the right side of the road, said Sgt. Ronny Sowell of the Lubbock Police Department.

He said the vehicle split into two pieces when it crashed into a cement culvert. The front end of the vehicle fell onto the access road, and the remaining part of the vehicle stayed on the freeway.

The part of the vehicle left on the road was where Ashley's body was located.

"She was driving at a high speed,

but we still don't know how fast she was going," he said. "Investigations are still going, and we will find more details about the accident when we are finished."

Sowell said there were no signs of alcohol being involved in the accident, and police are not sure why she lost control of the vehicle.

"We think she was having some type of personal problem," he said. "She might have been thinking about other things at the time, and she might not have been paying attention to the road."

Ashley's father was looking for her because she had been driving for a couple of hours, Sowell said.

Her father pulled over at the scene of the crash while he was looking for Ashley.

Ashley was transported to the University Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

Library hosting blood drive, used book sale Friday to fund library equipment

Thousands of books are donated to the Texas Tech libraries each year. However, not all of the books can become a part of the libraries' collections, according to a news release from the library.

To help pay for research materials for students, there will be a donated books sale in the Croslin Room of the library, Dawn Dockter, director of external relations for the library, said.

The event will be held Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for students to add to

their personal book collections, Dockter said.

Marina Oliver, head of acquisitions for the library, said the funds from the sale would help with the need to purchase electronic materials for Tech students.

There also will be a Halloween blood drive in the Croslin Room throughout the day for students who are interested.

Thousands of books will be available throughout the day for purchase,

including books donated by Tech basketball coach Bobby Knight, Dockter said. Hardback books will be sold for \$2 and paperbacks will be sold for \$1, Oliver said.

The books will be placed in several temporary racks in broad categories. According to the news release, the stock will be replenished as space becomes available.

The donated books sale will be open to the public, and there will be no tax on books sales, Oliver said.

Virus

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person contact but through inhaling rodent urine, feces or saliva.

If a person comes in contact with droppings, it is not good sweep them up. He advised using disinfectant to saturate and kill the virus, then clean them up with a sponge or mop. Use gloves and possibly wear a face mask, and be sure to wash hands afterward.

"Inspect your home for any area where rodents could get in through," he said.

If working in an attic or shed, air the area out for 30 minutes and be aware of any indication of rodents.

"This is a potentially serious disease we want to educate people on as the weather gets colder," he said.

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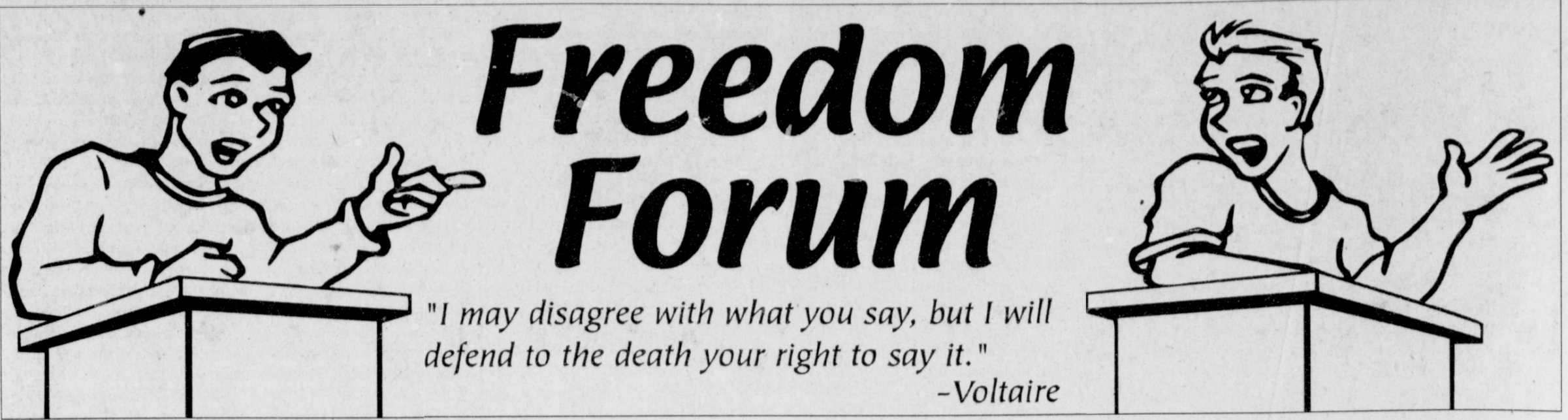
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Possible textbook changes cause clash Creationism equals mythology Theory of evolution not factual

I can get away from it for a while. I can go months without writing a word about it, but the issue is always there, lurking in the public consciousness, waiting to strike the opinions page of *The University Daily* again.

This page has many faces, but truly, the beating heart of the University Daily is the conflict between Christianity and Science. We see it in the debate about gay rights. Half the campus thinks homosexuality is determined by biology, and the other half considers it a moral failing.

These are the issues that make our Red Raider blood boil, and no issue is more contentious than the eternal struggle between Evolution and Creation.

I've written about this so often, I'm starting to resent my own arguments. But for the record, here I go again. A Christian think tank called the Discovery Institute wants to give Intelligent Design Theory equal space in biology textbooks, right beside traditional theories of evolution.

What is Intelligent Design Theory? The Discovery Institute defines it on their Web site. It's a great piece of marketing, by the way, this Discovery Institute Web site. Judging by the front page, the organization looks positively secular. But that's the whole point of IDT.

It is religious dogmatism, hiding behind a parody of rational thought. The Discovery Institute says, "The theory of intelligent design holds that certain features of the universe and of living things are best explained by an intelligent cause, not an undirected process such as natural selection."

I'll begin my rebuttal right there. Discovery Institute starts by repeating the most common misconception about evolutionary theory. Natural selection is not an undirected process. It is one of the most ruthlessly directed processes in the universe. Natural selection is not capricious, mercurial or random at all. Natural selection is the ultimate pass/fail test, and its goal is survival.

Fit organisms survive and breed; unfit organisms stagnate and die. Natural selection is not governed by a guiding intelligence, but it has a clear direction, and organisms are molded by it, as surely as gravity molds mountains into dust.

IDT proponents are trying to pass their theories off as science, while attacking the very concept of science. IDT is creationism with a postmodern twist. Christians know that raw creationism cannot hold its own in scientific circles, so they have shifted into a more aggressive stance.

Not content to simply present their own ideas, they begin their arguments by attacking the validity of evolutionary theory, attempting to create shreds of doubt that will tip the scales in favor of faith.



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This is a brilliant tactic. Scientists are skeptics by nature, so this technique actually turns their virtues against them. Scientists admit that evolution is "only a theory," and the game is on!

Of course, everything we know is a theory, and once the scientists admit to imperfection, creationists deploy their real argument.

Man is flawed, God is perfect, so when the two conflict we must rule in favor of God.

I could argue the specifics of Intelligent Design Theory, but ultimately this question is of philosophy, not of science. Every thinking person must ask himself, "What is truth?" Where does truth come from? How do we test the validity of our knowledge? How do we judge the quality of evidence and how does divine revelation stack up against the imperfect reasoning of man?

Evolution is a matter of scientific fact, but facts are useless against people who deny the primacy of physical evidence. Indeed, at some point, creationists must deny the rules of logic itself.

Logic and evidence are the fundamental tools of science, and when you reject these pillars the whole "house of cards" comes crashing down.

Creationism is wearing a new face, hiding behind a postmodern veil of radical skepticism, but fundamentally the conflict remains the same.

This is a war between people who accept the primacy of the scientific method versus the people who do not. So what do I think about this textbook debate? I think creationism should be taught in every college in America. It should be taught as mythology right beside tales of the Greek goddess Nyx's hatching Eros from the Egg of Life.

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Counterpoint
Spencer Ingram
This assertion leads us to the one idea of evolution that does ring true: survival of the fittest, and God is the fittest. Creationism along with the rest of the Bible has survived for 3,500 years in spite of oppression from governments, kings and dictators.

ground. Also, the law of biogenesis, which was supported by Louis Pasteur, a pioneer microbiologist. This law states that only life can beget other life; life doesn't spontaneously generate; it has to come from something else.

These are laws because they have been proven as factual and directly harmonize with the American Heritage definition of a law: "A statement describing a relationship observed to be invariable between or among phenomena for all cases in which the specified conditions are met."

My colleague says that evolution is a matter of scientific fact, and that these facts are useless against those who deny the primacy of physical evidence.

But he previously states that everything we know is theory ... I suppose he must have discovered the missing link midway through writing his column.

The missing link(s) are named as such because they have never been found. Their existence only lies in mere conjecture. Much evidence exists to discredit evolution, such as the chemical origin of life has not ever been demonstrated to be possible and the lack of transitional fossils in the fossil record.

Due to the apparent lack of facts that completely backs up evolution, evolutionists must deny the rules of logic, since there are sufficient gaps that suspend logical reason that evolution is the truth. Thus, evolutionists must have faith, at some point, that evolution is true ... and faith, interestingly enough, is the basis of Creationism.

Lastly, evolution is more of a hypothesis than a theory, since the "facts" that evolution was designed to explain cannot be repeatedly tested, which is a major part of the definition of a theory.

Yet, according to American Heritage, theory also can be defined as "an assumption based on limited information or knowledge; a conjecture." The title "theory of evolution" might not be such a bad fit after all.

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Letters to the Editor

Visibility of Muslims inspiring

This letter is in response to the article about the Muslim holy month of Ramadan (*UD*, Oct. 29).

Coming from a small, isolated community to Tech, I had never understood the Islamic faith or to my knowledge ever met anyone who practiced the belief.

Not until I realized that there was an active religious base of Islamic practitioners here did I begin to understand and even study the belief.

Seeing a small, religious minority openly practicing their beliefs and presenting them to the world brings me great joy. My personal Christian beliefs tell me to stand out and be visible to the world, which is too often overlooked admittedly by myself and others. To my knowledge, for Muslims to stand out is not

in the Qu'ran, but seeing such faith is inspiring to me and to others.

— Steve Liebel, political science major from Farmington, N.M.

Supporting our troops important

I am publishing in support of Joshua Araujo's guest column published Oct. 29. I support our troops, and I support this war for freedom.

Too many people are willing to jump on the band wagon against the war. Too many people are too fast to complain. I think Araujo has shed light on the war in Iraq. I am proud to be an American, and reading his column fills me with even more pride. Araujo sounds like a great American and a brave soldier. I would like to hear more soldiers tell us how it really is and how they

feel. After all, they are the ones there, and they know how it really is. Instead of protesting the war and yelling anti-Bush statements, we need to use that energy to support our troops.

Ask yourself, are you just trying to get your name and picture in the paper by protesting when you should instead be supporting our country?

— Thomas Yamin, senior architecture and civil engineering major from Louisville

Looten should not judge Greeks

This letter is in response to the article written by Sarah Looten (*UD*, Oct. 29) about girls who wear too much make-up. The repulsive article bashed females in general, and I would like to speak up on behalf of us, "fashion freaks." It amazes me you had the audacity to write an entire

column based on the looks of others. You've been walking around Tech with nothing better to do than stare at random girls passing by and judging them. Tell me, how do "these girls" affect you? How shallow to label someone as a "hooker" because they wear more makeup than you.

Although you don't know me, I took that column personally. Why? Not because I wear too much make-up, but because I'm a female as well as a Greek. You say you don't stereotype, yet that's upon what your whole column was based. You obviously have a preconceived notion that sorority girls are pretentious. Now what if "we" judged you on your plain Jane look? From reading your article I judged your character on the hateful words you said ... not on the amount of makeup on your face.

— Shelby Hogue, senior broadcast journalism major

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Tax

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the nine-day voting totals, according to city hall.

There is no way to estimate how many of these voters were Tech students, Garza said.

Lubbock Chamber of Commerce President Eddie McBride estimated that 3,000 Tech students out of more than 28,000 are registered to vote in Lubbock.

This low number and the voting history of students do not prove to the city that students are concerned with community issues, he said.

Casey Cowan, a freshman business major from Littlefield, disagreed. He said he is concerned with community issues.

The increase in spring tuition is hurting his budget, and an increase in the sales tax would probably break his budget, he said.

"I can barely afford rent right now," he said. "Economically it's going to hurt me more."

Enticing Texas Tech students with job opportunities is useless because fewer than half of students are planning to stay in the community after graduation, Cowan said.

"I don't see the benefit of being able to open up more career jobs for students," he said. "Students should put out the effort to find a job themselves."

Despite being registered to vote and his concern for the sales tax increase, Cowan said he does not plan to vote during the election because his vote is not going to make a difference in the outcome of the election.

Tech students do not look at issues like the sales tax election seriously and end up not exercising their right to vote, said Michael Jones, an instructor for the Tech department of chemistry and biochemistry.

"It's very difficult to get them motivated as a group," he said. "It's a hard thing to do."

Jones said the sales tax increase will hurt students more than benefit them.

"You guys don't pay property tax anyways," he said. "You do more shopping and hurt more in that area."

Jones said he believes the tax increase will pass mainly because of the marketing techniques emphasizing the lowering of the property tax.

Business

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GPA requirement to 2.75," McInnes said. "We are looking at limiting the number of times a student can take a course. It will make it so that a student gets done in four years."

Limiting the number of times students withdraw or repeat a class will help the college use its resources more effectively, Clancy said. If the students are able to match the program better, then class sizes could decrease by 25 percent.

In the future, the college wants to pay more attention to the undergraduate population. McInnes said the graduate program could be narrowed so faculty can give more experience to the undergraduates.

Although the college wants to improve many things, the main focus will be increased faculty, Clancy said. One of the only ways is getting more funds from administration. However, the college is working on limiting some of the classes to help the faculty.

"We need to decrease the num-

ber of core class sizes. In my view, they are too large," Clancy said. "The average undergraduate elective is too large. We are looking for an average senior level class size of 35, instead of 60 where it is currently at."

The college is driving for a better quality program for graduates and undergraduates, McInnes said. The goal of the college is for parents and students to get value for the cost of education.

The college sends in a reaccreditation report every 10 years. Within each 10-year period, the college is given the opportunity to improve aspects of the college in three-year cycles, Clancy said.

Work needs to be done in the future, but McInnes said he is optimistic they have accomplished everything needed for the review. Clancy said the ratios for this year are good, but more faculty will be needed to help the college continue to grow.

"It is either a somewhat or extensive review based on past reports," he said.

Within the three-year cycles, the college is required to send in a yearly report to the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, Clancy said.

Negotiators reject proposal to compensate federal workers on active duty in reserves

WASHINGTON (AP) — House-Senate negotiators considering an \$87 billion package for Iraq and Afghanistan have rejected a Democratic proposal to compensate federal employees on active duty with the National Guard and reserves.

The proposal by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., would have made up the differences between the workers' regular salaries and their service incomes, as many states and private employers are doing. He said 23,000 federal employees would be affected.

The Senate included the provision in its version of the Iraq spending bill, but senators in the conference agreed to eliminate it Tuesday in a 16-13 vote that was mainly along party lines.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said the legislation would create a disparity between the

pay of guardsmen and reservists and those of active-duty personnel. He said other committees should consider the proposal before it is approved.

Senate and House leaders hope to finish work Wednesday resolving differences between the versions of the bill approved by the House and Senate.

"I don't think we're too far apart on too many issues," said Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

On Wednesday, they agreed to a pilot program to expand the military health insurance system known as Tricare to include members of the National Guard and Reserves who are unemployed or lack health insurance coverage. This change will be in effect only until the fiscal year ends Sept. 30, 2004.

Lawmakers also have an informal understanding to include \$500 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help it deal with the Califor-

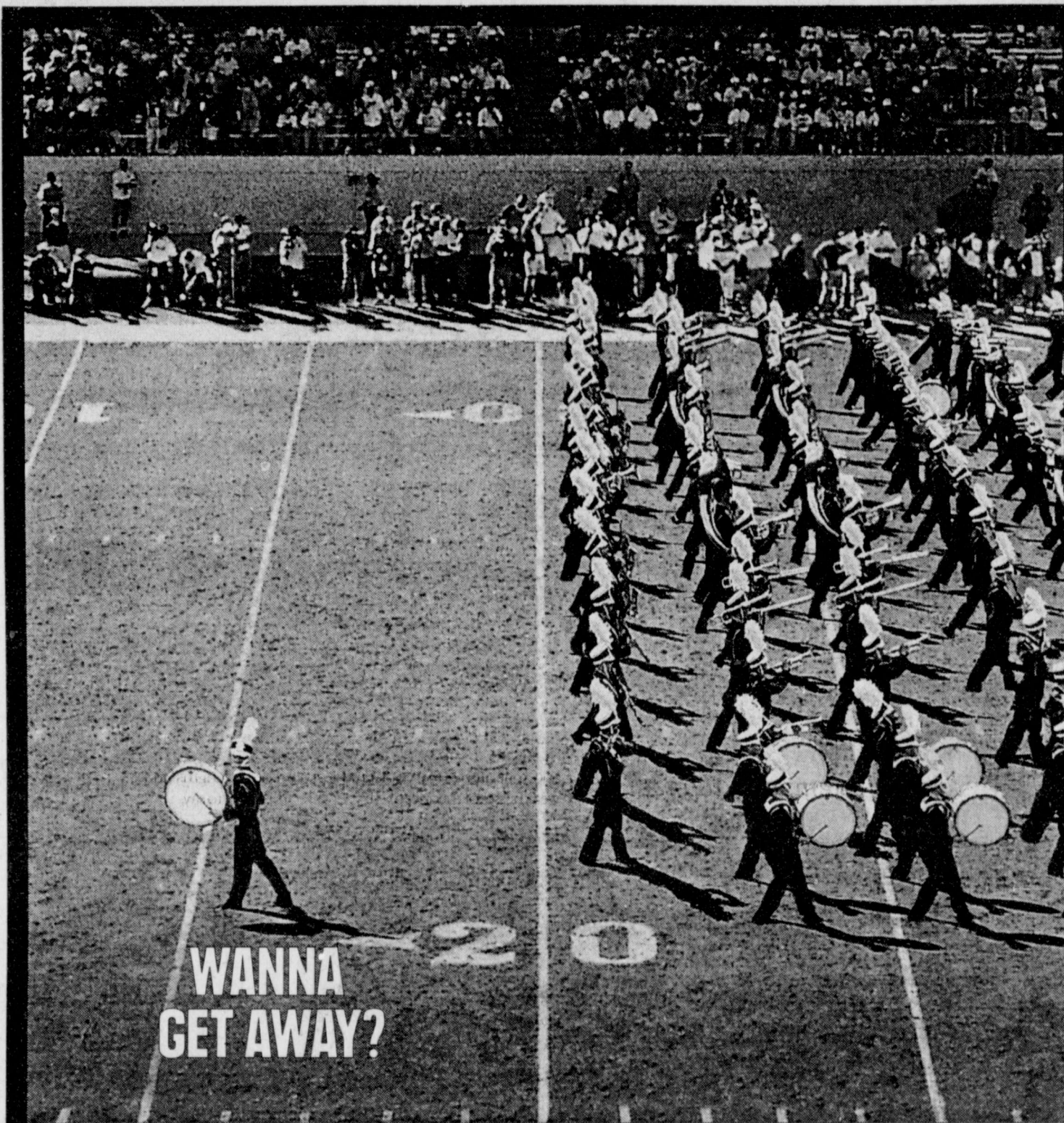
nia wildfires.

The biggest difference between the House and Senate bills is a Senate provision to make part of the package in the form of loans. President Bush has threatened to veto the bill if the loans are included in the final package. Some Republican senators who supported the loans acknowledged they had little hope of prevailing.

"I don't have the vote totals on it, but my sense is they probably have located the votes to get the package" without loans, said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., a participant in the House-Senate conference meeting Tuesday.

Another Republican senator who supported the loans, Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, said she wasn't optimistic. She said failing to include the loans "would be very unfortunate."

"I think that public support for the package would be boosted by having some provisions for the loans," she said.



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Tech Halloween events filled with haunts and horrors

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

This year offers plenty of haunting events for Halloween.

Kappa Sigma is hosting a haunted house at 5 p.m. Friday at No. 6 Greek Circle during Greek Treat.

"It's family friendly," said Kappa Sigma member Chris Winters. "It's not too scary."

The haunted house will be held in and between the Kappa Sigma lodge and the Alpha Chi Omega sorority lodge, the senior business management major from Katy said.

This is the fifth year Kappa Sigma has had a haunted house on Greek Circle, and while other fraternities have done them in the past, Kappa Sigma is the only one to host one this year.

"We look forward to it every year," Winters said. "We'll be there as long as kids are still coming."

Greek Treat ends at 9 p.m., but the lodges will pass out candy until children stop arriving.

The Electrical Engineering building will also host a haunted house for all ages.

Eta Kappa Nu is hosting the haunted house in the basement of the building as it has done for at least the past 10 years, said Greg Edminston,

a senior electrical engineering major from Weatherford.

It will be open 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. to midnight Friday. The spooky basement is designed for all ages, and there is a \$3 entrance fee.

"We put it on every year and have a good turnout," Edminston said. "It's an opportunity to raise money for a good cause and do a service for the community."

There is no theme for the haunted house, and the money raised goes toward a scholarship for an electrical engineering student.

"It's something to do that's safe and fun," he said. "It's good to do because it gives back to the youth and kids of the community."

The American Institute of Architecture Students also will be hosting a haunted house in the basement of the Architecture building for the second year.

Tim Lott, an architecture graduate student from Amarillo, said the haunted house is made for older children but will be appropriate for younger children. Lott said the haunted house is meant to have a psychological impact. The placement of light on walls and the colors can cause reactions from people.

"We are trying to use it as an architectural project," he said. "It's a fun experiment to see that what they do in architecture does affect how people react."

The haunted house will be open 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday and Friday. Admission will either be \$3 or \$4, but Lott said the group has not yet decided on a price.

Money raised by the haunted house will go toward architecture students taking their trip to Forum, a national competition.

Students will be staged inside the self-guided house as actors and will be handling lighting and moveable walls.

"We don't want to scare the little kids too much, and we want to keep the older kids entertained," Lott said. "We are going to try to do something for all ages."

Students can also take part in the

Costume Lip Sync Competition at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Wall/ Gates lobby.

"It's going to be really awesome," said Christy Lewis, a senior broadcast journalism major from Odessa. "I'm excited to dress up."

There are five categories students can enter: Wall Divas, Gates Travoltas, group, duo, costume performance and Wall/Gates Lip Syncer of the year.

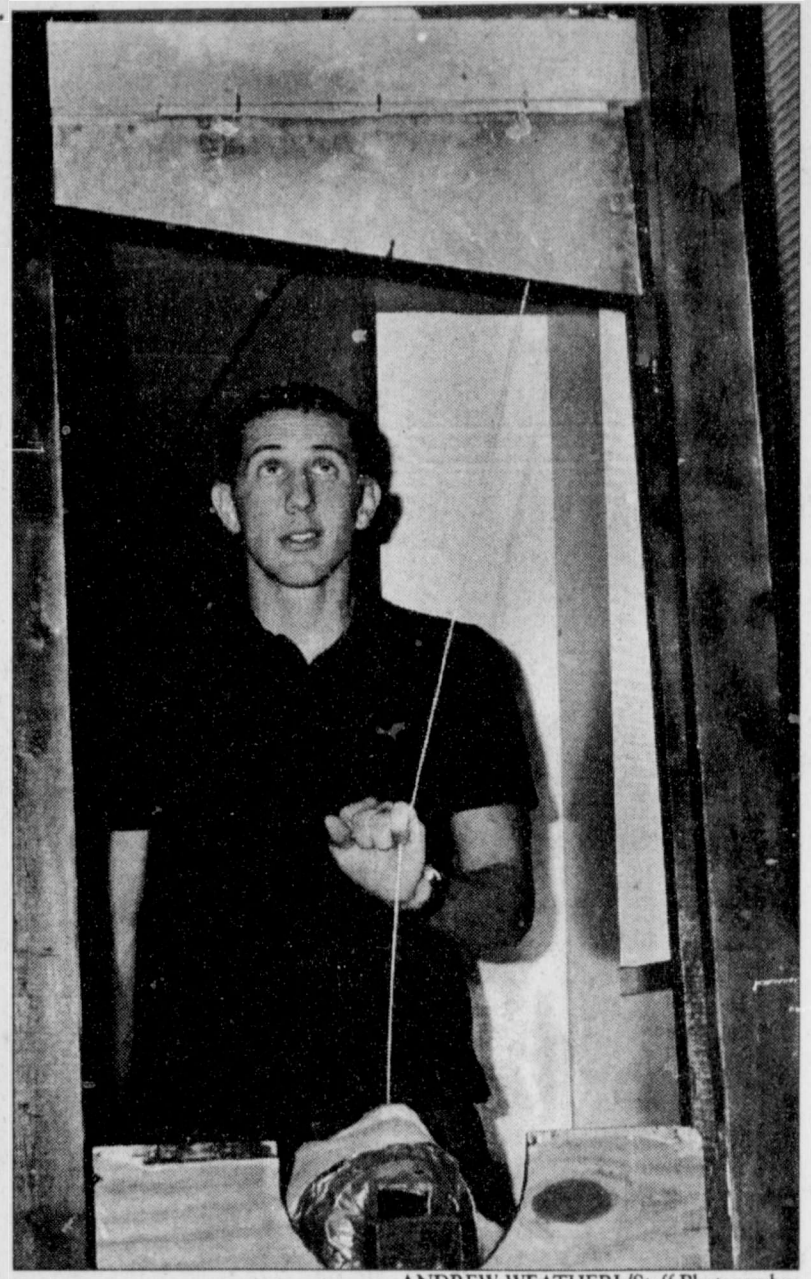
The judges will be students dressed as celebrity judges. While the judges are tallying the scores, the Community Advisors will perform a lip sync, Lewis said.

"We're going to have a lot of fun," Lewis said.

Those wishing to participate should sign up in the by 5 p.m. Thursday in the Wall/Gates office.



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



ANDREW WEATHERL/Staff Photographer
JAMES GREGORY, A senior electrical engineering major from Albuquerque, N.M., tests the guillotine at the haunted house in the basement of the electrical engineering building Wednesday.

Marathon reading of 'Potter' serves up magical migraines for avid fans of the book

(AP)—Has the latest Harry Potter fantasy cast a spell of "Hogwarts headaches" on some of its most avid readers?

A pediatrician says he had three otherwise healthy children complain of headaches for two to three days last summer.

It turns out all had been reading the 870-page "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" in marathon sessions.

"The kids I saw were all avid Harry Potter fans who just plowed through the book," said Dr. Howard J. Bennett, whose

office is in Washington. "A lot of my kids would be reading six, eight hours a day. And it's a big book for a 9- or 10-year-old child."

He dubbed their ailment "Hogwarts headache" after the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry that the boy wizard attends. He said the youngsters' headaches were probably caused by tensing

their head muscles for long periods. One of the children also had neck and wrist pain.

Bennett said he encourages children to keep reading the hefty book, which he enjoyed.

"But it might be nice to take a break periodically," he said, adding that two of the headache sufferers decided to keep

reading and pop Tylenol instead.

Bennett described "Hogwarts headaches" in a letter to the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine. The letter in Thursday's issue is printed with a graph tracking the size and weight of the five books in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series.

Bennett didn't hear any headache complaints with the earlier books, which started at 309 pages and grew. "If this escalation continues as Rowling concludes the saga, there may be an epidemic of Hogwarts headaches in the years to come," he writes.

He really doesn't want Rowling to

limit the size of her books.

"Just keeping writing great books. I wouldn't dream of giving her advice," said Bennett, who is the author of medical humor books.

At Public School 6 in New York City, 10-year-old Ella Schwarzbaum said she read the book a few hours at a time over several weeks with no ill effects. Schoolmate Galen Stump, 10, devoured it during a three-day car trip to Colorado.

"I got to read it all day, every day," he said.

Galen had occasional headaches that he blamed on the long hours and poor lighting.

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OPERATION SAFE TREAT

Texas Tech organizations provide alternative trick-or-treat ritual

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

Safety is the theme for campus organizations providing Halloween activities for Texas Tech and the local community.

Tech residence halls and occupants will participate in "Operation Safe Treat," said Jennifer Plantier, coordinator of marketing and media development for Housing and Residence Life and Residence Life Cinema.

Plantier said every residence hall except Carpenter-Wells is participating in this year's event, which provides an alternative and safe way to trick or treat this Halloween.

She invites children and parents to participate.

"We have a huge number of residents participating this year," Plantier said.

She said each residence hall also will provide activities for children and parents in which to participate. Every hall will have different activities, said Plantier.

Children and parents can come to Tech campus and choose any residence hall in which to trick or treat.

Plantier said she believes Operation Safe Treat is a good idea because parents might feel safer while trick or treating in a safe environment.

Operation Safe Treat will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 31 on the Tech campus.

Another event involving student organizations is Greek Treat, which fraternities and sororities host.

The Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council sponsor the annual event, said Brandi Murrell, coordinator of student organizations for the Center for Campus Life.

"It's been going on for seven years and has become a Tech Greek tradition. I enjoy taking part in all the community service opportunities that the Greek system has provided."

— JENNY WALKER
Senior Public Relations
Major From Deerpark

Jenny Walker, a senior public relations major from Deerpark and vice president of public relations and community service for the



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily
A TRICK-OR-TREATER GRABS candy out of a bucket during last year's Safe Treat in Horn Hall.

Panhellenic Association, coordinated the event.

She said she is excited about Greek Treat because it provides safety for trick or treaters and at the same time is a fun social event for members of fraternities and sororities.

"It's been going on for seven years and has become a Tech Greek tradition," said Walker. "I enjoy taking part in all the community service opportunities that the Greek system has provided."

Walker said with fraternities and sororities combined, more than 20 organizations are involved in the event.

Greeks will provide activities such as haunted houses, face painting and games as well as the opportunity to trick or treat.

"Parents should bring their children out because it's gonna be a fun and exciting time, but most importantly it will be in a safe environment," said Walker.

Walker expects more than 500 children and parents to attend the event.

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TV sweeps to start today

NEW YORK (AP) — If Ronald Reagan, Jessica Lynch, Elizabeth Smart, Britney Spears and Andy Griffith can't save the television networks this season, maybe nothing can.

The November "sweeps" get under way Thursday, offering the major broadcast networks a chance to start again. The season opening felt like a false start.

ABC, CBS, NBC, the WB and UPN — five of the six biggest net-

works — have lost audience this season compared to 2002 and, what is more important, lost the younger viewers that advertisers crave. The one gainer is Fox, due entirely to a stellar baseball postseason.

"The November sweeps can't get here a minute too soon, given the lackluster performance of much of the networks' programming this season," said Ed Martin, programming editor for The Myers Report, a media economy newsletter.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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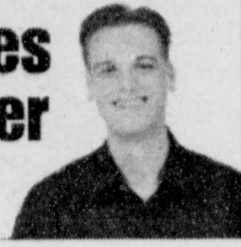
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'River' emotionally intense

James Eppler



The mystery steers us in different directions, and the audience can only watch helplessly as suspicions are confirmed and the film careens toward an emotionally startling end.

There has not been a film this year that has had the powerful impact of "Mystic River." It is a teeth-gritting, heart-wrenching drama that hits its audience so hard as to leave a significant mark.

The film, directed by Clint Eastwood (his 24th to direct), is based on the 2001 novel by Dennis Lehane. It was adapted for the screen by Oscar winner Brian Koppelman, whose sins are now forgiven for "The Order."

This crime drama deals with three friends who have grown up together. The film opens on the three boys — Jimmy, Sean and Dave — and wastes no time defining their characters. Jimmy is the tough guy, Sean is the good boy and Dave is the awkward one. But when Dave experiences unspeakable abuse, the three friends are never the same.

Years later, the three friends have grown up and drifted apart. Jimmy (Sean Penn) is now an ex-con with a wife (Laura Linney) and children; Sean (Kevin Bacon) is a homicide detective; and Dave (Tim Robbins) is still dealing with his childhood abuse.

But the three friends are soon reunited when Jimmy's 19-year-old daughter Katie (Emmy Rossum) is found brutally murdered. Sean and his partner Whitey (Laurence Fishburne) are on the case, but Jimmy's sorrow and rage begin to consume him as he vows

vengeance on the killer. Jimmy issues Sean somewhat of an ultimatum to find the killer before he does.

Meanwhile, Dave thinks he might have accidentally killed a man who tried to mug him, but his mind has become so clouded with trauma that his wife (Marcia Gay Harden) is beginning to fear him.

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firmed and the film careens toward an emotionally startling end.

Certain aspects of the film reminded me of the movie "Sleepers," about boyhood friends who deal with childhood trauma as grown men. But where "Sleepers" seemed to be about resolving the problem, "Mystic River" is more concerned with how its characters' personalities influence events around them.

The characters are deeply written, and as the story peels away their layers, they just become more complex. The film is an unflinching look at trauma, sorrow and furious rage. These are sad characters, and the audience becomes intimately involved with them.

The performances are astounding.

This may be Sean Penn's best work to date as a hard-edged man who finds difficulty remaining tough while mourning. Tim Robbins is brilliant as the most complex character in the bunch, whose hopelessness and fear might have manifested in violence. Bacon also is terrific as a hard-nosed investigator who doesn't want to believe what he knows might be the truth.

The supporting performances from Harden, Linney and Fishburne are also strong, but one of the big surprises in the film is the young Thomas Guiry as Katie's boyfriend, who falls under suspicion for her murder.

Although the film's form is like that

of most police murder mysteries, it elevates itself above the rest with its intricate character study. The film also refuses to give the audience a nice and neat ending with a pretty bow on top. It has more of a sense of reality that way.

Eastwood's direction is subtle because he recognizes the material is strong enough that it does not need to be showy. This is well-written and marvelously acted storytelling — pure and simple.

"Mystic River" finds its audience's pressure points and squeezes without mercy.

It is one of the best films I have seen this year.

EPPLER'S RATING:



★★★★★ - Flawless

★★★★ - Excellent

★★★ - Good

★★ - Mediocre

★ - Awful

■ Eppler is The UD's movie critic. Send comments and questions to James.D.Eppler@ttu.edu.

Club offers spirit to Tech, Lubbock youth

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

said Marks.

Right now, the club is a project within Tech Couples and Families, Nichols said. Twelve members consisting of students, faculty and staff make up the leadership board for the project. Members of the club range from infants to teenagers. Currently, the club has 50 members.

Beginning in November, the club will offer a pen-pal program in which members receive a personalized postcard each month from a Tech student. Younger members will also receive a personalized birthday gram on their birthday, while older members receive a birthday gram and informational brochures about Tech, Nichols said.

She hopes a Tech department will adopt the project so that more features can be added, such as campus tours and special weekend events.

Nichols said she thinks the name allows members of the club to feel more a part of the university, kind of like students at Tech.

Application and forms are available online for those interested, Nichols said, and the annual fee for the Junior Red Raiders Club is \$10 per member.

Nichols said the Junior Red Raiders Club is regularly recruiting pen pals from student organizations for the project. Serving as a pen pal can serve as a community service credit for organizations.

Theresa Marks, a senior English major from Tucumcari, N.M., said she plans to get involved as soon as possible. As a parent, she thinks it is a great way to involve her two children in what she is doing at Tech, and her children cannot wait to be involved.

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'The Reagans' series stirs up drama in television world

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The angry buzz over "The Reagans" has grown louder and more pointed.

"Advertisers will bail on CBS' anti-Reagan movie," commentator Pat Buchanan predicted on "The McLaughlin Group" Sunday. Two days later, a conservative media watchdog group announced a boycott call-to-arms.

But CBS isn't showing signs of regretting its excursion into political drama. Based on experience, observers say, it probably doesn't need to.

"The bottom line is, the more attention it (the miniseries) gets, the more people are going to watch it," said television analyst Marc Berman of Media Week

Online. That spells opportunity for sponsors and ad dollars for CBS, he said.

"Any network would be pleased if there's an inordinate amount of publicity surrounding any project," said industry analyst Bill Carroll of the Katz Television Group. "In the end, if it's deemed unfair, then they'll have to deal with that."

Last season, pre-broadcast protests greeted the network's miniseries about Adolf Hitler's early years, which some feared would have the effect of fostering sympathy for the Nazi leader.

"It didn't hurt the ratings. It gave it more exposure," Berman said.

The drama ultimately drew solid ratings, praise from previously skeptical

Jewish leaders and Emmys.

"The Reagans," a two-part miniseries about former President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, airing Nov. 16 and 18, is being condemned by Reagan friends and supporters as a hatchet job.

Media attention for the former president has been mostly positive in recent years, thanks largely to a wave of sympathetic books including 2002's "A Different Drummer" from former White House aide Michael Deaver and "Reagan: A Life in Letters," which appeared on *The New York Times*' best-seller list this fall.

The miniseries has been the hubbub du jour on a number of shows including CNN's "Crossfire," Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor" and MSNBC's "Hardball with Chris Matthews."

"CBS is serving up a new version of the Ronald Reagan story, just before Thanksgiving," host Robert Novak said last week on "Crossfire." "That's appropriate. With all the Hollywood liberals involved, it could be a real turkey."

On Tuesday, watchdog Media Research Center decided to take action, calling on 100 major companies to review the script and consider avoiding buying ad time on the miniseries.

"The Reagans" appears to be a blatantly unfair assault on the legacy of one of America's greatest leaders," center President L. Brent Bozell III wrote in a letter Tuesday to potential sponsors.

"Reagan is being portrayed as a hateful, half-nut homophobe," he said in an interview. "It's not that the historical record is being distorted. It's that the makers of the movie are deliberately defaming him and lying about him."

He and others are largely basing their assessment on a brief CBS clip reel or a description published in an Oct. 20 article in *The New York Times*. The

miniseries, from producers Neil Meron and Craig Zadan ("Martin and Lewis," "The Music Man") is in post-production.

Especially troublesome, critics say, is how the script portrays Reagan's handling of the dawning AIDS crisis in the 1980s. He is depicted as uncaring and judgmental toward those with the disease, according to the *Times*.

"They that live in sin shall die in sin," he tells his wife in the script as she begs him to help AIDS victims. The author of the screenplay's final version, Elizabeth Egloff, told the *Times* there was no evidence such a conversation took place.

But "we know he ducked the issue over and over again, and we know she was the one who got him to deal with that," she said, a contention denied by Reagan White House insiders.

"I never saw an ounce of intolerance," said Ken Khachigian, a senior adviser in the Reagan administration.

Former Reagan speechwriter Peter Robinson, author of "How Ronald Reagan Changed My Life," said he's seen excerpts of the script: "It looks ridiculous."

Reagan's son Michael, a radio host, has railed publicly against the project and accused CBS of plunging a "dagger" into his father's heart. His wife, Colleen, offered him words of comfort, according to Robinson.

"Mike, don't worry. That looks like one of those skits on 'Saturday Night Live,'" Robinson quoted her as saying.

Martin Anderson, co-author of the newly released book "Reagan: A Life in Letters," said he had spoken to Nancy Reagan on Sunday. "She is very upset about the miniseries," he said. A Reagan spokeswoman said the family had no comment.

Bozell said the fact that CBS isn't disputing the *Times* account "makes me think it's true."

In a statement, the network said its job was to create programming that "stirs meaningful discourse about the events of our time in a responsible and truthful manner."

"Nobody's seen the film," CBS Chairman Leslie Moonves told the cable show "CNBC's Topic A with Tina Brown." "So any criticism now, in the middle of October for a film that isn't finished, is rather odd, we think."

But he added that the rough cut was undergoing some editing "to present a fair picture of the Reagans."

"There are things we like about the movie, there are things we don't like about the movie, there are things we think go too far," he said in the CNBC interview.

That could satisfy some critics, such as Bozell. He called on CBS to remove the "handful of vile scenes. Let's see if they're going to take out the dishonesty and let the movie proceed."

But others say troubling aspects remain. Casting James Brolin, husband of outspoken liberal Barbra Streisand, as Reagan is a deliberately provocative move, they contend. Australian actress Judy Davis plays Nancy Reagan.

And there are those who question airing any dramatization of the 92-year-old Reagan's life while he struggles with Alzheimer's disease.

"They shouldn't do anything while the man can't defend himself," said Khachigian. "That, to me, is the worst thing, when a man can't speak for himself who's still alive."

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Raiders working out problem of opposites

By David Weichmann/Staff Reporter

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The players said they are aware of the defensive shortcomings and are keeping their heads up, despite the finger pointing and whispering among the fans.

"We're trying to get their confidence up as much as possible, can't really worry about them; gotta do the things we gotta do to be successful," said wide receiver Carlos Francis. "And I think as long as we focus on the offense everything will take care of itself."

With the offense and defense performing at opposite ends of the spectrum one may think there would be a little bit more of a push from the offense to motivate the defense, but the offensive players said they have faith in the struggling unit. Receiver Wes Welker said the Air Raid offense, how-

ever, has to worry about itself at the same time.

"You want to encourage them and tell them, 'you're gonna bounce back from this and take care of business,'" he said. "You can't really get caught up in what they're doing; you still gotta take care of your job and know that they're gonna get it done."

Welker said the defense will bounce back and after this week's game against Colorado the unit will no longer be at the bottom of the NCAA.

"It's something you deal with and move on," he said. "Our defense

won't be 117th in the nation after this week or the week after that. So, we're confident they're gonna get it done, and we're gonna keep playing the way we have."

Head coach Mike Leach thinks his team's finding itself on opposite sides of the standings is odd, but he credits some of the difference to the teams Tech has faced this season.

"It's kinda bizarre. I think part of it is we've done some good things on offense, and we've done some good things on defense. The biggest thing I think is

our schedule," he said. "We're in a situation where we've played some of the top offenses in the country. So, I think some of it is a by-product of the schedule."

The top offenses Leach mentioned were Mississippi (11), Oklahoma State (18) and North Carolina State (28). Tech has yet to face Texas (26) and Oklahoma (14). Playing such high caliber offenses could take its toll on a defense's numbers and cause things to look worse than they really are.

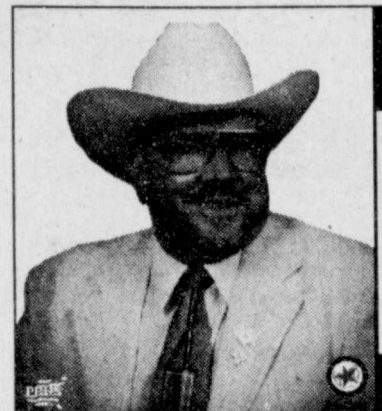
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Nebraska defeats Tech despite game one loss

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech volleyball team fell to 9-12 overall and 1-11 in Big 12 Conference play Wednesday evening with a four game loss to the No. 11 Nebraska Cornhuskers (18-3, 9-2).

But the Red Raiders put up a fight.

Tech jumped out to a quick 7-1 lead against the 'Huskers in the opening game, spurred by two services aces from junior setter Laura Grote, who also had 55 assists. Nebraska would never lead in the game, and Tech won 30-24.

Game two started with a 4-0 'Huskers run, but Tech kept the score close for much of the game. With the score 25-19 in Nebraska's favor, Tech scored three unanswered points to cut the gap in half, Nebraska claimed five of the last eight points to win the game 30-25.

Tech led by as many as five in game three, but with the score at 24-23 in Tech's favor, the 'Huskers went on a 7-1 run with several big blocks to clinch the win at 30-25. Tech head coach Nancy Todd said she thought the Raiders passing became somewhat predictable during that stretch.

"We could have mixed it up," she said. "The pass-

ing wasn't hot, and at that point the offense becomes predictable."

Game three started well for Tech with the Raiders leading 9-3 early. Then Nebraska's freshman outside hitter Dani Mancuso led the 'Huskers on a 7-0 outside that included three service aces. Tech's sophomore outside hitter Bre Pursley, who had 18 kills, a .217 hitting percentage and 12 digs, said Nebraska was just keying on the Raiders during that run.

"Usually when they start scoring aces on us, we're supposed to mix it up," she said. "We really didn't do that (Wednesday), and I don't know; I think it was just a mental thing. If one person messed up, then they would keep serving to that person, and obviously, that gets into your head. But at a time like that especially being so young, everybody just needs to relax, do something different or pass the ball."

Nebraska would extend their lead in game four to four points at 18-14, but a 4-0 Tech run knotted it at 18. The Raiders would eventually lead 26-23, but this time Nebraska scored seven of the last eight points to clinch the game and match by the score of 30-27.

Grote said the Raiders had a chance to win, but they could not stem the tide of Nebraska's runs. "That's what killed us," she said. "It seemed like it

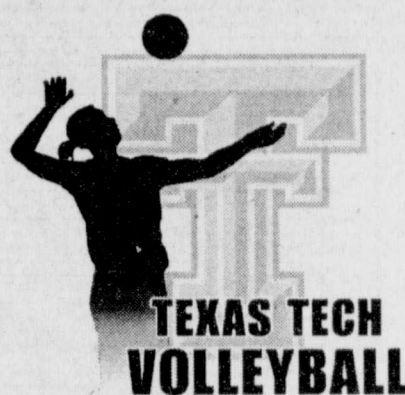
stemmed a lot from serving. We were up, and then they'd get on those runs, and then we'd be down, and that's one of our goals all season, no more runs...we just need to do something, whatever it is, to get a side out, because as they get momentum, they get confident, and then their level of play will get better."

Junior outside hitter Kelly Johnson became the all-time kill leader in school history Wednesday, surpassing Melissa McGehee with 1,341 kills. She said one positive was Tech was never out of any game.

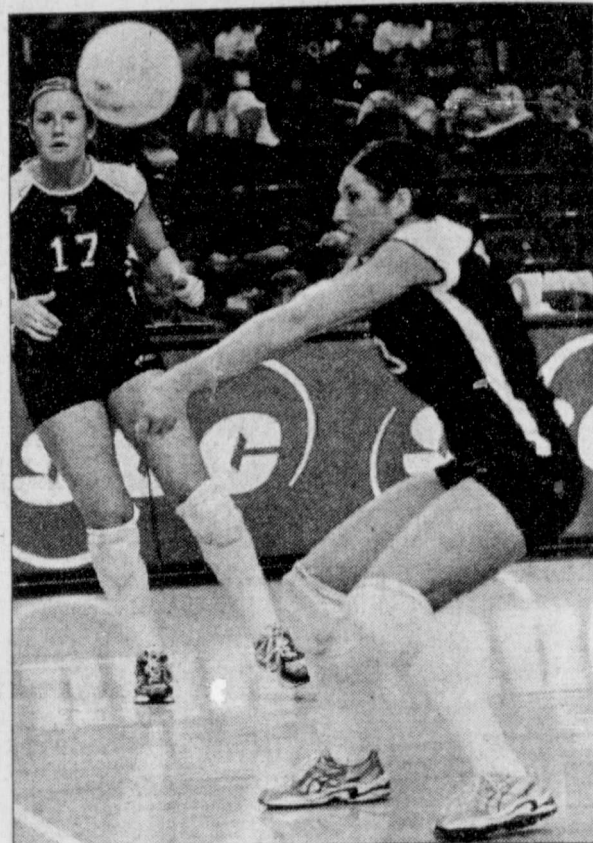
"It's good that we didn't just roll over and die," she said.

With Wednesday's loss, the Raiders are now officially out of contention for the NCAA Tournament. Grote said the Raiders still have only one purpose on their minds, winning.

"If you look at how we played against the No. 11 team, I think we're going to upset some teams in the second half of the season."



TEXAS TECH VOLLEYBALL



ANDREW WEATHERL/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH OUTSIDE hitter Kelly Johnson watches as Breanna Pursley bumps the ball during Tech's loss to Nebraska on Wednesday.

NEW ALL-TIME RECORD

Outside hitter Kelly Johnson became Tech's all-time leader in kills with 1,341 in her career. Johnson finished Wednesday's match against the Nebraska Cornhuskers with a match high 20 kills.

Siegel embeds philosophy into minds of tennis squad

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Tim Siegel may not profess to be an authority on building a team, but he does have a philosophy on how to do so.

With the fall season at a close, Siegel said the coaching staff had a hard time getting acquainted with a new lineup on the team.

"Our biggest challenge for the coaches was that we only had two returning players and six new ones," he said. "We all had to get on the same page as far as my philosophy goes."

Without the leadership of seniors, Siegel said the three juniors and three freshmen who comprise the team work well with one another after the first six weeks of practice.

"Chemistry is always important, and it shows they get along well," he said. "They also respect each other, which is very important on a team."

Although the results from this fall proved to benefit Tech, Siegel said the

Red Raiders still have a lot of work to do before beginning the spring matches.

"The month of November is going to be dedicated to improving where each player is weak," he said.

Junior Esat Tanik said a change in attitude has to be done in order to feel success in the spring.

"The difference is believing in ourselves," he said. "We have to be confident, and we will do good."

Junior Michael Innerebner said Tech's participation in the fall tournament gave the team a start in the right direction.

"I saw that we are not far away from teams like Baylor and A&M," he said.

Siegel said Tech will take from the fall a lot of experience and some teaching from the tournament they competed in.

"We are going to get better than we are now, and the future looks good," he said.

Women's tennis team puts Halloween spin on scrimmage

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Halloween is a time for people to dress up for somebody other than themselves. For the Texas Tech women's tennis team, the holiday is no different.

Head coach Cari Groce said the Red Raiders will play an inter-squad scrimmage today but with different rules.

"We are kind of highlighting Halloween," she said. "I'm going to split the team up, and they have to come up with team names and uniforms or costumes if they choose."

Throughout the year, Groce said she tries to incorporate these small activities in practice to give her players a break from the typical workout.

"We had a time to relax this past weekend, and they are recovered so we can come out fresh," she said. "It is going to be the first of a number of these inter-squad scrimmages, and I think the players will be more enthusiastic."

Freshman Lakann Wagley said the scrimmage matches will also encourage the players to bond more than they already have.

"We are really close to one another," she said. "This gives us time to dress up, and it's going to be exciting. It will be fun so nobody will take it too seriously, but we will play hard for more practice."

With a weekend off from playing in constant tournaments for six weeks, Wagley said coming back to the court on Monday was nice.

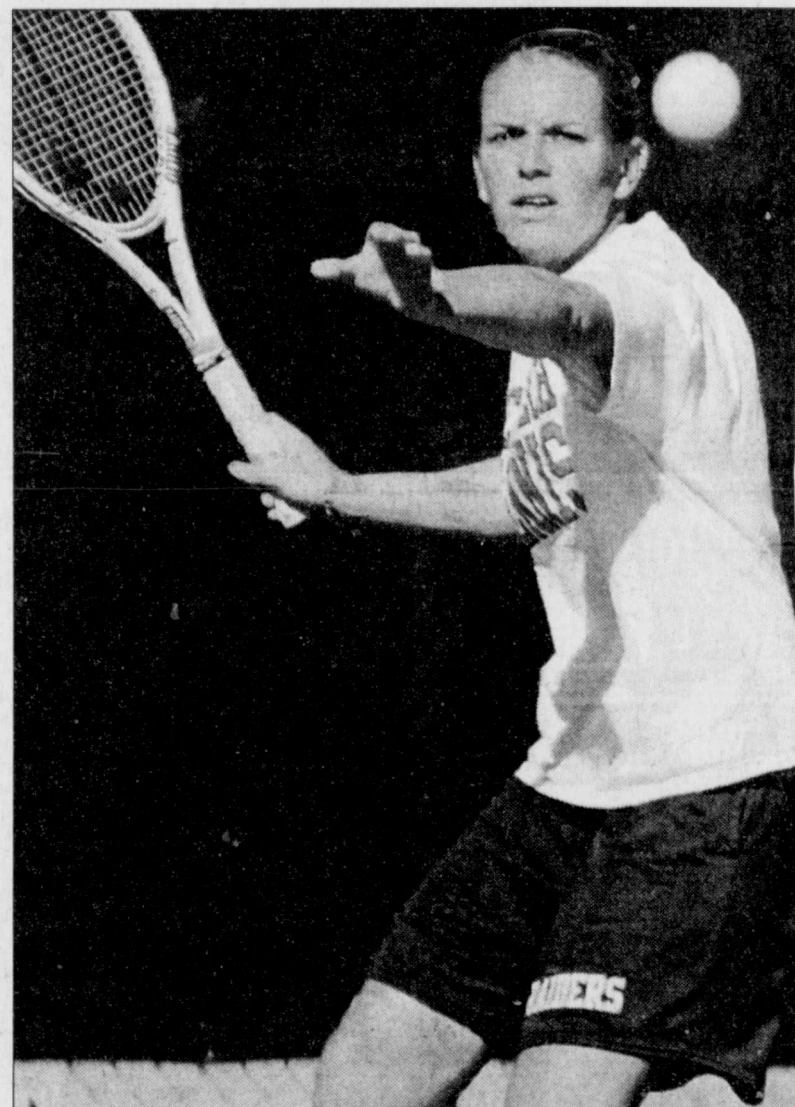
"It was nice to relax, but this season has been very enlightening for me and other players," she said. "We've had a lot of fun, and we've improved dramatically."

Although Wagley said she believes Tech has gotten better as a team, she also said they have plenty of room for improvement.

"When we practice, we improve day-to-day," she said. "For our opponents next spring, they do the same but I don't think they improve as much as us."

As a returning player, sophomore Katja Kovacic said the change from seasons have been quite incredible.

"We play great by showing what we're doing in practice," she said. "It is totally different. We have a great



TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH TENNIS player Kendall Brooks sets up for a forehand return shot during practice Wednesday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

opportunity to improve, and we have beaten good teams this year."

With the spring still looking far ahead into the future, Kovacic said Tech will continue to practice to get better.

"We know we can do it and beat teams, but we have to fight for every point," she said. "We are better as a team, and we have to keep practicing to get better."

Tech will travel to Texas A&M

Nov. 8 to 9 to compete in a mock duals tournament featuring Tech, A&M and Rice.

Groce said the duals format is used in the regular season so new players will get a chance to see it first hand before the season begins.

"They won't count team points like usually, but the individual results will," she said. "Our new players will get a look at what to expect in the spring."

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