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Butler trial begins today with jury selection

By Heidi Toth/News Editor

Jury selection for the trial of Dr. Thomas Butler, the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center professor who was charged in connection with the plague scare in January, starts today at 8 a.m.

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings set out the rules for the trial, which is expected to garner media attention from around the nation. According to the order, spectators are

not allowed to wear clothes with symbols or messages of any kind; spectators cannot leave or enter the courtroom except at recesses and no cellular phones, pagers, cameras, recorders or umbrellas can be



Butler

brought into the courtroom. He imposed a gag order on the participants of the trial in September.

The trial is the next step in the saga that started Jan. 11, when Butler reported that 30 slides of *Yersinia pestis* bacteria were missing from his laboratory. He alerted his supervisor at HSC about their disappearance, who then contacted the FBI. According to an affidavit from two special agents, Butler admitted a few days later that he accidentally destroyed the

slides. He remained in jail until Jan. 21, when he was released on a \$100,000 bond and strict bond requirements keeping him inside Lubbock County, away from his labs, computer and the Internet and with an electronic monitoring device on him at all times, according to court records.

Butler was indicted on April 10 for 15 counts, including smuggling, illegal transportation of hazardous materials, lying to FBI

agents and making and subscribing to a false income tax return.

On May 1 Butler's attorney, Floyd Holder, filed a motion to amend the bond conditions, saying they were unjust and humiliating to a man of Butler's recognition. Several pages of letters accompanied the motion from Butler's colleagues testifying of his patriotism, hard work and unselfish acts.

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PURPLE protest II



CHARLIE O'CONNOR, A junior advertising major from Dallas, paints the house he is renting purple in protest of a housing ordinance in Lubbock. This is the second time in two years that the landlord has agreed to paint the house that is located at 25th Street and Indiana Avenue.

Texas Tech students remake history by protesting city ordinance by painting house purple

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

Mother Goose lived in a boot. The giant from Jack and the Beanstalk lived in an enormous castle in the clouds. A group of Texas Tech students now live in a purple house.

This is not the first time the house at 25th Street and Indiana Avenue has been painted. About two years ago, the house was painted purple to protest the city ordinance allowing no more than two unrelated people to live in a single family residence, Brian Bosworth, a junior business major from Grand Prairie, said.

The residents, who moved in Aug. 1, were notified by the city that if they were not out of the house by Saturday, legal action would be taken, Bosworth said. After the letter was sent to the house, the landlord, Bill Davis, and Bosworth received tickets for

violating the city ordinance.

Almost two years ago Davis said if he received another notice from the city, he would be willing to paint the house purple again. He began painting Friday afternoon.

The ordinance states that no more than two unrelated people can live in a single-family residence. However, two of the residents living in the house are brothers. Since Charlie O'Connor and his brother Chris live in the house, Bosworth said the lease is legitimate. The city is going after the house again because the house has been purple before, and it is a four-bedroom house instead of the usual three-bedroom houses in the neighborhood.

"We feel the city is using selective enforcement," Davis said.

The city only comes to enforce the ordinance when a complaint has been filed,

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Gilbert leave's for 'Bama post

By Adam Boedeker/
Staff Reporter



Gilbert

Lynda Gilbert, Texas Tech's vice president for fiscal affairs, resigned her position effective today to take a position at the University of Alabama system as vice chancellor for financial affairs.

"I am leaving Texas Tech University and have had a wonderful experience here," she said in a statement. "But this is a great opportunity that I can't pass up. I have learned a lot in my time here."

Gilbert declined to comment further.

President Jon Whitmore said he should be naming an interim vice president this week.

"We'll find someone within the institution to serve for the interim position," he said. "We'll get an ad out by Thanksgiving and advertise, then interview over the holidays and have someone by early summer, fall at the latest."

Gilbert has a good staff, he said, and people are stepping forward to take on her role.

"Some may want to become permanent; that's up to them. But we'll look nationally and find the best

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Christmas lights spark fire in Chitwood room

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

Displaying Red Raider spirit cost freshmen Loren Peterman and Kim Casarez their personal belongings as Double T Christmas lights caused a fire in their room at Chitwood residence hall Friday afternoon.

The lights shorted out, causing an electrical fire, and the fire was contained within the room, said Richard Kopytkiewicz, fire marshal for the Texas Tech campus.

Peterman, a nursing major from Desoto, and Casarez, a pre-pharmacy major from Fort Worth, were not in the room when the fire started, Peterman said. They returned after firefighters left the scene.

"I think all my stuff is ruined," Peterman said. "It was all soaked."

The fire damage was minimal, but there was smoke and excessive water damage, Kopytkiewicz said. There is no word whether the women must pay for the overall damages to the building.

"Hopefully they have renter's insurance," he said. The fire marshal ruled the fire accidental.

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Half a dozen Tech Police Department employees expected to quit

FED UP: Although the university has made promises of changes, TPD employees want out.

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

At least half a dozen Texas Tech Police Department employees are expected to quit over the next two weeks despite university promises of departmental changes, said Kevin Lawrence, deputy director of the Texas Municipal Police Association.

Tech Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs Jim Brunjes announced Friday at a closed meeting with the Tech Police Department a management plan addressing four key issues to correcting problems within the department, Brunjes said.

"What the employees heard was the university doesn't care," Lawrence said. "If you don't like it, leave," is what they heard."

The plan addresses the retention and recruitment of officers, manpower and training, he said.

The university will perform a salary analysis within the next week to determine reasonable salary adjustments. Tech will increase the rates adequately in January, according to the plan.

The administration committed to filling open positions within the department, two assistant chiefs and six cadet positions. More than \$2.4 million will be relocated within the budget for the job marketing campaign, Brunjes said.

"A sufficient and effective advertising/recruiting budget will be established," according to the plan.

Tech will reduce overtime requirements through the allocation of human resources, according to the plan.

The plan initiated paid time for officers to attend up to 20 hours annually of department-approved officer training. Officers will be allowed to use the ASP baton following training or re-certification, according to the plan.

Tech Police Chief Jay Parchman will continue to serve as chief, Brunjes said. "Parchman and I look forward to implementing this plan together," he said.

"Parchman is a valued employee and continues to be."

Brunjes denied knowledge of retaliation by Parchman toward members of the department.

"It's an important thing to not be tolerant of retaliation," he said. "(Retaliation) doesn't happen."

The police department came under fire last week when the TMPA released survey results showing employees at the Tech Police Department had no confidence in the administration and found the working conditions intolerable.

The Tech Police Department budgeted for 52 positions for the year, but because the university was unable to fill the budget the number was cut down to 45. Since then 30 of those positions have been filled, Lawrence said.

The TMPA became concerned with the reasons behind the shortage.

"That's why we did this survey, to identify what about the Tech police department is making current employees unhappy and the university unable to fill posi-

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VICTORY HUG



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
TAUREAN HENDERSON, DYLAN Gandy and Clay McGuire celebrate during Tech's 26-21 win Saturday.

The Rundown



Houstonian elected state party chairwoman

AUSTIN (AP) — A Houston attorney who says she is committed to increasing the number of minorities who vote GOP in the state, was elected Saturday to head the Republican Party of Texas.

Tina Benkiser, 40, captured a majority of the 63-member State Republican Executive Committee's votes to replace Susan Weddington as the party's state chairwoman.

Weddington, appointed in 1997, stepped down to head a nonprofit organization created by Gov. Rick Perry.

Benkiser said she would seek a full two-year term at the state GOP convention next June in San Antonio. She said she hopes to strengthen the party's efforts among minority populations and in South Texas.

Organizations file lawsuits to block bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an unusual legal maneuver, two organizations went to court Friday to block legislation banning a procedure that critics call "partial birth" abortions.

President Bush has yet to sign the measure, although he is expected to next week. Such a legal challenge, before a bill has become law, is relatively rare.

"We want the judge to be in a position to issue an order as soon as the bill is signed," said Priscilla Smith, an attorney for the Center for Reproductive Rights.

Bush will sign the bill Wednesday, his spokesman, Scott McClellan, said Friday. Asked about the lawsuits, he reiterated that the president believes the procedure is "abhorrent." He said Bush is "pleased (the ban) has finally passed Congress."

13 soldiers dead in attack on helicopter

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. Chinook helicopter carrying troops en route home for leave was struck by a missile Sunday and crashed west of Baghdad, killing 13 soldiers and wounding more than 20, the U.S. command and witnesses reported.

The day was the deadliest for American troops in the six-month occupation of Iraq, and came amid threats attributed to Saddam Hussein's party of a wave of violence against the U.S. occupation.

There was still no sign of the rumored "Day of Resistance" allegedly planned for Baghdad on Saturday.

But at least one other American soldier was confirmed killed Sunday in ground attacks here and elsewhere in central Iraq.

Flu season blows into West Texas

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

The weather may still be warm into November, but West Texas is expecting a daunting flu season this year.

Lynne Franke, nurse manager for Student Health Services at Thompson Hall, said because the last two flu seasons have not been severe, this season is expected to be rough.

"We have seen cases that we think are the flu already," she said.

Franke said the symptoms of the flu include a high fever (more than 101 degrees), head and body aches, fatigue and a dry cough.

"It's not as much nasal and congestion," she said. "You're just wiped out."

Flu shots given by Student Health Services are \$12. Students coming in for the vaccination need to make an appointment at Thompson Hall.

To keep up with the recent demand for flu shots, Franke said Student Health Services will put on three more on-site clinics around campus.

She said students with a history of asthma, heart or kidney problems should get a flu shot.

"There is a lot of belief that the flu shots make you sick, but it's not a live virus, so it doesn't make you sick," she said. "You may catch a virus going around, but you won't get the flu."

The flu shot is good for one year.

The first of the series will be Nov. 4 at Holden Hall, followed by another on Nov. 12 at Chitwood/Weymouth and the last on Nov. 20 at Wall/Gates. All will last from 4 to 6 p.m.

Dr. Arnie Gonzales, staff physician for Student Health Services, said prevention is the best way to combat the flu.

"Wash your hands a lot; don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth," he said. "A multivitamin with iron and vitamin C will help as well."

Gonzales said students who get the flu should get lots of rest and drink plenty of fluids. Cold symptoms that accompany the flu can be treated with over-the-counter cold medicines, and aches and pains associated with the virus can be lessened with mild pain relievers.

"Once you have it, it's hard to get rid of," he said. "If it's caught within 24 hours,

anti-viral medicine will help, but after two or three days you have to treat it symptomatically."

Gonzales said he definitely recommends students take advantage of the flu shot service on campus. He said the flu virus has been confirmed in Houston and is expected to hit West Texas in the next couple of weeks.

Rene Chacon, a junior civil engineering major from Presidio, said he has never gotten a flu shot before, but he might get one this year to protect himself from the virus.

"I want to get one," he said. "I don't want to get sick. I'll just have to see if I have time."

Jorge Barraza, a sophomore architecture major from El Paso, said he plans to travel home to get vaccinated for the flu because the shots are less expensive.

Barraza said flu shots are not painful, and getting a flu shot is a good idea because it gives you a better chance of staying healthy during flu season.

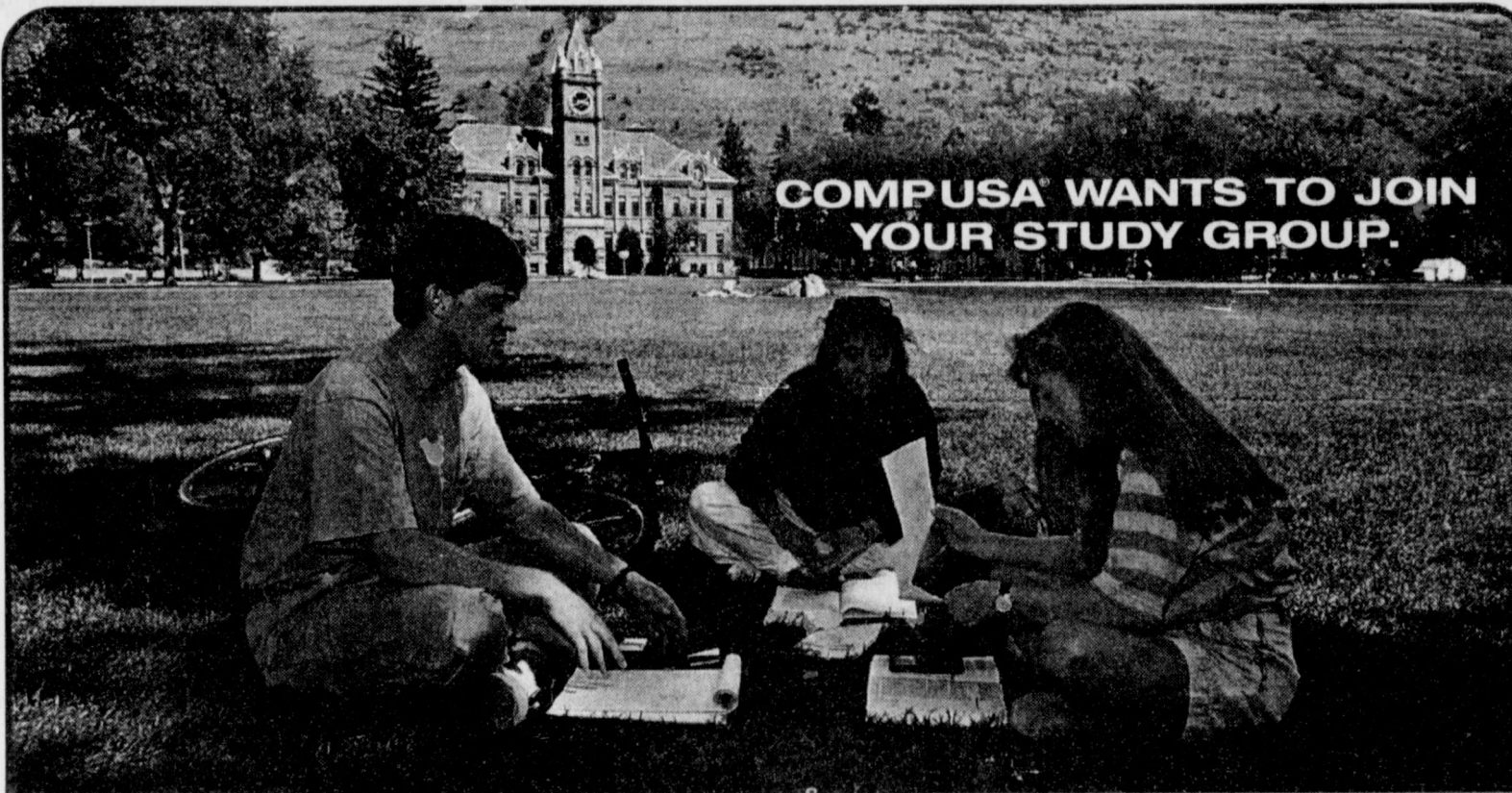
"There's no one who will go and get one just for the fun of it," he said. "It's basically — try not to get sick."

To set up an appointment for a flu shot, call Student Health Services at (806) 743-2848.

Flu Symptoms:

- High Fever (+101°)
- Headache
- Body Aches
- Fatigue
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Gilbert

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person out there," he said.

Ronald Phillips, chief of staff for the president, said one thing Gilbert did was working with the provost's office to find a new plan to fund summer school.

"She also worked hard in her area to bring efficiencies in the operation of the university and to transfer resources to the academic enterprise," he said.

Malcolm Portera, chancellor of the University of Alabama system, said their system is comprised of three campuses: Tuscaloosa, Birmingham and Huntsville. The three campuses have 44,000 students, and the system's budget for the upcoming year is about \$2.7 billion.

"She will be responsible for overseeing financial affairs for the entire uni-

versity system," he said. "The three universities' presidents have vice presidents of financial affairs, and they all report to me."

She will serve as the senior staff officer for finance for the entire system, instead of just one part of the system as she did at Tech. He said salary figures have not been determined yet.

He said the search process was long, but he believes he got the right person. There are many reasons Gilbert was chosen, he said.

She graduated from Texas A&M and has a doctorate and is a certified public accountant, he said.

She has an extensive background in the financial areas of different universities, before coming to Tech, he said. He also got outstanding recommendations from her colleagues. These factors made her stand out.

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Graduate degree could help job seekers in struggling economy

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

Because of the economic downturn of the nation, faculty at Texas Tech recommend students further their education with a master's degree because this will make job-hunting easier for students and will increase salaries.

Ralf Ferguson, assistant academic dean for the graduate school, said getting a master's degree is not required, but it should be something Tech students think about.

He recommends students get a master's while still in school because students run the risk of not wanting to come back after leaving school.

"If you get your master's, it will help you to get a better-paying job, and it will open a lot more doors for your career," he said. "You could be hired to start out as a director of a department instead of having to go through the entry level jobs."

Graduate school is not necessary for all students, though. Jay Killough, associate director for the Career Center, said whether a student needs a master's degree depends on the job field.

"Some times they want to hire a student who just has a bachelor's degree because they need entry level personnel," he said. "They also want to be able to train them on how they want them to do the job. They also just want to pay someone an entry level salary."

Many employers hire college graduates who can analyze statistical data and make decisions that require a higher educational level, he said. Job markets are competitive, and students need to stand out.

Ferguson said the economy has decreased the chances for a student to get a job immediately after graduation, but students should get a master's because it increases knowl-

edge in the field of interest.

He said students also should get a master's because they will make about \$20,000 to \$30,000 more than they would with just a bachelor's.

Some students decide to not further their education because they do not have the economic means to pay for more school, he said.

Traditionally, parents pay for students to get their bachelor's degree because they want their children to further their education, he said.

"It would be better if the cost of the bachelor's degree was split between the parents and the student,"

he said. "That way, parents could help with the cost of a master's degree, which would help a student who wants to get their master's."

Students should not worry if they have to get loans to pay for a master's degree because they will be able to pay it back with the extra money they will be making when they graduate, he said.

There are also many grants and fellowships available for students who do not want a loan or who need more financial support.

Ferguson said students should not fear the amount of work graduate students have to do or the final thesis paper because once students get into

the work field they will have to write reports and instructions and do presentations, he said.

Students should have a field in mind in which they would like to further their education, and a field they think would supplement their knowledge from their bachelor's degree, he said.

Students need to take the GMAT to get into an MBA program and the GRE for others programs. Once the student is accepted into the school, they should apply for the grants and fellowships.

Ferguson said it is important but not necessary for graduate students to have some work experience once they graduate because it will increase their credentials.

"Employers do not just look for the knowledge a person has on the skills required for the job," he said. "They look to see if the person can apply the information and skill they know, to

the job they are suppose to do."

Whatever path students pick, if they have aspirations of being top executives they will need a graduate student's credentials because those standardize the language and knowledge they are going to need in the corporate world.

Cari Kinscy, a former Tech student and staff accountant for Gary, Bowers & Miller accounting firm, said she does not have her master's, but she did the 150-hour program at Tech.

"I did not have a problem getting hired here, but I did very well on my CPA exam, and I think that's what helped me get the job."

Students are not required to get their master's, she said. The need for further education depends on how much the person knows about the field when they graduate and how they handle themselves in the interview process.

Butler

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"When he got out of jail, he had one charge," Holder told *The University Daily* in May. "Now he has 15."

On Sept. 3 Butler pleaded innocent to an additional 54 charges, including embezzlement and fraud related to grants the HSC had received from two pharmaceutical companies, mail and wire fraud and more smuggling charges, bringing his total to 69 charges, and a possibility of 469 years in prison if convicted on all charges, according to documents.

On Sept. 25 Cummings ruled that Butler's confession was admissible in court, despite charges from the defense that Butler was coerced or deceived into signing the confession.

And on Oct. 19, just two weeks before the trial's start, CBS' "60 Minutes" aired a segment about the case, where Butler said he did not destroy the slides. He said his home and lab were thoroughly searched and he was interviewed for nine hours. The FBI then came to him and said the most logical explanation was that he had destroyed them. He said they then told him he would not be charged if he signed the confession, he said.

Larry Cunningham, a law professor at the Tech School of Law, said many factors about this case made it unique from any other.

"This is obviously a high-profile case," he said. "It's drawn a lot of national attention because the defendant is a high-ranking and well-respected scientist."

The timing of the case also affects how the incident itself and its aftermath have been handled. Cunningham called this case "one of the first incidents of post-9/11 prosecutions dealing with potential weapons of bioterrorism," saying the case would most likely have been handled much different had it happened before the terror attacks of Sept. 11,

2001.

For all the special circumstances, though, he expects the trial to run fairly smoothly under the hand of Cummings, who Cunningham says will keep it moving fairly and efficiently.

The prosecution will most likely hone in on the public safety aspect, that this was not just a violation of a technical regulation but instead had the potential to be a furious public health danger, he said.

"They're going to drive home that he was a person in a position of trust, that he was someone who has worked with a very dangerous organism for years and that he failed the follow the requirements under law that are in place in order to protect the general public from the potential release of these dangerous substances," Cunningham said.

The defense will most likely attempt to discredit the confession that Butler signed and then retracted, he said.

A character defense, which has taken place in many of the pretrial actions, is not likely in this case.

"In this case, it really is a question of facts as opposed to character, and I would anticipate the judge is going to keep everyone's focus on that," he said.

The other aspect in this case is the charges of fraud and embezzlement and how they will work into the prosecution.

Cunningham said the prosecutors will try to show that they are interrelated with the other charges concerning the plague incident.

"The government is going to try to show a link between them, as an explanation that this wasn't just one aberration, one accident; that this was a part of a larger scheme of Butler's to hide his illegal activities," he said.

Jury selection should be done before noon today, he said, and the trial will probably last about three weeks.

Protest

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Davis said. He does not believe a complaint has been filed because the students are good residents who take care of the property.

City Councilor Gary Boren, who represents the area, said he and some other Council members plan to review the ordinance in question again.

"(Davis) has a pattern for total disregard of the ordinances and laws of Lubbock, and he tries to show he's above the law," Boren said. "The ordinances are there to protect the neighborhoods for the good of everybody."

Susan Owens, a resident in the neighborhood for nearly 30 years, said the ordinance is important to the Tech Terrace neighborhood because it is zoned as a family neighborhood.

Although Owens has no personal vendetta against Tech students, she said one of her main issues is with some landlords in the area. She believes they are being irresponsible and are in the business for the money.

Davis said renting out the house is not about greed. The value in the neighborhood has gone up for the past three years. Davis could rent to families, but the risk is higher with a family. Since Tech students have their families helping them with the rent, Davis prefers renting to them.

After Davis painted the house the first time, he did research on the ordinance. He has also done research on other schools in the Big 12 and their policies.

"Out of the schools in the Big 12, Tech and Nebraska are the only schools that can't have four people in a house," Davis said.

Since receiving the ticket and the letter, Bosworth said he has begun to take action to make sure he does not have to move. He took initiative by contacting the city to get some help.

The city advised him to begin a

petition, but he would need at least 25 percent of the number of qualified voters who voted in the last city election. The former residents of the purple house tried to get a petition, but Bosworth said they did not have enough signatures.

The residents are looking to get support from the school, the Student Government Association and the students, Bosworth said. If the members of the house are going to succeed, then they will need 5,180 signatures to have a legitimate petition.

By completing a successful petition, Bosworth said he hopes he can work to put an end to the city ordinance that has been in place since 1975. He realizes many students at Tech are affected by the ordinance, and he hopes they can come together for the same cause.

"We want the school on the students side," he said. "We want support from the SGA. We all share a common ground; students can get behind other students."

If the city is unwilling to change the ordinance, Davis said he would be willing to reach a compromise. He would support an ordinance limiting only one person per bedroom within a residence.

After Saturday, if the city still wants to take legal action against the residents, Bosworth said, they will go to court because they have a legitimate lease.

"If you pay the ticket, you are considered guilty. If you don't go to court, then you are guilty. So, it's like you are guilty either way," he said.

The residents just want to go to school and live in a nice neighborhood close to Tech. Bosworth said although he would rather not have to deal with this because of his schedule, he will continue to fight for what he believes is right. And he will have to start getting used to the new color of his house.

"It's kind of crazy, but it's one of a kind," he said.

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tions," Lawrence said.

The survey of 61 current and former Tech police department employees found a 75 percent disapproval rate of the management of the police chief.

Parchman declined to comment to *The University Daily*.

According to the survey conducted by Jeffrey Olbrich, an employee of TMPA, the efficiency of the Tech police department is suffering.

"Dangerously low staffing levels and excessive work hours have placed the safety of officers, employees and the entire community of Texas Tech University in jeopardy," according to the survey results.

After Brunjes received the findings of the survey, he met with a representative of TMPA, Bill Lane, on Sept. 5 to discuss the results.

Since then, he has met with more than 20 employees of the police department, Brunjes said.

The meetings between

Brunjes and the officers went very well because of the candidness and openness of the employees, he said.

In the event of future problems, Brunjes said he hoped employees learned from this ordeal to express their concerns to him earlier.

"We've asked the police department to do too much with too little for too long," he said.

According to a written statement released by Tech, during the meeting Brunjes promised employees the changes will be made.

"Together, with the leadership of the police department, we will make changes, but it will take effort," he said. "We commit to making the changes that are needed. Clearly, it will take a sustained effort over a reasonable period of time."

The announcement of the management plan is not sufficient for the TMPA or its members, who wanted the removal of Parchman, Lawrence said.

"It is very disheartening to see management take this type of posture to what is a critical situation," Lawrence said. "We are disappointed at the response of the university period."

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Fire

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"It's what we call an open and closed case," he said. "It wasn't meant to be caused."

The fire activated one of the two heat-activated sprinkler heads in the room, smothering the flames within minutes. Each sprinkler releases 65 gallons of water per minute, and this particular sprinkler head ran for 10

to 12 minutes before maintenance workers could turn the system off, Kopytkiewicz said.

The excess water flooded the sixth floor of the building and flowed down the stairs into the lobby area. Bystanders also witnessed water dripping down the exterior of the building.

Residents of the sixth floor expressed concern about their belongings while waiting to re-enter the building.

"I think the water got to my

room," said Melissa Hicks, freshman biology major from Tyler. "I'm just worried about my lifetime memories of pictures I can't replace."

The fire alarm and sprinkler system prevented the fire from becoming uncontrollable, said District Fire Chief Steve Odorizzi. There always is a concern when it comes to fires in this type of living environment, he said.

"It's a target hazard with high life hazard, so we start off with a high response," he said.

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Haunted house from hell

A Mormon, Catholic and Protestant agree: church's methods ineffective

Warning: Preaching hate threat to society

On a hot summer day years ago at a local snowcone stand I found myself in a religious discussion with an ex-gang member/murderer and a young Satanist.

An awkward high school girl dressed in typical goth get-up, the Satan worshiper wasn't nearly as scary as some would expect.

Looking down at the ground throughout our conversation, she explained that her parents went to a local Lubbock Christian church.

She said that when she attended services she left feeling not "good enough" for God.

Whispers, stares and judgment spewing from the self-righteous congregation didn't help her feel accepted.

But Satan did.

"I just can relate more to Satan," she said. "I feel good enough for him. He was kicked out of heaven in the same way I feel kicked out of heaven."

Highway to hell

Halloween eve, while sitting in Potter's House "Christian" church, 217 N. University, I couldn't get this lost, lonely girl out of my mind.

One of the men guarding the doors of the haunted house with the motto "We'll scare hell out of you" promised us a "positive" experience.

He lied.

Horrific music filled the smoky pitch-black hallways of Hades as we were ordered by the "devil" and his "demons" to move along.

We were led through three dramatic "sin-filled" scenes.

1. A party where a gangsteresque guy is shot after chilling with his homies getting drunk and high.

2. An abortion scene featuring a 15-year-old bleeding to death from a late-term botched abortion. Graphic video of aborted fetuses is showcased among screams and the devil dancing.

3. A drunk driving scene where a drunk driver is shown through his windshield.

Judgment Day

We transition to a twisted version of heaven where the walls are still black and the creepy sound track still plays on. The color white is integrated, but the light doesn't extend beyond the fixtures. Each sinner kneels at the gates begging the voice of "God" for forgiveness and another chance. But, it's too late.

A TV plays scenes from each person's life as the eerie voice demands "give an account for your life."

God tells the girl who died from the abortion, "Did you not know that sex is only for those that are married. No sexual immoral person will enter the kingdom of God."

And to the drunk driver he said, "No drunk shall inherit the kingdom of God."

Since no name was "written on the book of life," the voice of God says, "He who destroys me — I will destroy them" and then throws each person into the "lake of fire."

After being escorted by Lucifer and company through the pitchforks and pits, we enter a sermon from hell. Emerging sweaty from his part in the play, Pastor Raul Vela begins to speak about God's wrath as he quotes selective scripture.

Two people stand after he asks if anyone wants to accept Christ as their savior. But there is fear in their eyes, and it breaks my heart.

What about grace?

I raise my hand and ask Vela to share the love of God.

He only glares at me from atop his pedestal and instead of sharing love, mercy, grace and forgiveness he defensively justifies his hellfire and brimstone approach.

Speaking about his scare tactics he said, "spiritual

Kristen Gilbreth



things seem foolish to the natural mind."

But, Mr. Vela the 20 minutes I spent in your congregation hearing a message of condemnation and damnation, my spiritual mind discerned nothing but foolishness.

An Indian proverb says once you cut off a person's nose, there is no point in giving him a rose to smell.

Once you push people away, it's hard to bring them back.

As a Protestant I don't worship the angry God thrown in people's faces that night.

Why would anyone choose to worship that kind of God?

I wonder how many people Vela thinks he brought to Christ through his panic-style proselytizing this Halloween holiday? And I wonder how many he pushed away?

It would be my guess that Vela created more atheists and bitter, broken Christians than redeemed souls.

And in doing this he put more violence and division in our community.

If someone can't lift their voice above darkness discourse long enough to share the light, they will quickly extinguish the light inside others.

That light is hope.

And without it we have nothing but a broken, battered society.

Second chances

On Halloween night I returned by myself to go through the hell house again to get more information.

An innocent four-year-old dressed as a witch sat on a chair waiting for the doors to open.

Her face was painted with green paint and a frown.

Her parent's thought they were taking her to a typical haunted house; they weren't aware she was about to enter the gates of hell.

While they signed a notice along with the rest of us warning of "graphic" content. But expect for a small poster on a door one of the "keepers" of the entrance stood in front of for most of time, there was no way for them to know their daughter was about to witness rated R type gore.

As I worried about the emotional trauma this little girl might endure, the doors opened and Vela pointed in my direction. When I tried to pass the threshold one of the men manhandled me and informed me I was not allowed inside per order of pastor Vela.

It was the first time I've feared for my safety outside a church.

Obviously someone saw past my costume and recognized me as the woman who challenged the pastor the night before and asked him to share God's love.

Which is surely a reason to get kicked out of church.

Oh well, I don't belong anywhere near hell anyway.

I'll stick with sharing the amazing love and amazing grace of a God who loves you no matter who you are, what you've done or where you've been.

For research done on the international fellowship of Potter's House and churches who operate like them visit <http://www.rickross.com/groups/door.html>

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Focus on God's love, not fear of damnation

I went to a haunted house last week where instead of seeing ghosts and skeletons and sticking my hands into spaghetti brains, I watched a man get shot, a woman die after a bloody abortion and two men die in an alcohol-related car accident.

Then I watched them all sentenced to eternal damnation.

The haunting part?

This was a local church's idea of a way to bring people closer to God.

A nondenominational Christian church did this for the second year as an unorthodox way to share religion and get their message across.

They thought by showing us these horrible scenes and the consequences we would turn our lives around and get on the path to salvation.

But the end result was only a gruesome disfigurement of God and his love.

The final stop was a short sermon from the pastor of his church. He quoted Revelation 20:12-15 as the basis for their house, where all the dead were judged according to their works.

If their names were not found in the book of life, they were cast into the lake of fire.

Reading further

What he didn't quote was a verse on the other side of the page that gave the other side of the picture — hope.

Revelation 21:4 reads, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

The church was too busy focusing on the bad things that could happen to remember the rest of the story. God's love, Jesus

Christ's crucifixion and the Atonement and the principles of repentance and forgiveness were lost in the hellfire and damnation.

What was overlooked was that God loves us all and doesn't want to condemn us; he wants us all to receive salvation. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I believe this is God's "work and his glory, to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." (Moses 1:39.)

We can't do it alone, though. No one can get through this life unmarked. If it were up to us, we would all be doomed. But, it's not up to us.

Paid in full

This is where Jesus comes in. All of the sins we've committed, all of the bad things we've done, even all of the pain we've suffered — he's paid for it already.

When he suffered in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross at Calvary, he paid for our sins with his blood.

He didn't have to do that. Jesus was the one perfect being on the earth. He also did not have to die; because of his immortal father, he alone of God's children could escape death.

But he chose to die, not to atone for his sins, not to prove anything, not to bring glory to himself.

He chose to die for us. He chose to die because only he could take that burden upon himself so we didn't have to bear it. He chose to bear the heaviest burden anyone ever could. And he chose to bear it out of love. Love for us and love for God. This is the love

Heidi Toth



It is this concept that we should be teaching when we are talking about

God — not the fear of eternal damnation, but the promise of eternal salvation. Fear of God or hell is not the way to eternal life.

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we should be teaching.

He did the hard part; now we have to accept it. We have to realize we need Jesus, and he is the only way back to God. We have to repent of our sins, seek forgiveness from God and the people we have wronged, and we have to forgive ourselves.

This is the essence of God's love, this doctrine of repentance and forgiveness.

Because of this, when we stumble and fall, we can get back up and keep going. All is not lost. It is through this gift, through the Atonement of Jesus Christ, that we can be saved from the lake of fire where the unfortunate sinners in the haunted house were sent.

It is this concept that we should be teaching when we are talking about God — not the fear of eternal damnation, but the promise of eternal salvation. Fear of God or hell is not the way to eternal life. Love is.

Not a god of wrath.

God is a god of love. He is not scary, he is not evil, he is not angry. He doesn't rejoice in our failures or shortcomings. He doesn't watch us in amusement.

He is not heartless. Instead, his heart breaks every time one of his beloved children messes up.

He is a god of justice, yes, and because he is just, we have to pay for our sins. But he is also a god of mercy, and it is because of this that he allowed the sacrifice of his sin.

God loves us more than we can fathom, and that love is shown to us every day.

It's in the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Book of Mormon, the Torah and the Qu'ran.

Look at your life and the many blessings in it. Look at the world he created that is filled with life and love. Yes, we have trials. They don't mean that God is angry, wrathful, vindictive or punishing you. It means he trusts you enough and knows you're strong enough to handle the trials. He knows some of them will make you stronger if you allow them to.

Plus, we can return to God's love and embrace at any time. We can find his love in our loved ones, in the heart of a little child, in a rainbow and in the everyday miracles in our lives.

Share the love of God, not the fear of hell. Have enough faith and trust in the gospel and grace of Christ to bring conversion. It is this that Jesus meant when he said, "Feed my sheep."

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Making a mockery of divinity does not compel me to change

Two fellow UD editors and myself were drawn out of journalistic curiosity to the back-alley operation of the Potter's House haunted house.

We had heard of the church's annual Halloween "Escape from Hell" haunted house and seen advertisements on 19th and University for weeks.

Luckily for us, one editor had already heard of the visual imagery "Escape" employs to turn "sinners" into believers. Members of the church's congregation act out disturbing and graphic scenes of things like abortions or shootings and drug and alcohol abuse taking place at parties.

However, some passerby might not have had the advantage of knowing beforehand the "haunted house" was really a series of these gruesome scenes, and not fake goblins or skeletons trying to give a friendly fright on Halloween night. Two girls behind us in line did not know what the haunted house entailed until we told them to read the disclaimer on the door about graphic material. Already, this scene was looking all too sketchy

Angela Timmons



and underhanded especially for a church.

The church tries to make the point the sinners in its mini-play will not see the pearly gates of heaven because they drank themselves into homicidal oblivion or engaged in pre-marital sex. Disturbingly, when the "sinners" attempt to repent at the time of their death standing before God, (a mechanized voice in a sinister "Wizard of Oz"-like scene with God's voice coming from an unseen place), they are subjected to an unmerciful, wrathful God who tells them there is no place for them in his kingdom. Devilish creatures then throw the sinners into the "Lake of Fire," where we see them tortured by demons.

Where do I start? First of all, it's ludicrous for anyone in any church to assume the voice of God as they did in this ridiculous judgment scene. How do they know God would turn those people away? How do they know what God would say? Churchgoers and church leaders of all denominations are supposed to act as the messengers of God — not hide behind black curtains using a machine to pump out the voice of a wrathful God, scaring spectators into believing.

Second, I did not wander out of the church promising myself to never sin again. On the contrary "Escape" made me escape to a bar instead. I wasn't compelled to believe in God any more than I already do. If I was a non-believer, in fact, I would reject God if I thought he was the way they portrayed him as demonic and wrathful. I would believe I had no chance at salvation if it were up to Potter's House. Thankfully, I know better, and I know my God loves me sins and all, and I know he is listening when I repent.

Perhaps as preposterous as the fire-and-brimstone machine voice of God is the \$5 donation they ask for at "Escape." So I'm guessing they are unable to save people for

free in their hell house?

When fellow editor Kristen Gilbreth asked the Potter's House preacher "what about (God's) grace," he answered evasively and confusingly. After his speech, he scampered through a back door to avoid her even further. There was no longer any question — this was a back-alley operation, for sure. God is divine, and we are his children. I do not have to be holy roller to say or know this. The "Escape from Hell" haunted house made a mockery of the faith I have in him. Trying to rope people into believing in by way of fear and guilt is a sin.

I am not a very religious person. I do not go to Catholic mass every Sunday, nor do I even think to pray every day. But I know a thing or two about God's love and His divine works. What I exposed myself to Halloween eve was not God's love — in fact, it was the farthest thing from Godliness I have seen in a some time.

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'Day of Dead' really a celebration of life

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

Brightly colored decorations called papel picados hung from the ceiling while sugar skulls and smiling skeletons decorated the tables and walls of the International Cultural Center and the School of Art for Sunday's Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead.

About 1,500 students and Lubbockites were anticipated to participate in the Procession, which started at 4 p.m. at the ICC and continued to the School of Art, followed by the Lubbock Regional Art Center and finishing at the Buddy Holly Center.

"It's gratifying to see people taking in all the culture," said Daniel Sanchez, historian for the Southwest Collections Library. "We're exposing them to all of these traditions."

The event was designed as a way for the Lubbock community to celebrate the holiday together.

"We have people partake in the sights and sounds, and we are making people more interested in the culture," Sanchez said.

Dia de los Muertos began as an Aztec holiday in Mexico more than 3,000 years ago and was altered after

the Spanish conquest. It is celebrated with All Soul's Day in accordance with the Catholic Church.

Now the holiday is celebrated in many Latin American countries with parades and processions from the home to the cemetery. People decorate their relatives' gravestones and will sometimes eat and drink with their ancestors as a way of remembering and celebrating their lives.

Dia de los Muertos is seen as a happy time when people reflect on their loved one's life and the memories they shared.

Bishop Placido Rodriguez opened the events with a bit of history of the holiday and an explanation of what it means now.

"In our practice, it's mockery of death," he said. "We make fun of it because we are convinced death is not the ultimate reality. It has been conquered. There is life after death."

He said a perfect example of making a mockery of death is the sugar

skulls used as decorations in traditional Dia de los Muertos celebrations.

"The reason it is made out of sugar is so you can

the dead to reach their final resting place in the last of nine heavens took about four years, and family members were responsible to take care of their souls.

Now, the idea is simply to honor and remember the dead with no limitation on the number of years.

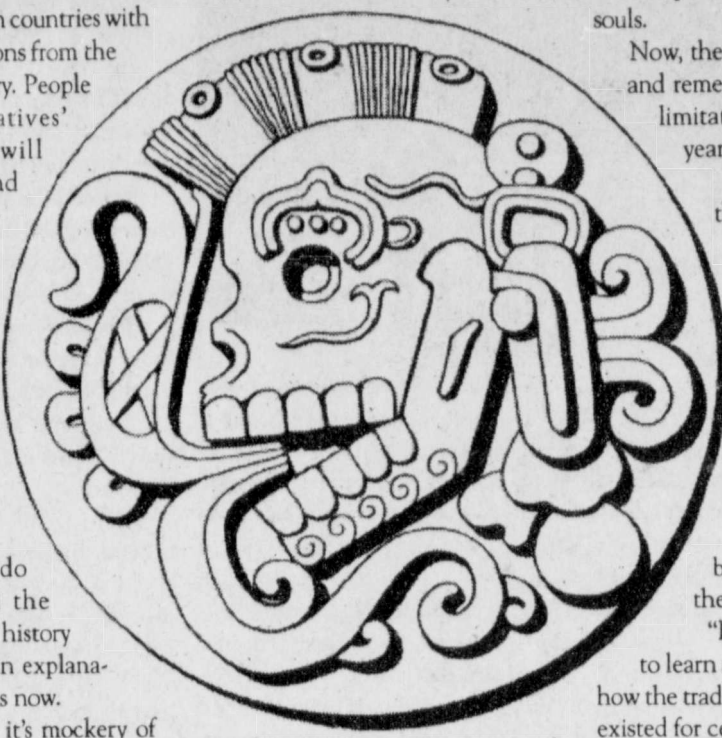
"You are sharing with them as one of the family," he said. "You care for them and haven't forgotten them. The food you give helps so they have strength to continue their journey in the afterlife."

Rodriguez said he was surprised and happy to see the number of people turn out to the event.

"I'm surprised they want to learn about the traditions and how the traditions have come up and existed for centuries," he said.

Jennifer Staller, a junior math major from Wylie, said she came to learn about another culture.

She said she enjoyed the celebration and broadening her perspective on the world.



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

JOHN MARQUEZ, A computer science major from Odessa, looks at the untitled piece by Stephanie Rechlik, a junior visual studies major from San Antonio, at the Landmark Arts gallery in the Art Building Sunday afternoon during a stop in the procession of the Dia de los Muertos celebration. The work is part of a student exhibit titled "Assimilation and Transition — art student response to the Mexican Days of the Dead."

"It is very important to learn about different cultures and their celebrations," she said. "This is a good way to learn."

Mike Way gives students production opportunities

By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

Michael Devlin, like many students, has suffered rejection from the workforce because of lack of experience. But instead of sinking, Devlin has chosen to make his own waves by creating the company Mike Way Productions.

Devlin, a junior electronic media/communications major from Edgewood, N. M., said he got the idea to start his own company when several jobs he applied for turned him away because he lacked experience.

"All the jobs I applied to said I had a good resume, but I didn't have enough experience — they always told me to come back when you have more experience," he said.

Devlin said the process of finding a job was frustrating because he was a full time student.

"People kept turning me down because they said I needed more experience and I was like, how can I get more experience if no one will hire me," he said.

Devlin, who transferred to Tech this fall from the New Mexico Military Institute, said the creativity of the people on the Tech campus is amazing.

"There are so many creative people on this campus — whether it is writers, directors, camera operators or even actors, they all need to get experience to get their talents noticed," he said.

Devlin said this is where Mike Way Productions comes in.

"The main objective of Mike Way Productions is to aid students in making portfolios for themselves," he said.

Devlin said the company would help students make short films, act in films, create documentaries or make their script ideas become a reality.

"Once the production phase is complete, the finished products will air on KTXT-TV," he said.

Doug Nelson, producer/director of KTXT-TV, said Devlin came to him looking for a way to get himself as well as other Tech students experience.

"I told Mike that his company was a good idea and that KTXT-TV would help out as much as we could because one of the objectives of KTXT-TV is to get students experience and to promote Tech," he said.

Nelson said the finished products of Mike Way Productions would have the opportunity to air on KTXT-TV's local broadcast as well as other television stations across the nation.



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

ALI RANNA, A freshman political science major from Victoria and Michael Devlin, a junior electronic media and communications major from Edgewood, N.M., discuss their sory board of the production 'It Can Happen Twice.'

Ali Ranna, a freshman political science major from Victoria, said he is working on a script for a horror movie and plans to use the resources of Mike Way Productions to get the film started.

"I was gonna make the film with a small digital camera, but now using the production company, the film could become an actual professional production — these movies could go to Sundance if they are good enough," he said.

The Sundance Film Festival is an annual event held in Park City, Utah, where independent films are showcased.

Ranna said he thought Mike Way Productions was good for students because it provided "Strength in Numbers."

"By using the company, I will be able to focus on directing and writing instead of thinking about everything else because there will be other students to assist me," he said.

Devlin said students' resumes could be placed on a DVD.

"When students go out for a job interview they could pull out the DVD and show the people that they had written this short film, filmed this music video or made this documentary," he said.

Devlin said another goal of Mike Way Productions is to give local musi-

cians a chance to get their music viewed.

"We want to make music videos for local bands and musicians to get them more publicity, and the videos will air on KTXT-TV," he said.

Mike Way Productions will hold its first meeting Nov. 10 in the Mass Communications building, Room 103, at 6 p.m.

"I want anyone and everyone to come out if they are interested in getting experience and their work produced," he said.

Ranna has high hopes for the production company and said the team

from MTV's Jackass started a similar production company before they were famous.

"Jackass started their own production company called CKY Dickhouse Productions — when they first started, it was five guys and a camera, and now it's huge; hopefully we will have a lot more guys and a lot more cameras," he said.

Devlin hopes to recruit more freshmen to get involved so he can turn the company over to them once he graduates.

"Hopefully one day when I go out to Hollywood, I can tell the younger ones — call me when you get here," he said.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Weekend puts Red Raiders, parents under spell

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

Billed as "The most fun you'll have in your sleep," Hypnomania wowed parents, families and students Friday night as part of the events of Parents and Family Weekend.

"I don't remember anything," said Farmer, mother of Josh Farmer, speaking of her rendition of Respect by Aretha Franklin. "I feel like I just woke up from a big nap."

Josh Farmer, a freshman pre-dental major from Albuquerque, N.M., said he was skeptical about the legitimacy of hypnosis until he saw his mom's performance.

Following dinner at the United Spirit Arena, Texas Tech Cheerleaders, Pom Squad and Saddle Tramps acquainted unfamiliar families with traditional fight songs, cheers and chants in preparation for Saturday's showdown between Tech and Colorado. But nothing could prepare students and families for the mayhem in store.

Hypnomania, featuring "The

Prince of Sleep" professional hypnotist Travis Fox, wildly entertained families on Hallow as family members fell under Fox's hypnotic spell.

"It has the hyper-kinetic energy of a Rolling Stones concert," Fox said, describing Hypnomania.

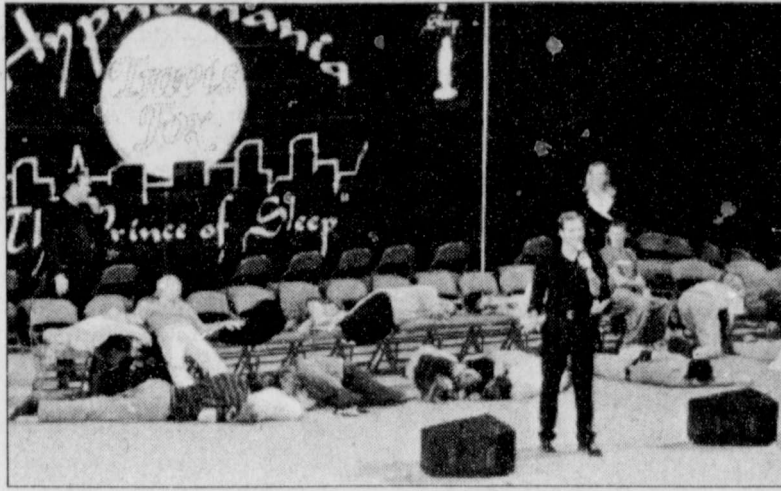
Under the spell of Fox, volunteers from the United Spirit Arena audience, both students and family members, acted in ways they hope not to remember. Well, they actually did not remember.

For Fox to have volunteers in a deep trance took less than 10 minutes. Once this trance was accomplished, the chaos began.

Volunteers unknowingly performed as Elvis and Aretha Franklin, spoke in languages from other planets and as grand finale, performed Moulin Rouge as Christina, Mya, Pink and Lil Kim.

Fox even convinced four men they were nine months pregnant and giving birth.

Just completing their eight-month nationwide tour, Hypnomania and



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

ENTERTAINER AND HYPNOTIST Travis Fox presented his show to Tech students and parents Friday night at the United Spirit Arena. People from the crowd were chosen to participate and become hypnotized. Participants would later disco dance and pretend to have babies at Fox's hypnotic suggestion.

Fox were anxious to begin their holiday season at Tech.

Fox explained his interest and how he became involved in the multi-purpose practice of hypnosis.

Fox said, as a young competitive

golfer, he was interested in finding a way to improve his golf game from a mental perspective.

Hypnosis is the first place he turned, which led him to become interested in the discipline of psychol-

ogy. He said by studying psychology he wanted to gain a better understanding of the usefulness of hypnosis in treatment and the many different ways to apply the procedure.

Fox has a doctorate in psychology as well as a doctorate in clinical hypnotherapy and serves on the American Board of Hypnotherapy.

Fox said the goal of the show is to show people that hypnosis can be fun and entertaining, besides a useful method for treatment.

Several parents and families were happy to be on hand for Parents and Family Weekend.

"I've never laughed so hard!" said Randy Johnson from Tyler, after the show.

Visiting his daughter, Johnson thought the show was interesting.

Johnson's daughter, Bethany Johnson, a freshman pre-nursing major, believes Parents and Family Weekend is a good idea because it provides activities in which her parents can participate, allowing her to not worry about keeping them entertained.

Beverly Johnson, Bethany's mom, was glad to have the opportunity to continue to support Bethany in any way possible.

"It gives an opportunity for parents to still be involved in the lives of their kids," she said.

Trey Pfeiffer, from San Antonio, father of freshman advertising major Jacqueline Pfeiffer, said, "I think it's great, I'm impressed with the turnout."

Pfeiffer said this weekend is his family's first time to participate in an event like this and was to participate in the vents.

"It's a nice excuse to check up on her (Jacqueline)," said Danae Pfeiffer, Jacqueline's mother.

Christa Lovett from New Braunfels commented on the feeling of belonging Tech creates.

"We feel like it's a big family," said Lovett, mother of James Lovett, a freshman undecided major. "We were very excited about coming. It's a big deal."

Student-run production company takes talents, shows online

Random Acts Productions: Students put talents on the Internet to broadcast what they are about in students' production company

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

While many Texas Tech students spend part of their spare time going to movies, others spend that time creating them.

A group of Tech students uses every minute of their spare time creating a Web-based movie production crew.

Random Acts Productions produces in Lubbock and provides entertainment of a comedic value. This year marks the second for Random Act's existence.

Armand Schmidt, a freshman theater arts major from Dumas and one the co-founders of Random Acts Productions, is credited with building the Web site on which the various shows are broadcast.

Schmidt explained the job is not something totally new to him.

"We did this when we were in high school, improvising audio, then

putting it on the Internet," he said. "By the time we came to Tech, it was all video."

Oct. 17 was the season premiere of their fall line-up of Web-based shows.

All new episodes of the shows "Random Acts" and "Happy Cow Fun Hour" will premiere on Fridays and will feature new cast members.

"We took the whole first semester just to watch people (in the Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance) to see who would make good cast members," Schmidt said. "There's 12 of us."

This season also marks the premiere of "The Snooze," which is a situational comedy that takes place in the fictional city of Vermouth, Mont. The show focuses on the contrasting personalities of the members and staff of an easy-listen-

ing radio station, which has recently been bought out by a large New York City corporation. As well as the conflicting personalities of the staff, "The Snooze" highlights the trials and

"I hope that everyone enjoys it because we're out to make people laugh and give them something entertaining to watch."

— JEREMY HATLEY
Senior theatre arts major from Amarillo and 'Acts' member



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

LINDSAY CORBIN, A sophomore political science major from Dumas, and Bryce Russell, a sophomore theater arts major from Keller, perform a skit for Random Acts Productions on Thursday inside a group member's apartment.

tina Maa's, a junior history major from Dumas and one of the original co-founders of Random Acts Productions. "We have new talents, so they'll help the group."

Jeremy Hatley, a senior theater arts major from Amarillo and one of the creators of the "The Snooze," has high expectations for the sitcom and believes this year Random Act's audience will grow.

"We have a small regular fan base," Hatley said. "We're putting out the information to get us known and

so people will look at our stuff. Hopefully, some big shot will look at our stuff and offer us a big contract or something."

The said that getting a contract is not the main objective of Random Acts, they want to provide worthwhile entertainment.

"I hope that everyone enjoys it because we're out to make people laugh and give them something en-

tertaining to watch."

The members of Random Acts Productions see the production as something they can enjoy doing in their spare time and be a part of.

"I just like to have fun; it's something I can do besides homework and school," said Production Manager Lindsay Corbin, a sophomore political science major from Dumas. "I like the writing and acting part of it," she said.

Random Acts can be viewed at www.randomactsproductions.com.

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Can food drive starts today

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

With the holiday season approaching, some Texas Tech students are ready to show support for Lubbock citizens in need.

The annual Tech CAN Share Food Drive takes place this week, Nov. 3 through 7 in the Student Union Courtyard.

Each year Tech participates as part of the community U CAN Share Food Drive by donating food to the South Plains Food Bank.

In her first year as coordinator for the event, Megan Wright, coordinator of leadership and civic engagement for the Center for Campus Life, believes the food drive will be a success.

"There's a real need here in the South Plains for food for the homeless and for the community," she said. "I think this is a great opportunity for Texas Tech University to give back and support the community."

Wright said the goal for this year is to raise at least 25,000 pounds of food through generous donations.

She encourages campus departments, classes and student organizations, residence halls and individuals to get involved and show their support.

Wright said as incentive for student organizations, there will be a competition. The organization making the highest donation will be awarded Lubbock Cotton King tickets for their efforts.

Mike Costantino, a graduate student

in the College of Architecture and president of Alpha Phi Omega, a national co-ed community service organization, said he is glad to do his part for the good cause.

"We feel we're here to do service for the community. Whatever service the community needs, we will do. Right now this is what the community needs," Constantino said.

He said he believes the drive is an easy way for the Tech community to do its part to support the South Plains community and to show Tech cares.

"It takes five minutes out of your day, but it will make a huge difference in someone's life. There's no reason why every student shouldn't participate," said Constantino.

APO will accept donations outside the Student Union on Thursday.

The organization also will members into the local community to collect cans for the South Plains Food Bank. On Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of this week, members from APO will set up at United Supermarkets throughout Lubbock to collect cans as well as send members into surrounding neighborhoods to collect canned goods donations.

Donations can be made 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, or individuals who would like to volunteer to work at the collection location contact Megan Wright at (806) 742-5433.

'Soap Slips' will challenge actors, audience

By James Eppler/Staff Reporter

If there is one word to describe Tech Theatre's production called "Soap Slips," which opens this evening, it would be "unpredictable." That is because the show is entirely improvisational — no set, no script, and no inhibitions.

Director Patrick Donnelly, a master in fine arts candidate, is no stranger to the concept of improvisational acting. He spent six years in New Haven, Conn., with a successful improv theater group performing several nights a week.

Donnelly also has been a long-time lover of soap operas. So when a theater approached him in 1988 about developing an improvisational show, he decided to combine his two loves.

I wanted to take something that people like and then do it in the improv setting.

— PATRICK DONNELLY
Master in Fine Arts candidate, director of 'Soap Slips'

"I think soap operas are a curious phenomenon," Donnelly said. "I wanted to take something that people like and then do it in the improv setting."

Donnelly said his improv group had been playing a theater game called "The Paper Slips Game," in which audience members write lines or words that actors must then

logically incorporate into a scene.

"I thought, 'what if we did this (game) as a soap opera?'" said Donnelly. "So the 'Soap Slips' game was developed out of existing theater games and made it a week-long format."

So for his thesis project as an actor, Donnelly decided to use his baby "Soap Slips."

The show works as an exercise in creativity — both for the actors and the audience. The audience, throughout the show, is given the opportunity to write words and phrases on slips of paper and drop them into a box for the actors. The actors, then, must draw slips from the box and work them into the show.

"We don't ask the audience to

construct a plot," said Donnelly. "We ask them for lines, and then we'll try to construct a plot using those lines. But actors do get to toss in their own stuff to try to make sense of the lines."

Donnelly encourages audiences to be as creative as possible, which means steering away from crassness.

"The big danger in doing improv at any time is just being dirty and foul," Donnelly said. "The course humor, I think, can be funny for about 10 minutes, but it just won't carry a show, and it isn't conducive to a plot."

Donnelly also stipulated that "Soap Slips" is not just a means for improv comedy.

"We're trying to do improv theater rather than improv comedy," he

said. "There will be times when you might think a character is going to be funny, but they are trying to bring a tear to your eye."

Donnelly has assembled a cast of 20, which is large for an improvisational show. He said he decided to have such a large cast because soap operas typically have a wide range of characters. All 20 actors will be on stage at all times and will have to decide how many of them will be involved with each scene.

All of this, of course, must be decided in seconds.

Many of the week's decisions will be made tonight as the audience will decide characters' last names and occupations. Each night thereafter will open with a recap of the previous night and an introduction of all the characters.

The goal is to have each nightly performance be an individual episode of the soap opera with a beginning, middle and an end complete with

commercial breaks.

Donnelly is hoping they are able to end each night with a cliffhanger for the next evening performance.

"Anytime people come see the show, hopefully they'll get involved with the characters and come back and write lines for that character to drop in the box," said Donnelly.

Donnelly also promises a few surprises throughout the show as the slip box will contain some improv games that the actors may have to incorporate into the soap. Some of those games will involve direct audience participation.

Donnelly does admit, however, that he does have an ulterior motive for putting on "Soap Slips." He is aware of other improv groups on campus and is hoping to develop a competition between the groups.

"We challenge any of those other theatre improv companies on campus to bring it on," Donnelly said.

'Soap Slips'
Tech Lab Theater
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8 p.m. &
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'Beyond Borders' nearly beyond redemptive value

"Beyond Borders" is a heavy-handed film that smacks its audience across the face with its pessimistic views on helping the needy and a love story that has the passion of a cinderblock.

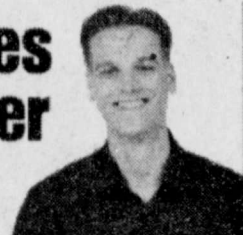
The opening scene sets up the premise for the entire film.

At a high class, black-tie benefit for funding efforts for refugees in Ethiopia, Sarah Jordan (Angelina Jolie) sits with her husband at a table as various speakers get up to talk about donations.

All of a sudden, a man bursts into the banquet hall. He has a small refugee child by the hand as he proceeds to the front of the room. He is Dr. Nick Callahan (Clive Owen), who is furious this fashionable gathering is masquerading as a benefit for starving people. He spouts curses upon the rich and brandishes the child as if he were simply a gimmick — which he is.

As he complains about the dying people he sees every day and the hunger they suffer, a stereotypical jerk from the audience tosses a banana up to the front. Instead of cursing the person who threw it, Callahan forces the child to eat it and make monkey noises to prove

James Eppler



Just as the end of the opening scene with Owen being tackled and thrown out of the banquet, so audiences will feel when the film they have just finished trudging through deals them a quick and cheap blow to the stomach to hurriedly end the film.

The film is not afraid to show us the suffering and the grotesqueness of the dying and the hungry. A person would have to be heartless not to be affected by some of the things we are shown.

But the film never loses its focus on

Sarah and Callahan. The setting and the circumstances surrounding them are simply working as a ploy to perpetuate their relationship, just as in that first scene.

Make no mistake — this is a love story disguised as a statement about helping the needy.

As for the love story, it soon becomes tiresome as the film spans several years. Sarah leaves and comes back, then leaves and comes back to see Callahan. Never mind that she's married and has a child. But the movie excuses that fact by having her husband sleep around on her, justifying her relationship with Callahan.

Jolie and Owen seemed to be convinced in their performances that this film really has something important to say.

They've belied themselves.

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As bad as this all sounds — and it is

— director Martin Campbell ("Vertical Limit," "The Mask of Zorro") has at least made a nice-looking film for the most part. Much of his film takes place in the desert, and he takes advantage of the scenery.

But pleasant directing cannot make up for a dreary and ugly script. There's not a shred of redemptive value in the story. Audiences will find that "Beyond Borders" is beyond dismal.

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.

Spray-on tans grow in use

CHICAGO (AP) — Elizabeth Walsh's co-workers were perplexed when she showed up at the office with her usually porcelain "Irish skin" suddenly a lovely shade of golden brown.

"It was like I'd been on a three-week vacation," says the 25-year-old Chicagoan.

She's one of a growing number of paler-skinned Americans who are stripping off to get "spray-on" tans at their local salons and spas.

Some do it before hitting the beach or taking vacations in warmer climates so they don't stand out. Others are corporate executives, looking for any way to spiff up their image in a competitive job market.

And many are getting their faux tans for special occasions. Walsh got hers before wearing a strapless dress at a recent wedding.

The fake tans last about a week and are seen as a year-round alternative to baking in the sun or using tanning beds.

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Rejuvenated defense stalls Buffalo attack

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

As Wes Welker walked off the field Saturday night, the student section was chanting his name. But everyone else wanted to talk about the defense.

Following a week in which talk surrounded the defense's being ranked last in the country, the Red Raider defense delivered a performance during the team's 26-21 victory against Colorado that will likely move Tech up in the defensive category standings. Texas Tech defended Colorado to 294 yards of total offense, the first time the defense has kept an opponent under 300 yards since the New Mexico game in which the Lobos amounted 280 yards.

With the offense struggling with six turnovers in the game, the game could have been taken over by the Buffaloes, but Welker saved the defense did a good job of being the one to step up.

"They played lights out," he said. "I've been saying all year, 'there's gonna be a time when you're bailing us out. I know you don't see it now, but you're gonna be bailing us out sometime.' And tonight they came up huge, and I'm just really proud of the way our defense played tonight."

The defense had the opportunity early to save the offense.

Quarterback B.J. Symons threw an interception in each of Tech's first four drives, giving Colorado control of the field position throughout the first quarter. But the defense fought out of the disadvantage and held the Buffaloes to just 14 points in the first half.

Symons said the performance helped save the game and keep a win within reach.

"It's basically opposite of the way

the Missouri game was going," he said. "We turned the ball over several times in the first half of that game. You see the difference that they stepped up and topped them. That kept us in the game because they could definitely have built a nice lead. For them to bail us out when we were putting them in a bad situation says a lot about the way they played and the way they competed."

The defense reached the bottom of the NCAA rankings after back-to-back games in which Oklahoma State and Missouri racked up more than 100 points and 1,000 yards. But this week was another story, and part of the difference may stem from what happened the last two weeks. Linebacker Brock Stratton said the heartbreak of the two losses and how the defense played brought some added motivation.

"We know we're capable of doing a lot better than that," he said. "We know the defense, we know our assignments, we just have to do them. We have to put ourselves in the right position to help us do that. We're disappointed in our efforts. We know we're a lot better than that with the talent and coaching staff we have here at Texas Tech."

And the players said they believe they are not the worst defense in football. Stratton said the team looked at its ranking coming into the game as a starting point for improvement for the remainder of the season.

"You can only go up. You can't get any worse than that," he said. "None of us are satisfied or content with being last in defense. Like I said, we know what we're capable of. None of us is giving up, and there are more

games in the season for us to get out of that position."

The Buffalo offense had trouble moving the ball as the unit ran for 81 yards and passed for 213 yards. Against Tech's No. 112th rushing defense, Colorado tried to run the ball despite being ranked No. 12 in passing offense. Colorado is the 110th in rushing offense. The Buffaloes called eight more running plays than passing plays, and Tech did not allow a 100-yard rusher. Brian Calhoun led Colorado with 76 yards on 16 carries.

Shutting down the offense may have been a nice change of pace for the Raiders and Tech coach Mike Leach said the performance was the best he has seen this or any other defense play.

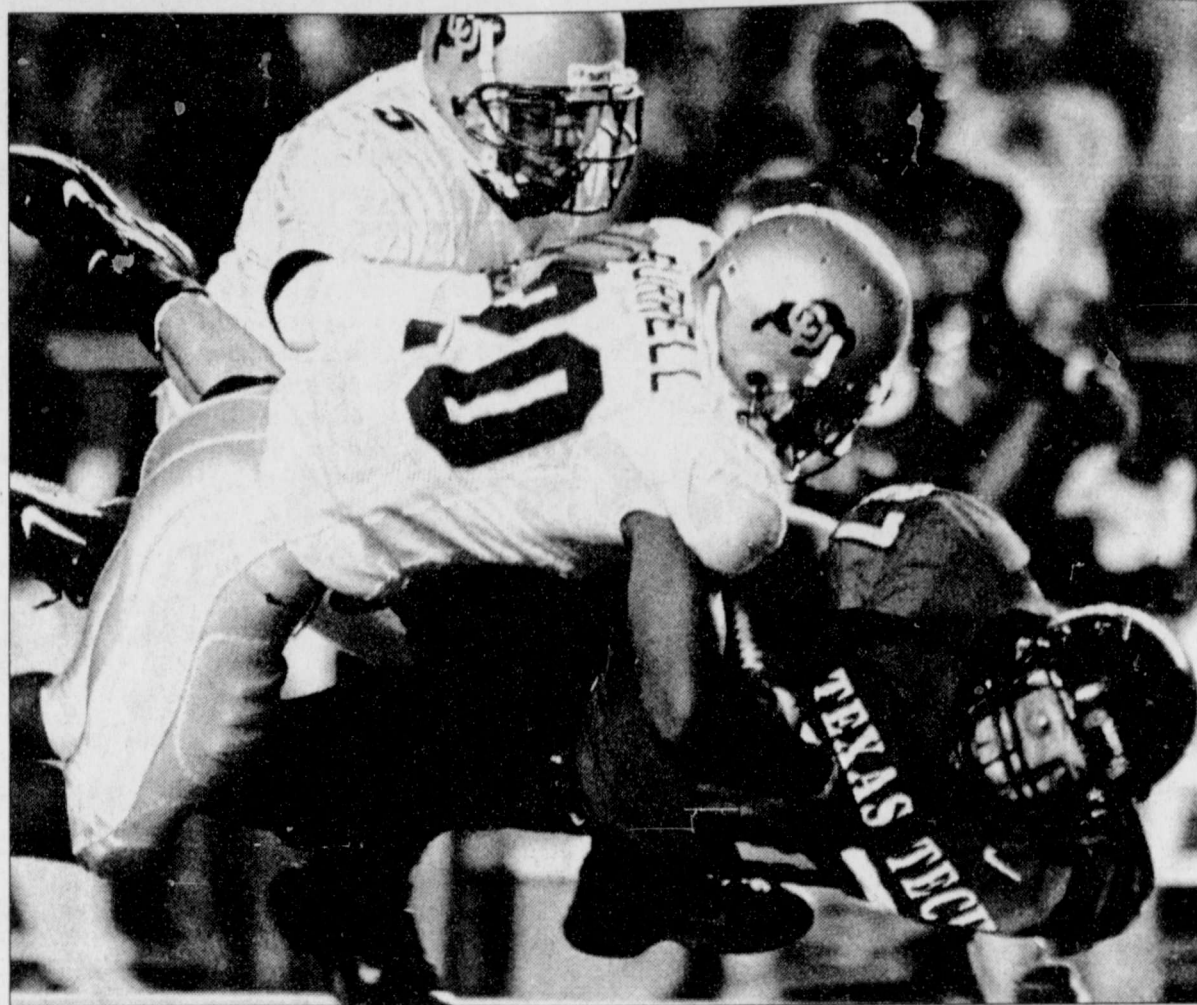
"I think the defense played a great game," he said. "I think it was one of the best defensive performances I've been a part of."

Another pleased coach was defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich, who said the defense showed signs of playing well and he knows his defense will be good. The question remained though, when?

"I expect the defense to play well some time; I don't know if it will be this year or not," he said. "But eventually this group will be pretty good."

Despite the attention the defense received in postgame, the defender was also a topic of discussion as the wide receiver set an NCAA record in the game with a punt return for a touchdown.

His 58-yard punt return in the second quarter not only sparked the Raiders, it was his eighth career punt return for a score and put him on top of the career list. It's an honor he said he is glad to have, and he will take pride



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TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Wes Welker is tackled by Colorado defenders Clyde Surrell and J.J. Billingsley during the Raiders' 26-21 victory against the Buffaloes Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium. Welker returned a punt for a touchdown in the game to give the player his eighth career punt return for a touchdown, which sets a NCAA record. Welker and the Raiders will face the Baylor Bears Saturday in Waco.

in having it as long as he does.

"It means a lot; it's just an NCAA record," he said. "We'll just see how long I get to hold on to it. I'm going to enjoy it while I can."

After the game the coaching staff said they cannot afford to get caught

up in breaking their two-game losing streak. Setencich said he has seen young defenses get beat following a good performance because they think about it and relive it too much. He said his defense will not let down because he is already looking forward to the game with Baylor.

"I'm really pleased, but I'm not gonna go out, drink beer tonight and raise holy hell and so forth," he said. "I want to get a lot of rest so I can get up and start looking at Baylor about five o'clock tomorrow morning."

Cross country team finishes fourth at Big 12 Championship

The Texas Tech women's cross country team finished in fourth place at the Big 12 Championship in Austin. The fourth place finish is the best in Tech history.

Freshman Irene Kimaiyo led the Raiders with a 12th place finish and a time of 22:13.8. Senior Tracie Akerhiel finished one place behind Kimaiyo with a time of 22:16.3. Junior Brionne Yosten finished in 17th place with a time of 22:28.1, junior Stephanie Calhoun finished in 34th place with a time of 23:06.7 and sophomore Abby Schubert

closed out the top 50 for Tech with a 41st place finish and a time of 23:28.0.

Texas Tech Cross Country



Sophomore Katie Leonard and freshman Anna Hagood finished in 64th place and 68th place respectively.

The men's team finished in 10th place at the meet. Sophomore Benson Cheserek led the Raiders with a 19th place finish and a

time of 25:30.7. Senior Joseph McCollon finished in 37th place, junior Dwayne Benoit finished in 65th place and sophomore Kyle Atwood finished in 81st place and junior Adam Lawless closed out the action for Tech with a 90th place finish with a time of 29:21.3.

Tech will now wait on a possible berth in the NCAA tournament for one of its teams or for individual members of the Raiders' teams.

The NCAA Mountain Regional will take place on Nov. 15 in Ogden, Utah and the NCAA Division 1 Championships will be held on Nov. 24 in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Soccer team closes season with 3-0 loss

The Texas Tech soccer team closed out its season with a 3-0 loss to Baylor Friday in Waco.

The first half ended in a 0-0 tie, but Baylor would gain the advantage nine minutes into the second half with a goal by Candace Reilly.

The Bears would also score on goals by Tiffany Boshers and Kate Hensman in the game.

Tech was outshot by Baylor 29-5 in the game. Colorado had 17 shots on goal during the game. The Raiders were led by sophomore midfielder Keri Stephens, who had two shots on goal.

Senior forward Katie Arsenault had three shots during the game, with one on goal.

The Raider team ended its season with an overall record of 3-13-1 and a 2-8 record in conference play.

Tech, which did not win a conference game during its 2002 season, had victories against Kansas and Missouri this season in Big 12 Conference competition.

The Raiders also tallied a non-conference victory this season with a 3-1 win against Texas State-San Marcos in San Marcos.

Tech also had a 1-1 tie this season on Sept. 19 against Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches.

The Raiders will retain 15 of its current players as the team will lose three players to graduation: Arsenault, midfielder Keri Campbell and defender Tiana Boyea.

Tech defeat Bears for first time in Waco

The Texas Tech volleyball team defeated the Baylor Bears in five games Saturday in Waco.

Tech defeated the Bears 30-26, 30-25, 16-30, 28-30, 15-13, to give Tech its first victory in Waco in the history of the Raiders' program.

Tech had a hitting percentage

higher than .200 in the first two games, but the figure dropped to .045 in the third game.

Junior setter Laura Grote led the team with 60 assists, 18 digs and 19 kills, with a .909 hitting percentage.

Outside hitter Breanna Pursley

chipped in with 21 kills and 25 digs, which was the most kills in a single game by any Raider this season. Outside hitter Kelly Johnson helped the team's effort with 22 kills and 11 digs.

Tech will face the Oklahoma Sooners at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in Norman, Okla.

Texas' Benson revives career against Nebraska

AUSTIN, (AP) — Cedric Benson pounded through tackles. He broke off long runs. He got into the end zone three times.

It was the game No. 11 Texas (7-2, 4-1 Big 12) had been waiting for from its enigmatic tailback.

After a season of missteps on and off the field and a one-game suspension, Benson returned to the lineup and broke through with his best effort of the year with 174 yards in a 31-7 romp over No. 19 Nebraska (7-2, 3-2).

The effort pushed his career totals to 3,018 yards, fourth best in school history at a program known for producing great backs.

"It took me back to my freshman year, and reminded me of why I'm here," Benson said. "It felt good to be back with the guys."

After a stellar high school career in which he scored 15 touchdowns in three state championship victories at Midland Lee High School, Benson looked like a potential Heisman Trophy winner when he became the first

Longhorns freshman to rush for 1,000 yards in 2001.

He followed that with a 1,293-yard effort in 2002. But concerns over his ability to hit the hole quickly and break tackles were creeping in as he struggled over the last month of the season.

It only got worse this year. Despite rushing for more than 100 yards against Rice and Iowa State, Benson trailed quarterback Vince Young as the team's rushing leader and he was hardly a factor in

Texas' biggest games.

Things hit rock bottom when he was suspended from a 56-0 win over Baylor game after police charged him with misdemeanor criminal trespassing in an incident in an off-campus apartment.

Although he didn't start again Saturday, Benson finished with 28 carries. "I won't say (the suspension) was a good thing or it wasn't a good thing, but it helped me find myself out there today," he said.

Nebraska could do nothing to stop Benson and Young, a 1-2 rushing

punch that rolled up 337 of Texas' 353 yards rushing. Alternating a quarterback counter and sending Benson off-tackle, the Longhorns ground up the Cornhuskers and the play clock in huge chunks.

"You either take Vince, or you're going to take me," Benson said. "Either way, you're going to be wrong."

So often ridiculed as soft, Texas relished the chance to manhandle an opposing defense.

"We ran right at people," said guard Justin Blalock. "We stuffed it down their throat until they liked it."

Nebraska was impressed, and powerless to stop it.

"On film, they didn't look like a very good, physical team," said safety Josh Bloods. "We didn't think they could run the ball on us."

Benson bullied the Huskers from the start. On Texas' second drive, he carried for 52 yards and scored the game's first touchdown from the 1.

"It was really all about heart," Benson said. "We came in with the attitude that we weren't going to be defeated."

Hurricanes ousted from Top 5 after 31-7 loss to Virginia Tech

(AP) — Oklahoma was the unanimous pick for the top spot in The Associated Press college football poll Sunday and Miami's record streak of top five votes ended after 55 weeks.

The Sooners (9-0) received all 65 first-place votes in balloting by the panel of sports writers and broadcasters to extend their season-long run at the top of the poll. Oklahoma beat rival Oklahoma State 52-9 Saturday.

Miami fell from second to sixth after its 39-game regular season winning streak was snapped with a 31-7 loss at Virginia Tech. The Hurricanes had been in the top five since Oct. 8, 2000, the longest streak since the poll began in 1936.

The previous record of 48 was held

by Oklahoma (1953-57) and Ohio State (1973-76).

There was plenty of movement within the poll after a day when six of the top 14 teams lost - all ranked opponents. But the 25 teams in the poll remained the same.

Southern California moved up to No. 2 - its highest ranking since Nov. 21, 1988 - after beating Washington State 43-16.

Florida State jumped two spots to No. 3, and LSU improved three places to fourth, its highest ranking since Sept. 21, 1987.

Virginia Tech, which went from third to 10th after a 28-7 loss last week to West Virginia, moved back up to No. 5.

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