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Prosecution focuses on contract problems

By Heidi Toth/News Editor

Dr. Thomas Butler listened to testimony detailing his alleged violations of policy Tuesday with no expression on his face. His wife and son, sitting in the second row, had similar expressionless faces throughout the proceedings.

The trial resumed Tuesday with more testimony from Michael Jones, the laboratory safety officer at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. Defense attorney Chuck Meadows discussed the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's inventory request made to the HSC.

The deadline for that inventory was Sept. 10, 2002, and Jones said it in saying Butler did not have any *Yersinia pestis* bacteria, as But-



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ler had told him. Because of postal problems, the CDC did not receive the inventory until May, when Jones sent them another copy.

He did not include YP because the CDC requested the documents originally sent in September, Jones said, despite knowing Butler had YP at some point between September and May. Also, the numbers were accurate because in May there was no YP at HSC.

The CDC was aware of the incident in January, so he did not include a clarifier with

the documents, Jones said.

Throughout the testimony members of the jury rocked back and forth, shifted their weight around, scratched their heads and occasionally yawned surreptitiously as they listened.

The lawyers, while maintaining proper decorum, occasionally broke the solemnity of the room with a joke or a smile, and U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings lightened the mood with a few comments as well.

The faces of the Butlers, however, never changed as they listened to testimony against Butler.

Dr. Donald Wesson, the chairman of the department of internal medicine at HSC and Butler's supervisor, began with the January incident. Butler spoke to him Jan. 14 and told

him the vials were missing and he thought they were stolen.

"What he had just told me had so many implications," Wesson said. "All kinds of things were going through my mind about what we should do in response to this."

He went to Butler's lab with him to determine if the vials were missing.

"He said, 'someone must have known what they were looking for, because they left these empty slants behind,'" Wesson said, adding he told Butler to secure the lab.

He contacted Dr. Richard Homan, dean of the School of Medicine, and had a meeting that afternoon. They decided to contact the authorities, despite Butler's opinion that it was not necessary. He said Butler was calm throughout, despite the reactions of Wesson

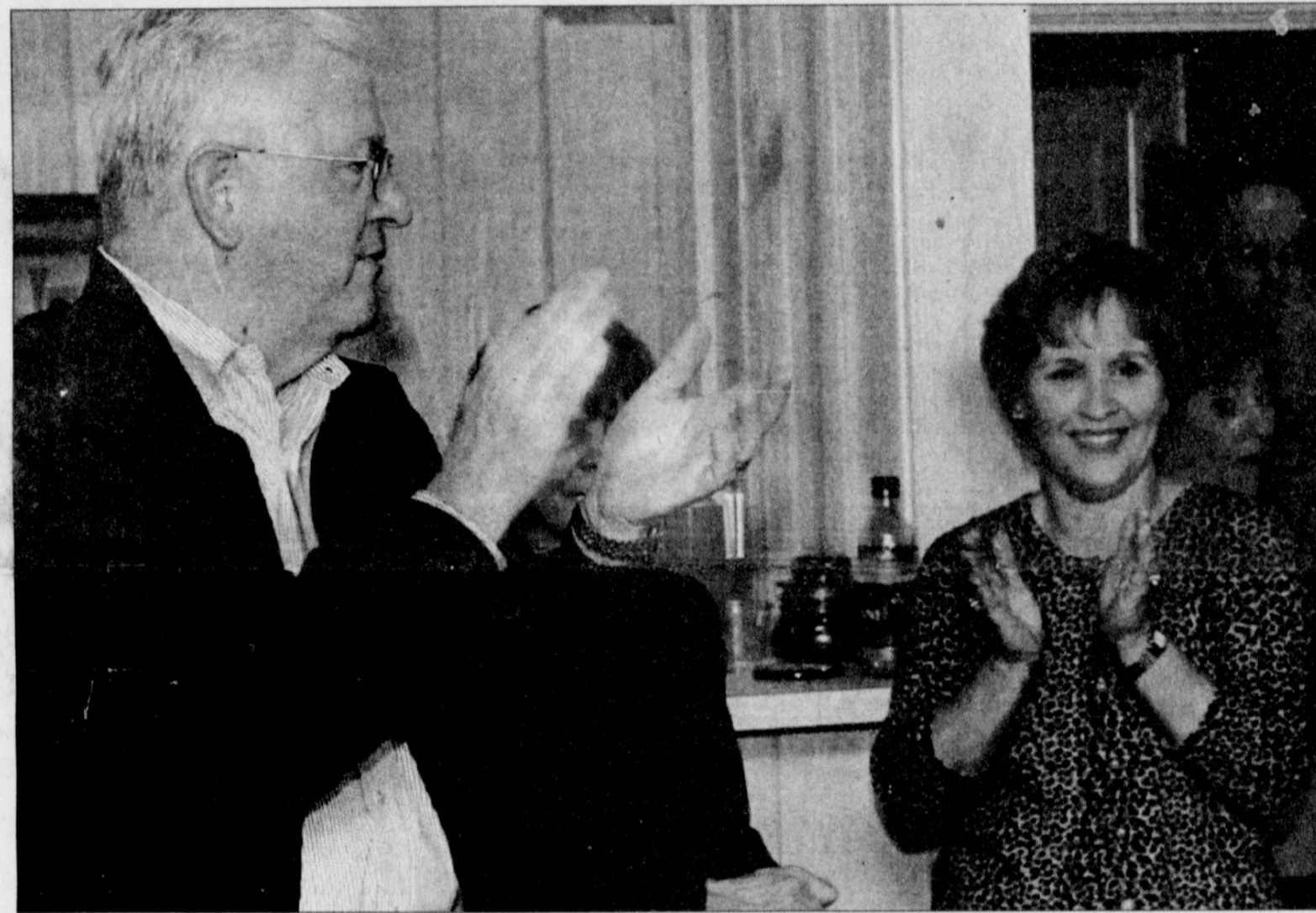
and Homan.

He also discussed the Institutional Review Board's suspension of Butler from all human research, which meant he should not have had the bacteria at all. Additionally, on Butler's appointment calendar for Jan. 14 was an entry to take blood serum to a colleague to be tested for HIV. This was in violation of both that suspension and his order to secure the lab, Wesson said.

Numerous contracts were admitted into evidence to address the embezzlement charges Butler is facing. Wesson said HSC policy dictates that companies make contracts with the institution, not with specific researchers. However, in cases dealing with Pharmacia and

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SALES TAX HIKE APPROVED



TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

Lubbock City Council member Jim Gilbreath celebrates Tuesday evening the 61 to 39 percent vote, which increase sales tax three-eighths of a cent.

Lubbock voters approve increasing sales tax three-eighths of a cent

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

The citizens of Lubbock voted Tuesday in favor of an increase in sales tax. A total of 10,324 citizens voted in favor of the three-eighths of a cent increase in the sales tax. More than 5,400 voted for the increase during the early voting period.

The early voting period had a voter turnout of 8,786 while the Nov. 4 election had a turnout of 8,065.

"It's a humbling and honor that the city of Lubbock entrusted us, and it's an honor to get to represent a community such as Lubbock," said City Council Member Gary O. Boren.

The election comes after the City Council unanimously approved Mayor Marc McDougal's proposal of a sales tax increase of three-eighths of a cent, raising the tax from 7.875 percent to 8.25 percent on taxable purchases.

Two separate areas benefit from the revenue division.

One-fourth of the sales tax increase, or \$6.5 million, would be used to offset property tax, possibly reducing it by 7 or 8 cents.

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

The vote represents the voice of the citizens and the way the citizens voted shows the city, school, county and tax entities that the property tax is too high, Boren said.

It also shows the appraisal district that the annual 10 percent increase is too high and needs to stop, he said.

"They entrusted us to go out and create jobs and opportunities," he said. "It gives us the chance to clean up city hall."

The chance to clean up city hall will come when Market Lubbock, Inc. becomes a 4A Economic Development Corporation. The monetary guidelines of the corporation will become stricter, allowing tax dollars to be spent

only on certain projects outlined by the state. While the 4A corporation will focus on creating career path jobs, the tax revenues can be spent on select job categories only. Some of these

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Residents of purple house seek support

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

The residents of the purple house at 25th Street and Indiana Avenue have begun to look for support throughout the city and Texas Tech, while residents in the neighborhood are standing by the city ordinance that has been in place since 1975.

The city ordinance states no more than two unrelated people can live in a single-family residence. In response to being told the residents and the landlord were in violation of the ordinance, Bill Davis, the landlord, and the residents began painting the house purple, Davis said.

"The purpose was to draw attention to the unfair housing ordinance against students," he said. "This is just a friendly protest."

Since being notified by the city last week of being in violation of the ordinance, Brian Bosworth, a junior business major from Grand Prairie, said he has started to look for support from students and student organizations on campus.

In order to fight the ordinance, the residents of the purple house are required to file a petition that has signatures from at least 25 percent of the number of qualified voters who voted in the last city election. The last city election was held on Tuesday, so the residents will not know the number of signatures they will need until next week, said Joe Biles, a student senator and a sophomore history and political science major from Mineral Wells.

The city still has not let the residents know when they would need to move off of the property, Bosworth said. Last week Davis and Bosworth both received a ticket from the city explaining they were in violation of

the ordinance.

Davis said the ticket was issued to the landlord and the residents 10 days ago. Within 12 days, they will either have to pay for the ticket or set a court date.

"I think we are going to set a court date because we believe we are legal," he said. "If the tenants weren't legal, then they would have to move out because they signed a lease saying they were legal."

In the mean time, the residents will try to hold a voter registration event to begin getting Tech students involved with the process, Biles said. Tech students who decide to sign the petition will need to be registered voters for 30 days before their signature can be placed on the petition.

The voter registration event will be held on Nov. 14 at the West Texas Icehouse at 6 p.m. The next day at 1 p.m., tables will be set up at the purple house for students who wish to register to vote. Biles said 30 days after the event, they will begin to contact those who participated to begin filling out the petition.

"We would like to have a big campus event, because we would like to get people to vote. We can only win by organizing," he said.

Biles said he and others would be proposing a zoning law task force. If the proposal goes through, it would need the approval of the Student Senate of the Student Government Association and the external side of the SGA.

Tina Thompson, a resident of the neighborhood who lives behind the purple house, said the zoning issue is not as important as the legal issue with the house.

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Whitmore to address possible staff salary raises

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech President Jon Whitmore will speak to the Staff Senate today to discuss issues including staff salary raises and the loss of benefits for some staff members.

The meeting will take place at 3 p.m. in lecture hall 107 at the Law School.

"I'm going to talk about the general direction of the university and have a few topics directed toward the Staff Senate," Whitmore said.

Staff Senate President-Elect Brent Guinn said Whitmore has begun looking at the possibility of a staff raise for the spring semester.

"He said as a (presidential) candidate that he would be interested in up to a 4 percent raise," Guinn said. "It would be half raise and half merit. In the meeting between him and the president of the Senate, he said he'd look seriously into a 2 percent merit raise at the beginning of the fiscal year in late winter or early spring."

The issues of staff raises will have to be presented to the Board of Regents at their December meeting for approval, Whitmore said.

"That's when the numbers will actually be introduced," he said. "The Regents will have to decide on it after I make my presentation on behalf of the university."

Staff Senate President Chance Dragich said he meets with Whitmore once a month, but it will be good for the senators to be able to ask him questions.

He presented a letter from the Senate to Whitmore last month that spoke of the staff's need for salary increases and more benefits.

Dragich said Whitmore read the letter and believed the issues brought up were relevant, and he will begin addressing them.

Whitmore cannot do anything about the loss of benefits because it was state-mandated, Dragich said.

"We wanted him to know how bad part-timers got hit with the cutting of benefits," he said.

"We know there's nothing he can do about it, but we just want him to know it is a big concern."

There also will be two new senators sworn in at the meeting as Diane Reid, from Animal and Food Science, and Alisa Dollar, from water resources, will take their oaths as staff senators.

The Senate was down five senators but will now be down only three.

Guinn said the new senators are replacing senators who resigned because of job reassignments or workload. He said when elections are made there is an alternate pool established, but this time the pool exhausted itself.

According to the bylines of the Senate, if a senator resigns having served less than half of their three-year term a special election is required.

If the senator serves more than half of their term then nominations are made by the executive session and they are voted on, which is what happened in these two cases.

The other three vacancies require special elections, which will be made in the next month.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

LADY RAIDER GUARD Alesha Robertson gives a Lady Raider visor to Perik Jumpers' Forward Rhoda McKenzie, and she gives Robertson a shoe trinket at Tuesday night's game at the United Spirit Arena.

The Rundown



Texas tops nation in number of flu cases

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas has topped federal health officials' list as the flu leader this season, with the virus spreading to neighboring states.

The distinction — the official designation is "widespread" by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — is largely due to the outbreak in Houston, the epicenter of the virus this season.

"It's got to start somewhere," said Dr. Ralph Feigin, physician-in-chief of Texas Children's Hospital and chair of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. "We just drew the short straw this year."

The number of influenza cases per week at Texas Children's Hospital peaked at 129 in mid-October. Last week, it dropped to 66 cases, although this is still an extraordinarily high number, experts say.

In previous years, Texas Children's averaged 10 weekly cases or fewer during the season's peak.

The news is not so good for Texas' neighbors. There is evidence the flu is now spreading to neighboring states.

Full containment of Calif. wildfires near

BIG BEAR, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters contained the largest and deadliest of Southern California's vast wildfires Tuesday and made progress against others as the death toll grew to 22.

Rain and snow, with chilly temperatures, have aided firefighters in the mountains in recent days. Many firefighters had been sent home, leaving remaining crews to douse hot spots and watch for new ones.

San Diego County's 280,000-plus-acre Cedar Fire was fully surrounded by fire breaks Tuesday.

"It's a load off," said Lora Lowes, spokeswoman for the Cedar Fire firefighting effort.

Four other fires were expected to be contained by day's end.

Crews planned to begin moving away from the Cedar Fire's front lines to hunt for hot spots and damaged homes that hadn't been counted yet.

"They're going area by area, systematically, to the communities that burned," Lowes said.

At least 85 killed in Indonesian flood

BUKIT LAWANG, Indonesia (AP) — Rescuers were searching through branches, mud and boulders Tuesday for survivors after flash floods swept through a resort village near a reserve for endangered orangutans on Sumatra island, killing at least 85 people.

With 123 people missing, the death toll was expected to rise.

More bodies were found Tuesday morning in the wreckage, and mourners at a local mosque washed bodies and said prayers for the dead.

Five foreigners — two Germans, two Austrians and a Singaporean — were confirmed among those killed. The rest were mostly villagers, local traders, tourist guides, guesthouse workers and their families. Names of the victims were not immediately released.

Days of heavy rain triggered a surge Sunday night in the Bahorok River, which winds through the village of Bukit Lawang.

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Medal of Honor recipient gives donation to Vietnam Center

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

The Vietnam Center at Texas Tech was recently given a contribution from the first Congressional Medal of Honor recipient of the Vietnam War.

Roger Donlon and his wife, Norma, of Levenworth, Kansas, made a contribution to the Vietnam Center on Oct. 23. The contribution was to augment the existing General and Mrs. William C. Westmoreland Endowment, James Reckner, the director of the Vietnam Center, said.

The contribution to the endowment helps students in the Can Tho University in the Meh Kong Delta in Vietnam. The \$1,000 contribution will be broken up into \$100 scholarships for students who attend the university. Reckner said the \$100 scholarship is enough money to pay for a full year of tuition.

"It costs around \$20,000 to bring a Vietnamese student here," he said. "With that money, we could educate many more people," he said.

This is not the first time Donlon, also a member of the Vietnam Center's National Advisory Council, has contributed, Reckner said. As a member of the council, Donlon tries to contribute to the Vietnam Center by providing guidance for the center and using his sources to spread the message of the center.

As a part of his efforts of reconciliation, Reckner said Donlon has raised

close to \$12,000 to help with scholarships and other aspects of the Vietnam Center.

His most recent contribution was given to the Vietnam Center in remembrance of Douglas Pike. Reckner said Pike was a professor at Tech and the former associate director of the Vietnam Center.

Similar to Donlon, Pike was a retired Foreign Service officer. Pike had spent time in the Vietnam War and later wrote about seven books about Vietnam, Reckner said. Donlon's own experience in Vietnam is what earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In the summer of 1964, Donlon was stationed in Camp Nam Dong in the Republic of Vietnam. According to his full citation on the Congressional Medal of Honor Web site, a Viet Cong battalion launched a full-scale, pre-dawn attack on the camp.

While directing defensive operations around the camp, Donlon had to make his way through mortar shells, grenades and gunfire from the enemy. During the process of controlling a mortar position on the camp, Donlon sustained a severe stomach wound, according to the Web site.

Later in the battle, Donlon was injured in the left shoulder by an enemy mortar while dragging a fallen soldier out of a gun pit. Anytime Donlon came across injured soldiers he would either administer first aid or provide encouragement to soldiers who were still able to fight.

Despite being injured in the leg by a hand grenade and in the face and body by a mortar shell, Donlon still moved from position to position within the camp. All the while, he reorganized his defenses and administered first aid to the wounded, according to the Web site.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while defending a U.S. military installation against a fierce attack by hostile forces, Donlon was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, according to the Web site.

Although the Vietnam Center has aimed to help people involved with the Vietnam War, since the center began in 1989 it has encouraged the continued study of all aspects of the Vietnam War, Richard Verrone, assistant archivist and oral historian for the Vietnam Archive, said.

The archive's mission is to collect, preserve and present things from the war in Southeast Asia. Since the archive is the world's largest in materials except for the national archive, Verrone said he encourages students to come and learn more about the American Vietnam experience.

The archive and the center contain more than 4 million pages of material along with a virtual archive a Web site that gives the full history of the event. Verrone said the center and the archive could be found at the Southwest Collections Library.

Crewman: Captain absent before crash

NEW YORK (AP) — In the two minutes before a Staten Island ferry slammed into a concrete pier, the pilot stood erect behind the controls and never slumped forward, according to the lone nearby crew member.

In addition, the ship's captain was not in his required position in the wheelhouse to assist pilot Richard Smith as

the ferry attempted to dock on Staten Island, mate Robert Rush told city investigators.

The details, disclosed Tuesday by Transportation Commissioner Iris Weinshall, raise further questions about the actions of the pilot and the ferry's captain, Michael Gansas.

Gansas arrived in the wheelhouse

after the Oct. 15 accident, Weinshall said, describing the scenario provided by Rush. That would be a violation of city policy requiring the captain to be in the wheelhouse when the ferry is docking.

In the seconds after the crash that killed 10 and injured dozens more, Smith said simply, "Oh my God," Weinshall said, recounting Rush's conversation with investigators.

Investigators have been trying to determine whether Smith passed out at the controls of the ferry, perhaps because of a problem with his blood pressure medication. Smith fled the scene and attempted suicide after the crash, but spoke briefly about his medication while on the way to the hospital later that day.

Tests indicated Smith was not under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol at the time of the crash.

An attorney for Smith, Alan Abramson, said Tuesday that he believes his client passed out.

"It's our understanding that Smith experienced some sort of blackout while operating the vessel," he said.

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Feds say Wal-Mart target of investigation

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Federal prosecutors have informed Wal-Mart Stores that it is the target of an investigation into the hiring of illegal immigrants, the world's largest retailer said Tuesday.

The "target letter" from the U.S. Attorney's Office arrived on Friday, just over a week after federal agents raided Wal-Mart's Bentonville headquarters and 60 stores across the country, arresting 250 illegal immigrants as they came off the overnight cleaning shift. Most of the illegal workers were employed by cleaning companies, not Wal-Mart itself.

An employer can face civil and criminal penalties for knowingly hiring illegal immigrants or failing to comply with certain employee record-keeping regulations.

Target letters give people or companies formal notification that they are the focus of an investigation.

"The company is the target," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Mona Williams

said. "No company employee has received an individual target letter at this time."

Wal-Mart said it was not surprised to receive the letter, after the Oct. 23 raids.

A grand jury will begin hearing evidence in mid-December, Williams said.

"We do not know if the grand jury hearings will result in any indictments. However, we are in ongoing talks with the U.S. Attorney's Office and are confident we will have the opportunity for full and complete discussion before any decisions are made," Williams said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Wayne Samuelson in Williamsport, Pa., where the case is being handled, would not discuss specifics.

"I'm not going to comment on anything that Wal-Mart is saying," he said. "It's an ongoing investigation."

Butler

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Chiron, two pharmaceutical companies, Butler had signed a contract that excluded the HSC, known in court as a shadow contract. Wesson said Butler was receiving double pay for the same work, as well as negotiating contracts without the knowledge or approval of the HSC. This was in violation of the operating policies of the institution, which Butler was aware of because in two instances, Feb. 7, 1994, and Nov. 30, 1995, a memorandum was sent to him informing him of the policy.

Additionally, his alleged refusal to cooperate with the IRB was causing friction, and Wesson said Butler's disobedience could have resulted in his termination.

In cross examination Wesson discussed the difference between a shadow contract and a consulting agreement, when the expert provides only his expertise, not HSC's resources.

Defense attorney Floyd Holder discussed a contract made several years ago with the permission of the vice president for research in which Butler received all of the payment and reimbursed the HSC for the resources used. Wesson was not aware of the specific contract, but said

he would not approve of such a contract.

He said the policies of HSC still apply even when Butler was out of the country, so getting written permission from the people he took the bacteria from was necessary. He could still treat people who had bubonic plague, but he was not supposed to do with the research without their permission, which the prosecution alleged happened while Butler was in Tanzania.

Homan was the final witness of the day. Once he became convinced the vials were missing and presumed stolen, as Butler had told him, he became concerned and contacted law enforcement, interim HSC President Dr. Elmo Cavin and Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith.

He concurred with what Wesson said about shadow contracts and how they were missing and presumed stolen. He also said he was surprised to hear about Butler's alleged involvement in these contracts.

Holder asked him the difference between Tech and the HSC, saying the Board of Regents' operating policies apply to both schools. Homan agreed but said HSC was a separate entity and was not governed by the same rules the academic campus was.

The trial was recessed until 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

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"One of the deed requirements for the property is that it must house a single family. It doesn't have to do with the zoning board, because it is a legal matter," she said.

In most circumstances, residents who are in violation of the ordinance are not caught. When a neighbor files a complaint against the residents who are in violation is when the city takes action, Bosworth said.

Davis said the residents there informed him there was only one complaint filed for loud music. However, Thompson said she had filed two complaints against the residents earlier in the semester.

The first complaint was filed in Thompson's area on Friday. Thompson said she was woken up by excessive noise around 3:15 a.m. About 15 minutes later, she decided to call the police when she heard cars racing.

"I called the police because I thought people may get hurt," Thompson said.

The next complaint was filed one week later, when Thompson said she was awoken at 1:30 a.m. because of a loud party. Although

Thompson said she has no problem with the residents of the purple house, she does have a problem with the landlord of the property.

Thompson said if the landlord had a problem with the situation his house was in he could have filed a variance with the zoning board.

"If he wants to help those kids, he could have filed a variance and done it the correct way through the law," she said.

Davis said filing a variance would not have been much of an option.

He does not want to change the neighborhood or the zoning because he likes the fact that the neighborhood is a family neighborhood.

One of the main concerns Thompson has with the neighborhood is to make sure there is a positive balance.

She said a positive balance and leverage for when situations such as this occur are important to the deed restrictions and the zoning laws in the area.

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categories are crop production, manufacturing, wholesale trade, information and scientific research and development services. The list excludes the retail industry.

Progress Lubbock, a volunteer political action committee, worked to educate and promote citizens of the benefits of a sales tax increase. David Seim, chairman of Progress Lubbock, said he is pleased with the results.

"I am relieved," Seim said. "When you cheer an initiative like this, the result we've had it's very rewarding."

Progress Lubbock raised between \$115,000 and \$120,000 through the course of its campaign, Seim said. Because the election is over, the volunteer group will no longer be active in Lubbock.

"I'll miss the people I worked with so closely," he said. "But it's a great feeling and comfort knowing we're on the right track, raising a positive

campaign."

There was much debate over the impact of an increase in sales tax.

The Lubbock County Democratic Party opposed the tax because it would harm the lower income families.

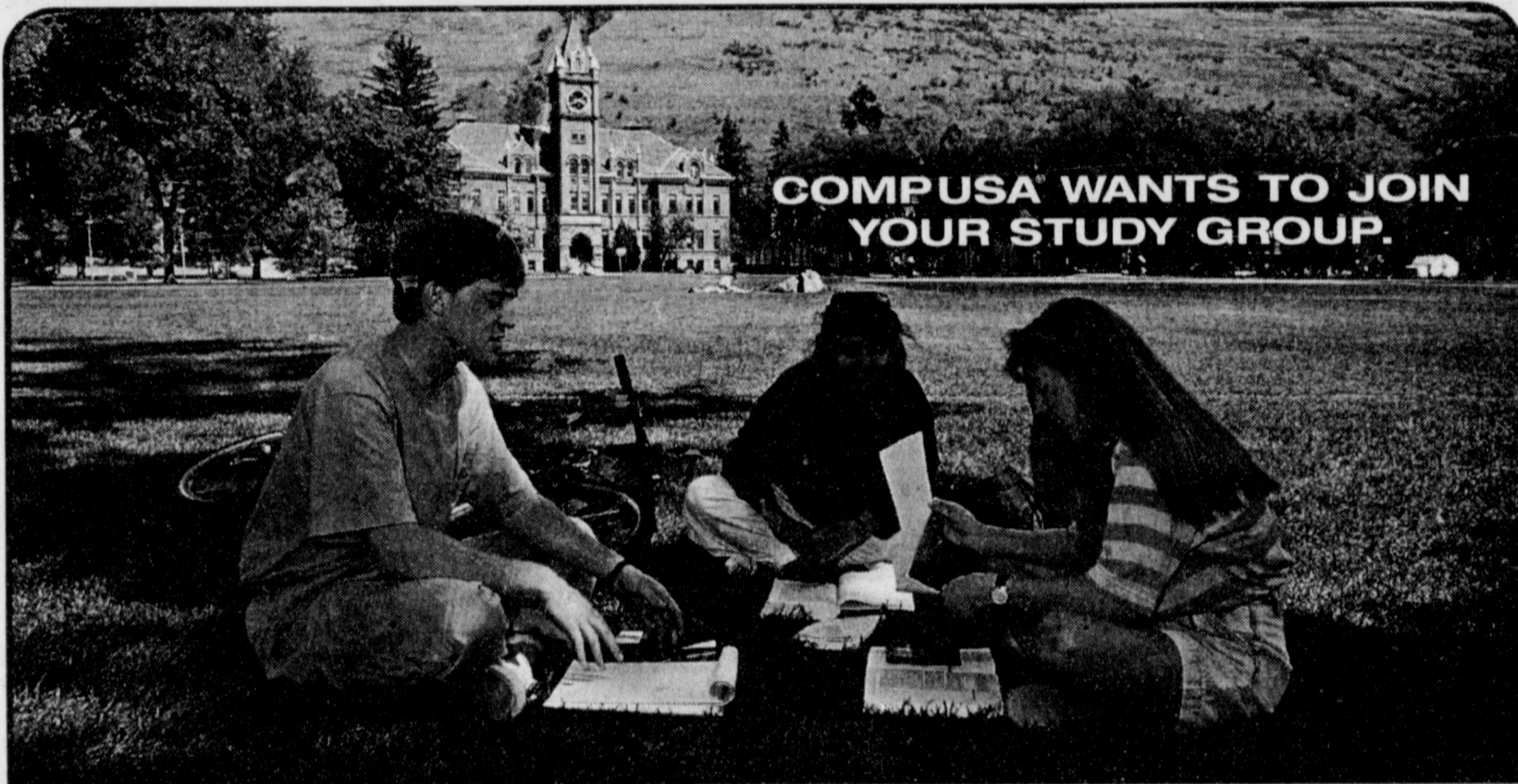
Supporters of the increase said it would create more career path jobs for graduating college students as well as lower property tax and possibly rent.

Overall, the benefits of the increase outweigh the drawbacks, said Michael Reeves, vice president of governmental affairs for the chamber of commerce.

"The impact people will feel is minimal," Reeves said. "Most people won't even notice it."

Jeffrey Edwards, Tech economics professor, agreed.

"It is not a huge impact on Tech students," he said. "Students can survive on Ramen Noodles, but it's harder for a family of four to survive on Ramen Noodles."



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Housing protest needs support

Power to the people in the purple house. They are the ones out there shunning the law created in fear of unrelated roommates taking over the world.

As you should know by now, the house on the corner of 25th Street and Indiana Avenue is once again purple in protest of the city's housing restrictions. This time the residents of the house have been targeted and ticketed by the city for having four college students living in a house.

The law states that two or more members of a household must be related for such an activity to occur in this tragically conservative town in the Bible Belt.

The strange thing is the purple house houses a pair of brothers.

Oops.

Chalk one up for the wonderful people at City Hall and the Lubbock Police Department.

This is a "Selective Police Enforcement" like a sign in the front yard reads at the infamous house.

Take a look at how outdated this rule is that three or more unrelated people cannot live together. It is outdated because of the myth that it was created because of a fear of brothels popping up like teenage boys at the site of Cindy Brady's golden curls.

Lubbock is not exactly a developing town any more. Whorehouses are not found at every corner, and prostitutes are not roaming the streets at night.

Plus, landowner of the infamous house, Bill Davis said the law was created after the Federal Disabilities Act was passed.

People did not want alcoholics and disabled people in their neighborhood, so they came up with legislation that would prevent houses for recovering alcoholics anywhere near them.

The law ended up being "the perfect ordinance to control more than two people," Davis said.

So what is so bad if a few college students want to live together?

It is an unacceptable thing to have parties on a nightly basis and drunken fights breaking out in the yard. When college students get together, you know all these and more are bound to happen. In fact, college students are the cause of all the problems in Lubbock.

Please, get a life and wake up to the 21st century.

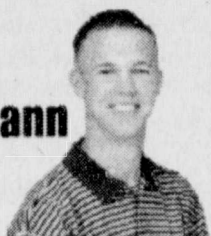
If three students live in the same house, they will not party every night. This is a case of one rotten apple spoiling the bunch.

Not all college students party like rock stars, and the students in the purple house don't.

If we did, we wouldn't be college students. We'd be broke, uneducated, worthless and alcoholics. Last time I checked, college students have this thing called a diploma to receive, and non-stop partying would hinder this endeavor.

What can students do about this?

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What can students do about this? They can take up arms by registering to vote in Lubbock county and backing the end of this ridiculous law.

They can take up arms by way of registering to vote in Lubbock County and backing the end of this ridiculous law.

Brian Bosworth, Purple House resident, said it best when he spoke of the size of the student body.

"We have 30,000 students, and if we all registered to vote, we could do anything," he said.

And we could.

The purple house plans on this protest spanning over a period of months because there is a 30-day waiting period before you can vote or sign a petition after changing your voting status.

So, be on the lookout for a petition soon.

About 18 percent of the student body would need to sign the petition; at least 5,000 signatures would be needed for this issue to be presented to the City Council.

And the purple house has a plan.

During the weekend of the UT football game, a "party" will be held at the house. This is not the type of parties college students are frowned upon for, however. This party will be one to get students to register to vote.

The city of Lubbock has overlooked Texas Tech students for too long. It is time for us to stand up and fight against a law that holds back our opportunities to find a house close to campus to live in.

Just because Grandma Francis doesn't like college students doesn't make her the most powerful person in town.

The most powerful person in town is the person who gets more votes on their side, and in this case it needs to be the Texas Tech student body.

The purple house had a legal sign torn down by a police office that read, "Honk for Tech Students." When you drive by the brave souls who live in that house, honk for them and every other Tech student.

To become a registered voter in Lubbock County call (806) 775-1339, and to sign the petition keep your eyes peeled. A Web site will be coming soon, too.

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No corpse; free speech alive, well

So here's the situation. Monday morning my buddy David and I were sitting next to the lovely hand fountain in the English, Philosophy and Education Complex at roughly a quarter 'til 11 when a peculiar entourage passed by us.

It was led by a bearded gentleman donning an anachronistic wardrobe reminiscent of a medieval cleric, complete with what appeared to be a Bible and a rope around the waist. He was trailed by approximately a half dozen other people, some of whom were similarly clad.

Here's the most interesting part — They were pushing an old-fashioned wooden coffin on wheels.

I have learned over the course of my 22 years on this earth not to be fazed by this sort of seemingly strange behavior, therefore, I neglected to say anything. After all, I thought it would not be beyond the realm of possibilities to simply assume they were heading to the theater building.

David, however, was somewhat more inquisitive than I, so he asked them what they had in the box. One of the more vocal members replied with fervor, "Free speech." I was then able to glean the information that their plan was to deliver this coffin with said "corpse" to the Administration building in order to prove their point to the powers that be.

We sat there dumbfounded for a few moments until I realized God had then and there provided me with the inspiration for a column. Now I am in no way opposed to people championing a cause. Dedication holds a special place in my heart. However, even the most committed souls with the

Jason
Lenz



best of intentions can still make mistakes.

My first criticism is concerned more with the logistics of this little demonstration.

If you're looking to prove a point to the administration, be certain to do so at a time when more of your potential fellow participants do not have class. The cries of a mighty throng of fewer than 10 probably will not trigger a drastic change in the university's administrative policy. If that were the case, then long ago would I have sauntered over to the Administration building with a handful of my beer-drinking pals.

Secondly, the idea that free speech is dead on campus is entirely untrue. If free speech were dead and gone, then no one would be reading this column right now. At worst, free speech is inconvenient.

There are six free speech zones on the Texas Tech campus. Additionally, Memorial Circle has apparently devolved from a place dedicated to the memories of Red Raiders who

fought for this country into a forum for people's grievances that has flags and a really cool fountain. With these free speech areas, Memorial Circle and *The University Daily*, there are ample opportunities for students to express their views or concerns.

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If people started launching protests and demonstrations at their whim hither and yon across campus, then life would be very much disrupted for those of us who really don't give a damn but would like to simply get to class on time.

It is simply arrogant for someone to assume that what they have to say is so vital to the other students on campus or the authoritative figures that these eight possible venues for expression are insufficient.

If you want people to hear what you have to say, fill out an application for *The UD*. Go to a free speech area and bring a petition with you, but remember that just because something is important to you does not mean the rest of campus will obligingly hop on your bandwagon.

Most likely, very few people care about what you have to say, regardless of how you convey your ideas. Take me for example. There is no reason whatsoever for anyone to get riled up over my opinions. What I think doesn't matter one bit.

However, I do have a tendency to make people laugh on a regular basis, and so I can confidently recommend that you not stop reading my columns.

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Enough hothead pundits, it's time for real discourse

By Jessie Singal/*The Justice*

(U-WIRE) WALTHAM, Mass. — "Liberals hate America." "Liberals can't just come out and say they want to take more of our money, kill babies and discriminate on the basis of race." All I can say is that she's onto us. Ann Coulter that is.

The above quotes were lifted from Chapter Two ("Ann Coulter: Nutcase") of Al Franken's new book, "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right." I got them from Franken's book rather than straight from Coulter because I would never, ever, buy one of her books.

Here's one more of her delicious quotes — this one culled from a column (I use the term extremely loosely) of hers archived at www.townhall.com: "In as much as liberals have no morals, they can sit back and criticize other people for failing to meet the standards that liberals simply renounce. It's an intriguing strategy. By openly admitting to being philanderers, draft dodgers, liars, weasels and cowards, liberals avoid ever being hypocrites."

You know what, Ann? I take offense at that. I may be a coward, a philanderer, a liar and a weasel, but I assure you I have never dodged a draft.

And one more thing: As a little experiment, I took the text from the five most recent Coulter (or as I call her, "The Shrieking Wraith Queen") articles archived at the aforementioned site and pasted them into

what became a 12-page Word document (as you can imagine, it was not a document that was particularly keen on affirmative action).

Then I searched for the word "liberals." "You're always telling everyone the woman has no real ideas other than her raging, all-consuming hatred for liberals," I told myself, "so why not test your theory?" The result? 29 hits. Point Jesse.

That means if we take these five most recent columns to be representative of her work then she averages just under six uses per column. Where would this woman be without us America-hating liberals?

As we've made her millions of dollars, the least she could do is keep secret our plans to destroy this country.

There are lots of Ann Coulters out there. There is very little pure discourse in this country. It is a nation of hotheaded pundits. I'm not just talking about the Limbaughs and O'Reillys of the world, either. Michael Moore is an excellent example of someone who uses lots of the dirty tricks we tend to attribute to conservatives.

Check out www.spinsanity.org, a truly excellent and truly nonpartisan site dedicating to rooting out examples of dishonest and unfair discourse.

I consider myself pretty far to the left. I can't stand the majority of Bush's policies, and I desperately want him booted out of office next year.

Anyone who thinks that politics in this country boil down to "liberals are right and conservatives are wrong" or "conservatives

are right and liberals are wrong" is naive. It is never that simple.

It's pretty obvious why people like Moore and Coulter are so successful. It feels great to read something that confirms everything you believe and that paints the world in black and white. There will always be people who are happy to revel in these feelings and who are self-assured enough to never question the self-appointed leaders of their particular ideology.

But the fact is that you don't really learn anything from pundits like Moore and Coulter. Al Franken is an exception because, despite the obsequiousness he displays towards the Democratic Party and Bill Clinton in general, the focal points of his arguments tend to actually involve policy analysis.

Moore is good at throwing startling numbers at you (numbers that, according to the various critics that Spinsanity has archived, are often inaccurate or somehow misrepresentative) and Coulter is good at liberal-bashing and using her piercing gaze as a means of alerting those in a five-mile radius to oncoming disaster, but neither has much to contribute to a reasonable, fact-based dialogue.

In the case of Moore, it's too bad — for a while I thought he would be an excellent candidate to be part of the voice that the post-Sept. 11 left has so consistently lacked.

Other than a few examples like Franken, however, it's back to the drawing board until someone emerges who is willing to transcend what has become a nation of idiots hurling invectives at each other.

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College TV expands

By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

Few people are able to partake in the college experience after they get a degree, but Maria Sansone accomplishes this feat as a VJ for The College Television Network.

College Television Network is a TV station devoted entirely to covering all aspects of college life. CTN can be seen across the Texas Tech campus in the Market, residence halls and the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center.

Sansone said CTN is in a different class from other stations.

"What makes us different is that we know our audience — we are dedicated to covering every aspect of college life, 24 hours a day and seven days a week," she said in a telephone interview.

MTV acquired CTN last fall, and the outlook of the network changed from boring programming to a hip, must-see station, Sansone said.

"We cover everything from music programming that ranges from hip-hop to rock, from food to fashion," she said.

CTN hosts several contests each year including visiting college campuses to see which campus has the best tailgate and seeing which campus boasts the best bands.

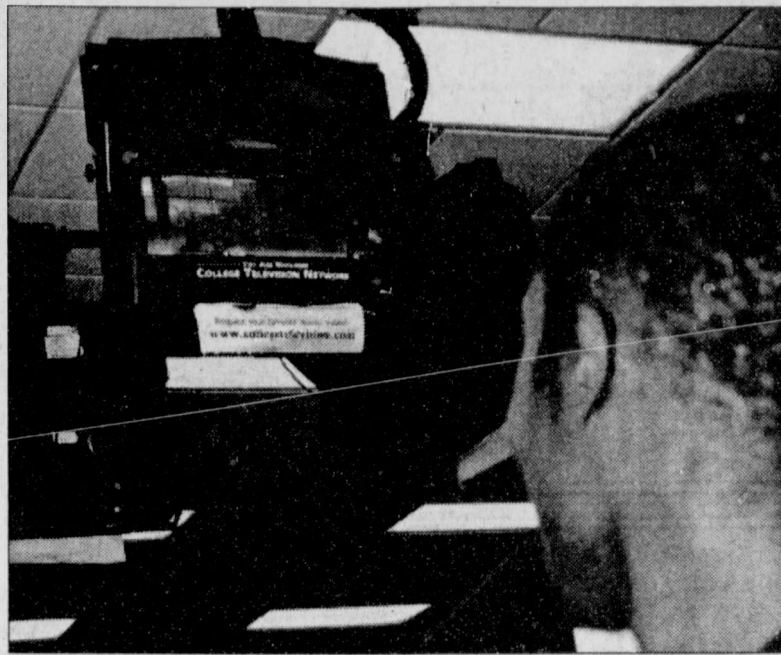
Sansone hosts the weekly segment entitled "The Freshman" along with traveling the country visiting colleges and students.

"The Freshman" brings five new music videos to college campuses, plays the videos for the students and then interviews them to see what they think.

"We have set up 'The Freshman' in students' apartments, fraternity houses and sorority houses," she said.

Sansone graduated from the University of Syracuse last May with a degree in television, radio and film and heard about a casting call for a college TV station.

"The job sounded like the coolest thing ever, so I went to the audition. I didn't think I would get the job in a



ANDREW WEATHERL/Staff Photographer
A TECH STUDENT watches College Television Network in the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center Tuesday.

hall every day and said he thinks students enjoy the station.

"I always see students watching it while they are eating. It is especially good for people who are eating alone because it gives them something to watch," he said.

Kayla Christian, a freshman marketing major from Dallas, said she doesn't usually notice the station when eating in the market.

"I notice it sometimes when they play music videos, but I am usually too busy talking with friends to watch the TV," she said.

Betzold said he believes CTN would love to do stories on Tech if given the opportunity.

Most of CTN's stories come from students across the country pitching ideas to the network by either email or submitting videos Sansone said.

"We (CTN) want to visit as many campuses as we can - we are always looking for unique stories happening on university campuses," he said.

To submit an idea, go to www.collegelevision.com

Used cell phone drive enlists Tech's aid for abused women

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

A broken cell phone can help save a life.

Covenant School of Nursing is hosting a cell phone drive for Women's Protective Services. They are accepting any and all broken, old and used cell phones. The drive started Monday and will continue through Nov. 21.

Jessica Knickerbocker, a member of the National Nursing Association, said she hopes Texas Tech students will be able to help the drive this year.

Last year, the drive raised almost 1,000 phones, she said, without a drop-off point on the Tech campus, and students did not participate.

"We're hoping for a bigger response this year," she said. "Maybe even twice as many (phones). If we can, we might as well go big."

Involving students should increase the drive because she said she noticed some students have several cell phones.

"A lot of people keep their old cell phones," she said. "You walk around campus and everybody's on a cell phone."

Chargers for the phones will also be accepted and can be dropped off with the phones at the Barnes & Noble in the Student Union.

Students who don't have a cell phone, Knickerbocker said, should save any phone they may replace in the future.

"Even if Tech students don't have a phone now they can donate, they can save it for next year," she said.

Knickerbocker said the knowledge a student may have

helped save a life by simply donating an old, unused phone should persuade them to donate.

"Almost 117 women were killed last year (in Texas) by domestic violence," she said.

She said a phone might have helped stop the women's deaths and other women's abuse.

The phones will be collected every other day until Nov. 21. Knickerbocker said she hoped to have the phones collected before the Thanksgiving holiday. After Nov. 21, cell phones can be dropped off in other places around Lubbock.

After the phones are collected, they will be carried by a donated U-Haul, repaired and distributed to women who go through Women's Protective Services and need a phone to help protect themselves. They will be reprogrammed so the phone can only be used to dial 911 when the woman is in danger.

Cheryl Ford, an administrative secretary with Women's Protective Services, said the drive is a great benefit for the women in need.

"It will help protect them if they're being stalked by their batterers or if they need assistance in an emergency," she said. "Anyone who needs a phone will get one free of charge."

She said there is no cell phone that cannot be used to help the women.

"All cell phones can be used as a 911 phone," Ford said. "If you have a phone and it doesn't have service, it can be used as a 911 phone."

Coordinator of Community Education for Women's Protective Services, Hattie Heiner, said the phones go toward helping women who need to feel safe and secure.

"It makes them just feel safer and they can get help if they need," Heiner said.

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'Bear,' 'Cut' fail to make the cut this week in theaters

Two movies opened this past weekend-one for families and one strictly for adults. Ironically, they failed about the same in quality.

"Brother Bear"

Now for those of you playing along at home who want to make your very own home-made version of Disney's new animated film, "Brother Bear," here are the required ingredients: A "Tarzan" soundtrack by Phil Collins, some "Lion King" spirituality and mysticism, some "Pocahontas" cultural elements, a bit of "Lilo and Stitch" animation, a dash of "The Shaggy Dog" and a pinch of "The Emperor's New Groove." Mix all of these ingredients together, bake at a lukewarm temperature and you have "Brother Bear."

That's exactly what "Bear" plays like - a mishmash of a bunch of Disney movies that you have already seen.

The story, which sounds like it was written over a weekend by its five screenwriters, is more of the Disney formula of praising nature and wildlife as it demonizes humans. It concerns a young Native American named Kenai (voiced by Joaquin Phoenix) whose brother is "killed" by a bear. So he goes after and kills the bear.

As punishment for this senseless act, Kenai is turned in to a bear himself by "the spirits on the mountain." He makes friends with a young bear cub named Koda (Jeremy Suarez) who thinks of Kenai as a brother (hence the title). The film focuses mainly on their relationship, but when Kenai must reveal something crucial to Koda, we are not allowed to hear the conversation. Instead, we have to listen to one of the wholly unmemorable Phil Collins songs during the scene and only watch Koda's reaction.

The replacement was a cheap trick, but the screenwriters get off easy by not having to write the dialogue that may (gasp) make things interesting.

On the up side, the film does feature two moose, also brothers, voiced by Rick Moranis and Dave Thomas who pop up occasionally to provide laughs for the audience.

But when a Disney film (or any film for that matter) only has two funny characters going for it, that's a big problem, eh?

RATING: ★★

"In the Cut"

This erotic murder mystery, adapted by director Jane Campion and Susanna Moore from Moore's novel, stars Meg Ryan as a sexually starved single woman who finds her needs being met by a cop (Mark Ruffalo, looking like a porn star with his greasy

James Eppler



hair and thick moustache) who is investigating a series of brutal murders in the neighborhood.

The film works hard to balance the murder mystery and the relationship between Ryan and Ruffalo, which has disastrous results because the film is often slow-moving and the narrative is a jumbled clutter.

But make no mistake — this is not a love story. This is a sex story through and through. The two characters make the intention very clear to each other, and to us, that all they are interested in is having good, rough and explicit sex with one another.

Even when Ryan begins to think, and the film leads us to believe, that Ruffalo is actually the killer, she still can't help herself in going back for more sex.

Ryan fans expecting a fluffy romance will have a serious shock to their systems.

Ryan decided that the project was good enough for which to take all her clothes off, which is a shame. While I admire and applaud her bravery and even her performance in this mess, it is wasted on such a bad film is just sad. She has decided to throw her pearls to

swine.

Or, I suppose in this case she is showing her pearls in swine.

Audiences who know movie patterns will be able to pick out the killer easily after meeting all of the characters, so the final revelation will surprise few.

It's ironic that a film almost entirely focused on sex should have such a weak climax.

RATING: ★★

- ★★★★★ - Flawless
- ★★★★ - Excellent
- ★★★ - Good
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- ★ - Awful

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Lady Raiders leap past Jumpers for first win

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Freshman Alesha Robertson's inbox was inundated with e-mails Tuesday morning when she woke up wishing her good luck.

When game time rolled around, it was her turn to deliver in her first game as a Lady Raider.

Robertson led Texas Tech in scoring in her debut in the United Spirit Arena with 20 points. She was 6-of-10 from the field and perfect at the free-throw line in an 86-32 win Tuesday.

Head coach Marsha Sharp said it was the type of play she will expect from the McDonald's High School All-American throughout the season.

"I think the thing we've been most impressed with is how many ways she can score," she said. "She's gotten to the rim, but she can also get a long ways behind the three-point line and score there. I think one of her strengths is at the free-throw line. I think the things we've got to do is develop enough options for her to be able to get to the rim."

Robertson displayed her abilities in back-to-back plays where she drained a three-pointer and then drove the lane on the next time down the court for a layup in traffic.

She said it was a difficult adjustment to make to the college game, but once she got the butterflies out of her stomach, she was ready to go.

"It's a little different than high school, but I think after the first couple of shots I started to get a little more comfortable," she said. "I've been waiting for this moment for a long time."

Aside from Robertson's performance the Lady Raiders held the Perik Jumpers to 32 points, with seven coming in the second half. The defense started out slowly and responded in the second half by shutting down the Jumpers. Tech held Perik scoreless for more than 14 minutes in the second half until the Jumpers finally scored on a free throw with 5.6 seconds remaining.

Sharp said she would use the exhibition games as an opportunity to scope things out with her team and attempt to answer some questions. One question leading into the game was the play in the middle. After starting slowly on defense, she was pleased with how the post-position was playing defense in the second half.

"We weren't physical enough tonight," she said. "And we're gonna have to get more physical than we were. I was real disappointed in our ability to control defensive rebounds, and I felt that was some post play that we really needed right there."

The importance of establishing the inside game with a rebounding presence may be important for the Lady Raiders this season as Sharp said Tech is not as impeding inside.

"We're not going to overpower a lot of people," Sharp said. "We're gonna have to finesse people and out-

quick them, but we are gonna have to block people out, and we didn't do a very good job of that in the first half tonight."

Another challenge for Tech could be the motion offense it is running this year. In an attempt to get more perimeter players open with good looks at the basketball Tech moved the ball around, and guard Jia Perkins said it worked well for the first time out.

"I think our motion offense did a good job," she said. "I think it's good with a lot of movement because a lot of teams can get lost in the movement."

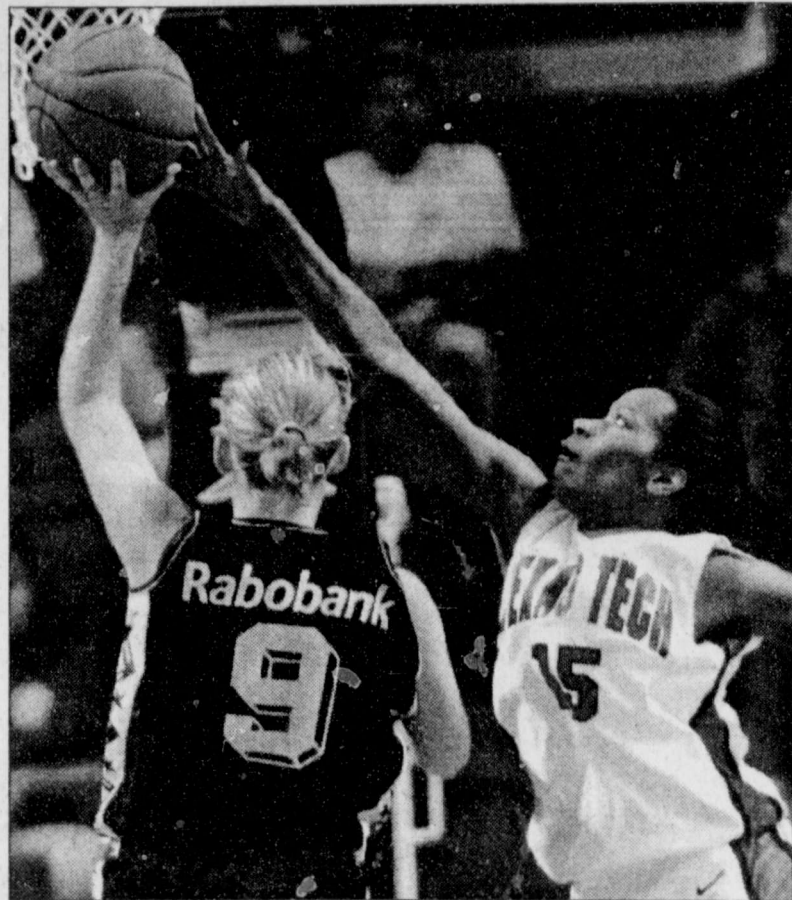
The exhibition games this season for every team in the nation will be an experimental time.

The NCAA is considering changing the lane size and moving the 3-point line back. All teams will be using the trapezoid lane and a 3-point line nine inches back in all exhibition and preseason games.

That trapezoid lane's use means a post player can have more room to work in the lane and around big defenders because a player can pull the defender away from the basket to create room and make a move around them.

What it does for a point guard like Perkins, is creates more lanes to run through and drive the lane.

"The thing it changes the most is your ability to defend post players," Sharp said. "It's hard to front post players when there's a trapezoid lane because there's so much room between them and the rim."



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TEXAS TECH GUARD Jia Perkins blocks a shot by Perik Jumpers' center Annelies Bussink during the first half of the Lady Raiders' exhibition win against the Jumpers Tuesday in the United Spirit Arena. Tech will face the Houston Jaguars at 7 p.m. Monday in an exhibition game in the USA.

The men's basketball team begins its season at 7 p.m. today against the EA Sports All-Stars in the United Spirit Arena.

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Thoughts on defense spoken too soon

In the past week I've received a lot of feedback about my now infamous column chastising the Red Raider defense.

Some responses were positive, some were negative and some were aggressive. Most people thought, though I must have it in for the Tech defense. People thought I got some kind of twisted thrill out of calling them out for bad play.

Trust me, I didn't. I, in no way, wrote the column with any ill will towards the defense, and the football players who remember me from my football coverage last season should know I'm a pretty good guy.

But I thought the majority of the Tech student body felt the same way I did at the time, and I felt a responsibility to voice their views for them. Also, as a columnist I've always wanted to be able to influence the areas and teams I write about.

Now I'm not going to claim credit for the way the Raiders slammed Colo-



Kyle Clark

rado Saturday. That honor should go exclusively to the members of the Tech defense. But as I got word of the football team bristling at the sound of my name and using my column as a rallying cry to prove themselves, I thought I might have made a difference.

And as safety Vincent Meeks pulled down the game winning interception, I was excited that the group had, for a least one week, gotten the proverbial monkey off its back.

By the way, students who showed up to class Friday, despite their hangovers, and picked up a UD might have seen that I picked Colorado to score 21 points in the game, and one day later the Raider defense held the Buf-

faloes to 21 points.

I knew this defense had potential. All the group needed was a little bulletin board material.

Despite picking Colorado's score accurately, I goofed on the Tech score as I picked the Raiders to run up 56 points of the Buffaloes' woeful pass defense.

Directly after the game in which Tech quarterback B.J. Symons threw five interceptions, I was asked, "Are you going to give B.J. hell this week?" No way.

Bad games happen, and while Symons hasn't been at his sharpest point in the last two games, he is still having one of the best passing seasons in college football history. Injuries Symons has tallied throughout the season could be hampering the quarterback's performance, but a slightly injured Symons starting behind center is still Tech's best bet this season.

Symons' troubles with interceptions can best be attributed to the Colorado defense.

Colorado, despite having a porous pass defense, came into the contest with a game plan of not showing Symons reads by lining its defensive backs in a row across the middle of the field.

The ploy had not been used against the Raiders this season to my knowledge, so kudos to Symons' uncharacteristic bad night should go to Colorado coach Gary Barnett and his defensive staff who came up with a good idea on how to stop

the Red Raider offense.

Despite Symons' troubles and the defense's revival, the gameball this week has to go to Wes Welker. Welker brought the Raiders back into the game with his eighth career punt return for a touchdown. Welker once again was a spark plug to the Raiders' engine.

This week Welker has another opportunity to impress, Symons has a game to get back in gear and the defense will have the chance to carry the momentum gained by beating the Buffaloes into a game against conference doormat Baylor.

Baylor, despite having a 3-6 record, is having one of its better seasons in recent memory and cannot be overlooked by the Raiders.

I'm betting Tech comes into this game feisty and fighting and takes the Bears down with an offensive assault and a defensive stranglehold.

Many Tech fans are clamoring for a convincing road victory over a good team. While Baylor may not be the fish those fans want to fry, a win over the Bears would put the Raiders at 7-3 heading into its rivalry game against the Texas Longhorns in Austin.

Now that's a big fish to fry.

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Tech cross country runners enjoying successful season

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech women's cross country team entered the Big 12 Conference Championship in Austin on the cusp of a ranking in the top 30. Coming off a fourth-place finish at the Big 12 meet, the Red Raiders are now inside the ranking bracket and one step closer to a bid for the NCAA Championships on Nov. 24.

Sophomore Katie Leonard, who finished 64th with a time of 24:16.1 despite battling dehydration, said the fourth-place finish, the best in school history, is something she knew could happen, but it still surprised her.

"It's a really awesome feeling," she said. "I was actually with the EMTs when my dad told me, and I just started crying because I was so excited. Our goal since the end of last season was to finish in the top half, and to finish in the top half and have the best finish in school history, that's just a great feeling."

In only his second season as head coach of the cross country teams, Burke Binning has seen his team move from ninth to fourth in the Big 12. He said this kind of finish is something for which he did not plan.

"It's a little strange," he said. "I never expected it. This team this year was a real surprise at how much work they put in over the summer. The dedication has been incredible. It's not anything I'm doing. It's just them going through the training, doing things right, eating right, sleeping right, but to

take them to their best finish ever is pretty sweet. It's something I can put as a feather in my hat, I guess."

When he arrived last season, Binning said the team he inherited was an inexperienced one in need of some directional motivation.

"They were kind of a green group, I guess," he said. "Very young and not necessarily inexperienced but just not really knowing what to do in races, how to pack up and run well as a team. Cross country is very team-oriented, and I kind of inherited a lot of individuals."

Junior Stefanie Calhoun said with Tech's performance in Austin as well as the performances of other schools elsewhere, the Raiders' chances for a bid to nationals are looking good.

"We beat Nebraska, and they were a ranked team, so that's going to look good," she said. "We also beat Texas on their home course, so I'm sure that was good also. I don't know if it matters as much, but the results from other conferences with teams that we've beat in the past like Georgia, who placed second at their conference meet, and Arkansas, who placed third at that same meet. We beat both of those teams, and so if we're beating teams that are that high in their conferences, it's going to look good for us in the polls."

Although what other schools do might affect Tech, Calhoun said the Raiders would do better focusing on themselves as they prepare for the Mountain Regional Tournament on Nov. 15.

Texas Tech Cross Country



Raiders hoping to continue domination of Sooners

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The Red Raider volleyball team discovered the formula for success Saturday with a 3-2 win over the Baylor Bears in Waco. Now Texas Tech (10-12 overall, 2-11 Big 12 Conference) looks to continue its winning ways on the road, this time against the Oklahoma Sooners (10-14, 2-11) in Norman, Okla.

Tech earned its first conference win against the Sooners on Oct. 22 in Lubbock, winning in three straight games. That victory extended Tech's streak of consecutive victories against the Sooners to 11 matches. The Sooners also have not taken a game from Tech during that streak.

Tech now arrives in Sooner territory after the win against Baylor and a tough four game loss to the No. 11 ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers. Junior defensive specialist Jessie Herrera said Tech is on a roll right now.

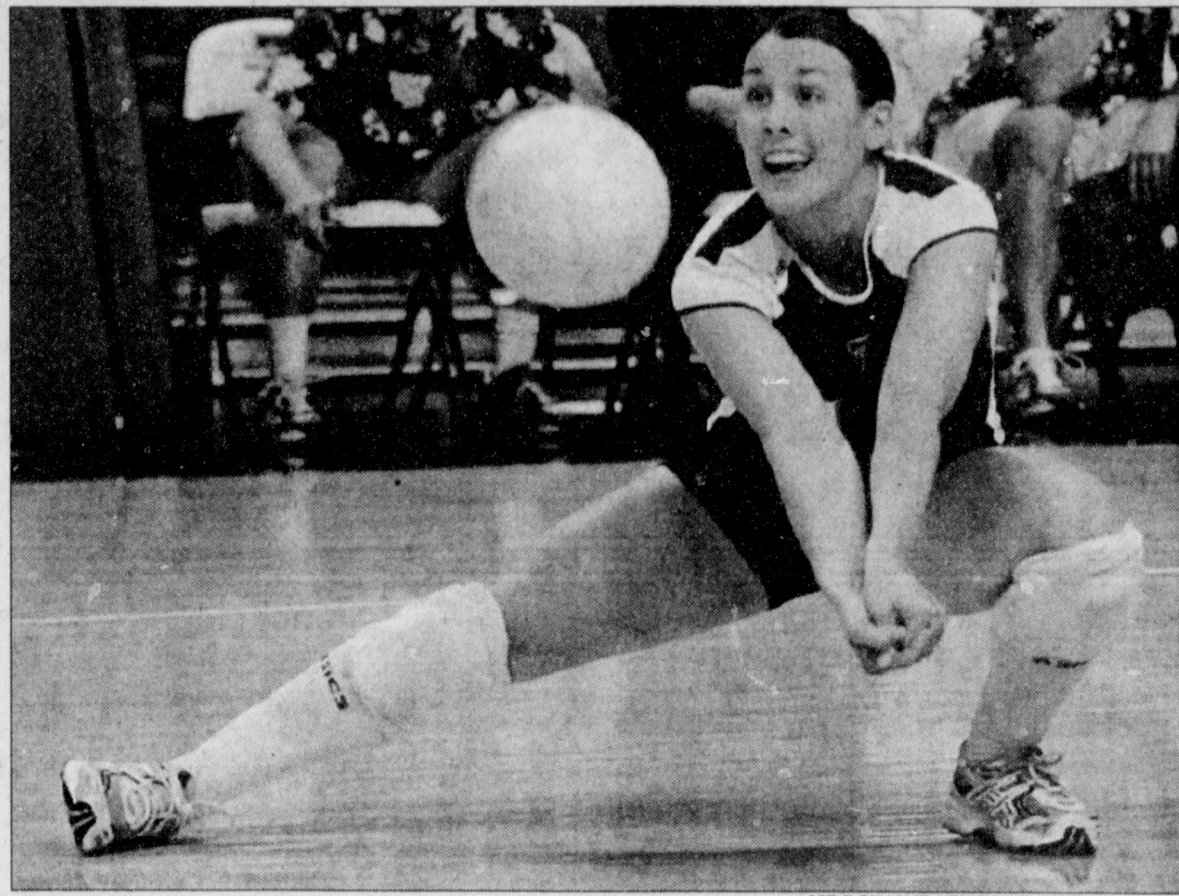
"It's definitely a momentum booster to play that well against Nebraska even though I think we should've probably won with how we were playing," she said. "It was good with Baylor and now Oklahoma. We really wanted to beat Baylor, and we did well."

One of the problems for the Raiders this season has been a collapse in the latter games. Against Missouri, Tech won game one, played a close game two and then the Tigers won games three and four handily.

Against Nebraska, Tech won game one but did not win any of the other games.

While facing Baylor, the Raiders won the first two games but were dealt a 30-16 loss in game three and a 30-28 loss in game four before sealing the victory with a 15-13 win in game five. Tech head coach Nancy Todd said the Raiders almost let another one get away.

"We played so well the first two games," she said. "We controlled it



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TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE specialist Daneen Grisham digs for a low ball during the Red Raiders' loss to Nebraska Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena. Tech will face the Oklahoma Sooners at 7 p.m. today in Norman, Okla. The Raiders have swept the last 11 matches between the two teams.

the whole time, controlled the match, and then they came back from half-time, and I think they had thought they had won."

The Raiders had been plagued by injuries for several weeks, with seven of the 12 players on the roster battling some sort of health issue. With the recent addition of senior Angela Mooney who was out for several weeks after knee surgery, junior outside hitter Kelly Johnson said the team is starting to regain its identity.

"It's good to have Angela back," she said. "I think she provides a lot of different energy and confidence and her style of play. It's just good to have her back on the court."

Another benefit of being generally injury-free is that the players can learn to be comfortable in their positions, Todd said.

"Just having people stay in the

same positions for a little bit, then they can find niches as far as what to do in the rotation," she said. "We've got a more steady lineup, and that helps."

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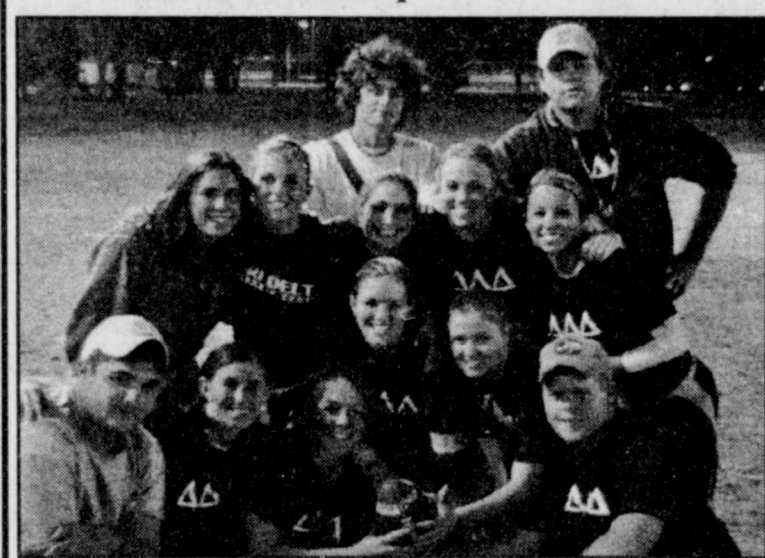
The Flag Football season which started with 393 teams ended with 3 teams taking top honors. The men's open champion, Franchise, defeated the Greek champion, Kappa Alpha 20 - 13. Chase Pharris, of Franchise, led a balanced attack which stormed out to a 13 point lead at halftime. Kappa Alpha cut the lead to 7 with an interception return for touchdown by David Goodman. The women's championship couldn't be decided during regulation and needed 1 overtime period to crown a champ. Its J.T.G. tied the score at 8 with only seconds remaining in regulation, but Tri-Delt scored on a 4th and goal pass to Lauren Caltagirone, in overtime to win. For Co-Rec the championship, Bibendums scored 4 touchdowns involving a female for 9 points a piece en route to a 36-7 victory over Unnecessary Roughness.



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Cross Country Run

The cross country meet was the scene of some fun and great running action. 273 runners ran, jogged and walked the course in a fun competition. Keith Rieger was the overall top finisher. Rieger took the 1.75 mile course in 8 minutes and 33 seconds. The top finishers were in the Open Division as Rieger held off Steven Morales in second and Nick Luksza in third.

The team events was where the action was. In the Open Team event team Outdoor Pursuit edged Team Fitwell 69 to 101. Members of the Open Champion team were Mat Erpelding (7th Open) Mark McNitzky (12) Sean Troyer (15) Luke Moorehead (17) and Don Robinett (18).

The Greek Red Champion was Phi Kappa Psi. They finished 5 points ahead of Theta Chi and 9 points in front of Theta Xi. Scoring top points for Phi Kappa Psi were Tyler Yeary, Mike Magee, and Nate Johnson. 11 members of Phi Kappa Psi made up the winning team. The top 2 finishers in Greek Red were both from Delta Sigma Phi. Jason Baen was the first Greek Red and 17th overall finisher. Brett Boissetain was second and 23rd overall. However with only 2 finishers Delta Sigma Phi did not qualify for the team title.

The Greek Black was heavily contested. All 12 Fraternities competed in the event that included 202 of the total runners. When the dust cleared, Fiji was crowned the Champion with Kappa Alpha Second. Robert Wallace finished 6th overall and first in Greek Black and right behind him was Nate Clayton who finished 8th overall and 2nd in Greek Black. Beau Fredrickson, Dane Gray and Dustin Darakhshan were the other point scorers for Fiji. The Fiji team had 36 men participate for their organization. The team with the greatest participation was Phi Delta Theta. The Phi Delt squad finished 4th in Greek Black but had 43 men cross the finish line.

FITNESS/WELLNESS

Be A Hero At The Bone Marrow Drive

For several kinds of cancer, the only treatment is a bone marrow transplant. By giving a small fingerprick of blood, you can be put on the National Registry. If you are matched in the future with an individual needing a transplant, you could be called to donate bone marrow. The drive is today from 3-7 pm and tomorrow from 9am - 7pm be in the Fitness/Wellness Center.

Looking For A Job?

Fitness/Wellness - Personal Trainers

The Fitness/Wellness Center is currently taking applications for two positions: Fitness/Wellness Assistant and Personal Trainer. The applicants should possess good interpersonal skills and communication skills, knowledge in exercise physiology, kinesiology, nutrition, and/or anatomy/physiology, and experience in muscular conditioning and cardiovascular conditioning. An ACE, ACSM, or NSCS personal training certification is a plus. Applications are available in the Fitness/Wellness Center through Friday, Nov. 7.

Fitness Instructors

The Fitness/Wellness Center is currently taking applications for Fitness Instructors to teach group exercise classes such as step, funk, shape & tone, indoor cycling, tennis, and other types of dance, sport or fitness type classes. Applicants need to possess leadership skills, a working knowledge of exercise principles, basic exercise physiology, kinesiology, and anatomy, and be able to cue safe and appropriate exercises to music. A group exercise certification through ACE, AFAA, and/or ACSM is a plus. Applications are available in the Fitness/Wellness Center. After completing an application, please sign up for an audition/tryout time. Auditions will be Nov 10-12. For more information, call 742-3828.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Outdoor Equipment Rental

It is not too late to plan your own adventure before the cool fall weather and the load of schoolwork keeps you indoors. The Outdoor Pursuits Center has a wide variety of camping and backpacking equipment to help in outfitting your own trips. Also, it is not too early to start planning your winter break ski trip. We have ski, blades, and snowboard package deals for anyone heading to the mountains over winter break. Our equipment can be reserved up to two weeks in advance by simply stopping by our office and paying the rental fee. Our hours are: Monday and Friday 10-6 P.M. and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 12-5 P.M.

Our friendly staff can also help find that perfect campsite or suggest areas that are interesting to visit and close to Lubbock. Our resource files also contains maps that can help plan a backpacking, river running, or car camping trip. Stop by our Outdoor Pursuits Center located at the north entrance of the Rec Center for more information.

Women In Climbing

Every Thursday Night from 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Whether you've never climbed before or you are a regular at the wall, join the OPC Women Climbers at the third floor climbing wall to learn your skills, meet other climbers and experience a new way to work out. No experience necessary to attend this fun and supportive program. Our female instructors teach to all abilities, and take the time to work with each participant. The third floor climbing wall is an excellent place to boulder and learn to climb, without external influences.

Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports world...

Water Polo Club

Tryouts - Wed Nov. 5th and 12 at 6:30 at the Recreation Aquatic Center. Swimming experience necessary, but skills can be developed!!! For more info contact Dee Pouzol at 742-3351.

Bowling Entries Due

This is your last chance to participate in this fall's team bowling tournament. This Sunday, November 9th, the tournament will be held at Brunswick South Plains Bowl on 5150 69th Street. The cost for this event will be \$6 and will include 3 games of bowling with shoes and whole lot of fun. There will be 3 different team divisions: men's, women's and co-recreational. To sign up, come to Room 203, in the SRC by Friday afternoon. Don't delay because space is limited to the first 40 teams who sign up for this tournament.

Splash Down

Tonight is the intramural swim meet. The meet begins at 6:30pm in the Recreational Aquatic Center. Interested swimmers who have not registered may come before the meet (6pm) and register.

If you want to join in and swim, you may register until 5pm today in SRC room 203 or come to the meet at 6pm and register there.

Table Tennis

Come try your hand at the IM Table Tennis Tournament! Sign-ups end on Monday, Nov. 10th at 5pm. The tournament will begin next Wednesday, Nov. 12th at 7pm in the second floor lounge of the SRC. We have both a Men's and Women's division of competition. Stop by Room 203 and sign up now!

Volleyball Rankings

MEN'S

1. Tim's Team
2. Beckham's Boys
3. Boatox

WOMEN'S

1. 2nd String
2. Zeta
3. Heartstopper

Sleep Out for the Homeless

November 13 & 14
from Thursday to 4 p.m. Friday

Contact Kara McMahon at 742-0226 or
kara.mcmahon@ttu.edu for
location and details.

If you were one of 3.5 million people in America
who experienced homelessness this year,
wouldn't you want to know that someone cares?

Donations of canned goods, clothing
and blankets appreciated.



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EVERY DAY?**

Try something **DIFFERENT** this week!

Two special theme lines are open for lunch Monday through Friday:

Hulen/Clement Features
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assortment of freshly baked pizzas
and we make sandwiches just for
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Asian Food



The Minh Dynasty offers at least two Asian
entrées each day, along with soup and
fortune cookies.

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