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## FBI agent says Butler not happy with HSC

By Heidi Toth/News Editor

Elisabeth Butler cried Monday as she sat in the courtroom listening to testimony against her husband.

Week two of Dr. Thomas Butler's trial of 69 counts began with area FBI supervisor Miles Burden. Burden told the jury that another agent had spoken with Elisabeth Butler, who told him her husband was not satisfied with Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and he was not receiving his deserved recognition. He believed officials at the university were trying to sabotage him, according to the Associated Press.

Burden said Butler was a disgruntled employee, possibly the disgruntled employee Butler listed when asked who could have

taken the plague.

Burden also expressed another concern, according to the AP. He said he was afraid that Butler was growing large amounts of the plague bacteria.

On cross examination, defense attorney Chuck Meadows asked Burden if things had changed since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Burden said they had and agreed a defense plan was needed to combat any bioterrorism attacks, including antibiotics such as the ones Butler was studying.

After Butler wrote out his statement,



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agents went to his lab to verify that the bacteria was destroyed, an impossible task, Burden said, because they did not know for sure the bacteria existed. Butler was the only witness to its existence and destruction, he said.

During the search of Butler's office, agents found a permit from the Institutional Biohazards Committee allowing Butler to do research on animal-derived *Yersinia pestis*. This permit did not apply to human-derived bacteria, which required a permit from the Institutional Review Board, Burden said.

"It's there for accountability so you don't have doctors doing research on humans without someone knowing what you're doing," he said.

Mark Hemphill, a researcher at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in

Atlanta, said although May Chu and David Dennis, two of Butler's contacts at CDC in Fort Collins, Colo., that he worked with on the plague bacteria, cannot interpret or administer the federal regulations for transporting select agents, that information was not in any documents or forms Butler would have received.

He discussed the EA101, a form that needs to be filled out when transporting select agents such as *Yersinia pestis*. This form does not have to be filled out if the agent is for reference, verification or diagnostic work, he said, which is what Butler wanted the CDC to do. However, an import permit is filled out without exceptions — that applies to the CDC, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases, the Food and

Drug Administration and any other federal, state or private entity.

Also, Hemphill said Butler's hand carriage of the plague to Fort Collins was against federal regulations, despite what Dennis may have communicated in several e-mails.

Jeff O'Connor, managing director for airport safety and compliance with American Airlines, said there are regulations about shipping and labeling in place to ensure public safety.

"The public fear of infectious substances plays a lot into that ... when those types of packages are spilled it does become a concern for our employees," he said.

If unmarked containers spill during transport

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## Senate asks for new exec. officer

**YOU DECIDE:** Student vote will resolve new position's fate.

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association Student Senate approved concurrent resolution 39.01 at its meeting on Thursday, which amends the SGA constitution by including a new executive office to represent graduate students.



A special referendum election will take place later in the semester for students to decide whether the position should be created. A specific date has yet to be assigned.

The vice president for graduate student affairs position will provide better graduate student representation among student senators and administrative representatives at Tech, according to the resolution.

Nathan Nash, engineering student senator and journal clerk, said the resolution was approved by the majority of the Senate.

"It passed by a response from the senators," he said. "There were more yays than nays, so there was not a need for us to take (a hand vote)."

If students vote for the position the Senate will decide how the position will be filled, he said.

The Senate will either appoint a graduate student to the position or elect a special election, where graduate students will elect the student.

"It is up to the Senate to decide how this position will be filled," he said. "We want to get someone in there as soon as possible, but we still have some other factors to look into."

He said the senators have been working on this legislation for a long time. The legislation went through three readings, a student forum and many discussions until it passed.

Once the legislation passed, some of the senators were excited and started clapping, he said. The senators were happy to see their hard work paid off.

Jeremy Brown, SGA president, said the senators realized the different student demographics at Tech and how vital it is to have more graduate student representation within the SGA.

"As the president, I don't see students as undergrad or graduate — I see them as students," he said. "But I do know that graduate students have different needs,

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## A CUT FOR CLASSROOMS



TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH CHANCELLOR Dr. David Smith, far left, along with HSC President Dr. Roy M. Wilson, second from right to left, and other officials cut the ribbon Monday afternoon for a new academic building located at the Health Sciences Center. The two-story, 60,000-square-foot building cost \$15.4 million.

### Health Sciences Center dedicates new academic building with ribbon-cutting ceremony

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

If Texas Tech builds it, will they come? The Health Sciences Center officially dedicated a new academic classroom building to HSC students Monday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the main entrance of the new addition.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said at a meeting immediately following the ceremony that he hopes expansions such as the new classroom building will help the HSC continue to attract new students.

"We hope to sustain movement," he said. "I believe this is the finest health sciences center in the country. This is what the faculty and students deserve."

The cost of the new two-story, 60,000-square-foot building is \$15.4 million. Plans for the classroom began in December 2001.

Smith said construction of the building was made possible through the combined efforts of many people on the Tech campus and in the Lubbock community.

"These things don't just happen," he said.

Dr. M. Roy Wilson, HSC president, thanked students as well.

"Most importantly, we would like to applaud the students," he said. "They are the

reason we exist."

Linda Townsend, a senior nursing student from Richardson, attends classes at the HSC. She said the additional classroom space will help to alleviate overcrowding at HSC classrooms, and she agrees that the new facility could potentially help in attracting new students to the school.

"It's a great publicity thing for future students," she said.

Townsend said she witnessed students in some of her classes resorting to sitting on the floor or dragging in extra chairs.

"It's nice," she said. "We won't have to use the same classroom over and over again."

Townsend said she would like to see developments throughout other parts of campus now that attention has been paid to HSC.

"They need to do something for the engineering building," she said.

Wilson said the need for the building was apparent to HSC administration.

"The faculty all stressed that this building was most important to our constituents," he said. "It is important for us to provide a classroom facility that will allow every opportunity for the faculty to teach and impart information to students."

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## Lubbock water supply reduced, causes area concern

By Selly Gunter/Staff Reporter

The amount of water Lubbock receives from Lake Meredith is decreasing just as quickly as the lake water level is decreasing.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Association reduced the Lubbock water supply from Lake Meredith by 5 percent because of a yearlong drought in the Texas Panhandle.

CRMWA is a political entity developed by the Texas Legislature to regulate water allocations from the lake.

The level of the lake is decreasing by 9 percent per year. The level for 2003 is 61.3 feet, which is down from 79.38 feet in October 2001, said Kent Satterwhite, general manager for the CRMWA.

"2002 and 2003 were bad years, to say the least," he said.

The level does not look to rise as the Amarillo area has received 12.9 inches of rainfall since the beginning of 2003 at an average of 0.24 inches per month, according to the National Weather Service Web site.

Because of the ongoing drought and low lake level, the CRMWA reduced water allocations provided to its 11 member cities by 5 percent.

CRMWA provides water to Amarillo, Plainview, Borger, Pampa, Slaton, Tahoka, Lamesa, Levelland, Brownfield, O'Donnell and Lubbock.

Each city is aware of the water shortage and the cut back in allocations



from the lake, Satterwhite said.

The lake provides water to an estimated 500,000 people, or two-thirds of the entire population of the Panhandle and South Plains regions, he said. It is about 28 billion gallons of water a year, he said.

"There is four years supply left under the worst reasonable scenarios," he said. "The best possible scenario, it would rain and the water goes up and everybody is happy."

The pipeline has the capacity to pump 81,000 gallons of water per minute.

"This would fill an Olympic size swimming pool in two minutes," he said.

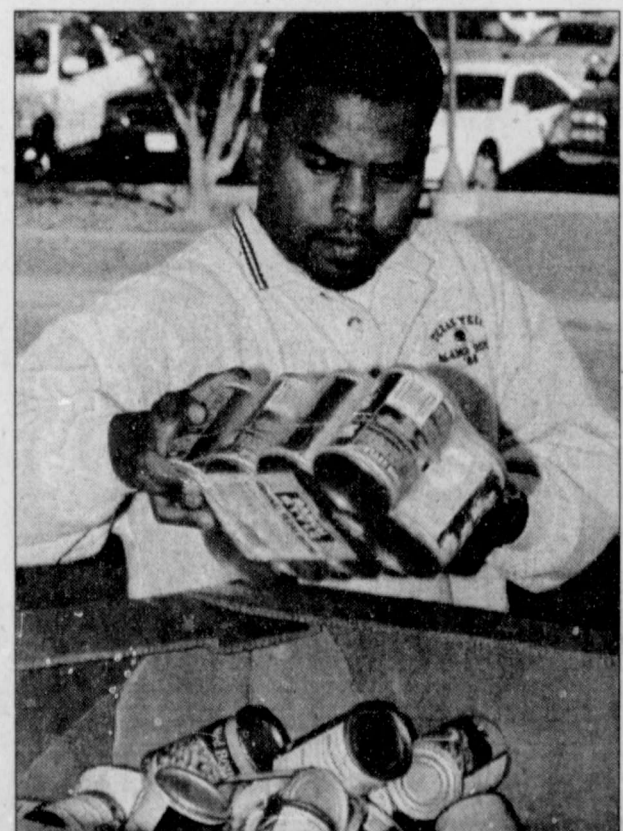
Lubbock began getting its water resources from Lake Meredith in 1967 because the cost of the transaction is cheaper than alternative water supplies. The water is pumped 170 miles, but gravity allows the water to naturally flow through the concrete and steel pipe, said Terry Ellerbrook, director of public works for the city of Lubbock.

There is an average annual demand of 39 million gallons of water a day by residents of the city of Lubbock, Ellerbrook said. The demand can reach 81 million gallons a day during the summer months, he said.

In case of an emergency, the city has a storage reservoir that could

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### CAN IT



OSCAR SOLIS, AN associate of development at the Soth Plains Food Bank and a former Texas Tech football player, helps load one of 12 pallets of food collected at Tech between Nov. 3-7. The non perishable food items were retrieved from the Tech campus to feed almost 400 families. ANDREW WEAHERL/Staff Photographer



The Rundown



Report: A&M bonfire lacked command system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 1999 collapse of the Texas A&M bonfire lacked a command system to manage the thousands of police, fire and other responders to the disaster, according to a review of the collapse by federal officials.

The unlit bonfire, a 59-foot-high, wedding cake-style stack of more than 5,000 logs, collapsed Nov. 18, 1999, while under construction. Eleven students and one graduate who were on the stack helping to build it died and 27 others were injured.

Having a command in place would have allowed for better management of the more than 3,000 responders from 50 different agencies, according to a news release on the report issued by Federal Emergency Management Agency on Monday. A copy of the report was not immediately available. It was compiled by the U.S. Fire Administration.

The fire administration reviews major fires and emergencies, usually involving multiple deaths or loss of property, for "lessons learned" or to emphasize ongoing issues in firefighting, the agency said in its news release.

Air Force jet intercepts plane near White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air Force fighter jets were scrambled Monday to intercept a privately owned plane that flew too close to the White House, the Secret Service said.

President Bush was away at the time, on a trip to Arkansas and South Carolina.

President Dick Cheney and White House chief of staff Andrew Card were moved temporarily to a secure location as a precautionary measure, said presidential spokesman Scott McClellan. They resumed their normal routine soon thereafter, said McClellan, who was with Bush in Little Rock, Ark.

The privately owned plane was detected flying in a southwest direction, coming down the Potomac River, when it entered restricted airspace, said Secret Service spokeswoman Jean Mitchell.

The fighters were scrambled from nearby Andrews Air Force in Maryland and they intercepted the plane, escorting it out of the area, she said.

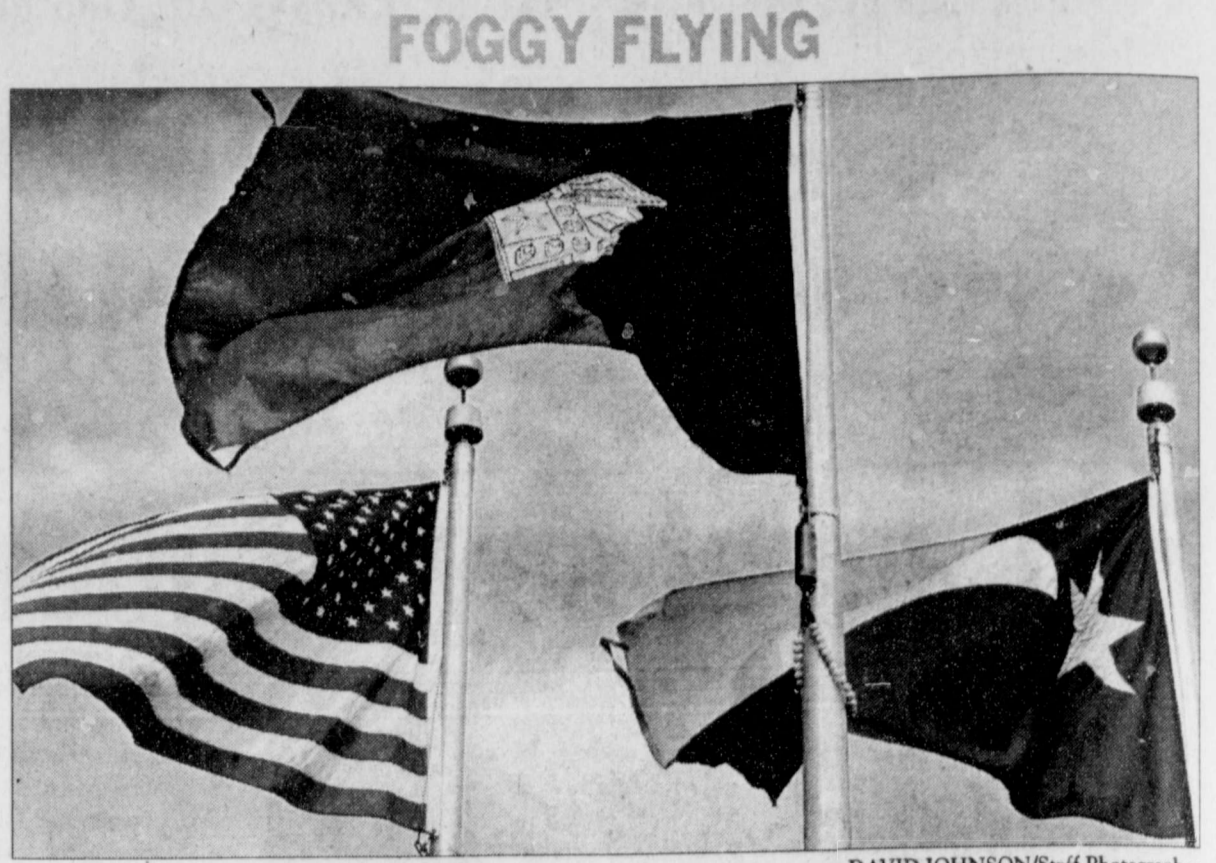
WTO panel confirms U.S. steel duties illegal

GENEVA (AP) — An appeals panel ruled Monday that U.S. duties on imported steel introduced last year are illegal, and the European Union is threatening to retaliate with \$2.2 billion in sanctions unless Washington lifts the tariffs swiftly.

The White House quickly disputed the decision by the World Trade Organization panel, which rejected the bulk of the U.S. appeal seeking to strike down a July ruling that the duties break WTO rules.

"We disagree with the overall WTO report and we are going to study it and look at its implications and go from there," White House press secretary Scott McClellan. He would not offer a timetable for a White House decision on whether to rescind the tariffs.

"We believe (the duties) are fully consistent with WTO rules and we will carefully review those decisions."



THE FLAGS OF the USA, Texas Tech and Texas flags fly under a cloudy sky Wednesday outside the Law School.

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airport employees have to take extra precautions when dealing with it because they do not know what the substance is or how dangerous it is. Because of this concern, dangerous substances are required to be marked with the biohazard symbol, the name of what is inside, what to do if it spills or another problem arises and contact information for the responsible party.

O'Connor said shipping dry ice also presents a problem for the airline,

which is what Butler used in transporting the plague vials from Tanzania. Because carbon dioxide is heavier than air, it replaces the air in an enclosed space, which could cause asphyxiation. Passengers are required to inform the airline if they are transporting dry ice.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Dick Baker went over a Federal Express shipping form with O'Connor that Butler had used several years ago. They determined it was filled out correctly and Butler did have the necessary knowledge of what he needed to do to transport infectious substances.

Special Agents Keith Quigley and

James Kendall, who conducted the searches of Butler's residence and lab, respectively, testified that all of the searches were done with either a search warrant or Butler's consent. Agents looked for and seized documents related to research, travel, finances and other things, as well as continuing to search for the vials of bacteria. Quigley said Elisabeth Butler had discussed an FDA grant that Thomas Butler was about to receive, which would transfer him to Galveston. He said she called the opportunity a dream job for her husband.

Court will reconvene Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

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and we have to make sure we meet those needs."

Brown said the hardest part now that the legislation is passed will be getting the students informed and motivated enough to vote.

Catherine Polydore, Graduate and Professionals Student Government Association president, said the decision made by the SGA Student Senate will not affect the GPSGA.

"We will continue to represent the graduate students as we have in the past," she said. "The future looks very promising for us."

Polydore said the administration and

different committee councils at Tech will continue to support the GPSGA.

She said there have not been any improvements on finding funds for graduate student organizations through the GPSGA, but they will continue to search for funds.

Senate Resolution 39.10 also passed on Thursday, which states the sentiments of the Student Senate in regards to the allocation and regulation of funds allotted to the GPSGA student organizations.

Jacque Steinmetz, SGA internal vice president, said senate resolution 39.10 was approved and graduate student organizations will be funded by the SGA.

"Whenever a student organization gets funded, that money comes from the student services fee, which is regulated by (SGA)," she said.

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Elmo Cavin, vice president of HSC, said he is impressed by the size and beauty of the new building, as well as its potential to be a good learning environment for students.

"It's a beautiful building," he said. "The future looks very promising for us."

Jennie Clifton, a senior nursing student from Dallas, said she and her friends might take a class in the new building this spring.

"It's pretty neat," she said. "We

looked in the classroom—it's big, better than what we're in now."

Elizabeth Preston, HSC Student Government Association president, said not only will the new building help to facilitate interdisciplinary communication between future physicians and nursing students, it is also a symbol of the dedication the HSC administration has in serving the student population.

"The faculty has worked hard to put students first. This just proves (the administration) is working diligently (for students)," she said. "As students, we will strive to show our appreciation."

Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, he is proud to have been a part of the planning process for the new building. He said the synergy of the space was perfect.

The new academic classroom building is just one of the constructional changes being made at HSC. Smith said more additions and improvement to Tech's medical school are in the works.

"We aren't done yet," he said.

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SUBWAY



# Committee evaluates school of Mass Comm

**EXAMINING STANDARDS:** Accrediting council on campus Monday, today to file report on reaccreditation.

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication site team visited the School of Mass Communications Monday to file a report on the reaccreditation of the school.

The site team includes academics and professionals in the field of mass communications, which conducts self-study of the school, said Jerry Hudson, director of the School of Mass Communications. The self-study judges the school on its performance in the 12 standards set by the council.

Today the team will have its final meetings with Hudson and President Jon Whitmore before leaving to submit its report. Every six years, a site team visits the campus to see how the school is operating. After a report is filed, the school can either be fully reaccredited or receive a provisional accreditation, Hudson said.

A provisional accreditation means the school scored well, but there are some problems and the school would have a probation period of a year to fix the problems.

The last option for the site team would be to deny reaccreditation. In that case, the school would not be able to apply again for two years, Hudson said.

However, members of the administration and faculty in the school believe that

will not happen. Roger Saathoff, an associate professor of mass communications, said he believes the school scored well in regard to the standards set.

"I think we ought to meet most of the standards," he said. "There can be surprises, but we should meet most of the standards."

A final accreditation decision will not be made until May 2004.

According to the accrediting council's Web site, the six-member site team evaluates the school's curriculum, advising process and various activities.

The team also looks at its budget, diversity and equipment.

Although each standard is just as important as the others, the site team met with administrators, faculty and students to listen to the good and bad perspectives on the school.

The site team arrived Sunday night to take a tour of the campus and the school. Throughout the day on Monday, different

members of the team visited mass communication classrooms to evaluate the instruction process.

On Monday morning members of the site team met with 17 students in the School of Mass Communications to hear their comments and concerns about the school.

One of the members of the site team said hearing the experiences of the students is important because it gives the team a firsthand experience to see what the students think.

Many of the students in the meeting agreed the quality and passion of the professors in the school is excellent.

Due to the broad range of classes required for mass communications majors, some students said finding a niche and knowing what to do after graduation is easier.

Although the group praised the advisers for helping students find their strengths and faculty for getting students to start experiencing real-life situations, the students did express concerns about various topics in the school.



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer  
BETH BARNES, CHAIRWOMAN of the Mass Communications reaccreditation team, discusses Tech's reaccreditation with students. Barnes is chairwoman of the School of Journalism and Telecommunications at the University of Kentucky.

The students said they would like to see faculty with more and better electronic equipment. They also said they would also like an end to redundant classes that do not help students retain the knowledge they have learned over their career in the school.

Faculty and administration also expressed concerns about the school. Although the teaching quality of the present faculty is excellent, Hudson said he would

like to add a few more faculty members in the future. He also said the number of students is becoming quite large in relation to other aspects of the school.

"We have far too many students for the budget and faculty we have now," Hudson said. "Before the next accreditation we would like an increase in the budget."

At the end of the day on Monday, the site team was going to develop their report.



## Veterans reflect on significance of day

By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

When Diana McClendon was a child, every Veterans Day she would decorate the local cemeteries with flags — a tradition she feels has been lost in the south with the passing of each generation.

"I don't think they do it in Lubbock anymore — but it is a huge tradition in the east to decorate the cemeteries with flags to honor the veterans," said McClendon, who volunteers at the Disabled American Veterans Store.

Veterans Day holds a special place in McClendon's heart because her stepfather was a veteran and her biological father died in World War II. McClendon said she believes Veterans Day, for some people, has lost its meaning.

"For most people it is nothing more than a holiday and a day to get off work — there is a whole generation in America that doesn't know what it means to be a veteran or what a war is; today's generation is too young to have experienced the Vietnam War," she said.

McClendon said people are now starting to realize the importance of veterans.

"Since the recent war in Iraq, people are understanding a little bit more what it means to be a veteran — the great service they do and how it feels to go to war and to come back," she said.

Veterans Day is observed on Nov. 11, signifying the end of the World War I fighting at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918.

The Disabled American Veterans Store will be closed in honor of Veterans Day, as will some local businesses and banks.

The International Cultural Center will host a ceremonial flag raising in honor of Veterans Day entitled "Historical American Flags" in which members of the National Sojourners will present 15 historical flags.

The National Sojourners is an organization comprised of officers of the Armed Forces of the United States and selected honorary members.

Dianne Crowley, the assistant director for the K-12 International Education Outreach Program, said area veterans would be at the ceremony.

"We will have veterans from the various American wars represented at the ceremony to participate and honor the services they have done," she said.

Crowley said the ceremony is an annual tradition the ICC has done for the past six years, and different officers present the ceremony each year.

Sgt. First Class Kevin Carter said the ceremony would include a formal flag retirement in which the Texas Tech ROTC will participate.

"We will have a burn barrel for the formal flag retirement to burn the flags given to us by the Lubbock communities and surrounding communities," he said.

An American flag can be formally burned if it touches the ground or is too old and tattered to be repaired.

Carter said students would learn about the ceremony if they attended the ceremony.

"The ceremony will give knowledge about the flag plus, our country is in a state of turmoil — the ceremony and the flag burning shows honor to our country," he said.

Crowley said remembering veterans who have fought for the country is important on Veterans Day.

"The veterans have fought for our freedom and sacrificed their time so that we can enjoy living in America," she said.

Stan Daniel, the manager for the Disabled American Veteran Store, said his parents, who are both veterans, are part of the reason this country is great.

"Veterans Day is another day to celebrate who has made this country great, my father and mother are part of the reason this country is great — it is a day to honor the people who have fallen in trying to make this country great," he said.

The International Cultural Center at 601 Indiana Ave. will begin the ceremony at 10 a.m.

## Lawyers for sniper suspect Malvo say he was brainwashed

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Defense lawyers finalizing their plans for trying to keep sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo out of Virginia's death chamber have had an unlikely ally: the state.

As the 18-year-old defendant goes on trial Monday in Chesapeake, prosecutors in nearby Virginia Beach have been trying to convince a jury there that fellow suspect John Allen Muhammad, 42, exerted such control over Malvo that Muhammad should be held responsible for the shootings that killed 10 and wounded three in the Washington area last fall.

It's a theme that will be repeated at Malvo's trial — by the defense. Malvo's lawyers plan to argue that he is innocent by reason of insanity.

"Our strategy is their strategy," Malvo lawyer Michael Arif said. "If you watch the prosecutors (in Muhammad's case) carefully, they will never put on evidence that Lee was the shooter in any of the shootings in question."

The defendants are being tried

from different killings by prosecutors from two different Virginia counties. Both face the possibility of the death penalty if convicted.

Prosecutors from Fairfax County say Malvo, who is charged with murder in the Oct. 14, 2002, death of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, has admitted committing many of the shootings.

His lawyers argue that he confessed only to protect Muhammad, whom he called father, and that Muhammad was the mastermind of the sniper attacks.

Even if that is true, the Fairfax County prosecutors argue, Malvo is equally responsible for the killings. They say he laughed and bragged about the shootings to interrogators and prison guards.

During the first three weeks of Muhammad's trial, Prince William County prosecutors combined emotional testimony from victims and victims' relatives with forensic evidence, including DNA linking Muhammad to a rifle sight found in his car.

Like Malvo, Muhammad is only

on trial in one killing, but to get the death penalty, the prosecution needs to prove participation in multiple killings or terrorizing of the public.

For Malvo's attorneys to succeed

with an insanity defense, they must convince a jury that he was so brainwashed by Muhammad that he either did not know what he was doing or could not control himself.

### THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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## Tech's allusions about respect

**O**k. I get it. Texas Tech has a nice campus.

Yeah. What I don't get, however, is the insistence of the higher-ups to waste money on what are basically really — really stupid things. I'm talking about flowers.

Sure they are colorful and occasionally smell nice, but seriously, do we need so damn many?

So it is nice to have some in the spring and summer. I'll grant that they do give Texas Tech a nice "oasis" thing going amidst the parched cultural and actual landscape that is L-boogie. But there comes a time when superfluous landscaping should be questioned — if not stopped. Winter? No.

It is when we hear, from the administration that is supposed to be looking out for the student's educations, that we need tuition increases to cover the growing costs of an education in the U.S.

At the same I see eight guys standing around watching one guy dig holes while making faint "cha-ching" noises as their fists pump the air.

Does the same person who decides we should be paying for the planting and replanting flowers every week know that the hot water doesn't work in the Foreign Language building bathrooms?

Are the people who set admissions standards aware that there are juniors and seniors who don't know what "alliteration" means?

Does the person in charge of parking have to walk from the Hastings parking lot, even though they paid \$150 for a "pass" to park on campus because there aren't any spots left?

See, we hear all the time about Tech wanting to become a "mainstream" school. One that is no longer looked at only after that high school kid gets rejected from her first two. Our administration wants "respect" and "recognition".

Fine.

Good schools deserve exactly that.

So enrollment is up?

Excellent.

Good thing we built that building and parking lot to accommodate the larger population.

Oh that's right.

We DIDN'T build any new buildings or parking lots.

We do, however, have a statue made out of books.

Just because you crank out more people with fancy pieces of paper than last year does not mean the school is improving. All it means is more people are done.

In reality, if you bring in an influx of

**Dave Ring**



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people without making accommodations for them in the areas of housing, transportation, classroom and faculty, your school is just going to get worse.

And that is our reality.

The powers that be need to stop spending money on silly little projects they think will make us "feel good" as students and start bringing in enough real resources for people to learn from.

If a person is going to choose their institution of higher education based on how green the grass is, college may be too little too late.

Take the money allocated for the giant tulip upgrade and drop it into a new faculty position or five.

Start setting higher standards on admission so that we aren't getting those people who think managing a hotel requires its own major.

The levels of cheating, antipathy and immaturity among students in the school we attend are not unique, sadly, to the landscape of the United States educational system. Except in most of those schools, you get recess.

If you want Tech to become respectable, start putting out respectable graduates. Respectable graduates only come out of respectable students.

It is hard to have respectable students when those in charge of their education play the Hilton sisters on their dime.

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## Understanding from a car crash

**A**s I was driving on Indiana Avenue, although actually on time to class for once, time was still not on my side.

This time, rather than flying by, each nanosecond seemed to slip slowly by as I helplessly sat as a spectator to events that I knew would happen, yet could not contain.

The creeping timeline of those short seconds began with a truck careening across three lanes, and ended with a bent hood and shards of glass.

In between was just a blur of useless steering and loud cursing.

While slamming into the two-ton in front of me, the shock to the system did not seem to faze my CD player, as it didn't skip a beat of the soundtrack to my bad luck, Coldplay's "The Scientist."

Ironically, the music video for that song is about a car wreck ... you gotta love irony. The oh-so-punctual officer arrived 45 minutes later, so I had plenty of time to replay the scene in my head while it was still fresh in my mind and with the results still fresh right in front of me.

That is why I remember it in such great detail, just in case you were wondering ... so please thank the Lubbock Police Department if you enjoy this column.

Although being inconvenienced for a few weeks, this ordeal was very rewarding.

Besides showing me how un-independent I am of other people, my parents graciously helped me out with another car, saying, "We have such and such amount of money to spare, find something within that."

They didn't have to do this, since they had already provided a car for me, and they



**Spencer Ingram**

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were my Velcro shoes on the pedals of the recently deceased, not theirs.

But I am forever grateful they chose to do so because of their great love and desire to provide for their son.

Also, from the fluke deal we got on the "new" car, it surprisingly turned out to be better than its late predecessor, so the change worked to my advantage.

My situation was a great example of God's love and salvation for us all.

Ever since being loosed from Eden, man's nature has been to wreck his own

personal life (along with the lives of others) in some form or fashion.

Likewise, God has been and is more than willing to replace our squandered gift with the best, not just something better, even though we are undeserving.

The things we thought were pleasurable cannot compare, in any way, to the hope we are offered by God, which is salvation through Jesus Christ. The provisions are already laid out for us; we just have to accept.

My first car, and everything we went through together, was a big part of me, but the change to the new made my situation better. There was actually no choice to make, no reason to hold on to the damages of the past.

God is just like one's parents in that He desires the best for us and is more than willing to provide for our needs and repair our damage.

Similarly, God's gift of hope in new life is like the new vehicle provided by my parents. It is not an old junker that can barely run or could hardly be called a car. Also, it is not a brand new limousine, totally decked out but chaffed by an old lady, constantly stuck in the slow lane.

The new vehicle brings with it a fresh sense of change and renewal and hope in longer life. And just like my recent inconvenience, we are all found wanting, but the needs can be met.

But unlike the hope and life we are offered, our personal wrecks are only fleeting moments on our timeline, regardless of the speed they occur in.

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## Thank you to our military

**S**omewhere near the shores of Normandy, France, lies an American soldier locked forever in his grave.

Somewhere in the jungles of Khe Sanh, Vietnam, the beleaguered spirits of those fallen whisper faintly with the wind, "Do not forget."

And intertwined with America's military family lineage dating back 226 years, somewhere in Baghdad, Iraq, the sounds of a battlefield where 398 U.S. soldiers have lost their lives still scream on.

Why should you care what happens somewhere far removed from the time and place you inhabit?

Because perhaps it's not so far removed.

The happenings of "somewhere" are exactly why we are here. The breath, sweat and life a soldier willingly sacrifices for the bigger picture are the very ingredients giving rise to the freedoms we take for granted.

Today is Veterans' Day. As we sit in our comfortable classrooms complaining about the less-than-warm weather, we should take time to remember those who truly endure hardship for our sake. Freedom does indeed come at a high price. So, as you are spending your day drowning in paid-for-in-blood privileges take a moment to think about who sent them your way.

With all they give, our military asks nothing in return. Today can we awake out of our apathy or arrogant disapprovals and simply offer our awareness and appreciation? We don't have to agree with every action

**Kristen Gilbreth**



they take or policy they enforce.

The privilege of living in a society in which we are free to openly disagree is one of the things preserved by the jobs they do.

Therefore, the opinions page would not be complete today without sending out a thank you to the more than 60 million Americans who have voluntarily given their lives to the military and thus to us.

Without their existence this page that celebrates freedom of speech would cease to exist. As editor of this page I ask you to say thank you to everyone in our Armed Forces.

Call a military friend or family member just to say thanks. Stop the next person you see in uniform, shake their hand, and say, "I appreciate what you do." Acknowledge the active duty, the National Guard and Reserve, the retired, the veterans and the family members who have lost loved ones.

Then take a silent moment and say thank you to those who no longer live in order that we might have life. It's the least we can do.

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## 'McJob' definition appalls McDonald's CEO

Zach Lee/Daily Cougar

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON — McDonald's is up in arms because the latest Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines the term "McJob" as "a low-paying job that requires little skill and provides little opportunity for advancement." The Associated Press reported Sunday.

McDonald's Chief Executive Officer, Jim Cantalupo, wrote an open letter to Merriam-Webster calling the entry "an inaccurate description of restaurant employment" and "a slap in the face to the 12 million men and women" who work in restaurants.

Let's not lie to ourselves. Fast food pay is low, and it really doesn't take too much skill to stick a frozen patty in the microwave before wrapping it with paper or stuffing it into a box. And the reason there's so little opportunity for advancement is exactly what Cantalupo used to argue against the word: 12 million men and women are vying for the same positions. And it's a part-time job, which most people leave before they have a chance at a promotion anyway.

Most English majors will tell you that the beauty of English is that there is no right answer. That's what makes it so different from math. But the plain and simple truth (n. —

*Words are words. They aren't created with the intent of defaming people or corporations. They are created with the intent of expressing complex ideas in a manageable amount of letters and syllables.*

A statement proven or accepted to be true) is that words are formulated as shortcuts to expressing ideas. "McJob" is the best way to express its own definition because the types of jobs it defines have long been associated with fast food, and McDonald's is the most widely recognized fast-food chain. In a way, it's a compliment.

To understand (v. — To perceive and comprehend the significance of) the ideas we speak and write every day, we have devised a system (n. — An organized and coordinated method; a procedure) of shorthand we call language. Certain words like "art" and "love"

are very vaguely defined. But the vast (adj. very great in size, number, amount or quantity) majority of words in the English language have only one primary definition. And those words themselves reflect (v. — To give evidence of the characteristics or qualities of someone or something) as closely as possible the objective (adj. — Based on observable phenomena; presented factually) truth.

Like "McJob," most words are not slanderous; they are descriptive. As college students, certain words are more familiar than others.

For example, we understand the concepts of a keg (n. — A small cask or barrel with a capacity of about 30 gallons) and being naked (adj. — Having no clothing on the body; nude) more easily than we do what it means to study (v. — To apply one's mind purposefully to the acquisition of knowledge or understanding of a subject).

Words are words. They aren't created with the intent of defaming people or corporations. They are created with the intent of expressing complex ideas in a manageable amount of letters and syllables. McDonald's is wrong to attack the definition of the word. Instead, it should attack its own reputation and that of the fast-food industry — by improving (v. — To raise to a more desirable or more excellent quality or condition; make better).

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## Tech students give campus news a comic twist

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

Perverting Texas Tech News Since... Today, is their slogan and making fun of Texas Tech news and events is what they do.

Students Rik Seagull and Brent Crockett are in the business of making people laugh, specifically members of the Tech community.

They are the creators of The Perversity Weekly, the weekly news publication that puts a comedic spin on Tech news.

"The whole point of it is just to be silly," said Seagull, a senior management information systems major from Arlington.

Seagull explained where the idea of perverting Texas Tech news came from.

He said Crockett and himself were jokingly discussing their individual goals for after graduation and they each decided getting a job as a writer for a sketch-comedy such as Saturday Night Live or for a sitcom would be fun.

Seagull said he heard that some

well-know writers got their start by producing their own publication or writing for other newsletters. This is when they decided to produce their own comic newsletter.

Seagull said writing comedy is something he has always been interested in.

He said in the past he created a personal Web site which featured funny headlines but it never really received any attention, it was just something for his own personal entertainment.

The two started the project by coming up with funny headlines per-

taining to news and events on Tech campus and then writing stories for the headlines.

"It's not out to put anybody down, it's just to make people laugh," Seagull said.

While Crockett and Seagull do not get paid for producing the newsletter, they say it is more of a creative outlet than anything.

Seagull said it is something for his entertainment and to sharpen his writing skills.

"It's just fun for myself, to get people to see my writing and to make people laugh," he said.

Along with the weekly newslet-

ter, which will be distributed every Wednesday, The Perversity Weekly will launch a Web site today.

Crockett, a senior management information systems major from Midland is responsible for developing the Web site, said the site will feature every full newsletter and an archives section with past issues.

He said the Web site will be updated weekly with the release of each publication.

Crockett, like Seagull, said producing the newsletter is something he enjoys doing as an amusing activity in his spare time.

He mentioned part of the reason they decided to create the newsletter is because they are aware of other universities throughout nation that have parody newsletters and Tech has nothing of the sort.

This was inspiration for Crockett and Seagull to create Tech's first parody newsletter.

Crockett said he is interested to see how The Perversity Weekly evolves over time.

While he does not have major ex-

pectations for the newsletter other than for entertainment purposes, he hopes awareness of the newsletter will increase strictly for providing laughter to Texas Tech.

He said the newsletter is something for students to read to take their minds off class.

Crockett also said he wants to make sure that readers do not misinterpret what the goals for the newsletter are.

"It's entertainment; we're not trying to be offensive, we're just trying to make fun of stuff," he said. "It's not something to be taken seriously, it's humor, and it's to be enjoyed. It's entertainment for students and for ourselves."

"We want to spread perversity throughout campus," said Crockett.

Roger Saathoff, associate professor in the School of Mass Communications said newsletters such as The Perversity Weekly are not new or unusual.

"Satirical newspapers on a college campus are a pretty standard fixture," he said.

Saathoff also mentioned there are standard laws dealing with media and content of which Crockett and Seagull should be aware.

Randy Reddick, professor in the School of Mass Communications said the two students should be particularly alert of the areas of law that are privacy and libel.

"Stay as far away from the precipice of libel as you can," said Reddick.

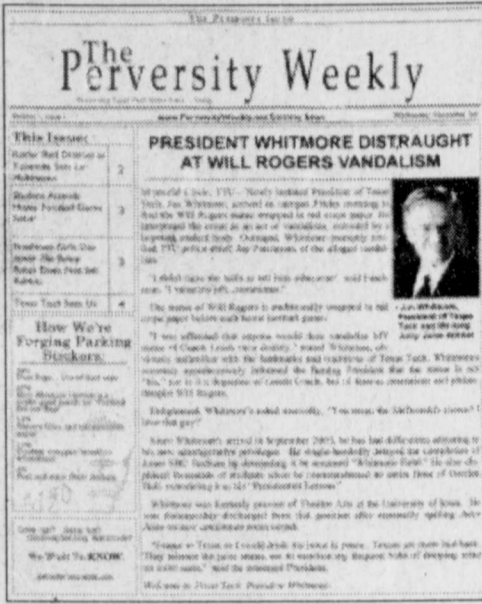
Reddick said the students should also pay close attention to the content they place on their Web site because the Internet is known as what he described as "shifting legal territory."

On the other hand Reddick thinks the newsletter can be beneficial.

"I think it's healthy to have alternative publications, particularly if they're done well," he said.

He believes it stimulates thinking because it gives another viewpoint.

The Perversity Weekly Web site can be viewed beginning today at www.PerversityWeekly.net.



The Perversity Weekly is a weekly news publication that puts a comedic spin on Tech news. It is created by students Rik Seagull and Brent Crockett.

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## Lady Raiders earn second exhibition win

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The final exhibition game of the year is over and the season race is officially on for the Lady Raiders and head coach Marsha Sharp.

In their final tune-up before the Preseason WNIT, the Lady Raiders pounded the Houston Jaguars 109-60, and Sharp got two things she said she wanted to see from her team - improved inside play and outside shooting from her point guard. Plus, her team sustained top-notch play longer than in last week's exhibition, something many coaches might like.

"I thought we played much better for a longer period of time than we did last week against a better team," Sharp said. "I thought they made us do some things that were a lot more athletic, and they had us in some one-on-one situations that really made us get down and defend. It's always nice to work on those things before you open the season."

The post play, which Sharp mentioned after the game last week and players addressed in practice, showed

signs of improvement and making a statement early in the game.

Jolee Ayers-Curry made her first four shots and set the tone for inside players for the night. She said it was a spark the team needed and the other posts fed off of when they came in the game.

"It's always easier when that first one goes in so you have to go up with a lot of confidence on that first shot," she said. "I started with those couple of scores, and I think we just gained confidence as a group."

Getting stronger inside has been a focal point for the Lady Raiders over the last week, and Ayers-Curry said the hard work has paid off in practice.

"We've worked in practice on getting our feet set and getting up and over with our shots and just being more balanced when we take our shots," she said.

Ayers finished the night with 18 points and 10 rebounds for the only double-double on the squad. She also was the only Lady Raider to crack double digits in rebounds, but she credited much of her ability to score and the other inside players to the play of the guards.

"Look at our guards," she said. "I think Erin (Grant) had 10 assists and Natalie (Ritchie) and Chesley (Dabbs) both had six apiece. When you've got great passers like that, it's hard not to score in those situations."

Another guard, Alesha Robertson, had a breakout night again and led the team in scoring, too. In her first two games as a Lady Raider she has led the team in scoring, coming off the bench.

Robertson put 23 points on the board with five rebounds. She was 3-for-5 from three-point range and was perfect at the free-throw line, making six. She has proved in the team's two exhibition wins to be a multi-faceted player, and Sharp said she believes she will be a big weapon for her team down the line.

"I think she can score in many different ways," Sharp said. "She created things for herself at the rim, and she was perfect at the free-throw line again, and that's an opportunity to pad your numbers right there. But she's been very impressive...I don't think there's any question she's gonna help us on the offensive end."

Three-point shooting was a con-

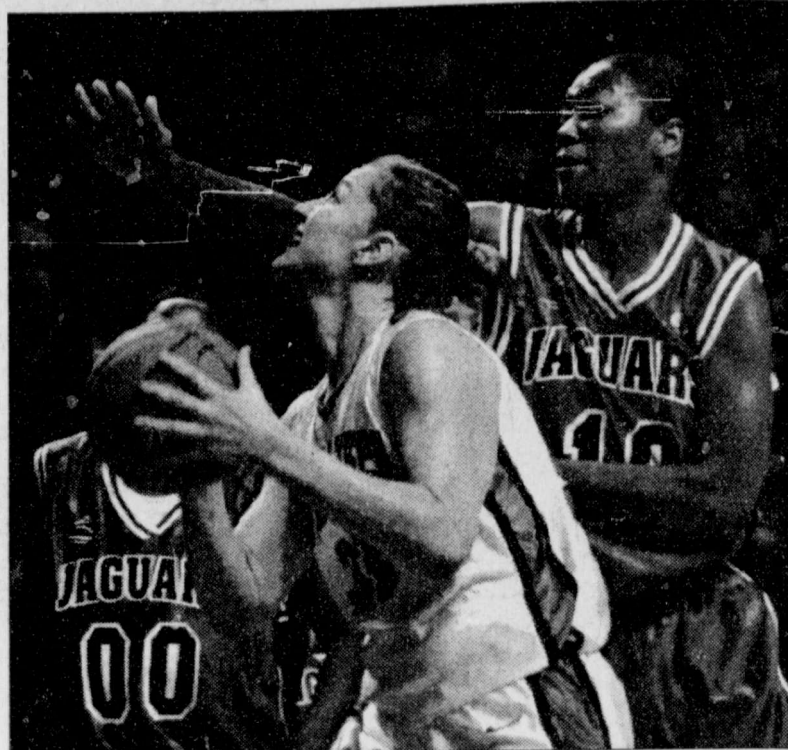
cern of Sharp's entering the season, but most from one player in particular — point guard Erin Grant. Last year Grant attempted one three-pointer and missed against Texas. Adding that element to her game could mean defenders can't give her a cushion in hopes of breaking on her passes.

Grant shot her first long ball of the year and hit nothing but net Monday night. It was a shot Sharp hopes to see more of, and Grant may do just so.

"It felt great," she said. "I didn't think about it that much, and I think that's why I was successful. That's just another addition I want to add to my game."

Heading into regular season play now and having the games count for or against your record Ayers-Curry is happy with the team's performance and is looking forward to getting things going on Friday against UT-San Antonio.

"We're definitely ready to start having games count," she said. "Since the first practice we've come leaps and bounds as a team; we have great chemistry as a team. The whole team is really focused and we want this to be a great season."



JENNA HANSEN/Photography Editor

TEXAS TECH CENTER Jolee Ayers-Curry prepares to jump for a shot while being guarded by a Houston Jaguars defender during the first half of the Lady Raider's win against the Jaguars in the United Spirit Arena Monday. Tech will open regular season play at 7 p.m. Friday in the USA against Texas-San Antonio in the preseason NIT.

## Mailbag reopened to decide Horned Frogs future

College football fans, your wait is over. During the past two weeks the mailbag has run over with letters flying in from all over the country hoping I will weigh in on some of college football's bigger issues.

So I'll skip the introductions and start answering some questions.

Hey Kyle, with the recent losses by Florida State, Virginia Tech and Miami, TCU, now No. 6 in the BCS, could edge its way into a BCS bowl game? Do you think the Horned Frogs should be in such a spot? Dave from Grand Prairie.

Dave, I have some mixed feelings

**Kyle Clark**



about TCU being thrown into the fire under a national spotlight. The Horned Frogs don't really deserve a BCS game. I can't help but think that almost every team in one of the six BCS conferences could be undefeated with TCU's schedule. On the other hand, though, I would love to see TCU saunter into a BCS game

and get blown away by a team like LSU.

Kyle, why don't you show the Texas Longhorns a little love? They are playing hard-nosed football like they never have before after destroying Nebraska and Oklahoma State. Jimmy from Austin.

Jimmy, the Longhorns must have taken a mid-season dose of power medication. Texas running back Cedric Benson is running mad at opposing defenses. I haven't seen a guy with that much pain in his eyes since Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher saw his girl

Paris Hilton getting nasty with some other guy on tape. And they wonder why this guy pushed lockers through walls on a Snickers commercial. But going back to the Longhorns, this team is finally showing a physical nature, and receiver Roy Williams continues to make big plays. If Oklahoma didn't exist,

Texas would probably be the toast of the Big 12, but that's the case every year. Speaking of Oklahoma, is this team the best team ever? Roy from Ada, Okla.

Roy, it's hard to say who is the best team of all time because the great teams throughout history can't face each other. But until this Sooners team loses, you won't catch me saying that it isn't the best team ever. The defense continues to play like madmen with the leadership of defensive lineman Tommie Harris, and the offense is flying through the air as quarterback Jason White is delivering more balls than a soccer ball sweatshop. It's just unfortunate that there isn't a team capable of matching up strength versus strength against the Sooners. I'd like to see the Sooners face the 1995 Nebraska team or the 2001 Miami team.

Hey Kyle, what about all the one-loss teams in the nation losing? Can a

two-loss team make it to the national championship game? Gene from Provo, Utah.

Yes, Gene, there are several two-loss teams with a shot at the big game. My money would still be on one of the one-loss teams (USC, LSU, Ohio State) to complete its schedule without another loss, but anything can happen.

Kyle, Penn State is horrible this year. Is it time for the old coach Joe Paterno to hand up his whistle and head to the retirement home? Andy from Pittsburgh.

Andy, it's unsettling for me to watch a coaching legend leave the game before he's ready. I wish Paterno would have gone out after last season when his team won nine games. When I see him near tears during interviews, it makes me feel like a piece of college football history is dying. All good things must come to an end though and maybe Paterno's career is no different. At least he won two national titles before he had to end his career. I have to end this column with only a leusy Brian Urlacher joke under my belt.

I wish I still had Maurice Clarett to make fun of.

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## Knight's practice open to students

Texas Tech students can see how Bob Knight works on getting his squad perfect because the third-year Raider coach is inviting any student interested to an open practice from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

Gates will open at the student entrance at 3:30 p.m. where students must show a valid Tech ID upon entering the arena.

Red Raider basketball sponsors also will be in attendance, and students will be asked to sit above them. There will be no limit to how many students attend. In fact, Knight said the more the better because if students do not show up there is a possibility he will not do this in the future. An added bonus for Tech students is Knight will speak after the practice.

This is the first time Knight has organized an open practice for students at Tech. He used to do it once a year at Indiana, and he plans on doing it once a year at Tech.

Tech will be preparing for its final exhibition of the season during the open practice. The Raiders face the EA Sports All Stars at 7 p.m. Thursday at the United Spirit

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