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Libertarians, SGA seek to repeal house ordinance

STATE LIBERTARIAN CHAIRMAN David DeLamar, center, speaks to the SGA about the housing ordinance in the SGA Conference room on Tuesday evening. JENNA HANSEN/Photography Editor



By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

The purple house protest is starting to receive support throughout the campus and the community. Chairman for the Libertarian Party of Texas David DeLamar came to speak to the Student Government Association and members of the community Tuesday night.

The gathering was the first meeting of the SGA's Lubbock Zoning Law Task Force. Participants discussed the process of getting people in the community to register to vote and join together in repealing a city ordinance that has been in effect since 1975.

The ordinance prohibits two or more unrelated people from living in a single-family residence. Recently the residents of a rented house at 25th Street and Indiana Avenue were

informed by the city that they were in violation of the ordinance. In response, the residents and their landlord painted the house purple in protest.

DeLamar said the ordinance is unfair because it singles out college students, low-income earners and the elderly. His arguments are that the ordinance violates certain citizen's rights to equal protection under the law under the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

He also said the ordinance infringes on the rights of private property owners guaranteed by the Constitution.

"The ordinance is limiting the amount of rent a property owner can charge, and it is taking away from the property owner," DeLamar said.

According to documents from DeLamar, opponents of the repeal believe allowing two or more unrelated residents in the same household will hurt property values and increase the number of loud parties and vehicles parked in front of the property.

Colton Batchelor, SGA external vice president, said there are already ordinances in existence that prevent such illegal activities. One example is an ordinance that makes it unlawful to park or allow someone to park in front of a residence when the operator of the vehicle does not own or occupy the residence.

DeLamar suggested the SGA form a coalition to get members of the community reg-

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SGA forum about tuition on tap tonight

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Student Government Association will host a town hall meeting from 8 to 9 p.m. today in the basement of the Student Union Building. SGA President Jeremy Brown will inform students about the tuition increase for next semester.



The SGA encourages Tech students and the Lubbock community to attend the meeting to help answer questions students might have about the increase.

"We are not going to try to convince students that they should agree with the tuition increase," Brown said. "But we will present them with some facts that might help them understand why it was done."

He said he has spoken to many student organizations about the issue, and most students understand why the tuition increase is happening, but there are still questions that need to be answered.

This is a way for the SGA to get feedback from students on how they feel about different issues concerning their education at Tech, he said.

"We just really want to listen to student and hear their concerns," he said. "(The SGA) gets to see a side of the university that most students don't get to see, and we want to make sure we explain what is going on."

There will be a meeting every Wednesday where students can come and voice their opinions and get answers to their questions, he said.

Brown said there will be times with a specific topic of discussion, and other times student can talk about whatever they want.

The SGA will have Tech President Jon Whitmore and other administrative representatives explain facts for students to understand a particular issue because there are issues that students will benefit more from the administration's explanation, he said.

Whitmore will not attend the meeting tonight, but if

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Faculty to hear new university proposal

SENATE SPEAK: Vice Provost Brink will discuss graduating on time program

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech Vice Provost James Brink will discuss the university's proposal to get students to graduate in four years instead of the average five and a half years at today's Faculty Senate meeting.



"I've been presenting this before to as many groups on campus as possible," he said. "I've gone to the Student Senate, the deans' council, the provost's council and the departments of plant and soil science and the agricultural science and natural resources."

There will be both generous and punitive actions taken by the state regarding students graduating on time, he said.

The generous actions will include issuing \$1,000 refunds to students who graduate within three hours of the required hours for their degree plans.

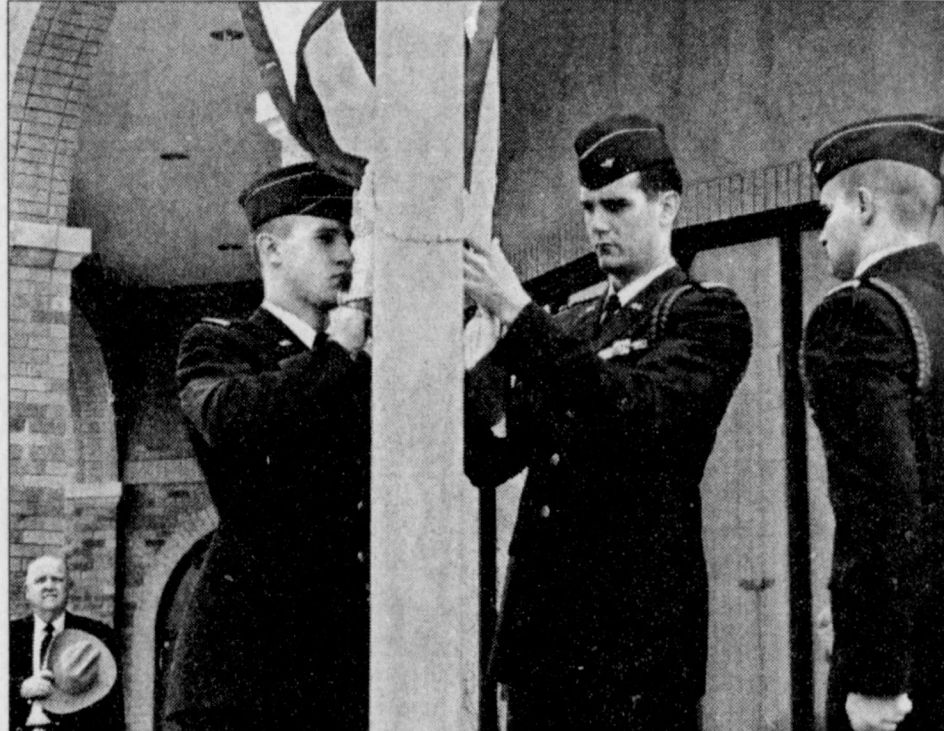
There also is the Be-On-Time program, which is a no-interest loan for students who graduate within four years. It is only available to students who graduated from high school no earlier than the 2002-2003 academic year, he said.

One punitive result will be the state refusing to pay the state formula to universities where students have taken a course more than twice or students have 45 hours above their degree plan.

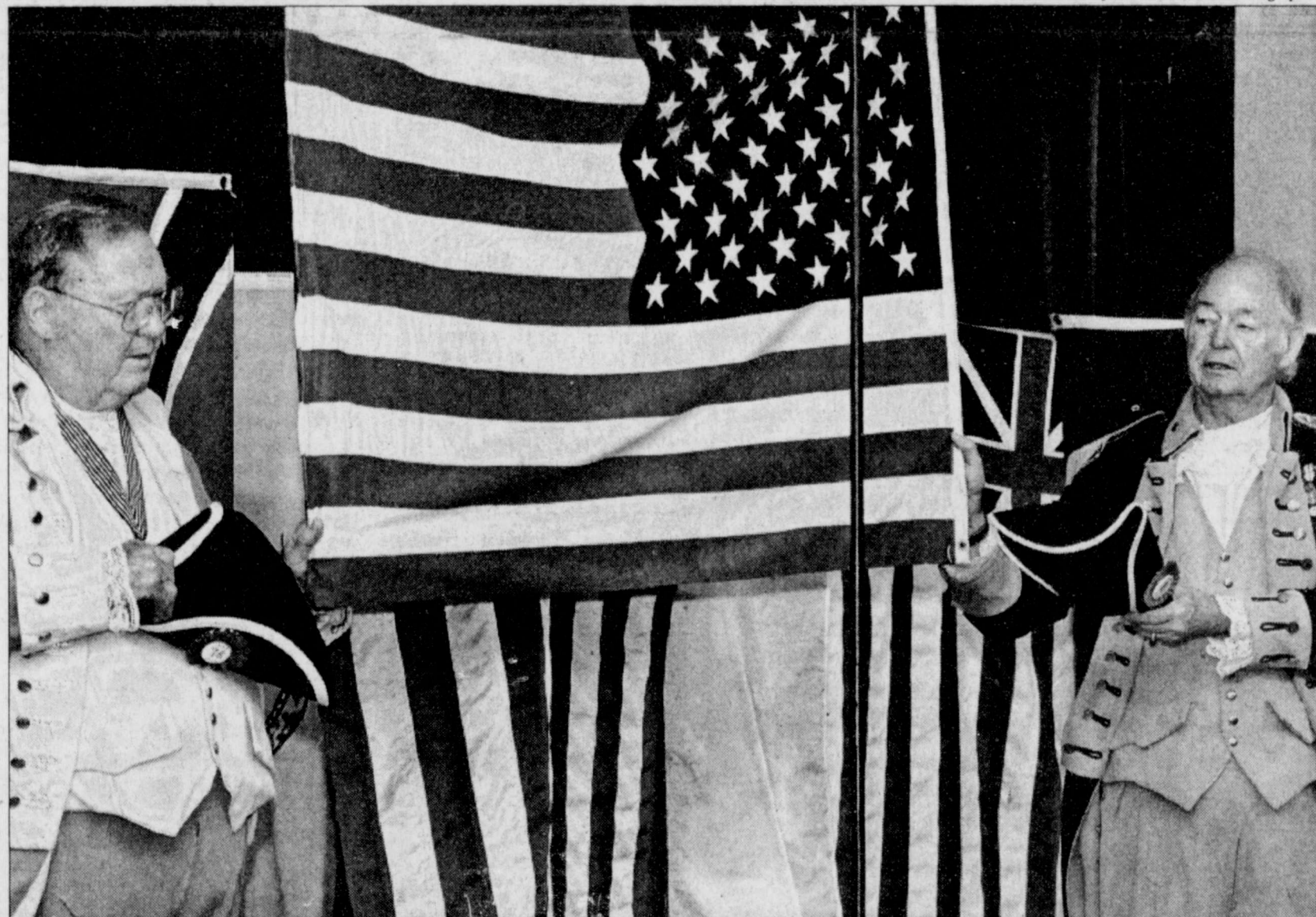
The state formula, which is based on student credit hours, student classification and the classification of courses they are taking comprises one-third of Tech's total budget.

He said the state Legislature estimates that by 2015 state universities will have to hire 18,000 additional faculty in addition to

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DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer



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TOP: SABRE FLIGHT drill team cadets Phillip Yarborough, Casey Smith and Mike Chebino hoist the flag for Veteran's Day outside the International Cultural Center on Tuesday morning. In the background is Douglass Williams, who is chief of security at the ICC. ABOVE: Air Force veteran Tom Nivens and Lt. Col. Jimmy Olson, an Army veteran, display the 50-star American Flag during the Pledge of Allegiance in the theater of the ICC.

Plans finalized for Fiesta Plaza; construction begins in April

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

Beautification of the north side of Lubbock is coming in the form of a year-round festival.

The Lubbock City Council approved a contract with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to finalize construction plans for Fiesta Plaza. The plaza will be in the Buddy Holly Recreation Area on the lake system formerly known as the Canyon Lakes Project.

The City Council renamed the lakes the Jim Bertram Lake System after the former city planner who oversaw the ideas and implementation of the lake, said Corbin Pemberton, parks and recreation director.

Fiesta Plaza utilizes the lake area through a boat deck and fishing pier. The construction plan includes several performance areas, a picnic area, a cultural kiosk and landscaping.

"The concept behind the area is that it will be used by a variety of groups for festivals," said City Councilman Victor Hernandez. "It provides a venue for the type of (organizations) wanting a more serene environment."

Construction will begin in April, and it should be completed six to eight months later, Pemberton said.

The Council will accept bids for construction on the project in late January or early February upon completion of the blueprints, Pemberton said.

The plaza plans feature five different sizes of pavilions available for performers,

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THE FIESTA PLAZA project costs about \$1 million and it will be located in the Buddy Holly Recreation Center on North University Avenue. The park will feature five different pavilions available for performers. Basketball and volleyball nets also will be apart of the park scheduled to open next winter.

The Rundown



Officials find murder plot at high school

VIDOR (AP) — Officials uncovered an apparent plot by five Vidor High School students to shoot more than 20 other students and four administrators, the school district superintendent said Tuesday.

No weapons were found with the students or on campus, Superintendent Robert Maddi.g said in a statement.

The five students were barred from the school after the plot was discovered Monday, he said. It wasn't immediately clear how school officials learned of the plot.

Two of the students were taken into custody Monday and were being held pending a court hearing, said Orange County District Attorney John Kimbrough.

"The juvenile prosecutor is going to look at the file today and make a decision," Kimbrough told the Beaumont Enterprise for its online editions Tuesday. "If need be the hearing will be tomorrow."

The Vidor Police Department, the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the FBI were notified and an investigation is under way, Maddi.g said.

The police and sheriff's department referred calls to the school district police department, which did not return calls Tuesday.

The administrators and the parents of the students who were threatened were immediately notified, Maddi.g said.

The five students in the alleged plot are minors. Officials have not released their names and the names of those who were allegedly threatened.

Legislators prepare for all-night showdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a grudge that's been building for two years.

In a legislative version of "Survivor," Republicans and Democrats will square off Wednesday in an all-night Senate talkathon on who's to blame for some of President Bush's political nominees not making it to the federal appeals bench.

While both parties hope the debate will mobilize their political bases, the contestants already know the winner: the status quo.

For 30 straight hours — from Wednesday evening through midnight Thursday — senators will condemn each other and Bush for the impasse over four U.S. Appeals Court nominees: Alabama Attorney General William Pryor, Texas judge Priscilla Owen, Mississippi judge Charles Pickering and Hispanic lawyer Miguel Estrada.

Democrats refused to allow confirmation votes, and Republicans have not been able to get 60 votes to force them in a Senate with 51 GOP senators, 48 Democrats and one independent. Frustrated at the delays, Estrada withdrew his nomination in September.

Republicans hope the all-night Senate session will swing public favor and maybe campaign cash their way. Conservatives have complained the GOP hasn't done enough to highlight the Democrats' blockades.

Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., called the talkathon a "reverse filibuster."

"Filibusters are put forward by the minority to try and block action from occurring," he said. "We're trying to move to the floor to try to force action on judicial nominations. We're going to do everything we can to get a vote on judges, and they're going to do everything they can to block a vote on judges."

Bremer heads to D.C., despite insurgencies

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The chief administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, left for Washington on Tuesday on a previously unannounced trip. In southern Iraq, an explosion on a road frequently used by British troops killed six civilians.

Coalition officials gave no explanation for Bremer's trip, which comes as Iraqi insurgents step up attacks against U.S. soldiers and as U.S. and Iraqi leaders struggle over how to draft a new constitution — a key step in handing over power to the Iraqis.

After nightfall Tuesday, up to eight strong explosions were heard in central Baghdad. After one, smoke could be seen rising from the U.S. headquarters compound known as the "green zone."

The U.S. command said it was investigating but had no word on the location. Insurgents often fire mortars in central neighborhoods of the capital after sunset, and at least one time in recent weeks they hit inside the zone, a one-square-mile area of downtown Baghdad where the main buildings of the U.S.-led coalition are located.

Bremer canceled a meeting with the visiting Polish prime minister at the last minute before heading to Washington.

The first seven days of November were the bloodiest week for U.S. forces since fall of Saddam Hussein in April. Bush's national security adviser Condoleezza Rice acknowledged an upsurge in violence but said the main strategy was to increase the number of Iraqis involved in their own security.

In the southern city of Basra, the blast occurred during the morning rush hour and destroyed two cars, witnesses said. Soldiers blocked off access to the site, and Iraqi police and hospital officials said six civilians were killed.

HSC students bring holiday cheer to sufferers of aphasia

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

Christmas came early for a group of patients from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic. The patients and their therapists were treated to a tour of a studio housing handcrafted Santa Claus statues manufactured by Lynn Haney, a local artist, on Tuesday morning.

Haney's studio is on 34th Street, next to Hollyhocks gift store.

Melinda Corwin, assistant professor and clinical supervisor at HSC Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, said 11 Tech graduate students gave their time to helping stroke patients and their families deal with learning how to overcome aphasia and how to become the kinds of caregivers stroke victims need.

Aphasia is an impaired ability to express language. It is most often caused by stroke. People with aphasia sometimes have trouble speaking, understanding others, reading and writing.

Terra Proctor, a speech language pathology graduate student from Big Spring, is a leader for one of the four aphasia groups at the clinic. She said the clinic tries to bring the groups from the clinic together at least one a month for a fun activity to promote socialization.

"Otherwise, we work in our individual groups," she said.

Proctor said she was formerly in the undergraduate aphasia group therapy program and decided to continue her work with stroke patients.

"I really felt like it'd be a neat thing to be involved in," she said. "When people have strokes, they

lose the ability to communicate like we do. These groups provide a way for them to do that."

Janice Tibbel, a first-year speech language pathology graduate student from White Rock, N.M., is the leader of the caregivers group at the clinic.

Tibbel said the purpose of having a caregivers group is to provide counseling for the families of stroke patients, as well as to help them to become more efficient in providing care for their loved ones.

"We allow them to talk about concerns they have and bring in different resources to help them deal with that," she said. "Last week we had an occupational therapist come in to show them what they can do at home."

Tibbel said students with an interest in speech language pathology who would like to become a therapist must apply and go through an interview process to help at the clinic.

Proctor said families who have been affected by a stroke often hear about the clinic either through Lubbock Stroke Club or word of mouth. The clinic is well known.

Lubbock natives Charles and Janice Hargrove said the therapists at the clinic have helped them. Janice suffered a stroke more than 10 months ago.

"I wasn't speaking at all," she said. "I knew what I wanted to say, but I couldn't say it."

Charles said they had been doing therapy for a while before he began seeing improvement in his wife's speech.

"It was probably about two or three months before she could talk to where I could understand what she was saying," he said. "It's a slow, slow process."

She said though she said doing things takes a lot of effort since she had a stroke, Janice said she is happy to be where she is today in her ability to express herself.

"It's slow," she said. "You think about what you want to do before you do it."

Charles said he is relieved to be somewhat out of the woods now that Janice is on the road to recovery. He said the therapy has not only helped his wife, but it has helped him as well.

"This group has helped some because they have little programs and stuff that they do. As a caregiver, they

helped me in learning more about strokes and how they affect you," he said. "We've never been through this before. Strokes affect everybody differently."

The groups at the clinic also raise money for their patients to ensure more concentration is on recovery than the cost of therapy. Corwin said anyone who eats at J&M Barbeque on 34th Street on Tuesday afternoons has an opportunity to donate to the clinic. Just tell them, "I'd like to help folks with strokes."

For more information about HSC Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, call (806) 743-5678.



Ordinance

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istered to vote and to sign a petition against the ordinance. The proposed coalition would be comprised of the SGA, the College Republicans of Tech, Lubbock County Libertarian Party, Lubbock Citizens for Private Property Rights, College Democrats, members of the Greek system, Students for Fair Housing and the Campus Libertarians.

Additionally, the task force would like to reach students from other higher learning institutions in the area. Joe Biles, chairman of the task force, said he is contacting people from South Plains College and Lubbock Christian University.

"The task force is a coalition of stu-

dents and student organizations dedicated to amending the Lubbock zoning ordinance to make the community more hospitable to students," he said.

To get more Tech students and community members involved, the task force will hold voter registration events around the city this weekend. The first event will be Friday at West Texas Icehouse, located at Avenue X and Main Street, from 6 to 9 p.m. On Saturday, voter registration will begin at 1 p.m. at the purple house. The last weekend event will be held at Aroma's Coffee House at 5109 82nd St. from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Batchelor said in the coming months the task force will hold events on campus to make students more aware of the situation. Getting people registered to vote is important

to the task force's cause, Batchelor said.

"There are not enough Tech students who are registered to vote. With their help we are looking to get things changed and get people to care," he said.

The task force can only turn in petitions signed by registered voters equaling 25 percent of the number of voters who voted in the last regular municipal election, Biles said. DeLamar said the organization would need more than 4,500 signatures to make a proper petition.

DeLamar suggested the petition begin in March 2004 to have a September election on the issue. He said a September election is important because Tech students will be in the area and their votes can affect the outcome of a possible future election.

Students can see upcoming events and express their opinions through the Web site, www.lubbockzoninglaw.org. Batchelor said through the organization they hope to make this a campus and community wide effort.

Jury finds Houston millionaire not guilty in murder of elderly neighbor

GALVESTON (AP) — For five days, arguments, tears, play-acting and doubts swirled around the room where jurors in the Robert Durst murder trial ultimately decided the eccentric millionaire was not guilty of killing his elderly neighbor.

On Tuesday, the eight-woman, four-man jury rendered its verdict after more than 26 hours of deliberations. Durst was accused of intentionally killing his neighbor, cutting up the body and disposing of the parts in Galveston Bay.

When jurors began working Nov. 5, their first vote was nowhere near unanimous. Five jurors voted not guilty, three voted guilty and four were undecided.

"When we went in that room on Wednesday afternoon, that was the worst day of my life because I have never served on a jury before," said Deborah Warren, a surgical techni-

cian. "And I never realized how important it was to come to a verdict."

The deliberations were not easy, Warren said.

"There were people that cried, there were people that fussed and argued. We demonstrated, we had paper all around the room," she said. "My stomach is still knotted up. We did the best with what we had."

Prosecutors claimed Durst planned to kill 71-year-old Morris Black's death to steal his identity. Defense attorneys said their client accidentally shot Black in self-defense when he discovered the man illegally in his apartment.

Durst, who testified in his own defense, said his neighbor threatened him with a gun the millionaire had hidden in his stove. During the struggle for the gun, the weapon went off as the two men fell.

"We played out the different scenarios. (One of the jurors) demonstrated to us what would have happened if he

had been standing over him versus if he would have fallen on him versus if they would have struggled over the gun," Warren said.

Joanne Gongora, a nursing teacher at Galveston College, said while jurors considered everything Durst did after Black's death, including the dismemberment and his flight from police, they focused on what happened in the his apartment on Sept. 28, 2001. Jurors felt prosecutors did not prove their case, she said.

"Based on the evidence presented to us, there was reasonable doubt. It was a big struggle for all of us," Gongora said.

Many jurors said they didn't believe all of Durst's story.

"We took Durst's story completely out of the picture. We took the evidence that was presented to us," said Robbie Clarac, a business manager in Galveston. "We went on the facts that were presented to us from the prosecution. We could not convict him."

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ROTC retiring flags in Memorial Circle today

GLORIOUS GOODBYE: The ceremony is a show of respect to flag and those who serve.

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

In an effort to honor U.S. veterans and the symbol that represents freedom and much more to many people, Texas Tech's Army ROTC will conduct its Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony today at 5 p.m. in Memorial Circle.

Patrick Cochrane, a junior business major from Lubbock and a third-year cadet in the school of military science at Tech, is in charge of organizing the event.

He said he is proud to be involved in the event because of the ceremony's significance.

"We're retiring an old friend," Cochrane said.

He said he believes this year's ceremony is especially important, not only to honor U.S. veterans but to show support for the active members of the U.S. military.

"It's important because we're involved in military operations around the world," he said.

Cochrane encourages members from the Tech community as well as the Lubbock community to attend and participate in the ceremony.

Cochrane said a special guest speaker will be on hand for the ceremony.

Retired Maj. Gen. Favor will be

present at the service to speak about the importance of the United States and why it is important to honor veterans of the military, Cochrane said.

He said anyone from the community who would like to retire an unserviceable or damaged flag may bring their flag to Memorial Circle at least 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.

Cochrane said it is important for those who wish to have their flag retired in an honorable fashion arrive early so there are no interruptions during the ceremony because the procedures of the ceremony are precise and follow a specific order.

Lt. Col. James Skidmore, professor in the department of military science for Army ROTC, said a few additions will be made to this year's flag retirement ceremony.

In an attempt to promote more involvement, Skidmore said they have made a combined arms effort.

This year the Marines, Air Force ROTC, the school band and students as well as members of the community will combine to carry out the retirement ceremony.

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Professor of military science

to come to this to be able to show their respect for the veterans and the United States flag," he said.



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

LT. COL. DAVID REED, a 1982 graduate of Texas Tech, retires a piece of "Old Glory" at Memorial Circle during the mandatory fee ceremony last November.

Texas one of 5 states to suspend prepaid tuition plan

By Drew Stevens/Daily Egyptian
(Southern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. — Earlier this year, Colorado froze enrollments in its prepaid tuition plan, and Ohio announced three weeks ago it was suspending its program for a year because the state was losing money. West Virginia, Kentucky and Texas have also temporarily cut off new enrollment in the plan.

Nancy Stephens, assistant director of College Illinois' Prepaid Tuition Program, says the suspension of prepaid tuition plans in Illinois has not been explored as an option to alleviate the Illinois budget crisis.

"There's no problem here in Illinois in terms of the College Illinois' closing," Stephens says. "We've taken some of the necessary steps to improve the financial stability of the program."

Fourteen states offer prepaid tuition plans. In Illinois, the 529 Prepaid Tuition Program is called College Illinois' and is administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

Named after the section of the federal tax code that authorizes them, 529s are state-sponsored help fundings programs designed to help families save for future college costs.

Ann Acton, associate director of

financial aid at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, says suspending tuition plans designed to help families pay for tuition in the future shifts the responsibility for saving for college back to the family.

In places where programs have been suspended, states are allowing those with money invested in prepaid plans to keep the funds there, although they also are being given other investment options.

Stephens says Coloradans have permanently closed its programs and is not planning on reopening it because of budget problems.

"Since the Illinois budget crisis seems to be as serious as those in other states, perhaps Illinois's priorities continue to be more focused on higher education, as has traditionally been the case," Acton says.

Families in Illinois can begin building a strong college-funding plan any time after a child is born, locking

in the cost of tuition and fees today and protecting them from future inflation.

According to the College Illinois' Web site, tuition and fees at Illinois public universities increased by 10.7 percent in 2002. Standard tuition and fees for a SIUC student enrolled in 15 hours per semester for the 2003-2004 academic year is \$5,521, an increase of more than \$500 from the previous year.

According to Stephens, 20,000 Illinois families have purchased 36,000 contracts since the program opened in 1998.

"We feel College Illinois' is a very safe and secure plan for families to use to prepare for future college tuition and reduce their costs and at the same time save on tuition for the future," Stephens said.

Families apply for the program during the enrollment period, which runs from late October through March, and are able to lock in that year's tuition and fees, regardless of

when the money is going to be used. Future increases in tuition and fees will be backed by the state.

Plans can be purchased with a single lump sum, annual payments or monthly installments. The purchaser can buy one to nine semesters of tuition and mandatory fee benefits from the state based on today's costs.

Benefits will cover the full cost at Illinois public universities and community colleges.

If a beneficiary attends a private or out-of-state public institution, College Illinois' will only pay a portion of the costs. Benefits will equal the mean-weighted average of tuition and fees at Illinois public universities and community colleges at the time of enrollment in college. The student will be responsible for making up the difference.

For example, the mean-weighted average tuition and fees for one year at Illinois public universities for this academic year is \$5,785. If someone had purchased a contract for a student who enrolled at a private or out-of-state public university or college this year, College Illinois' would pay that institution \$5,785 on behalf of that student.

College Illinois' pays for tuition and any mandatory enrollment fees. Room, board, books and transportation are not covered.

Plaza

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he said. Each area will be multi-purpose. A small outdoor stage, a large covered pavilion and a multi-purpose court will each have full electrical infrastructure so they can be used for a variety of events, he said.

Portable basketball goals and volleyball nets will be available along with three bird watching blinds.

The bird watching blinds will double as stages for puppet shows, Pemberton said.

The project cost is about \$1 million. A \$500,000 grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife will fund part of the plaza, and Lubbock citizens approved an additional \$500,000 in a 1999 bond election. This money will fund phase one of the project.

"I feel great that out of the three 1999 bond election projects, one is finally getting off the ground," Hernandez said.

Additional funds are needed for the second phase of construction on the north side of the lake system, Pemberton said. Money will be raised through a fund-raising campaign.

Fiesta Plaza will be open to the public for recreational use throughout the year. To use the

entire area for a festival, the group must request and reserve Fiesta Plaza from the Parks and Recreation Department, Hernandez said.

"The whole area is being developed, and it is currently being used a lot," Hernandez said. "We will have the entire city use it a lot instead of just people in the area."

Maria Holly, wife of former musician Buddy Holly, supports the development in the Buddy Holly Recreation Area, Hernandez said.

"She is ecstatic," he said. "She has committed to coming down to the ground breaking."

Hernandez also said he spoke to musician Joe Ely about starting an annual music event upon completion of the facility.

City Councilman T.J. Patterson said he supports Fiesta Plaza because it will bring additional business to an area that has been neglected.

"One thing that happens in one part of the city is good for the whole city," he said. "People always come to attractive areas. It's a wonder for the South Plains of Texas."

Another member agreed.

"The aspect of it I'm most interested in and most supportive for is that when the Marsha Sharp Freeway comes through we will be creating a split between the Tech community and the north area of the city," Councilman Frank Morrison said. "Fiesta Plaza will be attractive and draw people north of the freeway."

Forum

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there is a need for more specific tuition increase information, he will be invited to next week's meeting, Brown said.

"I want to encourage students to come in because this is their tuition we are going to talk about," he said. "They are paying for it, and this will be an investment they make in the university."

Jenni Ward, a sophomore advertising major from El Paso, said her parents pay for her tuition and for them to have to pay that much is not fair.

"It's wrong that they had the tuition increase in the middle of the semester instead of the beginning of the semester," she said. "If they would have known they could have made arrangements for next year."

Her parents are upset about the increase because it appears it will increase every semester and paying for something that is not expected to increase is hard.

Ward said the school should try to get funding from other sources rather than increasing tuition.

"I think we are getting a good education," she said. "But I have not seen a big improvement in the education system."

Monique Jones, a senior human development and family studies major from Lubbock, said the extra money is going to pay for new buildings so Tech can compete with other Big 12 schools.

"I see all these new building, but I

most should be able to get out in four years like anthropology or classics, that sort of thing."

If students could graduate in a timely manner it would open space for new students, she said. When students take five or six years to graduate there is less room for new students.

The administration has attempted to identify reasons why students are taking so long to graduate, she said.

Reed said the Senate also will discuss old issues such as the non-discriminatory policy in the university's operating procedure.

Adding sexual orientation as a protected class to the policy was discussed at the last meeting. She said it was first passed through the Senate to the administration in November 2001.

The meeting is at 3:15 today in the Lankford Lab in the Electrical Engineering building.

have not seen the quality in the classrooms increase at all," she said. "If they are going to have the tuition increase, they should hire new professors that we can actually understand. I just want to see the quality of our education increase, not more buildings that make our campus look pretty."

Michael Chaney, a senior electrical engineering major from Lubbock, said he was not affected by tuition.

"I feel that it was probably necessary

to have the tuition increase," he said. "The state money was cut, so Tech needs to get money some how."

Students see renovations being done to the Administration building, and they are going to wonder, he said.

"I think it is great the SGA is doing this, but I think the administration should be there as well," Chaney said. "Students just need to go and just listen and then make their decisions on the issue."

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Faculty

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replacing the vacancies that exist.

"Our main problem is that there is increasing enrollment and static resources," he said. "What this means is that we aren't able to keep up with the growth in students regarding office space, faculty and staff."

He said the add/drop period will remain in place, but effective Fall 2004, students will be able to drop only three classes in their college careers after the add/drop period.

Senate President Nancy Reed, associate professor of classical art and archaeology, said most students at Tech should be able to graduate in four years.

"There are some programs like bachelor of fine arts that are five-year plans to begin with," she said. "But

Surgeon's new face on future

It has been reported this week that teams of surgeons in both England and the U.S. are confident they have the knowledge and skill necessary to proceed with the world's first face transplant.

You read that right. Remember that crap-hat John Woo flick with Nick Cage playing John Travolta and John Travolta playing a paycheck desiring, has-been scientist ham?

Not such a dumb movie now, eh? Well yeah, it is, but between this and Demolition Man's prediction of Ahnold holding public office, I wonder if Barb Wire doesn't hold some nugget of sci-fi insight hidden between the silicone and vinyl.

... Sorry. Even I can get distracted by those things when caught unawares.

This is, of course, fantastic news for patients of severe facial disfigurement.

Current procedures to reconstruct facial tissue after burning, gun injury or freak badger attack have proved not completely successful.

Skin grafts don't produce satisfactory results because leg skin is not like eyelid skin. In 1998, surgeons completed a successful hand transplant on a New Zealand man, a procedure that requires painstaking attachment of dozens of tendons, nerves and muscles. Face transplants operate on much the same principles.

Donor faces will be harvested by roving packs of renegade surgeons, potato peelers in one hand, ice coolers in the other. No they won't. The faces will be donated by cadavers, as they won't be needing them anyway. Living candidates for the procedure must undergo a battery of psychological tests to ensure they will be able to adjust to wearing some dead guy's face. Persons susceptible to the "willies" or the "heebie-jeebies" need not apply. Also, the tests will weed out patients likely to attend their benefactor's funerals, walk about stiffly with their arms held out in front of them demanding "braaaaaiiiiinnnsss." Which rules me right out.

If it seems like I'm not taking this seriously, it's because the implications of this technology are profound and far-reaching, and they're taking a bit to sink in.

We can swap out people's faces.

You know that thing you see in the mirror, that thing you identify as you? Doctors can cut it off and stitch it on another body, where it then becomes "him" or "her." Imagine the possibilities. "Face-lift" takes on a whole new meaning.

It's hard enough finding criminals such as drug kingpins and despotic rulers in exile. Imagine if they'd swapped faces with some random person.

Sure, Saddam Hussein needs really to only shave off the mustache and we'd be clueless. He could be the pizza guy that doesn't

J.P. Acreman



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bring your ranch, which you specifically asked for. Remember that he's murderous and crazy, though, and he becomes The Most Horrible Scooby-Doo Bad Guy.

"Saddam Hussein? No, no my friend. I am neither that handsome nor intelligent nor sexily powerful.

I am the white devil infidel actor on the television, the Matthew Perry.

With all this mug swapping, there's gotta be a source, so it won't be long before you can sell your face after death. Surgeons will have whole catalogs like yearbooks from hell.

Still, dead people will only do for so long. It's creepy, and we get angry when our salads aren't fresh. Faces will be a commodity. There will probably be those who will swap faces willingly for a not-yet-replaceable jaw-dropping sum. Mostly though, a black market will arise. Beautiful people will mysteriously disappear or meet with an "accident" at which time their families are approached with a grief-soothing check.

Sure, people have traded on their looks since time began, but now people can just trade their looks. Soon, that slab of meat on our skulls will be just slightly more important than a shirt when it comes to defining who we are.

When this day comes, will we view attractiveness in the same light? Will we still believe our looks define us as individuals?

Maybe we'll finally start to value what's under our faces. Mmmm, braaaaaiiiiinnnsss.

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Show me the smoker's money

There is a constant debate raging in this country regarding the outrageous costs of treating smoking-related illnesses such as lung cancer.

As a smoker for the past two and a half years, a topic like this hits home.

The evidence demonstrating the problems our nation faces because of people like me certainly seems damning. This kind of evidence also is not in the least bit difficult to find.

Among the facts listed at the thetruth.com one can find that smoking-related ailments cost roughly \$150 billion every year.

According to the Center for Disease Control's Web site, \$7.18 in medical care and lost productivity was forfeited for every pack of cigarettes sold in 2000.

However, statistics are all too often biased, so I decided to take an in-depth look into the numbers.

First, one must realize what smoking related illnesses there are. A prime example is heart disease. Though smoking is a leading factor in contracting a heart-related malady, there are certainly a slew of other influences such as weight, lifestyle and genetic predisposition.

It is, however, classified as a smoking related illness and so smokers bear the brunt of culpability.

The granddaddy of all smoking-related illnesses is lung cancer, the cases of which, according to the Web site for the American Lung Association, are caused by smoking 87 percent of the time.

So I wanted to find out how much money treating lung cancer would cost. Amazingly, this information is hard to come by. Then, I found out why.

Wei Du, PhD of Wayne State University, told the American Cancer Society in April 2000 "the costs associated with lung cancer treatment haven't been studied outside the clinical trial setting, and very few studies have examined the treatment cost or cost effectiveness of treating the disease." I think we may have found some of that lost productivity.

Jason Lenz



So, although no one apparently knows precisely how much money is being spent on lung cancer or if that money is even being spent wisely, it is known that the culprits are not those who are spending the money, but instead those for whom the money is being spent, i.e. smokers.

Then I wondered how much money the state and federal governments are having to fork over because of smokers.

I found that the CDC has a paltry \$100 million in funding for anti-tobacco campaigns. I also found, according to the CDC, that 15 states offer no Medicaid coverage for tobacco-related illnesses.

Searching for this kind of statistical information was harder than I had anticipated, so I decided to figure it out for myself.

According to the National Association of Convenience Stores online, the federal excise tax on a pack of cigarettes is 39 cents. One can figure out the average state excise tax to be 72 cents, as of July. Thus, for every pack of cigarettes sold, government entities pull in \$1.11.

The ACS reports that 46.5 million Americans were smokers in 2000. According to the CDC in 2000, the average number of cigarettes smoked per day in 2000 was roughly 17, which is essentially a pack per day. This means, without a doubt, the state and federal governments earned more than \$12.1 billion last year from cigarette taxes alone.

Here's where I personalize it. If I smoke a pack every day for 30 years, then the powers that be will make \$12,154.50 off me, assuming there are no further increases in either of the excise taxes.

A side note, however, the CDC reported

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a likely 10 percent increase in the federal excise tax within the next five to ten years, and several states are also considering increases as well.

According to ehealthinsurance.com, I can, as a college student, get a policy with UniCare for a premium of \$94 per month, which is more than most people pay because I am a tobacco user. At this rate, the inevitable increases in premiums notwithstanding, I will pay the insurance company \$33,840 over 30 years.

Thus, between insurance and government taxes, there should be \$45,994.50 available to me for treatment, if I become afflicted with, for example, lung cancer, when I am 40, not including my other income.

The only ballpark figure I can come up with for the cost of treating cancer is the roughly \$300,000 my family had to pay to care for my mother when she contracted colon cancer in 1999. I would imagine that treatment costs for lung cancer would be comparable.

The only difference is, as a tobacco user, I have already forked over a more significant sum of money than the average Joe. Yet, my treatment will be no cheaper than anybody else.

Where is all this money going? More importantly, where could it be going? If the government is truly concerned about cost, then smokers are the wrong group to pick on.

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North Korea may stir critics of U.S. policy

By John Ross/The Lantern

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio — In a report to Congress last week, the Central Intelligence Agency said it believes North Korea has the necessary technology to produce nuclear weapons using fuel obtained from its nuclear fuel sources.

This intelligence report is another indication that the country will seek to make weapons the United States wants to outlaw the rest of the world from producing.

For the rather hawkish Republican wing that has strongly influenced Bush's foreign policy, a political statement such as this — especially to an administration touting the Bush Doctrine of pre-emptive self-defense — means action.

What action will be taken regarding North Korea cannot be yet known. The president has been relatively open-minded about multi-national talks to possibly offer security to the country if it disarms. But he has said previously that he will not tolerate a nuclear North Korea, especially not if the nation continues to break treaties and develop weapons of mass destruction openly.

Too, the South Pacific has been a tricky region for the United States for nearly six decades — a place of the United States has come to know mostly through combat. Now with regional economic and militaristic superpowers China and Japan looming large in the region, a U.S. military already overstretched and the possibility of another hefty price tag for drastic action, the situation gets trickier.

But what Kim Jong Il, North Korea's erratic, bespectacled leader, can and will do — with technology he may or may not have — is only part of the dilemma Bush will face in the coming months.

As North Korea's nuclear capability continues to become more visible, the question for the Bush administration will be this: Even if the threat is real, how will the administration shape the intelligence to a public made skeptical by the misinformation about the threat of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq?

For most, the "intelligence community" — where these weapons reports originate — has always been a mythical, mysterious entity. Analysts are involved, as are computers and satellites, but how any infor-

mation is processed and transmitted is largely a secret and tangled web.

For many during the past year, that mystery has turned from mystique to the potential to be misinterpreted. Though deceit has always been a part of the American presidency, how a president can willingly manipulate intelligence is one of the lasting legacies of the war in Iraq.

Critics of the war point to the White House's deliberate tinkering with intelligence; most who still support Operation Iraqi Freedom realize the claims about WMDs were false. Whatever action is taken abroad will be preceded at home by a different battle, in which George Bush must act using a bag with many fewer tricks. Once it was a bag that was untested and, therefore, not mistrusted. It is now a bag many feel was used to legitimize an invasion that has yielded more chaos than democracy and more deaths of U.S. soldiers than weapons of mass destruction.

And pitching policy without many of his old tricks to a people weary over death tolls and an uncertain future abroad — a people who realize they had been lied to from the start — will be difficult.

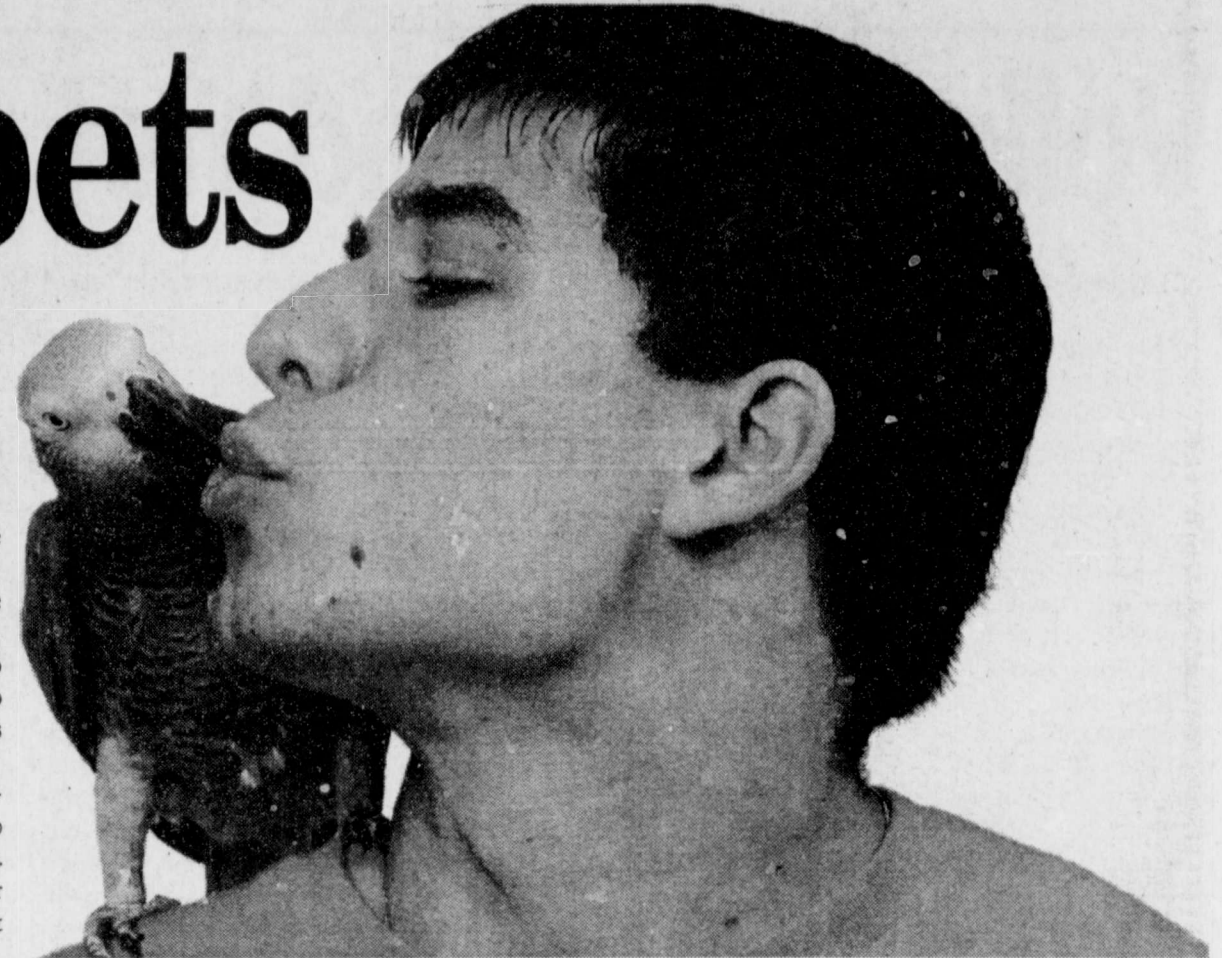
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J.C. PACHECO, A sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Clovis, N.M., gives Jake, his Congo African Gray parrot a peck on his cheek. Pacheco has had Jake for two years and spends at least two hours with him every day.

Tech students find companionship in non traditional animals including parrots, prairie dogs and lizards

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

Roll over Rover, and watch out Whisker. Some Texas Tech students are replacing traditional pets with exotic ones. Dogs and cats are starting to climb out of the norm making parrots and prairie dogs what some may call man's best friend.

J.C. Pacheco likes to hang out with his Congo African Gray parrot Jake.

"He's one of the guys," said the sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Clovis, N.M. "He's different, and he can talk."

Pacheco has had Jake for two years and spends at least two hours with him every day. He teaches him to step up and down off his hand and is trying to teach him to talk.

Pacheco said all Jake can say right now is "what?" and "hello."

He teaches Jake to talk and exercises him by having Jake perch on Pacheco's hand. As Pacheco moves his arm, Jake flaps his wings but cannot fly away because his wings are clipped.

His wings are clipped for his protection, Pacheco said.

"If we had a ceiling fan, he could fly into it and kill himself," he said. "It's a safety precaution."

Jake also likes to whistle and mock other noises he hears.

"He'll whistle (the theme song to) 'Andy Griffen' or if he sees a girl on TV," he said. "He growls when he's mad."

Pacheco said the bird gets jealous if other people are visiting.

"He tries to get my attention," he said. "When I have a girl over, he'll fly over to (distract us)."

Only patient students should try to raise one, Pacheco said. He cleans Jake's cage once a week, feeds him, and to get his \$1,200 friend to sleep, he throws a blanket over his cage.

He said he also will shower with his parrot on occasion. It's a way for both of them to get clean and spend time together. Jake will sit on a perch in the shower and Pacheco will splash him and put him under the water to bathe him.

"I like him a lot," Pacheco said. "He's fun to be around. He's like a dog, and he's like a cat. He can be mean, but he's always there for you."

While some pets flap, some scurry and burrow for attention.

Denis Comer's prairie dog, Kirby, will nose-dive off of a rocking chair into a trashcan for fun and affection.

Last time she jumped, Comer said he found her happily licking a half-eaten peppermint he had thrown out.

"They're really cool pets, but in the wild they cause problems," the sophomore mechanical engineering

major from Waco said. "They usually don't smell or get dirty."

Comer said he plays with Kirby for at least two hours a day and his roommates also play with her throughout the day.

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— J.C. PACHECO
Sophomore Pre-pharmacy Major from Clovis, N.M.

'Love' is 'Actually' a fun bit of fluff

The movie "Love Actually" is like an all-you-can-eat buffet for fans of romantic comedy.

The film, written and directed by Richard Curtis (who wrote "Notting Hill" and adapted "Bridget Jones's Diary") and set in Britain tells a plethora of love stories that on occasion intertwine with one another.

With a huge cast of big-name actors, "Love Actually" plays like the "Ocean's 11" of romantic comedies. Included in the cast are Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, Liam Neeson, Colin Firth, Laura Linney, Keira Knightley, Bill Nighy and Rowan Atkinson.

That's enough big-name actors and tangent story lines to make several movies.

This is Curtis' first film to direct, and when a director is working off of his own screenplay, there are few checks and balances on him.

That may be the reason that he got away with making a two-hour plus romantic comedy. It seems like he had a lot of different ideas for a romance floating around in his head and decided to cram them all into one movie.

Some of the ideas are complete and fully developed in this film, and others just seem like fleeting thoughts that never really get explored.

Take, for example, the story of two porn actors that develop a relationship as they are performing for the camera. It's a funny notion, but the film never really figures out what to do with them.

There are other examples in this film of half-cooked ideas, and each of them contains a unique element that could have been further explored in a three-hour movie.

Instead, these scenes only serve to provide single servings of sugary-sweet and ooey-goey schmaltziness.

James Eppler



It would have made for a more concise and less jumbled film had these been discarded.

I also could have done without the political agenda of having Billy Bob Thornton make an appearance as the horny President of the United States who comes to hit on women bully the Prime Minister into doing his wishes.

However, the film does offer several gems including the new Prime Minister

(Neeson) teaching his step-son about love, and my favorite, a divorced man (Firth) who falls for his Portuguese maid despite their language barrier.

There's also an often hilarious and surprisingly touching tale of a burned out rock musician (Nighy) obviously playing a hybrid of Mick Jagger and Keith Richards who has re-written one of his old hits into a Christmas song.

Nighy's comedic performance is right on the money and the film's development of a bond between he and his manager is both unexpected and moving.

All of these stories work very well on their own, and don't seem forced into existence like some of the other stories. Each of them contains interesting characters and a developed story. They are the reasons to see the

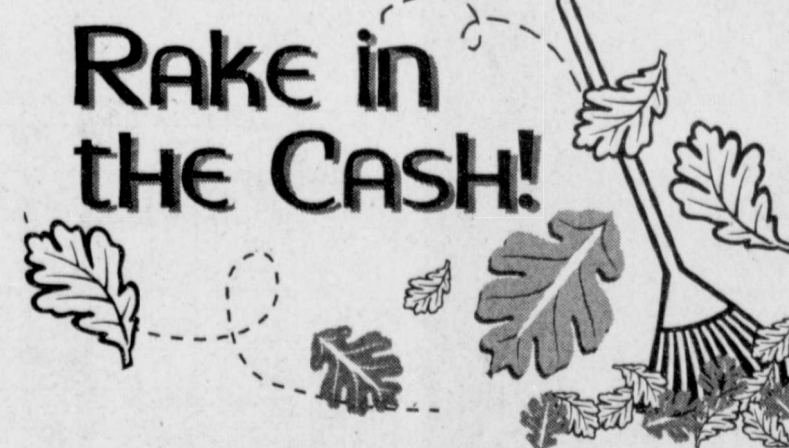
film. I also applaud the fact that it is a romantic comedy that isn't afraid to be sexy.

In a time of play-it-safe romances, this is a refreshingly sexy delight.

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TV marks 40th year of JFK's death, explores his legacy

NEW YORK (AP)—In the week leading up to Nov. 22, more than a dozen JFK specials invite viewers to encounter him from every vantage point on the 40th anniversary of his death. You can step back and survey his role in a powerful political dynasty on "The Kennedys" (encoring on PBS, 9 p.m. EST Monday and Tuesday).

If for some reason you care, you can dally with admirers such as Donald Trump and Jay Leno as they describe their shocked reactions to that grim day in Dallas, on MSNBC's dumbed-down "JFK: The Day That Changed America" (9 p.m. Monday).

You can re-experience the tragedy by focusing on the journalists who originally reported it. Through their

memories as well as with painstakingly compiled footage, CNN's "President Kennedy Has Been Shot" (8 p.m. Sunday) and PBS' "JFK: Breaking the News" (check local listings) track Kennedy's death, then, two days later, the killing of his collared murder suspect on live TV.

In the process, both programs document media history being made.

"With no preparation whatsoever," says "Breaking the News" narrator Jane Pauley, those long-ago newscasters mobilized "the most massive coverage of any event since the invention of television." They gathered the nation in a video vigil. And created a model for cable news two decades later.

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Volleyball squad not giving up on season

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

There might not be an NCAA Tournament berth in the Red Raiders' future, but throwing in the towel is still not on the team's agenda. Texas Tech (10-14 overall, 2-13 Big 12 Conference play) will face the Iowa State Cyclones (11-15, 3-12), at 7 p.m. in Ames, Iowa.

Junior outside hitter Kelly Johnson said the Raiders do not plan on not playing tough simply because postseason play is no longer a possibility.

"We're still going to work hard, get better and look toward next year," she said. "We're not ready to give up just yet."

The Cyclones came to Lubbock on Oct. 1 and dealt the Raiders a four-game loss. Tech won game one handily 30-18, but the Cyclones took the next three

(30-27, 30-22, 30-21). Johnson said the loss was especially tough to swallow, but today provides a chance for redemption.

"That's how anybody would feel if they lose to someone, especially the way we lost to them," she said. "It was heartbreaking and shocking. It would be nice to get some revenge."

Junior defensive specialist Jessy Herrera echoed her teammates' sentiments.

"It may kind of pump us up because they beat us at home," she said. "We definitely have the ability to beat them. We're hoping we can stay fired up for all three games."

As is the case for every match, Tech is counting on its team speed against Iowa State. Herrera said letting the tempo of the game get too

slow gives the Cyclones the advantage.

"It's important for us to play quicker," she said. "When we're quicker, we tend to get the best of bigger, slower girls. When we set the ball high, it gives the bigger girls a chance to camp on us."

Another key to this match is the rediscovery of intensity, head coach Nancy Todd said. The Raiders played flat in their loss to Colorado Saturday, but she said they need to look beyond that.

"We have to keep our intensity from the last couple of weeks," she said. "We had some pretty solid matches. We've got to find that again, find a way to win."

Besides intensity and the pace of the game, Johnson said placement on offense also is going to be crucial.

"It's very critical that we have good passes and that we don't set up to the outside all the time," she said. "That's the only way we can win."

Though boosting the pace of the game has been the primary objec-

tive in practice, Todd said some of the individual skills have been honed as well.

"Blocking for the middles, getting better shots for the outside (hitters), picking up the speed of the game for the setter, maintaining control of the ball," she said.

The final piece of the puzzle for Tech today is communication, Herrera said.

"It's very important for us to play solid defense, talk a lot and communicate," she said. "It's very important to improve communication and gel more as a team."

The Raiders are in the home stretch of the season, with only five matches remaining, including today. Herrera said Tech is looking at these remaining contests as a chance to surprise the opposition.

"We're a team that has nothing to lose," she said. "We're going out there looking for a win. Other teams may not be expecting us to play very well, so if we can step it up and take care of business, we should be able to get some wins."



ANDREW WEATHERL/File Photo

TEXAS TECH OUTSIDE hitter Kelly Johnson watches as defensive specialist Jessy Herrera bumps the ball during the Raiders' loss to Nebraska in the United Spirit Arena two weeks ago. The Raiders will face Iowa State at 7 p.m. today in Ames, Iowa.

Franchione, Aggies distraught after 77-0 loss

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione is still sorting through his emotions after last week's 77-0 loss to Oklahoma, the worst defeat in the school's 108-year history.

"I've had some long days in coaching, and I'd say that ranks right up there with them," Franchione said Tuesday. "I think you go through the gamut of emotions. I don't think there's one you can mention that I didn't go through. There's been days in coaching where I've closed the door and said, 'My, my.'"

Needless to say, Saturday was one of those days.

Oklahoma scored on 10 of its first 11 drives. The Aggies didn't advance beyond their own 40-yard line and did not convert a third down. And the Sooners kept scoring into the second half with reserves.

The Aggies (4-6, 2-6 in Big 12) must beat Missouri on Saturday and No. 6 Texas at Kyle Field on Nov. 28 to avoid their

first losing season since 1982. The once-proud Aggie defense already has given up 374 points, the most in school history. The previous worst was 312 points in 1982.

Just as it appeared things couldn't get any worse for the Aggies on Saturday, they did.

With OU reserves running simple plays near the A&M goal line in an effort not to score again



Huskies No. 1 in first women's basketball poll

(AP)—The player of the year returned and so did everyone else from the national championship team. So, who else but Connecticut would be No. 1 in women's basketball?

UConn was a unanimous choice for the top spot Tuesday in The Associated Press' preseason poll, which was no surprise considering that superstar Diana Taurasi is back for her senior year with a talented cast around her.

It's also nothing new for the Huskies, who have won the last two NCAA titles and three of the last four. This is the fifth time they've started the season at No. 1, a position they've held in 57 of the last 76 polls.

"Being No. 1 is nice and it makes for interesting reading, but it really is not anything that we are strangers to," coach Geno Auriemma said. "This group has been in that situation so many times. I'm sure we'll handle it the right way."

The No. 1 ranking for the women made it a UConn sweep in the preseason polls because the Huskies led the men's poll released Monday. This is the ninth time Connecticut has led both, including the 1999-2000 preseason polls.

The women, 37-1 last season, received all 47 first-place votes from a national media panel and had 1,175 points. The three teams that joined UConn in the Final Four last season were ranked right

behind the Huskies - Duke, Texas and Tennessee.

Connecticut could become the first team to get to the Final Four five straight years and just the second to win three consecutive titles. Tennessee did it from 1996-98.

Auriemma isn't it's way too early to be thinking about another title, though the Huskies' fans are excited. Their first exhibition game Saturday night drew a sellout crowd of 10,167.

"Right now, we are trying to get healthy and prepare for what we anticipate to be a very difficult task over the next four months: winning the Big East," Auriemma said.

"The danger, of course, is not to cruise through the regular season and think that come March, everything will be fine once the NCAA tournament starts."

And if UConn wins the Big East again?

"I really believe if we win our league, we are automatically the best team in the country," Auriemma said. "Forget what anybody else is doing."

Connecticut also was the preseason No. 1 in 2000-01 and 2001-02.

Duke led the preseason poll a year ago and remained No. 1 until losing to Connecticut on Feb. 1.

The Blue Devils, who finished 35-2, return All-American Alana Beard and three other starters. Plus, guard Monique Currie is back after missing all last season with a knee injury.

Duke had 1,117 points in the voting, Texas 1,071 and Tennessee 983. Kansas State was fifth, just two points behind Tennessee and was followed by Stanford, Purdue, Penn State, LSU and Texas Tech.

Georgia was 11th and Louisiana Tech 12th. Then it was Minnesota, North Carolina, Notre Dame and Rutgers, followed by Ohio State, UC Santa Barbara, Utah and Colorado.

Oklahoma, Auburn, Arizona, TCU and Virginia held the final five spots.

TCU, which has become a solid program under coach Jeff Mittie, has been ranked only once before - No. 25 during the week of Feb. 25, 2002. Virginia, once a regular in the poll, made the Top 25 for the first time since midway through the 2000-01 season.

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8:00	Berenstain Barney	"	Early Show	Paid Program	America's Funniest Home Videos	Grace Fire Roseanne
9:00	Dragon Tales	Today Show	TBA	Judge Mathis	Regis & Kelly	Family Feud
9:30	Sesame Street	Martha Stewart Living	Price Is Right	Hatchett	View	John Walsh
10:00	Mr. Rogers	Hwyd Square Jeopardy	Young & the Restless	Paid Program	Home Impr.	Access Extra
11:00	Woodwright	News Days of Our Lives	News Beautiful	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Good Day Live
1:00	Si, Be, Fi	Dragon Tales	Passions	As the World Turns	Paid Program	One Life to Live
2:00	Zoom	Beth/Lions	In/Edition	Guiding Light	Street Smart	General Hospital
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9:00	War River	"	Law & Order "TV14	Investigate	King/Queen	Karen Sisco
10:00	Nightly Bus	"	News Tonight Show	News David Letterman	Friends Blind Date	News Nightline
11:00	"	"	Conan	Letterman	Ext. Dating Blind Date	News E.T.
12:00	"	"	O'Brien Last Call	Kilborn	Ext. Dating	Jimmy Kimmel

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Thurs. Nov. 13th:
Men's (3pm), Res. Hall (3:15),
Co-Rec Star (3:30), Co-Rec
Raider (3:45), Women's (4:00)

Wellness Blood Screenings

Make a commitment to better health. Begin by learning your current blood levels and continue with exercise, better nutrition and stress management. Rec Sports and UMC's Health Source are teaming up to offer Blood Screenings Thursday, November 20 in the Fitness/Wellness Center of the Student Rec Center from 7-8:30 am. Rec Center membership is not required. Results include Lipid Profile, Glucose, Wellness Chemistry profile, CBC, Iron, Thyroid, Colon Cancer Screening Kit, PSA, Bone Marrow Density, C-Reactive Protein and Homocysteine. For descriptions and prices please go to www.recsports.ttu.edu. Please register by Wednesday, November 19 at noon by calling 742.3828.

Drowsy Driving 2-Mile Fun Run

Get ready for the first Drowsy Driving Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, November 22 at 8 am. The run is free; tshirts are \$7 and all proceeds go to the OJ Garcia Memorial Scholarship Fund. Information can be obtained through the SGA at 742.3631.

Rec Center Facility Positions Available

The Student Rec Center is currently taking applications for Spring Facility employees. Download your application today at www.recsports.ttu.edu

FITNESS/WELLNESS

Holiday Discounts On Massages At The Rec

Have you had a massage lately? As the holiday season approaches, treat yourself to a wonderful relaxing or stress relieving massage. From November 12 - 25, 2003, 60 minute massages for Rec Members may be purchased for \$30. These \$30 massages must be scheduled by December 17 to receive this price. When scheduling an appointment, payment may be made by cash, credit, check or Tech Express. The special does not apply to non-members, gift certificates, or 30 minute massages. To schedule an appointment call 742-3828 or come by the Fitness/Wellness Center.

Personal Trainers Can Get You There!

Qualified personal trainers are available to assist you in meeting your goals and needs. To schedule a personal trainer, come to the Fitness/Wellness Center and fill out a packet of information, decide which package you would like, and then a trainer will be assigned to you. Trainers are great for designing all levels of programs from beginner to advanced and all types of programs including weight gain or loss, skill improvement and speed improvement. They are great if you just need motivation or accountability also. The initial packages are a great price: \$40 for 3 sessions or \$60 for 5 sessions with your trainer. More sessions can be purchased along with the initial package. For questions, please call 742-3828.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

OPC New Staff Training Program

What is it?
The Outdoor Pursuits program is offering an outdoor leadership candidate training program beginning in December. Candidates will learn the art of facilitation, leadership and human skills. Leave no

Trace environmental ethics, technical skills a wilderness first aid. The program begins in December so sign up today.

- What's Included?**
- All Food
 - OPC Trainers
 - 6 Days of Wilderness Travel
 - Transportation
 - Wilderness First Aid Certification by the Wilderness Medical Training Center
 - Cost: \$215

How Do I Sign Up?
Pick up an application packet available in the Student Rec Center or in the Outdoor Pursuits Center. Applications are due November 14th. You can also download an application at www.recsports.ttu.edu. Call the Outdoor Pursuits Center for more info at 742-2949

Wilderness First Aid Workshop

The Outdoor Pursuits Center is hosting a Wilderness First Aid workshop January 9-11. This workshop is an introductory course designed to teach participants the basics in patient assessment and treatment when an ambulance isn't an option. The cost for this workshop is \$175 if you register by December 15. To see an outline for this course or to register check-out our website at www.recsports.ttu.edu/outdoor or call 742-2949



Intramurals
Table Tennis

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Special Events
Great American Smokeout
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Dec. 3

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER HOURS

Open Recreation Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 6a.m. - midnight
Friday 6a.m. - 10:30pm
Saturday 9am - 9pm
Sunday noon - 11pm

Aquatic Center Hours

Monday - Friday 6:30am - 8:45am
Saturday - Sunday 2pm - 6:45pm
Noon - 1:20pm
3:00pm - 8:45pm

Intramural Champions List At
www.recsports.ttu.edu

INTRAMURALS

Fall Softball Results

The final day of championship softball for the Fall 2003 season was played on Sunday. In Raider Action, the Co-rec raider champion was a team from the University Plaza which plays under the name UPPERS. The UPPERS outlasted Golden Timbers 9-8 in the final game. The Men's raider champion that was crowned was Delta Chi Red. Delta Chi Red beat BETA B in raider action.

In Co-rec Star action, Tortfeasors defeated Samsonite (15-14). Team Members for the Tortfeasors were Luke Inman, Rick Leach, Jason McDonald, Jason Rahlfs, David Shipman, Christine Cone, Jessica Dodge, Melinda Thompson, Crystal Weaver, and Miranda Gitlin.

In the Men's Star division, FRANCHISE had hot hitting and a Phi Delt last inning come back fell just short. When it was all said the done FRANCHISE defeated Phi Delt 18 to 14. Members include: Aaron Waldrip, Jedrek Anderson, Chris Cavazos, Choate, Andrew & Jonathan Spears, Ryan Nash, Trey Neal, Robert Phariss, Teri Phariss, Kevin White, and the outstanding pitching duo of Clay Whitehead & Jorge Juarez.

In women's action, JFH Inc., with their consistent use of only 8 players, defeated the Lady Cougs 11-8. Team Members Kristina Buschow, Beverly Dawson, Hayley Foster, Micah Mensch (MNM), Colleen Price, Ferrin Ready, Hillary Rowe, Linda Scales, Jayna Watkins, and Karla Williamson.

Swim Meet Champions

The intramural swimming meet was held at the Recreational Aquatic Center. More than 100 swimmers participated in the meet. There was some great action as swimmers competed in the Open, Greek Red and Greek Black Divisions.

The Open Division saw 4 teams battle through the night. In the Open Division, Aqua Tech swam over the Slippery Devils for the title. Andrew Ha led team Aqua Tech with 1st place finishes in the 200 IM, the 50 Yard butterfly and anchored the 200 Medley Relay team. Stephen White of the Free Agents kept his team in contention with a win in the 50 Free and the 100 free and a second place finish to Ha in the 50 butterfly.

The Greek Red action featured some great competition. Three Fraternities battled back and forth all night for the team title. In the end, Theta Chi outlasted Sigma Nu for the title. Sigma Pi finished third, easily outdistancing fourth place Theta Xi.

The Greek Black battle was a race for second place. Paced by Charles Henkel and Michael Hess, Kappa Alpha ran away from the field. Beta Theta Pi coasted in for the second place and Fiji edged Pi Kappa Alpha by one point to take third.

Bowling Recap

On Sunday, the annual Intramural bowling tournament came to end. Over a three-night span, 87 different four-person teams competed for the chance to be top bowling team. In our Greek Black division, 2-time defending champions, FIJI defeated Pi Kappa Alpha by 372 pins. FIJI's scores were 1893, 1772, and 1740 (5405). In our Greek Red division (5 fraternities comprising of 18 teams), the new comers to the Tech campus, Theta Xi defeated last year's champion, Sigma Pi by 226 pins. Theta Xi's scores were 1669, 1551, and 1475 (4695). Sigma Pi's scores were 1617, 1535, and 1317 (4469).

In our Men's open division, Team #21 (Billy Duke (432), Nick Willis (548), Bob McCormack (384), and Tim Hopkins (399)) comprised a pinfall of 1763. In our Co-Recreational division, Team #23 - Matt's Crew (Matt Crutcher (556), Matt Saldana (362), Megan McClintock (241), and Stephen Sayward (723)) comprised a total pinfall of 1882.

Other individual winners included: *Men's High Game* - John P. Garcia with a 216, *Men's High Series* - Stephen Sayward with a 723 (248, 217, 258), *Women's High Game* - Melissa Edwards with a 174, and *Women's High Series* - Amanda York with a 488 (120, 168, 160). The Intramural department would especially thank Brunswick South Plains Bowl for all their assistance and coordination with this event.



COURTESY PHOTO/Rec Sports
Participants couldn't wait to dive in during the Annual IM Swim Meet last week. Over 100 swimmers participated in multiple events held at the Aquatic Center.

Sleep Out for the Homeless

November 13 & 14
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