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# Butler trial turns to 12 jurors today

D-DAY: Closing arguments for 16-day long trial set for today before jury makes decision on Butler's future.

By Heidi Toth/News Editor

Sixty nine charges, 57 witnesses, 16 days, \$18 million, 469 years in jail, 30 vials, 60 agents, 10 months, 12 average citizens — all leading to one verdict.

Both the prosecution and the defense rested Monday in the trial of Dr. Thomas Butler, the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center professor who reported 30 vials of plague-causing bacteria missing from his laboratory Jan. 14 and is accused of lying to the FBI, embezzlement, smuggling, and mail and wire fraud.

Closing statements begin today, and the case and all its complexities will be handed over to the jury. They hold the ticket to Butler's fate.

"They could go different ways because the indictment has so many aspects," said Larry Cunningham, Texas Tech professor

He does not believe the jury will reach a blanket verdict that finds Butler guilty or not guilty on all counts, he said. Because of



the variety of charges and the huge amount of information the jurors have to sift through they will most likely break down the indictment by groups. Of course, if the

jurors take a poll early on and find they are fairly unanimous on most counts, the verdict could be quick, he said.

Many factors about the case aid the prosecution, Cunningham said.

"The benefit to the government here is that Butler confessed, and also he sort of conhe did certain things," Cunningham said. "The issue is, do they believe the confession?"

Butler admitted having separate contracts, not registering the Yersinia pestis bacteria or listing it on his customs form when bringing it into the United

"His defense is, yes, I did these things, but what I did was not in violation of the law, for this reason," Cunningham said. "That quite there. significantly narrows these issues to the jury."

The paper trail connected to the fraud and smuggling also helps the prosecution, he said.

fessed in his own testimony by admitting that 
The government can show the jury the Federal Express air bills, customs forms and tax returns as evidence that Butler

did not follow the law.

The defense team, meanwhile, is trying to convince the jury that Butler did these things believing he was following the law. Defense attorneys have argued that Butler was not aware of some of the requirements for having plague or that the intent to break the law was not

"This is a well-respected, nationally

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# Tech police investigate disappearance of evidence

**SABOTAGE:** Unidentified Tech lieutenant took knife without signing it out properly.

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

An unidentified lieutenant from the Texas Tech Police Department took a knife that had been evidence in a homicide from the department's property room without signing the proper paperwork.

This incident sparked allegations of theft and launched an internal review by the Tech PD of the general policies in destroying unnecessary evidence, said Sally Post, interim director for News and Publications.

"They haven't reached any conclusions," Post said.

The incident occurred within the last few months, said Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech PD. Hoffman said he could not specify exactly when because he did not know.

The officer was going to use the knife for training purposes, but as soon as he realized the proper paperwork had not been completed, he turned it back in to the department, Post said.

Both Post and Hoffman refused to release the name of the officer to The University Daily.

The knife will now be destroyed. Post said it is quite common for items used as evidence to either be destroyed or kept for demonstrational purposes after the cases have been closed.

The policy review is routine not only for the Tech police department

but for other departments as well, Hoffman said. "Every department has reviews to make sure policies are sound," he

said. "We periodically look at our policies." The Tech PD reviews its policies when something comes up that looks

like it could have been better handled, Hoffman said. The Tech PD is still looking into whether similar instances of improper

retention of evidence occurred, Hoffman said. "We worked on (the policy) and will continue to work on it," he said.

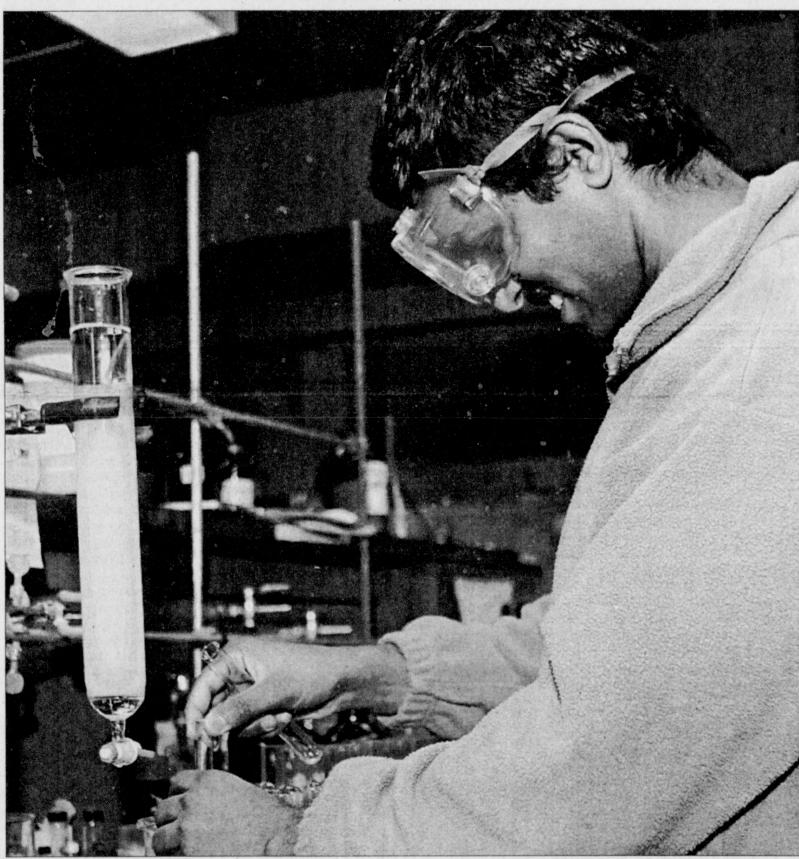
"It is not a criminal investigation." Kevin Lawrence, deputy executive director for the Texas Municipal

Police Association, does not agree with the way the Tech PD is handling Lawrence said that when you have one of your own involved in allega-

tions of theft, the investigation should be given to another agency to deal "Otherwise there is too much of an opportunity for people to allege a

cover-up," he said.

## SCIENCE SKILLS



ANDREW WEATHERL/Staff Photographer

PRAMON R. CHOPADE, a doctoral candidate in chemistry from Kolhapur, India, uses a chemistry technique referred to as column chromatography to purify organic compounds to be used in a later experiment.

# Housing zone for Tech students in works

## ■ New townhouses will allow two or more unrelated residents.

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

Some students have already begun considering where they want to live next year. For those who would like to live in a house with two other people, a solution is in the beginning stages of development.

Elroy and Vickie Wisian, owners of Wisian Properties, Inc., are beginning to develop a plot of land that will be zoned specifically for Texas

Tech students and other students in the city. The 80-acre plot of land north of 502 North Clinton Ave. is the first residential site in the city to be zoned to house two or more unrelated Tech students.

The Wisians are the first developers, landlords and builders in the city

of Lubbock to have a residential complex zoned A-1, which is an apartment zoning, Elroy Wisian said. The current city ordinance prohibits two or more unrelated people living in the same residence when the house is in a R-1 or single family residence zone.

Elroy Wisian said he took the proposal to the City of Lubbock Planning and Zoning Commission. The idea went over well with the commission, so the proposal went to the City Council. Instead of being zoned R-1 or R-2, a duplex and residential zone, the council gave the new

complex A-1 zoning rights.

Melissa Marshall, a sophomore merchandising major from Richardson, said she would consider living in the developing complex because she would not have to worry about how many people she would be living with.

"You wouldn't have to worry about the ordinance," she said. "It would be nice with more students living around you than families."

> Elroy Wisian said the new complex, Lynnwood Townhomes, is being constructed so that Tech students will be able to live in an area where they can have a good experience among other Tech stu-

"This is a way so that kids don't have to live in purple houses with smiley faces, and the kids don't have to live where they aren't wanted," he said.

The complex was formerly an 80-acre cotton farm. Within the complex will be 300 townhouses. The homes are considered townhouses because the homes do not share a common wall, Vickie Wisian said. By not sharing a common wall, the amount of noise is restricted between the residences.

With 300 townhouses, there will be 600 rental units.

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## Vehicle safety arises as holidays approach ■ Raider Assistance program offers tips for problem-free travel.

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

Whether driving six miles or six hours to get home during the holiday season, Texas Tech students have various resources at their disposal for maneuvering from point A to point B safely.

Bonnie Bourland, director of the Raider Assistance program, said help with a flat tire or other bumps along the way is at the fingertips of every driver. A number for the Texas Highway Department (1-800-525-555) is printed on the back of every Texas driver's license.

"The number rings through to the Department of Public Safety, and they'll contact a DPS officer in the area and send somebody out," she said. "It might save somebody some trouble."

Bourland said students driving long distances should take the time to have their cars checked before embarking on their journeys long before they find themselves

in an unfortunate situation. "Take it to a full-service station," she said. "It's well

worth the time it would take rather than being stranded on a road somewhere."

Bourland suggested students check things such as

tire pressure and ware, fluid levels, including water in the radiator, coolant and oil. Inspecting the condition of various hoses throughout the car also is wise.

"Check the hoses," she said. "Because if you have a hose break (while driving), you may not have a chance to replace that."

Andrew Manning, a sophomore history major from Ft. Worth, said he is planning to drive home for Thanksgiving break. He said one time while he was traveling, his car blew its air conditioning belt.

"I was stranded in Weatherford," he said. "I called my mom, and she picked me up."

Josh Tefertiller, a sophomore theater major from Itasca, said he always makes sure his truck is in good condition before making a long

"Most of the time I'll get an oil change before going or after I get back to Lubbock," he said. "I have bad luck with vehicles."

Oil changes usually cost about \$20. Bourland said going to get an oil change is the easiest way to get a full

transportation check-up because there is no additional

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# Steinmetz satisfied with Senate progress so far

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Throughout the fall semester, Texas Tech's Student Government Association Student Senate has had five meetings. The average amount of time spent at those meetings is about three hours. That does not include the hours each senator puts in developing and writing legislation.

Jacque Steinmetz, SGA internal vice president, said Thursday's meeting was a true testimony of hard work as senators looked at 11 different resolutions.

"It is a good testament of how hard they really work to create these," she said. "They've done research throughout the semester, and it's all coming

the night, Steinmetz said the Senate and flamboyancy. is serious about making each resolution perfect.

'Senators take these seriously," she nior agriculture said. "They will take whatever amount major said. "I of time to get it right and make it directly relevant to students."

Although some students under- purposes." stand and appreciate what the Senate tries to accomplish, other students still and part of the ordo not understand its purpose.

Arthur Cardona, a junior psychol- tor-At-Large ogy and math major from Corpus Chris Christi, said the Senate does a great service for the students.

"Some of their resolutions are wor- the creation of 10 thy, like about adding a gate at the pieces of legislafootball games," he said. "They try to tion out of those do pretty good stuff for us."

With the meetings lasting late into thinks the Senate is primarily for flair correct in every sense.

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discussed Thursday. He said senators mine where their money was going. Heath Talkmitt of Wilson said he spend so much time to ensure they are

"It is important to get it exactly "They try to do stuff for us, but usu- right," Carr said. "It used to be after mester with holds on their accounts,

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requested a detailed years, an itemized list of all charges was provided to

Students face problems every seally not much comes from it," the se- two hours, people would be ready to causing them not to be able to regisgo, but this year, the ter for classes, graduate or receive a senators are willing transcript, along with several other

> services that are pertinent. Steinmetz said every student has In resolution had a run-in with that problem some 39.18, the Senate time in his or her college career.

> "A student can't go through and tuition statement have a hold to be able to register," she be made available said. "Every student has faced that to students. In past kind of frustration. We want a possible e-mail message without delay to let them know they have a hold."

> The technology is already in place each student so to begin the use of the e-mail system, they could deter- and it will be implemented soon.

With several changes affecting The resolution was approved to be Tech and its students, SGA President recommended to Tech administration. Jeremy Brown said the Senate is try-

ing to help get the message out.

"We want to keep the lines of communication open," he said. "That is the purpose of the Senare, to inform our students who we serve."

Carr said President Jon Whitmore should address students routinely to make them aware of important events

such as the tuition increase. "Most students probably don't even know this is happening," he said. "Someone should address these problems to the students so that they

Steinmetz said the purpose of resolution 39.20 is to provide "more communication and accountability" on the part of the administration.

The Student Senate will begin again at the start of next semester. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. Jan. 22.

# Check out The UD online at universitydaily.net for updated coverage of the Butler trial.

# Artists speak out about killings of hundreds of Juarez women

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A pink blouse, a frilly yellow child's frock and other pastel-colored clothing dangle from the ceiling. Beneath the dresses, shoes lie haphazardly among dead flower petals.

In artist Adrian Arias' homage to the women of Juarez, Mexico, the hanging clothes are a reminder of hundreds of missing or murdered girls. The scattered shoes recall those found in the desert where their raped, mutilated and beaten bodies were often abandoned.

The slayings of more than 250 women in the city just across the border from El Paso began a decade ago. But recently, growing outrage over the killings has spread to places far from Juarez, including the San Francisco cultural center where Arias' haunting tableau is on display through Wednesday.

There's a lot of silence around this problem," said Arias, a 42-year-old videographer, artist and poet.

"This has been going on for the past 10 years and there hasn't been anything done to resolve the problem. As an artist, I feel I need to do something to be near the families who miss their sisters, their daughters, their friends."

In recent months, protesters have called attention to the murders by carrying signs that read "Not one more" and "Justice for our daughters" outside Mexican consulates in Washington, D.C., Minneapolis, Austin, El Paso and other cities around the world.

Last month, a congressional delegation led by U.S. Rep. Hilda Solis, D-Calif., visited sites where the victims' bodies were found and spoke with their

And in February and March, ben- capital of Chihuahua. efit performances of "The Vagina Monologues" around the world will each donate up to 10 percent of proceeds to help families of Juarez victims. The shows, coordinated by nonprofit V-Day, will feature a new monologue about the killings by playwright Eve Ensler and provide information about them to audience members.

"I feel really, really compelled now to do everything I can to stop what's happening there and to get America to stop it," Ensler said, adding that she's had trouble sleeping since returning from a recent trip to Juarez to research a maga-

"If this were happening to men, it would have stopped a long time ago. Because it's poor women, they're completely invisible and nonexistent on around the world since late 2001, with anybody's radar."

The Juarez victims are mostly slender, long-haired and pretty, between the ages of 14 and 20. Mexican authorities ther investigate the crimes. On Friestimate that 258 women have been day, she and other legislators introkilled; nearly 100 were sexually moti- duced a House resolution outlining vated and the victims were raped, their concerns and suggesting solustrangled and had their necks broken. Human rights groups, however, place the number of victims at more than 350.

Police have arrested more than a dozen people, including an Egyptian chemist who is the only one convicted in the crimes. Officials say the chemist, Abdel Latif Sharif, paid others to continue the killings while he was in jail.

But some don't believe the official version, and theories abound that the women were killed by organ traffickers, a street gang or Satanic cult. There is fear the killings have spread to the state

Some victims' families have complained of sloppy police work, corruption and government apathy. Others blame American companies, pointing out that many of the women worked in assembly plants that produce electronics, toys and other items for U.S. consumers.

Alicia Gaspar de Alba, a UCLA professor who organized a conference this month on the murders, said concern has been growing in the United States since eight bodies were found together in a former cotton field in luarez about two years ago.

She also credits filmmaker Lourdes Portillo's "Senorita Extraviada, Missing Young Woman" documentary, which has been shown increasing awareness of the problem.

In the political arena, Solis has pressured Mexican authorities to fur-

"There's just a clear negligence on the part of the authorities in really, truly coming to grips with who is actually involved with the murders and then finding some resolution and conclusion for the families," Solis said.

The killings have also provoked an artistic outpouring. In Los Angeles, "The Women of Juarez" play tells the story of a family grieving over the disappearance of a young factory

New Mexico songwriter Bugs Salcido plans to donate a portion of proceeds from his new CD, "The Juarez Murders," to Amigos de las Mujeres de Juarez, a Las Cruces, N.M., group working to end the killings and support victims' families.

In San Francisco, Day of the Dead installations by Arias and by Mexican artist and activist Silvia Parra, have been on display since the beginning of the month. In Parra's exhibit, slips of paper list the dead women's names; many say "Desconocido," unknown. The names are surrounded by pink candles painted with a black crosses, a symbol for the dead Juarez women.

"They're my sisters. They're my daughters," Parra said. "The crimes are of such hatred that it's just unbearable to my soul as an artist, as a mother and as a woman. I cannot just stand

# Tech still waiting for VP appointment

"(Whitmore) wants to visit with

the candidate and then let the chan-

cellor and Board of Regents know

It has been four weeks since Tech's former Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Lynda Gilbert resigned to take a similar job with the University of Alabama system.

duty is to deal with any fiscal matter. ment can be made." that relates to Tech.

named, Tech President Jon dividual on Monday, then the Whitmore's candidate must be ap- chancellor's office and Board of Reproved by Chancellor Dr. David Smith and the Board of Regents, Chief of Staff for the president Ronald Phillips said.

about it," he said. "Our operating procedure requires concurrence from the The position Gilbert vacated has chancellor and prior notification to many responsibilities, but the main the Board before a formal announce-Whitmore said he has his candi-Before an interim replacement is date in mind and talked with the in-

> gents will be notified. "I think I've got it narrowed down," he said. "Now we just have to notify the chancellor, and then a

public announcement will be made." When Gilbert stepped down, the

administration said staff people in the university's Office for Fiscal Affairs would step forward to assume the vacated role until an interim was

Phillips said the office staff has not been a disappointment and has gotten the job done pending an interim being named.

"Individual departments within the Office of Fiscal Affairs and the president's office are working closely to make sure everything is covered,"

### The Rundown



# identified as lobbyist penalty for sniper

HOUSTON (AP) — The Harris County medical examiner's office has identified the charred body found in the rubble of a burned home as that of

Houston City Hall lobbyist Ross Allyn. A spokesman for the medical examiner's office said dental records were use to make a positive ID because the body was burned beyond recogni-

An autopsy report released Friday said that Allyn, who was implicated and then cleared in a 1997 Houston City Council bribery scandal, had been shot in the back. Police said no weapons were found in the home.

The cause of the early Friday morning blaze is still under investigation.

Homicide Sgt. Wayne Wendel said he believes it was arson, while chief arson investigator Roy Paul said he believes it was an accident because there were no signs that accelerants had

Only the blackened, charred frame of the home remained Friday; there was a large hole in the roof. Burnt belongings covered the front yard.

Investigators said it's likely that Allyn had returned home before the 4 a.m. blaze swept through the house because his 2001 Lexus was parked in

His body was found near the front door, consistent with someone trying to escape, officials said.

News of that Allyn had been shot to death surprised his friends because he never spoke of having problems with anyone.

City Councilwoman Carol Alvarado said Allyn was happy when she talked to him Thursday and seemed excited about events they planned to attend together Friday night.

Friend Paul Gomberg said that he last saw Allyn Thursday night. The two went to a fund-raiser and went to a restaurant for dinner, he said in the Houston Chronicle's Saturday online edi-"Actually, he said he thought his

phones might be bugged," Gomberg said while standing outside the burned house Friday. "He said that yesterday, as a matter of fact. He didn't go into details, but he just thought somebody was listening to him or listening to his

Gomberg said Allyn did not say why someone would tap his phone.

Active in politics for more than 20 years, 45-year-old Allyn survived a high-profile City Hall bribery trial before charges against him were dismissed

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) -Jurors decided Monday that John Allen Muhammad should be executed for masterminding the deadly sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington area for three weeks last fall.

As the verdict was read, Muhammad maintained the same unflinching demeanor he had shown through most of his trial. The jury deliberated five hours over two days before reaching the verdict against Muhammad, a 42-year-old Army veteran who had asked police to "Call me God" during the October 2002

The same jury had convicted him a week earlier of murdering Dean Harold Meyers, a 53-year-old man struck by a single bullet to the head on Oct. 9, 2002, as he filled his tank at a Manassas-area

The jury's sentencing recommendation is not final. Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. can reduce the punishment to life in prison without parole when Muhammad is formally sentenced, but Virginia judges rarely do that.

Sentencing was set for Feb. 12; Virginia death row inmates are executed by injection unless they choose electro-

The jury concluded that prosecutors proved both aggravating factors allowing the death penalty: that Muhammad would pose a danger in the future or that his crimes were wantonly vile. He was sentenced to death on both counts he was convicted of last Monday: multiple murders within three years and murder as part of a terrorist plot.

"As we said from the get-go, the death penalty is reserved for the worst of the worst," prosecutor Paul Ebert said. "We think Mr. Muhammad fell into that category, and we think the jury agreed."

Jonathan Shapiro, one of Muhammad's attorneys, said the defense team had no problem with the jurors, "who applied the law as it was given to them." But he added: "We have deep disagreement with any system that sanctions killing."

Prosecutors had depicted Muhammad as a ruthless murderer who was "captain of a killing team" that included teenage co-defendant Lee Boyd

They presented evidence of 16 shootings, including 10 deaths, in Maryland, Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana and

the District of Columbia. "One thing's for sure they took pleasure in terrorizing people," Ebert said. "They took pleasure in killing people, and that's the kind of man that doesn't deserve to be in society."

## Body in Houston fire Jury decides on death Dorm fire in Moscow kills 36, injures 200

MOSCOW (AP) - An earlymorning fire Monday raced through a Moscow dormitory packed with students from Africa, Asia and Latin America, killing at least 36 people and injuring

The fire quickly engulfed most of the dilapidated building housing students of the Patrice Lumumba Friendship of Peoples University, an institution that in the 1960s and 70s symbolized the Soviet Union's commitment to the Third World but deteriorated in the 1990s.

The building, which housed 272 students, served as a quarantine facility for newly arrived foreign students needing medical checks before beginning their

"It was like a horrible nightmare," said Abdallah Bong, a student from Chad looking at the gutted building. "We saw them crying for help and jumping out of the windows, and we could do nothing to save them."

Bong and other witnesses said fire engines were slow to start action as they jammed into a narrow access road blocked by parked cars, unable to stop the flames from gutting most of the dormitory above the ground floor.

The fire burned for more than three hours. Smoke poured from windows as a wet snow fell before dawn, and, after the fire was put out, the building's concrete walls were streaked with black soot. Nearby trees were caked with ice that had formed from water used to extinguish the

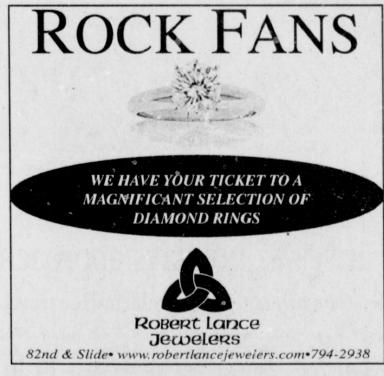
"A friend of mine who arrived just a few days ago broke his leg when he jumped out the window, and I don't know what happened to another friend," Nafafe Tengna, a third-year journalism student from Guinea, said as he waited for authorities to distribute a list of victims.

A preliminary investigation pointed to an electrical problem, Deputy Interior Minister Rashid Nurgaliyev told President Vladimir Putin during a Cabinet session. Some bystanders said the fire could have been started by electric heat-

Lubov Zhomova, a spokeswoman for the Moscow Health Directorate, said 36 people died and 197 others were injured. The Chinese foreign ministry said 34 Chinese students were among the in-

Tengna said firefighters and emergency workers were slow to mount a rescue effort.

"Students had to do it all themselves, holding mattresses for those who were jumping out," he said. Later, some halfnaked victims suffered frostbite waiting for ambulances.



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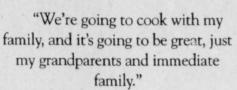
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# RAIDEKS on the CDC

"I'm going to my grandparents' house to eat and watch football."

· Luke Fenlon, freshman mechanical engineering major from Austin.



 Ashley Gardner, freshman engineering major from Keller.



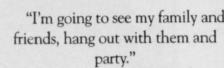
"I'm going on a cruise to Cozumel with my mom and my brother."

• Jordan Green, freshman architecture major from Houston.



"I'm going to my aunt's house to eat a lot of turkey and kick back."

· Taylor Fonteno, freshman mechanical engineering major from Brenham.



· Heather Mercer, sophomore communications major from Waco.





"I'm just going home to visit with my family. We don't really have much planned. Some family is coming in, and that's about it."

· Brittaney Brown, freshman architecture major from

# What are you doing over the Thanksgiving break?

## Teens charged with conspiracy to commit murder at school

ORANGE (AP) — Two teenagers were charged Monday with conspiracy to commit capital murder in connection with an alleged plot to kill people at Vidor High School in southeast Texas.

Orange County juvenile prosecutor Krispen Walker said the former students, a 16-year-old boy and a 16-year-old girl, also were charged with conspiracy to commit murder and conspiracy to commit aggravated assault. Both remained in custody in juvenile detention centers in Hardin and Montgomery counties.

Walker said she and Orange County District Attorney John Kimbrough haven't decided whether to prosecute the teens as juveniles or adults. Both teens were slated to appear at a detention hearing Tuesday in Orange County Court, she said.

## Butler

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known scientist, never been in trouble before, who was doing what he thought was the right thing," Cunningham said. "The main thing they have going for them is he's not a violent criminal; he's not charged with anything violent."

Cunningham discussed the concept of jury nullification, which refers to the power of a jury to disregard the law and come to a decision based on something other than the law, such as hatred, bias or sympathy.

Jury nullification has been 1895, he said, because according to the U.S. judicial system, judges decide law and juries decide facts. Juries do not interpret the laws to their liking and reach a verdict based on emotion.

"There's very little we can do about jury nullification," he said. "They're not supposed to do it, but there's nothing

we can do. It's next to impossible to hold

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a jury in contempt."

Defense attorneys are not allowed to ask for nullification, although they can argue that a law does not apply in the situation in question.

When the jury begins deliberating, the main issue will most likely be who was more convincing - the government claiming that Butler harbored resentment toward the HSC and some of its administrators, that he was aware of the laws and wantonly violated them and that he intentionally cheated the IRS and HSC, or the defense's claim that he did not know the regulations, he is working to combat bioterrorism with his plague research and everything he did was in good faith that he was following the law and cooperating with the federal government.

"It's not a question of whether Butler was a good guy or a bad guy, it's if the government proved its case," Cunningham said.

Closing arguments begin today at

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## Housing

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Eventually, the complex will be able to hold around 1,800 Tech students. Each student in the unit will have a bedroom that has its own bathroom, Elroy Wisian said.

The independence of having an independent bedroom and bathroom would be a factor for Jose Madrid. The freshman Arts and Sciences undeclared major from Lubbock said the new complex sounds reasonable compared to the dorm.

The overall cost is a factor that of Tech students would create a tight-

attracts Rudy Sanboruk to the new property. The sophomore psychology major from Dallas explained why he would consider living there once his current lease has expired.

"It sounds like it is cheaper than living in apartments. Plus you don't have to pay for a parking pass," he

Elroy and Vickie Wisian, former Red Raiders and graduates of Tech, explained the buildings are being built specifically for Tech students. They would like Tech students to live in the new buildings because they are close to campus, and a neighborhood

knit community.

"With Tech students, it eliminates other problems of safety," Elroy Wisian said. "We have found that they respect each other, so there isn't as much burglary and theft."

In order to ensure the safety of the residents, the complex will have 24hour security. Vickie Wisian said the security will not only protect the residents, but it will teach the residents to be respectful of other neighbors and the property.

"It is a key to keeping mayhem down and showing people what it means to be a good neighbor," she

In the future, Vickie Wisian said a goal is to have a bus service that would run through the community to help give transportation to the students. The surrounding area is also \*developing commercial activity, such as restaurants and strip shopping, for the students who already occupy the

The first townhouses will begin being built on March 1. By Sept. 1, Elroy Wisian said he should have 80 units built. In the time between the two dates, he said he would have May, June and July rentals for students and he has already begun pre-leasing for the fall of 2004.

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charge for having a mechanic survey a car's status.

"It shouldn't cost a lot at all," she said. "There shouldn't be an additional cost to have them check the fluids. Hoses may be additional."

Bourland said students should be prepared for any situation, especially during unpredictable winter months. She suggests students carry emergency supplies with them when traveling.

"Flares are a good thing to have," she said. "If you get into trouble, they call attention to the fact that you need

help." A flashlight, jacket, gloves, a blanket, water and jumper cables are other necessities for drivers. Bourland said depending on where students are headed, tire chains may be helpful.

"If they're going to New Mexico or Colorado, they're already getting some snow," she said. "Consider your destination; check the weather."

Bourland said she believes it is wise for students to contact someone at their final destination before and after leaving town, disclosing time of departure and estimated arrival.

"Contact them occasionally," she said. "Tell someone the route you're going to be on."

Other precautions Bourland suggested taking include making sure to wear a seatbelt, not drinking and driving and getting plenty of rest before hitting the road.

Students who need help during the course of their travels can call the Texas Tech Association of Parents for additional roadside assistance. A list of parents involved was in the Nov. 20 issue of The University Daily.

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# Albino gorilla dies of skin cancer

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) - Snowflake, an extremely rare albino gorilla and the most popular resident of Barcelona Zoo, died of skin cancer early Monday morning, zoo officials said.

Zoo officials put the elderly gorilla to sleep after his health deteriorated in recent days, 200 officials said. Snowflake had been dying of skin cancer since 2001.

Snowflake, or Copito de Nieve

in Spanish, was taken to the zoo's veterinary department for an autopsy.

"Until the end Copito enjoyed a fantastic quality of life, interacting normally with his children and grandchildren," said the zoo's chief and veterinarian, Jesus Fernandez.

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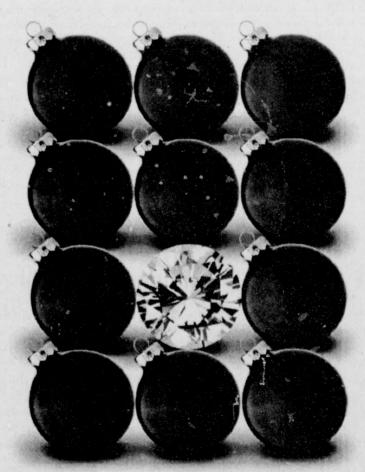
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# One 'turkey' of a happy holiday

o the dozen people on campus who are reading this in lieu of their ordinary conversations with classmates: There are a number of issues I felt

like addressing this week, but since no one is going to be around to read it, I really don't see the point.

So I'm going to sell out and talk about (insert drum roll for effect) this damn holiday.

I've never met a holiday I didn't care about. Really, it is fun to indulge in festivities, all that hoopla and shenanigans, but come on. If something is THAT special to me, I don't need to set aside a day out of the year to focus specifically on that

Anyway, back to the lecture at hand. Thanksgiving has always been an enigma to me. So, we are celebrating the beginning of the end of hundreds of unique civilizations in the name of "Manifest Destiny?" Does anyone else find this puzzling?

I don't know if it is a phenomenon in my life, but from my encounters with Native Americans I've always taken away that Thanksgiving doesn't necessarily show up on their calendar.

But that is a tangent I think best left to another day.

I know people like to say that it is a day to take time out to "give thanks" for what you have. But again I ask — what about few days really does make for a good time. the other 364 days of the year?

without the food? I mean, Christmas has its sentiment, New Year's its jubilation, Easter its reverence and so on. Each of them could stand on their own

without food. But Thanksgiving? What are you going to do

all day besides eat? The entire main premise of the holiday focuses on in the U.S. in general is they are so superthe consumption of really, really delicious ficially short. Twenty four measly hours food. Take that away and you are stuck with a bunch of family members arguing over a

banquet of KFC and Fanta. I make a motion to change celebrate a holiday. Thanksgiving's name to a much more appropriate title "Sloth Day." Plain and simple. A day of eating, sitting and watching football.

If you find time in there to hang out with some family, by all means. I suppose there are the type of relatives you only want to talk to once a year, but really, is that supposed to make up for the rest of the time you forget they exist?



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If you genuinely enjoy the company of your kin, I salute you. I know some families are tighter than others, so getting to see you favorite Aunt Callie for a

Maybe we should call it "Family Day." And really, what would Thanksgiving be I'm sure Hallmark probably already made

that one up, but why not eal it?

Now I'm thinking "Family Sloth Day." What's better than loved ones bonding over one of

the seven sins?

I think my biggest beef with holidays designated as "special." Where are the weeklong festivals of hedonism and excess? I want to have to take out a loan to

The closest thing we have is Mardi Gras, and frankly, I'm saving that one

Anyway, I guess my main point is that stuffing is the best dish on the table. Give that one time to sink-in. You'll get it.

Ring is a senior philosophy major from Hobbs, N.M. Send him your favorite stuffing recipe at david.j.ring@ttu.edu.

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Letter to the Editor

White right about importance of children

I would like to commend Daniel White with hopes of getting them started on

the right foot.

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sibility for the editorial content of the newspaper lies with the student editors.

# An ode to all that involves turkey

ast month I was in Wal-Mart, or the mall, or some place ... OK where I was doesn't really matter. But what I do remember clearly about that mystery place was its displays and decorations.

I remember that it wasn't yet Halloween, but that didn't stop these brilliant businessmen from setting up tons of Christmas lights, toys and candy.

And the whole eyesore called out to the shoppers with its blaring holiday music, screaming for them to buy or else miss out on all the Christmas cheer.

My friend and I were both confused that these people weren't hawking Halloween gear, but I personally was more shocked that they just up and walked over Thanksgiving to get to the "most wonderful time of the year."

I almost went and talked to the manager of that place, but then I realized you can't really sell anything flashy and useless for Thanksgiving, so there's no point in pro-

But I decided to promote it anyway, so I compiled this short list that I like to call: "Why Thanksgiving Rocks My Face Off."

Pilgrims and Native Americans are great and all, but turkey is what makes this holiday truly special.

Chicken, emu or whatever other fowl you fancy can't hold a candle to turkey. And even though ham is also served in many homes on the best Thursday of the year (aside from the opening day of March Madness, of course), it knows that it can never taste as good as its tabletop counterpart.

Turkey also lets you feel better about yourself because while you eat tons of the much tastier dark meat, you can eat a little white meat and pretend you're eating

But the best part of turkey is the way that it enhances the overall relaxed feel of Thanksgiving with its own built-in drowsy

Spence But most importantly, the

best part of the absence of gifts is that the only reason you see your family is because you want to, just to enjoy their company and catch up on everyone's happenings.

formula. This was put there because you can't make yourself stop eating turkey so it makes you fall asleep before you eat too much and, consequently, explode. It also comes in handy whenever you'd rather sleep through the Cowboy game than watch it.

2) No School

While the amount of time is not really a huge break from class, Thanksgiving is a huge break from school as a whole, being our first formal holiday since Labor Day. A lot of schools get the entire week off, which would be nice, but if you don't go to class those two days it feels like the same thing.

But Thanksgiving offers us a glimpse of the glory to come, of days where eating means you're being productive. It represents the end of all tests (for most people) until finals. And with these days off, it's fun to pretend that you're completely done with the semester and forget that finals de muerto patiently await your return.

You can't study with a turkey coma anyway, so who cares?

3. No Gifts

Many of you probably think that Christmas is the best holiday, but as you can see by my list, you are horribly mistaken.

Thanksgiving is wrongly thought of as the beginning of the holiday season, when it actually marks the last day of peace before the insanity of greed that we call modern-day Christmas.

There are no mad rushes to shop for lastminute gifts or to fret about that gaping hole in your finances after you buy all that Christmas cheer. More importantly, you don't have to worry about any of those uncomfortable gift moments, like when your Great Aunt Hester buys you the huge, ugly purple sweater of your dreams.

You politely thank her, of course, but its awkward because both of you know that you'll never wear it, except at the next Thanksgiving.

But most importantly, the best part of the absence of gifts is that the only reason you see your family is because you want to, just to enjoy their company and catch up on everyone's happenings.

You can say that you just want to see your family on Christmas as well, but that's a lie; we all know there are ulterior motives involved.

This list could go on forever, but there's just not enough space, which I'm sure you are now thankful for.

But I think that I have lobbied for Thanksgiving enough, the fine qualities of the holiday speak for themselves. I only hope that you will join me as an avid fan of the last Thursday in November, or at least enjoy the holiday to its fullest.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all, and

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## View from another university

# History of Democratic Party proves not minority friendly

By Aaron Van Lengen/ Iowa State Daily

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa - The Republican Party was started before the Civil War by anti-slavery activists. Only a few years afterward, Abraham Lincoln was elected president. He and his fellow Republicans truly supported the end of slavery, which is typified in the Emancipation Proclamation, and later the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments.

Southern Democrats, aligned with wealthy plantation owners, were against these measures, and they fought bitterly against these movements. Later, Jim Crow laws and other measures were enacted in only the Southern states by legislatures controlled by Democrats and Democratic governors at the time.

These laws were used to circumvent the equal rights of blacks and to keep white Democrats in political office. Then, in the 1950s and early 1960s, Republicans were finally able to point the finger at Democrats for these violations of voting rights. Republicans fought to repeal these laws and end public school segregation — again Democrats fought desegregation and failed.

I believe that beginning with Lyndon B. Johnson, Southern Democrats realized civil rights issues were not a thing to fear, but a possibility to gain a stable constitu-

The basic plan of Democratic leadership is to keep alive the false attitude of victimization of minorities

They encourage social welfare to stagnate real improvement of minority communities, then use discontent to generate votes in the hopes Democrats will improve their lives.

thinking Republicans were keeping them down, and that their only hope was to vote Democratic to improve their lives.

Minority Republicans may have fewer

standing African-American man.

The current Bush administration and his cabinet is perhaps the most racially diverse cabinet in history, with National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of State Colin Powell. Add to this the judicial appointees Bush is trying to get through,

such as Miguel Estrada and Janice Brown. But Sen. Tom Daschle and Sen. Edward Kennedy, who are supposed to be for minorities, are blocking them!

The basic plan of Democratic leadership is to keep alive the false attitude of victimization of minorities by the right. They encourage social welfare to stagnate real improvement of minority communities, then use discontent to generate votes in the hopes Democrats will improve their lives.

The Republican Party recognizes all people as citizens of America first, minorities second. We seek people with common views to share their thoughts as individuals, not as part of a quota to merely appear diverse. We are the party for equality of opportunity for all but favoritism for none.

Young Republicans like myself know the history of our party and know that perhaps we haven't done everything we must, but we seek a future in which we can improve the educational, social and financial growth of minority communities. We want improvement in the quality of



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for realizing what is important.

Children grow up to be responsible for

what their future holds, and it is vital for

them to learn early how their decisions

throughout their lives have a big effect on

not only their own life but everyone elses.

harder to change the older a person gets.

If we don't start from the bottom it becomes

I also wanted to point out a great pro-

It focuses on children at a young age

gram that our former mayor, David

Langston, started called Success by Six.

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I think White is very correct when say-

A lot of us will be having children (if

we already haven't) in the future, and this

was a good reminder to everyone who

forgets who is really responsible for the

- Lizzie Tarbox, senior communi-

cation studies major from Lubbock

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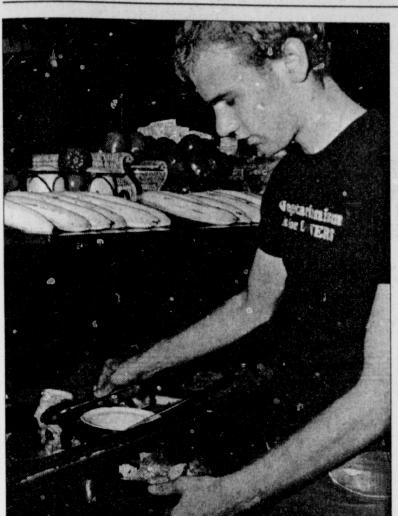
the sake of our own children."

future — the children.

by the right.

ency. They did this by tricking blacks into

higher positions in government, but the party is working to change that. In lowa, the co-chairman of the Iowa State Republican Party is Leon Mosley, an out- life for all Americans regardless of race.



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VEGAN VEGETARIAN MICHAEL Frels, a sophomore psychology major from Pampa, gets salad from the salad bar at Stangel/Murdough.

# Vegan lifestyle does not overshadow student's Thanksgiving

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

Michael Frels will not have turkey for Thanksgiving. He will not have ham either. He said it does not bother him.

"I have strong convictions of eating dairy products, and milk and eggs," the sophomore psychology major from Pampa said. "I'm a big fan of the other stuff. I love green bean casserole."

Frels is a vegan. He will not eat meat or animal byproducts. He refuses to drink milk or eat ice cream. But it is more extensive than simple dairy products. He will not eat marshmallows because they have gelatin - which contains ground animal hooves.

He said he became a vegetarian about 13 months ago and a vegan five months ago.

"It was a slow process," he said. "I felt it was the needed step for my compassionate lifestyle."

For Thanksgiving, Frels said he will enjoy a Portobello mushroom burger. A mushroom burger is a mushroom, about the size of a hamburger patty, marinated, spiced and grilled like a burger.

He said he tops it like a regular burger with lettuce and tomatoes.

He said his love for animals made giving up eating meat easy for him. His family members are game hunters who half of all vegetarians are vegans. enjoy hunting deer and quail.

"Ever since I was little, my dad would always try to take me and my brothers hunting," he said. "My brothers fell into that. I was always hesitant."

The rest of his family chooses not to participate in Frels' alternative diet; he said they think his diet is silly, but they don't look down on him and neither do other students.

"Even though they don't agree with me, they don't condemn me for it," he said. "I don't condemn them. Everyone I come into contact with all seem to be curious."

He said he likes to eat soy and tofu and does not miss many of the food he

"Soy is a gift from God," he said. "Chocolate soy mild rocks my socks off."

Cheesecake, one of his favorite foods, is on the taboo list of foods, and it's one of the few he misses. He said most restaurants are accommodating to his needs.

Frels is one of a growing number of vegans in the United States.

A random survey of 968 adults done by the National Zogby Poll in 2000 showed about 4.5 percent of those polled are vegetarians and 1 percent are vegans. That number increased in 2003;

"I can tell it's on the rise," Frels said. "I saw two bumper stickers in one day that said 'meat is murder.' I've never seen one here. Even if people are doing it to be trendy, it's still cool because lives are being saved and people are becoming more open to alternative lifestyles."

One reason people might be converting to not eating meat, Frels said, is the health benefits that come with the lifestyle.

"I definitely get sick less often. I take in zero grams of cholesterol a day and I eat a low-fat diet," he said.

Nutrition professor Julian Spallholz said eliminating meat from one's daily intake is likely to improve the risk of

heart disease and some cancers.

People also like to eat organic foods, he said. But organic foods are not more healthy but more expensive. Other countries also try to keep their diets more organic. Veganism and vegetarianism do have positive health effects.

"When you reduce the amount of animal protein, you reduce the amount of calories, and calories control weight loss," he said.

Despite the positive health effects, Spallholz said he would not recommend such a radical diet change just to lose weight. Frels would not either.

"People don't understand it's not a mind thing," Frels said. "It's rooted in the heart, and that makes the difference."

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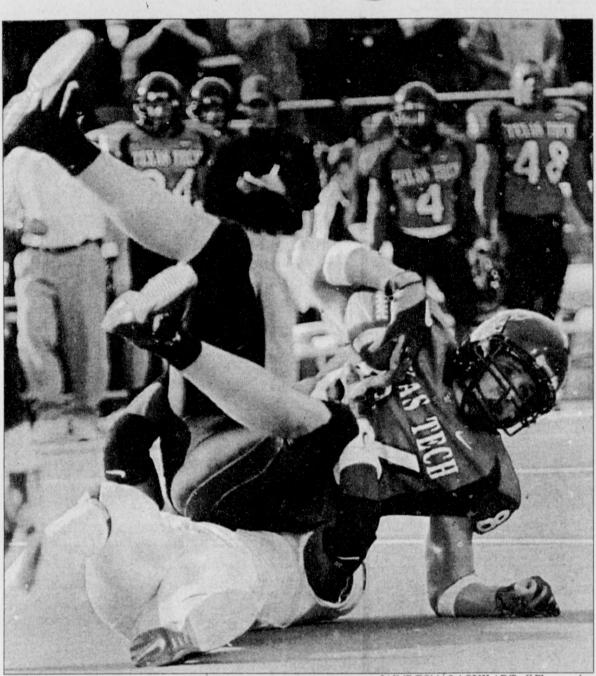
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# Reflection begins after regular season's end



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TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Mickey Peters is tackled by an Oklahoma defender during the Red Raiders' 56-25 loss to the Oklahoma Sooners on Saturday. The loss to Oklahoma was Tech's final game of the 2003 regular season. The Raiders finished the regular season 7-5 and are waiting for a bowl invitation. Tech could be invited to a bowl as early as this week but could have to wait for an invitation until after the Big 12 title game between Oklahoma and Kansas State, which will be played Dec. 6.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The 12-game schedule is over, and the record books have been rewritten by three Red Raiders. But what will be the lasting thought about Texas Tech's 7-5 season?

After starting the season 5-1, Tech skidded with a 2-4 record to close out the 2003 campaign. Though, Tech's offensive and defensive units experienced a season that answered the questions surfacing about them in the offseason.

One of the biggest questions of the season was if Tech's defense would be better than in 2002.

For a two-week period Tech's defense sat at the bottom of Division I football as the No. 117 defensive unit in football. Tech climbed up and made steady improvements to finish at No. 110.

The ranking might not appear stellar, but Tech held Oklahoma to 78 yards on the ground. Defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich said he believes his defense is close to becoming something special; it just needs a little more time.

"I think we're on the verge of being a decent group of people," he said. "It's going to take more work."

Setencich has preached the importance of experience all season, and he had very few seniors starting. In fact, at one point he had more freshmen starting on defense than upperclassmen.

Twenty-five starts is what it takes for a player to fully understand and develop into a solid NCAA Division I player, he said. With a number of his players now having 10 starts under their belts as freshmen, he believes the defense has the makings to be very good soon.

One player who already has the experience is junior defensive lineman Adell Duckett. After setting the fresh-

with 14 this year. With one more year to go, he could make a push for career sacks leader at Tech.

On offense, Tech answered critics who thought the unit would crumble without departed quarterback Kliff Kingsbury with a second consectuive season as the No. 1 offense in the nation.

This seasonn Tech averaged 584.58 yards a game. The No. 1 passing offense played a role in that, as quarterback B.J. Symons led the attack through the air as Tech amounted 473.5 vards a game passing.

Some have argued Leach's system

is not balanced in rushing and passing. He counters their arguments by saying he believes balance comes not through passing and rushing yardage but by distributing the ball to every receiver on the field.

He has said he would rather have four or five quality receivers than one superstar. He believes it makes it more difficult for people to defend his offense when there are five receivers on the field and a running back that can all catch the ball. It creates mismatches, one-on-one situations and leaves someone open when teams double cover a receiver.

Senior wide receiver Carlos Francis was the receiver who used the system to catch the ball most. In his last year for the Raiders, Francis led the team with 90.58 yards a game, which ranks 18th in the nation. He was on pace to have more than 100 man school record for sacks in 2001, yards a game until the final two games Championship game played on Dec. 6.

he set the record for sacks in a season of the year when he had 36 yards at Texas and 27 against Oklahoma.

Despite the usual passing totals, the No. 1 NCAA offense was closer to being balanced in the traditional sense of the word this year, however. Tech averaged 111.08 yards of offense on the ground this year, the highest average since Leach came to Tech and instilled the pass

> happy offense. It also is the most yards rushing since 1996 when Tech's star running back Byron Hanspard won the Walker Doak

Award. Running back Taurean Henderson led the running attack with nine rushing

touchdowns, which is the most since Ricky Williams had 14 in 2001.

Tech has begun preparations for the 2004 season already, as the team has signed 15 recruits. Among the recruits are the quarterback and receiver combination of Graham Harrell and Anthony Jenkins from Corsicana High School in Corsicana. The Raiders also received a com-

mitment from junior college quarterback Robert Johnson, Johnson, from Reedley Junior College in Reedley, Calif., will likely compete with Harrell, redshirt freshman Phillip Daugherty and incumbent quarterbacks Sonny Cumbie and Cody Hodges for the starting quarterback position. As for the rest of the 2003 cam-

paign, Tech will wait for a bowl invitation in the coming weeks. Tech could be invited as early as this week but may not be invited until after the Big 12

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# Volleyball team closes out home schedule against Texas

Though it has not been a storybook season for the Red Raiders, the disappointment of losses will not stop them from trying for a classic final chapter.

ence play) will take on the Texas 'you're playing to play." Longhorns (13-14, 8-10) at 7 p.m. Arena in the team's final home game

of the season.

Wednesday is senior night, and the spotlight will shine on one player. Tech will graduate only one senior from its roster this season, outside hitter Angela Mooney. Mooney said it is hard for her to imagine she is in the homestretch of her final year as a Tech volleyball player. In fact, a fellow player had to remind her that her career was almost up.

"I guess it really never hit me until a couple of weeks ago," she said. be pretty emotional for me," she said.

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"Daneen (Grisham) asked me how I felt about it, and I was like 'I don't know'," but she made me start thinking about it. I think more and more I'm just going out there to play and The Texas Tech volleyball team have fun. I don't know, just not worry (11-16 overall, 3-15 Big 12 Confer- about anything. (Coach Todd) said,

Aside from the love of the game Wednesday in the United Spirit and her instinct to compete, Mooney said there are no other motivations for her right now.

"That's all I'm doing," she said. "I'm not playing to get better. I'm just playing because it's what I want to do, and it's what I love to do. I'm not playing to prepare myself for next year or to learn anything for next year."

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TEXAS TECH SETTER Laura Grote jumps to block the ball while outside hitter Angela Mooney watches during the Red Raiders game against Texas A&M in the United Spirit Arena.

"My whole family is going to come in; everybody's going to be here. There's going to be some people here, probably, who were part of my high school career. It's going to be really exciting. Of course, we're playing Texas, which is a big match, so that'll be fun."

The fact that Wednesday is Mooney's final home match in a Raider uniform is not lost on the rest of the team. Junior setter Laura Grote said Tech wants to send her off in style.

"We've been talking about that a lot lately, the fact Wednesday's going to be senior night and her last home match," she said. "We really want to do well for her, especially because we're such a close team. We have a lot of respect for her and her being able to come back and play after her surgery so we really want to finish strong, and not for our team morale, but for her."

After the Raiders take on the Longhorns Wednesday, they finish up the season on the road in Lawrence, Kan., taking on the Kansas Jayhawks Saturday.





