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Wilson new interim vice president for fiscal affairs

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech has named Michael L. Wilson interim vice president for fiscal affairs. He is replacing Lynda Gilbert, who resigned Nov. 3 to take a similar position with the University of Alabama system.

"It's an incredible honor," Wilson said. "What a blessing for the Tech president to call and ask me to take the role until a per-

manent replacement is named. I'm ready to do what I can, and Tech's a great place and a great university. More than anything, I feel blessed to have the opportunity."

According to a press release, a national search to fill the position permanently will begin before Jan. 1.

Wilson said he has not thought about whether he will apply for the permanent position. He is just happy to serve the univer-

sity again.

"I just want to keep things going in the right direction," he said. "Right now fiscal affairs is in great shape and has a great staff."

Wilson was the assistant vice president for budget at Tech from 1993 until early this year when he left to become a private investor. He managed Tech's budget office and was responsible for preparing legislative appropriation requests and the annual operating budget.

He also served as Tech's liaison to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Budget Office and chaired the Fiscal Integrity Sub-Committee for the NCAA Self Study.

Wilson will begin his job today after being named in an interim capacity through the proper process. The duties of the vice president for fiscal affairs include overseeing all of the university's fiscal operations including the

budget office, student business services, financial services and accounting.

Tech President Jon Whitmore began searching for a qualified candidate as soon as Gilbert resigned her position and said there were a number of possible candidates, but one stood out among the others.

From July 2000 to May 2001, Wilson

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THE LIGHTS OF LUBBOCK

45TH ANNUAL CAROL OF LIGHTS



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

Campus lights up at annual Texas Tech Holiday tradition

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

For some students, Friday was a day of welcoming the Red Raider family. For others, it was a last farewell before they graduate. For all who attended the Carol of Lights, the holiday season started with fireworks, caroling and a plethora of Christmas lights.

Heidi Richards said she surges with pride every year for Texas Tech because Carol of Lights is a tradition unique to Tech.

"Everyone has bonfires, and everyone has football games, but only we have the Carol of Lights," said the senior French major from Coppell. "It makes me so incredibly excited and proud to be at Tech because no one else has this."

She said the event is the best part of her year and it gives her the feeling of family and togetherness.

"I feel at home even though I haven't gone home," Richards said. "Chills run through you, and it's the warm, fuzzy feeling you get. It's the highlight of the year."

She plans to continue to attend the event although she is graduating. She said she will continue to come every year she can.

"It'll be different because I won't be a student, but once a Red Raider, always a Red Raider," she said.

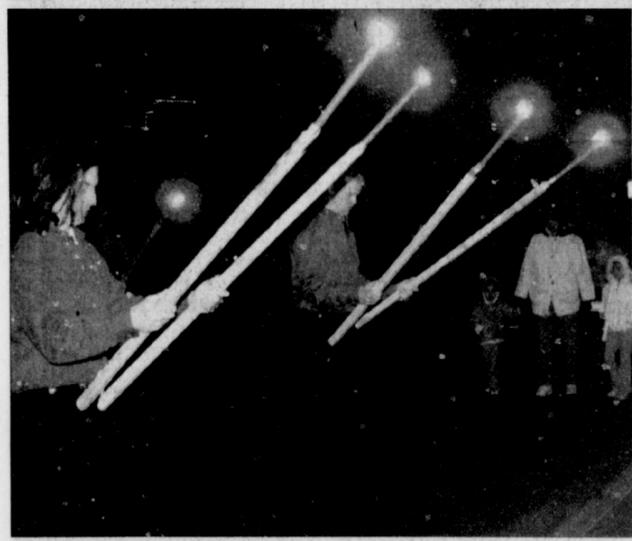
Her children, she said, also will attend Tech, and she will come to the event with them.

"They will have no choice whether they become a Red Raider or not," Richards said with a laugh. "I'm a fourth generation Red Raider, and they will have it in their blood."

She said the best part of Carol of Lights is the sense of family

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JENNA HANSEN/Photography Editor

TOP: WILL ROGERS and the Christmas tree at Carol of Lights. Middle: Two Saddle Tramps carry torches through the crowd. Bottom: The choirs sing carols.

More graded tests found unattended

TEST PROBLEM: For the second time in a week tests found with names and Social Security numbers.

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

Only a few days after a student walking through campus found a stack of graded Scantrons containing names and Social Security numbers, another student found a stack of chemistry quizzes under a desk in one of his classrooms.

Nathan Harvey, a junior psychology major from Lubbock, said while he was attending his communication studies course in the Chemistry building he found a stack of graded quizzes under his desk containing the names and Social Security numbers of the students in the course.

"It's crappy that teachers give a long speech about how they can't e-mail you your test grade, but then they leave tests lying around," Harvey said.

After remembering the incident with the scattered Scantrons, Harvey said he thought it was curious the quizzes were sitting under his desk. Although he was not thrilled about the situation, he said he is glad that he is not a student in the chemistry course.

Dennis Shelly, an associate professor in the chemistry department, teaches the analytical chemistry course where the graded quizzes originated. Shelly said the quizzes found in the classroom were quizzes that had been unclaimed by students in the course.

During the class, students were working on finishing a quiz when the next class period was ready to start. In the haste of one class finishing and the other beginning, Shelly said he inadvertently left the unclaimed quizzes on the corner of a table in the classroom.

Later in the morning, Shelly said he realized that he had left the quizzes in the classroom, but he could not retrieve the quizzes because other

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Three finalists named for Lubbock's City Manager

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

The Lubbock City Council met Friday with the three finalists for city manager position.

The candidates include the Interim City Manager Tommy Gonzalez. He has served as interim since March and was assistant city manager previously. Gonzalez served as an international liaison officer in Bosnia for one year with the Army Reserves.

Rickey C. Childers is the city manager for Longview. He has 28 years of municipal government experience, including eight years as assistant to the Lubbock city manager.

William A. Pupo is a former city manager for Surprise, Ariz. He also served as city manager in Spokane, Wash.

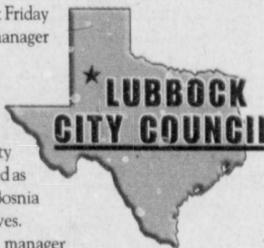
The City Manager Search Committee met with five finalists Wednesday and Thursday prior to recommending four to the Council.

The search committee worked with a consulting firm to narrow the applicants from 67 to 11. It then narrowed the finalists to five on Monday.

The City Council appointed the seven-member search committee in February after former City Manager Bob Cass resigned.

Allen McInnes, chairman of the committee and academic dean of the business administration department at Texas Tech, said the City Council will appoint the city manager later this month.

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Memorial honors fallen soldiers, war veterans

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Thousands of West Texas residents, young and old alike, gathered Sunday to commemorate the Lubbock Area Veterans War Memorial on 82nd Street and Nashville Avenue.

The new memorial honors fallen soldiers and veterans from World Wars I and II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Jim Reckner, director of the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech, said it is a great representation of the people who have fought for the U.S.

"We are remembering the sons and daughters who have fought sometime in their lives for the nation that we live in," he said.

Lubbock City Councilman T.J. Patterson served in 1962-63 in Vietnam. He said ever since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the color of your skin does not matter.

"It's not whether you're black, white or yellow anymore," he said. "It's the red, white and blue."

Although he was not the main speaker of the event, Patterson brought forth an upsurge of excitement as well as a proclamation by the city and Mayor Marc McDougal.

"This monument is for all the men and women who stand tall and don't waiver," he said. "For all of those who, out of necessity, looked after America and our freedoms."

Patterson added the memorial used to only be a dream of the city and the people of Lubbock.

"At last it is a reality," he said. "We want those who have fought and died to never be forgotten. As part of the City Council and citizens, we are celebrating the soldiers, past and present, and we dedicate and honor them in this way."

Alvin Williams, 43, and his wife, Cindy, stood listening to the speakers along with Cindy's father, who is a Korean War veteran.

"My father served in the Air Force and I now have a nephew who is in the Navy," Cindy Williams said. "I think this is special, and it shows how much everybody supports our military during these times."

She said she was astonished at the age span that was in attendance.

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JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

A VIEW OF the Lubbock Area Veterans War Memorial at 82nd Street and Nashville Avenue.

The Rundown



Cheney speaks out in favor of Neugebauer Supreme Court looks at police questioning Peace talks between Israel, Palestine fail

ABILENE (AP) — Newly elected U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer won't run again until next fall, but his campaign got a boost Friday night from Vice President Dick Cheney.

Nearly 400 people gathered at the Abilene Civic Center to hear Cheney speak at a fund-raiser for Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, elected in June to fill Texas' 19th district seat after Rep. Larry Combest retired.

Cheney said Neugebauer is "already the best we have" and has helped pass key legislation.

"He's a true man of the West, an independent thinker, a person of good common sense judgment," Cheney said.

During his 20-minute speech, Cheney said the Bush administration has made progress on various issues, including fighting terrorism and boosting the economy with tax cuts.

But more Republicans are needed in Washington, D.C., to support President Bush's judicial nominations, an energy bill and other programs, Cheney said.

About \$155,000 was raised from the event, said Neugebauer spokesman Anthony Hulen. Tickets cost \$25 each, but some people gave from \$100 to \$2,000, Hulen said.

Before Cheney arrived, Abilene Mayor Grady Barr encouraged the crowd to "whoop and holler" to welcome him. The Abilene High School band played holiday and patriotic songs.

After the event, Neugebauer said the timing of Cheney's visit — a year before the congressman's re-election bid — sends a message that the president and vice president want him "to come back and help them and be part of the team."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Patrice Seibert was asleep at the hospital bedside of her badly burned teenage son when police came and took her away.

The tactics used in the 3 a.m. arrest and interrogation of the mother of five, suspected of plotting with the injured son to set fire to her house trailer, are at the heart of a case that has reached the Supreme Court.

The justices will hear arguments Tuesday and Wednesday in Seibert's case and two others, and what the court eventually decides will clarify how far police in every community can go to get answers from suspected criminals.

A fourth case to be argued in the spring involves standards for questioning of juveniles.

The cases require the court to sort out practical questions about enforcement of "Miranda" rights.

It's been almost 40 years since the court's landmark *Miranda v. Arizona* ruling required officers to warn people arrested and questioned that they have the right to remain silent and to see a lawyer.

Missouri officers did not immediately read Seibert her rights after arresting her at a St. Louis burn center and taking her to a police station interview room.

It was a gamble, one officer said, to see if she would divulge information about the 1997 fire that killed a teenager who had been staying at the Seibert family trailer in Rolla, Mo., a rural university town in the Ozarks. The officer said he learned the strategy in training sessions.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Palestinians on Sunday failed to reach agreement on any truce offer to Israel, even a conditional one, after three days of talks mired in arguments, delegates said.

Negotiators from Palestinian factions — including Hamas and Islamic Jihad — were split over whether to offer a full cease-fire or a limited truce that would only stop attacks inside Israel.

The failure was a major setback to what Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and the Egyptian mediators in the negotiations had hoped would be a way to revive the stalled U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan. Egypt had wanted to present a full-scale truce to the United States and pressure Israel to move forward.

Qureia, who joined the talks in Cairo in the hopes of pulling off a deal, left the Egyptian capital without an agreement in hand. Delegates said a statement will be issued later outlining the results of the meetings.

Maher Taher, a senior delegate for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said disagreements over the degree of the cease-fire could not be bridged.

When asked whether the statement would include reference to halting attacks on civilians, a broader cease-fire or a mandate to the Palestinian Authority to negotiate terms with Israel, he replied: "None of the above ... and so we will end with a press release."

"There are disagreements about the nature of a cease-fire," he told The Associated Press. "The factions have different positions on the issue."

U.S. bombs kill 9 Afghan children

HUTALA, Afghanistan (AP) — Children's hats and shoes littered a bloody field cratered by gunfire Sunday after a U.S. airstrike, aimed at a wanted Taliban commander, mistakenly killed nine children in an Afghan mountain village.

The American warplane was targeting Mullah Wazir, once a local commander for the hard-line Islamic militia. U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad and a U.S. military official said Wazir was killed in the attack, but residents and local officials said Wazir escaped — or was not in the village at all.

The residents reported at least one man, possibly a Wazir relative, was killed along with the children.

The strike was the latest U.S. air attack to kill Afghan civilians as American-led forces hunt for remnants of the Taliban and al-Qaida who have stepped up violence in southern and eastern Afghanistan.

The United Nation's envoy to Afghanistan, Lakhdar Brahimi, said he was "profoundly distressed" by the attack in the village of Hutala. The airstrike, "which follows similar incidents, adds to a sense of insecurity and fear in the country," Brahimi said.

The government of Afghan President Hamid Karzai said it fully supported fighting terrorism but urged the U.S.-led coalition to "be very careful not to repeat such tragedies."

Meanwhile, two Turkish engineers and an Afghan were kidnapped outside Kabul, officials said Sunday. The report follows the abduction of two Indian engineers by Taliban militants, who are increasingly targeting foreign workers and aid groups helping in the country's reconstruction.

In Hutala, a field was pockmarked by dozens of small craters from the American A-160 aircraft's guns. There were pools of blood, and articles of children's clothing were strewn on the ground.

"They were just playing ball, and then the shots came down," said Hamidullah, a distraught villager who said his eight-year-old son, Habibullah, was among those killed. Like many Afghans, they only have one name.

The village lies about 100 miles southwest of Kabul, along the main road between the capital and the main southern city Kandahar, in Ghazni province, which has seen numerous Taliban attacks, including the Nov. 16 slaying of a French U.S. aid worker.

Khalilzad and U.S. Army Maj. Christopher E. West said U.S. troops went to Hutala and identified Wazir among the dead. They also discovered the bodies of the nine children.

"At the time we initiated the attack, we did not know there were children nearby," West said from the U.S. military headquarters at Bagram, north of Kabul.

Khalilzad said he was "deeply saddened" by the "tragic loss of innocent life," and had spoken to Karzai. A senior U.S. military officer and Afghan officials were meeting Sunday with the bereaved families, he said.

But Hamidullah said the man killed along with the children was a cousin of Wazir named Abdul Hamid. Another villager said Wazir had left two weeks earlier.

Jawaid Khan, secretary of Ghazni's governor, also said Wazir was not killed.

"The people there are very afraid. They have no idea why the Americans bombed their village," said Khan. He put the number of children killed at eight and said two other men were also killed.

About a dozen U.S. soldiers stood guard outside a mud house in Hutala that locals said belonged to Wazir.

West called Wazir a "known terrorist." But Wazir was not known as a major player during the regime of the hardline Islamic Taliban militia, which was ousted two years ago by U.S.-led forces.

Khalilzad said Wazir "had bragged of his personal involvement in attacks on innocent Afghan citizens." Local Afghan official Ahmad Zia Masood said that Wazir himself fired at U.S. helicopters on Friday.

West said U.S. troops had collected "extensive intelligence over an extended period of time" and located Wazir at an "isolated, rural site."

Police continue investigation of slain prosecutor

BALTIMORE (AP) — Federal prosecutor Jonathan Luna traveled in recent months to the area of Pennsylvania where his body was found, and authorities were not immediately aware of any work-related business that would have taken him to the region, The Associated Press learned Sunday.

Investigators also were looking into a credit card Luna held without his wife's knowledge and into postings of messages by someone who went by the name of Jonathan Luna in Web sites where people advertise for female sex partners, according to a federal law enforcement official who spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity.

Baltimore FBI spokesman Larry Foust said Sunday that investigators were still trying to determine a motive for Luna's killing. His body was found Thursday, stabbed 36 times and left face down in a creek.

"This is a full-court press, but we just don't know. There's a lot of information and a lot of misinformation out there," Foust said. "We have people working nonstop, overturn-

ing every stone, going where the facts lead them."

While a federal law enforcement source told the AP that investigators had found nothing to indicate the killing was related to Luna's work, Luna's father and friends are convinced his death was tied to his career.

Luna's father, Paul D. Luna, said authorities are asking questions about his son's personal life, including his finances, relationships and trips he made in the last month.

Paul Luna, 83, said he had urged his son to return to private practice instead of prosecuting drug dealers and violent criminals. The assistant U.S. attorney had just worked out plea deals in one drug case late Wednesday.

"I was warning him many times," Paul Luna told the AP on Sunday. "I'm very positive that this is for his work. I even told that to the FBI."

He said two FBI agents interviewed him for about three hours Saturday.

The same day, investigators were in Lancaster County, Pa., showing hotel owners pictures of the slain 38-year-old prosecutor. Hotel owners and managers said they were asked to re-

view their guest registers for Wednesday and Thursday nights and asked if they had video security cameras.

Pennsylvania State Police also contacted their counterparts in Delaware on Saturday about the case, said Lt. Joe Avioli, a Delaware State Police spokesman. He did not have any details about what they were looking for in Delaware.

Paul Luna said he told the FBI agents about a planned trip to New York after Thanksgiving, which was the last time he saw his son.

"I reminded him about taking me to New York. He says, 'Not this week, Dad. I'm sorry, because I have a case. I have to go to Pennsylvania,'" he recalled his son saying. Paul Luna said he didn't know what the case or trip was related to and that his son rarely told him details about his work.

He said investigators also asked him whether his son had any financial dealings with anyone and whether he was having financial problems.

"I don't think he was having problems because he was planning to go to the Philippines with me next month," said the father, who is from that country. "So if he has problems, why should he do that?"

Friends also said money was never a problem for Luna. Though he was a successful prosecutor and his wife is an obstetrician, they own modest family sedans.

They bought their Elkridge townhouse for \$174,900 in 2000. They talked later about buying a bigger home but decided against it because they would rather spend the extra money on family vacations, said neighbor Dana Stango.

Paul Luna said he gave investigators names of his son's friends in New York, where his son had been an assistant district attorney in the late 1990s.

He also said he was asked about relationships his son may have had but said he had no knowledge of any possible extramarital affair. His son appeared to be happily married to his wife, Angela, he said.



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Knox: traffic class a success

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students who have been invited to and attended the Traffic and Parking class this semester have saved about \$3,350 worth in parking tickets.

Students with six or more citations will be invited to attend an educational class about parking regulations. Those students were forgiven two parking tickets for attending the class.

Raymond Knox, director of Traffic and Parking, said he has invited 588 students and the class, and about 67 students, or 11 percent of those invited, have shown up.

Knox said during fall 2002, there were 51 high offenders and 341 students who had more than 10 citations. The total estimated cost for those students' citations was about \$124,500.

This semester, there have been 18 high offenders and 151 students who

have 10 or more citations. This is about \$43,075 in citations, which saved students about \$81,425, he said.

"The old policy was to let students get as many citations as they wanted without fear of towing unless they blocked an entrance, fire lane, etc," he said.

Cars will be towed once the owner receives 10 citations.

"Before, we used to let them keep piling up the citations," he said. "But with the new policy, students will get their car towed if they have 10 or more tickets."

He said the classes have been hosted during the weekends. Traffic and Parking is going to host one class before the winter break, but they have not decided on a date that will be convenient for students.

Knox said the class is a good way for students to learn about traffic and parking regulations so they do not get

more tickets, plus it is a way to get two tickets dismissed.

"This is not a punishment; this is a class," Knox said. "I would not give you \$50 worth in tickets at the end of the class if I was trying to punish you."

Knox said traffic and parking has been trying to understand why students get so many parking tickets, and the main reason is because students are not educated about the regulations.

He said he has saved the top 150 offenders about \$275 each by forcing them to park legally. The classes have helped students understand where they are allowed to park and what consequences they have to face if they do not follow the rules.

Heather Aitkin, a senior biochemistry major from El Paso, said she

has never had more than five unpaid parking tickets.

"I think the most I ever got last year was five," she said. "I used to let them all pile up and then I would pay before I had to register for classes for the next semester."

She got one ticket this year and she paid it the next day, Aitkin said. Students should pay for the tickets as soon as they get it because they will forget about it, and the fine keeps going up.

Aitkin said she does not know of anyone who has attended the Traffic and Parking classes, but she does not understand what they would learn if they attend the class.

"Students know where they can park and what they are supposed to do," she said. "They just choose to not follow the rules."

She said it is a good idea to have the class because students are getting two tickets erased from their account, but they are not getting it for free.



Sharing makeup not the way to look good

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

Playing dress-up is not something only grade-school students do. Many people take delight in vamping up friends before parties, a first date or a night out at the club.

However, unwanted attention can be brought on by unexpected makeover mishaps.

Dr. Jennifer Smith, dermatologist at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said sharing makeup is a bad habit because it spreads bacteria.

"Outdated and sharing makeup puts you at increased risk of getting infections," she said.

Dr. Kenn Freedman, an assistant professor and ophthalmology for Student Health Services, said it is possible to spread styes through sharing eye makeup.

"It's a real possibility because studies have shown that people have given people pink eye that way," he said.

A stye develops when the oil glands in the eyelid get plugged up, Freedman said.

"You get a big red dot on your eyelid," he said. "They're usually treated with warm compresses, and sometimes

they need to be drained surgically."

Freedman said styes are different from pink eye, though they often have similar symptoms.

Styes are treated with antibiotics and sometimes steroids. He said there are over-the-counter remedies available, but seeing an eye doctor is best.

"Over-the-counter medicines, in my experience, have not been effective," he said.

Styes that go untreated do not cause blindness, Freedman said, but could cause a bad facial infection. Infections can be avoided with careful use of makeup and eyelid scrubs with baby shampoo, Freedman said.

Smith said sharing makeup or using outdated cosmetics can lead to a bacterial infection called folliculitis. "[It is characterized by] itchy red bumps where you used the product," she said.

Using testers at make-up counters can also be hazardous, Smith said. Contaminated lipstick samples can

potentially spread herpes simplex type 1, or cold sores. However, using cotton swabs provided at the counter to apply the sample product could reduce the risk.

Leaving makeup uncovered is also an invitation for bacterial infection, Smith said.

Chelsea Cobb, a sophomore from Claude, said she shares eye shadow occasionally but does not make a habit of using cosmetic testers.

"I'd rather buy it than sample it," she said.

Cobb said she finds she develops styes when she is stressed.

She said she does not think she gets them as a result of sharing makeup.

"I think that the only reason I get them is because it's like a different type of canker sore," she said. "I just get them on my eye instead of my mouth."

Cobb said she is good about throwing out old makeup, and she never leaves make-up sitting out.

"It's a habit for me to put things away," she said.

There is no law stating that



NRA working toward exemption status

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hoping to spend as much as it wants on next year's elections, the National Rifle Association is looking to buy a television or radio station and declare that it should be treated as a news organization, exempt from spending limits in the campaign finance law.

"We're looking at bringing a court case that we're as legitimate a media outlet as Disney or Viacom or Time-Warner," the NRA's executive vice president, Wayne LaPierre, told The Associated Press.

"Why should they have an exclusive right to relay information to the public, and why should not NRA be considered as legitimate a news source as they are? That's never been explored legally," he said in an interview.

The nation's gun lobby is talking with potential investors about an NRA broadcast outlet and is considering all possible funding sources, including gun manufacturers, LaPierre said.

If the NRA, it would be free to say what it wanted about candidates at any time and spend corporate money to do so, such as for commercials.

The group, financed in part with corporate money, is now banned under the campaign finance law from running ads, just before elections, that mention federal candidates who are on states' ballots.

The 4 million-member group has long been one of Washington's most powerful lobbies. It has spent millions of dollars over the years trying to influence elections toward candidates who oppose gun controls and support the position that Americans have an incontestable right to bear arms.

LaPierre said even without a television or radio station, the group's communications reach is extensive enough that it should be considered part of the media.

The NRA is one of the biggest magazine publishers in the United States and provides news over the Internet, LaPierre said. The group has close to a dozen publications, including the "American Rifleman" and "American Hunter" magazines.

LaPierre said the organization may

purchase the media exemption even if its previous challenge to the campaign finance law should prevail in the Supreme Court, which is expected to rule soon.

The NRA could ask the Federal Election Commission whether it qualifies for the media exemption, go to court, or both.

The finance law, which took effect in November 2002, bars interest groups financed with corporate or union money from airing television and radio ads the month before a primary and two months before a general election that identifies federal candidates that are paid for with corporate or union money and target candidates' districts.

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Experts say flu season worse than past years

ATLANTA (AP) — The last time there was a flu strain mutation similar to the one sickening thousands of Americans this year, nearly 65,000 died.

And that was only five years ago.

Flu experts say it's clear this flu season will be much worse than in the past few years, but they are not ready to predict it will be one of the deadliest in modern times. Epidemiologists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention don't know how long this year's flu season will last nor how many people it might kill or hospitalize.

Already, it is worrisome because several children have died, and some parts of the country are facing flu shot shortages and swamped hospitals. It is one of the earliest flu seasons in a quarter-century, but some flu outbreaks can peak as early as December, rather than February, which is the norm.

"I think it's clear this is going to be a more severe season than the past couple of seasons," said Dr. Keiji Fukuda, the government's leading flu expert.

Some experts predict this year's death toll easily could surpass the annual average of 36,000 deaths.

What's not clear is how it will stack up in the full context of previous outbreaks, Fukuda said.

In the winter of 1998-99, the country was in the second year of the virulent Sydney flu strain. Like this year's Fujian strain, the Sydney strain was genetically slightly different from previous type A strains, making it harder for immune systems to fight off the virus.

Type A flu viruses of the same class as the Sydney or the Fujian strains tend to cause much more severe seasons than other kinds of influenza strains, said Dr. Tim Uyeki, a CDC epidemiologist.

By the time the 1998-99 flu season ended, 64,684 people had died — more than the number of people who died from AIDS at its peak in the mid-'90s, according to research by the CDC.

Hospitals, overflowing with people sick with the flu, forced other

patients out to free up beds. Local officials had to use their disaster plans to handle the crisis.

The outbreak was severe even though that year's flu vaccine matched the Sydney strain exactly. But the elderly — who are at high-risk for severe flu complications — have aging immune systems that flu shots do not protect as well as younger people.

"In those years, there were more deaths," said Fukuda.

This year's flu vaccine does not exactly match the new Fujian strain, although disease experts say it is close enough that it will provide some protection.

A major mutation of a flu strain — rather than a slight variation — usually occurs every 10 years and can cause a flu pandemic — a worldwide outbreak. These very new strains are particularly successful in attacking people's immune systems.

The 1918-19 Spanish flu pandemic is considered to be the worst in modern history, killing about 21 million people and making up to 40 percent of the world population ill. A 1957 Asian flu pandemic killed 69,800 Americans and a 1968 Hong Kong flu pandemic killed 33,800 in the United States at a time when a normal flu season killed around 20,000, the CDC said.

Health officials note the world is overdue for another flu pandemic. There is no sign of that happening this year.

But the U.S. flu season is showing signs that haven't been seen since the Sydney outbreak five years ago: Hospitals in some regions are quickly filling up — in Colorado some are reporting 100 new patients a day; pediatricians are reporting a shortage of rapid flu detection kits, and flu shot shortages are being reported in some areas of the country.

For years, health officials have urged people to get flu shots, but never have Americans used all the vaccine produced. This year may be different.

The three makers of the traditional flu shot — Aventis Pasteur, Chiron and Evans Vaccine — say they have shipped all 83.4 million doses of vaccine and have no more supplies.

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View from another university

Students who cheat are inevitable

By Josh Katz/Cornell Daily Sun

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. — Students don't like cheating. They don't like it any more than teachers, principals or deans. If we could stamp out cheating from this world, we would, but we can't.

An article that appeared in the Nov. 26 *New York Times* called "Exposing the Cheat Sheet, With the Students' Aid" tried to explain the reasoning behind this impossibility. Through interviews with psychologists, faculty members, students and parents, the article suggests that cheating is not just the fault of the students. It's the system. Plagued with competition, stress and money, the system is to blame for students around the country looking toward cheating more than ever in a frantic effort to plod through their heavy high school career.

Certainly, in cheating, all students are doing is trying to placate the virulent forces that torture them: College is far more competitive than ever, and there is no question about this fact. Therefore, high schools are becoming like fierce gladiator battles to see who can destroy their opponent to get the higher grade and victoriously march into an Ivy League university.

According to the article, students are propelled by parents, especially in the wealthier school districts, to work and work and work: Not toward a better understanding and zeal for knowledge, but for the grade.

After all, there are only so many Ivy League universities out there, and there are so many students.

So what do students do? They cheat. It seems inevitable. One student in the class cheats. He gets the edge. Another person in the class cheats. That's two students who get the edge. And the vicious process continues until those in the class who are on the fence about cheating see no other option but to cheat. It doesn't seem fair if some students

cheat, get a better grade and leave scot-free.

The results are not good, to say the least. A study from Rutgers University in 2001 found that 75 percent of 4,500 high school students had cheated on a test at least once, as compared to the statistic of 50 percent of students surveyed in 1993. Back in 1963, clearly a different place, the number was only at 25 percent. As a result, people blame the evolution of the system.

But, despite what anybody says about that 50 percent increase from 1963 to 2001, I say that there is no way we can rightfully point the finger at the system. There is no doubt that life is different today than it was in the 1960s, and there is no question that college was not quite as competitive back then. Nonetheless, the only finger that should be pointed is straight at us, the students.

We have the power to shape our destinies. We can't make viable excuses for ourselves by blaming everybody else. If a student cheats in class and gets away with it, chances are, there are only so many more times he'll cheat before he gets caught anyway. But the fear of getting caught is not the real reason why we shouldn't do it. The real reason is that it is, plainly and simply, wrong.

There is hope though, says the *Times* article; because high school students are beginning to realize the truth: They don't like cheating one bit. And finally they are going public with their new epiphanies.

High school students, such as those who attend school in Westport, Conn., are helping the faculty crack down on cheaters in campaigns against cheating by helping them figure out what is truly at the root of the problem.

For example, the school was informed "from the inside" about what was actually going on: In one example, students were putting information for a test in graphing calculators, and networks of kids were dividing up the homework assignments for a class. After

he caught a few incidents of cheating at his high school, the Westport school's principal John J. Brady decided that a campaign to stop cheating was vital. Startlingly, the principal was met by a welcomed surprise. The students actually stood by him in his efforts.

Apparently, all the students wanted all along was to be heard. They wanted this usually underground topic to be brought out into the light so everyone could talk about it. "But the students told me they'd had enough of it," said the principal. "They want it to stop."

Most importantly, the principal said in the article, "They need adults to take it seriously." In other words, the parents did not seem to believe that cheating among their children was actually a rampant problem: the "not my kid" mentality. According to Michael S. Josephson, the head of an ethics institute in Los Angeles, "What's changed is parenting. If you catch their kid cheating they threaten a lawsuit."

Yes, adults should start taking it seriously, but these comments put the blame back where it doesn't belong: On everyone else but the students.

The students of this Connecticut school had the right idea in the beginning, in forming these coalitions consisting of students, faculty and PTA, and in discussing cheating and how to stop it. It is not the right idea to try to rationalize the action of cheating because of the cut-throat atmosphere that we live in today.

The Ivy League is just going to get harder to get into. Parents are just going to keep wanting the best for their kids. And there are always going to be people who cheat.

These are some of our generations' inherent character flaws. If cheating is going to stop, it stops with us and us alone. After all, we don't like cheating anyway.

The highs and lows of this semester

Semester highlight — coffee. Semester lowlight — weather. To the naked eye, these two topics have nothing in common. But, like a lovely patchwork quilt, I will weave them together, add a little love and a beautiful yet functional masterpiece will be made.

This column shall be the home to Semester Highlights and Semester Lowlights.

Academically speaking, this semester was potentially my best. I have wonderful professors who are passionate about the subjects they teach, mind-numbingly intelligent, witty and humorous. They are educational and entertaining.

If you will notice, I did say potentially best semester. That is because academically speaking, I loafed quite a bit this semester. I hardly went to class and rarely participated when I did go. I did however read my book off and on and kind of taught myself. I am fully prepared for the not-so-pretty grades I earned for myself.

But, I will be taking three of my professors again next semester. But let this be my public pledge: As I have all afternoon classes next semester, I will go to class and learn because I realize the potential of learning with great teaching and steady class attendance.

Sarah Looten



I turned 21 this semester. Some of you might be thinking "Ah ha! This explains the poor school work!" Sadly, this is not the case. While I had quite the intoxicated birthday, I have not utilized alcohol and its inebriating qualities as often as I could have.

I also got rid of every boy that was too emotionally unstable to handle. There are a lot more out there than you think. But they are no longer with me. That was in itself well worth all my bad grades combined.

Coffee goes under the Semester Highlights heading. I am continually trying to prove to myself that I am indeed a grown up. When I was little, my granny would fix me milk and sugar with a little coffee in it. When I came home, my daddy quickly put a stop to that. If I wanted to drink coffee, I would drink it straight. Knowing that if I did drink coffee straight it

would put hair on my chest, I respectfully declined and have not had it since.

Lowlights: Bad grades. Boys. Weather. What I want to know is where is the snow? Where I'm from, up north, it snows. Yes, two hours away from here it snows! So why not here! It's supposed to be 70 something degrees.

I have a yearning in my heart that only the white powdery stuff can fill. By white powdery stuff I mean snow.

Other people like snow, too. They like it at Christmas time. They made a song about it. You might have heard it. Its called "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas." So, I am not the only one who misses each unique snowflake.

To each of you, I hope you have many semester highlights and only a few lowlights. I sympathize with all grown ups who drink coffee. And I wish you all happy and safe holidays. Enjoy the break and see you next semester.

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Education — the world's hope

I'd like to address a topic that is close to my heart: Education. All of us here at Texas Tech, as well as millions of others at similar schools around the world, have been given one of life's most precious opportunities: the chance to get, or further, an education.

As the semester comes to an end, I wonder whether we realize the immense value of this opportunity, and whether we are taking advantage of it as we should.

Think for a moment about what separates America and most of the rest of the Western world from the miserable, poverty-stricken "Third World."

The answer is easy: Education. People tend to do what they know how to do. They tend to know what they have been taught. They tend to behave as they have been taught to behave.

Consider these cases:
—Why is it that millions of people around the world live in the filth and squalor of unending poverty? They don't know how to do any better.

—Why do radical Moslems inflict pain, destruction and death on innocent victims around the world? They believe it is what they are supposed to do.

—Why do millions of Europeans and Asians (and, unfortunately, a few Americans) think Israel and/or the United States are the greatest threats to world peace? They have been taught incorrectly.

—Why do Indians prohibit the killing of "sacred" cows while millions in their country starve? They have been taught that it must be this way.

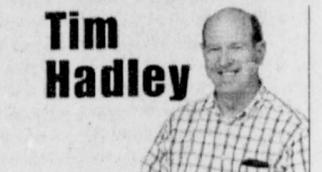
—Why do some men, in countries everywhere, abuse women and children, sometimes to the point of death? They don't know any better.

On and on I could go, citing instances of incorrect beliefs and improper behavior, all of which have one primary thing in common: The people have either been taught wrong or they have not been taught right.

In other words, the difference is education.

When I say "education," I am not talking just about formal schooling. A great deal of wisdom and knowledge can be gained outside of the ivy-covered halls. But, in the real world, the difference between a successful career (however measured) and one that is not so successful is often directly connected to the level of one's education.

High school graduates earn more than non-graduates. College graduates earn more



than high school graduates. Ph.D.s earn more than B.A.s, etc.

I know that success is not measured solely by the amount one earns. And there are many well-educated failures running around. But in general, the principle holds: The more you know, the better you do.

That's why I say that education is "the hope of the world." When will those in poverty ever escape? When they learn how. When will misguided murderers stop killing others in the name of religion? When they learn better.

Political and economic differences will always exist, but bad situations can be changed for the better-as soon as people learn what they need to know to make the needed changes.

Right now, some of you are saying that I am wrong, that it is not knowledge but motivation that is needed, that people don't always do what they know to do, etc.-so what they need is not better knowledge, but better inspiration.

But I will argue, in response, that most of the time people are motivated by what they believe to be true. Indians who believe that cows are sacred have come to accept the starvation of some as the norm and are thus not motivated to seek a better solution.

When people know better, they will be motivated to do better. They won't always do it, and they will still occasionally fail in their attempts to improve, but without knowledge, nothing will ever improve.

The key to meaningful change—the first step, the primary ingredient, the "sine qua non"—is education. With it, almost any good thing is possible. Without it, nothing ever changes.

Perhaps the ending of a semester and the approaching holiday season are good times for all of us at Texas Tech to renew our appreciation for, and our commitment to, the priceless gift of education. It is truly, in my opinion, the key to happy and meaningful lives and a safe and secure world.

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Editorial

More care should be taken with students' Social Security numbers

In two instances over the last week students have found graded tests laying around campus with names and Social Security numbers written on the tests.

The first instance involved Scantrons; the wind blew a stack of about 450 tests away from the person who had them. He did not have the time to pick them all up.

The second occurred when a student found a stack of quizzes underneath his desk in the Chemistry building. These also had students' names and Social Security numbers on them.

In both instances this lack of responsibility could cause serious harm to the students whose tests were in those piles. Identity theft is rampant, and Social Security numbers are high on the list for getting a loan, credit card, apartment or any type of credit.

Had those tests fallen into the wrong hands, many students could have been victimized and had serious problems with their credit for many years in the future.

The Texas Tech administration needs to take action about this matter. The Student Government Association has been notified and has indicated its desire to do something, but the Senate's next meeting is not until the end of January and this is a problem now. With finals coming up in just a few days, some kind of action needs to be taken immediately.

The dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from which both problems occurred told *The University Daily* there are strict policies regarding the handling of sensitive

information and nothing more is needed. We have to disagree. If the current policies were sufficient, there would not have been two instances in one week.

Additionally, we wonder why the use of Social Security numbers is necessary. Professors are no longer allowed to post grades using Social Security numbers, so it does not make sense to ask for them anymore.

Tech has wisely instituted the personal test number system, allowing professors to post grades with a number unique to each student, but that does not have any significance outside of the university.

We believe the personal test numbers should take the place of Social Security numbers on many documents. It can certainly be replaced on Scantrons. Students can memorize this number easily enough, and it can serve as an identifier for assignments and tests.

Also, we caution students who are signing an attendance sheet with Social Security numbers on it that is being passed around the room. Anybody could write the number and the name down and use it later. We encourage professors to find a different way to take attendance.

Texas Tech is supposed to be providing students with an education and a foothold to improving ourselves and our chances of success after college.

Don't handicap us by sending us into the world with poor credit history or difficulties because of poor actions that jeopardize us.

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Space-age seedlings take root at Tech

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

With help from NASA, the department of plant and soil sciences, along with other professors and departments at Texas Tech, are experimenting with growing plants and vegetables in space.

The department received funding from NASA to look at the strategies for growing onions through means of hydroponics. NASA asked the department to grow them, and to do that the department was given an engineering development unit. Ellen Peffley, a professor of plant and soil sciences, said the unit provides growth in a totally controlled environment.

The unit is able to control the temperature, lights, hydrogen and oxygen, among other things. Since the plants are able to grow in a controlled environment, Peffley said the plants are healthier and can grow more quickly.

"When we grow plants in the unit, in 30 days you can have large plants," she said.

In the event that NASA would want to use the project in the future for extended space travel, many departments and professors have come together on campus to look at the different circumstances involved with growing the plants. Peffley said the group is developing various plants and planting schemes to receive the most amounts of data from the research.

Professors and students from the department of food sciences take the plants grown in the unit and cut them up to study the nutrients inside the plant. Peffley explained this is important because under certain growing environments there can be different variations of plants and nutrients.

The different plants and nutrients

are important to the research because it would be important to how they fit into the diet of an astronaut who may have to eat the plants to survive. Different hydroponics solutions used in the planting process also have an effect on the plants grown in the unit.

To answer questions about the hydroponic solutions used, the team uses a soil specialist. Since different plants do better with different types of nitrogen, the study of the hydroponic solutions becomes important to the overall outcome of the project.

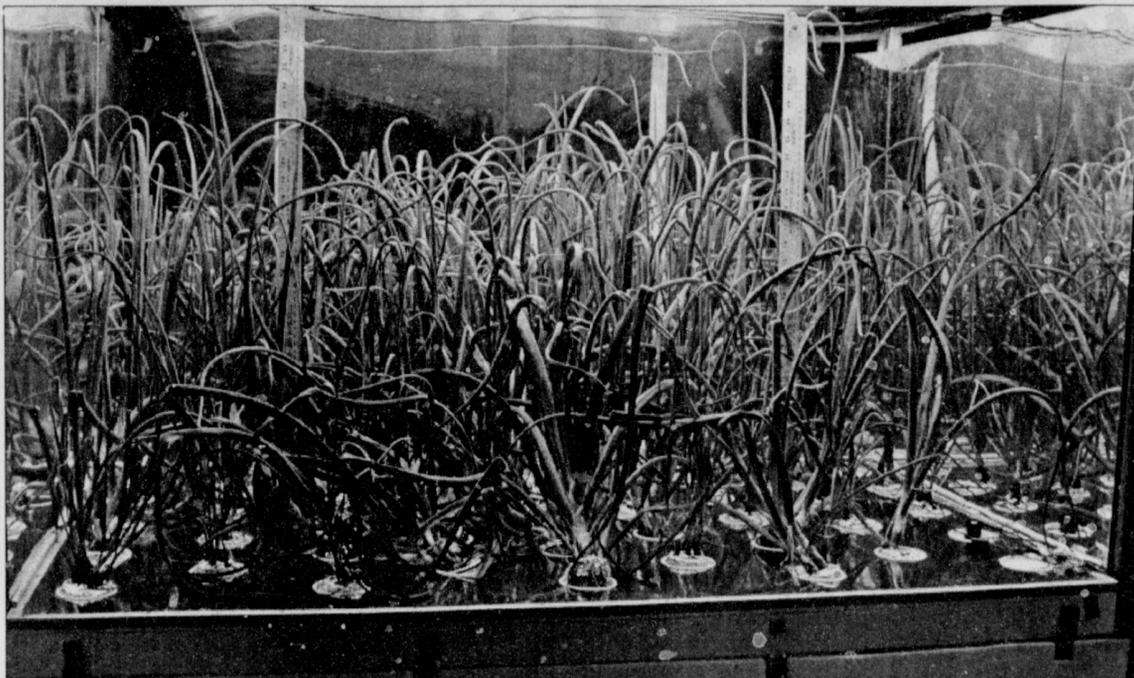
Cary Green, an associate professor in plant and soil sciences, said different solutions are used because the system in the unit does not use soil. However, the plants are still able to provide the astronauts with food if they use the system. He said he believes astronauts being able to eat salad-type crops would be a psychological boost for the crew in space.

"For them it would be something fresh in a freeze-dried world," he said.

Astronauts could also use the plants as a recycling system in the space shuttle. The project could use recycled wastewater as a nutrient from interaction with the Water Resources Center in the department of civil engineering. Green said the plants could be used to produce more water.

Since the unit's purpose is to grow plants, the team also uses the help of food scientists at Tech to look at the genetic makeup of the plants. Peffley said some onions will grow at a high carbon dioxide level, while others continue to grow at a normal level.

The way a plant is grown or what kind of nutrients are in the plant could affect the taste of an onion after it is taken out of the unit. Since an astronaut would have to deal with the taste of the plant, Peffley said the



COURTESY PHOTO/Ellen Peffley

IN A SIMULATED space environment, Tech's plant and soil sciences department, along with other professors and departments and help from NASA, grow plants using hydroponics.

team conducts experiments with a sensory panel to study the taste of the samples.

Peffley, the horticulturist on the project, said she also has been working on outreach for the project to help students reach a better understanding of the subject.

"The outreach is important to NASA so they see their money is going to work," she said.

One way the team helps students better understand the subject is by giving the students a tour of the fa-

ilities. Peffley said to test the effectiveness of their teaching they give the students a survey before they take the tour. The students are given another after the tour to see what they learned.

The project has become beneficial to many students in various departments because they are able to work directly with the research. Peffley said the students working on the project range from undergraduates to post-doctoral students. Green said it is a great opportunity for stu-

dents to get experience.

"This is an opportunity for students because we employ graduates

and undergraduates," he said. "It is an opportunity for the students to work on a substantial research project."

Old man winter brings December in with a bit of a bite

(AP)—Highways and sidewalks turned treacherous Saturday for the millions of people living in the Northeast as the region's first big storm of the season piled up a foot of blowing snow, grounding airline flights, taking a bite out of pre-Christ-

mas shopping and canceling SAT exams.

At least eight deaths were blamed on the storm, and police urged people to just stay home.

Snow fell at a rate of about an inch an hour at Binghamton, N.Y., and the

National Weather Service issued blizzard warnings for parts of Maine, Connecticut, southeastern New York and New Jersey. Stiff wind blew the snow sideways in places and whipped up rough surf along the coast.

The snow created just the right

wintry scene for retailers selling Christmas trees and wreaths in Hamden, Conn., but it didn't do much for sales.

"This hurts business," said Sally Jaynes, whose family owns Broken Arrow Nursery and Evergreen Farm.

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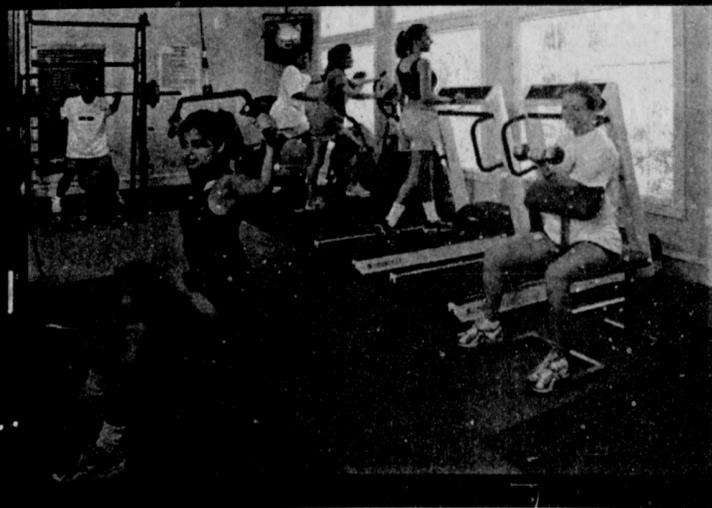
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Wilson

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served in this same interim capacity, giving him prior experience in the position.

Whitmore was out of town and unavailable for comment but issued a statement through his office.

"Our vice president for fiscal affairs is a key position at Texas Tech, especially in these tough economic times," he said. "Michael has an outstanding background and a wealth of experience working with the finances of the university."

Naming a candidate as interim vice president for fiscal affairs must follow a process, according to Tech operating procedures.

Whitmore did a search of candidates. Once he made his decision it was presented to Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith. Smith had to approve it, and then the Board of Regents was notified of the decision before the announcement was made public.

In Whitmore's first semester as president he has put an emphasis on making the budget an inclusive aspect of university issues.

"I chatted with Dr. Whitmore, and it seemed the budget is very important to him," Wilson said. "He wants to make it an inclusive process by ensuring that various people in management positions have input into decisions and ensuring that everyone's included."

For example, Whitmore's creation of the Budget Advisory Council, which is comprised of people from all over campus to give input on university budget decisions, is something never seen before at Tech, Wilson said.

Wilson received his bachelor's degree in political science from Houston-Tillotson College in Austin and a master's degree in public administration from Columbia University.

Test

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courses were being taught in the classroom.

Once he was able to retrieve the quizzes, he placed them in his office under lock and key.

However, he said he does not know how the quizzes ended up under a student's desk.

"Someone else took it upon himself or herself to move them from the table to the desk," he said.

To protect the students from a breach of security, Shelly said the quizzes should have been taken directly to the department office as soon as they had been found.

However, he said he realizes forgetting the quizzes in the classroom created a situation that should not have happened.

"Who's responsible? Obviously I am," he said.

Despite two instances in the same week, Jane Winer, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said there is no need for a policy change in regard to how professors grade and distribute students' work.

"The policy is very clear," she said. "This is absolutely not supposed to happen."

To ensure the protection of students' records, the chemistry department's policy is that the faculty must have absolute compliance with the protection of the records.

Robert Shaw, associate chairman of the department of chemistry, said the department follows a high degree of fidelity in regard to the protection of students.

When the department posts semester grades for the students, each grade is posted according to

the unique personal test number of the student. Shaw said for other assignments there are times when the teaching assistant for a professor will grade the assignments and place them in a spot that has been assigned by the class.

"It is a pre-arranged process, because TAs are not always where the students are," he said.

Shelly said the only correct procedure is to return work directly back to the students.

The old procedure of the department was to have designated drop-off points, but he assured that is not how he distributes unclaimed quizzes.

One of the students in the course, Erica Hartnett, said she would like to see another solution other than having to use her Social Security number on her assignments.

The junior sociology major from Fort Davis said instead of having to give out her Social Security number, she would like to see more assignments incorporate the unique personal test number every student is given.

Shaw said he is surprised that Social Security numbers were on the quizzes, because he believed they would not be necessary for the assignments.

Hartnett said she believes having Social Security numbers out in the open for anyone to see is dangerous.

"I'm pretty angry the quiz was out there," Hartnett said. "It is offending that the information was out there and that anybody could use it."

To protect the welfare of the students, Shaw said the important scores, such as the overall course grade, are very protected.

If there was some kind of lapse on the department's part, he said they would correct it.

Memorial

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"I'm very surprised at the different age groups that are here today," she said. "I expected it would be more along the lines of older veterans, but it's not just the retired age of people. There are a lot of young people here too."

U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, who also is a Tech graduate, was the main speaker at the event.

After looking out at the audience, Neugebauer said he noticed a lot of families were there, and he extended an honor to them as well as all of the veterans.

"We are here to honor all of the Lubbock area veterans," he said. "There are a lot of families, brothers, sisters, children and spouses also here. And I just want to honor them too."

Neugebauer said he is the fourth congressman who was sworn in from the 19th district and only the 236th Texan in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"These people have given me the opportunity to do that," he said. "Without the sacrifice of our veterans and fallen sol-



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

Lubbock resident Allen Roberts points out his brick after he and his family located it among the thousands of bricks honoring the war veterans of the area. The wall was dedicated Sunday.

diers, there would be no Congress, no government and no USA."

As for the bricks that make up the memorial, Neugebauer said he wants everyone to realize that it is not just names on them.

"They are real people who did real business for the American people," he said. "This is just to help us never forget the people who were put in harms way, then and now, to protect the privileges that we use so often."

Neugebauer said he could sum up the entire project in just a few words.

"It's a tribute to the heroes," he said. "Freedoms have their costs, and some gave their whole lives to pay the price for those freedoms."

For those residents not in attendance Sunday, Neugebauer presented a challenge.

"We did not go through all the troubles not for it to be used," he said. "Come and utilize it. Make it active in the community."

For those who were there, like Alvin Williams, it showed pride and honor for the U.S.

He said, "I'm proud to be an American."

Putin, party take early lead in elections

MOSCOW (AP) — The main party supporting President Vladimir Putin led rivals by a large margin in Russia's parliamentary elections Sunday, according to partial official results.

Putin is seeking a solid majority to put his firm stamp on a country still setting its course for the future after seven decades of Soviet rule. Exit polls also indicated a big win for Putin and his allies.

With less than 3 percent of votes counted nationwide, the pro-Putin United Russia party led with 36.46 percent, while the nationalist Liberal Democratic Party of Russia was second with 15.61 percent, said Alexander Veshnyakov, chairman of the Central Election Commission.

The Communist Party, considered United Russia's biggest rival, came in third with 13.26 percent, he said.

Veshnyakov said two Western-leaning parties — the Union of Right Forces and Yabloko — each garnered less than 4 percent, meaning that if those trends continued they would not reach the minimum necessary to enter the parliament as parties.

However, those parties were expected to pick up more votes as the count proceeded westward from the sparsely populated east, where United Russia and the Communists have polled particularly strongly. Both the Union of Right Forces and Yabloko parties have their strongest support in Moscow, St. Petersburg and other large cities in western Russia, which also have more voters.

The election took place over 11 time zones from Siberia's frozen wastes to the war-wrecked wasteland of Chechnya to the westernmost Baltic Sea enclave of Kaliningrad.

The pro-Kremlin United Russia party hoped the vote would increase its control over the 450-seat State Duma, the lower house of parliament, as the popular Putin heads for what seems certain to be a second term in a March presidential ballot. The Liberal Democratic Party of Russia, led by irreverent nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, almost always votes the Kremlin line in parliament.

Analysts said United Russia and its allies were angling for a two-thirds majority required to make constitutional changes — a lever they could use to

extend Putin's term or let him run for a third term. Such a constitutional change would also need the approval of the pliant upper parliament house and two-thirds of Russia's regional legislatures.

More might in the Duma would also make it easier for Putin to push through the sometimes unpopular market-oriented economic reforms he has promised and cut the bureaucracy that stifles Russian growth. Kremlin critics, however, fear too much power could prompt a drift closer to authoritarianism.

In the voting, 225 Duma seats are distributed proportionally among parties who cross the 5-percent threshold, according to their percentages in the results. The other 225 seats are filled by the winners of individual district races, who may or may not be affiliated with a party.

An exit poll conducted by the Public Opinion Foundation for Russia's Channel One state television gave United Russia 37 percent of the vote, to the Communists' 15 percent.

They were followed by the nationalist Liberal-Democratic Party of Russia with 12 percent, the Homeland bloc with 9 percent, and the two Western-leaning parties with 6 percent each.

The election inspired little excitement among voters. Two hours before polls were to close, turnout was 47.6 percent, significantly lower than the 53.9 percent recorded at the same time during the last Duma vote, in 1999.

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The Council has other issues to take care of before appointing a candidate, he said.

McInnes said he feels each candidate is equally qualified for the job.

"I feel like we got a pretty good review of the individuals," McInnes said.

The search committee looked at

the city manager experience of each individual along with the education level. The size of the communities in which each individual has served also played a role, McInnes said.

The new city manager will earn a starting salary in the mid to high \$100,000 and report to Mayor Marc McDougal and the City Council.

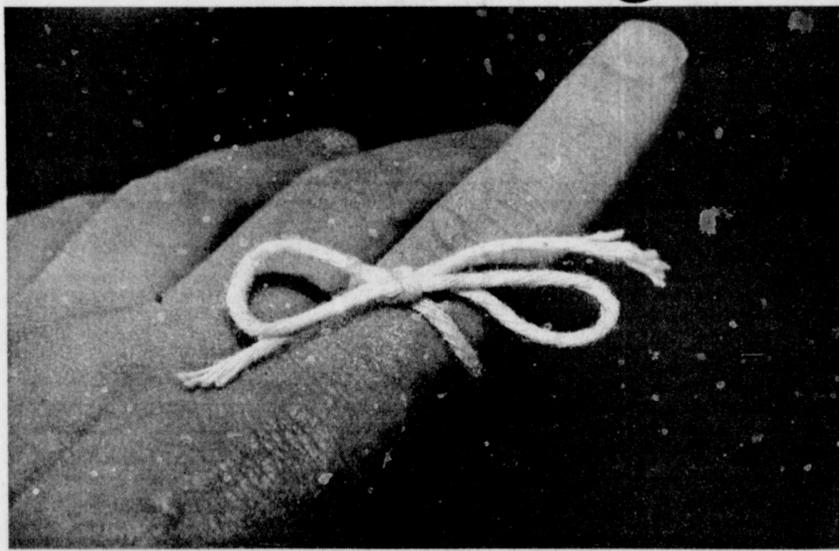
The city manager serves as the chief administrative officer for the city and provides guidance to 1,800 full-time city employees.

Issues such as economic development and growth activities as well as the organization of Lubbock's light company will be under the supervision of the city manager.

The personal meetings with the candidates on Thursday benefited both the candidates and the city officials, McInnes said.

"It is not only an opportunity for us to take a look at them," he said. "But it is also an opportunity for them to take a look at us."

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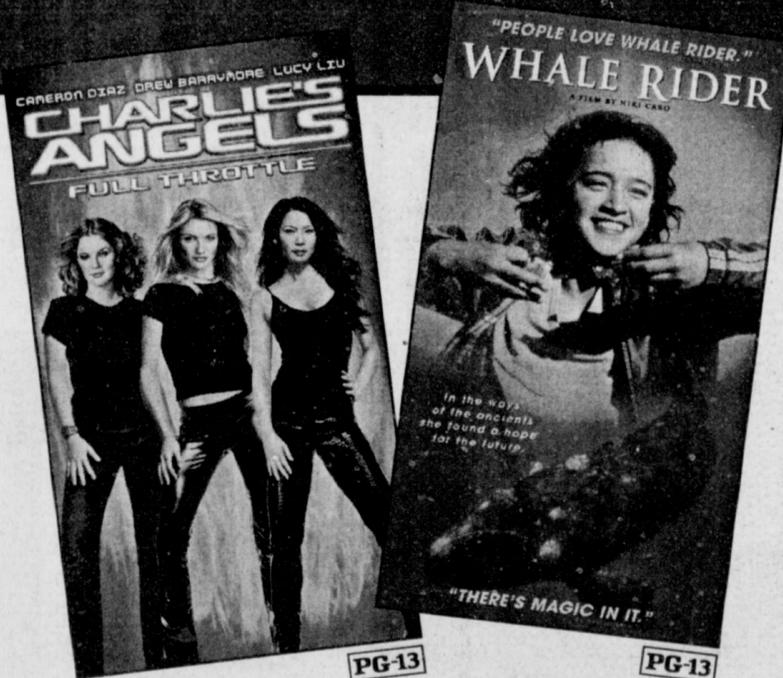
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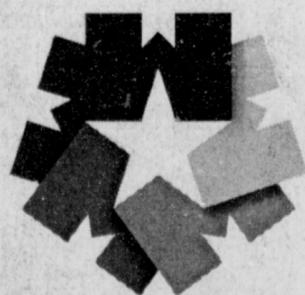
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Hacking into the mind of Ben Affleck

One of Hollywood's leading men talks about memories, his method of acting, favorite directors and diversity

By James Eppler/Staff Reporter

Ben Affleck does not need his memory jogged. The 31-year-old actor and Academy Award-winning screenwriter knows exactly where he has been and where he is going.

With a long history in the theater dating back to his high school years, Affleck said his experiences on the stage have helped to prepare him for his work on the big screen.

"I've probably been in 80 plays or something like that," Affleck said. "In some ways, those are my best memories in terms of being an actor."

He also has developed important relationships with certain filmmakers throughout his career that have helped continue to mold him as an actor, namely his "Chasing Amy" director.

"I have to say that the person that I've probably learned the most from is Kevin Smith," Affleck said. "We've had such a long history of working together. He has more of an insight into me and the kind of acting I'm doing because he has experience with me. That relationship, and its continuing nature, probably in some ways make it the most satisfying and important relationship that I have with a filmmaker."

In his new film, "Paycheck," opening Dec. 25, Affleck had the chance to work with a filmmaker he has admired for years: Hong Kong action director John Woo.

"I really felt like it was an honor to work with John Woo," he said. "I've been a big fan of his since his early Hong Kong movies, 'Hard Boiled' and 'The Killer,' and have continued to watch his work, 'Mission Impossible 2' and 'Face/Off.' Ultimately, I just wanted to be available to him to do whatever he wanted so that John could make exactly the movie he wanted to make. I think that John sees movies as a choreographed dance between the actor and the camera."

Woo's "dances," however, demand much in terms of stunt work. Affleck said he tried to do as much of his own stunt work as possible.

"I feel like if you're an actor and you're going to do these movies, part of your job is to do as much of the stunts as you can, just for the sake of authenticity. I think it really takes you out of the movie when you realize that there's a stuntman there," he said.

"Paycheck" was adapted from the screen from a novel by Phillip K. Dick, who is also the source writer behind such films as "Blade Runner" and "Minority Report." In the film, Affleck plays a reverse engineer who is hired

for large sums of money to dismantle machinery and rebuild it for improvement. The only catch is that he has his memory erased of any work he has done after the fact.

But when he wakes up one day, he discovers that he has forfeited his paycheck for his last job and is being hunted by his former employers. He must try to tap into his memory to remember what he did and how he can save himself. Affleck said he was able to find similarities between his own experiences and his character's.

"With this character, in some ways, there was stuff that was much closer and more accessible for me to tap into. For one thing, I've always been kind of interested in computers. I got pretty used to opening up a computer and pulling out parts and replacing them with other parts. I've always been kind of a geek that way," he chuckled. "So the reverse engineering elements of the movie were easy to identify with."

Affleck said the character has other traits, as well.

"In other ways, he's a guy who basically trades in some of his quality of his life for the sake of his work," he said. "That was something that I could identify with, too, in that dilemma. The memory of his work is erased, and in my case it's more subtle in that it just involves a lack of privacy and lack of anonymity. I think that one of the most helpful things in preparing for a role is finding things in your own life



AFFLECK IN A scene from his upcoming movie, "Paycheck," directed by John Woo, opens Dec. 25.

that evoke similar feelings that the character is experiencing."

So if Affleck were to have some of his memory wiped away, which one memory of his own life would he want to keep, and which would he want erased?

"It would be really difficult to choose only one memory that I could keep," Affleck said. "It would probably be a memory that included my family and my close friends that I grew up with so that I would still understand who I am and where I came from

and what's important."

Affleck did not narrow down any memories he would choose to erase.

"In terms of memories I would like erased, I'm tempted to say quite a few," he laughed. "But really, the truth is, I think that the good experiences we have as well as the adverse ones make us who we are. So I think that any negative or difficult experience I went through that I'd want to forget would only serve to make me a less strong and certainly a less interesting person."

Looking toward the future, Affleck said he will continue to pursue diversity in the roles he chooses to play.

"It's absolutely a conscious effort on my part to do diverse stuff," he said. "One of my goals is I want to be able to look back on my career and say that I was able to successfully do a lot of different genres. I think that that's one of my greatest assets, and I hope one of the things that will keep me working for a while."

Students face financial, food woes at end of semester

By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

As the semester comes to a close, most students are worried about finals, but some have the added weight of how they are going to pay their bills and fill their stomachs after a semester of exhausting their resources.

Ryan Halley, a graduate assistant with the Red to Black Program, said the program sees quite a few students toward the end of the semester. The Red to Black Program helps students who are in financial debt seek advising from counselors on ways to decrease their debt.

"We get quite a few students at the end of the semester seeking help.

Having money for food certainly could be an issue, but I think it is more embarrassing for students to say they don't have money for food, than to say I can't make my car payment," he said.

Angela Mazzolini, a peer financial counselor and educator for the Red to Black Program, said a student came in once claiming the budget The Red to Black Program laid out for her wasn't working.

"Poor girl came in and said her budget wasn't good for her health because she quit eating so she could pay her bills," she said.

Mazzolini said most students who do not have enough money for food or to pay their bills resort to using

credit cards.

"Students use credit cards like crazy. They will run out of money and start buying their groceries with credit cards," she said.

Tommy Saenz, manager for Dollar General, said a lot of students buy food and hygiene products at his store.

"The can goods, noodles, sodas and chips probably are the most popular with students. Most of our products are inexpensive, so students can come and buy a week's worth of food for a couple of bucks," he said.

Ryan Wells, a sophomore history major from Denton, said when money gets tight he lives off of Ramen Noodles.

"You can go to the store and buy 10 of those things for \$1. I'll eat that for every meal 'till I get back on my feet," he said.

Some students get so desperate

they start asking people for food.

Heather Peavy, a sophomore re-

"We had these two boys who would come and knock on everyone's doors begging for food because they had spent their money on other things. They would beg just as a homeless person would."

— HEATHER PEAVY
Sophomore retail major from League City

tail major from League City, said when she was a freshman and lived in the residence halls, students would come and knock on people's doors asking for food.

"We had these two boys who would come and knock on everyone's doors begging for food because they had spent their money on other things. They would beg just as a homeless person would," she said.

Halley said when students come into the Red to Black Program the first thing they do is sit down and look at the student's budget.

"We have the students come in, and we look at their budget and try to see if they can go to other sources such as parents or friends for money. Sometimes though, you look at the student's budget, and they are so in debt you know they are not going to eat," he said.

When the money gets low, some students have to turn to non-conventional ways to put food in their stomachs.

Mazzolini said when her husband was a student, he would donate plasma to pay for food and other expenses.

Wells said he has donated plasma before but will only turn to donating plasma as a last resort.

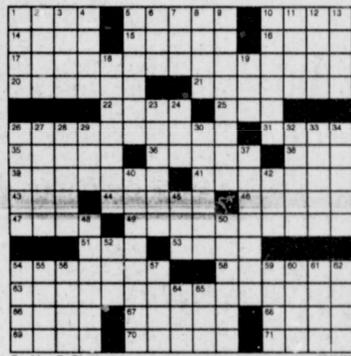
"It is easier to scrounge off of your friends' meal plans or beg your parents for money. I am going to have to be really hungry or desperate to donate plasma again," he said.

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Tech selected to play Navy in Houston Bowl

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Red Raiders will get to play another football game this year as all the rumors and indications came to fruition as Tech received an EVI.net invite Sunday night to the EVI.net Houston Bowl.

The Raiders will play in a bowl game for the fourth consecutive year, but all they care about is the fact that they get to play again.

"Now that it's definite and we know where we're going...we're just excited about the opportunity to play another game," said quarterback B.J. Symons.

Tech will face the Navy Midshipmen in what could be termed a clash of the titans.

Navy boasts the No. 1 rushing offense in the nation and Tech has the No. 1 passing offense in the nation.

It is an intriguing match up Symons said he is looking forward to being a part of.

"It brings a little aspect to the game with their rushing attack and our passing attack, which is going to be unique," he said. "I think it could add some interest. The No. 1 rushing team versus the No. 1 passing team, that would definitely raise a unique aspect to the game and bring interest

to it. I think despite that, Texas Tech versus Navy sounds like a good match up."



Another large draw would be the fact that the game is in Houston, Symons' hometown. He said with the game being during the holiday break from classes (Dec. 30) it would be easier for Tech fans to get to the game.

For \$57 Red Raider fans have premium seating as well. Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations Chris Cook said Tech has 10,000 tickets on the lower level on the East sideline. Less expensive tickets are avail-

able on the Houston Bowl's Website, but Cook said those seats would not be as good. Call (806) 742-TECH for more ticket information.

Receiver Wes Welker said he would like to see a lot of Tech fans at the game, but No. 1 on his agenda is beating Navy. He knows Tech is has another game added to the schedule, and the Raiders are going to treat it like any other game they play.

"I think that has a lot to do with seniors setting a good example for everybody on what to do because we are down there for business, but we can have our fun, too," he said. "We have to make sure that we're down there to win a ball game."

Both Symons and Welker said they watched the Army/Navy game

on Saturday, and both saw the same thing from the Midshipmen. They play hard physical football.

"They're good," Welker said. "They control the ball; they control the ball with time of possession. They just do a great job all the way around; they play great defense. Obviously, they're a tough team. We just gotta go out there and play just as tough as they do."

The Midshipmen are averaging 323 rushing yards per game. How tough Navy is at pounding the ball through defenses could be tough to counter, but perhaps a mental block of playing a service academy need breaking as well. Welker said some teams may have a tendency to overlook a team like Navy be-

cause football is not a main focus of the academy.

"It's easy to try and do that, well Navy they're not as distinguished as Texas Tech as far as football and things like that, and we can't look at it like that," he said. "They're a dangerous type that a lot of people don't want to play. We have to make sure we come out concentrated ready to win a football game."

The run versus pass showdown will take place at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 30 and will be aired on ESPN for those who cannot make it to Reliant Stadium.

Head coach Mike Leach was in New York City and unavailable for comment.

Holiday Bowl gets Longhorns, Texas not pleased about BCS finish

■ Texas disappointed about dropping out of BCS bowl contention

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas is headed to the Holiday Bowl, it just isn't the holiday trip the Longhorns wanted.

Instead of playing in the Bowl Championship Series, the No. 5 Longhorns (10-2) accepted an invitation Sunday to play in their third Holiday Bowl in four seasons. The Longhorns will face Washington State (9-3) on Dec. 30.

The game in San Diego will be televised nationally on ESPN.

"We're disappointed," said Texas coach Mack Brown, whose team got bumped from the BCS when Kansas State thumped Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game Saturday night.

"But we're also excited about the chance to play Washington State."

By winning the Big 12, the Wildcats — who lost to Texas 24-20 this season — grabbed the Big 12's automatic BCS berth and a trip to the Fiesta Bowl.

Meanwhile the Sooners, who beat the Longhorns 65-13 and were ranked No. 1 most of the season, are going to the Sugar Bowl to play for the national title.

BCS rules don't allow more than two teams from a single conference to play in BCS games.

Had the heavily-favored Sooners beaten Kansas State, Texas - ranked sixth in the BCS standings — was likely headed to either the Fiesta or Rose bowls.

Instead it's back to San Diego.

The Texas players will be disappointed about missing the BCS again, but will be ready to play Washington State, he said.

"Our guys have been through a whole lot worse than this, (but) I'm probably glad we're not playing today," he said.

■ Longhorns face Washington State in game of top 15 teams

SAN DIEGO (AP) - The Holiday Bowl gained from the chaos atop the BCS, inviting No. 5 Texas to face No. 15 Washington State on Dec. 30 at Qualcomm Stadium.

The Longhorns (10-2) will play in the Holiday Bowl for the third time in four years. And just as in 2001, the Longhorns will be coming to San Diego after it looked as if they would be heading to a BCS Bowl. That year, the Longhorns had their national championship hopes wrecked with a loss to Colorado in the Big 12 championship game and ended up in the Holiday Bowl.

"The system is what it is and we live within the system," Holiday Bowl

executive director Bruce Binkowski said. "We have not had a bad matchup in 25 years. It's very rare that we have a bad matchup."

Kansas State's upset over then-No. 1 Oklahoma in the Big 12 cham-

pionship game on Saturday night knocked the Longhorns out of a BCS bowl. After the Cotton Bowl picked No. 22 Oklahoma State of the Big 12, the Holiday Bowl wasted no time in taking the Longhorns.



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Balance key to Tech's blowout win

By David Wichmann/Staff Reporter

Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp has said she likes the depth of her bench. Women's basketball found out why as the non-starters amounted for 65 percent of Texas Tech's (8-0) scoring in a 77-26 pounding of Wyoming (0-4) on Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

Five players reached double figures in scoring, and only one of them was a starter, guard Jia Perkins. Sharp believed the performance from her bench and how much it contributed played a large role in the dominant win.

"I thought our starters were a little sluggish to begin the game today, and our second group came in and gave us a spark and played very well," Sharp said. "They scored 50 of our 77 points, and I think it talks about how balanced we are, our abil-

ity to score and how explosive we can be. I was really proud of their efforts."

The Lady Raiders were led offensively by forward LaToya Davis with 14 points and five rebounds. She was 6-of-8 from the field and used physical play in the paint to create opportunities to score and make the most of her 11 minutes.

But perhaps the most impressive offensive play came from guard Chesley Dabbs, who had a perfect game, literally. She made every shot she took to score 10 points. She also had four rebounds, three of them on the offensive glass to help get Tech some second chance points. She also added two assists and two steals in her 19 minutes. She, too, wanted to make the most of her opportunity to get some quality time in the game and give

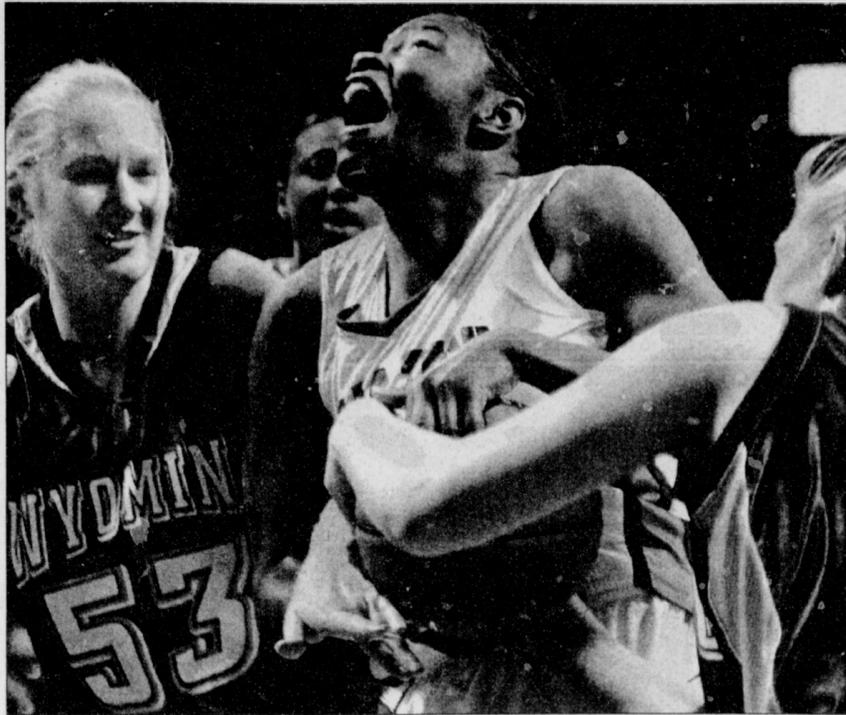
PLAYER OF THE GAME

TEXAS TECH: LaToya Davis



STATS: 6-8 for 14 points. Also had five rebounds.

NOTES: The sophomore played in 30 games last season with one start. As a high school senior she led her district in scoring with 17.4 points per game. She also added 12.1 rebounds per game.



TEXAS TECH FORWARD LaToya Davis is fouled by a Wyoming player during the Lady Raiders' 77-26 victory against the Cowgirls on Saturday in the United Spirit Arena. Davis led the team with 14 points and five rebounds. Tech will face the Pacific Tigers at 7 p.m. today in the USA.

the offense a boost when she was on the floor.

"I just wanted to come in and give a spark off the bench," she said. "Coach Sharp always says that to be able to stay in the game I have to help the team in some way, so I just tried to shoot it like I have in practice, and they were going in."

Dabbs' game was impressive to Sharp as well and the coach said she

proved why she was a Lady Raider and that she will be an important person for the team down the stretch.

"Certainly, one of Chesley's best games as a Lady Raider to not miss a shot, but also I thought how hard she played on the other end and really how well she rebounded the ball were all really big statements for her," Sharp said. "She's really continuing to make her minutes go up

because she really gives us good production, and I'm really proud of how she's playing."

Like almost every other game of the year, Tech's defense took control of the game to create all the offense. Wyoming had 22 turnovers and for a period in the first half had more turnovers than points. After holding SMU to 16.9 percent shooting, a record low for a Lady Raider opponent, Tech set another record. The Cowgirls' 26 points ties the all-time low against Tech, which happened in 1978 in an 84-26 win against McMurry.

Tech is sacrificing 46.75 points a game, and Sharp likes it that way. She said she knows her defense needs to be strong considering the competition the Lady Raiders will be facing in Big 12 Conference play.

"When you play in the Big 12 you'd better be good on defense because you can't control sometimes how you're going to be defended or the way you are going to shoot it," she said. "But you can usually help your destiny a little bit if you play hard and play well on the defensive end. I hope it's going to be one of our biggest strengths, and I think we're headed in that direction."

Tech's defense will receive its next test tonight at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena against Pacific.

Tomaszek stars in Raiders' win

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — It took Texas Tech about 20 minutes to warm up to New Mexico's zone defense and its thousands of screaming fans.

The Red Raiders trailed by as much as 10 points and saw the Lobos hit five of their eight 3-point attempts during the first half. Texas Tech also racked up nine fouls and had six turnovers in that half.

That all changed in the second half when Texas Tech (6-2) started shooting from the outside and finding holes in the Lobos' zone. They went on to beat the Lobos 67-58 Saturday at The Pit.

"We have not been a good team to get behind, catch up and go on to win," Texas Tech head coach Bob Knight said. "But tonight we came back and didn't make any mistakes from that point on. Everything kind of went our way."

New Mexico (2-3) went into the second half with a 32-29 lead and managed to keep it for more than a minute until Texas Tech's Robert Tomaszek kicked back the ball to LaQuente White, who pulled up for a three and tied the game.

New Mexico took back the lead when Alfred Neale slammed in a missed shot by teammate Lenny Miles.

The Red Raiders tied the game with a pair of free throws from Andre Emmett, who finished with 12 points and was 4-for-4 from the line. While New Mexico missed some crucial free throws, Texas Tech was 92 percent from the line for the game.

The teams traded leads for more than three minutes until New Mexico's Javin Tindall hit a 3 from the top of the key to put the Lobos up 44-40. After a pair of baskets and a 3-pointer by Texas Tech, Neale tied it at 47 with a 3 from the left perimeter.

After stealing an errant pass by Texas Tech, the Lobos had possession of the ball for close to three minutes. They pulled down six offensive rebounds during that time, but their possession ended with a turnover and no points.

At that point, Knight said he thought the game would end without his team ever getting the ball back. "Their energy was a big factor," he said of the Lobos ability to hang on to the ball.

It was the same energy that kept the Red Raiders at bay in the first half. Knight admitted that his team was struggling with shooting early on, but he also pointed to the Lobos' zone.

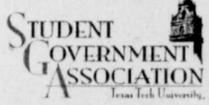
"It's hard to play against Texas Tech, which defends against all that pressure," New Mexico coach Ritchie McKay said. "You have to cover so much space in the zone that it's hard to play a 40-minute game with them."

Emmett, who is usually the Red Raiders leading scorer, said he wasn't surprised at how the Lobos played. "I mean this is The Pit. It's loud," said Emmett, who was kept to 12 points. "They were playing for their fans, and the fans were going crazy. We didn't play like we wanted to in the beginning of the game, but toward the end we finally got some big shots."

Those include 7 points from Jarriss Jackson. He hit a 3-pointer that put the Red Raiders ahead 59-57 with 2:20 remaining then sank a pair of free throws 30 seconds later.

Tomaszek scored with 1:13 remaining, which put Texas Tech up by 6. Red Raider Ronald Ross picked off another Lobo pass with 30 seconds left, scoring his team's last basket.

Tomaszek led Tech with 18. Ross and Devonne Giles each had 10. Tech will play TCU at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.



SGA Proposed Constitutional Amendment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the wording on the ballot shall be read to wit:

Article III. Executive, Section 2. Shall be amended to read:
Section 2. Election of Student Government Association Executive Officers:
1. The Student Government Association President, along with the Vice President for Internal Affairs and the Vice President for External Affairs, shall be elected by an all-campus election to be held in the spring.
2. The Student Government Association Vice President for Graduate Affairs shall be elected by the enrolled graduate population in an election to be held in the spring.

Article III. Executive, Section 3. Subsection 1. Shall add the words:
"He shall be required to be enrolled in at least six (6) semester hours of residence credit courses during their term of office. He must have a grade point of at least 2.25 for both the whole of his college work and for the semester preceding his election."

Article III. Executive, Section 3. Subsection 2. Shall add the words:
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Article III. Executive, Section 3. Subsection 3. Shall be amended to read:
3. Vice President for Graduate Affairs: The Vice President for Graduate Affairs shall have a graduate standing according to university policy at the time of filing to run for election. He shall be required to be enrolled in at least three (3) semester hours of graduate coursework during his term. He must have a grade point of at least 3.00 at the time of filing to run for election and must maintain a grade point of 3.00 during his term.

Article III. Executive, Section 7. Shall be amended with the following substitution:
"Section 7." shall be substituted with the words "Section 8."

Article III. Executive, Section 8. Shall be amended with the following substitution:
"Section 8." shall be substituted with the words "Section 9."

Article III. Executive, Section 9. Shall be amended with the following substitution:
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Article III. Executive, Section 10. Shall be amended with the following substitution:
"Section 10." shall be substituted with the words "Section 11."

Article III. Executive, Section 11. Shall be amended with the following substitution:
"Section 11." shall be substituted with the words "Section 12."

Article III. Executive, Section 7. Shall be amended to read:
Section 7. Duties of the Vice President for Graduate Affairs shall include:
1. Serve as a liaison between the Student Government Association and graduate counsels.
2. Implement and oversee programs and services of the Student Government Association offered to graduate students.

Article III. Executive, Section 11. Shall be amended to read:
Section 11. The President, Vice President for Internal Affairs, Vice President for External Affairs, and Vice President for Graduate Affairs may be removed from office. Reasons for removal are malfeasance, neglect of duty, or improper conduct. The removal shall be made by a 3/4 vote of the total membership of the Senate.

MONDAY DECEMBER 8

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10:00 Sesame Street	Martha Stewart	Price is Right	Hatchett	Hatchett	View	John Walsh
11:00 Mr. Rogers Teletubbies	Winged Square Jeopardy	Young & the Restless	Paid Program	Paid Program	Home Impr. Paid Program	Access Extra
12:00 Handy Marm Quilting	News Days of Our	News Beautiful	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Good Day Live	Good Day Live
1:00 Scrapbook Dragon Tales	Lives Passions	As the World Turns	Paid Program	One Life to Live	People's Court	People's Court
2:00 Zoom Betw./Lions	In/Edition	Guiding Light	Street Smart	General Hospital	Divorce Court	Divorce Court
3:00 R. Rainbow Cyberchase	Oprah Winfrey	Maury Povich	Dharma/Greg	Wayne Brady	Joe Brown	Joe Brown
4:00 Clifford Arthur	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Subrina	That 70's	Mirrel Williams	News & More
5:00 Liberty Nightly Bus.	News NBC News	News CBS News	Pyramid	ABC News	That 70's Simpsons	That 70's Simpsons
6:00 Newshour	News W/Fortune	News Millionaire	Access Extra	News E.T.	Friends Raymond	Friends Raymond
7:00 Antiques Roadshow	Fear Factor PG	Yes Dear PG	Lady Raiders	Peter Jennings	FOX Movie: "Natty"	FOX Movie: "Natty"
8:00 Ken Burns American	Average Joe PG	Raymond PG	Two & 1/2	Sports	MUF: St. Louis	Professor II
9:00 Stories Fiesta/Sky		C.S.I. Miami TV14	Parkers	Cleveland	News	News
10:00 Nightly Bus.	News Tonight Show	News David	Eve Girlfriends		Seinfeld Frasier	Seinfeld Frasier
11:00	Conan	Letterman Craig	Hall/Hall Blind Date	News Nightline	Becker Shoot Me	Becker Shoot Me
12:00	O'Brien Last Call	Kilborn Paid Program	Ext. Dating Paid Program	Jimmy Kimmel	Spin City Paid Program	Spin City Paid Program

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Oklahoma, LSU will play for national title

TROJANS LEFT OUT: USC is BCS No. 3 despite finishing No. 1 in both major polls.

(AP)—College football fans, get ready to crown not just one, but possibly two national champions.

That is because the computer rankings had Oklahoma as the country's top team Sunday, while the human poll voters picked Southern California.

Despite getting walloped by Kansas State 35-7 on Saturday night, Oklahoma will take its 12-1 record

to the Sugar Bowl against LSU, which won the Southeastern Conference championship by beating Georgia 34-13.

The winner in New Orleans on Jan. 4 automatically captures the coaches' title under Bowl Championship Series format.

USC, which finished third in the BCS rankings, could win The Associated Press championship by beating No.

4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl, with a split national title certain to leave more people calling for a playoff.

The No. 1 team in the AP poll has never dropped after winning its bowl game. The USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll must give its championship to the Sugar Bowl winner.

The BCS was started in 1998 to create a national title game without playoffs.

When the BCS contract expires after the 2005 season, a one-game championship might be instituted after the bowls. That would be too

late to fix this year's mess.

In the final BCS standings, Oklahoma was first with 5.11 points based on its top spot in five of the seven computers, the 11th-toughest schedule and a quality win over Texas. The Sooners were third in both polls.

LSU (12-1) was second with 5.99, edging out USC (11-1) by 0.16 in the second closest finish in the six-year history of the BCS. Nebraska beat Colorado by 0.05 in 2001.

The Trojans got 79 of the 128 first-place votes in the polls but finished third in five computers because of a

weak Pac-10 schedule.

LSU was second in the polls and six computers and edged out USC based on a tougher schedule. LSU and USC were each picked first in one computer.

The Tigers' spot in the title game wasn't assured until Boise State beat Hawaii at 3 a.m. EST Sunday. The Trojans' strength of schedule was hurt because they beat Hawaii in September.

The dream matchup for the Rose Bowl, a traditional pairing of Big Ten and Pac-10 champions with national title implications, is the doomsday

scenario for the BCS.

It's the third time in four seasons that a team in the top two in the polls didn't make it to the BCS title game. The BCS avoided disaster those years because No. 1 Oklahoma beat Florida State in the 2001 Orange Bowl and No. 1 Miami beat Nebraska in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

The No. 2 teams in the polls won their bowl games those years and could have won the AP title if the top-ranked teams lost. The only way to avoid a disputed finish this year is if Michigan (10-2) beats USC.

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and togetherness she experiences with other students and community members there.

"Everyone gathers together, and there's no separation," she said as she looked across the crowd. "You're not divided by race, religion or classification. Everyone comes together for the same purpose."

Richards said the support from the Lubbock community is almost overwhelming at the event.

"If you didn't notice during the year how much Lubbock supports Tech, you do now," she said. "People come from all over West Texas."

The crowd, estimated at about 20,000, was full of Lubbockites dispersed among students. Everyone cheered for Tech and got their Guns Up.

"This is what Tech is all about. This is the biggest morale boost we have all semester," Richards said. "The Carol of Lights brings the pride, joy and love for Tech that gets lost in the year."

Jennifer Henderson said she feels the same way.

As the Carol of Lights chairwoman, she got a glimpse of everything going on behind the scenes in preparation for the event.

"This is my favorite tradition on the Tech campus," said the senior nursing student at the Health Sciences Center from Richardson. "We're kicking off the holiday season for the Tech community and the Lubbock community."

When the lights turned on Friday, she said it was a bittersweet feeling.

"I was absolutely speechless. It's so beautiful," she said. "I thought 'it's all over.' I will definitely come back next

year. I will bring my husband and family back to see how wonderful this tradition is."

As the combined choirs sang and trombone choir played, people in the crowd sang along. The cold, crisp night air did not deter them from waiting patiently for the one switch to be flipped.

Mark Holland, the parent of a student who is attending Tech, said he was amazed at how beautiful the lights were.

"It's fantastic," the Dallas native said. "It's just overwhelming, the campus is so beautiful to begin with, it just tops it."

The Carol of Lights, he said, brought Lubbock and Tech together to celebrate the holidays together.

"This makes the university a real focal center of the city," Holland said. "The students and residents gather together and celebrate Christmas. Traditions are what community is all about."

Professor of Voice and Music William Hartwell III agreed with Holland, bringing Lubbock and Tech together in such an intimate setting and sharing holidays is what community is.

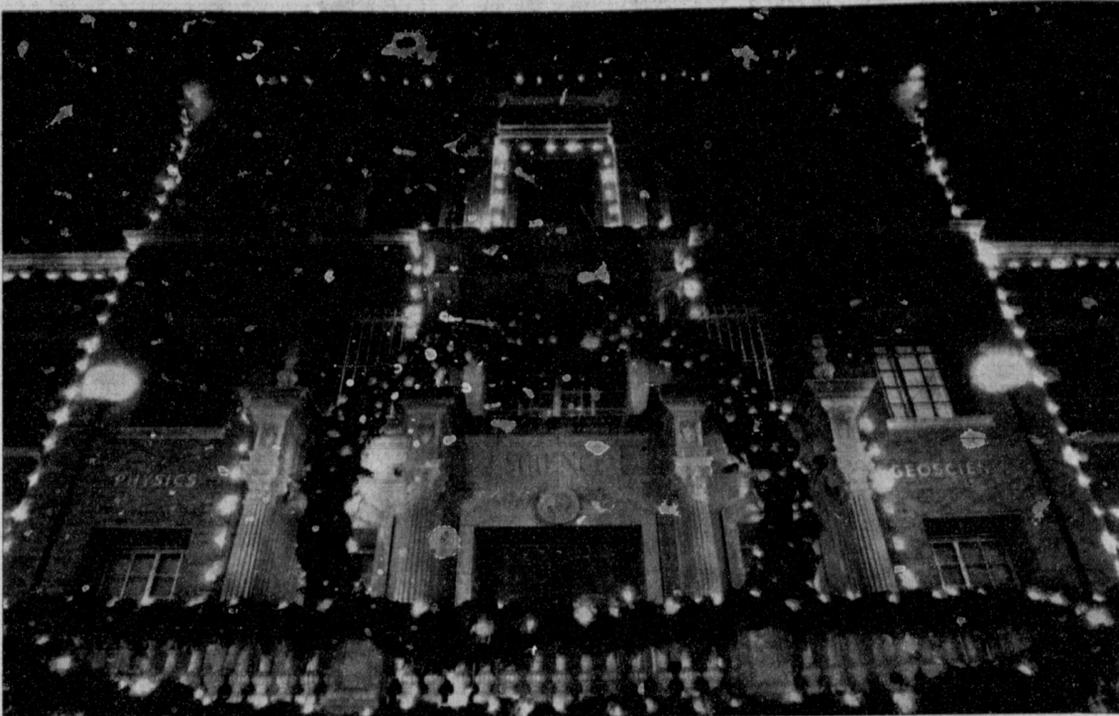
Hartwell sang "Oh Holy Night" for the 22nd consecutive time. He is retiring in July and may not sing again.

"It's been an honor for me to be asked by the student body to do that," he said. "After so many years, it's been a thrill to do that and take part in that."

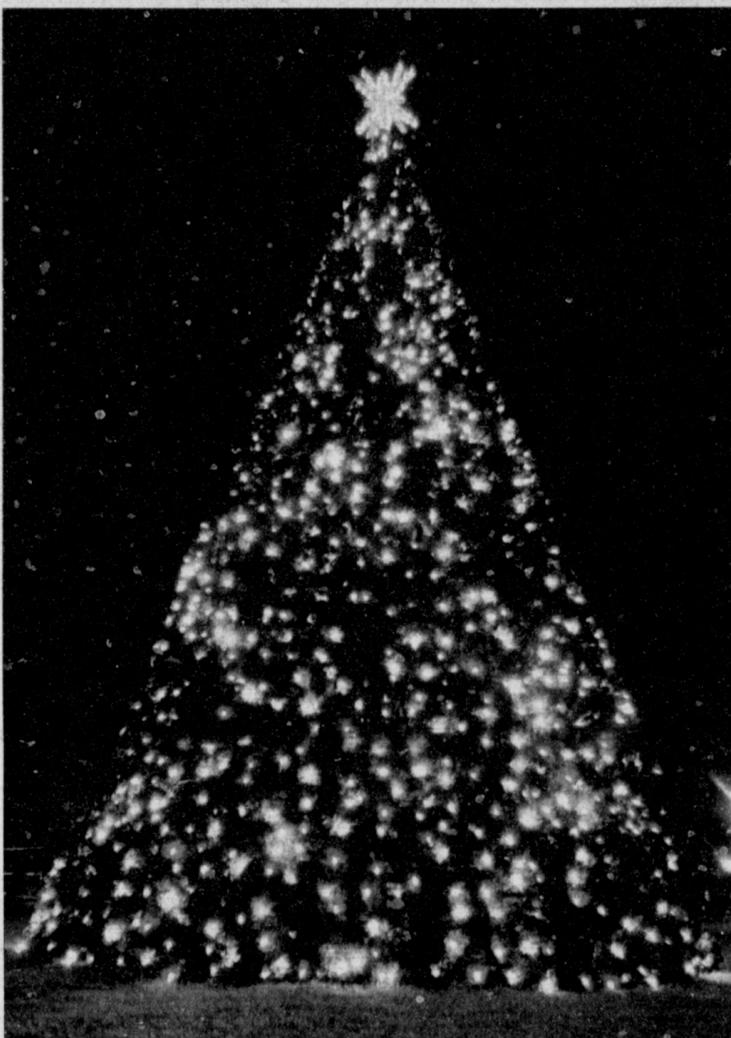
One Christmas, Hartwell recalled while he was singing, a shooting star was seen over the Geosciences building while singing the line, "the stars are brightly shining."

The Carol of Lights, to him, is one of the best traditions Tech has.

"It gives new students and old students a feeling of family that many universities just don't have," Hartwell said. "It's an exciting thing to bring in the season."



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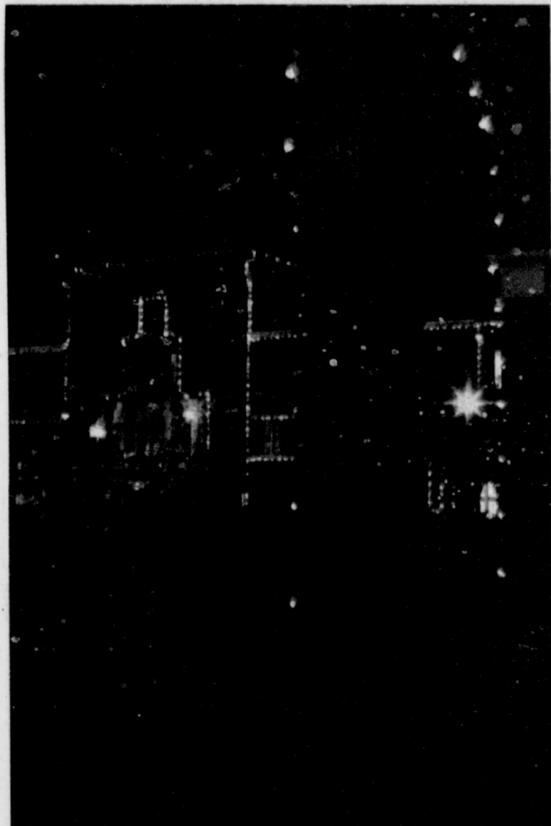
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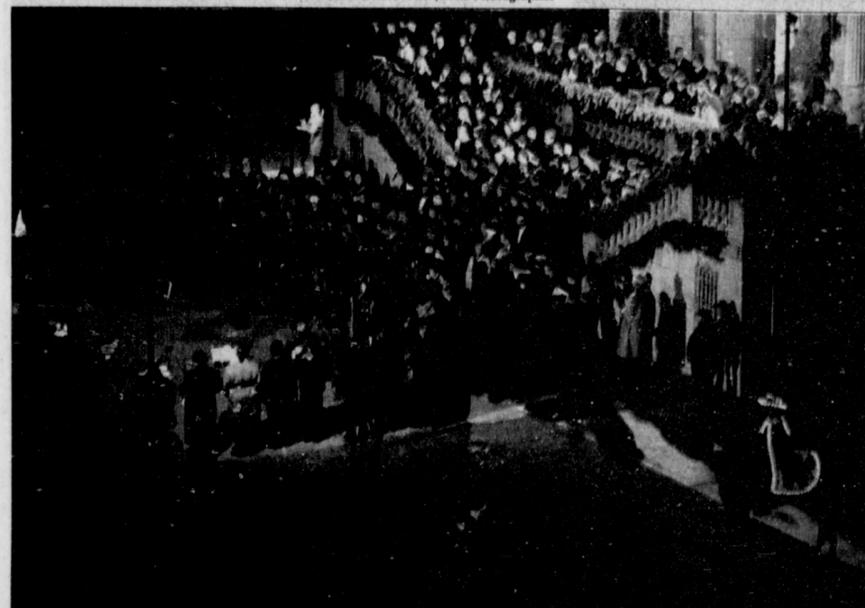
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