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Ashcroft blames past administration for 9/11

By Curt Anderson/Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a strong defense of the Bush administration, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Tuesday the nation was stunned by the Sept. 11 attacks because "for nearly a decade our government had blinded itself to our enemies."

Appearing before a commission looking into the worst terror strike in the nation's history, Ashcroft also said he moved quickly once in office to overturn a "failed policy" that allowed American agents to capture terrorist leader Osama bin Laden but not to assassinate him.

In nationally televised testimony, Ashcroft said there was a legal wall that had been put in place to separate criminal investigators from intelligence agents.

"Even if they could have penetrated bin Laden's training camps, they would have needed a battery of lawyers" to take action, he said dismissively.

Ashcroft slid into the witness chair on a day on which the panel issued reports indicating that a more nimble FBI and CIA working together might have uncovered the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist plot, and laying out an agonizing series of missed opportunities, half measures and bureaucratic inertia.

In a written report, the panel also quoted former Acting FBI Director Thomas Pickard as saying Ashcroft told him in the summer of 2001 that "he did not want to hear" additional information about possible attacks.

Ashcroft denies making the statement, the commission said.

The attorney general followed to the witness table a series of former top-ranking officials, pressed by members of the panel to explain why neither the CIA nor the FBI was successful in uncovering the plot in which four jetliners were hijacked.

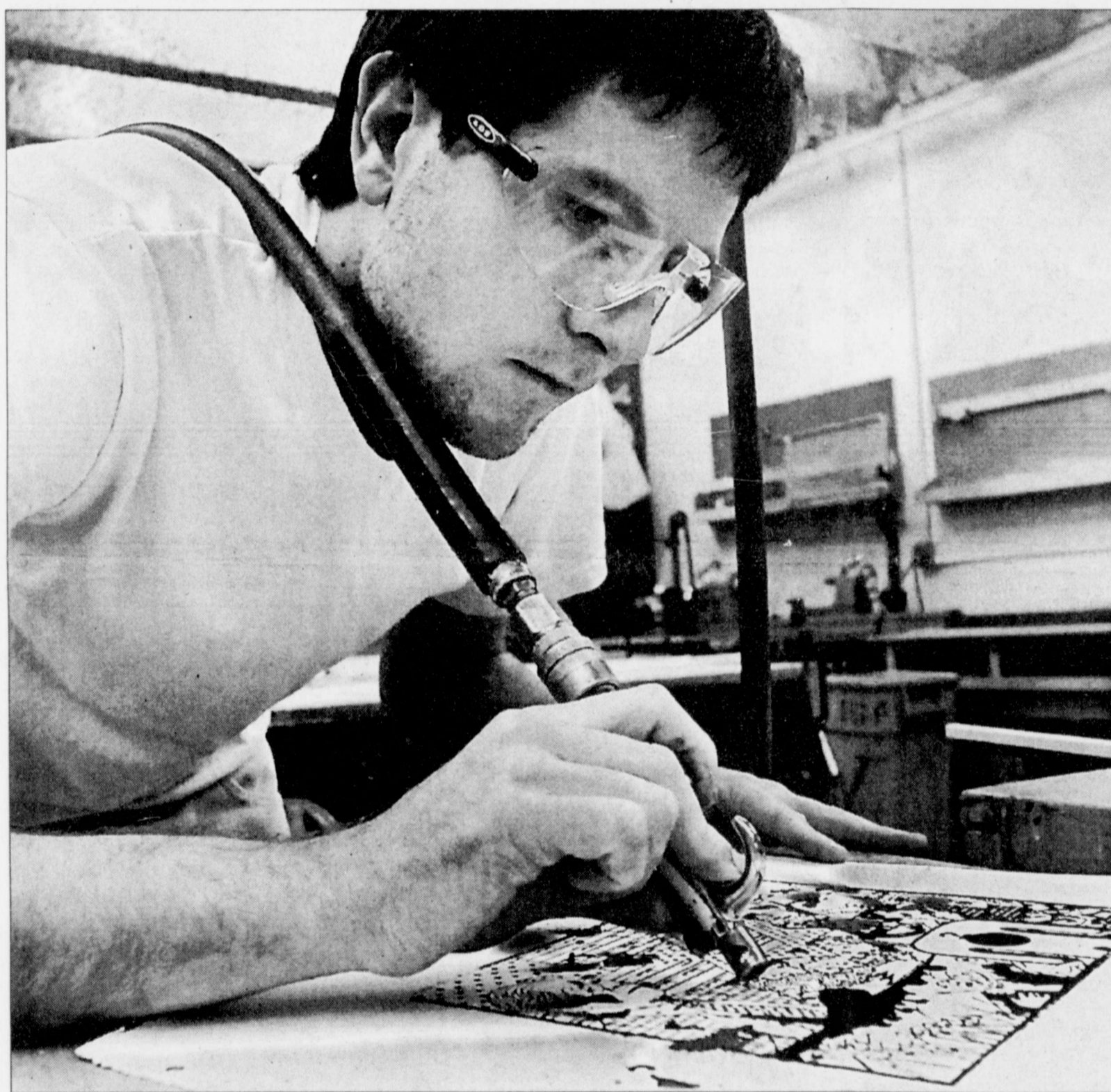
"We did not have great sources in al-Qaida," conceded Pickard, who was acting FBI director briefly at a critical period in the summer of 2001.

"We didn't have enough people to do the job, and we didn't have enough money by magnitudes," added Cofer Black, former head of the CIA's counterterrorism activities. "When you run out (of money) people die. When people die you get more money," he said bitterly.

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WAR ON TERROR

POLITICAL PAINTING



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily

SCOTT THURMAN, A junior print marketing major from Amarillo, attempts to spread red paint, representing blood, across a black and white political print with an air pressure gun in the basement of the art building Tuesday afternoon. The piece was inspired by the war on terror.

Student Affairs

Kerry outlines plan for tuition tax credit

COLLEGE CURRENCY: U.S. presidential candidate proposes \$50 billion program.

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

The pocket books of Texas Tech students may be eased through a \$50-billion tax credit program proposed by U.S. democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

In a conference call Tuesday with members of college media, Kerry told *The University Daily* his plan will allot a \$4,000 tuition tax credit per student for four years of college in order to try to reduce the impact of tuition hikes during the last two years.

Kerry said his plan was motivated by the \$200 billion shortfall in federal funding for states throughout the country.

Kerry criticized President George W. Bush for contributing to the 28 percent increase in college tuition during the past three years that has prohibited 220,000 young Americans from pursuing higher education. Texas is sixth in the nation with 8,818 people priced out of a higher education.

"The states are getting less money from the federal government so the states are cut and the tuitions have made up the difference. That means 220,000 people that would have gone to a four-year public university, but they didn't because of the rising tuition," Kerry said. "As everyone knows, the administration has made its own fundamental choice, which is to cut taxes for the wealthiest Americans and in the process cut the assistance that goes to states."

The State Tax Relief Education Fund is a one-year \$25 billion aid program to the states also proposed by Kerry to "stop the hemorrhaging."

"So in effect George Bush's tax cut for the wealthy is a tuition tax increase for students," Kerry said. "I think it is unconscionable."

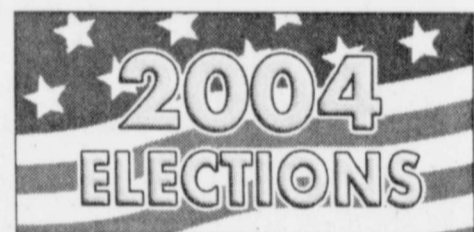
Part of Kerry's plan would include the exchange of two years of local service for a four-year college public institution education for students.

"I think that's possible," he said. "That's a program we may have to scale back as to how many people we can allow to do it."

Kerry also promised to create 10 million new jobs during the course of the next four years.

"I'm also going to create jobs for when people get out of college and they want a high-paying decent job," he said. "They're going to be the kind of

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Campus News

Tech officials break ground for new laboratory

By Michael Castellon/
The University Daily

A warm sun and a cool West Texas breeze Tuesday signaled the hallmark beginning of one of Texas Tech's newest construction efforts.

Building on what Tech researchers are hoping will be a major contributor to the university's research efforts, university officials broke ground on the Natural Science Laboratory addition of the museum, which will add almost 18,000 square feet to the existing site.

The construction is in response to a need

for more space for university-based biological research efforts.

"This is a great opportunity for us to build something we've needed for a long time," said Gary Edson, executive director of the Tech Museum. "This is going to allow us to do a lot of research, and it's something we're very proud of."

The mission of the addition is to archive a library that reflects the earth's natural heritage. The 17,592-square-foot addition will provide space needed for the collection of samples, as well as laboratory space.

The \$5 million project was financed

through gifts over several years, and is expected to be completed late this year, Edson said.

The university's laboratory boasts an impressive collection of biological artifacts, totaling more than 100,000 specimens. Included in the laboratory's catalogue are more than 4,000 specimens used to study the Chernobyl disaster. Tech researchers are currently busy determining what impact radiation exposure had on biological organisms in the region of the incident.

In addition, the laboratory will house

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DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH OFFICIALS join Texas Tech museum employees for the groundbreaking of the Natural Science Laboratory addition on the south side of the Tech museum Tuesday afternoon.

Health Sciences Center

Amarillo professor to head public health observatory established by Tech HSC

By Beth Aaron/The University Daily

Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center has established the first community health observatory in the United States. The observatory is based in Amarillo and is headed by James Rohrer, professor of health services research



at HSC Amarillo.

Public health observatories have been established in locations such as England and New Zealand for the purpose of detached, objective observation of public health issues.

Rohrer said much of the data collected by the government about public health is seldom used. With the observatory, he said he hopes data found about community health conditions will be analyzed and put to use.

"We could know more than we do know," he said. "We could know a lot more about the

Panhandle and the South Plains."

Rohrer said he plans to implement a community health profile system to get a better idea of the community's general health standing.

Information collected by the observatories researchers will be used to determine the major health problems of the region so it can be presented to public and private policy makers in an attempt to improve overall community health, Rohrer said.

Rohrer said a major goal of the observatory is to offer comprehensive information to the

public with an emphasis on policy makers.

"It's a very outwardly oriented activity for the university to have," he said. "The observatory will not have the authority to set an agenda."

Rohrer said the community health observatory may benefit Tech as well as the surrounding areas as he believes it will have an impact on research-oriented university programs.

"It can contribute to the educational process," he said. "Because graduate programs can benefit from knowing how to collect data."

Rohrer said two of the largest health issues in West Texas, as well as throughout the country, are obesity and cigarette smoking. Mental health matters will, for the first time, also be explored, he said.

"Our third priority is to focus on understanding what is related to overall 'healthy,'" he said. "The bottom line is, how many people feel healthy?"

Because it has just started, Rohrer said the

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FLUTE MELODY



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily

MOLLY YORK, A graduate student studying music performance, practices a piece entitled "Sinfonico," composed by A. Reicher in the basement of the music building Tuesday afternoon.

Sorority apologizes after members urged to lie about health

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — The national office of a sorority whose members were urged to lie about their health to boost turnout in a competitive campus blood drive apologized Tuesday.

In a statement from its national office in Colorado, Gamma Phi Beta said it "regrets the e-mail sent regarding mandatory participation in a campus-wide blood drive and apologizes to the community, the Red Cross and campus."

The American Red Cross tells those who are sick or have recently received tattoos or piercings not to donate blood, both to protect the health of donors and to lessen the risk of transmitting diseases to recipients.

Sorority members at the University of Missouri-Columbia were urged by a fellow member to lie about their health.

In an e-mail sent last Tuesday to about 170 members of Gamma Phi Beta, sophomore Christie Key, the chapter's blood donation coordinator, wrote: "I dont care if you got a tattoo last week LIE. I dont care if you have a cold. Suck it up. We all do. LIE. Recent peircings? LIE."

She added: "Even if youre going to use the Do Not Use My Blood sticker, GIVE ANYWAY." Donors who have second thoughts at the donation site can discreetly attach a sticker to a health questionnaire indicating their blood shouldn't be used.

The Rundown
STATE NATION WORLD

Man gets execution delayed by appeals court

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A former roofer convicted of killing a Lubbock woman won a reprieve Tuesday just hours before his scheduled execution after a federal court ruled to delay it on claims he is mentally retarded.

Michael Rosales, 30, had faced lethal injection of the fatal stabbing and beating of 67-year-old Mary Felder at her Lubbock apartment during a burglary almost seven years ago.

But the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled to delay his execution based on claims by his lawyers that Rosales is mentally retarded. The case will be sent back to a federal district court in Lubbock, where his defense attorneys will file a petition asking that the issue of his mental retardation be investigated further.

Rosales would have been the ninth Texas inmate to be put to death this year.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled mentally retarded people may not be executed.

"Obviously, we're pleased. It was awfully close. It was nerve-racking and extremely stressful," said Philip Wischkaemper, one of Rosales' attorneys.

Wischkaemper said he didn't know how long it would take the court to determine if his client is mentally retarded.

"We're going to ask for an investigator to finish the investigation on the mental retardation issue," he said. "We were doing it with our own money and time."

The appeal had been dismissed Monday by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

An intelligence test given to Rosales in January put his IQ at 73 and other tests determined he is mildly retarded, according to his appeal.

An IQ of 70 is considered the threshold for retardation. Considering a five-point error rate on standardized intelligence scales, Rosales' appeal said the test results could put him at that threshold, and noted the Texas appeals court had halted an execution and allowed additional investigation for another inmate who had an IQ of 72.

CDC: flu shots to be stockpiled for first time

ATLANTA (AP) — For the first time, the government will stockpile flu shots and will target them toward children to avoid the vaccine shortages that caught health officials off-guard this past winter.

"We really failed to foresee the influenza vaccine shortage this year. We were caught with our pants down," said Dr. Lance Rodewald, director of the immunization services division for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "The pressure on CDC to find vaccine was enormous."

About 4 million doses will be set aside for children up to 18 years old. The government plans to spend \$80 million over the next two years to pay for the stockpile, said Dr. Stephen Cochi, the CDC's acting director of the national immunization program.

Adults may be allowed to tap into the children-only supply during a crisis, if approved by Congress, Rodewald said.

In an alarmingly severe start to the recent flu season, parents rushed to doctors' offices seeking the shots for their children as emergency rooms were flooded with sick kids. Influenza was blamed for dozens of child deaths by Christmas.

Most state health departments and doctors told the CDC they had run out of flu shots, or had few left. The sudden demand in late November also surprised the nation's vaccine manufacturers, which already had ceased production of last season's vaccine.

The CDC and health officials were urging people to get their shots when there were none available. "Had we known that, we would have changed our message a little bit in terms of how we promoted vaccinations," Rodewald said.

CDC officials hope the announcement of its planned vaccine stockpile will be an incentive to manufacturers to make more flu shots, Cochi said.

Cheney talks with Chinese leaders on Iraq

BEIJING (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney praises China for its efforts to prod North Korea to give up its nuclear ambitions and promised Tuesday to "do good work together" on a range of issues.

U.S. officials cautioned against expecting breakthroughs on the stalled North Korea nuclear talks. Tensions also remained over Taiwan and Hong Kong.

China's vice president asked Cheney during a one-on-one meeting for Washington to stop selling defensive weapons to Taiwan, Chinese state media reported. Zeng Qinghong's appeal to Cheney shortly after his arrival in Beijing reflected the intensity of China's frustration with U.S. support for self-ruled Taiwan, which the communist mainland claims as part of its territory.

"There is only one China and Taiwan is part of China," an announcer, citing Zeng, said on the state television evening news. "We hope the United States can carry out its commitment and not sell weapons to Taiwan and not send wrong signals to Taiwan independence forces."

The official Xinhua News Agency said Cheney affirmed U.S. policy, which doesn't support formal independence for Taiwan.

Beijing's anxiety over U.S. ties with Taiwan is expected to be a key issue during Cheney's three-day visit.

Iraq was also high on the agenda in China, as it was in Japan — Cheney's first stop on his weeklong trip to Asia. Before arriving here from Tokyo, Bush promised Japanese leaders unspecified U.S. help in trying to return to safety three Japanese citizens taken hostage in Iraq.

He praised Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi for not bowing to demands from Iraqi militants that he withdraw Japanese forces from Iraq.

"It's important that our governments not be intimidated by threat of violence, that we not allow terrorists to change or influence the policies of our governments," Cheney told a foreign-policy forum in Tokyo before flying to Beijing.

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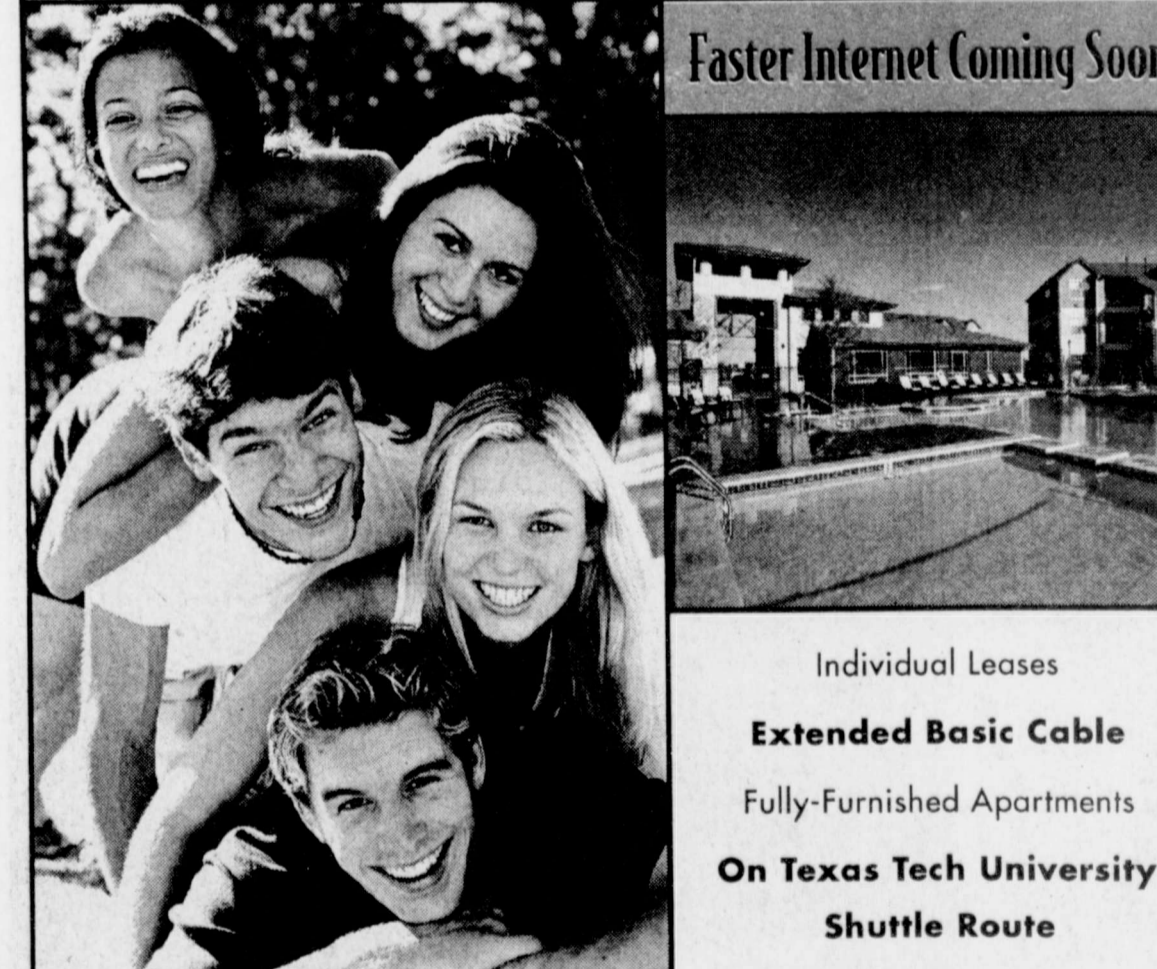
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Two Texans die in Iraq

ODESSA (AP) — Kacey Carpenter remembered her son Tuesday as a man with a great wit who had nurtured many dreams.

Cpl. Daniel Amaya, 22, was killed Sunday while living out a longtime dream of being a Marine. He was doing a second tour in Iraq and thinking seriously of making the Marines his career.

"This was a great passion of his," Carpenter said. "He thoroughly, thoroughly loved being a Marine. As a youngster, she said, "he'd played secret agent games, shooting guns, I guess to prepare himself."

Amaya was one of two Marines killed by hostile fire in Al Anbar Province and among at least seven military personnel with Texas ties who died in combat last week.

Kacey Carpenter learned of Amaya's death Easter Sunday morning. She and her husband heard the doorbell ring after returning from church.

"As soon as it rang I knew," Kacey Carpenter said. "I just fell apart. I said, 'Please don't say it.' My husband just held me and I got myself together and I said, 'Tell me everything.'"

She learned her son had been shot once in his neck and once in the shoulder.

"I didn't have a good feeling about this tour in Iraq," Carpenter said. "I just didn't have a peaceful feeling."

Carpenter said she was asleep when Amaya was killed.

"Why didn't I wake up?" she said. "Why didn't I know when my baby got hurt?"

Amaya graduated from Odessa High School in 2000, where he was a cheerleader and played in the band. Carpenter recalled how her son joked with her much of his life, the last time during a phone call at 4 a.m. Iraqi time about a week ago.

"He was always the ham of the family. He loved to play jokes on people. I think that's what he lived for."

Also killed last week, in a separate attack, was Army Spc. Adolfo Cesar Carballo.

Carballo, from the Houston area, called his wife on her cell phone hours before he was killed and told her not to worry.

The next time Beatriz Carballo heard news from Iraq, her husband was dead — a victim of shrapnel when a rocket-propelled grenade hit his Humvee south of Baghdad.

The 20-year-old soldier was the 14th person from the Houston area killed while serving in Iraq. Carballo was stationed at Fort Hood. He was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 21st Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

Two other soldiers were injured in the attack that killed Carballo on Saturday night.

"He was counting down the days to come back home," Beatriz Carballo, 18, told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's editions. "He was worried because he didn't want to be alone or die young. He said he just wanted to live life. That's what hurts the most. I couldn't be there or do anything about it."

Beatriz Carballo said her husband had been in Iraq about three weeks. He had enlisted in 2002, barely one month after he graduated from John H. Reagan High School.

He had been a member of a crack ROTC drill team at the school, his wife said. She said he liked the military but hoped to become a Houston police officer.

Kerry

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high technology, high end, high paying jobs people need."

A push toward a technology curve for alternative and renewable energy would create 500,000 jobs on its own, he said.

The strategy of his campaign is straightforward.

"There's a direct choice in this race, and it's a choice between common sense and a failed economic policy that's seen us lose 3 million jobs," Kerry said. "I'm going to keep talking common sense and hopefully appeal to people's good reasoning."

Kerry said he guarantees social security will be available through this century for the current generation and the next.

"I do not intend to privatize Social Security the way George Bush

wants to try to do it. I do not intend to cut the benefits because I don't think we need to pay for George Bush's tax cut for the wealthy Americans," Kerry said. "Roll back tax cut and be responsible fiscally, social security will be just fine."

Fiscal responsibility will require some proposals to be cut back. Kerry said service programs and state aid programs will be cut back because of the affordability issue and limits of budget reality.

"I will keep the tuition tax credit for the students, and I will not cut back on that," he said. "And I will not cut back on my commitment to fully fund No Child Left Behind or to raise the Pell grants and so forth. We will introduce my health care plan which will reduce the cost of health care for Americans and that will put more money in people's pockets."

The conference call was part of Kerry's Campus Tour to promote voting among the college population.

Ashcroft

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In one prominent case, the commission said officials did not immediately recognize the significance of Zacarias Moussaoui, who was taken into custody the month before the attacks on immigration charges while attending flight school in Minnesota. A dispute between FBI agents in the field and supervisors meant no search warrant was immediately obtained to search his computer, the commission said.

Nor was Pickard told after Moussaoui's arrest on Aug. 16, 2001 — less than a month before the attacks that resulted in the deaths of nearly 3,000 people.

And it wasn't until after the attack that the FBI learned that an imprisoned terrorist told agents he could have recognized Moussaoui from Afghan training camps run by al-Qaida.

Additionally, the commission said the FBI asked the British for help in identifying Moussaoui. "The case, though handled expeditiously at the American end, was not handled by the British as a priority amid a large number of other terrorist-related inquiries," it said.

The commission said that "a

maximum U.S. effort to investigate Moussaoui could conceivably have unearthed his connections" to the plotters.

The hearing unfolded in the same Senate hearing room where national security adviser Condoleezza Rice testified last week and former counterterrorism aide Richard Clarke a few weeks before that. But there were empty seats this time, and the event lacked the electricity of those appearances, both of which were devoted largely to the question of what President Bush had been told about the terrorist threat and what he did about it.

One relative of a Sept. 11 victim, Nancy Aronson of Bethesda, Md., blinked back tears when commissioner Fred Fielding noted to Freeh that all counterterrorism systems had failed, allowing the hijacking plot to succeed.

"I really was shocked that there wasn't more awareness of the threat," she said afterward.

In one report that adopted a sports metaphor to describe the nation's counterterrorism effort, the commission said the CIA preferred a zone defense, concentrating on "where" an attack might occur, not "who" would carry it out. By contrast, it said, the FBI focused more on individuals.

The tour includes more than 40 schools and ends on Friday.

"I think young people have to re-emerge as a political force in America. Young people have this enormous power, and they really have to understand it and embrace it and go out and use it," Kerry said. "What we need to do is make some of the issues that matter to people voting issues again. If young people will go out and help organize and organize other young people and do some of the political work necessary in America we can win back a Congress that will change the priority."

Aron Robertson, a junior biology major from Baytown, said the problem with education is not a cut back in federal funds but excessive government spending such as the \$8 million spent on a new Spanish tile roof for the Administration building.

Bush will win re-election, Robertson said because Americans feel more comfortable with Bush's

national security. The war in Iraq will hurt Bush a little only if people are narrow-minded and do not recognize the war in Iraq as the war against terrorism.

"It will hurt his chances if people don't look at the big picture," Robertson said. "There is confidence we will win the war against terrorism."

Kerry received recent criticism for flip-flopping on issues and not taking a direct stance. This is a political strategy, said Rickie Cayton, a sophomore political science major from Killeen.

"What he is probably doing is playing off on as many people as he can," she said.

Concerning the tuition tax credit plan, Cayton said Kerry is using it to promote his campaign among college students.

"I think it is something he might genuinely believe in, but he probably knows it won't go through," she said. "He'll probably win a lot of votes that way."

Observatory

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observatory has a small staff made up of one graduate student and a few collaborators. Others interested in research being done at the observatory include the Departments of Internal and Family Medicine at HSC, United Way and The Texas Department of Health.

Ty Borders, director of health services research at Tech's HSC, said Rohrer has long been working on this project, and his involvement lent itself to Tech's Amarillo campus.

"Within the state of Texas we really lead in terms of the condition of large population based surveys,"

he said. "We do a lot of research in the general population."

Other schools such as Texas A&M University are involved in various other health activities, but Rohrer was the first professor to take the initiative and set up a health observatory, Borders said.

"The reason this is novel," he said, "is that in the U.S. we usually try to fix the problem as it occurs."

Borders said Europe approaches major health problems by employing the use of mass observation tactics. He said Europeans tend to act preventively rather than defensively. By setting up a similar system in America, Borders said the United States can begin to try and prevent disease rather than treat it.

Groundbreaking

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200,000 frozen tissue samples, which aid in researchers pursuit of changes in biodiversity, alongside nearly 4,300 catalogued specimens of birds.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith attended the groundbreaking ceremony, as did Tech President Jon Whitmore.

"It's important for us to think of a museum and the kind of work that goes on here as part of our academic enterprise," Whitmore said. "This

museum helps us do that."

Robert Baker, a Horn professor of Biological Sciences, agreed.

"I've never had a Christmas morning this surprising," Baker told a group of onlookers attending the ceremony. "It's wonderful to know that we're going to embrace this building and the kind of work that's going to be done here. If you know that life is what makes us special and how little we know about life, you recognize the importance of this project. It's going to provide answers to any questions, even the questions we don't know yet."

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Tying the knot early ties you down

Students should be considering their degree plan, not their wedding plan

When I turned 22, my roommate and I hit the bars somewhere north of Dallas to celebrate.

Anyway, at one of the bars went to, a petite little woman was merrily celebrating her birthday, announcing her big day to everyone. My roommate announced I was also another year older that day, and the woman asked me how old I was, and I told her the big 22.

After slurring some array of expletives at me, she explained she was 30. Eventually, her husband came along to take her home. She then steadied herself, put her hands on my shoulders and looked me in the eyes.

"You have so much in front of you," she said. She gave me a big hug and off she went.

I appreciated her words, since that day I'd been feeling behind other people my age. I had attended — alone — the morning wedding of a friend (also 22) in Denton. I was turning 22 rather unceremoniously a few short days before Christmas, the busiest time of year when no one, it seemed, could celebrate with me, and I was far from friends back home.

I recalled the wedding I attended and the incident with the wise drunk woman when recently discussing with a friend the wave of summer weddings she has the misfortune of being involved with. All these weddings involve mere college students. We discussed at great length our confusion over the hype and I finally came to a firm stance about marrying too young.

I don't want to get married. I don't want children. It has just never been on my wish list. So marrying young seems crazy to me. Don't get me wrong — I have no doubt some young married couples work out. I just think if you're young and not married or tied down to someone, you have the whole world out there — in so many ways.

The most recent U.S. Census Bureau report on divorce rates projects the number of current marriages that will end in divorce to be 50 percent. The Bureau also reported a 1998 statistic citing 97,515 marriages ended in divorce in Texas alone.

In Nov. 2002, the National Center for

Angela Timmons



Marriage is not the answer to the fear of being forever lonely. As crazy new age as this might sound: A person has to be happy in their own skin, and in college, a lot of us don't even know who we are in that skin.

Health Statistics report that half of marriages where the bride is 18 years or younger are divorced or separated within 10 years.

Until death do us part, right? Well, at least until the disposable attitude our society has about everything kicks in and the divorce lawyer collects his or her check.

That same report stated marriages where the bride is 25 or older are 50 percent less likely to end in divorce as the younger age group studied. I imagine the group between 18 and 25 is a gray area where anything is possible, but suspect the number of divorces to be consistent with the other statistics.

My mother got married when she was 18. She was an edgy New Yorker from the Bronx swept away by my father's Texas charm. He was only 21.

Now, 32 years later, they would both strongly advise against marrying so young.

My sister married at 27. She had been engaged twice to other guys before meeting her husband. She was substantially younger when she was involved with the other two and if she had married either of them, I can guarantee they would not have lasted. She is the first to admit she did not know a thing about what she was getting into. Yes, she loved them. But she had not grown enough within herself to adequately be someone's better half.

While this may make sense to some, I have met many girls here who are horrified by how "old" my sister was when she married. While I think even 27 is still early to get married, her man was finally worth it. They had both been there and done that with past relationships and finally knew not only what they wanted but also what they needed. I respected her for ending the former engagements and waiting for the right one, even if it meant repeatedly fending off the question our Texas family never failed to ask: "So when you gettin' married?"

At 22 I've had to throw out much of what I thought I had figured out about the opposite sex at, say, 18, and learn some more. And believe me, I am still learning. Sometimes what I learn about this guy or that guy is not pretty, and end up thanking the heavens above that "at least I wasn't married to him." In fact, I haven't met one guy I thought I could spend the rest of my life with. The one who did come close still had a lot of growing up to do, as do I.

I see a lot of young people swept up in their wedding plans or relationships when they should be thinking about their major or their future or their friends. Marriage is not the answer to the fear of being forever lonely. As crazy new age as this might sound: A person has to be happy in their own skin, and in college, a lot of us don't even know who we are in that skin.

While you're waiting for the right one to come along, I advise simply having fun with all the wrong ones — not marrying them.

After all, you have so much in front of you.

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View from another university

Democracy, capitalism shouldn't be synonymous

By Mickayla Fink/Kansas State Collegian

(U-WIRE) MANHATTAN, Kan. — One of the biggest misconceptions among the masses in this country is that democracy and capitalism are synonymous. Capitalism is not democracy and democracy is not capitalism.

But in a society that is completely inundated with advertisements encouraging us to define ourselves as individuals via our possessions, it's difficult to discern where individual freedom ends and the capitalist impetus begins. And, as everyone knows, in a capitalist society, nothing is free.

No free lunch, no "free" long distance, not even freedom is free, right?

The irony of all this comes into play when one considers the American emphasis on individuality, while simultaneously being told to identify oneself by whatever pre-packaged-individually-wrapped-and-sealed-for-freshness merchandise that one feels defines oneself best.

This is not to say I want a revolution to overthrow our capitalist economy. I'd be lying if I said that I don't get any pleasure or benefit in anyway from capitalism. But I don't like what I see it doing to our country and Americans in general.

The biggest problem I have with capitalism is that it can reduce the most com-

plex problem to a basic issue of money.

Car manufacturers hire brilliant accountants, dubbed "bean counters," to calculate the cost of a recall for a faulty vehicle versus the cost of a law suit. When it's cheaper to get sued, it's OK for tires to explode, wheels to break from their axles or gas tanks to explode on impact.

Who cares if people get killed? It's the bottom line that counts. But as far as the welfare of the people, capitalism never has had a good reputation.

Want a good hypothetical situation of the mentality caused by rampant capitalism? Watch "Fight Club."

Human lives are measured monetarily in a capitalist system.

There actually is a guy whose job it is to figure out how much each person who was killed on Sept. 11, 2001 is worth. Tell me, how does one go about measuring life in dollars?

Money can't buy happiness, but can it ease pain?

It certainly can, if we're talking about financial pain that is left when a person dies in debt or with a huge amount of hospital bills. But then again, if the insurance industry wasn't struggling to make such a high profit, our bills wouldn't be so high.

We are a country that collectively complains about the quality of education, yet we aren't willing to pay higher taxes to properly support the schools.

Instead, we foster capitalist growth on the backs of our youth, allowing Channel One, Pepsi and Nike more access to children so they can "hook 'em while they're young." Or better yet, we get school vouchers to promote competition — the cornerstone of capitalism.

Competition is well and good, but in my experience, cooperation can get a group a whole lot further than the "rugged individualist" mentality that capitalist competition encourages.

It seems common knowledge — or at least common belief — that money can buy anything in America and everyone has their price. Even Bob Dylan is doing Victoria's Secret commercials now. I'm not sure if that is the power of capitalism, or young breasts to an aging star?

Justice can be bought.

Poor people seem to clog up jails and prison cells much more often than those who can afford a lawyer who is not appointed by the court. But justice is not a concern of capitalism, as long as the bottom line is protected and a profit can still be made.

We cannot fairly call it justice, if it does not apply to everyone. Or maybe it should be changed to "just-us"?

Now there's a new slogan for Nike.

Drug dependency society's downfall

We should not buy into every medical breakthrough in the market

I'm not what you would call an "avid" television watcher. But while flipping through channels the other day, I came across a special something on the wonderful E! Network.

It was called "Sex Talk," starring host Ron Jeremy, the famed, rotund porn star. First came Rosie O'Donnell, then Wayne Brady, and now a schmuck of the likes of Ron Jeremy has his own talk show. Apparently, if a person has the ability to talk, then they can also have their very own television forum, regardless of any deficiencies in their intelligence.

I decided to stick around and see if the content of the program would inspire me to write something about talk shows. It didn't.

However, it turned out that the mustached moron's show was basically an infomercial for a certain sexual product, and he had a couple of way-too-big breasted vixens on the "show" to endorse its use. I'm sure everyone's just lining up to buy. I mean how could you not trust a porn star's advice on what you should do with your body?

This certain sexual product, championed by "Sex Talk," is called Xtends, which supposedly increases the size of a certain member of the male body. Enzyte, whose commercials feature that creepy smiling guy, claims to do the same. The funny and sad thing about it is that people actually are lining up to buy these wonder drugs.

Has our society's vanity really become that uncontrollable and important? It's depressing that lots of men would choose to spend their money on something like this, thinking that it would give them a greater sense of confidence or cool.

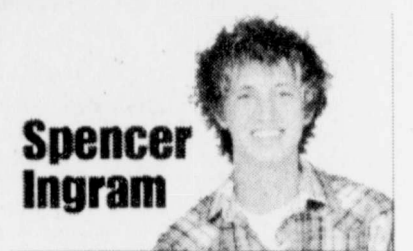
Oh, if only all could be as chic as Ron Jeremy.

Whether or not our society's growing vanity can be attributed to drugs such as these remains to be seen, but it is certainly placated by them. It causes me to wonder if all these great advances in medical technology are really all that great.

Staying with sexuality, do we really need three erectile dysfunction medicines? People developing preferences for a certain brand of this drug is a scary thought. I am awaiting the day that someone finds these medicines cause the opposite effect of their cousin, Xtends.

In recent years, there has been a great increase in the amount of behavioral drugs and the people who use them, upon themselves or their children. I remember that when I was growing up, the only drug of that kind was Ritalin, and only a few kids were on it. Now, the percentage of children on medication has increased immensely, and (surprise!) their collective behavior hasn't gotten any better. In fact, some cases of violence among children have been linked to behavioral drugs, and withdrawing a child from these drugs can have dramatic mental effects.

This would lead one to question: Do



Spencer Ingram

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these drugs do more harm than good, or any actual good at all? My good friend is a terrific example of why they aren't as necessary as they seem to be.

Growing up, he was the poster-child for Ritalin. He drove his parents crazy, doing tons of irrational things and just being generally rowdy. He told me that he once jammed a grilled-cheese sandwich into a VCR because it fit into the rectangular slot, and then later smashed the device on the ground. Yeah, so he wasn't all that calm.

But look at him now: He is a student athlete and in spite of choosing to major in biochemistry, isn't the least bit insane. Plus, he hasn't smashed anything in about a year or so.

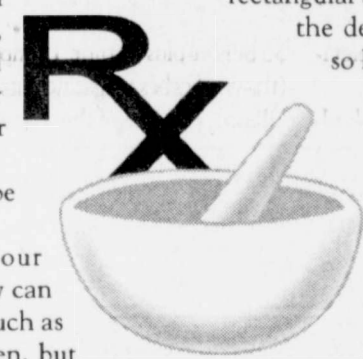
Which brings us to a nasty business on the face of these new drugs: their negative effects on parenting. My friend's parents are a key reason that he turned out so well, but many parents are now opting to place their unruly children on medication, which may not be the best solution, or even an okay solution.

For example, take the Illinois mother who recently bribed her kids to drink orange juice that she had spiked with Xanax. Not exactly what B.F. Skinner would have prescribed.

But sadly, many doctors are prescribing these pills, and providing parents with "solutions" to their children's problems without having to deal with them directly.

Now not all drugs are bad, of course; I'm personally a big fan of NyQuil. But as a society, we have to keep from becoming delighted in and dependent upon every new breakthrough in the market.

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'The Alamo' a lukewarm war epic

At the end of John Sayles' "Lone Star," a white man and a Mexican woman have decided to defy conventions and explore a romantic relationship with one another. The last line of the film has the woman saying, "Forget the Alamo."

James Eppler



That brief closing scene has more poignancy and impact than the new "The Alamo" in its entirety, no matter how many times characters yell "Remember the Alamo!"

That's largely because the new film is so bland and mediocre. Like too little butter scraped over too much toast, it attempts to accomplish the huge feat of tackling one of the most revered battles in American history with a modicum of substance.

It's not terrible, but it's not that good either. It just sits somewhere unnoticeably in between.

The most painful thing about the film is thinking about what could have been. What was originally to be an R-Rated war epic written by Sayles, directed by Ron Howard ("The Missing"), and starring Russell Crowe as Davy Crockett, is now a PG-13-rated bore written and directed by John Lee Hancock, the director of "The Rookie."

That's not to say a PG-13 war movie cannot be powerful and mov-

ing (see "Gallipoli" directed by Peter Weir). "The Alamo's" problem isn't with the battle sequence. It's when the final battle for the small mission ensues, it's never moving because we are never given characters to care about.

The names of Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, William Travis and Sam Houston are readily identifiable historical figures largely because of the folklore and legendry surrounding them. But these men in the film are viewing themselves through that same one-dimensional and tinted window.

Crockett (Billy Bob Thornton) is the film's main fascination. That's obvious because he's the only character given any inner-conflict or any defining characteristics at all. Thornton gives him an affable sense of humor, and a tenderness one wouldn't expect from a man of the wilderness.

One of the film's best scenes finds him serenading the mission with violin music as they await the impending attack.

Houston (Dennis Quaid growls most of his lines) is a drunken and haughty brute in a uniform, Bowie (Jason Patric) is a threatening drunkard, and Travis (Patrick Wilson) is a non-nonsense boy scout.

General Santa Anna, leading his Mexican army of thousands against the "Texians," is the cardboard movie villain as he sips tea and looks at a table map of his country plotting his attack.

The film feigns attempts at character conflict when Bowie misses his lost love and Travis has recently left his wife and kids — but then never forces the characters to deal with them.

With characters that do not give us an emotional tie, it's not surprising that the final onslaught on the 189 Alamo defenders is mostly unaffectioning.

On the positive side, the film doesn't simply tell a story that happens to take place at The Alamo — it solely focuses on the event itself. Michael Bay's "Pearl Harbor" was a daytime soap opera, and the attack was a mere hiccup in the love story.

Hancock mostly avoids Bay's transgressions, but darned if there isn't a shot where the camera takes on a cannon-ball view as it soars over the walls of the Alamo.

And like "Pearl Harbor," "The Alamo" has to use the last twenty minutes to let the Alamo be revenged.

Historical accuracies could be argued with any historical work, but one has to give Hancock credit for at least attempting to center his film on the events.

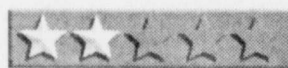
The sets are impressive and Dean Semler's photography, especially in the final battle, is crisp and often beautiful.

But Hancock's dialogue is boring at best, and cheese-ball at worst. The low point finds Crockett, the lone survivor of the massacre, on his knees ordering Santa Anna's army to surrender and then saying, "I have to warn you — I'm a screamer" seconds before his death.

Any chance the film had for tears are squelched in that instant.

What could have been a meaningful look at a major historical event is instead a wholly under-whelming achievement that is never moving, much less memorable.

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Trump to choose 'The Apprentice' in finale

NEW YORK (AP) — If you asked Donald Trump the time, you could expect him to exaggerate it by several hours, then boast how his wrist watch is one of the greatest watches anywhere in the world.

Trump is rich with self-applied superlatives, the kind of bluster you'd usually avoid like the plague.

On the other hand, a modest man with a Timex doesn't make good television.

"The Apprentice," with Trump lord-ing over 16 rivals for his jowly nod, has turned out to be very good television — not to mention a big hit, bringing NBC the thing it needed most (ratings juice) while giving Trump the thing he craves most (attention).

But there's more. A reported salary bump next season will fetch Trump as much as \$200,000 per episode. This will make him the highest-paid person in prime time, he brags, conveniently overlooking, say, Ray Romano, whose weekly haul is a widely reported \$1.8 million.

"The Apprentice" airs 9 p.m. EST Thursday, when finalists Bill Rancic, a Chicagoan and owner of a cigar business, and Harvard MBA Kwame Jackson of New York complete one last business task.

They began their respective projects on last week's episode, with each of them supervising a team of fired former adversaries (including four of the original eight leggy females) whose drive and even loyalty in the service of their vanquisher is highly suspect.

At the end of the live, two-hour finale, who — Rancic or Jackson? — will have made the most of his huge, pitfalls-plagued assignment? Who will hear Trump's dread words, "You're fired"? And who will get the grand prize: the \$250,000 "dream job of a lifetime" running something or other for Trump for a year?

"The Apprentice" comes at a curious time. The image of business has been tarred, and thousands of Americans hurt, by scandals at such corporations as Enron and Tyco, where greed and excess reigned. Prosecutions are ongoing. Victims' wounds are fresh.

But "The Apprentice," while promoting greed and excess, isn't really about business. It's just set there. It's a

boardroom game show crossed with "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," with Trump the embodiment of "champagne wishes and caviar dreams" for viewers and contestants alike.

On "The Apprentice" Trump introduces his Trump Tower apartment as "the nicest in New York City" in "one of the great buildings of the world." And Trump Tower is only a tiny piece of the \$6 billion-plus fortune Trump boasts of (though Forbes magazine puts it at \$2.5 billion), just one of the many holdings he says make him New York City's biggest real estate developer (a claim others dispute).

Trump's casinos are struggling, which led one financial analyst to tell CBS that if Trump were a contestant on his show, he would have to fire himself.

Indeed, some observers have long described Trump "more as a front man who, for a cut of the action, lends his name to projects backed and managed by others," to quote a recent Time magazine article.

Trump disputes that characterization. But there's no disputing that he stays busy hawking his brand.

"This is called luxury; this is Trump luxury," says Trump, giving his contenders a peek at a penthouse apartment atop another of his Trump-tagged properties. "One of the most luxurious buildings in the world ... You see why Trump is Trump."

Any fan of "The Apprentice" can see why Trump is Trump. Trump is Daddy Warbucks for the TV age, a celebrity tycoon whose business strategy calls for

putting his name on lots of glitzy buildings and his face wherever else he can.

Along with Trump brand bottled water, the Trump brand Visa card and a new book, "Trump: How To Get Rich," Trump has lent his name and face to "Saturday Night Live," where a couple of weeks ago he was guest host.

Trump was a smash, making sport of his renown for grandiosity and tacky lavishness (and even his preposterous hair style), and getting big laughs. The odd thing was, when deliberately mocking himself he came across as no more of a

caricature than on "The Apprentice." Just funnier.

Unscripted, Trump isn't very funny — or sometimes even decipherable.

During a conference call with reporters, Trump was asked if "The Apprentice" provides viewers with a lesson.

"Be aggressive but not overly aggressive," Trump began. "I used to think there was no such thing as being too overly aggressive, but a few of the contestants have taught me that you can actually be overly aggressive. And, you know, just be cool."

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Red Raiders roll against West Texas A&M



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SHORTSTOP JOSE DELGADO throws a baserunner out at first base during Tech's 16-1 win against West Texas A&M on Tuesday evening at Dan Law Field. The Raiders will host to Kansas State this weekend for a three-game series.

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

The view of the scoreboard at the end of the game proved the Texas Tech baseball team was better than West Texas A&M, but senior third baseman Josh Haney said it did not matter.

"It gave us just another chance to get back on the field and to play," he said. "I'm not saying they're a bad team, but we should beat them that badly every time."

Tech (21-12, 3-5 Big 12) beat West Texas A&M 16-1 in a non-conference matchup Tuesday night at Dan Law Field.

The win marks Tech's 39th consecutive victory against West Texas A&M, dating back to the late 1950s.

Junior first baseman Josh Brady was named Big 12 player of the week after leading the Red Raiders to a 3-1 week against Howard Payne and No. 12 Nebraska. He went 8-for-19, hitting a pair of homers and driving in nine runs. That trend did not stop against the Buffaloes. He went 2-for-4 with a homerun in the sixth inning to help the Red Raiders get

on the winning track.

Haney was impressive early, hitting a double down the third base line in the bottom of the first inning to bring around two runners, giving Tech a 2-0 lead going into the second.

Haney said the success at the plate depends on how the Raiders handle the pitch.

"It all goes back to our approach," he said. "We did the little things right, and we were better at bat every time."

Junior center fielder Cody Fuller lined a ball to right field during the second inning to score junior right fielder Madison Edwards, Tech's third run of the game. It was only the start of a six-run inning for the Raiders, with Haney blasting a two-run homer over the left-field wall, putting Tech ahead 8-0 against the Buffaloes.

In the bottom of the fourth, Brady led off with a walk, and junior left

fielder Michael Mask blasted a one-out line drive to left field for a double, bringing Brady into score, putting Tech ahead 9-0.

The Buffaloes got their first hit of the game in the fifth, setting up runners on the corners with one out. After an error by McElroy, the runner on third came into score and gave A&M two players on second and third once again.

Before the runner on third could make it home, Tech tagged him, and Mask robbed the next batter of an extra-base hit at the left field wall, retiring the inning. The Buffaloes would not score again.

Brady knocked a two-run homerun over the wall in the sixth after going 0-for-2 in the first five innings. The homer gives him 11 this season, and it gave Tech the advantage with an 11-1 lead before Haney hit his second double of the game with no outs in the inning.

A Jose Delgado single brought Haney into home for the Raiders' third run, putting them up 12-1.

Despite the homerun, Brady said he was looking for more of the smaller parts of the game to keep the lead.

"We tried to focus on executing the little parts of each play," he said. "We wanted to move runners into scoring positions, and it worked."

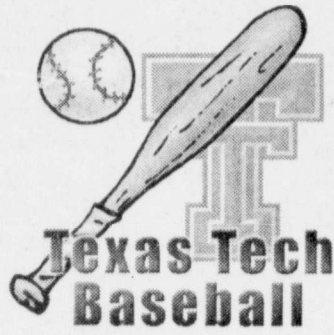
A pair of RBI singles in the seventh by Brady and Haney upped Tech's lead by 13 runs, and set runners up on the corners.

With two walks leading off in the eighth, Tech reached home plate twice on two errors by the Buffaloe pitcher and center fielder.

With seven pitchers taking to the mound in nine innings of play, head coach Larry Hays said he was proud of the work they accomplished.

"All but one of the guys pitched well," he said. "We needed that to feel good. And we know who the enemy is now, and it's not us."

Tech will play Kansas State at 6:30 p.m. Friday for Turn Back the Clock Night. The teams will play at 2 p.m. Saturday, and again at 1 p.m. Sunday.



Look for a special section on freedom of speech at sporting events in The UD on Monday.

Barnett defends Colorado program, says players take blame

BROOMFIELD, Colo. (AP) — Insisting the Colorado football program does not condone sexual misconduct, suspended coach Gary Barnett said Tuesday there is "no question" there was misbehavior at a 2001 party at the center of a rape scandal — but everyone at the gathering shared the blame.

Barnett, questioned for nearly five hours by a panel investigating recruiting practices at Colorado, said there were 10 people at the off-campus party,

including four football athletes. All of them lost their scholarships afterward and were charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor for providing alcohol.

"There is no question in my mind that inappropriate behavior occurred," Barnett said. "There is no question that the behavior of the 10 young people involved was the result of their own poor decisions and under the influence of alcohol."

Two women contend they were raped at the party by players or recruits; a third said she was assaulted in a dorm room shortly afterward. They are suing in federal court, seeking unspecified damages for what they say was the school's failure to rein in athletes and provide equal protection to women.

At least eight women since 1997 have accused Colorado football athletes of rape though no charges have been filed. Separate probes are under way by the state attorney general and university.

Barnett's testimony was the most dramatic yet before the Board of Re-

gents' panel investigating whether Colorado uses sex and alcohol to entice recruits. The panel voted to ask for more time to complete its work, meaning a report wouldn't come out until the end of May.

Barnett, occasionally raising his voice, said he feels responsible for his players' performance on the field as well as their behavior in the community. But he said there is only so much he can do.

"I have 48 that I have held accountable over the last five years. I can't live their lives for them," he said.

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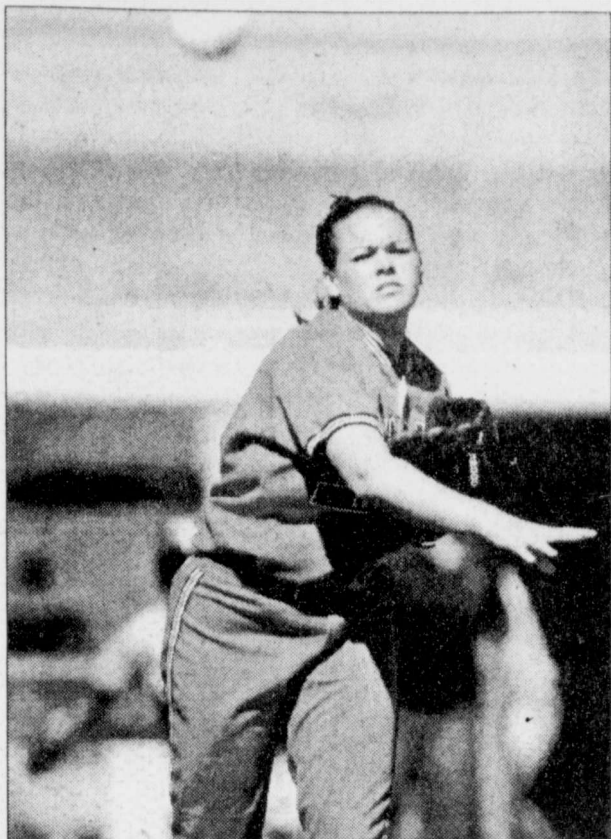
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Raiders set for busy week on diamond

PITCHER KASSY PLANK throws the ball to first base during Tech's home series against New Mexico State last month. The Raiders will play six games at Rocky Johnson Field during the next five days against Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A&M.

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By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

It could be called Rivalry Week. It could be called Hell Week, or it could simply be called playing six games in five days.

The Texas Tech softball team will host Oklahoma State at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. today at Rocky Johnson Field.

The Texas Longhorns will be next in a doubleheader Thursday at The Rock, and the Texas A&M Aggies will play two games against Tech on Saturday.

It is a week filled with action the players are looking forward to.

"I'm ready to get after OSU, UT and A&M," said designated player Elyssa Sigala. "We've got the big names this week, and I'm really excited because I know we can beat them."

Sigala said Tech may have lost both games to Baylor in Waco last weekend, but Tech has what it takes to win this week because of how well

the Raiders have played in their losses.

"With the way we've been playing, even though we're losing, I know we can beat those teams," she said. "We're confident. We go out each and every day as hard as we can."

Pitcher Erin Crawford said she is looking forward to the week of action because it is a chance for the team and the conference to gain some recognition considering how the standings are.

"Because UT is struggling and Oklahoma has struggled and A&M is up there, everything is up in the air right now, and anybody can take it," she said. "We have a great chance to do really well this week, and when we do really well it's gonna be good for the team and it's gonna be great for the conference to let everybody mix it up a little bit."

A&M is in second in the Big 12 Conference with a 7-1 record in league play. Nebraska is undefeated at 7-0. Texas, a traditional powerhouse, is 0-7

this year in conference play. The Longhorns are without star pitcher Cat Osterman this season, who took a season off to play with the U.S. Olympic team. Osterman was last season's national player of the year.

Head coach Bobby Reeves said he is ready for the games this week as well and would like to see his team continue to make adjustments if the situation calls for it. He also wants his team to take the lead against Oklahoma State early so the Raiders can carry some momentum through the week and make it easier to focus game by game.

"You don't always have control over how things go; it's a mental state," he said. "We gotta control our

emotions and really work on that during a five-day period. We're gonna take it one game at a time against Oklahoma State and give it everything we got and deal with the rest of the week as it comes."

The half dozen games and the rival squads coming to town have Sigala excited, like she is a kid again. It's a feeling she likes and she cannot wait to take to the field.

"I'm way excited. Excited to the point where I'm getting nervous and having butterflies again. And I love playing like that," she said. "I love going out and playing the big names. I just want to see what I can do against them and what our team can do against them."

NBA denies Sura third triple-double

ATLANTA (AP) — Bob Sura didn't make any pretense about it.

Urged on by his teammates in a blowout game, the Atlanta Hawks' journeyman guard intentionally missed a layup before the buzzer so he could get the rebound and make his small mark in history.

Sura was trying to become the first NBA player in seven years with three consecutive triple-doubles. The game was essentially over. What the heck?

The NBA didn't see it that way. Less than 24 hours after Sura's bit of

self-gratification, the league ruled Tuesday he wouldn't be rewarded for intentionally missing a shot.

The field goal attempt was taken away, which wiped out the rebound. Sura was left with 22 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds — not 10 — in the Hawks' 129-107 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Monday night.

So much for having three straight games with double figures in scoring, rebounding and assists — a feat last accomplished by Grant Hill in 1997.

After flying to Boston for

Atlanta's regular-season finale Wednesday night, Sura issued a statement through a team spokesman.

"I'm disappointed that my attempt to turn my third triple-double caused so much controversy," he said. "It was never my intention to make a mockery of our sport and to take any

attention away from our huge win over the Nets. If anyone was offended by my actions, I sincerely apologize."

Sura's motives didn't seem all that sinister, but he joined the growing list of players and coaches who have resorted to underhanded tactics in an attempt to pad individual stats.

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Leach's million dollars great for Tech

Since arriving at Tech I've wanted the university to accomplish two things — open a bar on campus and give football coach Mike Leach a raise.

Kyle Clark



Forget how long it took. Forget any rumors you might have heard about mutual displeasure between Leach and the athletic department.

Congratulations Tech, you're half-way there. Athletic Director Gerald Myers dispelled rumors about friction between Leach and the athletic department with the stroke of a pen. Raiderland is Mike Leach country, at least until 2008, and Leach has \$1 million worth of reasons to not have his eye diverted to the college football want ads.

Tech is the most potent passing team in the country, averaging 582 yards per game offensively in 2003.

Quarterbacks Kliff Kingsbury and B.J. Symons went from being unheralded, unknown recruits to being discussed on ESPN's Pardon the Interruption. Symons broke the NCAA single season passing record with 5,833 yards in 2003.

Since arriving at Tech, Leach has changed things. The Raider offense before Leach came to Tech was built around the run and was best known for its inconsistency. Four years later

But to Myers and the athletic department it was likely a different set of

numbers that determined Leach's fate. In a report developed by collegefootballnews.com Tech was No. 24 in capacity attendance percentage. Schools were ranked by average attendance figures compared to the stadium capacity number. Tech

sold 98 percent of its capacity and was seven spots ahead of rival Texas A&M, which only sold 92 percent. And they say Aggie fans are the best.

A note of interest in the report was attendance at Tech home games has risen 15 percent as Tech now averages 49,608 fans per game.

With 15 percent more fans in the stadium there is 15 percent more ticket money and are 15 percent more people buying overpriced soda and nachos.

While many more people are experiencing the joy of watching the new era of Tech football by purchasing a ticket, but many more have had the opportunity to view the Raiders during television appearances.

The Raiders had eight of their games televised last season including the team's destruction of Navy in the Houston Bowl, which was a nationally

televised game. Tech's games against Texas and Colorado were also nationally televised on FOX Sports Net.

I'm almost sure some of those people tuning in decided to travel to Lubbock for a game or at least buy a Red Raider T-shirt. The cash registers keep ringing.

So with excitement surrounding Tech's football program for the first time, Gerald Myers had a decision to make. Ante up to keep the offensive genius or opt to try and find a coach that could produce similar results.

Although Myers and Tech had every reason to retain Leach, there has been a feeling in the pit of my stomach making me believe the athletic department was giving Leach the proverbial run-around.

Shows what I know. After a year of 'no comment', mum is the word, 'we

have more pressing concerns' responses by Myers and Leach to questions about the progress of a possible contract extension for the coach, all was resolved in one day.

Forget how long it took. Forget any rumors you might have heard about mutual displeasure between Leach and the athletic department. Leach is good for Tech and the university finally did something to protect the progress the football program has made. They brought back the man who is single-handedly responsible for it.

Now just get cracking on that campus bar and we'll be in business.

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Symons to workout for NFL teams

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

The NFL Draft is April 24-25, and former Texas Tech quarterback B.J. Symons is ready to show what he can do.

The nation's leader in passing yards last season is ready to hold a private workout for teams to evaluate him and the progress he has made since having reconstructive knee surgery.

"My knee feels great. It's to the point where I can plant and throw and it's not giving me any trouble," he said.

The workout will be today at the indoor practice facility of the Houston Texans in Houston, and Symons will throw approximately 60 passes to four receivers in a variety of passing routes. He said he has been waiting for this day for a while and is more than ready.

"It feels good to be back on the field with the draft less than two weeks away," he said. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to show people what I can do."

Symons' agent has contacted every NFL team about the workout so scouts could be sent to observe. So far Symons said the following teams have confirmed they will be at the workout: Green Bay Packers, Kansas City Chiefs, Houston Texans, New York Giants and Atlanta Falcons.

The workout will consist of Symons making drops in the pocket and throwing on different routes. He

said he will not be performing any running drills or throwing on the run.

"I'm not 100 percent," he said. "They know I'm not going to be running or throwing on the run. But

where I'm at two-and-a-half months out of surgery, I feel what I will be able to do is great."

The workout will be a routine Symons has been working on for some time with four receivers and Jerry Realm, a quarter-

back coach who played nine years in the NFL, and it will be structured. Scouts will not be able to make any requests for Symons to perform because he has not been cleared to do

everything yet.

"It's not up to the people who show up because I'm limited to what I can do. It will be very controlled and based on the things I can do," he said.

Symons has recently been cleared by his doctor to begin jogging, but he said he will wait to begin because he does not want to rush into it.

After the NFL Combines in March, Symons said he believed he made good impressions in the interview process. He now hopes he can add on those impressions with a solid workout and display of his throwing ability.

"I'm hoping I can (build on their impressions of me)," he said.

The workout will be filmed so teams unable to attend can still see how Symons performs and can use that in scouting him for the draft.

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Texas outlasts KSU in 20-inning marathon

By Phillip Orchard/Daily Texan

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN — The depth of the Texas pitching staff proved to be sufficient for as long as it could take as the No. 2 Longhorns held off a resilient Kansas State team, sweeping the Wildcats 10-6, 5-2 and 4-1.

Friday's opener turned into a 20-inning thriller — tying for the longest game in Texas baseball history. Longhorn ace J.P. Howell started and gave up two runs in six innings, and

left with the lead after third baseman David Maroul launched his first career home run to put Texas up 5-2.

Howell gave way to Texas' unhittable, three-headed bullpen monster — Huston Street, J. Brent Cox and Buck Cody, who have rarely allowed teams to come back this year. But the Wildcats put together three runs off Street and Cox — one unearned — to tie the game and begin the endless stretch of extra frames.

Kyle Yates worked one inning, and

Sunday starter Sam LeCure also made an appearance before occasional Tuesday starter Randy Boone held the Wildcats at bay for nearly six innings.

While Boone gave up only one hit and struck out a career-high five, the Kansas State pitchers were equally as impressive and never allowed the Longhorns to score before the final frame, despite loading the bases twice.

But in the 20th inning, the Longhorns made up for missed opportunities and poured it on. Freshman Nick Peoples drove in the go-ahead run with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly, Chance Wheelless and Drew Stubbs hit two consecutive RBI singles and Michael Hollimon capped the scoring with another sacrifice fly.

Freshman Kyle McCulloch worked the final 4.1 innings to earn his fifth win of the season, and the Longhorns had a season high 71 hits.

In Saturday's bout the Longhorns got it done in normal fashion, twice playing long ball en route to a 5-2 comeback win. The Wildcats took a 2-1 lead into the seventh inning when junior Seth Johnston launched his fifth home run of the year, a two-run bomb that broke a 2-2 tie and gave the Longhorns the lead. Stubbs followed in the ninth with his fourth of the year to make it 5-2.

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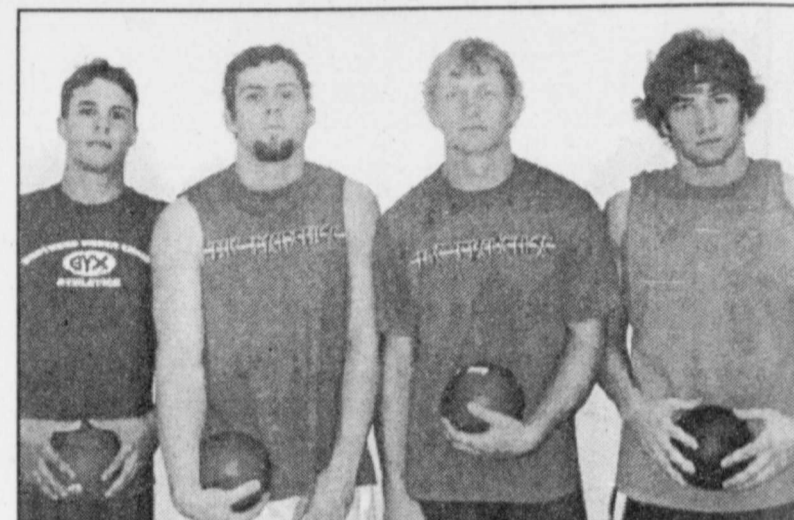
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INTRAMURALS

Inaugural Dodgeball Champions Crowned

This Spring, thirty-eight teams competed for this year's coveted title as being 1st Ever Texas Tech Dodgeball Champion. The quarterfinal matches within the men's Star bracket had several upsets and all four came down to the last game of a best of seven. The number one seed team, Bibendums, survived elimination with an awesome catch-save by Aaron Waldrip to get them into the semis. However, some of the pairs in the semis did not fair as well as the Bibendums. The number five seed, Millwakee's Best, defeated the four seed, Kings. The number fifteen seed, Blue Balls, defeated the number seven seed, Double Vision Dealers. The number six seed, Smokehouse, defeated the number three seed, CJT. After their quarterfinal scare, the Bibendums cruised to the final match by defeating Millwakee's Best, 4 to 1, in the semifinals and Smokehouse, 4 to 2, in the championship match. Congratulations to Jedrek Anderson, Jason Choate, Robert C. Phariss, and Aaron Waldrip for claiming this year's Dodgeball Title. In the men's Raider bracket, our champion was SWRA and they defeated the Dirty Dozen, 4 games to zero. In the Co-Rec bracket, Gaston Crazy defeated Spitfire, 4 games to 2.



Men's Champions: Bibendums



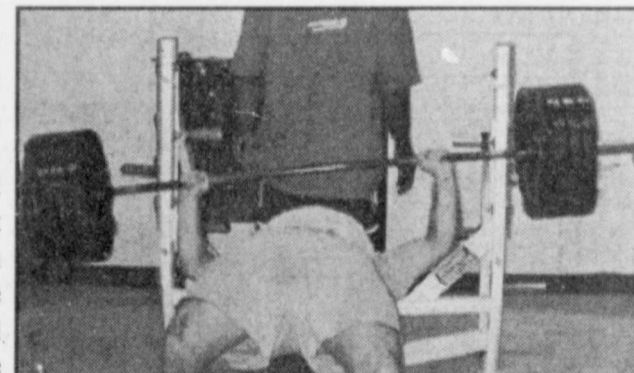
Co-Rec Champions: Gaston Crazy

Spring Tennis Results

The Spring Intramural Tennis Single's tournament came to a conclusion on Thursday night, April 8th. There were a total of 52 participants representing four different divisions. In the men's competitive division, Abe Clark defeated Chris Horton, 7 games to zero to capture the title. In the men's recreational division, Petr Kuban defeated Lance Martin, 7 games to 6 for the win. In the women's division, Colti Webb defeated her opponent, Julie Butler, 7 games to zero. In the Greek women's division, Leslie Hays of Delta Delta Delta defeated her opponent, Neely Jones of Kappa Kappa Gamma, 7 games to 5.

Bench Press Competition Packs On The Pounds

31 competitors participated in this spring's version of the "Campuses Strongest Person". In the men's division, there were seven different weight classes represented. However the best weight class represented was the 186-199 pound division. The winner, Tony Pistoria, successfully lifted all three of his attempts with a maximum weight of 455 lbs. In the 200-215 pound division, Aaron Whitney, successfully pressed 405 lbs. In the women's division, Heather Lee, was successful in lifting 115 lbs. Other winners included: In the 216 and over division, James Ards with a lift of 365 lbs, in the 170-185 division, Kevin Kinner with a lift of 345 lbs, in the 156-169 division, Brian McCarley with a lift of 325 lbs, in the 141-155 division, Paul Gilliam with a lift of 275 lbs, and in the 126-140 division, Eugene Tong with a lift of 250 lbs.



Tony Pistoria gets "warmed up" with a lift of 405 lbs. By the end of the competition Tony took home top honors by lifting 445 lbs.

FITNESS/WELLNESS

Massage Special To Help You Gear Up For Finals

The last few weeks of school can be very stressful so the Fitness/Wellness Center is running a special on 1 hour massages—reducing the cost to \$30 for a limited time. The Special price is only good for massages purchased April 14-23 and appointments must be set for no later than May 13. This offer does not include gift certificates—appointments must be made at the time of purchase and cannot be rescheduled after May 13. All massages must be paid at the time of appointment. Phone appointments must be made with a credit card; the Fit/Well also accepts Tech Express, cash and checks if made in person. Give yourself a positive stress buster & schedule a massage.

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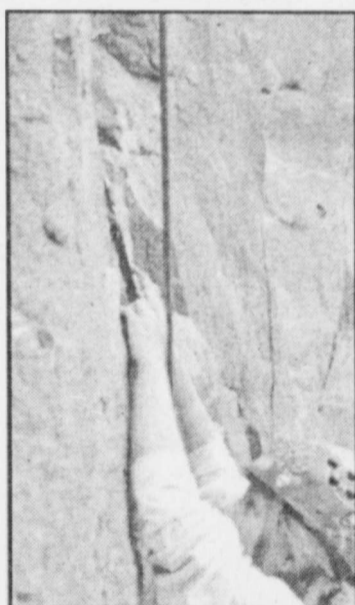
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Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports world...

The Ultimate Fun! Ultimate Frisbee!

Calling all frisbee throwers. If you have ever picked up a Frisbee then we want you to take part in this event. The Intramural/Special Event Department of the Student Rec Center is introducing an Ultimate Frisbee League. The league is set for Fridays starting on April 16th (yes, in 2 days); play will be on the Intramural football fields. There will be 2 available leagues – Men's and Co-rec. In Co-rec, there are 2 divisions – competitive and recreational. Recreational leagues are for beginners and 1st time players. Ultimate Frisbee is similar playing football, but at a basketball pace. The rules of the game and how to play will be explained prior to the beginning of play. Prizes will be award to league champions. To sign up, come to the Student Rec Center room 203 or show up with your team ready to play. For more information contact George Juarez at 742-3351. Hope to see you there.

Tee Time Is Upon Us 2-Person Golf Scramble

If last weekend's Masters Tournament got you thinking "I can do that", Rec Sports has the chance for you to prove it. Sign-ups for the 2-person golf scramble start today and end Tuesday, April 20th. The Scramble is Sunday, April 25th at Shadow Hills Golf Course. The entry fee is \$33 per golfer, and that includes 18 holes, cart and range balls. So stop by Room 203 and sign up before it's too late.

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