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Thousands protest terrorism in Moscow

RUSSIAN RALLY: Citizens show solidarity after terrorist attacks killed 350 in Russian school seizures.

By Maria Danilova/Associated Press

of people answered a government call and Islamic militants. rallied outside the Kremlin on Tuesday in a than 350 lives, many of them children.

Mourners in the grief-stricken city of the cobblestones near St. Basil's Cathedral,

Beslan lowered caskets into the damp earth in a third day of burials from the siege, which MOSCOW (AP) — Tens of thousands officials have blamed on Chechens and other

The Moscow crowd of about 130,000 show of solidarity against terrorism, nearly a people — some bearing banners saying, "We week after militants seized a school in south- won't give Russia to terrorists" and "The ern Russia in a standoff that claimed more enemy will be crushed; victory will be ours" — observed a moment of silence at 5 p.m. on

adjacent to the Kremlin.

unity in vast, multi-ethnic Russia and sought Chechnya — the Caucasus is ours." to rally its people against enemies he says have aid from abroad.

"I have been crying for so many days, and I came here to feel that we are actually tised on state-controlled television, with together," said Vera Danilina.

Putin for not meeting with survivors of the of Russia's flag, and speakers echoed Putin's tragedy, the president has avoided the brunt statements that terrorists must be crushed. of the anger over the attacks.

"Of course I support him, and it's neces-The hour-long demonstration, which was sary to be even more harsh with terrorists," organized by a pro-government trade union, said Galina Kiselyova, a history teacher who echoed President Vladimir Putin's call for was at the Moscow rally. "We cannot let go of

The demonstration was heavily adverprominent actors appealing to citizens to turn Although some in Beslan have criticized out. Banners bore the white, blue and red

"We came here to show that we are not

indifferent to the series of terrorist acts that have taken place," said Alexander, a student at a Moscow technical college who did not give his surname.

However, the 18-year-old criticized Rus-"Putin, we're with you," read a banner sian authorities' handling of the hostage crisis and noted the rally was organized by authorities who "told us where and when to come" and was not spontaneous.

> Militants seized the school in Beslan on Sept. 1, a day after a suicide bombing in Moscow killed 10 people and just over a week

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Tax cut proposed during City Council meeting

COMMUNITY COST: Council's agenda said proposed property tax reduction would raise more revenues.

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

The promise of a decreased property tax rate made last year by Lubbock Mayor Marc McDougal and City Council members could possibly become reality as they look to citizens

The proposal of a tax rate change at a special Lubbock City Council meeting Tuesday morning ended with the announcement of a public hearing

on Sept. 16 for discussion. The proposal suggests the rate become \$0.4597 per \$100 valuation for the upcoming fis-

cal year's operating budget, City Public Information Manager Sandy Glass said.

The rate would be lower than the current rate of \$0.5457, Glass said. However, the proposed change would raise more property tax revenues than before, according to the City Council's agenda sum-

The official vote for the resolution passed 4-2, with Council members Linda DeLeon and Floyd Price dissenting. Glass said both members voted against the proposal, because they did not want to reduce the tax as much as the resolution suggests.

As with any community, the city of Lubbock requires funds to make sure certain aspects of the city run properly. Price said this aspect was one behind his decision to vote against the tax change.

With an increase in inflation, the overall cost to improve city departments is more than

last year. Because of the increases, Price said he believes Lubbock citizens should be more willing to tighten their belts for the overall improvement of the city. However, he said he understands citizens of the Hub City do not enjoy taxes.

"I know people are angry about taxes, because I get angry about them too," Price said. "But people also have to consider the services

Last year, the citizens of Lubbock went to the polls to vote for an increase in the city's sales tax. Former Council

> members promised if the ordinance passed, the city would reduce the tax rate to 8 cents, Price

The 8 cents would be given back to the citizens of Lubbock. However, Price said a portion of the money given back to the people could be used to maintain the city and to place funds back into the operating

budget of the city. If the city were to keep 2 cents and give the remaining 6 cents back to the citizens, Price said the money could be used to improve the Lubbock Police Department, the drainage system in southwest Lubbock and code enforcements.

The city is short five code enforcement officers. These officers enforce the codes in the parks and other lands throughout the city, Price said. Although the budget for next year would

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Blinded Brilliance



Art show exhibits unique talent

By Erica Hoff/The University Daily

lindness and deafness did not prevent Helen Keller from accomplish-Jing her goals in life, and likewise, children from across the country did not let blindness or a visual impairment stop them from creating art masterpieces.

The Virginia Murray Sowell Center for Research and Education in Visual Impairment and the School of Education collaborated efforts to bring the Helen Keller International Art Show to Texas Tech until Sept. 27.

The art show is a collection of artworks created by blind and visually impaired children between the ages of five and 18 from throughout the country, said Effie Laman, research assistant for special education in the Collège of Education.

Art is submitted from throughout the mitted by the students. The best piece of art is



PIECES OFROM THE Helen Keller Art Show were presented throughout the second

floor of the Education building Tuesday. The works were created by legally blind students throughout the United States.

world, in addition to all 50 states and three picked to represent that state or territory in a U.S. territories. Each state or territory holds an art competition with all of the artworksub-

national competition, Laman said.

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Tech program designed to find students' strengths

By Jackie Schirard/ The University Daily

Strengths rather than weaknesses are the emphasis of a new program for first-year students.

Texas Tech is implementing Strengths Quest to help first-year students focus on their strengths rather than on weaknesses.

Vice President of Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said the program started this year and ties in with the student's goal of graduating on time.

'We are launching this in conjunction with our First Year Raider Experience to help students find their talents and utilize them towards academics, careers and

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interviews," Shonrock said. "The program is all web-based, where students are provided a code by the career center, and they take an online evaluation. The analysis gives feedback of your signature themes, which are your strengths. These strengths can be used toward career objectives as well as building your self confidence in interviews."

Shonrock said many faculty, directors and students already have tried Strengths Quests and have had effective results.

"Students will find this easy to use and self explanatory," Shonrock said. "It's very practiwant theories."

Shonrock said other universities applied Strengths Quest to their programs, and Tech

officials want to take the program to the next level in positive experiences.

"We're on the cutting edge, here," Shonrock said. "Our goal is to have 2,000 students at Tech try this program."

Student Government Association Internal Vice President Nathan Nash said Shonrock talked about the program during the SGA Senate retreat in Dallas.

"The goal is to identify your skills and take a positive approach to optimize a student's ability," Nash said. "I think it will help students focus on their goals and give cal, and that's what students want - they don't them direction. Students will also be able to communicate with their professors, giving the

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Wall Street at a Glance

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DOUG STANZIONE, A senior human development and family studies major from Clarendon, listens to foreign language tapes Tuesday afternoon while studying in the Language Learning Lab located in the basement of the Foreign Language building.

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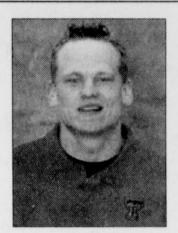
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With Texas Tech quarterback Sonny Cumbie

Q. What's your biggest pet peeve?

my biggest pet peeve.

Q. What do you want to do after you finish school?

Hopefully we'll have a good season this fall, and I'll like to get into college coaching, college football.

Q. If you went on and played pro, do you think coach- in my off time. Kind of boring, I guess. ing's something you'd go back to?

Yeah, I would love to. That's what I've always wanted

G. How much have things changed for you since think about that. you've become starting quarterback? Are you treated Q. What are some of things you'd like to see this season thing?

I guess the coaches, they're the same as they've always to me, so I haven't really paid much attention to it.

on the streets or anything like that?

how big Tech football is to the town of Lubbock. This is that every time we step out there. West Texas, and they love football. I don't want to say Q. You had the opportunity to play at some smaller a big thought for a lot of players in the NCAA. plays football for Tech,' and this is with any player, but to you may not play until your senior year? be treated as a student, another person.

ally be a West Texan. Do you think that's something, think could be really valuable for a coaching career. here. Is that nice?

Yeah, that's nice. A lot of people came up to me and said, 'Hey, I watched you play in high school' or 'I know questions I had about going somewhere else. somebody in your family,' so it's been enjoyable, and I just Q. What is your major?

I think having a winning team will do that more than now. from as long as you win.

Q. What do you do in your off time?

have an opportunity to play after this fall, and if not, I'd in treatment and the other half watching film before I gonna just hang out and not have anything to do with Q. Are you a fan of the video games? Do you play came up here. That pretty much sums it up; I watch film football. I live a long ways from campus, and I like it, NCAA football games? How does it feel to play a game

Q. Have you thought about the Heisman any?

to do, is to coach, so it's something I'd like to fall back any of that started. I just want to beat New Mexico this think about it, but I know that I need to do stuff — go to But I enjoyed playing it. I just don't have much time for week. That's all I'm concerned about. I don't want to a movie, get your mind off of it every now and then.

from the team and from you?

been, and I guess you could say I've been treated a little game and to get better and to not sell ourselves short. that's my extracurricular activity. bit better, I guess, but I'm not real conscious of it. People's We have a lot of great players, we have a great team and Q. How do you manage football and classes? attitudes towards me or how they treat me isn't a big deal great coaches, great facilities, and I think it's time for Q. You don't get a lot of crazy people coming up to you the top of the Big 12, and they're not here by accident, late at night, and going to class every day's the main thing, now, really, even though there's some bad windstorms. No, I haven't. I've got some double takes, I guess, but stars were aligned right, you know. They're here because a lot of the football players need to know is, if you go to other than that, you know; I think people in Lubbock they're great football players, and they're some of the best class every day, you're more than likely going to pass. are kind of, I guess, as a football player you don't realize in the country, and I want us to act like that and play like Q. As much time as you guys have to spend out there,

the word, I guess it's star-struck, people are like, 'this guy schools. What made you decide to walk on knowing

us, it's just like nothing. To me, I would rather be treated Coach Leach would throw the ball around a lot; he's done the calculations numerous times, for the number of part it's Texas and Houston and Dallas. There's a lot of just as another student, as another person. Like in my a pocket passing coach, and then also I knew I wanted to hours that we're spending up there, that we're required schools and a lot of talent there, and I think East Texas classes, I'd rather them not know I play football than to coach football, and the spread offense, Coach Leach's of- is 20 hours a week, and that's 80 hours a month, and I right now, there's a lot of talent out there, and it's hard know that I play football, because it's just, I would rather fense, is kinda the new wave. So many coaches and teams can't remember what it comes out to, but it's not even to get those guys to Lubbock, though, because it's such come in here in offseason wanting to know what we do, minimum wage. Q. You're the first Tech quarterback in a while to actu- and so the experience I can gain in an offense like this I Q. You're not allowed to have another job, are you?

and being a four-year starter?

No. Saturday night ended all those doubts or any Q. I bet you guys wouldn't mind having some of the

hope that we keep having success, and being from West History, and a minor in English, and I graduated last but you don't get to have any? Texas, I think maybe it'll bring some more people out. May, so I'm in some teacher certification classes right

need to take a break from it?

Watch film. Today's our off day, and I spent half a day but as soon as I leave here, I'm going to go home and I'm money to spend for a jersey. because I'm not ever tempted to drive across town, and with yourself in it? as soon as I leave here, football is over and I can try to

Unfortunately, I'm not involved in anything, I guess, From the team, I'd just like to see us improve every except for football. It's pretty time consuming, and I guess

It's pretty tough. I'm lucky; I'm only taking nine hours; the guys on our team to realize that we deserve to be at that's all that's required for me to take. Just study at night, they're not playing football at Texas Tech because the I think, and that's something that a lot of the students, Q. How's Snyder doing this year?

do you think you guys ought to get paid? I know that's

Yeah, I think we should get paid. I mean, if you figure

No, not during the fall. I've had some summer jobs; mixture, though. gives you a little more connectedness to the fans, with Q. Is there any time when you spent on the bench I've had my own little car wash business that I did for two your hometown being just a couple of hours away from when you regretted not going to those smaller schools summers, and it was a pretty profitable business. Other than that, I guess, spend your money wisely.

> revenues from the jersey sales and stuff like that? You guys kind of feel like they're making money off of you,

This is kind of new for me, because I've never seen my

Texas Tech Footbal

jersey out like that, and in a way, yeah, because you look; I'm a real organized person. I guess unorganization is anything else, though. They really don't care where you're Q. Do you ever get a football overload? Do you ever just my jersey's \$50. That's too expensive for my jersey - \$50 for someone to pay. It's ridiculous. It's not necessary that Yeah, that is a big concern, because it's a long season, I should make money off of it, but I think \$50 is a lot of

Really, this is the first year. I bought it, and I played Oh, no. And I don't want to get any of that talk or enjoy some other things. For me personally, it's hard to not one game, and the rest of the time it just sits on my shelf. it now. It's neat, I know a lot of younger kids came up to Q. What else are you involved with at Tech, if any- me, 'Oh, we played with you on the game,' and so, I guess if they get a kick out of it, that's good.

Q. How do like Lubbock?

I love Lubbock, I really do. I guess me coming from a town that's smaller than Lubbock, if you want to go out and do something, I think that there's always something for you to do. The people here are really friendly, and I love Lubbock, and there's nowhere else I'd rather be right

They're doing pretty good. They got a little stud tailback that transferred in, and I think he's gonna be pretty good. They're in a tough district; they realigned,

but I think they'll be pretty good. Q. Are the other guys on the team from bigger cities? There's a lot of guys from Houston, Dallas, East Texas. it out, the scholarship check we get per month, and we've We've got a few guys from out of state, but for the most a long trip from East Texas to Lubbock; it's so far out here. Most of the guys are from bigger cities. It's a good

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Protest

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after two Russian passenger planes Rumsfeld condemned the killings in crashed following explosions and Beslan, saying "civilized people can killed all 90 people aboard — attacks only express sympathy and solidarity authorities suspect were linked to the with the Russian people." war in Chechnya.

authorities had arrested two people tion of people it says are linked with suspected in the plane bombings. The terrorism, including Chechen rebel suspects were not identified. The In-representatives Akhmed Zakayev and terfax news agency cited an unnamed Ilyas Akhmadov. Zakayev, an envoy for source as saying one of the men is separatist former Chechen President suspected of selling plane tickets to Aslan Maskhadov, has been granted two Chechen woman believed to have asylum in Britain and Akhmadov in carried out the Aug. 24 bombings.

The man, originally from southern Russia's Krasnodar region, made school attackers belonged to a group money by illegally selling tickets at led by Chechen rebel warlord Shamil Moscow's Domodedovo airport, In- Basayev, and a man identified by auterfax said. Both planes that crashed thorities as a detained hostage-taker took off from that airport.

NTV television, hundreds of hos- the attack. tages were shown seated in the school's cramped gym. Many of them had Maskhadov was involved and alleged their hands behind their heads. A the detainee's televised statement had thick streak of blood stained the been extracted under torture.

were attached to wires and strings the presence of Arab and African hanging from the two basketball fighters among the captors was disinhoops. One attacker in camouflage and formation. a black hood stood amid the hostages book rigged with a detonator.

angrily denied his government should groups of the former Soviet Union. overhaul its policy on Chechnya because of the attacks.

questions about our policy in Chech- military base outside Chechnya's nya" after the attackers shot children capital of Grozny on Friday and held in the back, he told visiting foreign for two days. All were relatives of journalists and academics.

cause was aimed at fomenting conflict were blindfolded, hands tied behind in southern Russia and breaking up their backs, and forced to kneel on the country

integrity," he was quoted.

Putin also said his government school seizure. would conduct an internal investigation, but no public inquiry into doctor came and asked if they needed the siege, warning that a parliamen- medical care. Then a colonel came tary probe could turn into "a political and said, "there had been a mistake,

called for an investigation, including we were actually brought home by into whether the authorities had prior helicopter." information about planned terrorist attacks and what the government a pro-Kremlin Web site, the Russian was doing to stabilize the situation Federal Security Service spokesman for in Chechnya, where deadly fighting Russian forces in Chechnya, Maj. Gen. persists a decade after Russian forces Ilya Shabalkin, said federal forces had first moved to crush separatists.

with Chechen rebel representatives. revenge for the school tragedy.

"Why don't you meet Osama bin

limitations in your dealings with these were children. bastards, so why should we talk to At the muddy cemetery in Beslan people who are child-killers?"

had met with Chechens in the past, placed alongside his body. although "we do not meet with terror-

ists." Additional meetings maybe in the future, though none are planned,

Defense Secretary Donald H.

The Foreign Ministry said Russia Russian prosecutors Tuesday said will take new steps seeking the extradithe United States.

A prosecutor said Monday the said on state television that he was In footage broadcast Tuesday on told Basayev and Maskhadov ordered

Zakayev, in Britain, denied

In a statement faxed to media, he Football-sized bundles of explosives also said officials' statements about

In his interview, Putin said 10 of with a boot on what NTV said was a the attackers were of Arab descent, one was from North Ossetia and that In an interview late Monday, Putin others belonged to various ethnic

Maskhadov's brother-in-law, Shirvani Semiyev, said he was among The world should have "no more up to 50 people taken to a Russian Maskhadov and Basayev.

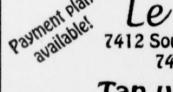
He said the Chechen militant Semiyev said the men and boys cold stone. He said a military officer "This is all about Russia's territorial questioned him about Maskhadov's whereabouts and his attitude to the

On Saturday night, Semiyev said, a and that we would be put on a heli-Two opposition politicians have copter for home," Semiyev said. "And

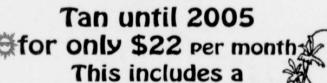
In an official statement cited by taken action to protect the rebel lead-Putin rejected calls for negotiations ers' relatives from vigilante attempts at

The official death toll of the three-Laden, invite him to Brussels or to the day siege, which ended in deadly White House and engage in talks, ask explosions and gunfire, stood at 335, him what he wants and give it to him plus 30 attackers; the regional health so he leaves you in peace?" Britain's ministry said 326 of the dead had been Guardian newspaper quoted Putin. hostages, and the Emergency Situa-"You find it possible to set some tions Ministry said 156 of the dead

where gravediggers have opened up Differing with Putin, the Bush two new tracts in the past three days, administration said only a political relatives opened the tiny coffin of 8settlement could end the Chechen year-old Vasily Reshetnyak, touched crisis. State Department spokesman his forehead and kissed him goodbye. Richard Boucher said U.S. officials A favorite toy — a red car — was



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At the national competition, International Art Show. Individu- Laman said. als who work with sensory impaired resenting art museums and other ested individuals. agencies judge the show.

honor in the competition.

According to the Sowell Cen- \$1,000 in the past, Laman said. ter Web site, the show is sponsored at Birmingham Vision Science support future exhibits. Research Center and the School of stimulating children who are said. blind, deaf and blind or visually impaired.

professionally matted and framed tion building, Laman said. by a framer in Washington, D.C. The framer donates the framing rounding schools have traveled to

The pieces depart from Washexhibited in April at the CEC son, visiting associate professor in the International Conference in New College of Education, and the Sowell Orleans, La. During the span of a Center, Jacobsen said. year, the art show travels to 11 dif-States, spending a month in each cited," Laman said. "This is the fourth location, said Karen Jacobsen, year to have the honor to do this."

director of external relations at the Tech College of Education. The show is displayed in the National Cathedral during the last month.

The art then is sent back to each fewer than 25 pieces of art are cho-respective state to be displayed in sen to travel with the Helen Keller the congressman's office for a year,

During the shows, the pieces of students as well as individuals rep- artwork are auctioned off to inter-

After being displayed in the Last year a young girl from the congressman's office, the piece is suburbs of Dallas won a national given to the buyer. Several pieces have been auctioned for more than

All auction proceeds are donated through the University of Alabama to the Helen Keller Art Show to help

The art pieces include sculptures, of Education with intentions paintings and drawings, Jacobsen The display can be viewed in front

of the Virginia Murray Sowell Center All drawings and paintings are in the second floor foyer of the Educa-In past years, students from sur-

and labor every year, and Laman Tech to view the art and to particisaid the product tends to be ex- pate in programs educating students on visual impairment, Laman said. The art show is brought to Tech ington, D.C., and are initially through the efforts of Rosanna David-

"It's very, very prestigious to have ferent locations across the United this honor, and we're just very exTax

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ate a larger department and benefit change ordinances.

ing the revenue to give a fraction to Hall. the city could be possible, he said he would not go back on his word to the in the property tax rate would begin as

voters who went to the polls last November for the sales tax election.

"I wouldn't go back on my word that I gave to the voters last year," he gave to the voters said. "That's what I intend on doing for the voters, keeping my promise."

Lubbock Mayor The proposed increase in the prop-

erty tax revenue would be 3 percent increased sales tax, he said. greater than the effective tax rate. Also, according to the City of Lub- increased revenue would benefit the bock, the Council would be required general budget of the city. In particular, to hold an additional public hearing the general budget includes services such concerning the topic.

Now that the City Council has enforcement, emergency services and passed the motion for the proposed libraries, McDougal said. tax rate, a public hearing has been hearing would take place at City Hall, panies, McDougal said.

at 1625 13th St.

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-MARC MCDOUGAL

After the public hearing, the Council would set a date, time and place for another public meeting. The meeting's include the addition of five officers, purpose would be to adopt and to levy he said a little more money could cre- the tax rate, while also adopting any rate

The second public meeting is ten-Although McDougal said divid- tatively scheduled for Sept. 28 at City

> If the proposal is passed, the change soon as the new fiscal

> > year begins on Oct. 1, McDougal said. The sales tax in-

> > crease last fall enabled the city to generate an increased tax revenue while keeping the property tax lower, McDougal said.

Also, construction projects throughout the city help increase funds because of the

With a change in the tax rate, the as street and park maintenance, code

For the greatest benefit to the citizens scheduled for 5 p.m. on Sept. 16. of Lubbock, revenues from property Council members encouraged citizens and sales taxes help the general budget to attend the meeting to express their instead of the enterprise budgets, which input on the proposed tax rate. The include sewage, water and electric com-

Strengths

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professors a good idea of the Strengths Quest, way students learn. The senate might look into it later this year - if we can, we want to help out and assist students with the program."

Associate Director of the more than Career Center Jay Killough 50,000 students have tried the coordinates Strengths Quest program."

positive psychology in identify- formed this program to lead each ing your strengths," Killough student in a discovery of his or to build lives upon those under- student as a whole."

said. "It's primarily directed her natural talents. Success in standings. towards freshmen, but we encour- education, as well as in meeting Gallup Organization

rather than from weaknesses. More people

According to Strengthsquest. "This program is based on com, the Gallup Organization to

Killough said Texas A&M age all students to try it. Since the any challenge life presents, is and Baylor have Strengths Quest started found in working from strengths programs.

He said students who want to than 2,000,000 interviews with try the program can go to the Cafrom reer Center in Wiggins Complex.

"This program is good for freshfession men who are trying to figure out h a v e their major," Killough said. " It's also good for older students in terms of career goals and knowing what to focus on in an interview. found the need I'm trying to get into classrooms understand a person's to have presentations about the strengths and talents and program and how it can help the

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Conventions swap faces, personalities

very political junkie lives for the "wardrobe malfunction" moments in politics. The craft itself is such a brutal, awkward struggle for power in civilized settings — imagine kickboxing in a tea-room — that most of the energies expended in campaigns are to mask the uncomfortable realities from polite eyes. Double-talking, flip-flopping, bland pleasantries in the place of hard fact. These techniques always have been the stock and trade of political people. Hence, the moments to live for are when the pleasant mask slips, and the real nature of the beast is hilariously revealed.

When these moments emerge, you see the true face of a party or movement revealed. Conventions are full of these moments, and this is why you should watch them. I saw my fill at the great Republican powwow last weekend. But I was confused: was this a GOP convention? There were more awkward moments than a Jackson 5 reunion.

A parade of protesters, New Yorkers and angry speakers? Those things are historically the preserve of the left.

And two weeks before, in Boston that showpiece of trumpeting faith, unity, family and military decoration — was the Democrats? Who were these people? This season has been one of great irony: the conventions were reversed. However, even



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with both sides tilting toward the more moderate elements of their party, the powers that be, Republicans and Democrats alike, were still flustered by loud, angry voices coming through the smiling façade they had erected.

For the Democrats, it was Al Sharpton. I was convinced once more that America is a great country: you can falsely accuse a man of sexual crimes and still "speak" - or yell, rather — at a national convention to the angry roar of the crowd. But my belief in my country as a wellspring of redemption was taken to new heights when Sen. Zell Miller took the stage in New York.

Twelve years ago, at the very same spot, back when he was Georgia's governor, he made a speech blasting Bush senior — only that time, the convention was Democratic. I wrote a couple of weeks ago I was impressed the RNC let him speak, but now I am truly dazzled. I only knew him as a Democrat speaking at the other guy's party. I still am surprised they let such a loose cannon up there - Miller was an infinitely greater risk for 2004's unity platform, and Bush's amazing climb in the polls is more in debt to the president's affability then it is to the senator's bloodlust. Even compared with Sharpton, Miller stands alone. Sharpton's speech against Bush read like a laundry list of indictment, but was more a self-satisfied sermon than refutation. Sharpton, in line with a man who has unlimited self-love, looked like a fed cat during the entire thing, swarthy and satisfied, plump and immobile.

Miller was animated, really angry. His speech stands as a triumph in the annals of imagination. Torrents of spittle and scorn rained from his lifts. It was the kind of cheap, stupid, macho swagger, the sort of vile, witless, blustery barnstorming speech that marked Dixiecrats — southern Democrats — for years. It had that sort of historic value — an artifact of an earlier time from a man who, like fellow

Democratic Sen. Robert Byrd, had the secret love of the lynching bee and the attack dog deep in his heart. When he said, "on every one of the great issues of freedom and security,

John Kerry has been more wrong, more weak and more wobbly than any other national figure," was he talking about the same man, whom he had called "one of this nation's authentic heroes, one of this party's best-known and greatest leaders and a good friend" back in 2001? Was that a different John Kerry? When Miller said, "Sen. Kerry has made it clear that he would use military force

only if approved by the United Nations," perhaps he might have been

referring to Kerry's acceptance speech in July, when he said, "I will never give any nation or any institution a veto over our national security." Sweeter still were Miller's claims against Kerry's voting record. I went to the nonpartisan factcheck.org. Kerry voted against a spending bill in '91, from which Miller extrapolated the weapons list. Kerry voted against the B-2 bombed back in '92, at the same time Bush senior was calling for an end to its proa foreign policy.

Which is true, or would have been true, except Miller savaged not just Kerry's lack of a platform, but Kerry himself. After that, any articulate reply that might have been made to the platform Miller criticized was destined to be lost in the rebuttal of personal slander. My guess the old demagogue, aged and fading away, wanted to hear the crowds scream for flesh one more time, and he delivered.

Miller went for the throat, went for blood, which you must, if you give that kind of

> speech. To be a demagogue is to be the leader of a mob, not a party. Nuances of division between message and man, niceties of

philosophy and politics don't apply to rabble-rousers and their followers. Bush and Co., if they want to win, should remember his lead is more thanks to the Giulianis and Mc-Cains of America, not to the Millers. How ironic that teaching them took a Democrat.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Leach's actions immature, embarrassing

Leach's decision to try to score dur- days and supported the school's A&M. I think we should give Leach Methodist game. The fact that Coach Leach says the offense is needing work is the reason to try to score again is ridiculous. If the offense is struggling, why risk turning over the ball, instead of taking a knee to end the game? I believe Leach really has no idea how to be a coach or have any class.

I attended Texas Tech during

I am embarrassed at Coach the last years of the Spike Dykes to get either against Texas or Texas decision to fire him. Now I believe the school should consider this option with Mike Leach. Since the firing of Spike Dykes, how has our football program improved? We are always right around 7-5 and go to some obscure bowl. We did that with Dykes. What have we gained with Leach besides an offense that passes the ball? We are never close in big games, except the win we seem of Texas Tech

to a better record than 7-5 and win some big games against good teams in our conference (Nebraska or Kansas State). And when he does not, and we are 7-5 again, maybe we should think about finding a coach who can improve our football

Jay Wolffarth, a 1999 graduate

Modern-day protestors need makeover to make a point ince its beginning, a tradi-In 1963 blacks marched peace-

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duction and a

30 percent cut in military spending.

The senator hasn't gone against a

harshly? One of my friends claimed

Miller's speech was a good thing,

because his shrill lies and bombast

would be a clear interventionist state-

ment that would force Kerry to come

out with a real response, or in other

words, Kerry would have to formulate

So why did Miller attack so

Pentagon appropriation since '96.

tion of protest has existed in the hearts and minds of Americans. The 18th century colonists, 20th century civil rights leaders and others in our history fashioned an atmosphere of change when our country needed it most. In contrast to this noble use of our First Amendment, the times have changed. Replacing what was an effective tool of change is now the pessimistic and meaningless movement of

modern protesting. A far cry from the average citizen, many of these modern protesters fashion themselves after those from the rebellious and drug-laden 1960s. Acting with less intelligence and more insolence, they hardly resemble anything but hippies re-incarnated. Their propensity to complain has outstripped any true effort to create change. Sadly, civil disobedience somehow garners more points than reach-

ing people to the greater cause. With advances in communication, none can argue that organization for any group, especially protesters, has not increased. But with its increased ability to mobilize members has come a loss of purpose and reason. Modern protesting fails to rally around a central idea that brings its followers together. Is this not the reason for protest? People bonded together in concern over a specific issue?

cohesion is their shared desire to rebel against the system. An example, Protest.net, allows protesters to view gatherings by date, city or specific issue. Protesting has become a business, a way of life for many in the disgruntled corners of society. Our culture, motivated by anger, has led to those who feel "mistreat-

ed," erring on the side of fanati-

cism. At last week's Republican

In reality, their only

SPEECH

sign stated, "The U.S. — Founded, Grown and Sustained by Mass Extermination." This is sadly commonplace. Revolving in lunacy based on being "against" someone rather than "for"

fully upon the city of Washington D.C. They didn't march against a person; they marched in support of a more equal nation. Perhaps many of them opposed certain leaders, but the movement was never about individuals. Overarching ideas of equality and fair treatment guided their way.

When broad hate drives protesters, it lacks persuasion, and ultimately they preach to themselves. Americans would be better served by ignoring the "Anyone or Anything but..." idea and following the "Here's something better" idea. Civil rights proved it works by believing in great ideas, not by spreading campfire conspiracy theo-

ries of anti-American nature. The self-satisfying tendency of many protesters is almost sad. They passionately fight battles that hardly have objectives or goals. In Friday's Wall Street Journal, Daniel Henninger put the problem this

way: "The Democratic Party has paid a big price for letting its heart and soul be taken over by this long, post-'60s dive into a politics of the needy self."

When protesters marvel

at being relegated to "free speech" areas and the undesirable stigmas they carry, perhaps they will inspect their general decency. Many of today's protesters lack the intelligence, or good sense, needed to further a cause, much less define that cause. Their emotion is silenced with reason

every time. If they merely echo each other's radical sentiments, what is gained? Nothing, really. But ironically, they'll keep satisfying their own inner needs; convinced that they are revolutionaries.

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GUEST COLUMN

Tech PD not informing students

Yesterday, I was confronted in front of the English/Philosophy building by a Tech police officer.

He lectured me about riding my bicycle on the sidewalk, saying, "I have to obey the same laws as cars." I was offered no explanation of the current laws and ordinances or where I could obtain a copy of them. Furthermore, he threatened to give me a citation if he saw me riding on the sidewalk again. I then saw him lecture other unsuspecting bicyclists.

Because of the parking fees and traffic situation, I decided to ride my bike, because I live only 10 blocks from campus. I get to my classes quickly, I get exercise doing it and it is convenient. I also am not wasting gas or polluting the air. I feel many bicyclists who ride to class do so for one or more of these reasons, but if I get hassled for laws and ordinances did not know about, then why should I continue to ride my bike? All I want is information, not a lecture from a cop smoking a cigarette.

I have no problem following the laws and ordinances of Texas Tech. I also am respectful of the police officers who help protect us each day, but what I am not happy about is the way the situation was handled. The Tech Police and its officers need to realize what they are doing beforehand.

First, I would like to know where the signs are that state bikes cannot be ridden on the sidewalks? I have seen signs like this around town, but not at Tech. I know there are signs stating where students can and cannot park their cars on campus, and those signs are visible campus-wide. There are even signs that show us to the Rawls Golf Course, Jones SBC Stadium and the United Spirit Arena, but not one sign to tell me to stay off the sidewalk while riding my bike. There are stop signs and speed limit signs too, but is there one sign that says "no riding bikes on the sidewalks?" No, there isn't. Second, if there are ordinances and laws in place that make riding a bike on the sidewalk punishable by law, how come I have never heard one thing about them the last two years I have ridden my bike on campus? I have ridden my bike on a sidewalk by plenty of police officers during the last two years and have never been told one thing. To see many student bicyclists are not aware of the laws is easy because of the number of bicyclists I see on the sidewalks every day. Telling us one

state's money. I would hope that to keep students safe, the Tech Police would inform the student bicyclists through different medias about the current laws and ordinances. They have many ways of getting the word out to the students. How about trying The University Daily? Or the local TV and radio stations? If the problem is that big, is a public service campaign out of the question? It shouldn't be when it comes to the safety of Tech students! Tech Announce e-mails and flyers on the bike racks also might help, but to profile bicyclists in one area is not the way to handle the situation. We have to look at the cause before an action is taken, and the action was taken without the cause being examined.

If laws and ordinances are in place, let the bicyclists of Texas Tech know. If information exists, give it to us. Do not threaten us if you know many are not familiar or informed of the laws and ordinances pertaining to bikes on the sidewalks. I can't see a sign that doesn't exist and following the laws when most of the bicyclists aren't even aware they exist is

- Chris Huot, a junior public relations major from Grapevine

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by one is not the best use of the

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Study finds Depo-Provera users more susceptible to STDs

By Kandis Wenk/ The University Daily

tive Depo-Provera may be more over 35. susceptible to sexually transmitsuch as the pill or the patch.

greater risk to contract chla- pills around or wear a patch." tivity. mydia and gonorrhea.

search Triangle Park, N.C, con- at a variety of possibilities. ducted the study in two Planned "We checked the uterine lin-tracep-

study, which began in 1999, and not affect the study. 819 were analyzed by 2000.

Women using the contracep- years old and 35 percent were woman more vulnerable.

"Depo-Provera is popular tant thing ted diseases than those who use among teenagers, because you to underother birth control methods don't have to think abut it be- is sexual fore sex, and you don't have to education A recent study conducted by take it everyday," he said. "It's and being Charles Morrison shows women also highly effective and private, responsible when using Depo-Provera were at a because you don't have to carry engaging in sexual ac-

Although the increased in-Charles Morrison, of Fam- fection has no definite reason, still the same across ily Health International in Re- Morrison said the study looked the board with all

Parenthood clinics in Maryland, ing of each woman to see if it was tion," he one in an urban area and the more susceptible to infection," said. "If he said. "We took photographs in a mutual- ly monogamous

In this study, 17 percent of took into consideration that partners or are in an area that against STDs.

Provera were 15 to 17 years Provera reducing the acidity of infection prevalence."

stand cep-

"The message is

you're not

Morrison said 1,003 women and other precautions, but we relationship, you need to use forms of birth control warn contraceptive should be taken ages 15 to 45 enrolled in the determined that this factor did condoms effectively and consis- consumers they do not protect off the market. tently, especially in young wom- against STDs and that con-Morrison said the study also en, women who have multiple doms should be used to protect to use condoms, because they put a warning label or insert so

the women who chose Depo there were concerns about Depo- has a high sexually transmitted

He said the most impor- necessarily need to stop us- study. people need ing this form of contra-

taken off the

should take priority." Morrison said that most

Donna Humphrey, R.N.C, and gonorrhea," she said.

should be- altered the results," she said. and she is thankful. in STD's with patients."

product opt to use the pill or the patch sexually active. should be before Depo Provera.

market because chose to use Depo-Provera use should be aware of the price it's still a very effective it because it is highly effective that comes with the decision to form of birth control," he and it's not something that has have sex." said. "However, counseling to be remembered everyday," she said.

She also did not think the should be taken.

works for Student Health Ser- Melissa Perez, a sophomore old, 48 percent were 18 to 24 the vagina, which would make a Morrison said that the wom- vices in Thompson Hall, and forensic psychology major from en using Depo Provera do not has her reservations about the San Antonio was shocked by the information.

"I think there were many fac- Perez said she does not know tion but tors in the study which may have anyone who uses Depo-Provera,

come more "I've never noticed a higher rate She said although this new information is startling, women Humphrey said most patients should be aware of the consethink this who use birth control would quences that come with being

"If (women) put themselves "I think that women who do out for the risk," she said, "They

> Perez said with this new information, new precautions

"I think it should be taken off the market until more studies "People should be encouraged are done," she said. "Or at least protect well against Chlamydia that women know the risks.'

Location of new BA building announced Afghanistan holds

The basic reason

for the new building

is to provide room for

students to interact

with faculty.

DON CLANCY

Associate Dean of the

Rawls College of Business

By Katherine Amerson/ The University Daily

Rawls College of Business is moy-building," he said. "It's expensive, for electronics." ing down the street.

animal science building currently date students with disabilities, giving students the ability to Durrett also said the basics is," said Associate Dean of the fire code Rawls College of Business Don regulations Clancy. "What it should bring and other is better employees, better jobs, special conbetter technology and more pride siderations in the facility they're in."

He said the old business build- tant. ing is to be used as a general-pur- He said pose classroom building.

"The basic reason for the new foot in the building is to provide room for proposed students to interact with fac-building ulty," he said. "There's not much costs \$360. student space in the current "The building."

He does not know when the has been new building will be built, but he designed said completion is several years for smaller away, at least. He also said this classes," he plan could change.

"If someone were to give us have general \$20 million and say they want it ideas, but it all depends on what student from Abilene studying through a mall with all the stores

He said the reason for the large

and it's necessary.

each square

to look a certain way, the plans people will contribute for." accounting, said he thinks the around, that is what it will look could change," he said. "The Clancy said the new building new business building will be like," Clancy said. "It should be structure has been discussed as should integrate more technology beneficial, because the large size a great building.' a \$50 million building, but the and should make the students of many of the classrooms in the Board of Regents has the final have more pride in where they current building is a disadvan-building cost will be contributed, go to school.

"They should feel good about

dents to the university," he said. tems and quantitative sciences, is "You wouldn't build a house "It will feel totally different; the in charge of the reorganization In a hop, skip and a jump the the way you build a university whole building will be a hot spot process.

"It will be where the old He said designing to accomo- and everything will be wireless, ciently, because of repetition.

tops to class depth. and to plug

posed buildthree sto- he said. ries, and

The information systems and their tuition to be raised. quantitative sciences department also will be reorganized.

John Randall Durrett, assis- everything has to fit."

cost is people are building build- it. It should attract better stu- tant professor of information sys-

Durrett said the departmental He said all of the projectors organization does not flow effi-

bring lap- need to be covered in more

"You need an understanding of into what computers and how they work to the profes- do anything," Durrett said.

sor is show- The new format will require internships and have classes He said tailored specifically to what is the pro- needed for the real world.

"We're going to put mock ing will be interviews as a graded process,"

Zach Brown, a senior managemost of the ment major from Clifton, said student ser- for the most part he thinks the vices will be business building is fine now. His on the first only complaint is the advising line is always too long.

Derek Clancy said the new facility Huff, a will benefit the students.

graduate "If you can imagine walking

so students should not expect

"There's a master plan for the university," Clancy said, "and

election campaign

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) the Afghan family," the former U.N. - Afghanistan's 'historic election worker said to wild applause. first popularly elected president.

inaugurated a rare new factory and force him into a runoff. promised to help Afghans out of The president cut a ribbon to against warlords.

But the danger that violence standards. could mar a contest supposed to litia in 2001 was underlined by fresh mention the election directly.

vote. But the start of the campaign hope we can make car engines."

legendary anti-Taliban commander the country. Ahmad Shah Massood.

dorsement for the Oct. 9 vote from Tuesday. widows at a bakery near the capital's war-damaged zoo.

place in my government," she told moderated debate with his rivals.

mother, I will improve the life of killed at least seven people.

campaign got under way Tuesday, Karzai, whose dashing profile in the pitting 17 hopefuls against interim West has helped raise billions of dollars leader Hamid Karzai in the race to in aid pledges, remains the favorite. become the impoverished country's Still, the bewildering range of candidates and the country's deep ethnic The U.S.-backed incumbent divides could split the vote widely and

poverty, while the lone female chalinaugurate a \$10 million cooking oil lenger wowed widows with a tirade plant in the capital — an event dovetailing with his pledge to raise living He urged more investors to create

cement the country's recovery since jobs and wealth and told Afghans to the ouster of the ruling Taliban mi- buy home-produced goods. He did not battles with militants in the south "The quality should be competitive

that killed at least seven people. with Pakistan, Iran, Uzbekistan and Karzai and his challengers have other countries in the region, even with 30 days to try to impress the roughly America," he told some 500 dignitaries 10.6 million Afghans registered to in a tent outside the factory. "One day I

Karzai will announce his mani-Three candidates briefed report- festo in the coming days, his campaign ers in a dank government ministry; spokesman said. But it was unclea others were busy preparing for the how much concerns for his safety will anniversary this week of the death of allow him to stump for votes around

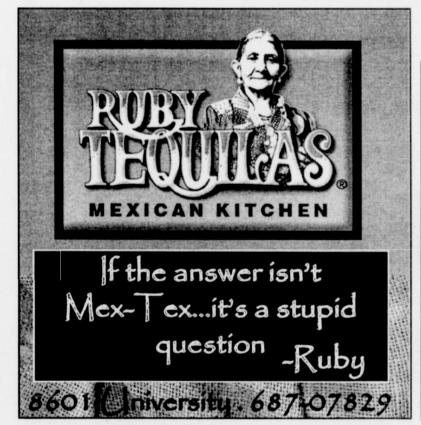
Muscular bodyguards from a U.S. Still, Massooda Jalal, the female firm targeted by an Aug. 29 car bomb candidate, won an enthusiastic en- in Kabul watched his every move

Spokesman Hamed Elmi said Karzai would visit the provinces, but added "Those people who betrayed you that much of the traveling would be and destroyed your homes and who done by his two deputies. He also said killed your loved-ones, they have no Karzai was open to the idea of a media-

about 50 women dressed in head-to- A dozen election workers have been toe veils under a tree in the vard. killed in shootings and bombings dur-"Like a doctor, I want to treat ing voter registration, and the capital Afghanistan's wounds. ... Like a is on edge after the car bombing, which

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'Wicker Park' a winding love story



filmmaker, can take a Leperfectly simple narra- two fell in love. tive and twist and skew it enough to keep audiences in a perpetual stalker techniques - invasion of state of confusion and fascination privacy, breaking and entering and is sometimes amazing.

A film's depending largely on his long lost love. plot twists and change-ups that must not be revealed also makes love story. writing about the project difficult.

for effect.

Josh Hartnett, ("O" and "Black as being evil and conniving. Hawk Down" good, everything else, bad) stars as Matt, — a young businessman who is wondering if he of two years.

Matt definitely feels trapped in metaphorical prison bars)

During a business lunch, he specific reason for existing. thinks he sees an old girlfriend who

is Lisa (Diane Kruger), and she manages to get away before he can catch up to her in the restaurant.

So, instead of going on an important business trip to China, Matt decides to stay behind, unbeknownst to his current girlfriend, and track Lisa down.

The film gives us several flashbacks to help us understand Matt and Lisa's relationship - he saw her on the street one day and began storyteller, or stalking her until she caught him. The stalking turned her on, and the

Matt uses some of the same reading unopened letters — to find

That is right, this is a stalker

However, since we like Matt, This film is "Wicker Park," a we excuse his stalking as cute and romantic mystery that knocks au- strange. But when another stalker diences off balance right out of the in the film, (and there are several), gate and then spins them around uses the exact same techniques, we scorn the person and the methods

Hypocritical? — Just a tad.

Along for the ride are Matt's best friend, Luke (Matthew Lillard), should get engaged to his girlfriend and Luke's current girlfriend, Alex film, "Le Appartamente." Mc-(Rose Byrne).

his life. (Notice how many times film that depends on coincidences of the most brutal torture scenes the camera shows Matt behind and miscommunication, there are I have seen. He has a distinct atno useless characters. Each has a tention to movement and point

Paul McGuigan directs from a His methods in "Wicker Park" ■ Eppler is The UD's movie critic.



How a storyteller, or filmmaker, can take a perfectly simple narrative and twist and skew it enough to keep audiences in a perpetual state of confusion and fascination is sometimes amazing.

Guigan is a talent whose direction In a film like "Wicker Park," a in "Gangster No. 1" made for one

son and broke his heart. Her name an adaptation of the 1996 French De Palma ("Scarface"), with sweep- to James.D.Eppler@ttu.edu.

ing motions, and overlapping frames, and he uses a fascinating theme of mirrors in this film. Viewers must try to take in the flood of imagery McGuigan uses that directly lead to understanding this complicated film.

The film also works on account of a strong cast of young actors. I have never been a Hartnett fan, although he gave an excellent performance in "O." His performance here is effective as an awkward and desperate lover who starts to wonder if he may be losing his mind.

Yet for me, the star of this film is Rose Byrne ("I Capture the Castle"), who strikes a wonderful balance of emotion and eeriness. She is a star who may be, and should be, on the rise.

"Wicker Park" reveals its secrets with deliberate pace and demands its audience's undivided attention. What lies at the end of this complex web of events is a simple solution. Once the audience discovers a key truth, the rest is simply watching the events play out.

This key makes the ending entirely predictable, but the sincere performances and slick direction make this maze worth running.

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'The Next Great Champ' takes a hit

NEW YORK (AP) — After pre- Fox of being copycats in an attempt networks to compete with similar

Fox's "The Next Great Champ" takes 12 amateur boxers and has them geous and said it is typical for different meeting last fall. compete for a contract with Oscar De La Hoya's promotional company and a title fight within the World Boxing Organization.

The series made NBC and producers Mark Burnett and DreamWorks SKG livid. They accused Fox of ripping off the idea for their boxing reality series "The Contender," which was announced earlier but is not scheduled to air until November.

Burnett and DreamWorks unsuccessfully sought an injunction to keep the Fox show off the air. They had claimed Fox's series should not go forward because it violated rules set up for boxing matches by the California Athletic Commission.

In an unusually bitter war of words, NBC executive Jeff Zucker accused

liminaries stuffed with enough lawsuits to hurt a rival. Fox also aired, with ideas. and trash-talk to make Don King some success, the series "Trading Swap," for the fall.

Fox called such allegations outra- had gotten their idea from her in a

Even before these battles had simproud, the first of TV's battling box- Spouses" this summer after ABC had mered down, an independent producer ing series faced its opening round announced a similar series, "Wife filed a lawsuit last week claiming De La Hoya and his Golden Boy Promotions

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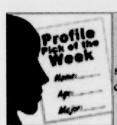
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Tech student kicks

Photo by Andrew Weatherl/ The University Daily



This is part of an on-going series of stories on ranlomly selected students.

Yeong-Jer Chen, or Jack as his of about seven to friends call him, was not in the eight individu-Olympics, but he has received two als. gold medals.

Chen, a 22-year-old graduate stu- rect translation dent at Texas Tech, was a competitor is "free fighting," in a Chinese free-style boxing compe- Chen said. tition held in Arlington this summer.

Chinese free style boxing is basi- thing about being cally a combination of boxing and a part of the team kickboxing, Chen said.

"It's a way to use your body more use his body to efficiently," he said. "It's a really effi- the fullest extent cient way to protect yourself, especially while he is in his for girls. For me, it's not really about physical prime. protecting myself."

Chinese free-style boxing provides you can, you more room for combination moves, know, as college students; we want to waste my time. Sometimes I fullest extent is his coach, Yi-Yuan Chen said.

in his free time

when I'm still

YEONG-JER CHEN

Graduate student

at Texas Tech

bang.

"A lot of people see us at the rec, but don't really know what we're do- Competition, Chen received the title His biggest goal is to ening," he said.

By "us," Chen is referring to the Tech's San-Da team, consisting

San-Da's di-

is learning how to

"It's nice that

make sure we're fit enough," he said. feel that I'm lucky, because I worked (pronounced Ian) Lee.

At the 2004 International Wu-Shu pretty hard." for the 140-150 pound weight class for lighten others of Chinese free-

The competi-At first it was a hobby, at least he said, and if secret." for me. I feel like a competitor young, might as match. well go out with a

> motivated and "If I'm gonna a month in advance.

spend the time training," he said, he said. "then I'm gonna

the second year style boxing, starting with his parents.

"My parents did not even know tion is based on I was participated in it," Chen said. a point system, "I had to go to competitions in

With no martial art background, wins two of the Chen said Chinese free-style boxing three rounds, he was not an activity in which he ever wins the entire thought he would partake.

"At first it was a hobby, at least Chen said he for me," he said. "I feel like when went into the I'm still young, might as well go out competition fully with a bang."

Chen began preparing for the competition three hours a day about

"I had to lose about 15 pounds,"

The person who keeps this motido it right. I don't vation going and pushes Chen to his

said Lee is always encouraging him

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coaching. Chen's next compewill be in Deat the Lubbock

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to keep com-

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Chinese freestyle boxing is not the only thing filling

Chen's schedule. Chen said he competes in soccer intramurals every semester, works 20 to 30 hours a week as a research assistant in the Pulse Power lab at Tech and is president of

the Chinese Student Organization. After he completes his master's degree, Chen said he plans either to stay in Lubbock or to travel back to Taiwan, where he is originally from.

"I do miss Taiwan," he said. "Most of my family is back there."

His ultimate goal is to work for a high-tech company, and he said he is willing to relocate.

As for where he is right now, Chen said he is not complaining.

"I love Tech," he said. "Some people say there's nothing to do, but I don't believe that."

Video game heroines next to pose for "Playboy"

GAMES

between

short articles

upcoming games like "Grand Theft was unlikely

like "Need for Speed: Underground

Honor: Pacific Assault."

instead of silicone.

The October issue of the men's project. magazine features several video

get too bent out of shape. This is with a topless image of the half- Licious

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The computerized models are game characters posing in the part of the magazine's video game two-page foldout of a character turn-offs." preview, titled "Gaming Grows named "Hopefully the purists won't Up." The five-page section starts L u b a

blades attached to her arms.

the up-VIDEO coming mature-

rated comedy game "Lei-Larry,"

shrimpy guy who travels a college

campu courting impossibly buxom coeds.

The images even feature the Auto: San Andreas," racing games to offend.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - "Play- just the next version of the pinup," vampire, half-human title character signature "Playboy" centerfold- play five hours a day. We're writing in a smaller image wearing only boy" is taking a chance on silicon said "Playboy" senior editor Scott from "BloodRayne," a leather-clad style bio. "We treated these women for the grown-up who may play five a feather in her hair, while an Alexander said. "We treated them

Alexander, who developed the woman who fights with three-foot just like they are celebrities," hours a week, if that much." While real models with sili- style party game "Playboy: The The next image is a full-frontal, real, as if they had turn-ons and cone-implanted curves are no Mansion" is shown with only a stranger to Playboy pictorials, joystick. digital women rendered through

silicon computer processors could Daisy from the female wrestling become a regular feature if reader game "Rumble Roses" is depicted reaction is positive. All the images from the October by her elbows. titles are inappropriate for those ing tournament, bares only her under 17.

Charles Hirschhorn, Hopefully the founder and chief execupurists won't get tive of the G4techTV too bent out of network, a 24-hour cashape. ble channel devoted to This is just the video games, said grown-up next version of the gamers aren't prudes, so are "Playboy"'s pinup. about pixel-torial

> SCOTT ALEXANDER "Playboy" Senior Editor

2," and "Gran Turismo 4," and bat- "Video games tle games like "Men of Valor," "Full are inherently Spectrum Warrior" and "Medal of based on fan-

"Part of the thrust of the piece "that you'll be able to race cars, and of these game creators have about

lish the way "Playboy"'s going to be covering video games. We want to bare all.

cover them from perspective of an adult who has a life. We're not writ- Tala, from the upcoming horror- hey, sex is part of life." ing video game reviews for kids who shooter "Darkwatch," is featured

The blonde, chaps-wearing topless, but strategically covered

anonymous model from the "Sims"-

issue are from mature-rated games Other modest models: the kicarrying Entertainment Software tana-blade wielding Mileena, from Ratings Board warnings that the the new "Mortal Kombat" fight-

midriff.

"Red Ninja's" Kurenai sports her signature crimson miniskirt robe. And Ayane

from "Dead or Alive: Ultimate" wears a tiny turquoise bikini. Persuad-

ing game companies to showcase their characters was a delicate task, according to Alexander.

"There's a funny kind of

tasy," he said, "so it's only natural almost paternal feeling that a lot is that gaming is not just for kids," go into outer space and find attrac- their creations," he said. "Are you Alexander said. "We want to estab- tive sexy women as characters." going to let your little girl pose in Not all the video heroines Playboy?' is the question we were asking. But a lot of them saw the The Native American vampire benefit, both aesthetically, and ...

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Raiders find quiet leader in Huffman

By Adam Boedeker/ The University Daily

other and jumping up and down to about my business that way." get themselves pumped up for the

Huffman, and the rest of Tech's sec- Community College. ondary, had a meeting at the beginning out for the upcoming season.

me becoming a leader," Huffman said. to play for the Raiders. "The one thing I said is that I'm not the type of leader that will yell and when I took the JUCO route," Huff-

HUFFMAN FILE

TEXAS TECH: Antonio Huffman

Junior cornerback

2003 Stats: Played in all 13 games, registering 15 unassisted tackles, five

2004 Stats: Played in the season opener against SMU. Had three pass break-

Notes: Made his first collegiate start on Saturday against SMU. Transferred

ups, an interception, a fumble recovery and was in on six tackles.

from Garden City Community College, where he played baseball.

assists, two tackles for a loss and five pass deflections.

get in your face. I'm the leader that man said of his junior college career, ception and was in on six tackles. When Texas Tech fans look down of people like to get on the field and 'When you graduate, we'll come get tor Lyle Setencich said. "He's very on the field before a Red Raider get all enthusiastic, which is all good you.' Coach Leach stuck with me, aggressive. He's not overly fast or anyfootball game starts, they will see because enthusiasm is contagious. But, and I stuck with my promise to play thing, but he's aggressive, he's smart, many players screaming at each I like to be focused and quiet and go here."

The junior college transfer came Lovejoy, Ga. He chose Tech, but teammates. to Tech as a sophomore and saw because of NCAA Clearinghouse

of spring practices with the defensive freshman class president on his way player here." coaching staff, and the plan was laid to graduating in one and a half years "One thing we talked about was coach Mike Leach to come to Lubbock being the best player of the spring, if he wants to be a champion he has

"I didn't think football was done statement down.

leads by example. Sometimes I say which never saw him play football, "I think Huffman played very well I'm the quiet before the storm. A lot only baseball. "Texas Tech was like, (against SMU)," defensive coordina-

Tech, along with Auburn, Mar- way, Huffman set himself apart from give any guy a chance."

"He's one of the best corners we said. significant special teams action last regulations, he was forced to go the have," linebacker Mike Smith said.

"I come out here and practice," he exciting to me about him." said. "I don't come out to think I'm the best player. I have confidence that I'm in that regard. a great player, but I don't think I'm the best player or the superstar. I just want to ing cornerback) Khalid Naziruddin at

SMU last week did not help much well as me and Khalid did at SMU. since the team used a new offensive The depth we have is tremendous, scheme, Huffman made the most of his and we were younger last year. Now first career start. He registered three we know the system more, and any pass deflections, including one in the cornerback can go out and perform endzone, a fumble recovery, an inter- well in any given game.'

he plays very hard, he's competitive Once spring practices got under and he wants to play, and those will

shall, Arkansas, Kentucky and Min- the competition at cornerback by One good game does not make a Junior cornerback Antonio Huff- nesota, offered Huffman a football being one of the best players on the good season or a career, and that fact man will not be one of those players. scholarship out of high school in defense, said one of his defensive is something Huffman must keep in mind, secondary coach Dave Brown

"He's gonna do nothing but get season, but he made his first start junior college route, where he also "In the spring, he was one of the better if he continues to work hard," Saturday against Southern Methodist excelled on the baseball diamond, best defensive players. He's just a Brown said. "The thing about havplaying center field for Garden City playmaker. He has a nose for the ball, ing some success early is some guys and he watched films all last week. He will think they've arrived. But you He maintained a 3.8 GPA and was wants to be good, and he'll be a good have to continue to work hard, and I don't think Antonio's that way. While Huffman excelled in the He'll continue to work hard and so he could fulfill his promise to Tech spring, do not mention any talk of his try to get better, because he knows because he will be quick to shoot the to improve each and every week. His attitude to improve is what is

> With cornerback depth being a best player. There's a difference in hav- problem for the Raiders in the past, ing confidence and thinking you're the Huffman said this year will be different

> "It's not just me and (other startcome out and do the best I can do." the position," he said. "We're three-Even though the film work for deep. Any guy can go out and play as



JUNIOR CORNERBACK ANTONIO Huffman celebrates after a 38-14 victory against Navy in the EV1.net Houston Bowl last season.

Even at 40, Testaverde feels pre-game jitters

mes, Testaverde is sure he will healthy, I want to play." to back up Ouincy Carter. have a fluttery stomach before the Dallas Cowboys play the Minnesota

The difference between 40-yearold Testaverde and, say, 21-year-old rookie cornerback Jacques Reeves is that old man also knows how to make the most out of the jumble of anxiety, excitement and other emotions that will overcome him.

"You just learn how to deal with it better. You know what to expect and anticipate, and you go from there,' Testaverde said Tuesday. "I think if you didn't get nervous or have those emotions, you'd be made of stone."

Testaverde started only 11 games for the New York Jets over the last two years and knew he would not be back in 2004. Faced with the chance the thrill would be gone forever, he was not ready to call it a career.

First, he believed he could help a team. Second, he was not sure he could do anything else.

"I guess I'm just too old to start a

new job," he said, smiling. Actually, the second part is that he realized he was not ready to give up

the only career he ever wanted. "If you ask most sports fans what they would want to do for a living, I

IRVING (AP) — Vinny Tes-think most would pick being a starting Testaverde had things working for tayerde is getting ready for his 18th guarterback in the NFL, no matter him: An arm that Cowboys coach Bill NFL opener on Sunday, so he defi- how old they are," he said. "It's a great Parcells says still will be NFL-caliber nitely knows what to expect. ... job to have.... I've always said as long when Testaverde is 60 and the fact Pre-game jitters. And lots of 'em. as I'm able to contribute to the team Parcells, who had coached him in Even after 189 regular-season and as long as I'm having fun and New York, was looking for a veteran

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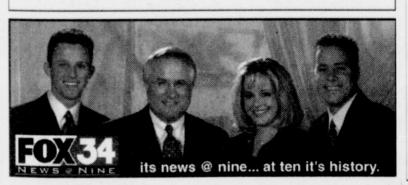
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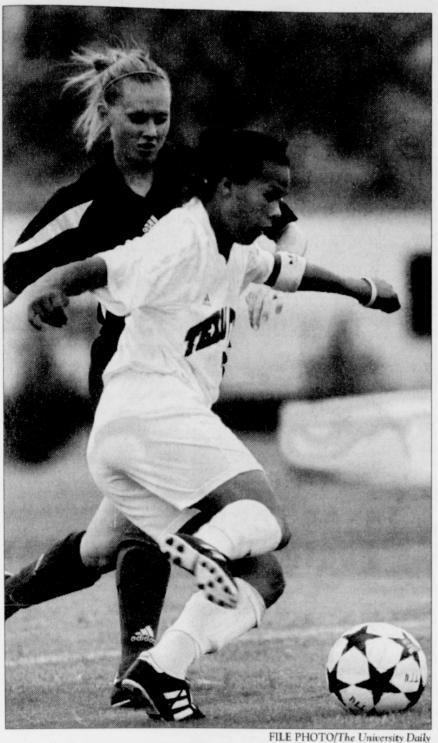
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Tech soccer team has mixed feelings about weekend



FRESHMAN FORWARD JENIFER Thomas keeps the ball away from a TCU defender. The Red Raiders return home for two games after splitting a road weekend trip.

By Bryan Wendell The University Daily

Texas Tech soccer coach Felix Oskam was both disappointed and pleased with his team's 1-1 weekend in Albuquerque, N.M

"I'll take a 1-1 split," he said. "I was disappointed Saturday, but coming back in 24 hours to win was very good to see."

Tech came into the weekend matches 1-1 and left 2-2. The game Saturday was a 5-0 loss to the University of New Mexico. and the Sunday match was a 2-1 victory for the Red Raiders against Portland

Oskam discussed his young team's inability to deal with physical pressure in the game against UNM. This inability was evidenced by 22 fouls from the Lobos to five for the Raiders.

"We will get teams like that in Division I," Oskam said.

He said his team did not play smart against the physical pressure, and his players were unable to win 50-50 balls.

The Raiders also had trouble getting shots on goal in the first half, but Oskam said his team played a good first 30 minutes.

"The first 30 minutes were fairly even.

We knew New Mexico was pressuring more, but we're stopping it for the most At the 30:55 mark, New Mexico broke

through for a goal and added one more before halftime. Oskam said he talked to his team in

his players for the second half.

was unfortunate, but he said she was out of position for some of the shots. the locker room during the break to rally

no goals.

"At halftime, I told them we can come back from a 2-0 score," he said.

However, 28 seconds into the second half, the Lobos added another goal to make the score 3-0.

"That goal took the air out of us. A 2-0 deficit is possible to come back from, but a 3-0 deficit in 44 minutes is hard," he said.

Oskam said the team has not yet proven its ability to come back from behind; team has scored in its losses, his

to see that.'

Tech's next match was the next day, just 22 hours after its loss, in Albuquerque. Tech faced the Vikings of Portland State and won 2-1.

"In that game, we were much better from the start," Oskam said. "I was pleased

He said Portland State was a good team and he was happy with how his team came out and competed.

Freshman Priscilla Esquivel opened the game with her third goal of the

"Sunday's game was the Priscilla we needed to have. She went 1-on-1 with the goalkeeper and somehow got it past her," Oskam said.

Portland State responded with a goal 11 minutes later. After that, Tech sophomore forward Jennifer Vasquez received a corner kick from sophomore Jenna Wetzel and headed the ball into the goal.

"We finally scored off a corner kick," Oskam said.

Oskam said before these weekend matches, his team needed to get better looks on corner kicks. Tech had 20 corner kicks coming into the match;

all had been unsuccessful until Vasquez knocked one in with her head. "Jen Vasquez is a player who can do

things with her head," Oskam said. "She's not afraid to go in there hard and get her head on the ball."

Lippert did well in goal, Oskam said. He said he is leaning toward starting Lippert in Friday's home match against Angelo State.

Tech also plays a game Sunday at home junior Beth Lippert's starting the next against Notre Dame.

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Soccer

Freshman goalkeeper Tina Rincon

He said those factors contributed to

played the entire game. Oskam said her

being the goalkeeper for the entire game

FELIX OSKAM Texas Tech Soccer Coach

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Raiders, this is a wake up call

was playing my buddy in NCAA Football 2005 on Playstation 2 the other day, and this joker had the audacity to try to score another touchdown, even though he was go-

So I pushed him and spat out a load of epithets. What else could I do?

Don't worry, this column is not dedicated to deciphering when is the right time to call the dogs off when a team is whipping its opponent. Neither is it a judgment about Tech coach Mike Leach's play calling or Southern Methodist coach Phil Bennett's reaction to the play calling.

Instead, it is a wake up call to the Red Raiders. If you guys play like you did against SMU, fans can start making their reservations for the Independence, Tangerine or Houston

Yes, Tech has several new starters on offense. Yes, the defense is still young and adjusting and yes, the Raiders have decided to make some changes on special teams. Still, a bunch of guys are playing their hearts out in Albuquerque, N.M., who will not care about Tech's laundry list of excuses.

New Mexico lost to Washington State Saturday in Albuquerque 21-17. Nonetheless, while watching the Lobos play, one could have seen a determined group playing with a tough as nails ground attack and a Cougars's legacy. much-improved passing game.

Lobos played the Cougars like they Conference's best player. did not get the memo about the Tech allowed SMU's top two rush- mailbag to kevin.k.clark@ttu.edu.

Kyle Clark

Although the overriding theme Saturday was fans, players and coaches should continue to expect the unexpected.

New Mexico running back that finished 0-12 in 2003. Washington State has easily DonTrell Moore rushed for 167 been the most consistently competi- yards and a touchdown and also had shooting fish in a barrel. tive team in the Pac 10 Conference three catches for 23 yards to back during the last five years, and the up his bid as the Mountain West

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ers to pile up 117 yards on the ground Saturday, which is quite an improvement from last season. But remember SMU tailback and former Raider Fov Munlin is not Moore, and Tech likely will not hold Moore to 42 yards.

Translation - New Mexico could be a major pothole on Tech's path to winning the Big 12. Sure, most everyone realizes Tech's October schedule is a roadblock, but no one could have expected the Raiders to be pressured this early

in the year. The only game in September most fans were shuddering about was the Sept. 18 contest against TCU. Shudder no more — TCU looked laughable during its 48-45 win against Northwestern.

In fact, Northwestern's kicker is probably the second most hated man on his respective campus this week behind Oregon State's kicker, who blew a win against defending national champion LSU Saturday.

Although the overriding theme Saturday was fans, players and coaches should continue to expect the unexpected.

And for Tech, the unexpected are road trips like the ones to Albuquerque and Lawrence, Kan. The Raiders finally have to learn how good you play against the big fish doesn't matter unless you make sure you beat all the little fish. And that does not mean running the score up on a team

Performing that feat is more like

from Odessa. Send messages for his

Tech's Rawls Course expecting new addition

By David Wiechmann/The University Daily

The Rawls Course already has received numerous honors and awards from industry magazines, and it is not the fundraising for the project and said plans are rolling even completely finished. The home of Texas Tech golf along, and final touches are being made so McKinney has moved one step closer to completion as plans and can present a final cost to Tech. designs for the clubhouse are receiving final touches.

signs for a 27,800 square foot clubhouse with locker rooms and a lounge for the men's and women's programs, proshop, club repair, club storage plus a restaurant are near completion, and a designer has been selected.

"This will be the premier golf team facility and clubhouse anywhere in the country," North said.

The clubhouse at the course will tie in with the rest those involved. of the architecture on campus and be the only clubhouse to North's knowledge designed in Spanish architecture. members, even though the course is public. Members The design also will be unique in that the players' receive benefits similar to those of being members of a lounge is in the center of the clubhouse surrounded by country club, and North said the clubhouse would help

glass, so the athletes and coaches are the focus of the clubhouse and can see the goings-on inside.

Another unique feature to Tech's clubhouse will be a clock tower, something North said was an unusual feature for a clubhouse, but will be a nice touch for The Rawls Course.

Men's coach Greg Sands said he and women's coach Stacey Totman were consulted by designer Robert McKinney on the designs for the locker rooms and offices for the golf

McKinney is a Tech alumnus who played golf for the Raiders and has won the Texas

State Amateur Championship in the past, so he has a know they're fundraising, and hopefully there's people strong golf background. He works for Watkins, Ham- with an interest in it."

ilton and Ross Architects in Houston, and McKinney specializes in golf course clubhouse design.

Associate Vice Chancellor Steve Locke is heading

"We have regular meetings with the architects, the Director of Golf Operations Jack North said de- coaches, the staff and everyone that will be working at and using the facilities," he

> said. "It's kind of a give and take situation right now as we keep checking people's wish list. ... So we're in the

process of finalizing drawings." Those final drawings are close to completion, Locke said,

and McKinney is "tweaking things" to meet requests of The Rawls Course currently has approximately 100

> the course reach its goal of 400 members. He added the clubhouse would make providing amenities for members easier.

Athletic Director Gerald Myers said the addition and completion of the clubhouse would finalize Jerry Rawls' vision of the course and make it an all-around great golf course.

"They need a clubhouse out there, because it's not a complete course without a clubhouse," he said. "Part of being a member is the dining and the locker rooms, so they're shorthanded somewhat until they get a facility like that to go along with the

course, but that will take a little time. I

Aggie quarterback struggling at start of season

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - Imagining a more game plan." disappointing start to the season for Texas A&M quarterback Reggie McNeal is difficult.

McNeal struggled in the Aggies' season-opening 20point loss at No. 17 Utah. And to add to the insult of losing, he injured his left (non-throwing) thumb so badly McNeal was absent Tuesday. And per team rules, Mcthat he needed surgery. While coach Dennis Franchione expected McNeal Saturday's game.

to go through a normal week, how much the quarterback did when the Aggies practiced Tuesday was not clear. McNeal was there, but neither he nor Fran-

chione spoke after practice, which as usual was closed to the public and the media. When leaving the field, McNeal stuffed his

left hand into his helmet, apparently to shield it from reporters. Seemingly, he had some sort of protective padding on that hand.

practices over the weekend and remained listed No. 1 directed a win over No. 1 Oklahoma his freshman on the depth chart going into Saturday's home opener season. against Wyoming.

the reps in practice and make sure he understands the touchdown.

McNeal ran for two touchdowns (59 and 8 yards) in the 41-21 loss to Utah, but he completed just 14 of 35 passes for 210 yards.

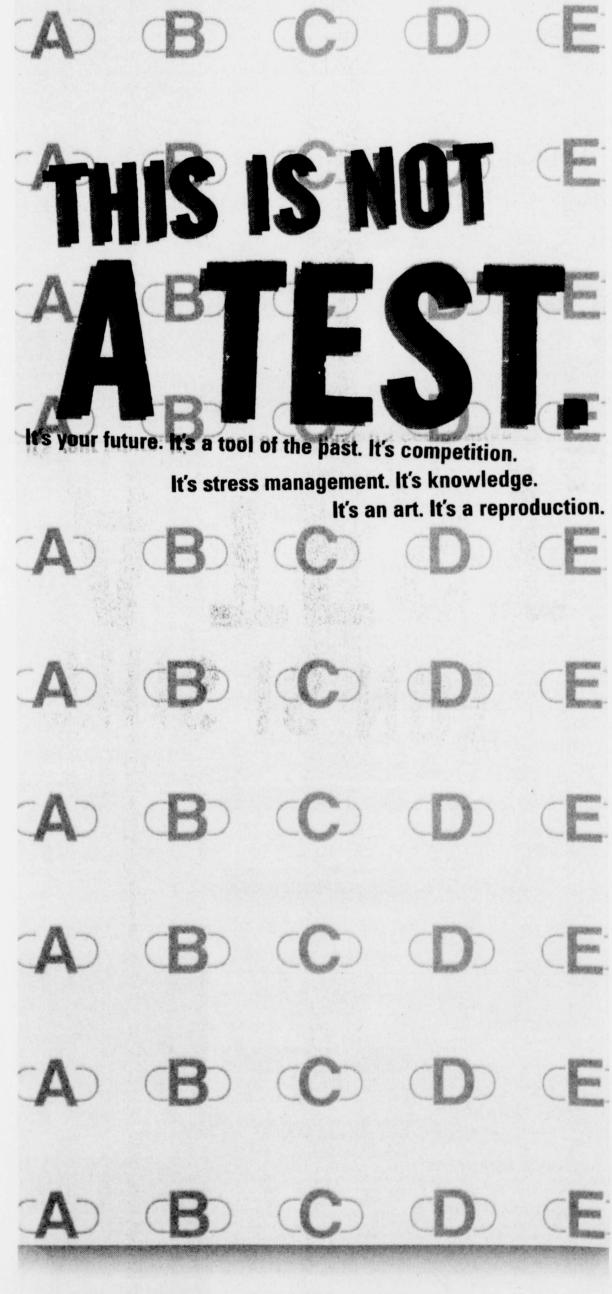
Normally a regular at the weekly media luncheons, Neal will not be available for comment again until after

McNeal had certainly envisioned a better start after an inconsistent, injury-marred sopho-

Playing through a shoulder injury that eventually required surgery and forced him to miss spring drills, McNeal completed 51 percent of his passes for 1,782 yards, eight TDs and seven interceptions last year.

But he returned upbeat this fall, promising to remind people why he was once one of the nation's Despite having surgery Friday, McNeal went through top quarterback recruits. The same quarterback who

Sophomore Ty Branyon, awarded a scholarship "He did fine on Sunday, and I expect him to do just days before the season started, relieved McNeal everything," Franchione said before Tuesday's practice. in the fourth quarter against Utah. He was 6-of-8 "We will do the things we normally do - getting him passing for 60 yards and led the Aggies to their last



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