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QUOTABLES

Of course, I also look forward to putting Simon (Cowell) in his place for years to come."

"American Idol" judge Paula Abdul, after announcing she has signed a deal to remain for another three years as one of three judges along with Cowell and Randy Jackson. (AP)

No woman who wants pain relief should be made to suffer the pain of childbirth today."

Dr. David Birnbach, an anesthesiologist at the University of Miami, speaking about the growing trend of purely elective Caesarean sections which a government panel has advised against. (AP)

We're not going to get rid of all of it, but we can push it back into the gutter as far as humanly possible."

Morality in Media president Robert Peters, speaking about fighting Internet porn, which some say is becoming more mainstream. (AP)

STATE

2 Beaumont students killed in bus accident

DEVERS (AP) — Two members of a Beaumont high school girls soccer team were killed Wednesday after their bus overturned, according to Texas Department of Public Safety officials.

The charter bus was traveling to Humble, near Houston, for a game when it overturned around 2:30 p.m. on Highway 90, about three to four miles east of Devers. DPS officials did not immediately say what caused the one-vehicle accident.

On board were 25 people: 22 students, two coaches and a bus driver. Two unidentified female students were killed while others on the bus were taken to hospitals in Beaumont and Liberty.

The students were from West Brook High School.

NATION

Bush blames Saddam for Iraq's instability

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Wednesday that Saddam Hussein, not continued U.S. involvement in Iraq, is responsible for ongoing sectarian violence that is threatening the formation of a democratic government.

In his third speech this month to bolster public support for the war, Bush worked to counter critics who say the U.S. presence in the war-torn nation is fueling the insurgency. Bush said that Saddam was a tyrant and used violence to exacerbate sectarian divisions to keep himself in power, and that as a result, deep tensions persist to this day.

"The enemies of a free Iraq are employing the same tactics Saddam used, killing and terrorizing the Iraqi people in an effort to foment sectarian division," Bush said.

WORLD

Liberia's Taylor jailed at war-crimes tribunal

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — A handcuffed Charles Taylor was flown to Sierra Leone Wednesday after he was captured carrying sacks of cash, opening the way for the former Liberian president to become the first African head of state tried for war crimes by an international court.

Looking dejected, Taylor was led behind a razor-wired gate to the holding penitentiary at the U.N.-backed Sierra Leone court that has indicted him on 17 counts of crimes against humanity for supporting brutal rebels.

On Tuesday night, police caught Taylor in northern Nigeria, wearing a safari suit and carrying sacks full of dollars and euros in his car, which bore diplomatic plates. He was trying to cross the border to Cameroon.

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Curry to add spice to Lady Raiders

By TRAVIS CRAM
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

One interview is all Texas Tech needed. Tech will hold a news conference at 2:30 p.m. today to announce Kristy Curry as the successor to Marsha Sharp as head coach of the Lady Raiders.

Purdue Associate Athletic Director for Communications Jay Cooperider said Curry contacted the Boilermaker athletics department on her way back to West Lafayette, Ind., after she spent two days in Lubbock meeting with Tech officials.

"We got word from her while she was on the plane," he said. "She immediately sat down with our athletic director and then met with her players at an off-campus location to let them know she would be succeeding Marsha Sharp."

Curry had a successful track record at Purdue, leading the Boilermakers to an NCAA berth in each of her seven seasons while carrying a tournament record of 15-7.

Before news of her hiring became official, Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said

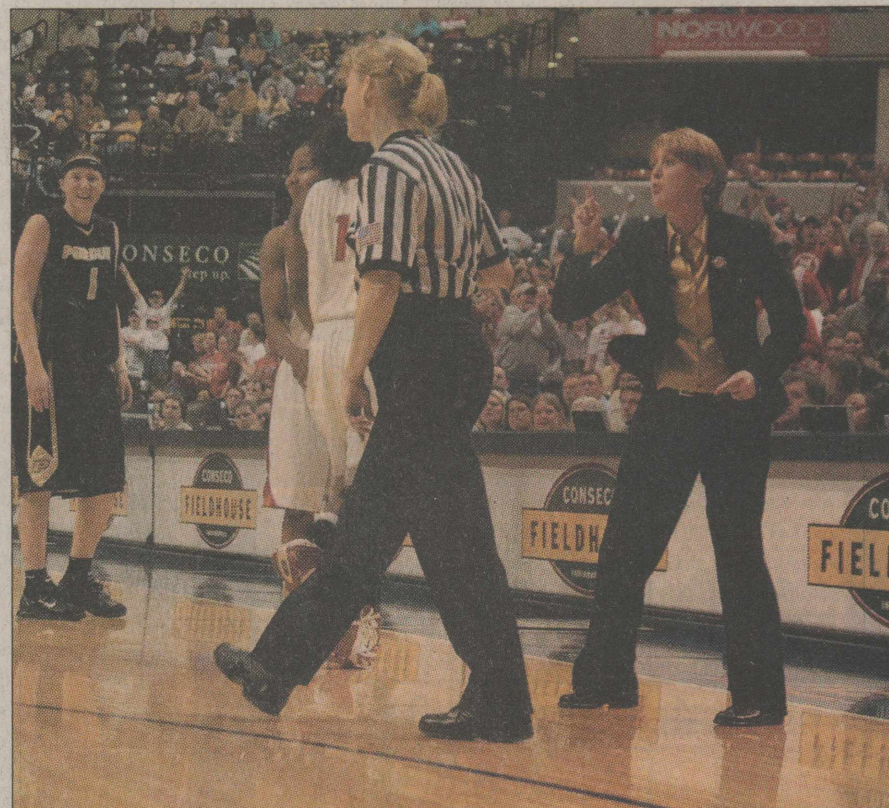
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MEET KRISTY CURRY

FULL NAME: Kristy Lynn (Sims) Curry
HOMETOWN: Olla, La.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- One-hundred wins in 126 games as a head coach.
- Two Big Ten regular season titles.
- Three Big Ten Tournament titles with a 14-4 record.
- Made NCAA Tournament all seven seasons at Purdue.
- 15-7 record in NCAA Tournament.
- Average of 25.5 wins per season at Purdue.
- 12 players have been named Academic All-Americans over the last five years.
- All Boilermaker players who have started their careers under Curry graduated from Purdue.



PATTIE QUACKENBUSH/The Purdue Exponent

NEW TEXAS TECH Coach Kristy Curry, then of Purdue, yells at the referee prior to getting a technical foul in the Big Ten Tournament Championship on March 6.

Saddle Tramps to lose Tech funding following hazing

By MEGHANN LORA
ASSOCIATE NEWS/COPY EDITOR

Although the victory bells rang out Wednesday after the win by the Texas Tech baseball team, the Saddle Tramps are not in the clear for a reported incident of hazing that occurred Jan. 27.

The organization has been placed on deferred disciplinary suspension for three years and will lose funding from the university, but will be able to carry on the traditions of the Saddle Tramps.

Director of Student Judicial Programs Jennifer Hammat conducted an administrative hearing March 23 for the Saddle Tramps to determine if the reported incident warranted disciplinary action by the university. The Saddle Tramps chose to have an administrative hearing instead of going before the university's disciplinary committee.

According to police reports, members and prospective members of the Saddle Tramps were conducting an initiation ceremony in costume near the Bell Tower of the Administration building.

"They were placed on deferred disciplinary suspension for three years," Hammat said.

As part of the suspension, Student Judicial Programs will closely monitor the Saddle Tramps during this three-year period.

"The decision letter went out Monday afternoon. There was a lot of information, and I needed some time to think about it,"

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Shackin' Up

By MICHELLE CASADY
STAFF WRITER

Though Hurricane Katrina and the aftermath might not be in the headlines as much anymore, one campus organization is holding a fundraiser to help the victims this weekend.

Beginning at noon Friday and ending at 6 p.m. Saturday, Cross Campus Student Ministries will host a 30-hour homeless simulation, or a "shack-a-thon," at the corner of 19th Street and University Avenue.

All participants are encouraged to build their own makeshift house out of cardboard, tarps and other basic materials.

"We'll take anyone who wants to participate. If we get just 10 people that would be great. We just want to get awareness out," said Cross Campus Student Ministries President, Tyson Thacker, a junior engineering technology major from Borger.

Thacker said the idea for the shack-a-thon came from Jeff

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COURTESY PHOTO

FROM LEFT, TEXAS Tech students Tyson Thacker, Caity McKee and Lynsey Jones pose outside their cardboard shack.

THE GREAT DIVIDE



DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Treador

DELTA GAMMA'S MIKELA Moss-Ukena, a junior English major from Weatherford, reads trivia questions to Delta Chi's Jonathan Irwin, a sophomore biology major from Houston, and Kappa Delta's Emily Gregerson, a sophomore interior design major from El Paso, during the battle of the sexes competition Tuesday afternoon in Greek circle.

Seven Heaven: Sleep study shows optimal length of snooze sessions

By DANIELLE NOVY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Whether college students are sleep-deprived thanks to late nights from partying or studying, the quantity of tired, yawning Red Raiders is telling the tale that many are simply not getting enough shut-eye.

Daniel Kripke, a professor of psychiatry at the University of California in San Diego, is speaking out about his research on sleep-related issues and banning long-standing myths about exactly how much rest promotes a healthy lifestyle.

In a telephone interview, Kripke said his research pointed to seven hours of sleep per night as the optimum amount to increase one's survival rate.

Additionally, Kripke said he does not necessarily believe college students are clocking in far fewer hours of rest than the rest of the nation.

"I think the average sleep of a college student may not be too different from that of the average American," he said.

For those who are having trouble drifting off at night, Kripke has tagged some possible culprits that could be making sleep an elusive entity. He said problems often are linked to depression or a delayed body clock.

Offering some basic advice on how to make the most of one's nights, he said plenty of exposure to bright light, especially in the morning, is key for those struggling with a

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Apple sets new volume control for recent iPods

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Apparently, Apple Computer Inc. is listening. In a world where hearing problems are real, concerns are mounting and lawyers are looking to make gadget providers liable, the maker of the predominant iPod music player has created new volume controls.

Apple issued a software update Wednesday for its recent iPod models — the Nano and the video-capable iPod — allowing users to set how loud their digital music players can go.

Parents also can use the feature to impose a maximum volume on their child's iPod and lock it with a code.

Sandy Liao, a Fremont mother of two, welcomed the development, although she wants to see Apple eventually add the feature to the models she has, the Shuffle.

She had specifically avoided buying her children any kind of portable music or CD player out of concern they would damage their ears, but a friend gave a Shuffle to each of her children, ages 9 and 10, as gifts last year.

"It would be great if I could get the volume controls for them, too," she said.

Apple representatives said little about why they made the change, issuing only a statement.

"As the leading provider of digital music players, Apple continuously brings iPod customers innovative and easy-to-use solutions," said Greg Joswiak, Apple's vice president for iPod marketing. "With the increased attention in this area, we want to offer customers an easy-to-use option to set their own personal volume limit."

Whether or not Apple is responding to legal challenges or specific consumer requests, tech industry analyst Michael Gartenberg of JupiterResearch said the issue clearly is a concern, and "Apple is acting in a responsible way to address it."

Earlier this year, a Louisiana man filed a lawsuit against Apple, claiming that the iPod can cause hearing loss in people who use it.

The devices can produce sounds of more than 115 decibels, a volume that can damage the hearing of a person exposed to the sound for more than 28 seconds per day, according to the complaint filed in U.S. District Court in San Jose, Calif.

Jill Carroll's twin pleads for sister's release

BOSTON (AP) — The twin sister of kidnapped journalist Jill Carroll pleaded for her release on Arab television Wednesday, saying her sister is a "wonderful person" who is an "innocent woman."

Katie Carroll read a statement on Al-Arabiya, noting that there had been no word from her sister's captors in Iraq in almost two months.

"I've been living a nightmare, worrying if she is hurt or ill," Katie Carroll said, according to a transcript released by the *Christian Science Monitor*. "There is no one I hold closer to my heart than my sister and I am deeply worried wondering how she is being treated."

Carroll, a freelance writer for the Boston-based *Monitor*, was kidnapped in Baghdad on Jan. 7 by gunman who killed her translator.

"No family should have to endure having their loved one taken away from them in this way," Katie Carroll said Wednesday.

The *Monitor* also published photographs of the Carroll sisters Wednesday, including one taken in July 1982 when the twins were 5 years old and wearing their jet-black hair in pigtails.

Jill Carroll grew up in Ann Arbor, Mich., and graduated from the University of Massachusetts.

Jill Carroll's captors were demanding the release of all women detainees in Iraq and had set a deadline for Feb. 26. Nothing has been heard from her or her captors since that date passed.

Katie Carroll also thanked the Iraqi people for their support during the ordeal. She quoted Siham Faraj, an Iraqi mother who spoke of Jill Carroll after her own daughter was released from detention.

"Jill is a very good person," Katie Carroll said, quoting Faraj. "Don't worry, she's coming back home."

"God never forgets good people."

Senate passes ethics bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate passed an election-year ethics package Wednesday that was heavy on disclosing lawmaker contacts with lobbyists but light on outright prohibitions — and with no independent office to police it all.

The legislation would bar lawmakers from accepting gifts or meals from lobbyists or moving quickly to lobbying jobs after retiring. But members of Congress could still use corporate jets for the price of a first-class ticket and accept free lodging, travel and meals from non-lobbyists.

"Trust is the foundation of our democratic government," Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said moments before the Senate voted 90-8 for the first lobbying overhaul bill in a decade. "With the public opinion of Congress at an all-time low, we have to do a better job of retaining that trust and that confidence."

The vote came just hours after a U.S. District judge in Miami sentenced former lobbyist Jack Abramoff, whose influence-peddling activities spawned the Senate action, to five years and 10 months in prison on conspiracy and wire fraud charges.

The legislation also seeks to restrain earmarks, those thousands of special projects that make their way into legislation. Former Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., went to prison this year after using the earmark process to help defense contractors who had given him bribes.

The House is now working on its version of the bill, which also is expected to emphasize greater disclosure of lobbying activities. House leaders are also pushing for a provision to restrict political groups that are permitted to accept donations of unlimited size. Such groups have tended

to favor Democrats, and Senate Democrats vowed to keep that out of the final bill.

Republicans and Democrats, in a rare show of bipartisanship, defended the Senate bill against critics who said it didn't go far enough. It's a "measured response to this scandal," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., "ensuring that special interests cannot operate under a cloak of darkness."

The bill bans lobbyists from giving gifts or meals to lawmakers, and requires lobbyists to file quarterly electronic reports of their activities, up from the current two times a year.

Lobbyists must also disclose their contributions to officeholders and political fundraisers and their "grass-roots" lobbying activities — helping clients to encourage the general public, through mass mailings or ads, to contact federal officials.

Senators must get pre-clearance from the ethics committee before embarking on privately funded trips and, when accepting rides on corporate jets, must reveal who was on board.

Lawmakers and other senior executive branch officials must wait two years, up from the current one, before accepting jobs as lobbyists trying to influence the institution where they formerly served.

But lawmakers and clean government groups who saw the scandals as a golden opportunity to enact far-reaching reform expressed disappointment in the final product. The sponsors turned back efforts to ban privately funded trips or force lawmakers traveling by corporate jets to pay more expensive charter rates, rather than the first-class ticket prices they now pay.

"With the public opinion of Congress at an all-time low, we have to do a better job of retaining that trust and that confidence."

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Snooze

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delayed body clock because it is designed to help one's body clock reset itself.

"We also recommend that people use their bed only for sleep, and perhaps for sex, too," he said. "The bed should not be associated with stress-

Curry

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Curry possesses all the qualities a program would want in a coach.

"She is a very successful coach; she's had teams do well in the NCAA Tournament, and obviously her record speaks for itself," he said. "(We) feel like she has the talent and ability to continue the success of the Lady Raider program."

Cooperider said for Curry to be near her native roots in Louisiana was probably a strong reason for her decision to leave Purdue.

"Plus it's a very attractive job," he said.

Curry started her coaching duties at the high school level at Mansfield High School in Mansfield, La., (1990-91).

She moved to the collegiate level as an assistant at Stephen F. Austin (1993-94), where she also received a master's degree in kinesiology. She later coached at Texas A&M (1994-96).

Curry took the reigns at Purdue in 1999, leading the Boilermakers to a Big 10 title her first season after Purdue won the national title.

Although Curry did not win a

national championship, she did lead her squad to the title game in 2001, only to be ousted by Notre Dame.

Cooperider said although she never won the big one, the Boilermakers have only benefited from her time there.

"When you look at Purdue and what she has done. She has definitely left the program in better shape than when she found it," he said.

The hiring of Curry comes just days after Purdue was edged out 70-68 by No. 1 North Carolina in the women's NCAA Sweet 16.

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ful activity; anything as arousing as studying should be done outside of bed."

Kripke said college students should avoid staying up late Saturday and Sunday nights because the effects of one's weekend sleeping habits pour over into the next workweek.

"Drugs and alcohol are not good for sleep, either," he said. "Not getting outdoors also causes negative effects."

On the other side of the coin, exercise and learning how to relax are important for developing good

snoozing habits.

According to a news release, more than one million adults have participated in Kripke's studies, which are highlighted this week in honor of National Sleep Awareness Week, which extends through Sunday.

Some Texas Tech students offered responses about their own sleeping habits and how to stretch a little shuteye and make it go a long way.

Risa Godina, a junior marketing major from Chiba, Japan, said she sleeps about eight hours per night on

average, which gives her the energy she needs to go about her day.

"I ride my bicycle so I try to get at least 15 minutes of exercise a day," she said. "I also walk my dog; I think exercise really helps."

She said she would point to daily stressors as factors that prevent many students from getting the sleep their bodies need.

"They tend to be stressed out about school and their private life, like their boyfriend or girlfriend," Godina said.

Meanwhile, Homer Torres, a junior mechanical engineering major from Andrews, said while he catches about six hours of sleep on an average night, big exams cut into his sleeping schedule leaving him with as little as three hours per night.

"I only got about three hours of sleep last night," he said with a laugh. "Working less and not procrastinating would help me get more sleep."

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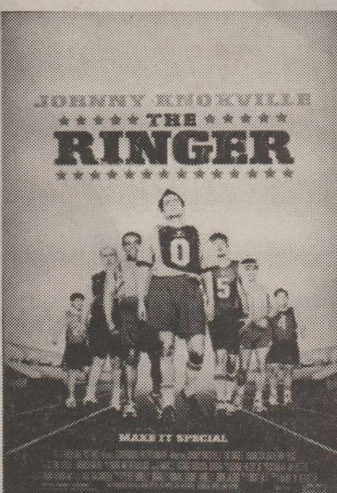
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Texas SC hopeful planning walk for justice

In an attempt to put a halt to partisan voting for judges, candidate William Moody is taking a hike

By MICHELLE CASADY
STAFF WRITER

Most candidates get their message out through billboards, fliers, television interviews and newspapers. This is only half-true for William Moody.

Moody is running for a spot as a judge on the Texas Supreme Court. Part of his campaign trail includes a "March for Justice." This will be a roughly 900-mile walk from El Paso to the Louisiana-Texas border.

"It's a real grass roots approach, just getting to people where they live," said Amanda Galbraith, president of Texas Tech Law Democrats and a second-year law student from Victoria. "He tells people, 'This is how our system currently works, and this is how I want it to work.'"

Moody is making this march in objection to the current partisan election of judges in Texas.

"I really want to change the system," he said. "We've had the same system since 1876."

Moody gave a speech concerning the negative aspects of the current system Wednesday afternoon in the forum of

the Tech law school. The speech was entitled, "Running (or Walking) for Office: The Judicial Selection Process in Texas."

State Sen. Robert Duncan also was in attendance. Duncan is a proponent of judicial selection reform.

Joe Moody, a third-year law student from El Paso, son of William Moody, and campaign coordinator said he believes the march is a great idea.

"The point of this (March for Justice) is not just to get elected, but also to bring attention to the issue," Joe Moody said. "I mean, look at Martin Luther King, Cesar Chavez, Gandhi and others. Marches are just a great way to bring attention to issues. This is an issues driven race."

Joe Moody said his father ran for Texas Supreme Court in 2002 but found there was no really effective way to get his message out as a judicial candidate.

By taking the focus off of party affiliation, William Moody said he hopes focus will be placed on more important things.

"I'm not against electing judges. How

else would we get rid of the bad ones?" William Moody said. "I'm just against the partisan election of judges."

He said by electing judges there is a better chance of the public being able to remove ineffective judges.

"The lawyers will start complaining to the media ... the media will go after the judge ... if he or she really is a bad judge, then the people will remove that judge," William Moody said.

He went on to say only three states have a system in place like the one in Texas.

"It's Texas, West Virginia and Louisiana. Those are the only three left, and the number's been going down ever since the turn of the century," he said.

William Moody said he believes the system in Texas did not develop problems until special-interest groups and money came into the picture.

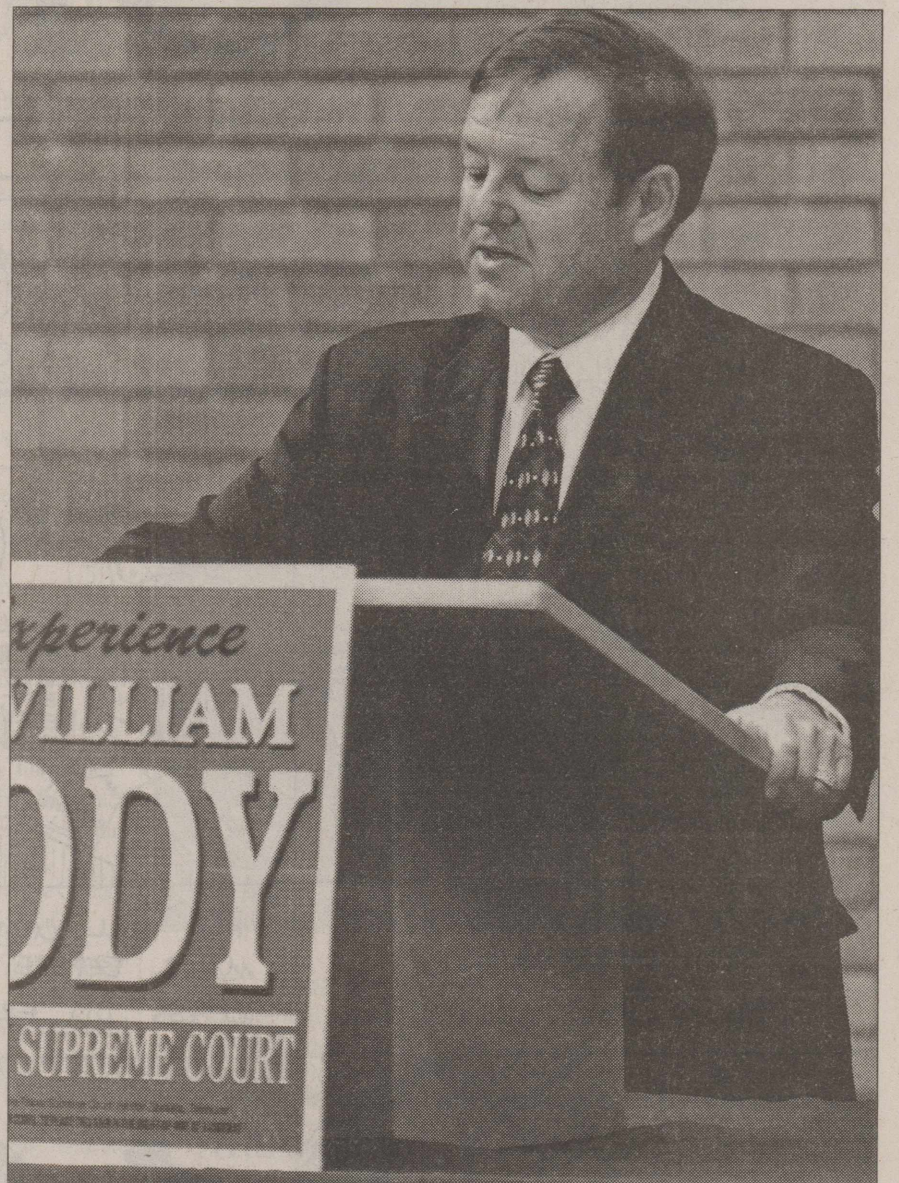
William Moody ran for Texas Supreme Court in 2002 and lost with 43.5 percent of the vote.

"I am really pleased with the turnout we had at the speech," Galbraith said. "I only hope this means we have people in the Tech and Lubbock communities who are truly interested in non-partisan judicial selection."

According to a news release, Moody is a graduate of the Tech School of Law and has been in the Texas judiciary for 19 years.

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WILLIAM EDWARD MOODY, candidate for the Texas Supreme Court, speaks in the Law School Forum Wednesday afternoon about the history of the Texas Supreme Court and solutions to the current problems.

Global warming unstoppable; still chance to stop major disasters

WASHINGTON (AP)—A man stands on a railroad track as a train rumbles closer.

"Global warming?" he says. "Some say irreversible consequences are 30 years away. Thirty years. That won't affect me."

He steps off the tracks — just in time. Behind him is a little blonde-haired girl left in front of the roaring train.

The screen goes black. A message appears: "There's still time." It's just an ad, part of a campaign from the advocacy group Environmental Defense, which hopes to convince Americans they can do something about global warming, that there's still time.

But many scientists are not so sure that the oncoming train of global warming can be avoided. Temperatures are going to rise for decades to come because the chief gas that causes global warming lingers in the atmosphere for about a century.

"We certainly aren't going to stop that 18-wheeler that's rolling down the hill. In the short-term, I'm not sure that anyone can stop it," said John Walsh, director of the Center for Global Change and Arctic System Research at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

There are limits, experts say, to how much individuals can do. The best we can hope for is to prevent the worst — world-altering disasters like catastrophic climate change and a drastic rise in sea levels, say 10 leading climate scientists interviewed by *The Associated Press*. They pull out ominous phrases like "point of no return."

The big disasters are believed to be just decades away. Stopping or delaying them would require bold changes by both individuals and government.

"The big payoff is going to be for our children," said Tim Barnett, a senior scientist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in California. "Together, if we take a concentrated action as a people, we might be able to slow it down enough to avoid these surprises."

He and other scientists say it's too late to stop people from feeling the heat. Nearly two dozen computer

models now agree that by 2100, the average yearly global temperature will be 3 to 6 degrees Fahrenheit higher than now, according to Gerald Meehl, a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

Even if today the world suddenly stops producing greenhouse gases, temperatures will rise 1 degree by 2050, according to NCAR.

A British conference on "avoiding dangerous climate change" last year concluded that a rise of just 3 degrees would likely lead to some catastrophic events, especially the melting of the Greenland's polar ice. A study in the journal *Science* last month said the melting, which is happening faster than originally thought, could trigger a 1- to 3-foot rise in global ocean levels.

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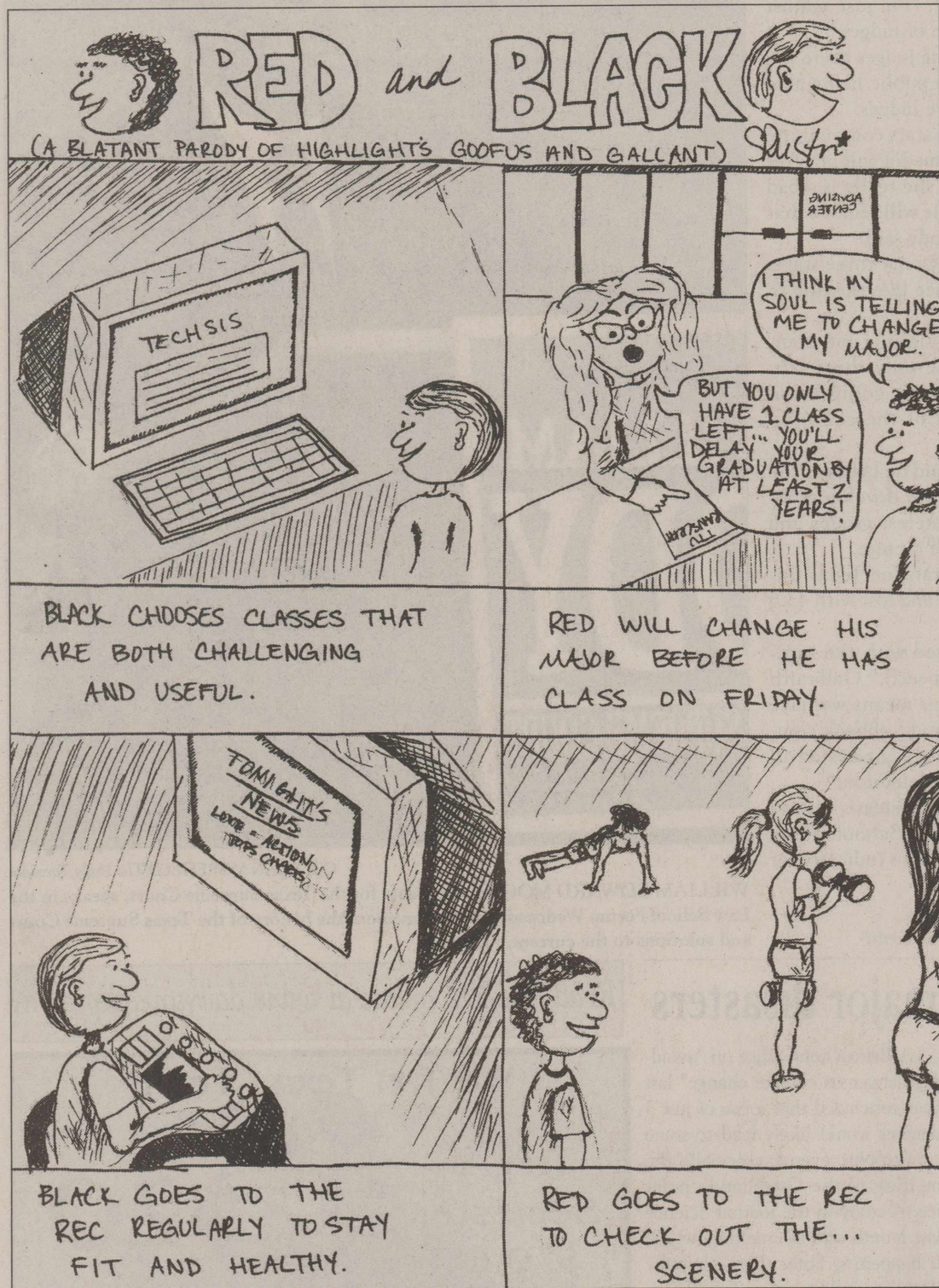
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kopf column against West Texas family values

Reading Monday's column by Abbie Kopf, entitled "Changes in the American family should be respected" seemed like a re-run of what I had seen on "The O'Reilly Factor" last night. O'Reilly had on Ron Luce of a Christian organization of high school and college students called Battle Cry, who were in San Francisco voicing their opinions about the popular culture — the culture that Kopf has so much affection for.

Sunsara Taylor, the leader of a counter-protest group was on also. She was spewing her hate for Christianity and America, and she was showing her adoration for abortion and gay marriage. This 10-minute episode was

a perfect illustration of two contrasting cultures, Kopf's liberal society on one side, and traditional, West Texas values on the other.

Kopf implies that stay-at-home moms are weak and stupid, and the traditional family is responsible for forcing children to work endless hours in factories for meager pay. She also claims Conservatives are bigots. I wonder if she even knows that Conservatives stand for racial equality while Liberals stand for racial preferences, the most blatant form of discrimination. Now, who's the bigot?

Kopf is a cheerleader for gay marriage. These are her words:

"Conservatives need to accept that the utopian nuclear family is a myth...let us adapt to the 21st century where needs and ideas have changed." Incredible! We Conservatives believe the family is the key ingredient to a great American society. So, we hold the institution of marriage in very high regard. Anyone who wants to trivialize or re-define marriage to fit a "21st century" way of life, is on the side of tearing down the family as an institution. And Ms. Kopf is the poster-girl for this movement.

— Brian Cloud
Sophomore business management major from Lubbock

Lubbock monorail: solution to Tech's current problems, cause of new ones

Normally I use my column as an outlet to air my grievances over trivial matters. I like to complain; its part of who I am. I hate my car, Wal-Mart, my sister's dog and the Whig Party. That said, I am not alone. Nope, complaining might be the most popular pastime on the Texas Tech campus. My day would not be complete without someone complaining about the liberal bias of *The Daily Toreador*, and then saying, "I didn't understand it, but I guess your column is kind of all right."

It has come to my attention that students also do not like the parking system currently put in place. And while I would normally dismiss these grumbles as the whines of a small and only mildly inconvenienced populace, that would make me unpopular, and you always should do what the majority wants, and that majority hates walking.

Apparently, it takes students upwards of 15 minutes to walk from their car to their class with distances, and I swear I'm not making this up, up to and including one-half of a mile. Now I know that our grandparents used to walk 13 miles to school and back, uphill both ways, through snow and blistering heat. However, they didn't have an inadequate and inefficient busing system to take them to

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If monorails are good enough for corporations like Disney and the Mafia, then Tech certainly can benefit.

and from class.

The buses not only do not run on time, but they also do not arrive with enough frequency causing students to be tardy for class. The answer is more buses. However, they rarely operate at full capacity and emit large amounts of pollution, thus decreasing the quality of the air in Lubbock. The answer is less buses.

So the answer to Tech's transportation problems is having both more and less buses? That makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. You know what does make sense? Well students,

there is nothing on earth like a genuine, bona fide, electrified, six-car monorail.

Monorails currently are in use at all Disney theme parks in order to quickly transport people from parking places in less populated states (such as Wyoming and Montana) to their theme parks in Florida and California, respectively, and in Las Vegas to quickly transport gamblers between the "Star Wars" slot machines and the "Price is Right" slot machines, which both cost a nickel to play. If monorails are good enough for corporations like Disney and the Mafia, then Tech certainly can benefit. There are of course some questions about this plan. Luckily, there are also some answers.

Wouldn't a monorail take up a lot of space?

Not really. They would take up around the same amount of space as the bike lanes, which we easily could get rid of (who cares about those hippies?) and replace with ugly concrete columns. The stations also would have to be elevated, so we'd have to build a couple of terminals in the parking lots, so we'd have to lose some spaces that way.

How much would it cost?
Around \$40 million per mile. Since we'd need about 10 miles of track, that's roughly \$400 million, which would easily be

Attendance policy shouldn't be enforced in most classes

Glancing over my syllabus for the courses I'm taking this semester, I realized that a significant percentage of my GPA this semester will not be determined by merit or competency. Rather, several letter grades worth of possible points are reserved for an attendance grade or a vaguely defined "participation" grade.

If a percentage of a course grade isn't explicitly designated as an attendance or participation grade, many professors employ a policy that allows a student an arbitrary number of "free absences." After these absences (usually two to five) are used, the professor will begin deducting earned points as a type of penalty for students who exceed this limit.

What this means is that you could be fluent in Spanish, ace the final exam and in fact spend your spare time reading Spanish novels and watching films like "Y Tu Mama Tambien" and still fail because you weren't in your seat from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Does this policy make sense?

If students don't fail, their GPA definitely can be affected negatively. Say attendance is worth just 10 percent. It may seem like a small number, but if it means the difference of a single letter grade, that attendance grade can mean a 25 percent lower grade on a 4.0 GPA scale.

It makes one wonder why any percentage of a grade should consider attendance. Why should a student's ability to remain seated for 60 minutes be considered an important part of their competency in history or biology?

A common counterargument for this stance is that, "In the workplace, you would never get away with not showing up."

Oh contraire.

According to *The Boston Globe*, 44 percent of U.S. companies offer telecommuting options, and smaller businesses also are encouraging working from home on either a full- or part-time basis. Reasons cited for this include increased productivity, greater employee motivation, as well as more effective use of business premises.

In fact, according to Network World Research Center, 43 percent of U.S. government employees work at home at least part of the time, and 76 percent of these employees cite greater productivity when they work

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from home.

In the end, it shouldn't matter where work is done so long as it is accomplished.

Translating this idea to universities, a student's work actually is to learn. And just as the Internet allows telemarketing to be so successful (actually increasing productivity in many cases) the Internet also is a powerful tool for gaining information.

We no longer reliant are on the testimony of a professor to gain information about enzymes or Asian philosophies. We can have journal articles e-mailed to us. We have Wikipedia. And certainly not least of all, we have the almighty Google search engine.

So for a professors to grade students on a subject like sociology or English on the basis of whether we show up to listen to them talk (and/or mechanically read Power Point slides), they are thinking quite highly of their position.

And think highly professors should, because it is their responsibility to impart more than the lecture notes on a power point, more than the information covered in overpriced textbooks containing information that can be freely obtained on the Internet.

We bring our drive, our young minds, and essentially our futures into the classrooms of professors. We deserve more than chapter summaries.

In fact, the only legitimate reason for professors to grade based on participation is if they espouse the idea that there is some transcendent quality about being physically present during class, which results in the student gaining something, which is only obtainable during class time.

To be sure, these classes do exist. I can think to the time that a professor pointed out aspects of geology while hiking in Caprock Canyon, or placed a camera in my hands and showed me a new way of looking at the world. I can think to the time a professor demonstrated the Irish 3s and 7s to me, or when another encouraged

fruitful discussion about the war in Iraq in regards to American foreign policy.

Yet in a time when classes usually contain more than 50 students and multiple-choice tests are the standard, these experiences are the exceptions, and certainly not the norm.

No, fruitful discussion and creative, beyond the textbook experiences are not why most professors impose attendance policies. Most professors believe they need those policies because they are the only way they can force students to actually show up to class.

It's probably true that attendance rates would drop in the absence of these policies. But this is not because hard work and responsibility have evaporated in the Information Age.

Professors should ask themselves not only why students don't come to class, but the more important questions of why students wouldn't want to come to class.

One possibility is that the students are lazy, in which case they should fail.

Other possibilities abound. Students may know they can learn the material and pass the exams without attending class. Another is that we are sick of bullet points on Power Point slides that will be later posted to a Web site, anyway. Maybe we know a professor will say nothing that isn't already in the textbook. After all, we did learn to read more than a decade ago.

If these scenarios are in fact legitimate, and I believe they are, poor attendance is not so much the fault of the student as the professor's, and students should therefore not be penalized for a professor's poor teaching ability.

Instead, professors should strive to teach beyond the textbook to provide something unique to the classroom. Classes need to integrate challenging discourse, and provide an experience, which amounts to something more than bulleted lecture notes and multiple-choice tests.

If this were the norm rather than the exception, attendance policies would disappear for one simple reason: Professors wouldn't need them.

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Lobbyist Abramoff gets nearly 6 years in fraud case

MIAMI (AP) — Assuring the judge he is working to become "a new man," disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff was sentenced Wednesday to nearly six years in prison for committing fraud in the purchase of a fleet of gambling boats.

He will remain free while helping prosecutors with a vast bribery investigation involving members of Congress.

Abramoff, 47, and former business partner Adam Kidan, 41, received the minimum under federal guidelines: five years and 10 months.

The two pleaded guilty earlier to conspiracy and fraud for concocting a fake \$23 million wire transfer to make it appear they were contributing their own money toward the purchase of the \$147.5 million SunCruz Casinos gambling fleet. Based on that fraudulent transfer, lenders provided the pair with \$60 million in financing.

Abramoff told U.S. District Judge Paul C. Huck that he had started "the process of becoming a new man."

"I am much chastened and profoundly remorseful," Abramoff said. "I can only hope that the almighty and those whom I have wronged will forgive me my trespasses."

He and Kidan were also ordered to pay restitution of more than \$21 million. Both must serve three years' probation after they get out of prison.

Prosecution says Moussaoui killed with his lies as his case goes to jury

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The death-penalty case against al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui went to the jury Wednesday after the prosecution asserted his lies were responsible for deaths Sept. 11, and the defense argued he had no part in the plot.

The nine men and three women on the jury will decide whether Moussaoui bears blame for at least one death that day. If so, a second phase of the trial will open that will determine whether he deserves to be executed.

If not sentenced to execution, the 37-year-old Frenchman will spend the rest of his life in prison.

"Zacarias Moussaoui came to this country to kill as many Americans as he could," prosecutor David Raskin said, wrapping up a case that saw Moussaoui make the startling claim — disputed by his own lawyers — that he was to have piloted a fifth hijacked plane Sept. 11 and flown it into the White House.

"Instead he killed people by lying and concealing the plot...that resulted in the worst terrorist attack in the country's history."

Raskin said Moussaoui lied "with lethal intent" when he failed to tell federal agents after his arrest in August 2001 about his al-Qaida membership and the plot to kill Americans using hijacked aircraft.

Defense lawyer Edward MacMahon countered that his client was merely an "al-Qaida hanger-on"

who had nothing to do with Sept. 11. He accused the prosecution of trivializing bureaucratic blunders that might have prevented the 9/11 plot from being exposed.

"Moussaoui was never involved other than in his dreams," MacMahon said, trying to minimize damage that Moussaoui might have done to himself when he claimed on the stand that he was to have crashed a plane into the White House on Sept. 11.

"The government cannot prove a hypothetical, what would have happened if Moussaoui had not lied," he said. "We will never know what could have happened in the 25 days between Moussaoui's arrest and Sept. 11."

He said of his client: "He's now trying to write a role for himself in history when in reality he's an al-Qaida hanger-on."

Moussaoui watched the closing arguments impassively but shouted "Victory to Moussaoui, God curse America," during a recess after the judge and jury had left the room. The recess preceded U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema's instructions to the jury.

Prosecutors contended that if Moussaoui had told the truth after his arrest, investigators could have tracked down 11 of the 19 hijackers. "The FBI would have had the names, the phone numbers, and their addresses in some cases," Raskin said.

The bottom line, he said, was that, "He chose Osama bin Laden and because of that, 2,900 are dead."

PLANT ONE ON ME



VANESSA VELA/The Daily Toreador

ANNIE DAHLSTROM, LEFT, a freshman international business major from Dallas, and Laura Collard, a freshman public relations major from Lake Jackson, review the herbaceous collection of plants for a horticulture test in the Horticulture Gardens greenhouse Tuesday afternoon.

Tramps

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Hammat said of why the decision was not made until three days later.

Saddle Tramps President Matt Tepper said he believes the decision made regarding the incident was an appropriate one.

"I feel that it is a just decision," he said. "The only people we can really blame are ourselves."

After the reported incident, the Center for Campus Life suspended the Saddle Tramps' status as a registered student organization. Although the Saddle Tramps will be on suspension for three years, Hammat said it could be reinstated as a registered student organization.

"Since the judicial process is complete, I would expect they will get a letter of reinstatement this week," she said.

Although they may be reinstated, the group still will not be able to receive funding through the university, Ham-

mat said.

"The nature of them being not in good standing — they will lose university funding," she said.

The Saddle Tramps received about \$8,000 from the university last year, Tepper said, to fund spirit projects such as wrapping the statue of Will Rogers and Soapbuds before home football games, and decorating the campus with streamers. Finding funding for these projects is a problem Tepper said the Saddle Tramps are thinking about.

"(Funding) has obviously become an issue," he said.

As part of the suspension, the Saddle Tramps will be required to educate members about hazing and provide documentation to the university.

"They are going to do hazing training every semester and will provide us documentation," Hammat said.

She said the Saddle Tramps have taken measures to ensure that no further instances of hazing occur.

The organization voluntarily has

committed to revamping their pledge process. They also have established an advisory board of former Saddle Tramps to oversee business of the organization. The Saddle Tramps will provide Student Judicial Programs with documentation of these changes, Hammat said.

The Saddle Tramps are making these voluntary changes to ensure their longevity on the Tech campus, Tepper said.

"We felt it was necessary," he said. "To ensure that something like that doesn't happen again, we felt it was necessary."

Although the administrative hearing is complete and the decision has been made, the Saddle Tramps still have options regarding their case.

"While the judicial process is complete, the appellate process is not over," Hammat said. "They do have the option to appeal the decision to the dean of students."

Tepper said the Saddle Tramps have not submitted a letter of appeal, but have until Friday to do so. He said the organization may be looking to appeal the part of the decision regarding the loss of university funding.

"We're looking into that process," he said.

The Saddle Tramps have cooperated throughout the judicial process and are altering operations within the organization, Hammat said.

"The group recognizes that there are some things that needed to change," she said. "They were ahead of the curve on making those the changes."

The Saddle Tramps are a high-profile organization on campus, but that did not alter the handling of the disciplinary case at all, Hammat said.

"The process is the same for any student group or organization," she said. "It's just like any other case, but this one's a little more public."

Tepper said the Saddle Tramps were glad to ring the victory bells again Wednesday, and the organization is looking forward to continuing the traditions on the Tech campus.

"We look to continue to be a constant staple on this campus," he said. "We want to keep the vision alive."

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- Light show source
- Speech impediments
- PC key
- Torment
- Perfect
- Kanga's kid
- Start of Evan Esar quote
- Cogito — sum
- Sushi selection
- Type of fire?
- Part 2 of quote
- More concise
- Most cunning
- Molts
- Last place
- Net of the cloth
- Off-the-wall remark?
- Local pol.
- Part 3 of quote
- Horse morsel
- Breathe in sharply
- Was in arrears
- Lone Ranger's sidekick
- Aromatic compound
- Pasta toppers
- Abandons
- Part 4 of quote
- Lewis Carroll heroine
- Dishonorable man
- San Obispo
- End of quote
- High dudgeon
- Actress Black
- German city
- Pub
- Long look
- Arrests

DOWN

- Type of duck?
- Culture medium
- Natural singers
- Performance extenders
- Scandinavian rug
- Like some paper
- Revered figure
- More rational
- Made haste
- Rob or Chad
- Air terminal part
- Despise
- Platte River people
- Builder's buys
- Info from schedules
- Dove's desire
- Survive beyond
- Lotus
- Table seasoning
- Indian address
- Santa — CA
- Yellow or Red
- "Die Lorelei" poet
- Wife/sister of Zeus
- Fulda tributary
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- Hamlin pest
- Parisian pronoun

By Alan P. Olischwang
Huntington Beach, CA 3/30/06

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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West Texas history in the spotlight

By RUTH BRADLEY
FEATURES WRITER

History applies to every field, said Robert Hall, office manager for the West Texas Historical Association, and to every person.

"Cows are not interested in history," Hall said. "People are interested in history. And it's because sometimes you've got to know where you've been to know where you've got to go."

This week Hall and other members of the historical association will help to present the 83rd annual meeting of the organization, which will be held from noon to 9 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza at 801 Ave. Q. The event will serve as a venue for students from colleges across Texas to talk about their findings on various subjects.

"This is for students, both un-

dergrad and graduate students to get experience giving scholarly presentations," said Monte Monroe, editor for the WTHA.

About 54 students will speak at the event. The presentations will concern a wide variety of aspects of West Texas history, including biographies of notable residents, development of the Old West, art in West Texas, education in the Old West and the music of the area.

"They're papers that kind of run the gamut of things that happened in West Texas," Hall said. "I think anybody that was interested in the history of West Texas at all, they would like to go to any of the papers, and hear what they have to say."

Hall said it might also be a good way for students to learn how to present their own findings, and give them ideas.

"It might stimulate something in their own study," he said.

The event is just a small part of the overall goal of the historical association.

"It is devoted to preserving and publishing the history, culture and economy of everything West Texas," Monroe said.

One of the main ways the organization does this is with their yearly publication "The Yearbook," a compilation of findings by historians across the state. The Yearbook has been published for every year the organization has existed.

"We write the history of West Texas," said Paul Carlson, former president for the organization and professor of history at Texas Tech. "If it weren't for us, there's a lot of history that would be gone."

Monroe, who also serves as archivist for Tech's Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library, said the organization is one of the oldest of its kind.

Another past president, David Murrah, said the group also is one of the best of its kind.

"It is what I would call one of the last of the really pure organizations," Murrah said. "At the West Texas Historical Association, everybody goes to the sessions because they are there because they just love West Texas history."

Hall said deep down everyone has this interest in history, and will someday realize a need to know where they come from.

"It becomes real important where you came from, and how you got there," he said.

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Top 10 working actresses

Earlier this semester I put out my list of top actors working in Hollywood today. Just to show I am not sexist, here is my list of the top actresses of our time.

1. Renee Zellweger — It seems every time this Texas-born actress steps onto the screen, she gets nominated for something or another. She already has an Oscar under her belt, as well as a hat trick from the Golden Globes. She is not shy about putting on some extra insulation for a role, and her vocal talents are far beyond most singers in the music business.

2. Hilary Swank — This "Million Dollar Baby" can go from starting her career out as the next karate kid, to winning best actress at the Academy Awards twice. Her acting range might be limited to the dramatic side, but she dominates that side with the greatest of ease.

3. Helena Bonham Carter — As far as depth and creativity, Carter is probably the best actress on this list. She stole every scene away from Brad Pitt and Edward Norton in "Fight Club," and then went on to become one of director Tim Burton's favorite actresses. Much of the time, she is on the sidelines as a supporting role, but, with every character she plays, she brings her trademark wit and charm.

4. Charlize Theron — At this year's Academy Awards, she picked up her second nomination, and, looking back at her film credits, there is no question she is one

Jeremy Reynolds



of the strongest actresses of today.

5. Rachel Weisz — After winning her first Oscar for "The Constant Gardener," Weisz is finally getting the recognition she deserves. What makes her stand out from the pack, is her down-to-earth acting and her dead-on characters.

6. Dakota Fanning — This one may seem like an odd choice, but there is no questioning her acting range. She already is one of the highest paid actresses in Hollywood and was completely overlooked at the Oscars this year for her performance in "War of the Worlds."

7. Julia Roberts — Roberts is the type of actress who can play any role. Whenever she steps into the romantic-comedy slot, she is on the ground she helped build. When she tries her hand at the dramatic side, her luck has been improving tremendously over the years. This is an actress who has staying power and will always be considered one of America's Sweethearts.

8. Naomi Watts — Watts has not had too many chances to prove she can do anything but scream like a young Jamie

Lee Curtis, but this Australian actress came into the business after winning over the heart of director David Lynch in the cult classic "Mulholland Drive." Watts may have a lot to prove of herself in the coming years, but there is no questioning she can hold her own with the best actresses in the business.

9. Natalie Portman — This Israeli-born actress is the definition of the under-the-radar girl. True, she has had a few big roles, including her newest "V for Vendetta," but most people overlook her actual acting talents. She is much more than an actress who has that cute quality that Meg Ryan wishes she still possessed. She has an acting edge that makes her a utility player for any director.

10. Kirsten Dunst — By the age of 15, Dunst had a Golden Globe nomination under her belt and was considered one of Hollywood's brightest young stars. Her role in "The Virgin Suicides" gave her dramatic credibility most other actresses can only dream of. She might be in multimillion dollar Hollywood films that gross more than \$300 million worldwide, but that does not change the fact she is one of the most solid actresses in Hollywood today.

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Smith, the organization's college minister and a graduate student in communication studies from Lubbock.

"He came across an article talking about another college that had one, and we decided it would be a good idea here," Thacker said.

The student ministries organization is the college youth group of Sunset Church of Christ. Smith said he hopes this will be the first annual shack-a-thon for Tech.

"We're just looking for anyone and everyone to come out to this," he

said. "Any fraternity of sorority that is interested is more than welcome to come out. There is such a huge need there (in Louisiana), and our money will make an actual physical difference for those who need it."

Rather than just sending the money to the victims via check, the organization actually is proposing sending a group of volunteers down to Louisiana to aid in reconstruction.

"We asked what they needed most, and what they need is help and workers," Thacker said.

Smith estimates the cost to send one person to help will be about

\$50.

"The more money we raise, the more people we can send," he said. "We do have modest expectations, since this is our first year to do this, but we invite anyone who wants to, to go with us."

Money is raised in a manner much like a walk-a-thon. Participants are encouraged to get donations based on the number of hours they remains outdoors. One-time donations also are encouraged.

"We need people to step up and help us out some," Thacker said. "We picked Katrina victims because we figured they're the ones that who

need it the most."

Thacker and Smith said the group of volunteers most likely would be in Louisiana starting Memorial Day weekend. From May 26 until June 2, the crew will work hand in hand with Hilltop Rescue to aid victims in any way they can.

"Anyone from the Tech campus who wants to go, we will definitely work on sending them to help," Thacker said.

Caity McKee, a freshman business major from Farmersville, said she is excited about the shack-a-thon.

"This is a great way to outreach on the Tech campus," she said. "It's

also a lot of fun."

McKee said Cross Campus Student Ministries sent a group of volunteers to help with Katrina victims during the Christmas break, and several volunteers are anxious to go back.

"We're just really hoping everyone will get involved," she said. "I'm ready to help anywhere they need me."

For more information or a participation packet, visit www.shackathon.com, or contact Smith at (806) 790-4654.

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TURNING POINT TOWNHOMES

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They'll take it: Raiders top Wesleyan in 12

By TREY SHIPMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Winds increased in Lubbock Wednesday evening, but Mother Nature probably wasn't the only one behind it. The increased gusts had a hand from the sighs of relief let out at Dan Law Field Wednesday evening.

The Red Raiders (20-9, 2-3 Big 12) defeated Texas Wesleyan (13-9) 12-11 in a game that included a combined nine errors (Texas Tech 3, Wesleyan 6) and seven unearned runs (Tech 3, Wesleyan 4). Though the 12-inning victory didn't come without a scare.

"That makes you old," Tech coach Larry Hays said. "We had some positive things happen and we had some negatives, but the main positive was we won."

Down 11-9 in the top of the 12th, the Raiders began their rally when freshman James Leverton reached on an error by Rams' shortstop Jason Diaz. Following a single by left fielder Roger Kieschnick, Willie Rueda's sacrifice bunt attempt was thrown over third base by relief pitcher Hayden Lackey, allowing Leverton to score and pull Tech within one.

After the Rams loaded the bases, Blair Wilkins was walked allowing Kieschnick to score the tying run.

Then in an unlikely series of events, third baseman Joey Callender hit a game-winning RBI groundout when Rams' shortstop Jason Diaz failed to attempt what might have been an inning-ending double play.

"I was happy to be up at the end of the game," said Callender, who in the

contest also hit his first home run in 340 career at-bats as a Raider. "I could have hit it better, but it worked out."

Kieschnick said though the tail end of Tech's victory might not have been pretty, it was still good to come out on top.

"Definitely glad we got a win, we'll take it anyway we can get it," he said. "Coming back when we were down by three runs, coming back when we were down by two and then winning, it's gonna help us out in the long run."

Entering the ninth inning, the Raiders might have had a sense of déjà vu as they watched their 6-3 lead vanish when the Rams rallied and secured the tying run after Matt Smith overthrew third base trying to prevent a Wesleyan steal attempt.

Sunday in College Station, in the rubber game against Texas A&M, first baseman Leverton overthrew shortstop Kyle Martin on what could have started the game-ending double play, but instead the error allowed the winning run to score for the Aggies.

Fortunately for Tech, history didn't repeat itself.

"A win's a win; at the end of the year you won't remember it," Hays said. "But I think we learned some things today. Sometimes you learn hard lessons and don't get away with it."

The Raiders found that out in College Station.

Wednesday Tech found itself knotted at six after nine-innings of play, and in the extra three frames entered a game of see-saw with the Rams.

"We had the game won and gave

it back, they had the game on and they gave it back," Hays said. "We set the game of baseball back a few years tonight."

In the top of the 10th Tech reliever Carleton Hargrove set the table for a Wesleyan upset. After allowing a single to Billie Hickes, he gave up a two-run home run to Rams' right fielder Jeff Piskowski to put Wesleyan up two, 8-6.

Hargrove allowed the next two Rams to reach before being replaced by David Dinsmoore.

Dinsmoore got the Raiders out of the inning but not before allowing another run and leaving the offense with a 9-6 deficit.

The Rams were in a giving mood in latter portion of the evening, as in the bottom of the 10th Lackey surrendered back-to-back doubles from Trey Stewart and Kyle Martin to start the inning.

Lackey then watched the left side of his infield collapse as they committed two errors, opening the door for Tech to tie the score once again.

Had it not been the Rams' late-inning collapse, the Raiders would have found themselves in the midst of a three-game losing streak as they prepare to host Baylor (17-8, 3-3 Big 12) in a three-game series this weekend.

"A win here tonight, after the circumstances, it's a lot better," Callender said.

Kieschnick agreed the victory over the Rams' was nice, but to get the same result against the Bears, some things have to change.

"They're a good team and we've got a lot to do," he said. "We've got to hit better, pitch better and play defense, everything against these big teams."

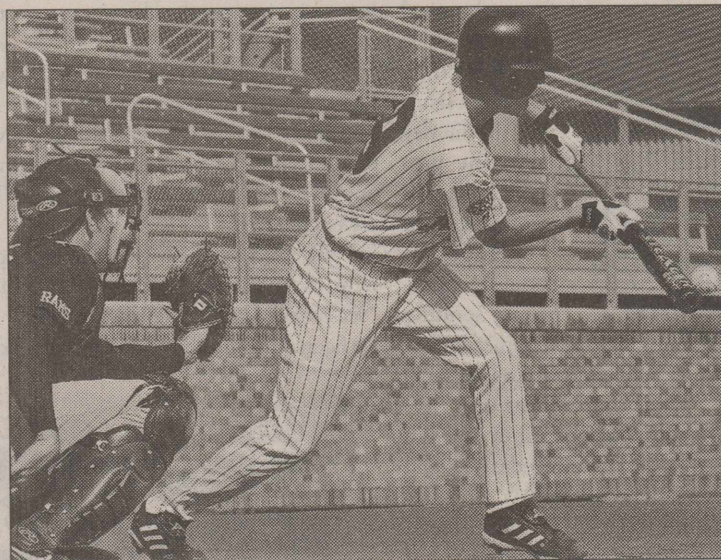
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TEXAS TECH THIRD baseman Joey Callender lays down a bunt in the Red Raiders' 12-11, 12-inning win over Texas Wesleyan Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

Lebron adds to Mavs struggles

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James was in seventh grade the last time the Cleveland Cavaliers played in the postseason.

And he wasn't even a Cavaliers fan. "I was a Bulls fan — all Michael Jordan back then. I'm all Cavs now," James said.

James helped end the NBA's third-longest playoff drought by scoring 46 points in a 107-94 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night, clinching Cleveland's first postseason berth since 1998.

The league's brightest young star will be playing in late April for the first time in his three years with the Cavaliers. James said he was pleased, especially after missing the playoffs by one game last season.

"I've always felt since I was drafted here that I was going to light it up like Vegas," James said. "I said that on Day One once I got drafted. It's been slow progress, but it takes a few years to put a building up in Vegas, too."

The Cavaliers were low-key about their accomplishment, leaving the court without celebrating.

"We have bigger goals than that," Cavaliers coach Mike Brown said. "If the fans want to celebrate and the city wants to celebrate, that's fine. We expected to be in the playoffs."

Against the Mavs, James was relentless driving to the basket and made several spectacular dunks. He shot 16-of-23 and 4-of-7 from 3-point range, adding five rebounds and four assists as he led the Cavaliers to their sixth straight win.

"Before the game started I pulled him to the side and said, 'Tonight you solidify your legacy,'" Cavaliers forward Donyell Marshall said. "A lot of people say he's not going to be a legit star until he makes the playoffs. You clinch it tonight what else can they say. Only thing they can hold him to now is a championship."

Dirk Nowitzki scored 29 points and Jerry Stackhouse had 23 to lead Dallas, which has lost three of four.

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SHORT HOPS

MLB TO INVESTIGATE PAST STEROID USE BY BONDS, OTHER PLAYERS

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball will investigate alleged steroid use by Barry Bonds and other players, and plans to hire former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell to lead the effort.

A baseball official told The Associated Press on Wednesday that final plans were to be announced at a news conference Thursday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because commissioner Bud Selig has not yet made his intentions public.

Selig's decision to launch the probe, first reported Wednesday by ESPN, comes in the wake of "Game of Shadows," a book by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters detailing alleged extensive steroid use by Bonds and other baseball stars. The commissioner has said for several weeks that he was evaluating how to respond to the book.

Some in Congress have called for an independent investigation. Mitchell, a Maine Democrat and a director of the Boston Red Sox, has been a director of the Florida Marlins and served on an economic study committee that Selig appointed in 1999.

Mitchell's possible involvement was first mentioned Wednesday in The New York Times. The name of a lawyer who will run the mechanics of the probe also was to be announced.

No matter what the findings of an investigation, it would be difficult for baseball to penalize anyone for steroids used prior to Sept. 30, 2002, when a joint drug agreement between management and the players' association took effect. Baseball began drug testing in 2003 and started testing with penalties the following year.

"I will only comment on things about Barry's on-field performance or contractual status," said his agent, Jeff Borris.

It is unclear whether current or former players would cooperate with an investigation or could be forced to do so by baseball. Gene Orza, the chief operating officer of the Major League Baseball Players Association, declined comment.

Under pressure from Congress, baseball toughened penalties last year and again this season, when an initial positive test will result in a 50-game suspension. Twelve players, including Rafael Palmeiro, were suspended for 10 days each following positive tests last year.

"Game of Shadows" details alleged use of performance-enhancing drugs by Bonds for at least five seasons beginning after the 1998 season.

Former commissioner Fay Vincent called this month for an investigation and suggested it be headed by Mitchell or John Dowd, who led baseball's 1989 probe into gambling by career hits leader Pete Rose, who agreed to a lifetime ban.

"I think the investigation is the right step," Vincent said. "I don't think the issue is punishment, I think it's: 'Shouldn't the players be called to task for cheating, even if there is no punishment?' I think baseball has to recapture the moral high ground."

An after-hours message left for Mitchell at his New York office was not immediately returned Wednesday. The New York Daily News first reported March 16 that Selig would launch an investigation, but Selig said no decision had been made at the time.

CARPENTER, WILLIS LOOK READY

(AP) — Chris Carpenter and Dontrelle Willis looked ready for opening day.

Carpenter allowed two hits in six innings to outpitch Dontrelle Willis, but the Florida Marlins defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 6-5 Wednesday.

"It's not my job to beat Dontrelle," said Carpenter, preparing to pitch at Philadelphia on Monday.

Carpenter, who defeated Willis for the NL Cy Young Award, began spring training with 16 consecutive scoreless innings and compiled an 0.67 ERA overall. The only run against him came Wednesday on a double-play ball in the first.

"I got my work in and I'm ready to go," Carpenter said at Jupiter, Fla. "I kept the ball down."

Carpenter won 21 games last year, and Willis won 22. Willis gave up three runs and six hits in six innings, his final outing before Monday night's opener at the NL champion Houston Astros.

There were a flurry of roster moves Wednesday, the last day to release players with non-guaranteed contracts on 40-man rosters without having to pay their full salaries. Among those released were pitcher John Wasdin (Texas), pitcher Ricardo Rodriguez (Philadelphia) and outfielder Tike Redman (New York Mets).

RANGERS' EATON HURTING AS OPENER LOOMS

(AP) — At Surprise, Ariz., Adam Eaton left his final spring training start for the Rangers after 1-1-3 innings, feeling pain in the same finger that sent him to the disabled list in San Diego last season.

Eaton came out because of discomfort in his right middle finger. He was scheduled to pitch the Rangers' second game Tuesday against Boston but said he probably would miss several starts.

"Judging by how it was last year, I'd say I'm going to miss more than a few starts," said Eaton, who ended up allowing four runs and five hits in the Rangers' 13-11 loss.



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