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STATE

Texas agency tightens procedures

AUSTIN (AP) — Because of a federal appeals court ruling, child welfare workers will be required to obtain court orders in most cases before removing allegedly abused children from their homes, officials said.

The ruling last month by a three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals will also bar welfare officials from automatically removing all children from the home if one child is alleged to be abused. While unrelated, the ruling came amid scrutiny of the state's removal of hundreds of children this spring from a polygamous sect.

NATION

New Orleans watches another storm brewing

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — On the eve of Hurricane Katrina's third anniversary, a nervous New Orleans watched Wednesday as another storm threatened to test everything the city has rebuilt, and officials made plans to evacuate people, pets and hospitals in an attempt to avoid a Katrina-style chaos.

Forecasters warned that Gustav could grow into a dangerous Category 3 hurricane in the next several days and hit somewhere along a swath of the Gulf Coast from the Florida Panhandle to Texas — with New Orleans smack in the middle.

WORLD

Western nations warn Russia to 'change course'

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Western leaders warned Russia on Wednesday to "change course," hoping to keep a conflict that already threatens a key nuclear pact and could even raise U.S. chicken prices from blossoming into a new Cold War.

Moscow said it was NATO expansion and Western support for Georgia that was causing the new East-West divisions, and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin lashed out at the United States for using military ships to deliver humanitarian aid to Georgia.

Meanwhile, Georgia slashed its embassy staff in Moscow to protest Russia's recognition of the two separatist enclaves that were the flashpoint for the five-day war between the two nations earlier this month.

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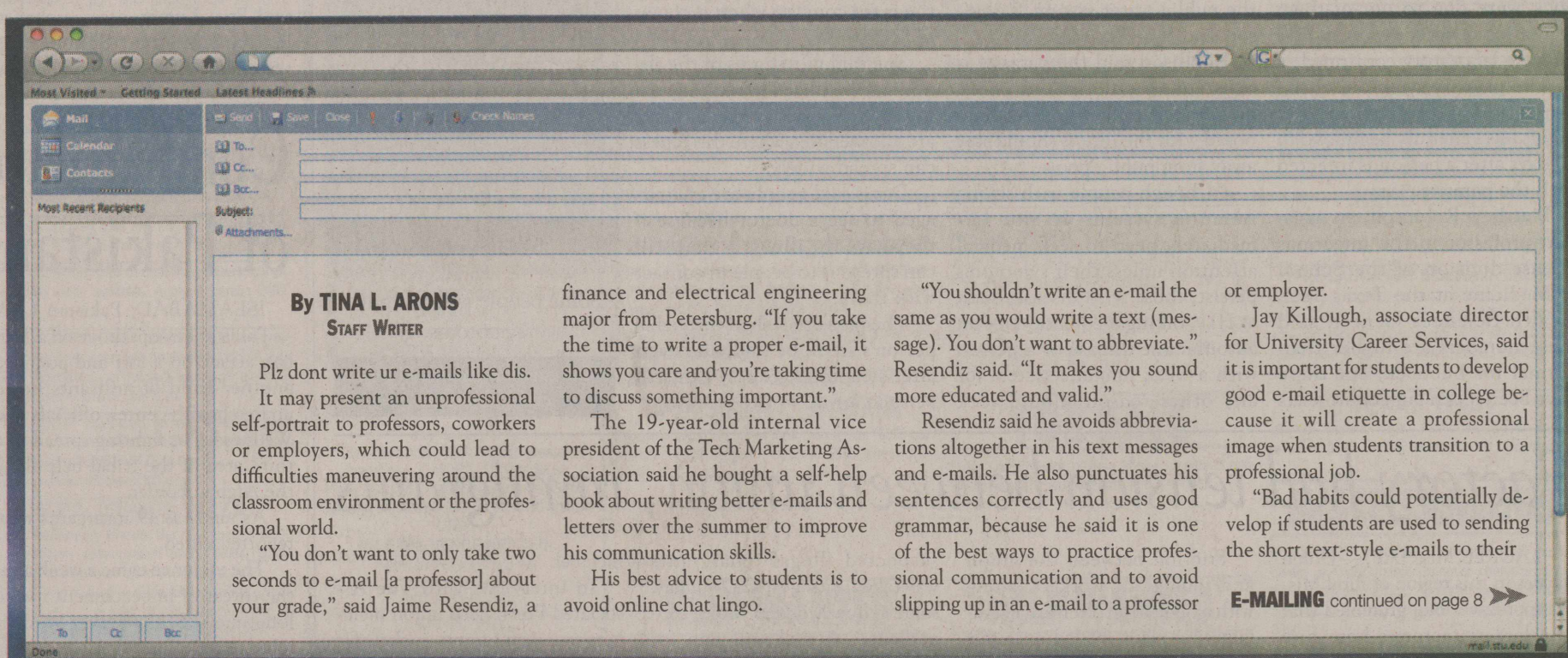
U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Poor e-mail etiquette frustrates professors



By TINA L. ARONS
STAFF WRITER

Plz dont write ur e-mails like dis. It may present an unprofessional self-portrait to professors, coworkers or employers, which could lead to difficulties maneuvering around the classroom environment or the professional world.

"You don't want to only take two seconds to e-mail [a professor] about your grade," said Jaime Resendiz, a

finance and electrical engineering major from Petersburg. "If you take the time to write a proper e-mail, it shows you care and you're taking time to discuss something important."

The 19-year-old internal vice president of the Tech Marketing Association said he bought a self-help book about writing better e-mails and letters over the summer to improve his communication skills.

His best advice to students is to avoid online chat lingo.

"You shouldn't write an e-mail the same as you would write a text (message). You don't want to abbreviate," Resendiz said. "It makes you sound more educated and valid."

Resendiz said he avoids abbreviations altogether in his text messages and e-mails. He also punctuates his sentences correctly and uses good grammar, because he said it is one of the best ways to practice professional communication and to avoid slipping up in an e-mail to a professor

or employer.

Jay Killough, associate director for University Career Services, said it is important for students to develop good e-mail etiquette in college because it will create a professional image when students transition to a professional job.

"Bad habits could potentially develop if students are used to sending the short text-style e-mails to their

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Herd makes \$15M endowment to Department of Petroleum Engineering

By MICHELLE CASADY
EDITOR

In 1957, Bob Herd was writing checks to Texas Tech for tuition. More than half a century later, he's still writing checks to the university, only now they come in the form of \$15 million endowments to the Department of Petroleum Engineering.

What had originally been planned as an anonymous donation ending up being a public donation — with Hance's suggestions — in the presence of Chancellor Kent Hance, President Guy Bailey and members of the Board of Regents.

"I told Bill, 'I wanna have a press conference,'" Hance said, "and he said, 'well, I'm not sure' and I said, 'we want people to know and this encourages other people to do the same.'"

Herd's biggest concern about making it a public donation was the obligation of making a speech.

After opening remarks from Hance, Herd took the podium for no more than two minutes.

"I don't think I've been this nervous in Lubbock, Texas, since I had to take a final exam," he said.

After his brief speech at the podium, Herd's wife, Pat, commented on his lack of enthusiasm for making public speeches.

"He might not give speeches, but he sure does lecture," she said to laughter and applause.

Pamela Eibeck, dean of the College of Engineering, said this endowment will be mainly used to attract and retain faculty in the department.

"There is so much demand to hire people that faculty can get two to three times as much money getting a job with Exxon Mobile or ConocoPhillips," she said.

The donation made by Herd will allow the department to offer more money to faculty in hopes of keeping qualified professors in the classroom. Eibeck said there currently are two open faculty positions of the eight available within the department.

"We would like to still grow after filling those spots," she said. "This will help make an immediate difference within

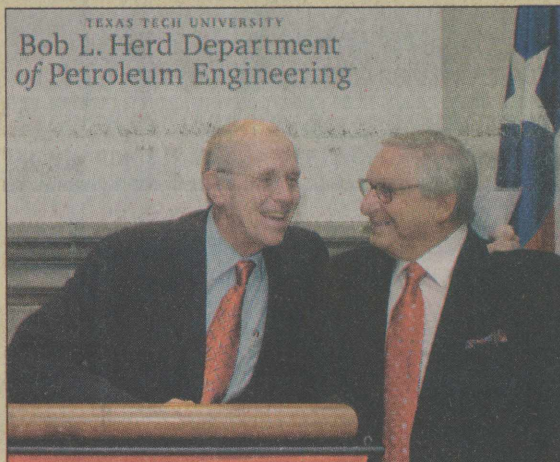


PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Treador
TEXAS TECH CHANCELLOR Kent Hance introduces Bob L. Herd, who donated fifteen million dollars to the Department of Petroleum Engineering, at a ceremony held in his honor Wednesday morning at the Market Alumni Center.

View a related video at
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the department." Herd's donation is not only unique because of the amount of money being given, but also because it is for a specific department rather than for a college in general.

"You very rarely see named departments," Bailey said. "But this is a transformative gift. This is that little bit extra to take us from being one of the best in the nation to the best in the nation."

Bailey said he believes the strength of a university can be judged by the support of its alumni. In this case, Tech appears to be heading in the right direction and Bailey said it isn't uncommon, when such a donation is made, to see a domino effect where other alumni will come forward and pledge support.

Hance and Herd have a history that has spanned 25 years. Back when Hance was running for U.S. Senate, he

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Tech, Harvard work to stop spread of HIV

By MATT COBB
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Researchers may have gotten one step closer to finding a solution to the HIV epidemic.

A group of Texas Tech and Harvard researchers have found a way to halt the spread of HIV through a new process called ribonucleic acid interference, or RNAi.

"RNA interference is a new gene silencing mechanism," said Premlata Shankar, who conducted the research while she was at Harvard University, but now works at Tech's Health Sciences Center in El Paso.

"It has generated a lot of interest because it's highly specific," she said. "It allows you to target individual genes."

Using mice that were infected with HIV, researchers were able to use RNAi to inhibit the expression of three genes in T cells, Shankar said. Inhibiting the expression of the genes protected the cells from HIV and prevented the virus from transferring to other cells.

This innovative process ultimately may supplement or replace the rigorous drug regimens that HIV patients are currently on, she said. Also, this potentially could reduce the side effects of typical drug treatments.

RNAi is the process of introducing a double-stranded RNA into a cell, which suppresses the expression of a gene, according to the MedicineNet Web site. The discovery of this process was awarded a Nobel Prize in 2006.

Even though HIV only infects humans, a team of scientists were able to replicate the human immune system in the tested mice, Shankar said. This is the very first time researchers mirrored the disease in an animal model.

"There have been mice who have been made to be so immunodeficient that you can inject them with human stem cells and they actually take them and develop a human immune system," she said.

In addition to halting the spread of new cases of HIV in mice, the RNAi process was also able to ward off infections from preexisting cases of the virus, Shankar said.

"We took cells from HIV infected individuals — so they were already established infections — and injected them into the mice," she said, "and we still saw protection."

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Democrats give Barack Obama historic presidential nod

By DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER (AP) — Barack Obama stepped triumphantly into history Wednesday night, the first black American to win a major party presidential nomination, as thousands of Democrats transformed their convention hall into a joyful, shouting celebration.

Former rival Hillary Rodham Clinton asked delegates to the party convention to make their verdict unanimous "in the spirit of unity, with the goal of victory." And they did, with a roar.

Competing chants of "Obama" and "Yes we can" surged up from the convention floor as the outcome of a carefully scripted roll call of the states was announced.

Obama was across town in his hotel suite as the party handed him its top prize — a ticket into the general election campaign against Republican Sen. John McCain. He was expected to briefly visit the Pepsi Center later in the evening to thank the delegates.

The polls showed a close race ahead, and Obama was hoping the party would leave its convention united despite the hard feelings

remaining from a bruising primary campaign.

Former President Bill Clinton did his part, delivered a strong pitch for the man who outmaneuvered his wife for the nomination. "Everything I've learned in eight years as president and the work I've done since, in America and across the globe, has convinced me that Barack Obama is the man for this job," he said, to loud cheers.

Michelle Obama, watching from her seat in the balcony, stood and applauded as the former president praised her man.

The convention ends Thursday

with Obama's acceptance speech, an event expected to draw a crowd of 75,000 at a nearby football stadium where an elaborate backdrop was under construction.

Obama's nomination was the main event of an evening that also included the installation of his choice of Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden as vice presidential running mate. Biden had the marquee time spot for his acceptance speech late Wednesday.

Hillary Clinton's call for Obama to be approved by acclamation — midway through the traditional roll call of the

states — was the culmination of a painstaking agreement worked out between the two camps to present a unified front after their long and often-bitter fight for the nomination.

Inside the convention hall, the outcome of the roll call of the states was never in doubt, only its mechanics.

"No matter where we stood at the beginning of this campaign, Democrats stand together today," declared Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida, a former Clinton supporter who delivered a nominating speech for Obama.

TODAY	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Isolated T-Storms	Isolated T-Storms	Isolated T-Storms
High 92 Low 65	High 88 Low 65	High 86 Low 64	High 79 Low 63	High 86 Low 64

Parasitic illness cases reported higher than expected in Lubbock

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

The city of Lubbock saw an increase in the number of cases of cryptosporidiosis, a digestive illness, from the normal eight cases in a 30-day period to 11 cases from Aug. 1 to Aug. 22.

Nine of the cases of the illness affected children from the ages 1 to 9-years-old, according to a Lubbock press release.

Eight of the 11 cases in Lubbock were due to out-of-town recreational water exposure, and all were laboratory confirmed.

The primary symptom of the illness is watery diarrhea, and symptoms generally begin two to 10 days after a person is infected with the parasite.

Matthew Robinson, an assistant professor in the infectious disease division of the School of Medicine at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said these numbers are higher than normal for Lubbock, but there have been much larger outbreaks

in the past.

In the early 1990s, he said, the illness contaminated the Milwaukee municipal water system and affected around 400,000 people in the city.

When the parasite that causes the illness enters someone's system, it is shed through his or her fecal matter. Others can then catch the illness through ingestion in public pools, those infected not washing their hands, and — much less likely — through the public water system, Robinson said.

Robinson said the parasite is resistant to chlorinated pools, meaning people who are diagnosed with the illness should stay away from public pools.

Although people with strong immune systems do not immediately need to seek medical attention unless their symptoms persist, those with diseases such as HIV, taking medication for an autoimmune disease or a person with a weak immune system for any other reason should seek

medical attention.

He said if cases were reported on the Tech campus — such as the pool or a food location — it would be important to find the source of the parasite.

However, he said the best way for students to avoid catching or spreading the illness is to constantly keep hands washed.

Judy Davis, a public health nurse for the city, said young people, old people and those with weak immune systems are the main concern when it comes to "crypto."

She said most cases of the illness can be traced to recreational water exposure, though day cares are another area where the illness can spread widely.

Davis said people are encouraged to see a doctor because if they have the illness as they still can spread it to people in contact with them.

The parasite is shed through a person's stool, he said, and even after symptoms stop, it can still be shed for up to two weeks.

Symptoms can come and go for up to 30 days, and some people will not have symptoms.

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POSSIBLE SYMPTOMS

Watery diarrhea

Stomach cramps or pain

Dehydration

Nausea

Vomiting

Fever

Weight loss

Some people will not have symptoms.

Information provided by the city of Lubbock.

Donation

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ran into Herd in Tyler, Texas. Herd made some donations to Hance's cause and he said he immediately liked Herd's demeanor.

"I knew he was a Texas Tech guy, and I went by to see him and got to know him, and we became good friends and we've been friends ever since," Hance said.

Since then they have remained friends both throughout Hance's stint as chairman of the railroad

commission and now more leisurely through golfing tournaments.

While Herd might not be big on public speaking, Eibeck said, she believes the impact his endorsement will have on Tech's petroleum engineering department will be felt for years to come.

"A public university has enough funds to provide a good education," she said. "But it does not have enough funds to provide a great education without the help of donors and alumni."

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HIV

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Even though there has been a lot of progress made on the research, it will be at least five to 10 years before there will be clinical trial said Priti Kumar, a researcher at Harvard Medical School. Researchers will run experiments on

larger animals before they can start working on a dosage for humans.

"This is one of the first experiments of its kind and it's no way close to therapy," she said. "We will be moving up to bigger primates before we even consider humans."

The study is posted in the Aug. 7 issue of the online journal "Cell."

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Combat flares in 3rd area of Pakistan border belt

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani troops drove off a Taliban attack on a fort and pounded another band of militants holed up in a health center, officials said Wednesday as fighting spread to a third area of the tribal belt along the Afghan border.

As many as 49 insurgents were reportedly killed.

The violence came a week after the threat of impeachment forced longtime U.S. ally Pervez Musharraf to resign as president, triggering a scramble for power that resulted in the collapse of Pakistan's governing coalition.

The party led by former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto until her assassination last December is now in a position to dominate the government and it is toughening its stance against Islamic extremists at a time when they are becoming increasingly bold.

The Taliban have claimed responsibility for a wave of suicide bombings, including one outside the country's biggest weapons complex last week that killed at least 67 people, almost all of them civilians.

Security forces have been waging offensives against militants for several weeks in the northern Swat valley and in the Bajur tribal area, considered a launch pad for Taliban operations into Afghanistan and a

possible hideaway for Osama bin Laden.

On Wednesday, fighting spread to South Waziristan, a tribal region that has seen a stream of suspected U.S. missile attacks on al-Qaida hideouts in recent months.

The military said 75 to 100 militants assaulted the Tiarza Fort around midnight Tuesday, but troops guarding the post and a checkpoint on a nearby bridge "responded effectively and repulsed the attack."

Its statement said 11 militants were killed and up to 20 wounded, but made no mention of any casualties among the troops. Spokesmen for insurgent groups could not be contacted to discuss the government's claim.

Aminullah Wazir, a shopkeeper in Wana, the main town in South Waziristan, said authorities imposed a curfew in the area Wednesday. He said shops were shuttered and the streets deserted.

"We heard shelling and gunfire almost all night," Wazir told The Associated Press by telephone.

The fiercest battles in Pakistan's restive northwest have been in Swat and Bajur, where officials say hundreds of militants have been killed by military operations and some 200,000 residents have fled their homes to escape the violence.

Iraq veterans endorse Obama

DENVER (AP) — Iraq war veterans brought their military credibility to the podium on Wednesday and endorsed Sen. Barack Obama as the best candidate to lead the military and help veterans.

Obama is challenged by GOP

Sen. John McCain, a former Navy pilot who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

Seeking to bolster Obama's credentials on security issues, Obama was formally nominated at the Democratic convention by Michael Wilson, 33, of Melbourne, Fla., an Air Force medic who served in Iraq. Wilson, a Republican, said Obama has wisdom and courage "to talk to our enemies and consult with our allies."

Rep. Patrick Murphy, D-Pa., 34, the only Iraq war veteran elected to Congress, addressed the crowd with 25 male and female recent veterans wearing dark business suits at his side. He said Obama has fought for better care for veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and to end homelessness among veterans. "That's why we are here and we are proud to stand with him as he leads the fight for a smarter and tougher foreign policy, so that we can finally end the war in Iraq, go after the terrorists who attacked us on 9/11, and defeat them where they are strongest, in Afghanistan," Murphy said.

McCain, a key backer of the troop increase in Iraq, is against a scheduled troop withdrawal. Obama spoke out against the war at the start and opposed the troop increase. He has said his plan would get combat troops out of Iraq in 16 months.

Off the stage at the convention, veterans from recent wars have attended fundraisers for Iraq veterans running for office and lobbied for better benefits.

Earlier Wednesday, thousands of people attended a Rage Against the Machine concert sponsored by Iraq Veterans Against the War. Afterward, about 50 veterans in military fatigues led a noisy but peaceful protest from the concert into downtown.

Factory had tension between union, immigrants

LAUREL, Miss. (AP) — Union bosses in this region of rural Mississippi have long grumbled that the largest factories here hire illegal immigrants, and that the immigrants were starting to get more overtime and supervisory positions.

Friction between the union and immigrant workers, along with a tipoff at an electrical manufacturing plant, boiled over this week into the biggest workplace immigration raid in the nation's history.

When the first of the 595

suspected illegal immigrants was taken into custody Monday, some fellow workers broke into applause. A spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said the investigation started three years ago after agents received a tip from a union

member.

In interviews with The Associated Press, both union members and immigrants spoke of a simmering tension. At least one immigrant said scare tactics were used to pressure people to join the union.

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For contest information and online submission forms visit www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/namingcontest or submit this form to TTU Office of the Registrar, West Hall room 112, MS 5015.

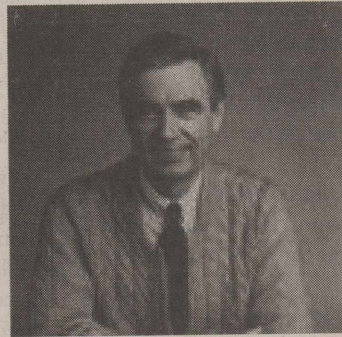
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*Submission deadline is September 15th, 2008.

"Won't you be my neighbor?"



The Student Government Association and Student Legal Services asks you to be a good Lubbock neighbor

Tips for the "Neighborhood":

Maintain your lawn

Abide by the local housing ordinances

Do not block or allow your guests to block your neighbors' driveway

Make sure your landlord allows pets before you get one

Keep the noise at what Mr. Rogers would consider a reasonable level

When having a party or gathering, inform your neighbors ahead of time, pick up any trash afterwards

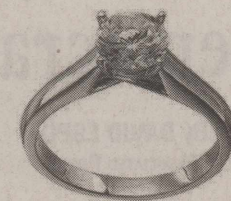
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ProjectFUTURE aims to inspire local youth

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech College of Education's ProjectFUTURE program aims to encourage local youth to go to college and pursue a career as a teacher.

ProjectFUTURE — Finding Unique Teachers through Unprecedented Recruitment Efforts — recruits sixth-grade students from area schools to participate in a seven-year journey toward a college campus.

The program provides first-generation college-bound students an experience on a college campus to spark an interest in further education, said Janie Ramirez, outreach specialist for the College of Education.

The program gives middle and high school students an opportunity to conquer fears about university life, she said.

"Through exposure to the collegiate environment on a frequent basis," she said, "more will end up in college."

The project was first known as the Dean's Future Scholars, until the Greater Texas Foundation began funding it in 2005, Ramirez said.

"The foundation's focus was to increase the number of teachers in Texas," she said of the Greater Texas Foundation's reason to fund the program.

With the Greater Texas Foundation funding the program, a new requirement was added to the application process, Ramirez said, making it necessary for students in the program to have an interest in becoming a teacher — not just attending college.

Jeannette Salas, a senior education major from Idalou who joined the program in the sixth grade, said she wanted to go to college as a sixth-grader, although her parents never had the opportunity to attend.

"I had cousins in college — one I looked up to so much," Salas said.

Each year, Salas attended academic seminars on campus with other students in the program, she said. As a high school senior, a tour guide's inspiring words set her on the path to become a teacher.

"She talked about a big need for teachers and she got me really motivated," Salas said.

Although Salas said she wanted to attend college before she entered ProjectFUTURE, she believes the program motivated her to follow through with her desire.

"College could've been a frightening experience," she said. "Coming here since the sixth grade, I knew what to expect."

The program also provides students with mentors to help settle fears they may have about college life.

For Salas, her Tech "buddies"

played an important role in her decision to attend Tech, she said.

"It was encouraging," she said. "They're actually in the same situation as me and they can do it."

Salas is not the only success story from ProjectFUTURE. A group of 12 entered the program with her from Idalou Middle School, and other students have gone on to attend college after high school graduation, Salas said. Her cousin also went through the program and now attends Tech and plans to be a teacher and a coach after graduation.

Ramirez said that the number of teachers must increase in Texas to meet growing demands. The program is proof that Tech is doing its part to put more teachers in the workplace. The program currently includes 400 students from the Lubbock, Frenship, New Deal, Lubbock Cooper, Roosevelt, Hale Center and Shallowater Independent School Districts.

The application process includes

a recommendation letter from a classmate and an essay explaining "Why I want to be a teacher."

With these two things and a parent signature, students are eligible to be part of the project, which allows them to attend a conference at the university each year, as well as the opportunity to be part of a residential camp during the summer.

Janie Ramirez said she believes ProjectFUTURE is important because "nurturing their interest in becoming educators early will insure that more of them will remain on track to become teachers."

Ramirez said parents have indicated that children in the program look forward to coming to campus each year and have strong feelings about college.

Salas said her parents were very excited she attends the university, not only because they are Tech fans, but because she is a first generation college student.

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Tech credits AlcoholEDU for fewer freshmen drinking

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

Though many Texas Tech freshmen may not enjoy taking the AlcoholEDU awareness class, Tech officials believe it is beneficial for them in their first year of college.

Amanda Eldredge, a Student Health Services health educator, said its survey results show a 15 percent increase in students who choose not to drink since the first year at Tech.

The program, which started in 2005 and was made a requirement for incoming freshmen in 2006, boasts the participation of more than 500 universities, Eldredge said.

About 1.4 million students have gone through the course since its inception nine years ago, Eldredge said.

Although there are no immediate consequences to students who do not take the course, she said students who skip the course face different consequences if they are later referred to Student Judicial Programs.

Eldredge said if students wish

to retake the course at a later period to learn updated information about alcohol consumption, they are allowed to take it but must call Student Health Services to receive special log-on instructions.

Klint Hobbs, a Tech staff psychologist, said he believes it is important for freshmen to go through the program because it can dispel myths about alcohol.

He has not viewed the entire course, but Hobbs said any effort to increase alcohol awareness could not hurt and even if only a few people benefit from the program it is a positive.

Hobbs said there are several other programs offered at Tech to help with alcohol awareness.

The Raider Assistance program helps students determine if they have an alcohol problem if they are not sure, she said.

Alcohol Awareness Week, which is Sept. 13-19, is a weeklong series of events and speakers that will educate students about alcohol.

The Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery on the Tech campus is another resource students can take advantage of, and while they focus more on recovery, they also provide

education about addiction.

Hobbs said he encourages anyone who attends the university to take advantage of these programs.

Dawn Owens, a victim advocate with Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Lubbock, said it is important to educate students about physical and legal consequences.

She said she does not know much about the AlcoholEDU program, but she believes the program is a good step in the attempt to educate students.

MADD has a zero-tolerance policy for underage drinking, but she said they do not condemn alcohol as a whole.

"If you're over 21 (years old), just be responsible," Owens said. "Plan ahead, designate a driver or drink at home."

The Lubbock group will have booths set up at two of the Alcohol Awareness Week events — Monday in Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Hall and 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Allen Theater in the Student Union Building.

The first section of the AlcoholEDU program was due Saturday and the second section of the course is due Oct. 20, according to the Student Health Services Web site.

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Gustav likely to bring higher pump prices

HOUSTON (AP) — The brief respite for consumers at the gasoline pump may come to an abrupt end if Tropical Storm Gustav slams into the petroleum-rich Gulf Coast and its numerous refineries, just as Americans begin packing up cars for the Labor Day weekend.

Gustav was downgraded from a hurricane to a tropical storm Wednesday after moving over Haiti, but forecasters expect it to regain strength and move into the Gulf of Mexico in a few days.

Oil companies with operations in the Gulf began removing non-essential workers from rigs, platforms and other facilities Wednesday

morning, and refiners were preparing too.

There have been some minor production cuts, but so far, output has largely been unaffected.

Still, oil prices spiked more than \$2 to above \$118 a barrel, rising for a third day as Gustav spun toward the Gulf. Its approach is just days before the three-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, which along with Hurricane Rita devastated the region's energy infrastructure.

The U.S. Gulf Coast is home to nearly half the nation's refining capacity, while offshore the Gulf accounts for about 25 percent of domestic oil production and 15 percent

of natural gas output.

Even a perceived threat to that infrastructure roils the energy markets.

Kenneth Medlock, an energy expert and adjunct economics professor at Rice University, said a run-up in gasoline prices as a storm approaches is not uncommon, prompted in part by fears of potential supply shortages in the storm's wake.

"Station owners have to value what's in their tanks based on what the replacement costs are — what's it going to cost them to buy off the rack, basically," Medlock said. "So when that price goes up, they're going to start raising the price at the pump, although it's usually a short-term thing."

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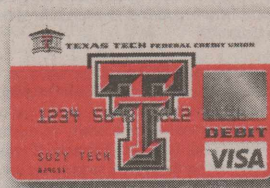
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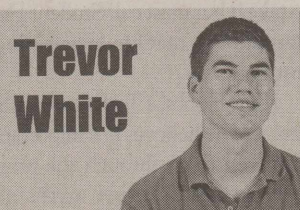
The great house debate

This past week we have been bombarded by finger-pointing and mud-throwing which is typical of presidential elections. But this year is different. This year, instead of hearing about differences in policy, beliefs or plans for the future of the country, we have been flooded with what I have now dubbed "The War of the Houses."

It is the most ridiculous and wasteful debate to ever make news in the mainstream media (and that is saying something considering that "Bigfoot" was found a few weeks ago) and I am happily going to add my two cents.

Of course we have all seen John McCain's answer to the question "How many houses do you own?" which started this whole mess. In an attempt to blow off the question he simply replied that he would have his staff look into it. Well apparently someone's staff looked into it and came up with the astounding answer of seven! What an atrocity!

Isn't it just terrible to think that after returning home from being held captive for multiple years in the jungles of Vietnam, John McCain didn't just sit back and wait on the government check to come in the mail to support him? Now, after almost a half century of using



Trevor White

the American free markets to build wealth, buy investment properties and of course marrying a wealthy heiress, is it all that surprising that he is well off? Should capitalizing on the American dream discount him from serving as President? I think not.

In addition to the ridiculous nature of the latest liberal smear attack, it also was not very well thought out for numerous reasons. First off, Barack Obama claims that since John McCain has seven houses, he is an elitist and is unable to relate to the average American. Should a person who pulled in more than \$4 million last year and is in the top one half of one percent of all wage earners really be making the claim that he is able to relate to the average person?

Secondly, Obama lives in a mansion in Chicago that he acquired with the aid of a convicted felon. He bought the house for \$300,000 less than it was on the market for and then it turns out that while he was in the Illinois Senate he alleg-

edly swung \$14 million in work to his felonious friend Tony Rezko, according to reporting last year by Tim Novak of the Chicago Sun-Times. Lastly, how hypocritical can the liberals get? How many houses do you think John Kerry owns? One or two maybe? Well actually it is six. Or what about the beloved liberal drunk Teddy Kennedy? Guess what, he resides at seven different abodes. I guess it's OK for them but not for anyone else that is running for office. You would think that they would make sure their own hand were clean before they started pointing the finger, but that would just be too much to ask wouldn't it?

All in all, John McCain used the entrepreneurial opportunities that came his way to become the successful person that he is today. Is that not what the American dream is? To think people would try to use this to dissuade others to vote for him is repulsive.

Business and investment is what fuels this country and without it we would not be experiencing the quality of life we do today. Senator McCain's seven houses don't bother me one bit. In fact, it inspires me to believe that he has experience in managing his accounts and will carry that experi-

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Dialogue needed over drinking age

STAFF EDITORIAL
THE DAILY COUGAR (U. HOUSTON)

The Great Debate continues. Not about the still-undeclared war in Iraq, not over the ethics of abortion or same-sex marriages, not even the exact number of votes separating the socialists or the fascists from the presidency.

No, we debate still whether prohibition works and, to a lesser extent, whether individuals should be allowed to decide what enters their body. The question is not whether "hard" drugs like cocaine or heroin should be legalized - though almost daily tragedies from this "war" ought to spark serious discussion - but over the simpler question of whether the drinking age should be lowered.

Even more of a buzz kill, the debate is really over whether college and university presidents and chancellors should sign their and their institutions' support to discussing openly the unintended consequences of a public policy mandating a 21-year old drinking age and to explore possible better alternatives. The answer is a no-brainer to anyone familiar with universities qua bastions of free thought and speech: Resoundingly, yes!

What piqued the ire of pundits across America? The Amethyst Initiative - a group of university presidents and chancellors reinvigorating dialogue on the undeniable ill effects of a 21 policy, John McCardell, professor emeritus of Middlebury College, brought the first group of presidents together in June this summer, when they discovered a shared dislike for the ailing effects of the policy.

McCardell also founded the non-profit Choose Responsibility in 2007 "to promote general public awareness of the dangers of excessive and reckless alcohol consumption by young adults" through research, outreach and education for "young people, their parents and public officials."

The Amethyst Initiative, while explicitly pro-dialogue, does not avoid the realities of the mandated drinking age. The reality is it is not working, and it is killing the most precious resource this world knows - human life.

Critics of the initiative whine that it is merely a way for universities to shuck off liability for alcohol-related deaths and lawsuits. Would they rather we all stick our heads in the

sand to avoid our own culpability for the destructive policy by continuing in the same manner in which we have failed since the policy was enacted in the early 1980s?

More enforcement and harsher penalties are not the answer. Zero-tolerance laws are the reductio ad absurdum of the enforcement argument, although lawmakers and social activists seem not to realize the absurdity of trying to eradicate a substance humankind has been coexisting with from time immemorial.

The results are sometimes laughably absurd, such as a high school senior in Virginia who was suspended 10 days and sent to a three-day county substance abuse program for violating his school's zero-tolerance policy on alcohol by using mouthwash on campus.

Zero-tolerance policies have some effects that are not so laughable. The policy induces higher rates of driving under the influence, since otherwise non-imbibing designated drivers will be prosecuted under zero-tolerance laws, anyhow. They also induce underage drinkers to drink away from elders, who might otherwise lend some responsibility and oversight to the scenario, yet are perversely forced to take a zero-knowledge, if not zero-tolerance approach in order to avoid legal culpability, the repercussions of which are increasingly stringent. A corollary to this is more increased driving under the influence.

Abstinence education is not the answer. Mothers Against Drunk Driving should take note from the lack of success of abstinence-only sex education. Implicit in such "education" is that the activity in question is good for one purpose - whatever ill the group decrying the activity finds, brings their cause the most short-term media exposure. In the case of sex education, "sex yields pregnancy" was the facile equation touted across the country. With more forms of contraception available, the content has changed to "sex yields untreatable diseases."

Although both situations are risks associated with sexual activity, neither is a necessary outcome, and both risks can be hedged against with knowledge. But abstinence-only education teaches a Russian-Roulette version of sex, and discourages a responsible, risk-abatement approach in the same way that abstinence-only education in alcohol consumption does.

The primary purpose of alcohol is intoxication, we are told. Rather than learning to drink responsibly in social situations so as to maximize fun while minimizing risks, we learn equivalencies

for various state-mandated maximum blood alcohol content levels that simply beg to be conquered.

Critics who would keep the 21-year old drinking limit are blind to the experience of youngsters the world over who are raised in a culture of tolerance regarding alcohol consumption. Tolerance generates responsibility, whereas Washington's holier-than-thou, "thou shall not" approach invites rebellion.

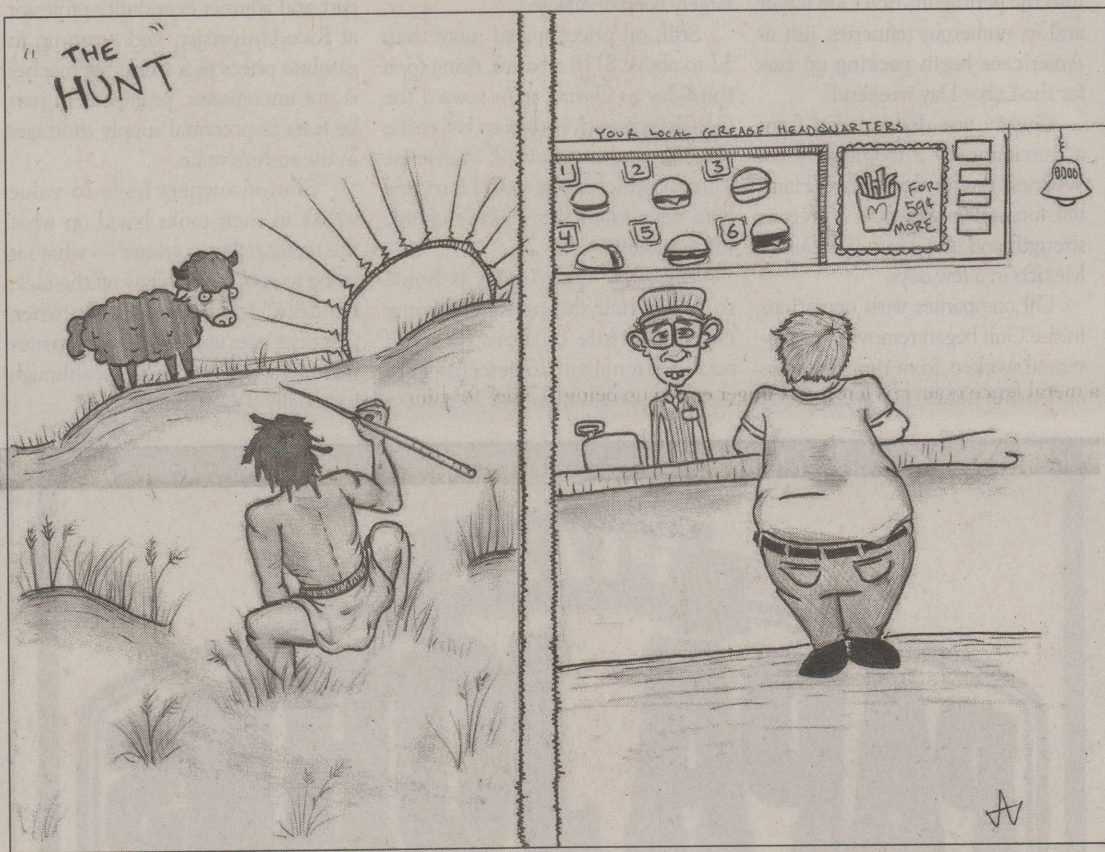
Speaking of the holier-than-thou temperance roots of alcohol prohibition - it is not true. Donald Boudreaux reports in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that politicians were not motivated by goodwill and piety to outlaw alcohol, but by expediencies that made it possible to cater to one more interest group and mass more political power.

Prior to 1913, when the income tax was instated, one-third of federal revenue came from liquor taxes. However, Boudreaux writes, "By 1920, the income tax supplied two-thirds of Uncle Sam's revenues and nine times more revenue than was then supplied by liquor taxes and customs duties combined. In research that I did with University of Michigan law professor Adam Pritchard, we found that bulging income-tax revenues made it possible for Congress to finally give in to the decades-old movement for alcohol prohibition."

Similarly, it was not enlightened contrition that led self-serving politicians to revoke prohibition - it was the consequences of the Great Depression lessening income tax receipts, and the promise of new revenue from reinstated liquor taxes.

It is time for America to approach the problems of alcohol abuse and, more generally, the culture of abuse itself exhibited in Americans' mounting debt, obesity and drug use not with more myopic intolerance, but tolerance and open dialogue. Everyone looking to make a positive change in this respect should contact UH President Renu Khator, urging her to lend her name and the University of Houston's to the Amethyst Initiative, supporting open, educated dialogue about the culture of abuse that has been inculcated by federal and state policies regarding alcohol consumption.

Despite what blind pundits say, the time has come for untraditional solutions to solve a serious problem, and I like Renu's philosophy, "When life gives you lemons and everyone else is busy making lemonade, think about making margaritas!"



Ban on fast food in some areas violates essential American freedoms and rights

STAFF EDITORIAL
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT (U. ARIZONA)

I realized this summer that Americans are seriously in trouble. I'm not referring to the ridiculously high gas prices we are forced to pay, even though they have shaped the way we've made our travel decisions.

Though they've suggested alternative forms of transportation, the government has not placed restrictions on our driving habits. If only the same could be said about their infringement on our eating habits.

At the end of July, the city of Los Angeles set a year-round ban on fast-food restaurants in highly obese areas. A week ago, San Jose, Calif. created a similar ban preventing McDonald's and other fast-food restaurants from being within 1,000 feet of public schools. This ban was repealed, but the Los Angeles rule still stands and other cities have started following this trend. This overbearing rule is imposing itself on both ends of California, so how long will it take for it to reach other

states and cities, further monitoring the diets of all Americans? As you may

only gorge-outlets this country has to offer. I have friends who are very vocal about their anti-fast-food-eating beliefs because of what they've heard on the news and read in magazines, yet they'll dine at Ruby Tuesday and consume 955 calories over dessert, after a satisfying, starchy meal, of

course. It's too easy to point fingers at Burger

King and Wendy's for giving their costumers heart attacks and unattractive excess baggage, but in many cases, people are eating even more poorly at sit-down restaurants where they fill up on bread before indulging in appetizers, dinner and dessert. On top of everything else, the portion sizes are unnecessarily large. Though I hold anyone accountable for what he puts in his mouth, it is tempting to clean a gigantic plate of good food placed in front of me in restaurants, which could better serve customers by keeping their promise and actually offering small portions.

Those in support of the San Jose school McDonald's ban suggested that the McDonald's be replaced by grocery stores, which would essentially set the students' eating

habits straight. Even if this ban were to go into effect, the children could very well head straight to the candy and soda aisle at Safeway. When deciding between a turkey sandwich and pack of M&Ms, children don't always have the willpower to choose the latter option; therefore, this ban wouldn't be constructive or improve the health of young kids.

The most absurd part of this entire ban is that it takes away our freedom to choose and think for ourselves. Morbidly obese men and women may be doing themselves a disservice by making daily trips to Taco Bell or Kentucky Fried Chicken, but if they want to continue to subject themselves to heart disease and several forms of cancer, they should be able to eat as heartily as they wish. Other than devastating their family mem-

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bers and friends, they're hurting no one. Having lost an immediate family member to cancer -- I understand the frustrations of outsiders who watch the unhealthy slowly kill themselves. These people should also know that one can neither change nor control the behavior of others, especially if these others like their lifestyles and are willing to face the consequences of what they do.

Considering the stresses of work, financial responsibilities and all the anxieties that come with hectic lives, both obese and healthy Americans deserve to enjoy a gluttonous McFlurry every once in a while. Someday, the current restrictions may spread and prevent physically fit citizens from treating themselves to an ice cream.

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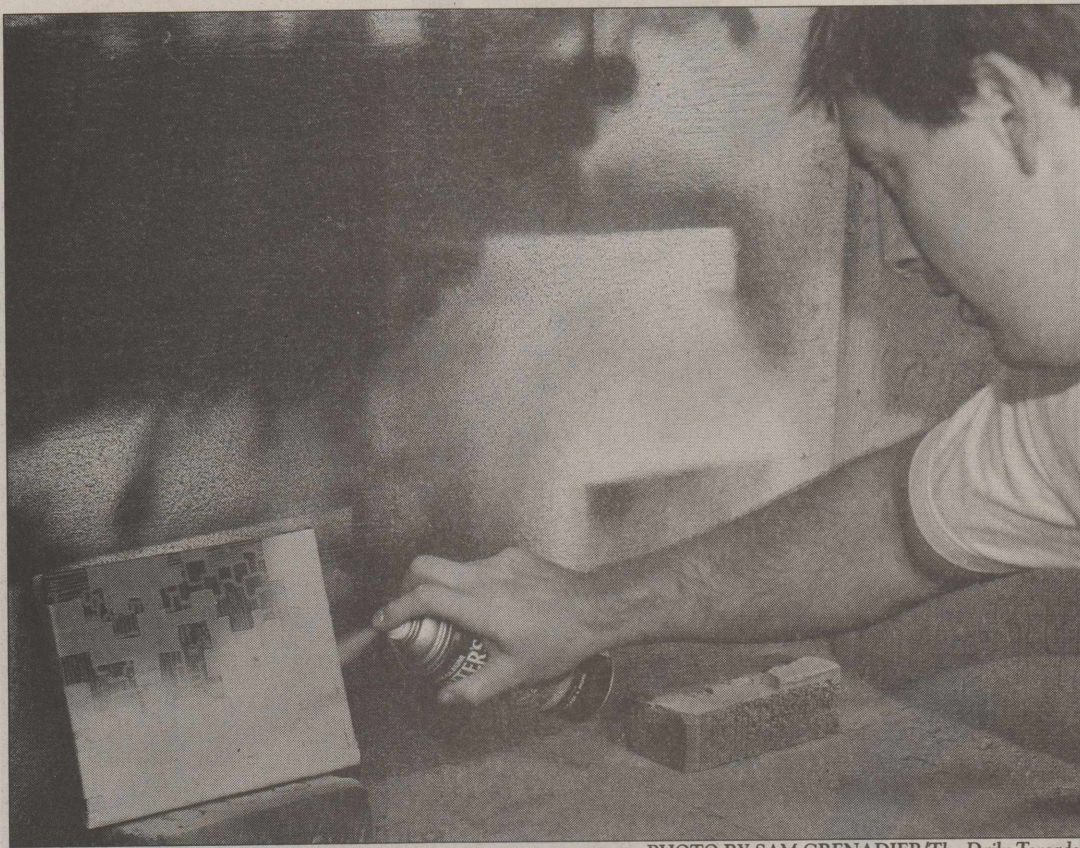


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GRANT BILLINGSLEY, A graduate student from Dallas studying art, spray paints over a mask he made outside the Art building Wednesday afternoon.

Border Patrol struggles to keep new hires

IMPERIAL BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Law enforcement officers wanted: must work graveyard shifts alone in remote towns along the Mexican border, put in long hours and perform well in triple-digit temperatures. That message is never touted in U.S. Border Patrol recruitment brochures, but the sobering reality

of working on the border has created an environment in which about 30 percent of agents leave their jobs in less than 18 months.

"This has complications up and down the line," said Richard Stana, director of homeland security issues at the Government Accountability Office. "You're constantly in a re-

cruiting mode ... If this population keeps churning, you're constantly training."

The Border Patrol's struggle to keep new hires has become more evident as the agency comes close to meeting President Bush's target of 18,000 agents by the end of the year, up from 12,000 two years ago.

Arctic sea ice drops to second lowest level on record

WASHINGTON (AP) — More ominous signs Wednesday have scientists saying that a global warming "tipping point" in the Arctic seems to be happening before their eyes: Sea ice in the Arctic Ocean is at its second lowest level in about 30 years.

The National Snow and Ice Data Center reported that sea ice in the Arctic now covers about 2.03 million square miles. The lowest point since satellite measurements began in 1979 was 1.65 million square miles set last September.

With about three weeks left in the Arctic summer, this year could wind up breaking that previous record, scientists said.

Arctic ice always melts in summer and refreezes in winter. But over the years, more of the ice is lost to the sea with less of it recovered in winter. While ice reflects the sun's heat, the open ocean absorbs more heat and the melting accelerates warming in other parts of the world.

Sea ice also serves as primary habitat for threatened polar bears.

"We could very well be in that quick slide downward in terms of passing a tipping point," said senior scientist Mark Serreze at the data center in Boulder, Colo. "It's tipping now. We're seeing it happen now."

Within "five to less than 10 years," the Arctic could be free of sea ice in the summer, said NASA ice scientist Jay Zwally.

"It also means that climate warming is also coming larger and faster than the models are predicting and nobody's really taken into account that change yet," he said.

Five climate scientists, four of them specialists on the Arctic, told The Associated Press that it is fair to call what is happening in the Arctic a "tipping point." NASA scientist James Hansen, who sounded the alarm about global warming 20 years ago before Congress, said the sea ice melt "is the best current example" of that.

Last year was an unusual year when wind currents and other weather conditions coincided with global warming to worsen sea ice melt, Serreze said. Scientists wondered if last year was an unusual event or the start of a new and disturbing trend.

This year's results suggest the latter because the ice had recovered a bit more than usual thanks to a somewhat cooler winter, Serreze said. Then this month, when the melting rate usually slows, it sped up instead, he said.

The most recent ice retreat primarily reflects melt in the Chukchi Sea off Alaska's northwest coast and the East Siberian Sea off the coast of eastern Russia, according to the center.

The Chukchi Sea is home to one of two populations of Alaska polar bears.

Federal observers flying for a whale survey on Aug. 16 spotted nine polar bears swimming in open ocean in the Chukchi. The bears were 15 to 65

miles off the Alaska shore. Some were swimming north, apparently trying to reach the polar ice edge, which on that day was 400 miles away.

Polar bears are powerful swimmers and have been recorded on swims of 100 miles but the ordeal can leave them exhausted and susceptible to drowning.

And the melt in sea ice has kicked in another effect, long predicted, called "Arctic amplification," Serreze said.

That's when the warming up north is increased in a feedback mechanism and the effects spill southward starting

in autumn, he said. Over the last few years, the bigger melt has meant more warm water that releases more heat into the air during fall cooling, making the atmosphere warmer than normal.

On top of that, researchers were investigating "alarming" reports in the last few days of the release of methane from long frozen Arctic waters, possibly from the warming of the sea, said Greenpeace climate scientist Bill Hare, who was attending a climate conference in Ghana.

ODDBALL DAILY

Ga. town's scarecrows h(a)unting for world record

HOSCHTON, Ga. (AP) — This small northeastern Georgia town's population boom is frightening. In a bid to break a world record for scarecrows and scare up some fun for the fall season, thousands of straw-stuffed newcomers are creeping across town.

There's a scuba diver, the Georgia Bulldogs football team and — of course — the cast of the Wizard of Oz. Even likenesses of Jesus and Elvis popped up.

The 1,700 real residents of Hoschton hope to nearly triple their population with 4,000 scarecrows and break the Guinness World Record for "Most Scarecrows in One Location."

The title belongs to the Cincinnati Horticultural Society's Cincinnati Flower and Farm Fest, which set the record in 2003 with 3,311 scarecrows.

Antique dealer Robbie Bettis and her husband, Fred, are leading the effort for the town's fall festival, which begins Monday.

On Wednesday they watched over an assembly line at an old downtown train depot, where about 20 people passed wooden frames among tables of dingy clothes, yellow milk jugs, plastic grocery bags, old hats, twine, ribbon and other donated materials.

"We thought if we gave people something fun to do then maybe they will forget about the difficult economy," she said. "Winning the world record is just a byproduct."

Crows and criminals beware: Two men caught knocking over scarecrows were sentenced to build 25 of them, lest they face trespassing charges, Mayor Bill Copenhaver said.

Man gives NY church \$3 million lottery ticket

PORT JEFFERSON, N.Y. (AP) — A New York pastor says one of his congregants donated a winning lottery ticket worth \$3 million to his church.

Pastor Bertrand Crabbe of the True North Community Church in Port Jefferson says the donor, who asked to remain anonymous, donated the "Ba Da Bling" scratch-off ticket immediately after realizing he won.

Crabb says the donor said "This was why God put the

ticket in his hands."

A state Lottery official said Wednesday that the independent Christian church will get a little over \$100,000 a year through 2028. The amount could be higher if withheld taxes are refunded because of the church's nonprofit status.

Crabb says the 650-member church will give the first year's proceeds to other charities.

Nebraska city council votes to evict aging horse

HICKMAN, Neb. (AP) — This one-horse town is looking like becoming a no-horse town.

The owner of a 32-year-old horse named Peter Rabbit wasn't able Tuesday to buck a local ban on livestock within city limits.

After widespread publicity of the ban that threatened to kick Peter Rabbit off the pasture where he was born, the Hickman City Council considered an ordinance Tuesday night that would allow horses inside city limits. But council members ultimately voted 4-2 against adopting it, leaving the ban intact.

Councilwoman Kim Hoelsing has long supported allowing horses. After Tuesday's vote, she said she

hoped the issue would die down because "I can't get anyone to agree with me."

For a bedroom community where people live to get away from the hustle and bustle of nearby Lincoln, Hickman and its population of 1,085 have had a lot of racket lately. After publicity of Peter Rabbit's fight with City Hall, people around the country did some of the lobbying the horse couldn't.

Hickman City Administrator Bret Baker hasn't been amused by all the publicity. Given some of the phone calls he's received, it's tough to blame him.

He said staff had to turn off the voicemail because of all the phone calls, and the flood of e-mails "actually bombed our e-mail server three times."

Wash. rodeo coordinator loses 2nd finger on job

WATERVILLE, Wash. (AP) — Some people may lose sleep on the job or even lose the stapler off their desk. Dane Keane loses fingers.

The 52-year-old Washington rodeo coordinator was helping to secure a bull in a bucking chute Saturday evening when his finger got caught between a rope and a metal fence pole. His left index finger ended up being

amputated at the second joint.

But it wasn't his first time losing a finger on the job. In 2000, Keane lost the end of his right ring finger to a bull.

Keane, also a Douglas County commissioner, says he loves the rodeo but says it's "a little on the bad luck side" for him.

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Fewer Marines needed in Iraq's western province

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conditions in the western Iraqi province of Anbar, where a brutal insurgency once ruled, have improved so dramatically that the United States is handing over responsibility for security in the Sunni stronghold to Iraq within days. Troops freed up in Iraq could shift to Afghanistan.

"There aren't a whole heck of a lot of bad guys there left to fight," Gen. James T. Conway, the top Marine Corps general, said Wednesday.

A ceremony marking the Anbar turnover is expected to be held Monday, several U.S. and Iraqi officials said. Each spoke on condition of anonymity because the Iraqi government has not yet announced it. Anbar would be the 10th of Iraq's 18 provinces to be returned to Iraqi government control, a step toward phasing out the American combat role as Iraqi security forces grow more competent.

The developments in Anbar have additional resonance because the province once was synonymous with the worst violence and lawlessness unleashed in Iraq following the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

The turnaround in Anbar is all the more dramatic for what it might mean for Afghanistan, the fight that has in some ways supplanted Iraq as a front-line

battleground. The diverging trends make it likely that a U.S. buildup in Afghanistan will follow a draw-down in Iraq.

Conway said he learned on a visit to Anbar this summer that violence remains low and the 25,000 Marines there are doing more rebuilding than fighting.

"Quite frankly, young Marines join our Corps to go fight for their country," Conway said. "They are doing a very good job of this nation-building business (in Iraq). But it's our view that if there is a stiffer fight going someplace else ... then that's where we need to be."

That place might be Afghanistan, he said.

Speaking at a Pentagon news conference, Conway said the top American commander in Anbar, Marine Maj. Gen. John Kelly, believes fewer U.S. forces are needed to keep the peace. He said Kelly has proposed cutbacks to his superiors, but Conway declined to give specifics, saying only that the current number of Marines there is excessive.

The remarks by Conway, who is responsible for Marines' recruiting, training and equipping but not their use in combat, are an additional sign of the likelihood that Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S.

commander in Iraq, will recommend soon that troop withdrawals resume this fall. Petraeus has been assessing the overall security situation in light of the withdrawal of five Army combat brigades earlier this year.

There now are about 146,000 U.S. troops in Iraq and 33,000 in Afghanistan, according to Pentagon figures.

The Petraeus recommendation, which is expected to be accepted by President Bush, is important not only for its implications in Iraq and for its potential impact on the presidential contenders' debate over Iraq but also for its connection to what U.S. commanders call an urgent need for more troops in Afghanistan — perhaps as many as 10,000 more.

The U.S. military is stretched so thin by the two wars that it cannot send significant additional numbers of combat forces to Afghanistan until the numbers in Iraq have been reduced. Conway likes the idea of sending more Marines to Afghanistan, but only if they thin out in Iraq.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates earlier this year dispatched more than 3,400 Marines to Afghanistan, including roughly 1,200 to serve as trainers for the Afghan forces.

GUARDING THE COLOR



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
AUDRA KIESLING, A sophomore biology major from Wall, practices with the Color Guard in the Music building parking lot Wednesday. The color guard was practicing for their performance at Saturday's football game.

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4 inmates accused of helping with NM jailbreak

CLOVIS, N.M. (AP) — Four jail inmates who authorities say helped eight others make a brazen escape were charged Wednesday, as officials kept up the search for the five prisoners who remain on the loose, including a convicted murderer.

Two people close to the fugitives were also arrested on counts including not cooperating with investigators.

Authorities believe it took the inmates seven hours to cut through the roof of the Curry County jail, apparently the culmination of a two- or three-day planning effort. Authorities did not immediately say how they think the six other people might have helped with the escape.

Authorities believe the men used handmade instruments to cut

a hole near a skylight, then climbed plumbing pipes to get to the roof. It appeared some in the group used a tree to break their falls to reach street level, Curry County Sheriff Matt Murray said.

Authorities said the four inmates accused of helping, who were not among the escapees, face six charges each: three counts of assisting escape and three counts of harboring or aiding a felon. Their names were not immediately available.

Also arrested were Isodoro Salas, father of escaped inmate Edward Salas, and Asha Curry, the mother of a child fathered by escapee Michael England.

The elder Salas was arrested on a probation violation and for resisting or obstruction of an officer because authorities said he didn't cooperate with investigators. It wasn't immediately clear what Curry was accused of, or whether she or Salas had lawyers.

The eight men were discovered missing late Sunday when Clovis

police officers noticed two people in orange jumpsuits running near the jail, Murray said.

Investigators believe some of the at-large escapees could be in West Texas, said Curry County District Attorney Matt Chandler.

"We're still receiving tips that some of the other fugitives, at least one or two of the other fugitives, could be in" the Lubbock, Texas area, not far from Clovis, Chandler said.

Victor Apodaca was chased and captured in Clovis soon after his escape. A tip led authorities to Reynaldo Enriquez in Lubbock. Another fugitive, Javier Zapata, 19, was captured by U.S. marshals late Monday in Cactus, Texas.

Still on the loose are Edward Salas, 23, a convicted murderer, and 19-year-old Larry McClendon, who was being held on an open count of murder and aggravated robbery.

Salas was sentenced to life in prison last month for the 2005 shoot-

ing of a 10-year-old Clovis boy, who was killed by shots fired through his bedroom window as he slept. He was being held at the jail before being transferred to the state Department of Corrections.

The television show "America's Most Wanted" plans to feature Salas' story Saturday in an effort to help capture the fugitives, Chandler said.

McClendon, of Plainview, Texas, was charged with an open count of murder in March for his role in the January 2007 slaying of a merchant in Clovis.

The other at-large men and the charges against them are Victor Sotelo, 36, of Portales, aggravated assault; England, 29, of Clovis, tampering with evidence and being a felon in possession of a firearm; and Louis Chavez, 18, Albuquerque, aggravated burglary, tampering with evidence, receiving stolen property and extreme cruelty to animals.

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Hijackers of Darfur plane surrender

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Two Sudanese men, armed with handguns and the threat of explosives, stormed the cockpit of the Boeing 737, taking control just minutes into the flight. Passengers said the hijackers remained calm but they still spent a night in fear.

Once on the ground at a remote Libyan airfield, the hijackers demanded maps and enough fuel to reach France. But after 22 hours, the standoff ended Wednesday with the 95 passengers and crew let go and the gunmen surrendering in a run-down VIP lounge with a plea for asylum.

Passengers and officials at the airport in southeastern Libya said the men identified themselves as members of a Darfur rebel group — the Sudan Liberation Movement, which promptly denied any involvement.

But Murtada Hassan, executive director of Sun Air, which owns the jetliner, said their motives were personal and they had no connection with any political or rebel groups. He would not elaborate.

The hijackers, Darfuri men in their 40s, made no political demands.

"Their first demand was France. ... Then they negotiated for Libyan asylum. Then they had no other solution — there was no escape," said Mohammed Al-Balla Orthman, Sudan's consul in the desert oasis of Kufra, where the plane landed Tuesday.

It was unclear whether their asylum request would be granted.

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OSU tobacco-free policy leaves smokers fuming

By JUSTIN YEARWOOD
DAILY O'COLLEGIAN (OKLAHOMA STATE U.)

Some might see them as rebels without a cause.

But for student smokers, not following the policy is just as resistive as breaking any other rule. For them, Oklahoma State University's "Breathe Easy" policy is nothing more than words on paper.

It's hard for students to miss the message — e-mails, video messages and tobacco-free signs.

The campus went tobacco-free July 1, but students and faculty still light up. OSU is the first university in the Big 12 to enact a tobacco-free policy.

"This is a very important step in making Oklahoma State University a cleaner, healthier and more attractive campus," President Hargis said in a video message July 1.

The policy may have been developed with good intentions, but after only three days into the new semester many students have yet to join the program. Shane Rickman, an economics senior, said he feels the policy is absurd.

"It's the administration looking like they are doing something to improve something, but it doesn't really do anything," he said. "I think all it is going to do is create unnecessary tension on campus."

Rickman, who started smoking this year, is not a lone rebel who feels the need to light up on campus.

April Helms, who has smoked five years, wasn't happy when she heard about the "Breathe Easy" policy.

"I was a little upset because I enjoy smoking on campus," said Helms, a math education junior. "It is outdoors and I don't see any reason why I can't."

Helms continues to smoke on campus despite the policy.

Without police enforcement, other students, like William Ken-

nedy, a liberal studies sophomore, don't feel threatened.

"I smoked on campus anyway (once hearing the new policy)," Kennedy said. "I don't know how they can enforce it."

The policy is not a law. Campus police won't cite smokers as long as they follow state law to stay 25 feet away from building entrances.

OSU adopted the policy in response to the Oklahoma Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act, which the Oklahoma state legislature passed in 2003. The act requires OSU to adopt regulations for smoking in facilities owned, leased or under the control of the university.

Without police enforcement, responsibility for disciplinary action is put in the hands of a dean in

cases of multiple time offenders.

Helms said she continues to enjoy the occasional campus smoke without fear.

"As far as I know it is not being enforced by OSU police, and as far as I know the only thing anyone can do is shake their finger at me, which that doesn't scare me," Helms said.

Although students aren't following the policy, some like Aaron Daggs are following the state law that requires smokers to stand 25 feet away from buildings.

"I doubt they can enforce that rule because there are way too many students that smoke on campus that will smoke," said Daggs, a business management junior.

Although he chooses to smoke, Kennedy is not quite as bold as some of his campus counterparts when it comes to taking a smoke out of his pocket.

"I don't smoke around campus buildings, the courtyard or Union," Kennedy said. "I smoke on North Monroe and around the construction sites because I don't think many people care on Monroe, and most of the construction workers smoke."



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"I think all this is going to do is create unnecessary tension on campus."

SHANE RICKMAN
SENIOR FROM OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Illinois hospitals use video games for therapy

By JIM SHAY
DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

Video games have made their way out of the family room and into the outpatient program of a Danville hospital.

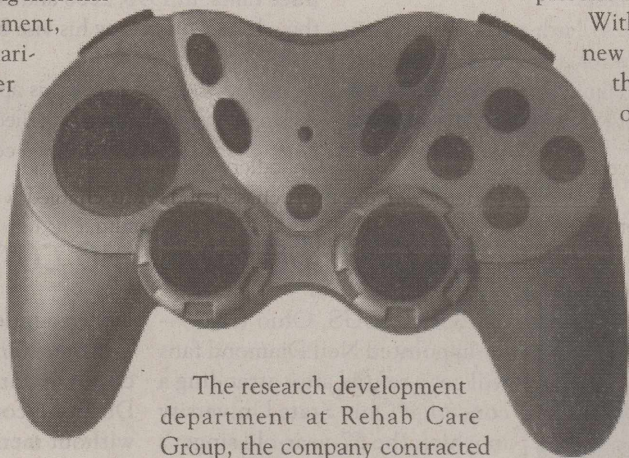
Following a growing national trend in injury treatment, Provena United Samaritans Medical Center recently integrated the Nintendo Wii, a game system encouraging a wide range of physical motion, into its therapy program in hopes of adding a recreational yet beneficial spin on the recovery process.

From tennis and golf to baseball and bowling, patients are able to take advantage of the technology's versatility by interacting with a variety of games under the watchful eye of their therapist.

Jennifer Beddow, the regional director of rehabilitation services at Provena, and other hospital staff members that work with the technology have found the Wii to be helpful for patients with a wide range of physical handicaps.

"The applications are pretty much endless: Carpal tunnel (syndrome), shoulder injuries, like rotator cuff injuries, we've used it on patients who had strokes," Beddow

said. "Almost all of the patients we see in outpatient therapy have some sort of weakness or pain or range of motion issues, so it's really up to the therapist to be as creative as they can, to see how they can implement using the Wii as a tool."



The research development department at Rehab Care Group, the company contracted to provide therapy services for Provena, developed a series of guidelines for use of the Wii in outpatient rehabilitation and first implemented its use a year ago.

Plans have been made to bring the game system to Urbana's Provena Covenant Medical Center in the next month, though they have spent the last six months exploring the potential use of the Wii.

In Danville, the newest form of outpatient therapy has been met with open arms by both patients and therapists.

"Every patient that we've had use it has been very positive," Beddow said. "We've had patients, 76 or 78 (years old), and they love it.

They're looking forward to using maybe their grandkids' Wii when they go home.

"The patients seem to have a lot of fun with it, and they want to work harder and longer on the exercises the therapist is prescribing them."

With the arrival of similarly new and improved forms of therapy came the pitfall of more outdated outpatient techniques.

In the past, patients found themselves picking up pennies and putting them in certain cups, or playing board games such as Connect Four — two activities which focus on strengthening fine motor skills.

Now therapists can fine tune the recovery process by pinpointing which Wii games are most beneficial to a patient's respective injury.

U. Iowa teaching assistants cautioned about using Facebook

By LISA MENDENHALL
THE DAILY IOWAN (U. IOWA)

While Facebook is a networking tool for many college students and their friends, it has also started to blur the line among students and teachers.

Diana Bryant, an admissions counselor in the UI Graduate College, said officials do not have any specific guidelines for how teaching assistants interact with their students via social-networking sites.

The UI also doesn't monitor the personal Facebook pages of UI faculty members.

While guidelines across the board do not exist, some UI departments are independently addressing the issue.

Megan Knight, a lecturer in the UI rhetoric department who advises rhetoric teaching assistants, said a discussion was held recently among a new group of teaching assistants about the ethics of using Facebook to communicate with their students. The group decided it would not use Facebook and instead use

other media to communicate with students, such as the UI's Iowa Courses Online site, ICON.

"ICON is ideal for holding discussions with students," Knight said.

However, she said, the rhetoric department still allows its teaching assistants to have personal Facebook pages.

Eric Conrad, who will be a rhetoric TA this fall, said he has experience with the fuzzy territory of online relationships.

Conrad, a former high-school teacher, had a MySpace account when he taught high school, but he was not friends with any of his students. In fact, the school he taught at asked all teachers to remove their MySpace accounts because of potential conflicts with students.

The UI teaching assistant set up his Facebook account in 2005 after he was accepted to the UI Graduate College. He mainly uses his account to keep in touch with old friends and network.

Conrad said that he is reluctant

to accept friend requests or communicate with his students through Facebook, especially when there are so many other options.

"The bottom line is it is just not necessary to use Facebook when you have all these other venues," he said.

Both ICON and the university e-mail accounts are effective ways of talking with students outside of class, he noted.

It would be inappropriate to send a friend request to one of his students, he said, or to accept a friend request from a student. He would be willing to become Facebook friends after the class was over, he said.

Allison Knutson, a recent UI graduate, agrees with Conrad.

She would not have wanted to be friends with any of her teaching assistants, she said — she doesn't want to have an out-of-class relationship with her teaching assistants.

"On a professional level, I don't want to know about their personal lives," Knutson said.

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friends," said Killough. "If that slips out into their job, that could mean a talk with their boss early on, which no one wants to have."

He said the most unprofessional e-mail he has received in his experience with career services was an e-mail from a student who asked for help with a resume, but did not include an introduction, a name or any contact information.

"The guy was very nice and a great student," said Killough, "but he made a mistake and sent a text-style e-mail when he was in a hurry. A future employer would not have that at all."

Theodore Cleveland, a civil engineering professor at Tech, said it is critical to know how to write professional e-mails, because e-mails are permanent.

"Most people are forgiving,"

said Cleveland, "but in the business world you get one shot at a good impression."

In a handout about e-mail etiquette for a freshman-level class, Cleveland also asked students to consider that the receiver may forward the e-mail to people the sender did not anticipate reading the e-mail.

Thus, he said the worst thing a person can do is send e-mails when he or she is angry.

"I know from experience," he said. "You will end up apologizing anyway. So, it's better if you just cool off."

In his handout, he suggested finding a professional tone to convey feelings in person if someone has said or done something inappropriate.

On a lighter note, Cleveland said his biggest pet peeve is e-mailed jokes.

"If the subject line says something like 'Don't read while the boss is looking over your shoulder' I usually toss it away," he said.

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His said his main problem with jokes sent via e-mail is the animation or media files do not always work and it is more frustrating than funny.

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Live comedy sink or swim: Phelps to open 'SNL'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Butterfly, freestyle, relay — monologue? Michael Phelps is trading the pool for the "Saturday Night Live" stage.

The recording-breaking swimmer, who took home eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics, will host the 34th season premiere of NBC's long-running late-night sketch-comedy series on Sept. 13. Joining the 23-year-old athlete as musical guest will be rapper Lil Wayne.

It will be the debut "SNL" appearances for both. The network will air seven new "SNL" episodes before November's presidential election. The Sept. 13th premiere will mark the beginning of four new "SNL" shows in a row. NBC will also air three prime-time episodes of "Saturday Night Live Weekend Update Thursday," a special half-hour "Weekend Update" edition of the show, beginning Oct. 9.

'Suge' Knight arrested in Vegas drug, assault case

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Rap music mogul Marion "Suge" Knight was jailed Wednesday on assault and drug charges after he was accused of beating his girlfriend while brandishing a knife, police said.

Knight, 43, the founder of bankrupt Death Row Records in Los Angeles, was arrested about 6:40 a.m. on a busy street near the Las Vegas Strip. Police responding to a domestic violence call found Knight standing over his longtime girlfriend with the knife in his hand.

"He did not stab her," said Officer Jacinto Rivera, a department spokesman.

Police did not release the identity of the woman, who told officers she was Knight's girlfriend of three years. The woman was treated at a hospital for minor injuries, according to Rivera.

Knight was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Clark County jail on felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a controlled substance, and misdemeanor charges of possession of dangerous drugs without a prescription and domestic violence.

Knight had the drugs Ecstasy and hydrocodone when he was arrested, police said.

Garth, Doherty make nice while filming new '90210'

NEW YORK (AP) — Jennie Garth and Shannen Doherty say they were nervous about reuniting for the new incarnation of "Beverly Hills, 90210."

The actresses feuded on and off the set of the 1990s cultural phenomenon, and Doherty left the series in 1994 following a rocky stretch during which she clashed with the cast and producers and showed up late for work.

Garth, 36, and Doherty, 37, hadn't spoken in years before filming their first scene together in the "90210" update, debuting Tuesday on the CW network. In this version, the drama centers on a new crop of West Beverly High School students.

"There had been so much buildup," Garth told Entertainment Weekly magazine, which features a joint interview with the actresses in its Sept. 5 issue. "Everyone was asking me before what it was going to be like. I was like, 'I don't know. I haven't talked to her in 10 or 15 years.' I had that tension and I started to let it get to me. Is she going to be nice? Is it going to be a bad environment? But when I saw her everything was fine."

Doherty said "there were nerves going in," but she aimed to start fresh and move forward.

"I think when you're 18, your personalities conflict, then you meet up 10 or 15 years later, and the playing ground is totally different and you're fine," she said.

Australia assessing visa for Snoop Dogg

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The immigration department said Wednesday it was conducting a character assessment of Snoop Dogg, including his criminal history, as Australia considers whether to grant the rapper a visa for a concert tour later this year.

A department spokesman said reports the visa had already been granted were false.

He said the rapper, whose birth name is Cordozar Calvin Broadus Jr., applied for a visa in July and the department carried out a preliminary assessment. Snoop Dogg and fellow hip-hop star Ice Cube plan an Australian concert tour in October.

"The department has now decided to do a full assessment

of the character of Mr. Broadus, and the department has begun this assessment," the spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity as required by the department.

He said Snoop Dogg had been notified of the further assessment.

The spokesman said the rapper has visited Australia three times: in 1998, 2006 and 2007, without incident, though he did overstay his visa by two days on the last visit.

Snoop Dogg withdrew his application for a visa to Australia last year when he failed to pass the character requirements after pleading no contest to gun and drug charges in the United States.

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voice sounded raspy. Some fans left the Monday concert early and others said Diamond completed the concert without mentioning anything to the audience about his voice.

A statement from Diamond, the singer of such hits as "Sweet Caroline" and "Song Sung Blue," on Tuesday says a doctor has diagnosed acute laryngitis.

Diamond spokeswoman Eve Samuels says the singer is offering a refund to those who place a request before Sept. 5. "I haven't let you down before and I won't let you down now," the singer said in an apology on his Web site.

UT prof debunks self-help in new book

By DYLAN MIRACLE
 DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

Paul Damien, a University of Texas business professor, has some tips on how to write a best-selling self-help book. He suggests that you start by making an outlandish claim (path to immortality, secret of the universe, shoot lightning from your hand) then master the linguistic gibber of the guru: Searching for the selfless self and the egoless "I" will align your energy with the wave function of your chakra, and lightning will spring from your hands. Oh, and if it doesn't, you did something wrong.

Damien's new book, "Help!" is a blistering indictment of modern guruism. He dissects the arguments of several best-selling self-help authors, including Deepak Chopra, Rhonda Byrne and Fritjof Capra, accusing them of preying on people's fears for personal profit. Damien's tone is lighthearted and humorous as he dismantles the techniques used by these self-proclaimed gurus.

The idea for "Help!" began when Damien read some self-help books to contrast them with theology.

"I read quite a few of them, and my initial disbelief turned to a burning desire to discredit and disprove these people," Damien said. "I felt that debunking the self-help book is itself a form of self-help."

This burning desire turned into a systematic study of the methods used to generate a successful, Oprah-quality best seller. And what sets the best sellers apart?

"Clever marketing," Damien said. "As professor in the business school, I am telling you it is just clever

marketing. These books are a dime a dozen, and very few of them make it to the top. The ones that do have a good marketing strategy."

Damien explained how Chopra was already marketing guruism before he even wrote his first book.

"He was a follower of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who was one of the biggest intellectual con artists of all time," Damien said. "Chopra was his salesman and he made his first couple of million dollars selling Yogi's products. He had copyrighted the word 'ayur-veda,' and then he marketed all these products under the guise of healing and youthfulness. From there it was easy for him to get into the mainstream of self-help gurus. Then he appeared on Oprah and his book sold like 130 thousand copies in an hour."

But Damien sees the dangers of this kind of thought in other places, namely business schools. He jokes that MBA stands for Master of Buzzword Analysis and BBA for Basic Buzzword Analysis.

"I strongly believe that this use of buzzwords is diluting the ideas and concepts in economics or mathematics, so when we talk about these ideas in class in business schools, we give them such a watered-down version," Damien said.

Damien's example of a buzz phrase that has overtaken its deeper and more fundamental meaning is "expectancy theory of motivation."

"This is nothing more than a very simple idea in economics, which is to optimize things that add value to your life, your utility," Damien said.

Damien believes that the blame for this abandonment of rigor lies with both faculty and students.

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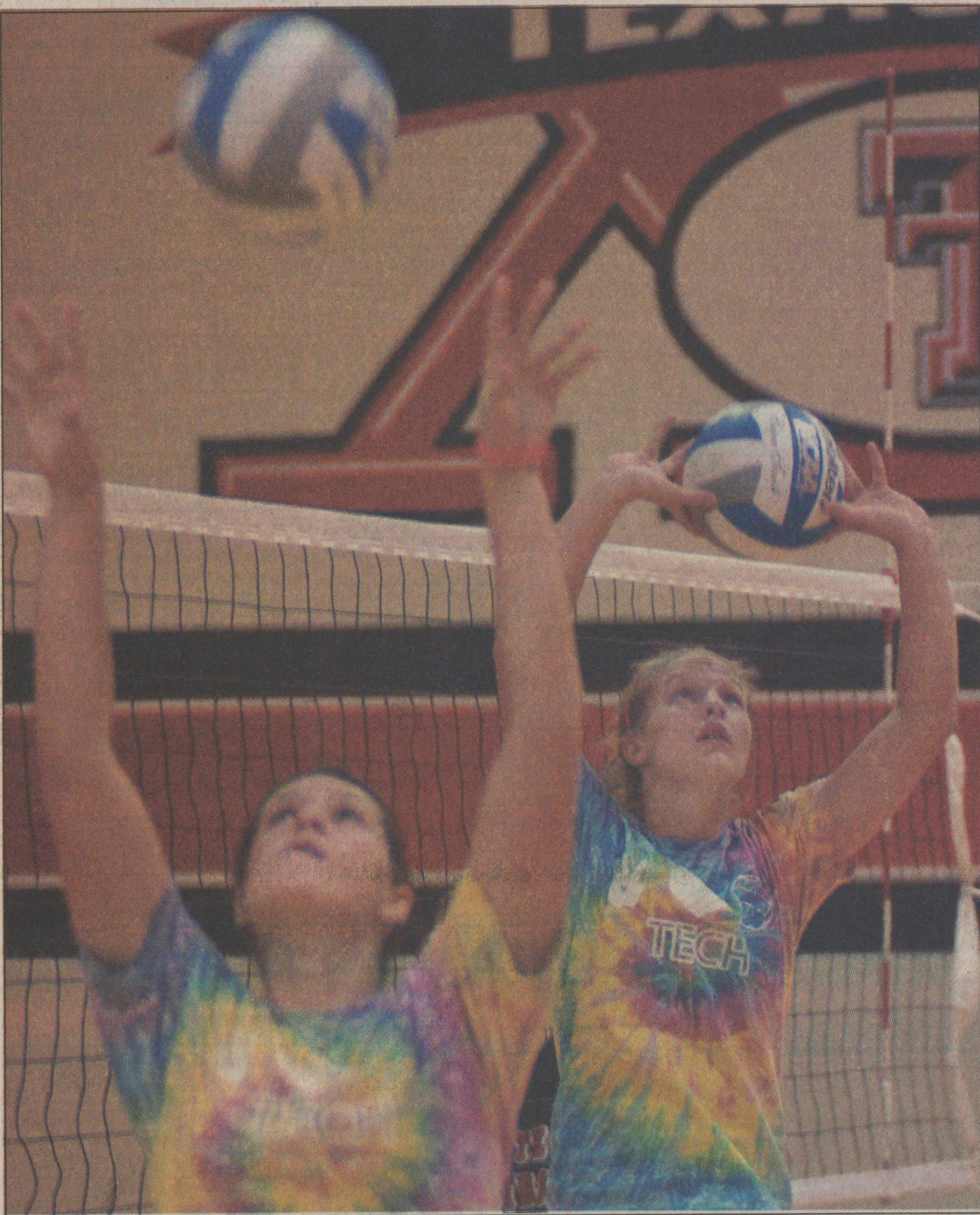
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Tech volleyball welcomes new setters to replace Ziegler



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TEXAS TECH SETTERS Karlyn Meyers and Caroline Witte prepare for the 2008 season Wednesday afternoon. Witte joins the Red Raiders as a transfer from Blinn Junior College. Meyers comes in as the No. 43 volleyball recruit in the nation. The two are in line to replace Emily Ziegler at the position. Tech opens its season against North Texas Friday in Denton.

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The Red Raiders are in good hands with their new setters.

The team heads into this season having lost setter Emily Ziegler to graduation, who led the team with 715 assists last season.

Trying to step in and fill her shoes are two newcomers to the team, junior transfer Caroline Witte and freshman Karlyn Meyers.

Witte comes in after spending two years at Blinn Junior College, where she helped lead her team to fifth-place finishes at both the 2006 and 2007 NJCAA national tournaments.

Meyers, out of China Spring, was the No. 43 recruit in the nation according to Prepvolleyball.com.

Tech assistant coach Mike Moffitt said the team plans to use the two as a dual-threat on the court at times and that may affect the statistics the two are capable of compiling.

"The setters are both gonna be big keys to our success this season," he said. "They've been two of the best setters that we've had under coach Todd. Both are really athletic and can change the game in different ways, which is gonna give us a lot more variety in our offense and different things that we can do. It's similar to some of the SEC football teams that can do multiple quarterback looks and things like that. Being that they are both gonna be on the floor a lot of the times, they're not gonna put up the numbers that Emily did. At least not right away."

While both are capable of stepping in and contributing right now, Moffitt acknowledged that they are at different points in their development as players.

He said Witte, being a transfer, has the experience and even though Meyers is a freshman, she uses her

natural athleticism that could have an impact on the match.

Outside hitter Brandi Hood said the two have not missed a beat since the beginning of practice.

"They came in and they are ready to compete against each other—obviously against others—but, friendly competition on the team," Hood said. "They're doing some great things for us. I mean, we have to help them as much as they're trying to help us."

Being the more experienced of the two, Witte said she knows it is part of her job to teach and lead Meyers as well as the entire team.

"I don't think it's (extra) pressure," she said. "I think it's something I need to do. It's something that I'm supposed to do as a setter—as a player in general."

Tech has seven newcomers to the team this year, so the returning players have had to adjust to their new teammates.

"I think people on the team are really

embracing all the new members," Meyers said. "There's a lot of people they have to be letting in. It's a little harder as a setter trying to connect with everyone, but I think for the most part everyone is doing a good job at it."

Meyers said it is nice to have another setter around to help with her transition from high school to Big 12 Conference volleyball.

"Originally I was gonna be the only setter," she said. "So it's really nice that she's in now because I have someone that can help me out. She has played in JUCO. She knows a little bit more about it than I do. She's always just willing to help and try to make me better. She just really encourages me and stuff like that."

The two will get their first taste of Division 1 volleyball against North Texas 7 p.m. Friday as they head to Denton to play in the Mean Green Volleyball Classic.

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