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Coat Lubbock with Kindness seeks donations

Proceeds go to Dream Center

By **PAIGE SKINNER**
STAFF WRITER

It was just an idea that turned into a cause. Coat Lubbock with Kindness was simply a thought that came to Kristen Witherspoon one night and turned into a coat drive on Texas Tech's campus.

WHERE TO DONATE

- Ground level of the Architecture building
- In the Art building near Room B029
- Underneath the stairwell and archways in the English-Philosophy building

"I was just sitting in my room one Sunday night when that phrase, 'Coat Lubbock with Kindness,' came to my mind," said the senior communication design major from Wolfforth. "That's when I got the image of the Texas (state outline) with the coat and that's when it started coming to me, like, 'Hey, let's just start a coat drive.'"

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HSC hosts lecture on Third World medicine

Doctor shares experience

DR. TIM MCCALL, a family physician in Texas, talks Tuesday in the Health Sciences Center about his experiences practicing medicine in Uganda.



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

By **GLORIA LERMA**
STAFF WRITER

The International Medicine Club and the Texas Tech Office of International Affairs came together to host a lecture on international medicine by Dr. Tim McCall, a family physician from Texas who specializes in the subject.

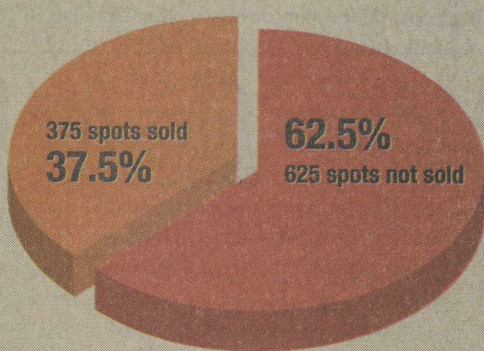
Tech medical school students, nursing school students, doctors starting their residencies and medical school professors were among the attendees.

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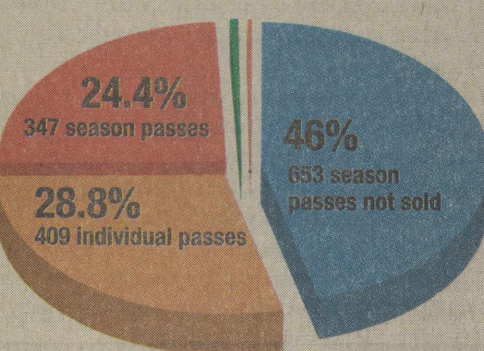
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GAMEDAY PASSES SOLD



Patton: Regents didn't seek SGA's input in deal

By **IOANNA MAKRIS, CAROLINE COURTNEY and APRIL CUNNINGHAM**
THE DAILY T O R E A D O R

The Texas Tech Board of Regents failed to notify the Student Government Association of its contractual negotiations for a lease with Raider Park parking garage, which is currently costing Tech and its alumni association more than \$400,000 a year.

"I think the way this decision was made definitely left out some key stakeholders," SGA president Tyler Patton said, referring to the student body.

Patton said the SGA should have been contacted to represent the students.

Contract negotiations began in 2009 and culminated in two agreements signed in December 2009. The lease was renegotiated in May 2011.

In the past two years, Tech and its alumni association have lost about \$854,000 from the lease.

According to an email from Robert Giovannetti, director of communications for the university system, although "it isn't a Regents rule, it is expected (that) each institution, typically the president's office, (will) work with their respective SGA organizations for feedback on things like tuition and related action items."

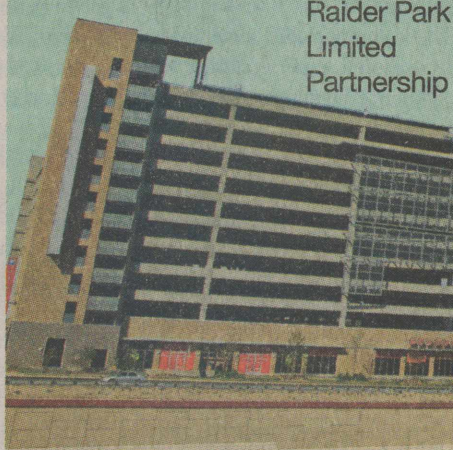
Although student fees and tuition are not being used to pay the lease agreement with the parking garage, Patton said the leasing of parking spaces is a related action item and the SGA should have been approached regarding it.

"I don't think it was necessary or appropriate for us to ask for input."

Jerry Turner
Chairman
Board of Regents

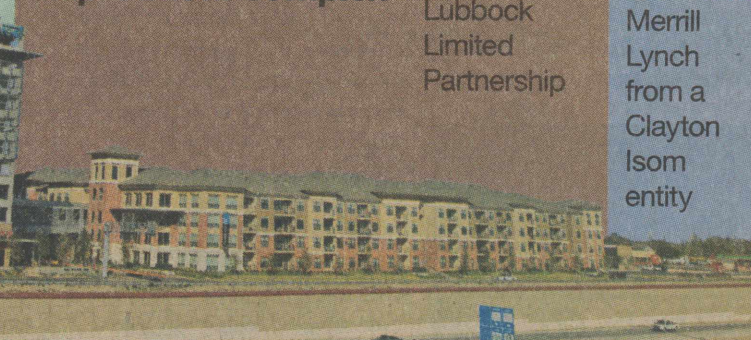
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Tract A - RaiderPark Parking Garage Owned by Raider Park Limited Partnership



The land upon which Raider Park sits is divided into three tracts of land, all of which at one point were or are owned or leased by the Isom family.

Tract B - 25Twenty apartment complex Owned by APKSHV Lubbock Limited Partnership



Tract C Leased to Merrill Lynch from a Clayton Isom entity

FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

SGA-hosted town hall meeting meant to educate draws few

Tech senators explain mission, purpose

By **STEVIE DOUGLAS**
STAFF WRITER

The College of Arts and Sciences senators for the Student Government Association hosted a town hall meeting to explain the purpose of the student government to their constituents Tuesday evening.

However, almost nobody showed up to the event.

The meeting was attended by the two College of Arts and Sciences representatives, Colin Davis, a junior political science major from Bowie, and Shelby Breen, a senior political science major

from Houston; a College of Engineering representative; one Senator-at-Large; and one student.

"We sent an email to every student in the College of Arts and Sciences and put a message on TechAnnounce every day for two weeks," Davis said. "I wouldn't be surprised if most students just thought that the SGA was a political science organization."

Davis attributed the lack of attendance to the lack of general understanding about what SGA is.

COLIN DAVIS, A junior political science major from Bowie, talks about Student Government Association during an SGA town hall meeting in the Traditions Room of the Student Union Building on Tuesday.



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TechBriefly

Tech law teams gain spot in US competitions

For the third year in a row, the Texas Tech School of Law's moot court team won first place in the Region 10 championship in Dallas, beating out all other Texas law schools.

The win grants the team a spot at the National Moot Court Competition, the oldest and most prestigious moot court contest in the world. The team will compete in New York City in February 2012.

The Tech School of Law's arbitration team also won first place in its regional contest, the American Bar Association's competition.

The win earns the arbitration team a place at nationals, which is sponsored by the American Bar Association and the National Arbitration Forum. The event will take place in January 2012 in Chicago.

Tech works to become mother friendly school

Texas Tech is opening at least five nursing rooms in conjunction with the university's Mother-Friendly Worksite Policy Initiative program.

The Texas Department of State Health Services was awarded a grant in June from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to jumpstart the program. The TDSHS provided the university with a \$70,000 grant to test tools and strategies regarding the support of workplace lactation.

There will be a ribbon cutting Thursday at 2 p.m. in Room 205 of the Student Union Building. Tech president Guy Bailey and Juan Munoz, vice president for Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement at Tech, will speak at the event.

Tech announces softball schedule

After back-to-back postseason appearances, the Texas Tech softball team has announced its 2012 season schedule, where it looks to have another successful season.

However, head coach Shannon Hays said despite the team's recent success, this will be the Red Raiders' hardest slate of games since he has taken over in 2009.

"This is going to be the most difficult schedule we've had since I've been here," he said in a news release. "We'll be tested early, and it will be important that we start the season off well."

As usual, the Red Raiders will have to play a grinding Big 12 Conference schedule, but the team will also play a solid set of non-conference games early on. In its first three tournaments, Tech will face a total of seven teams that made the postseason last year.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Tuned-In Teaching: Recognizing and Improving Classroom Dynamics
Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Teaching, Learning and Technology Center
So, what is it?

Join Troy Lescher at this workshop to learn strategies that can refine your relationship and interactions with your students to help you stay tuned in to student learning.

Texas Tech Women's Basketball vs. Texas State
Time: 7 p.m.

Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against Texas State.

Celebrate Diversity Scholarship Dinner Featuring Terrence Howard
Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Merket Alumni Center
So, what is it?
Oscar nominee, Terrence Howard will be the keynote speaker at the Celebrate Diversity Scholarship Dinner. Tickets can be purchased at the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center at Doak Hall 101, Room 101.

Free Movie Feature
Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre
So, what is it?
Tech Activities Board invites students to watch "The Help."

Savage U Q&A Session
Time: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: Student Union Building, Matador Room
So, what is it?
Dan Savage, the host of MTV's new show "Savage U," will conduct a Q&A for students.

THURSDAY

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute presents "Hidden Lubbock"

Time: 10 a.m. to noon
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center
So, what is it?
Enjoy OLLI's presentation of "Hidden Lubbock-Advanced Cotton Products and Manufacturing" by Seshadri Ramkumar.

"Our Town"
Time: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre
So, what is it?
Enjoy the Department of Theatre and Dance's presentation of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning play, "Our Town," set in Grover's Corner, N.H., circa 1900, and celebrates the "significance in the trivial acts of life."

Concert Band Concert
Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?
Enjoy this concert band performance.

To make a calendar submission email
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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

Correction

In the Nov. 20 issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the article "NASA flight director shares experiences with Women's Club" should have said the companies Orbital

and SpaceX will be providing access to low-Earth orbit. Orbital and SpaceX are also privately owned companies NASA is investing in. *The DT* regrets the error.

In the Nov. 28 issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the article "Three Tech creative writing students publish books"

should have said the name of Ruben Quesada's book was "Next Extinct Mammal." *The DT* regrets the error.

POLICE BLOTTER

Students cited for possession

Monday
5:39 p.m. - A Texas Tech police officer investigated a theft that occurred at Weymouth Hall. A Diamondback bicycle was taken.

drug paraphernalia on the east side of Coleman Hall. The student was released.

Tuesday
12:46 a.m. - A Tech police officer issued a student a Lubbock County citation for possession of

1:17 a.m. - A Tech police officer issued a student a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia on the fourth floor of Weymouth Hall.

Provided by BJ Watson of the Texas Tech Police Department.

Today's sudoku

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2	6	1					
	7			2	9		
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	9			6			
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7	8						2

Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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9	4	6	7	2	1	5	3	8
2	5	8	3	4	6	7	9	1
7	3	1	5	8	9	6	2	4
5	7	9	1	6	8	3	4	2
8	1	4	2	3	5	9	6	7
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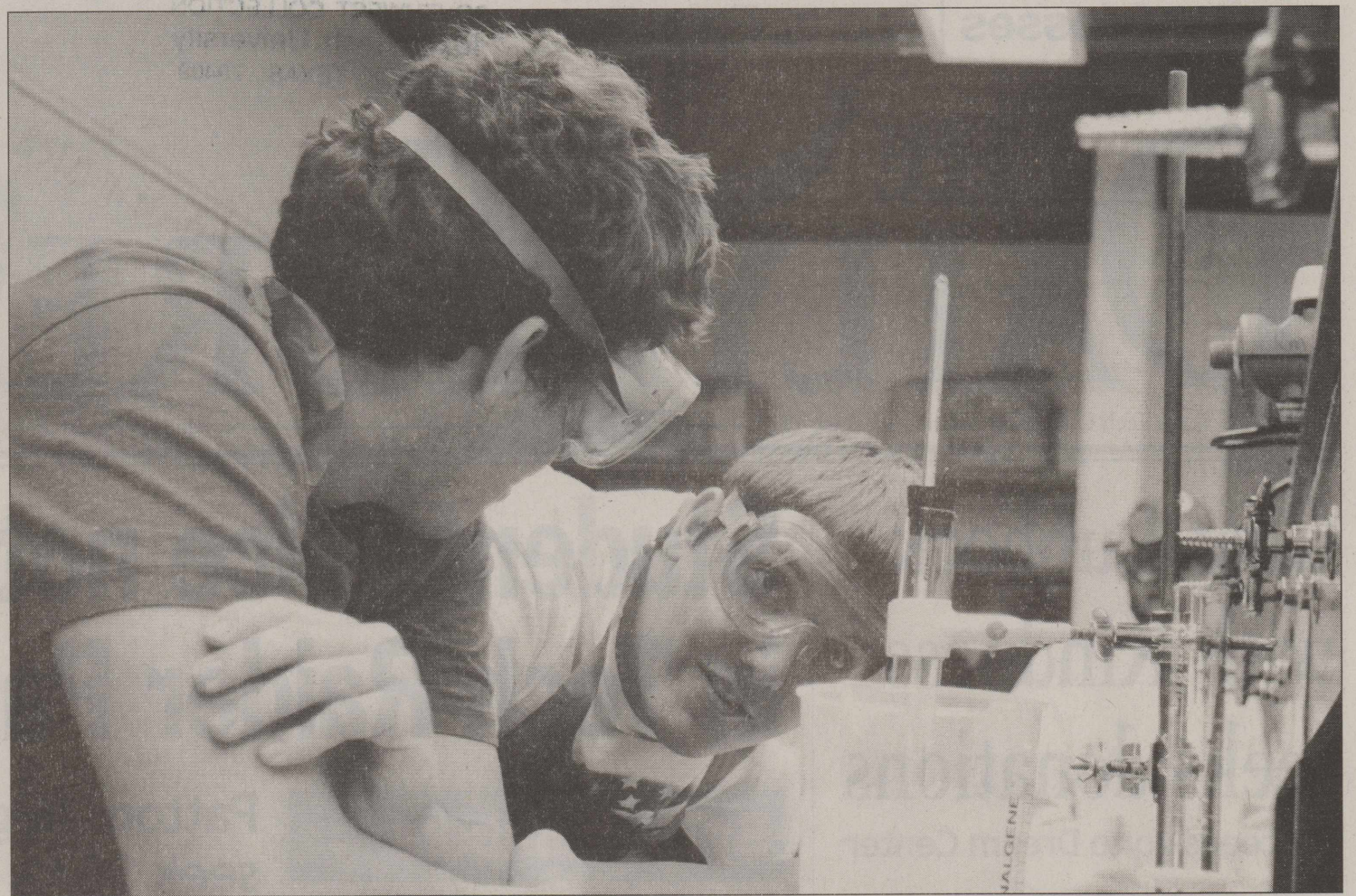


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FROM RIGHT, FRESHMAN Josh Castilaw, a chemical engineering major from Coahoma, and Daniel Hay, a civil engineering major from Katy, determine the molar mass by freezing point depression during a chemistry lab in the Chemistry building Tuesday.

American Airlines files for bankruptcy protection

DALLAS (AP) — The parent company of American Airlines filed for bankruptcy protection Tuesday, seeking relief from crushing debt caused by high fuel prices and expensive labor contracts that its competitors shed years ago.

The company also replaced its CEO, and the incoming leader said American would probably cut its flight schedule "modestly" while it reorganizes. The new CEO, Thomas W. Horton, did not give specifics.

For most travelers, though, flights will operate normally and the airline will honor tickets and take reservations. American said its frequent-flyer program would be unaffected.

AMR Corp., which owns American, was one of the last major U.S. airline companies that had avoided bankruptcy. Rivals United and Delta

used bankruptcy to shed costly labor contracts, reduce debt, and start making money again. They also grew through mergers.

American — the nation's third-largest airline and proud of an 80-year history that reaches back to the dawn of passenger travel — was stuck with higher costs that meant it lost money when matching competitors' lower fares.

In announcing the bankruptcy filing, AMR said that Gerard Arpey, 53, a veteran of the company for almost three decades and CEO since 2003, had retired and was replaced by Horton, 50, the company president.

Horton said the board of directors unanimously decided on Monday night to file for bankruptcy. In a filing with federal bankruptcy court in New York on Tuesday, AMR said it had \$29.6 bil-

lion in debt and \$24.7 billion in assets.

With reductions to the flight schedule, Horton said there would probably be corresponding job cuts. American has about 78,000 employees and serves 240,000 passengers per day.

AMR's move could also trigger more consolidation in the airline industry. Some analysts believe American is likely to merge with US Airways to move closer to United Continental Holdings Inc. and Delta Air Lines Inc. in size. Such a merger would leave five large U.S. airlines compared with nine in 2008.

US Airways declined to comment. American will delay the spinoff of its regional airline, American Eagle, which was expected early next year.

AMR, however, wants to push ahead with plans to order 460 new jets from Boeing and Airbus and take

delivery of more than 50 others already ordered. New planes would save American money on fuel and maintenance, but the orders will be subject to approval by the bankruptcy court.

Analysts said all airlines will benefit if American reduces flights — especially if the cutbacks are more severe than American's new CEO is letting on. They said the chief winners were likely to be United and Delta, which compete for the same business travelers and have global networks like American's.

The losers will be American Airlines employees and AMR stockholders.

Shareholders almost certainly will be wiped out. The stock had already lost 79 percent of its value this year on fears of bankruptcy. The stock fell to 26 cents Tuesday, down \$1.36 from the day before. In January 2007, after a 4-year rally, the shares peaked at \$41.

Lecture

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"We usually host two or three guest lectures, and this time we co-hosted with the Office of International Affairs in its Global Health Lecture Series," said Katy Britten, president of the International Medicine Club and a second-year medical school student. "Dr. McCall shared his experiences and gave us tips on how to participate in international medicine, including those on how to set up our own clinics."

McCall has dedicated a large part of his life to practicing international medicine in Third World countries, one of which is Uganda, where he is building a hospital. He is also starting a department of international medicine in Waco.

"It is our goal for students in the

health sciences to not only become globally competitive, but also globally competent," said Sonya Sherrod of the Office of International Affairs, "which is why we have lectures like this. It exposes students to medicine not often seen in West Texas."

The lecture included some of McCall's personal experiences abroad and audience members were shown pictures of surgeries he has performed on patients.

"A young man came to me with an obviously large tumor extending from his arm, and I told him I could do much to cure him," McCall said. "Then, he told me, 'I'm not looking for a cure. I just want to walk so I can take care of my affairs before I die.'"

McCall showed the audience a picture of the man's tumor, which he said is not an uncommon thing to experience

in such poverty-stricken areas.

"These are the kinds of things you normally only read about in textbooks. It's not often that you get to experience them," he said. "You see, here in the United States, only the most qualified get to perform these operations. But in Third World countries, you are the expert. You are called to do things you would never think you would be called to do, but you are the most qualified person out there."

McCall said working in less medically advanced nations gives medical students the chance to experience something special.

"We often do not have the ability to cure Third World medical cases, but we do have the ability to help," he said. "The thing I admire most about Third World countries is their ability to enjoy and celebrate life in ways I had never

seen before."

McCall also said there are philanthropic organizations willing to finance fellowships to Third World countries for medical students.

"I really enjoyed it," said Nina Ngo, president of the Christian Medical and Dental Association chapter at Tech. "I'm an international student myself, and I'm really interested in international medicine. So, I came here to learn how to prepare for it."

McCall finished his lecture by giving two important tips to students.

"There are so many different cultures in the United States that it is impossible to not come across international medicine here," he said. "We need to be culturally sensitive when dealing with patients and learn how to cross-culturally communicate."

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Meeting

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"I remember going to the library to check out a camera, and some guy on the elevator asked me what I was taking pictures

of," said Charlee Faulds, a senior communication studies major from Irving. "I said that I was going to take pictures of the SGA meeting, and he had no idea what it was, even when I said, 'Student Government Association.'"

The senators in attendance

responded to Faulds' anecdote by attempting to assess how the single student at the meeting understood the purpose of the SGA.

"We control a large portion of the students' money," Davis said. "We are ultimately [the study body's] voice to the administration, the Board of Regents and all of the departments on campus. We even allocate university funds to each student organization."

For the 2011-12 school year, \$145 in mandatory student fees was divided between the student legislative and judicial branches, Davis said.

According to a university news release, this fall Tech enrollment reached a record-break-

ing 32,327 students, meaning approximately \$4,687,415 was divided among the student government branches.

"Students deserve to know what is going on with their money," said senator Matt Phippen, a junior engineering major from Monahans. "Everything the SGA does is open to students. A student can freely walk into any senate or committee meeting."

Some executive meetings can be closed to the public, but this very rarely happens, Davis said.

The next student senate meeting will be hosted at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Rawls College of Business and will be open to students.

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Garage ←

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Jerry Turner, chairman of the board, said he did not think it was vital to contact the SGA.

"I don't think it was necessary or appropriate for us to ask for input," he said.

Patton said there are unfortunate side effects for the student body when the SGA is not approached about student issues.

Currently, 625 out of 1,000 student spaces in Raider Park parking garage remain unsold.

Heather Medley, marketing and training coordinator for University Parking Services, said in addition to the unsold Raider Park parking garage spots, there are 1,300 unused parking spaces on campus at peak parking hours.

The contract with the university and the alumni association has Clayton Isom and Raider Park Limited Partnership listed as the main owners of Raider Park parking garage. Isom is listed as the principal of the partnership.

In March 2010, the partnership borrowed \$18 million from American State Bank in Lubbock to build the parking garage. The interest rate on the loan is not known, and Isom would not divulge it.

If this rate were set at 5 percent, the monthly interest payment on the loan would be approximately \$75,000. Tech and the alumni association owe the partnership approximately \$62,500 per month.

The \$18-million loan has a five-year term. It is unknown whether Isom pays back the principal every month or if he solely makes the interest payment while deferring the principal.

On Dec. 7, Tech and the alumni association will owe Isom and Raider Park Limited Partnership approximately \$414,000 for 2011. In 2010, Tech and the alumni association paid approximately \$440,000.

In the renegotiated lease, the losses to Tech and the alumni association are limited to \$1.2 million. Isom and his company, Tao Development, guaranteed they would pay Tech up to \$675,000 for its losses. The alumni association, which stands to lose a maximum of \$525,000, had no such guarantee.

In 2011, Tech and the alumni association sold about \$183,000 in parking at the garage, compared to its annual lease amount owed of \$750,000. The \$183,000 includes \$143,000 from gameday parking and about \$40,000 for student parking.

According to the lease agreement, 10 percent of gameday parking goes to the Red Raider Club and \$50,000 of student parking goes to University Parking Services. Student parking revenues did not make enough to cover the \$50,000 payment.

This leaves Tech and the alumni association with \$129,000, which will be paid directly to the partnership.

This year, Raider Park parking garage amassed a total of \$543,000 from Tech and the alumni association's lease payments. Last year's total was about \$529,000.

Out of the 1,000 spaces leased for gameday parking, there are 653 unsold season passes, which could have produced approximately \$154,108 to \$192,635

in revenue.

With 16 out of 18 RV spaces not being leased, Tech and the alumni association lost out on about \$63,200 in revenue.

For the first year of the lease, Tech and the alumni association lost \$440,000. The parking garage was not completed on time, which was a breach of the agreement.

According to the construction plans of Raider Park parking garage, the stairwell and elevator shafts were not approved for use on Feb. 17, 2010, by the City of Lubbock.

Isom said the unfinished elevators were one of the reasons for the renegotiations of the contract in May 2011.

John Steinmetz, regent and president of Vista Bank, was the only board member to formally recuse himself from the vote on the renegotiated lease.

Steinmetz was appointed to the board after the initial contract with Raider Park Limited Partnership was negotiated. Because of this, he said, he recused himself from the May renegotiations. He said he did not feel right voting on something with which he was not entirely familiar.

The plot of land located on the east side of 25Twenty, the apartment complex leasing 500 parking spaces from Raider Park, is owned by R&N Investments, which is an Isom family entity, and is leased to another Isom partnership. This partnership borrowed \$2.8 million from Vista Bank to construct the building on the property now leased to Merrill Lynch.

Steinmetz said Vista Bank no longer finances the property and that he was not a part of the original negotiations with the Isom entity. He said this relationship also was a reason for his recusal.

When asked if he felt other board members who might have a connection or relationship with the Isom family should have recused themselves, Steinmetz said he certainly hopes they would have.

Many of the principals in the deal are alumni of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, including Isom, Bill Dean, executive director of the alumni association, and regent John Scovell, whom many sources said was the driving force behind the agreement.

Steinmetz is also an alumnus of Phi Delta Theta.

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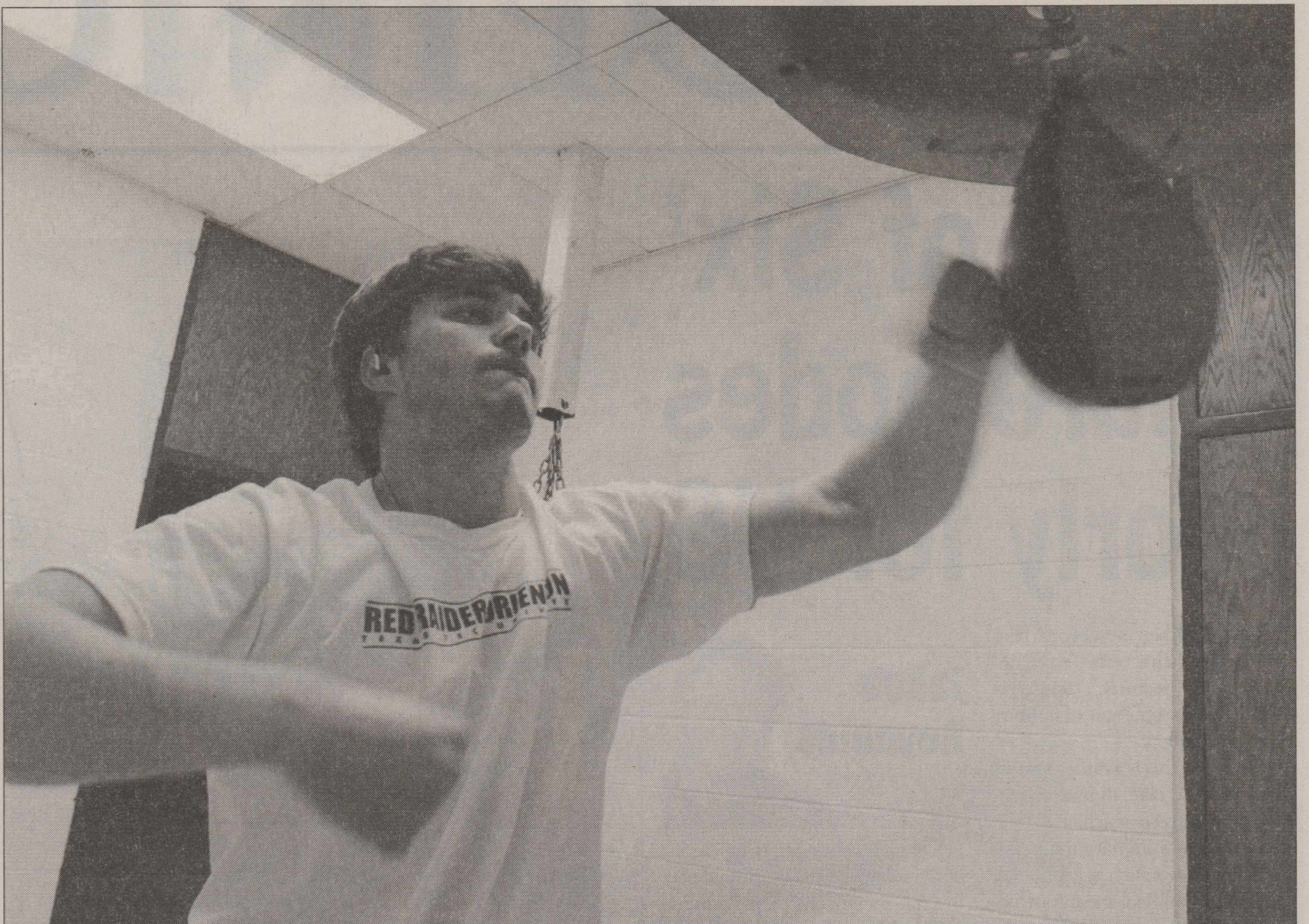


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FORD BOOZER, A junior finance major from Birmingham Ala., practices on a speed bag inside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Monday.

Coats ←

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Witherspoon is in the communication design program at Tech and said she told her classmates about her idea and that they all wanted to help.

She said she was surprised at how much help she has received. Her classmates have helped design and make posters and set up donation boxes.

One of Witherspoon's classmates, Marissa Whitworth, decided to help out so she could gain extra design practice.

"It was just a way for us all to design outside of school and the classroom environment — not for grades or anything," said the junior communication design major from San Antonio. "We could follow any rules we wanted to and we could participate in something that could really benefit Lubbock while also making something we could put in our portfolios potentially."

Whitworth designed three posters and said she, Witherspoon and the others involved are informing people about the coat drive by word of mouth.

"For me personally, I wanted to do something more," Whitworth said. "I wanted to design for something other than schoolwork, and the opportunity to do this and help other people just seemed the way to go. It came up and it was perfect."

Witherspoon said she took care of two boys throughout the summer and that she was shocked to find out they were once homeless. This experience is what drove her to start the coat drive.

"If we just opened our eyes and looked around and saw all the people who needed help, it would probably astound us," she said. "It just really came into one of those things."

The coats and winter clothing will be donated to the Lubbock Dream Center once they are col-

lected from the three locations on Tech's campus, Witherspoon said.

There are three locations to drop off coats and any other winter clothing articles. The drop-off locations are on the ground level of the Architecture building, in the Art building near Room B029 and underneath the stairwell and archways in the English-Philosophy building.

She said she hopes to receive about 50 coats.

Donations will be accepted until Dec. 7, and Witherspoon said she hopes to make it a tradition for years to come.

"It's really one of those things where I hope people are able to take from it the knowledge that it doesn't take a lot to do something," she said. "This was just about 10 or 12 people who got together and

said, 'Let's do something to help people out this Christmas.'"

There is no way the coat drive could have happened, Witherspoon said, without all the help she has received, and she urges people to look around at the needs of others and to make a difference.

"You don't have to be a graphic designer, and you don't have to really have a set of skills," Witherspoon said. "You just have to want to go and do something."

She said the 50 donated coats will make a difference in the Lubbock community, but she isn't focusing on quantity.

"Even if we just got one coat and helped one person," Witherspoon said, "then that's what it's all about."

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'Gang of Six' failure bodes poorly for US

When most people hear the term "national security," they typically visualize some sort of military or terrorist attack.

However, this is a rather narrow perspective to take, as national security encompasses much more than just a country's military influence, including things such as economic, diplomatic, political and infrastructural integrity.

Throughout the past several years, it has become popular for media pundits and experts to speculate on threats to our national security. Islamic extremists, Chinese economic policies and illegal immigrants have been incessantly cited as impending threats to the national security of the United States.

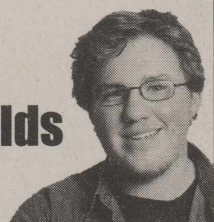
While it is true that these are legitimate problems which will end very badly for us if they are not dealt with soon, there remains a much larger threat to the country that I feel will spell the end of American influence on a global scale, and it isn't foreign.

Lately, I've come to feel that the largest and most immediate threat to these aspects of our national security comes from us. The refusal of our elected officials to cooperate with each other has led to them being unable to deal with the mounting problems ailing our country.

That's right. We are our own worst enemies, and nowhere has this been more brilliantly displayed than in the final outcome of the less-than-super Congressional bipartisan supercommittee of six members, whose deadline to come to a decision on how to reduce the deficit in the national budget by \$1.5 trillion came and went, with almost nothing to show for the deliberations that began in August.

According to Rep. Jeb Hensarling, a House Republican from Texas and co-chair of the supercommittee, the committee failed to reach an agreement because it "could not bridge the gap between

Jakob Reynolds



two dramatically competing visions of the role government should play in a free society, the proper purpose and design of the social safety net and the fundamentals of job creation and economic growth."

Of course, both sides blame the other for the failure of the committee. The Democrats blame the Republicans for refusing to allow tax increases and the latter blame the Democrats for not agreeing to repeal healthcare reform policies. I won't go too much further into detail about why the so-called "Gang of Six" could not reach an agreement on the budget deficit, as this would

warrant another column.

Even though there are automatic cuts in both defense and domestic spending scheduled to be imposed in January 2013, this impasse is alarming. The fact stands that the main reason given by the committee for its failure to come up with a solution to one of the most pressing issues in the United States today was because of its outright refusal to compromise. All the while, the deficit issues the committee was supposed to deal with still haven't been dealt with.

If six men and women in Congress cannot come up with an idea of what to do about an issue as important as the national budget deficit, I shudder to think about what happens when 535 members of Congress try to accomplish anything. If this process doesn't change, I see a dim future for the country.

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Phil doesn't mess around when it comes to Black Friday.

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For careers, don't blindly seek profits

By PETER M. BOZZO
HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD U.)

There's a scene in the new film "Margin Call"—a fictionalized retelling of the first 24 hours of the 2008 financial crisis—in which a recently-fired risk analyst sits on his front porch and reflects on his life's work.

As his thoughts float back through time, it's not his contributions to the investment bank where he was employed that come to mind; instead it's his work as an engineer prior to joining the firm when he built a bridge that saved commuters countless hours of travel time each day.

That's what the analyst lacked in his work at the investment bank: It didn't allow him to create anything.

Watching the scene and reflecting on my own undergraduate education, I realized that it has instilled in me, above all else, a desire to create something.

I remember the moment when this desire began to crystallize in me; it was during freshman year when I met with a professor during office hours who pushed me to consider the logical implications of an argument I was making. When she finally drew out an unexpected repercussion, the thrill of discovery hit us both.

I expect that many other students have had similar experiences and it seems that many of us emerge from Harvard with this creative instinct intact—we want to make something that will contribute to the world in a concrete way.

It is somewhat surprising therefore, that around this time every year we see countless students recruiting for jobs at consulting and finance firms. These are often the same students whose original ideas

impressed us in class—some of our most creative, intelligent, and accomplished peers. It's also the time of year when we see a backlash against many of these students.

This year, the backlash is embodied in the Occupy Harvard movement, which (among other claims) argues that Harvard graduates in the financial sector have contributed to growing economic inequality in the United States.

These attacks on individuals entering the financial industry are rarely constructive. The more intriguing question is why students—many of whom, like me, were inspired to create during their years at Harvard—eschew careers in the more "creative" professions and pursue work in the financial world. Why are we creating profits instead of bridges?

I think that much of the answer has to do with the resources devoted to career counseling for students whose interests point them toward occupations outside the world of finance and consulting.

Certainly some students enter this world because of the financial benefits, but for others it's simply the most visible and defined career path after graduation. Students can meet with recruiters and interview on campus; the Office of Career Services provides extensive counseling for undergraduates pursuing finance or consulting careers.

Many students work in internships during the summer after their junior year; by the end of the summer some have job offers in hand

and can go through senior year with defined post-graduation plans while their friends frantically search for job listings and interview opportunities.

Searching for a career outside finance or consulting often comes with more uncertainty than searching for a career within this profession. As a result, students often need to be counseled extensively when searching for opportunities in non-finance fields.

Opportunities for such counseling currently exist at Harvard, but they often aren't advertised extensively and can be

overshadowed by the highly visible recruiters who descend on campus each year. The OCS could more effectively highlight its counseling

opportunities for students interested in engineering, politics, or academia and could more aggressively reach out to students interested in these fields.

Currently, OCS's extensive finance career counseling services are not an example of a response to students' demand for careers in these fields; instead, the supply of these services inflates demand for careers that might not otherwise be as attractive to students.

As seniors near their thesis deadlines and eventually their graduation dates, thoughts of post-college plans inevitably hang over their heads. Right now, the ease of entering the consulting and finance fields means that students with diverse interests and creative impulses are streamlined into these professions, even if they're more willing—and more suited—to entering other occupations.

So why are we creating profits instead of bridges? It's not because we're uncreative; it's because profits—and the careers associated with them—simply come easier.

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Student's efforts give children hope

By ASHLYN TUBBS
STAFF WRITER

Stacy Blakley, a senior advertising major from Perrin, has taken a stand to help nourish Africa.

However, she is not dealing with food.

Because of Blakley's efforts, 111 books will be distributed to impoverished educational institutions in Gambia this February to provide African children with the chance to obtain a better quality of life through the gift of education.

"Course Hero often uses the phrase, 'The more you give, the more you get,' which I find doesn't only pertain to the documents you gain access to," Blakley said, "but it also refers to that rewarding feeling you get by knowing that you helped make education more accessible all over the world. It has been a rewarding experience knowing that I've helped friends and classmates achieve academic excellence as well as helped brighten the future for children in Africa."

Being a part of the Course Hero Knowledge Drive and knowing that I have helped place 111 books in the hands of children in need is an indescribable feeling."

Blakley recently became one of the top students in the country who have contributed to the Course Hero Knowledge Drive, an initiative working in partnership with the nonprofit organization Books for Africa to help make education more accessible worldwide. She was in direct competition with more than 200 other interns.

"Forty percent of school-aged children in Africa do not attend school. When they do, many classrooms only have one textbook for every 20 students," said Brandon Styles, director of Campus Programs at Course Hero, Inc. "The Course Hero Knowledge Drive gives students an opportunity to give back to the international student community without breaking the bank. Our student leaders, like Stacy, have been incredibly dedicated to bringing education to these under-served communities."

Course Hero will give more than 44,000 books to six different provinces in Gambia in February, which will be its first trip to Africa.

"As we distribute the books, we will be marking the receiving libraries with our student leaders' names, photographs and contact information," Styles said. "Our hopes are that the students in Gambia will be able to connect with their donors directly and that our student leaders will be able to 'meet' the students, whom they have worked so hard to help."

Blakley began working as an intern with Course Hero's Knowledge Drive in August. From there, she facilitated Tech's campus-wide book donation to Books for Africa.

She is currently the campus ambassador and oversees student leaders for Course Hero.

"Stacy has been very helpful to me, and I've enjoyed working with her," said student leader Brittani Richter, a health, exercise and sports sciences major from Jackson. "She is very devoted to the

Course Hero cause."

Blakley also began blogging under "Consolidation of Cybermedia and Social Networks" on the Course Hero website, which sees more than one million readers per month.

"Stacy's initiative at Texas Tech University was one of the most successful in our program's history, and it has been a pleasure to work with a student who has been so dedicated to the cause," Styles said. "Stacy consistently applied her academic and creative background in advertising to connect with a large demographic of students."

"She is very passionate about educational issues and talented when it comes to making presentations and articulating ideas."

The books Blakley has contributed are a result of documents uploaded to Course Hero's website, which she said is a learning platform for students to go on and upload documents and view documents from other students.

For every 10 documents students upload to Course Hero, Books for Africa puts a book in the hand of an African child.

"It's really simple because we all have documents saved on Blackboard or our computers," Richter said. "It also gives us access to others people's materials. So, not only are you benefiting African children, you're also benefiting yourself."

Course Hero is looking for documents like past homework assignments, study guides for tests, essays or any sets of notes that will help students study and learn more productively in their classes.

"There is good information on there," Blakley said, "... for helping students achieve academic excellence as well as giving books to children in need."

Students interested in getting involved in this drive can email Styles at bstyles@coursehero.com.

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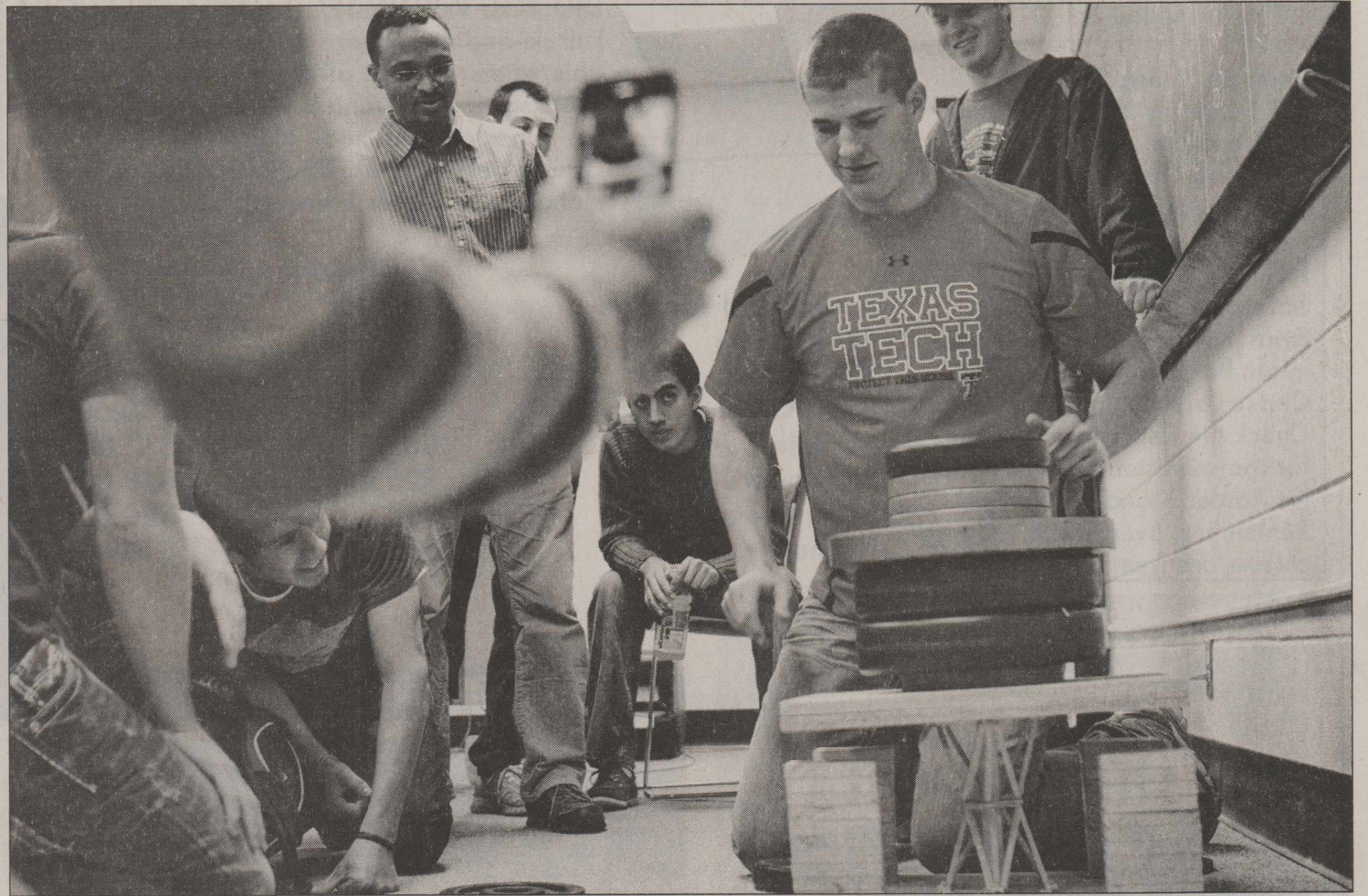


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STEVEN HOBRATSKHK, A junior mechanical engineering major from Littlefield, puts weight on a balsa wood structure Monday in the Mechanical Engineering building. His group made the structure for its Finite Element Analysis class, and it supported 130 pounds.

Jackson's doctor called suicidal after verdict

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The doctor convicted in the overdose death of Michael Jackson was sentenced to the maximum four years behind bars Tuesday by a judge who denounced him as a reckless physician whose actions were a "disgrace to the medical profession."

Dr. Conrad Murray sat stoically with his hands crossed as Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor repeatedly chastised him for what he called a "horrific violation of trust" while caring for Jackson.

However, Pastor conceded his sentence was constrained by a recent change in California law that requires Murray to serve his sentence in county jail rather than state prison.

Sheriff's officials later said Murray will serve a little less than two years behind bars while housed in a one-man cell and kept away from other prisoners.

"This is going to be a real test of our criminal justice system to see if it's meaningful at all," District Attorney Steve Cooley said.

Cooley said he was considering asking the judge to modify the sentence to classify the crime as a serious felony warranting incarceration in state prison.

The judge was relentless in his bashing of the 58-year-old Murray, saying he lied repeatedly and had not shown remorse for his actions in the treatment of Jackson. Pastor also said Murray's heavy use of the powerful anesthetic propofol to help Jackson battle insomnia violated his sworn obligation.

"It should be made very clear that experimental medicine is not going to be tolerated, and Mr. Jackson was an experiment," Pastor said. "Dr. Murray was intrigued by the prospect and he engaged in this money for medicine madness that is simply not going to be tolerated by me."

Pastor also said Murray has "absolutely no sense of fault, and is and remains dangerous" to the community.

The judge said one of the most disturbing aspects of Murray's case was a slurred recording of Jackson recovered

from the doctor's cell phone.

"That tape recording was Dr. Murray's insurance policy," Pastor said. "It was designed to record his patient surreptitiously at that patient's most vulnerable point."

Defense attorney J. Michael Flanagan contended that nothing said during the hearing would have changed the judge's mind about the sentence.

Michael Jackson's family told Pastor in a statement read earlier that they were not seeking revenge but wanted Murray to receive a stiff sentence that

served as a warning to opportunistic doctors.

It included elements from Jackson's parents, siblings and his three children.

"As his brothers and sisters, we will never be able to hold, laugh or perform again with our brother Michael," the statement said. "And as his children, we will grow up without a father, our best friend, our playmate and our dad."

The family told The Associated Press after the sentencing that they were pleased with the results.

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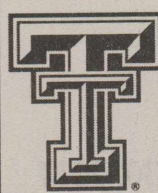
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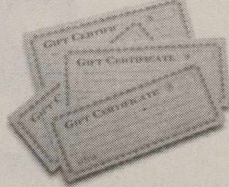
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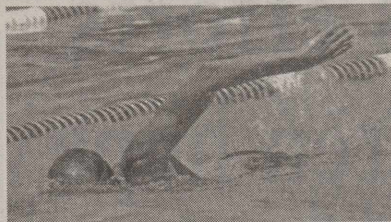
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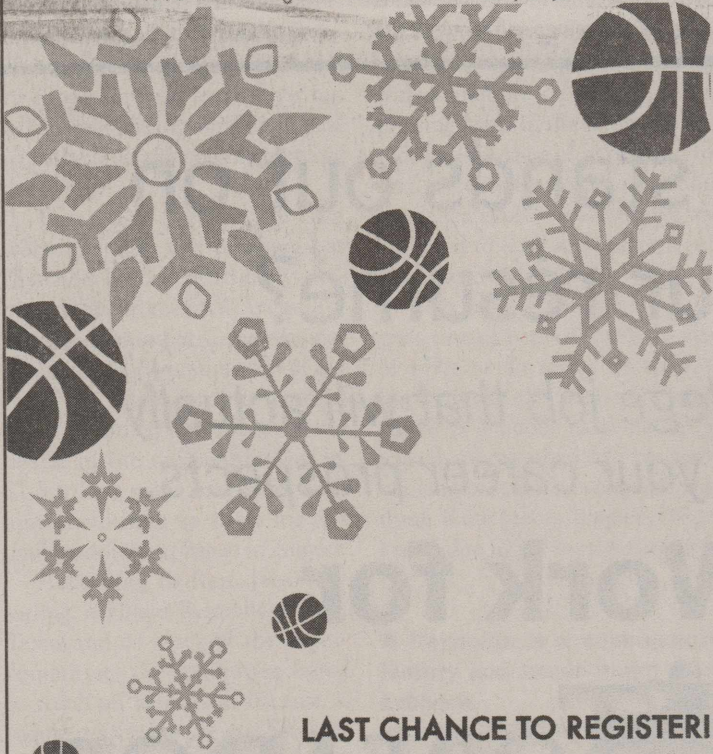
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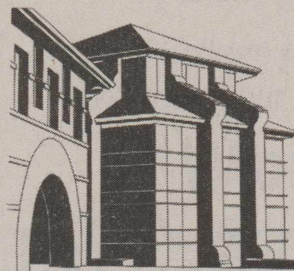
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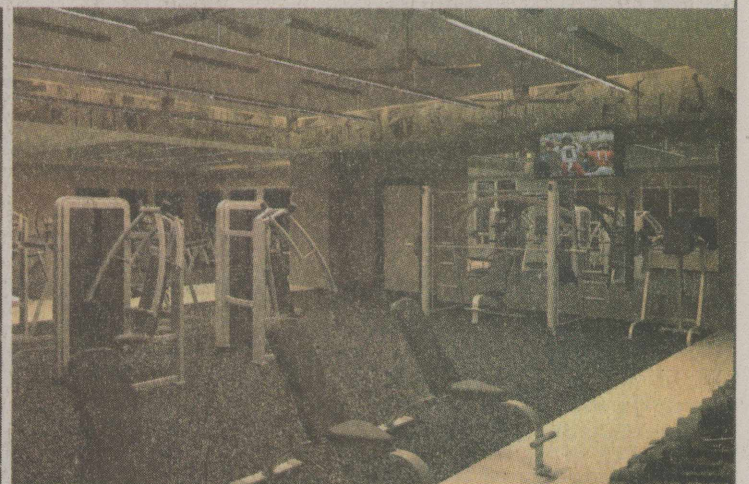


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