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## Board to discuss medicine, Jones Stadium

**ANJELA ANAYA***UD Staff Writer*

The Texas Tech Board of Regents is meeting today in El Paso to discuss several points of interest to the university. Items on the agenda include a new Tech medical building in Midland, a Jones Stadium marquee system and construction of Texas Tech University Boulevard.

Midland College campus will

receive a new facility to house the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Physician Associate Program. Midland College will occupy about half of the facility.

"The new physician's associate is important for West Texas because of a shortage of doctors out here," said James Crowson, deputy chancellor.

The chancellor's office will seek authorization to approve an agreement between Texas

Tech Health Sciences Center, the School of Medicine, the orthopaedic surgery department, Tech and the intercollegiate athletics department to provide medical services to athletes.

The clinical appointment of Dr. Robert King to the orthopaedic surgery department will be part of the agreement.

The Chancellor's Office will seek approval for the construction of Tech Boulevard.

The Board of Regents will also discuss authorization for the Chancellor's Office to increase the project budget and award contracts to upgrade the existing Jones Stadium scoreboard, and to construct a video screen for Jones Stadium and a marquee system at Indiana Avenue and 19th Street.

Crowson said the marquee system can advertise the events in the United Spirit Arena.

"It's common in most of the

Big 12 schools," he said.

The Office of the Chancellor will seek the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to award a construction contract to renovate property located at 6610 Quaker Ave.

The regents will ratify the establishment of the Software Engineering Research, Training and Education Center.

They will also announce a gift of funds to acquire a Glenna Goodacre sculpture.

## Officials: Garages to be common at Tech

**ANJELA ANAYA***UD Staff Writer*

Parking structures are the wave of the future, say Texas Tech's administration officials who have been researching the possibilities of three new parking structures on campus.

Doug Mann, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said each parking structure will cost about \$4.5 million and have about 900 reserved spaces.

"You typically figure between \$5,000 and \$6,000 per space per parking structure," he said.

Due to the Master Plan, there will be a much higher demand for parking, Mann said.

"We have to start building them further away or start building parking structures," he said. "The issue is not spaces, it's where you park. With the English/Philosophy/Education Complex, it's going to be a huge demand on this end of the campus."

Mann said there are three pos-

sible locations for the first new parking structure. It could be east of the University Center, in place of a parking lot and the Development and Continuing Education buildings, between the Wall/Gates and Hulen/Clement Residence Halls or in place of the parking lot east of the Civil Engineering Building.

He said in the fiscal year 1997, there were 3,130 reserved spaces. It is too early in the planning stages to know how many reserved spaces will be offered for faculty and staff when the structures are completed, Mann said.

The goal is to get approval from the Board of Regents for the parking structures by December of this year or early next year, he said. They want to be able to bring the plan to students, faculty and staff two weeks after the start of the fall semester.

"What we want to do is to be able to implement new parking rates to affect the year 2000 plan," Mann said.

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**Nap Time:** A tiger at the Wringling Brother Barnum and Bailey Circus lies down for a rest. The show will be in Lubbock until Sunday.

## Circus Time

### Greatest Show on Earth hits city

**CAREN CARNEFIX***UD Staff Writer*

An 8-foot-tall man might be walking around the Texas Tech campus today, but don't think James Dickey found a new recruit.

It's Kahn, the tallest man on earth, and he is not in Lubbock for basketball

camp. He is a performer in the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, which opened Thursday.

Kahn, who wears size 20 shoes and weighs 380 pounds, is one of the new acts for this tour. Other featured performers include Iron Jaws, the strongest man on Earth and Michu, a man who is 33-inches tall.

"The entire theme is 'Side Show,'" said Joel Heidtman, circus spokesman.

"But we don't exploit people's physical abnormalities."

Some acts, like the Quiros high-wire act, are made up of different family members.

The team is three brothers  
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# Fingerprinting not necessary for checks



**JAMES WALKER**  
UD EDITOR

I went to a gas station recently, because I needed gas. I filled up my tank, \$13 even. I went inside, got a Nestle

Crunch bar and a lottery ticket, and went up to the cash register. When I finished writing out my check, the lady, acting as if it were the most innocent and natural thing in the world, held out this ink pad and asked for my fingerprint.

My fingerprint. I don't know when eating Nestle Crunch bars before 4 p.m. became a crime in Lubbock, but I felt like a common criminal. I was fingerprinted. The words look strange

on the page to me, because I am still in shock at the insult, the intrusion, the invasion of privacy that I was subjected to just for \$13 worth of gas.

For the past several years, the government's answer to crime of all sorts has involved ignoring the rights that are the inheritance of every American citizen.

To put it more plainly, America's law enforcement policy clearly echoes

Rockefeller's famous sentiments: "The public be damned."

A few years ago, after the most recent airline explosion tragedy, which turned out to be mechanical failure, there was a rush in Congress to pass anti-terrorist laws.

One such law involved airport X-ray machines that saw through clothing and projected a naked image of each traveler on the screen.

Another bright idea, called profiling, involved creating a model of the kinds of people most likely to be terrorists.

These people, doubtless anyone Islamic or Irish, would be subject to searches and other, more strict security procedures.

Whatever happened to innocent until proven guilty? What happened to not being deprived of liberty without due process of law?

I've never been arrested. My worst brush with the law ever

was when I accidentally left my car in one-hour parking overnight, resulting in seven individual \$2 tickets. I swear I had the \$13 in my account to cover the gas.

I don't know about anyone else, but I'm outraged. New driver's licenses have your life story encoded on a magnetic strip, and now they're fingerprinting us every time we buy gas. What's next?

In George Orwell's classic, "1984," every citizen is watched constantly. Every citizen is guilty, even if proved innocent. That day may not exactly be upon us, but every journey starts with a single step.

Hot checks are a problem, and that problem needs innovative, efficient solutions. But treating innocent customers like common criminals is not the answer.

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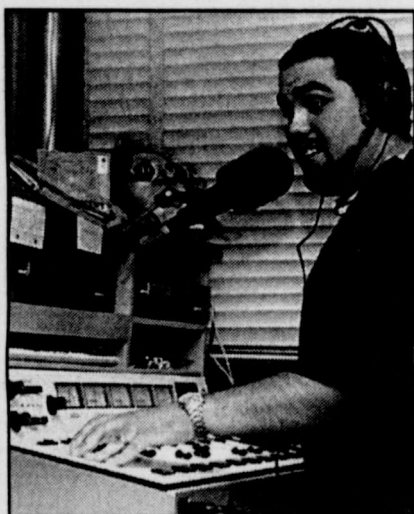


## Quote for the day:

Eternal vigilance is  
the price of liberty.

-Thomas Jefferson

## Lubbock radio lacks competition, interest



**Alex Hinojosa**  
KTXT News Director

What's more boring than a two and a half hour freshman-level Spanish class and worse than any Drew Barrymore flick? Lubbock radio! The bashing of the very thing that pays my bills will be ironic to some, so allow to explain.

However, I must first give you my radio background so that it won't as if I am some chump that doesn't know what he is talking about. Along with being the News Director at KTXT-88.1 FM, I work at the local all-sports and news/talk radio establishments.

But, enough about me. Let's talk about this joke of a radio market.

The reasons for Lubbock ra-

dio being so bad are two fold and as follows: the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pure lack of talent on the local commercial radio stations.

Don't get me wrong, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 did do some decent things like allowing phone companies to enter the cable business and vice versa. However, thanks to the act, large corporations have come into the Hub City and bought up as many stations as they could get their grubby little money hungry hands on.

For instance, the corporation that I work for (who shall remain nameless because I need the minimum wage they give me) owns six radio stations, all of which are extremely popular. If you have ever won anything from one of these stations, then you know which company I am speaking of.

The ramifications of a single entity owning close to half of the listeners in Lubbock are horrific. I mean, what has happened to the hardcore rivalries that should exist between radio stations in every good market? They don't exist in this one.

Instead of the local "album rock" and "classic rock" stations going at each others' re-

spective throats, they share the same damn sponsors. That's not good for radio. Moreover, there is no reason to attack each other because they both have the same boss.

This only controversy in town is between 88.1 and a local commercial station who shall remain nameless as well. That other station is "mixing" up local listeners by saying that they exposed certain music groups first. Of course, we all know that KTXT was the first to expose The Verve, among many others.

Also, because radio is such a business now, most of the fresh new talent, like myself, are left out to dry. Most stations have computers running the radio on weekends and overnights. (Now, you know why you can't request those darn Backstreet Boys at certain times.) This means that we are stuck with the same 'ole boring, unoriginal, talent-less, freakshow,

wannabe radio personalities. And, I won't even go into the sorry morning shows around town. Seriously folks, how many times can one do a tired bit like "Battle of the Sexes?"

This brings me to KTXT. (For the call-letter impaired, that's 88.1-FM.) You, the students of Texas Tech, need to

*"Seriously, folks, how many times can one do a tired bit like 'Battle of the Sexes?'"*

take advantage of your station. You don't realize how good you have it.

Most college stations can only be heard on their campus. But, if you were to come up to 88.1 to DJ or read news or

sports, your tiny voice can be heard for miles around. That means your grandmama in Tahoka can hear you butcher the names of little-known alternative rock bands. That's pretty cool.

Nobody on campus knew who I was last year. But, thanks to KTXT and The UD, I'm entertaining and informing you while you sit in the back of that

boring two and a half hour freshman-level Spanish class with The UD folded up in your book. Now, you know who I am. You just don't care.

As the news director for KTXT, I host a call-in talk show at 6p.m. Sunday on 88.1-FM called "Vox Pop Expose." I created the show because no other radio stations in town take you, the students of this fine institution, seriously. They don't want to hear you complain about the Master Plan and the terrible parking situation, but I do.

So, I dare you, the people of Texas Tech University, to have an opinion on something that really matters to you and to get motivated to do something about it. It all starts by caring enough to take some time to write a letter to the editor or to call a show like mine.

Unfortunately, most would rather make fun of our DJ's, news and sportscasters up here busting their backsides trying to inform and entertain you. And, in my book, the people that do that are bigger chumps than Drew Barrymore.

*Alex Hinojosa is a junior telecommunications major from Grand Prairie.*



## CAMPUS POLICE BLOTTER

June 8

◦ A UPD officer responded to a request for an emergency detention at UMC ER.

◦ A UPD officer investigated credit card abuse which occurred at the bursar's office.

◦ A UPD officer investigated a burglary of a motor vehicle which occurred in the museum visitor parking lot.

◦ A UPD officer investigated the burglary of a coin operated machine which occurred on the second floor of the UMC.

June 9

◦ A UPD officer investigated a burglary of a motor vehicle which occurred on the B-1

ing building.

June 10

◦ A UPD officer investigated several male students in an unauthorized area of Hulen Hall in violation of housing policy.

June 11

◦ A UPD officer found a small vial of an unknown chemical at the southeast corner of the animal science building. Environmental Health and Safety was notified and took possession of the substance.

June 12

◦ A UPD officer investigated

parking lot of the UMC.

◦ A UPD officer investigated a possible threatening letter received by an instructor at the engineer-

criminal mischief which occurred in room 11 of the UMC ER.

◦ A UPD officer investigated a theft which occurred at the USDA construction site.

◦ A UPD officer investigated harassment which occurred at the TTMC.

June 13

◦ A UPD sergeant documented information concerning a power failure which effected all of the Texas Tech campus.

June 14

◦ A UPD officer investigated a theft which occurred in the UMC cafeteria.

June 15

◦ A UPD officer investigated criminal mischief which occurred in the HSC A-3 parking lot.

◦ UPD officers investigated a theft at the Wallace bookstore and evading arrest in the 1400 block of University Ave.

## Parking

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Parking rates are separate from tuition and spaces available for differing budgets, he said.

"If you want convenience and will be able to pay for convenience, you'll have that need," Mann said. "There will be a plan out there for everybody."

He said parking structures will be at least as safe, if not safer, than ground lots. They are usually better lighted, have 24-hour security guards and cameras and protect cars from the elements.

Lewis Held, Tech faculty senate member and biological sciences associate professor, said each parking structure will cost \$7 to \$8 million dollars each.

"There's a demand for reserved spaces and that demand is pretty much being met now," Held said. "They want to rip up almost any parking lot on campus. Their vision would have zero reserved spaces for faculty."

Held said although structures would create a pedes-

trian core, parking permits could cost three times as much and many reserved spaces would be lost.

"There's a cost for that benefit and that cost is inconvenience," Held said. "Mann is faced with the problem of selling sand to the Arabs. Tech will have to borrow \$21 million, and that \$21 million would go a long way toward improving staff salaries, not to mention faculty and students could use a reduction in tuition."

Blythe Clayton, Student Government Association president and senior public relations and journalism major from Amarillo, said Tech administration is still in the data collection phase.

"They have hired an outside firm to study parking as soon as they meet again, she said. "I don't think any plans are concrete yet."

Clayton said the SGA will be involved in decisions.

"I'm glad they're treating it as a problem instead of just as a symptom," she said. "They have assured me that they will involve students in the process."

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# Phluger brings experience to ranching center

**APU NAIK**  
**UD Staff Writer**

Earlier this month, the Texas Tech Ranching Heritage Center named new director Jim Phluger to oversee the museum's rich collection of South Plains memorabilia.

In the past, the Texas Tech University Museum and the Ranching Heritage Center were both under direction of Gary Edson, who continues to oversee the Tech museum.

June 1, however, they were split into separate exhibits because of the Ranching Heritage Center's rapidly expanding property.

Phluger's career began as the assistant director of the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, which is the largest state-supported historical museum in Texas.

Phluger then was appointed senior director of the American Quarter Horse Foundation in Amarillo, which he has over-

seen for the past 10 years.

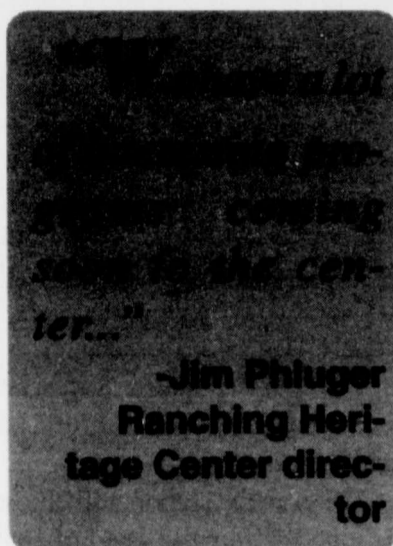
At Tech, Phluger has put together the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center as well as two scholarship programs.

The youth and racing scholarships along with an endowment for equine research have helped bring Tech promising students who have strengthened the university's equestrian research.

As director of the Ranching Heritage Center, Phluger said it is an honor, and he is enthusiastic about the center's future.

"We have a lot of interesting programs coming soon to the center which we're all pretty excited about," Phluger said. "Right now we are in the process of building an authentic Spanish Compound, which should be released later this summer."

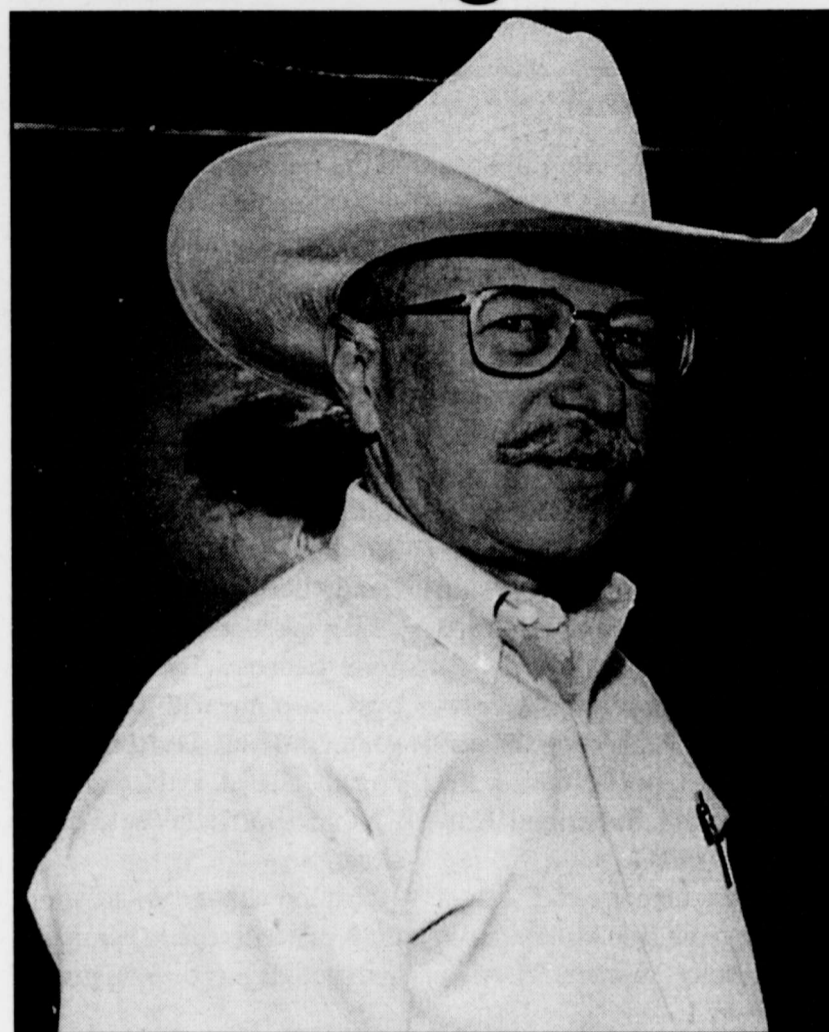
The Spanish Compound exhibit will be honored later this summer with a grand opening hosted by Phluger and Tech Chancellor John Montford.



The exhibit will feature a full scale replica of an original Spanish Compound similar to those found more than 150 years ago in Mexico and the South Plains.

And beginning September 20, the Center will open a spur collection exhibit, featuring antique and celebrity spurs.

Montford, who is an avid collector of unique spurs, will display his collection, along with spur collections from other celebrities.



Brian White/The University Daily  
**Taking Over the Reins:** Jim Phluger was appointed the new Ranching Heritage Center director June 1.

## AMA calls for nicotine elimination

CHICAGO (AP) — The American Medical Association called Thursday for removal of nicotine from tobacco within five to 10 years, saying most smokers want to quit anyway and could do so without nicotine

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# Tech to receive new fire station on campus

APU NAIK

UD Staff Writer

The arrival of a new Lubbock fire station on Texas Tech property will bring fire safety to a maximum, and has reinforced the assurance of safety for many Tech students and faculty.

"The city's fire departments have always been excellent, but the response time (for the new station) will now enable them to be even more effective, because of the proximity," said Tech fire marshal Richard Kopytkiewicz.

In the past, the closest fire station to the Tech campus was Station No. 4, located on the corner of 3rd Street and University Avenue.

But last January, the station was moved a mile farther down the street to the intersection of

Cornell Avenue and University Avenue, increasing the response time for the firefighters at the station.

Because more than 5,500 students will be living on campus this fall, a fire station closer to the university has been a rising concern.

But after nearly two years of negotiations between the city and Tech, plans to build the new station on the corner of 19th Street and Indiana Avenue have finally been approved.

"It's taken a while to get this done because Tech has been busy working with the Master Plan and the United Spirit Arena," said Lubbock Fire Chief Steve Hailey said of the situation.

"But now that they are done, the land (where the station will be located) has been approved

for our use."

The deal between the city and Tech for the station was finalized by an advertising deal in which Tech gave the city the location to build the new fire station and advertising for Lubbock Power & Light, in exchange for \$4.25 million.

The new fire station should be completed by the summer of 1999.

The area the station will cover is also the most in need of fire protection, Hailey said.

"Because there are so many multifloored buildings in that area, like the Tech dorms and the hospitals, a closer fire station is definitely necessary," Hailey said.

So while a new fire station will make access to the university and medical centers easier for firefighters, it will also ease



Brian White/The University Daily

**Safety First:** The fire station at 35th and Indiana will move to a new station the Tech campus by summer 1999.

the minds of those concerned with their safety.

James Burkhalter, Tech's director of housing and dining, said that safety has never really raised questions for him, but the arrival of the new station only

makes things better.

"The fire department's response times to our drills have always been under two minutes or so, but now they will be even less than that," Burkhalter said of the new station.

# Indiana train, tractor trailer collision kills three

PORTAGE, Ind. (AP) — A collision between a Chicago-bound commuter train and a tractor-trailer sent a 20-ton steel coil hurtling through the passenger compartment Thurs-

day, crushing three people to death.

Six others were hurt in the crash, which occurred after the tractor-trailer got trapped by the crossing gates between two sets

of railroad tracks in an industrial area.

The rig was carrying steel coils.

State Police later cited the truck's driver, Keith J. Lintz,

38, of Niles, Mich., for four violations, including transporting an improperly secured load.

The rig, pulling two trailers, was also 70,000 pounds overweight, had inadequate brakes

and Lintz had not properly filled out his log book.

"If he'd been within the law he would have had only one trailer. He should not have had both trailers," Eggers said.



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# Ball to benefit cancer

CARE CARNEFIX  
UD Staff Writer

Wranglers mingling with cattle barons and dixie chicks can only mean one thing.

It's time for the 16th annual Cattle Baron's Ball to benefit the American Cancer Society.

This year's featured entertainment will be the Dixie Chicks, with Lubbock's own Natalie Maines on lead vocals.

Entertainment in recent years had been male performers like Ricochet, Doug Supernaw, Clay Walker and Neal McCoy.

"They (planning committee) just thought it was time to get some female artists for the event," said Christy Reeves, ACS executive director.

"We signed the Dixie Chicks last summer before their album came out. Now they're more popular than when we signed them."

More than 1,000 people attend the ball each year, and about 20 percent of the guests represent the area's medical community and local corporations, Reeves said.

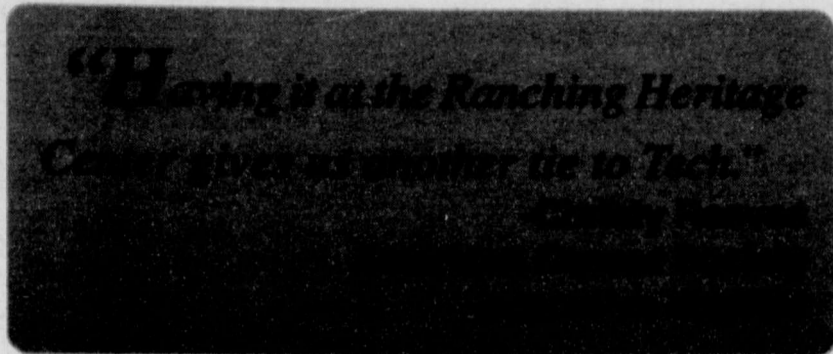
"It's a really well established event," Reeves said.

"We have regular donors that come every year."

The V8 Ranch, located near Ransom Canyon, has been the site of the Cattle Baron festivities in recent years, but this year's ball is within the city.

"This year we've gotten Tech involved by having it at the Ranching Heritage Center," Reeves said.

"Tech has always been real supportive. Having it at the



Ranching Heritage Center gives us another tie to Tech."

Money raised from the event goes to support Lubbock patient services and cancer research. Last year's ball brought in about \$191,000, and this year's chairwoman, Suzy Temple, said she hopes to raise more than \$200,000.

"Cancer touches our lives in some way or another," Temple said. "When I started volunteering, I hadn't been affected by it, but my mother has since died of cancer. It's made me want to work harder."

Temple began volunteering five years ago after attending the ball for the first time.

Ticket sales garner much of the event's proceeds, with Wrangler tickets costing \$150 per person and Baron tickets costing \$500 per couple.

Baron donors were honored for their generous contributions June 6 with a special reception.

Another source of the ball's charitable earnings are the live and silent auctions, with \$30,000 totalling last year's combined auction profits, Temple said.

Lubbock merchants donate gifts such as travel packages to be auctioned.

To offset the country theme and offer something different for the guests, a rock 'n' roll band will play in between the Dixie Chicks' performances.

For additional entertainment, guests can watch Lubbock celebrities like James Dickey and television news personalities race stick horses around barrels in the second annual Celebrity Stick Race, Temple said.

The gala begins at 7 p.m. Saturday and lasts until 1 a.m. For ticket information call 792-7126.

# Disney branches out to new cities

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Forget the phrase "I'm going to Disney World." Disney theme parks may soon come to you.

Disney plans to open the first of its high-tech amusement arcades here Friday as part of the entertainment company's plan to bring scaled-down, indoor versions of its theme parks to cities around the globe.

If its first two DisneyQuest ventures are a success, the company plans to open 15 to 20 in tourist-heavy cities around the world. The goal is to reach visitors reluctant to make the trip to Disney's parks in Orlando, Anaheim, Calif., Tokyo or Paris.

The first 100,000-square-foot DisneyQuest opens at Walt Disney World in a stand-alone building. Disney

officials said they wanted to try out the first one where there were guaranteed Disney fans.

The second is scheduled to open in Chicago next year.

"This is a grand experiment for us," said Joe DiNunzio, vice president of new ventures for Disney Imagineering. "We're very cautious and we're going to wait and see."

Disney hopes to open up three or four a year at a cost of about \$30 million each.

But a visitor is expected to spend only two or three hours at a DisneyQuest, unlike the full-day experience of a theme park. Lines are expected to be shorter, and rides will be changed more often. DisneyQuest visitors also will pay as they go instead of buy a one-day pass.

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The Greatest Show on Earth travels mostly throughout the United States, but its

longest stop, four weeks, is in Mexico City. The second longest stop for one city is three weeks at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Audience members can take advantage of the opportunity to go onto the arena floor to meet performers and animals an hour before each performance, Heidtman said.

Of the animals there are tigers, horses, dogs, llamas and elephants. Two of the 15 elephants are babies.

The animals, and the elephants especially, are a special attraction for Tech student Kelly Floyd, who waited to buy tickets to Thursday's show.

"You never get to see elephants," said Floyd, a junior communication studies from Dallas. "You see horses all of the time, but you never get to see elephants."

For ticket information and performance times, call 770-2000.



Brian White/The University Daily

**Go, Fight, Win:** Incoming Texas Tech freshmen sing the Tech fight song earlier this week at freshmen orientation. Another orientation sessions ends on the campus today.

## Meteorites may provide clues to universe

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A couple of meteorites recovered soon after they streaked into Portales could provide more clues to the birth

of the solar system if scientists are allowed to see them soon.

"Meteorite falls do not happen very often," Adrian Brearley, a University of New Mexico research professor specializing in meteorites, said Thursday.

"If you look worldwide, you may be lucky to find five or six a year that have been seen falling and are recovered," Brearley said.

But meteorites are valuable commodities on the open market.

Scientists and museums are hard-pressed to pay big bucks for the rocks that finders see as gold and researchers see as cheap space probes.

Prices may range from a few dollars to \$1,000 a gram, Brearley said.

Bids earlier this year reached as high as \$31,000 for a meteorite that was found soon after it fell in Monahans, Texas.

In Portales, a meteorite lodged in a barn wall and another burrowed into a back yard in Portales Saturday morning.

They left corkscrew smoke trails as they blew into town at roughly the same time as another apparently crashed through couple's roof in Nashville, Tenn.

The two Portales meteorites could have been from a single meteor that busted up in space, scientists said.

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# Detroit parade focuses on fallen friends

DETROIT (AP) — It was a heartfelt tribute to the Detroit Red Wings — and especially to the two comrades who inspired them.

Vladimir Konstantinov and Sergei Mnatsakanov waved and gave thumbs-up signs to some 1.2 million flag-waving fans who swarmed a mile-long parade route and riverfront plaza.

"I almost cried, and I didn't even know him," Christy Carnell of River Rouge said after seeing Konstantinov roll past in a wheelchair.

Thursday's salute to the Red Wings' second straight Stanley Cup sweep was a party in its own right. It also was a resumption of a celebration that halted abruptly a year ago with the limousine accident that severely injured Konstantinov, Detroit's standout defenseman, and Mnatsakanov, the team's

massage therapist.

The two rode side by side on a float near the front of the parade, which started in front of the Fox Theater and ended about a mile away at Hart Plaza on the Detroit River.

At the plaza, the throng erupted in thunderous applause as Konstantinov with help walked across the stage, waving and smiling.

Mnatsakanov, repeatedly wiping away tears, gave the thumbs-up sign as he was wheeled into the plaza.

"I think the Red Wings to me are all about caring and sharing," coach Scotty Bowman said. "This team has shared something this year to really get to the top of the mountain again.

"For both Vladimir and Sergei, this is worth all the accolades for the team this year."

The Red Wings and particularly Konstantinov and Mnatsakanov have made people believe in courage and overcoming adversity, Mayor Dennis Archer said.

"You made us believe in finding a way whatever the odds are," he said.

Team trainer John Wharton, who has spent extensive time with the two during their recovery, looked back to a year ago when the Red Wings spent hours at a hospital in the days after the limo accident.

"While we shared that waiting room, we shared with you the belief, the faith and the hope that our two friends Sergei and Vlady would recover," Wharton said. "Because of you and your faith and your belief, this team found the faith to do the same.

"Next year, because we will

all still believe, Vlady will walk across this stage by himself," Wharton said as Konstantinov was wheeled to the front of the stage.

The downtown scene Thursday was a repeat of last year's celebration, a sea of red and white as fans jammed the streets under a partly cloudy sky. The display stunned the Red Wings' Kris Draper.

"I thought we saw it all last year," he said. "This is so overwhelming. This is so unbelievable, especially the support you

gave Vlady and Sergei."

Diane Dabish of Fraser took the day off from work after camping out along the parade route at 7 p.m. Wednesday — 16 1/2 hours before the parade's 11:30 a.m. start.

"Last year, I missed it, but this year I wasn't going to miss it," she said.

Team captain Steve Yzerman, voted most valuable player of the Cup finals, drew deafening cheers as he rode by with the Conn Smythe trophy raised over his head.

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# New Big 12 chairman asserts league health

DALLAS (AP)—University of Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway pronounced the Big 12 Conference in good health Wednesday after his election to a two-year term as the league's chairman.

During its five-hour meeting, the Big 12 board of directors also decided to hire a headhunter firm to find a new commissioner.

Commissioner Steve Hatchell, who helped form the Big 12 in 1995, resigned in May amid reports that he was being pressured to leave. There also have been reports of friction between northern and southern schools in the far-flung conference.

But Hemenway, who replaces Texas A&M President Ray Bowen as chairman, said Big 12 schools are moving forward in lock step.

"There is absolutely no North-South conflict within the Big 12," he said.

"Whatever conflicts there might have been when the conference was formed have been resolved."

Hemenway said the league is now ready "to seek a commissioner who is knowledgeable, aware of the American entertainment industry, and concerned for the welfare of our student athletes."

"We will move forward very quickly in the hiring of the

search firm," he said.

Bowen said he wouldn't be surprised if a new commissioner were in place by the end of this year.

"That's the outside limit," Bowen said of the commissioner search.

"It could be sooner."

Bowen said some candidates have already expressed interest in the job, but he wouldn't release their names.

Oklahoma State associate athletic director Dave Martin has been working as interim commissioner since Hatchell's departure.

Hemenway said presidents are "very pleased with the management structure of the Big 12

*"Whatever conflict there might have been when the conference formed has been resolved."*

**-Robert Hemenway  
Big 12 chairman**

Conference office" under Martin, but he will not be a candidate to become permanent commissioner.

"This will be an open search, and we are certain that we will make a decision on who is the best person for the conference," the chairman said.

Overall, Hemenway said, the meeting was positive and con-

firmed the solidarity of Big 12 schools.

"We had a good meeting with a full picture of Big 12 Conference activity, a good feeling about the health of the conference and solidarity," Hemenway said.

"The CEOs made it clear that we're in the Big 12 Conference to stay."

# McGwire says he may cut down batting practice

HOUSTON (AP) — Mark McGwire says he's all but had it with batting practice and he's seriously considering not taking it some days, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reported in its Thursday editions.

Tuesday night "was the first time I felt like a caged lion," McGwire said.

"And I didn't like it. It made me very uncomfortable."

Reporters, television cameras and assorted uniformed personnel were lined from dugout to dugout in the Astrodome as McGwire took batting practice before he made his professional debut in Houston against the Astros Tuesday.

He had appeared at the Astrodome as a U.S. player in a 1984 exhibition game.

McGwire, who hit nine homers in batting practice in Houston, didn't disappoint those people or the thousands who had crowded into the left-field seats.

"I walked onto the field and

there were about 18,000 people in the stands for batting practice," Cardinals catcher Tom Paganzzi said.

"I thought I was late for the game. It was like a bad dream."

But the batting practice phenomenon is "out of control," McGwire said.

"Everywhere we go, the media writes that 'The show is coming to town.' It's ridiculous. I'm thinking seriously about not taking batting practice some days.

"In September, I hardly take

it at all. And you don't really need to take it that much now, either."

McGwire says he's been taking batting practice for 11 years as a big leaguer and that he's not doing anything different now.

"People think that I just came in from outer space," McGwire said.

"They're showing batting practice on TV, and a friend of mine told me that they were broadcasting it play-by-play in Phoenix. Now, that's psycho."

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