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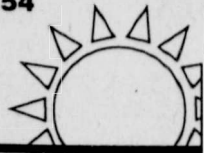
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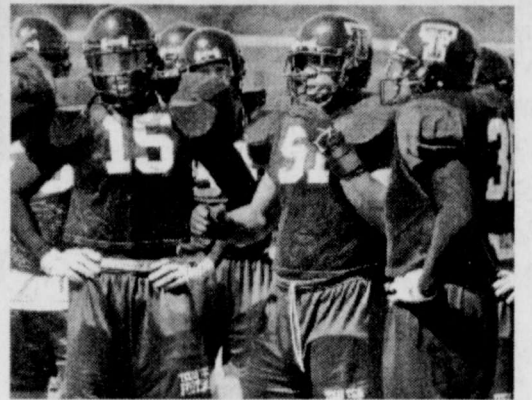
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**STATE**

### Plane crash claims two lives near Bryan

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Two people died Monday in the crash of a small plane near Bryan, authorities said.

The plane went down about six miles east of State Highway 6 in Brazos County, Texas. Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange said investigators had not yet determined a cause, nor had they identified the victims.

A helicopter searched the area Monday morning after the aircraft was reported missing. The plane disappeared from radar shortly after taking off from Easterwood Airport in College Station about 1:30 a.m. Air traffic controllers in Houston also lost track of the plane when it was about 15 miles southeast of the airport.

The red and white Cessna encountered trouble and attempted to return to the airport, state troopers said. Preliminary reports indicated the pilot may have become disoriented and panicked.

Flight logs indicate the flight was bound for Arlington.

**NATIONAL**

### Woman baby killer granted plea bargain

NEW KENT, Va. (AP) — A woman accused of killing her month-old son by putting him in a microwave oven and turning it on pleaded no contest Monday to involuntary manslaughter.

Elizabeth Renee Otte, 20, could get up to 10 years in prison at sentencing Dec. 4. She originally was charged with first-degree murder, which carries up to life behind bars.

According to experts, Otte suffers from epilepsy, and her seizures often are followed by blackouts of up to 50 minutes. Prosecutor C. Linwood Gregory said that given such testimony, a jury might have acquitted Otte.

Her son, Joseph Lewis Martinez, was found dead in 1999, crammed inside the 18-inch-wide microwave in the home Otte shared with the baby's father.

According to experts, the baby probably died after 10 minutes in the oven, when his blood reached 106 degrees.

Otte told authorities at the time that the last thing she remembered was feeding the baby.

**WORLD**

### Art returned after vanishing for years

BERLIN (AP) — Two German museums returned more than 80 artworks Monday to a Jewish art-lover's heirs decades after they first sought compensation for a collection seized by the Nazis.

At a Berlin ceremony, officials from the western city of Hanover handed over an oil painting by Lovis Corinth valued at up to \$470,000, while the eastern city of Leipzig returned more than 80 works, mostly drawings and prints by Max Klinger.

The handover comes a year after a request on behalf of the heirs of Leipzig-based publisher Gustav Kirstein by the Commission for Art Recovery, a body set up by the World Jewish Congress to help reclaim art stolen during World War II.

"I'm overwhelmed with emotion," said Thekla Stein Nordwind, a niece of Kirstein who traveled from the United States for the ceremony.

## Residents make Red Raider history

### New 24-hour visitation policy implemented in most Texas Tech residence halls.

By Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

Most students in Texas Tech residence halls will be enjoying 24-hour visitation effective Sunday after Tech's first visitation policy election. Three residence halls, Horn, Knapp and Chitwood, will participate in a run-off election this week to determine their visitation hours - none of these halls received the number of votes needed to pass the 24-hour policy.

The Chitwood residents will vote in a run-off election today through Thursday beginning at 4 p.m. in the Chitwood/Weymouth lobby. Horn/Knapp residents will vote today from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the complex lobby.

The elections, which were held last Tuesday through Thursday, allowed students to choose between four different visitation policies.

Sean Duggan, assistant director of Residence Life, said though the election was conducted last week, results were not released until Monday because the department wanted to make certain tabulation was correct.

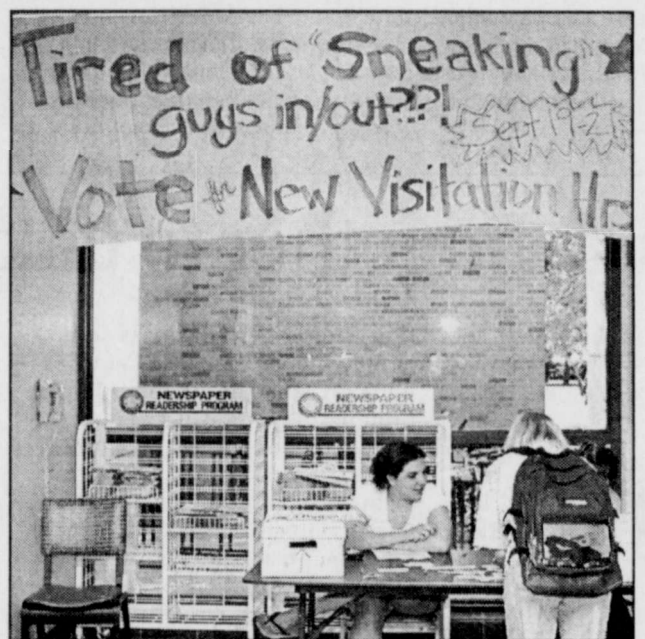
"We wanted to make sure the math and all the percentages were correct before we released the re-

sults," Duggan said. "Basically, we just wanted to make sure we had dotted all the i's and crossed all the t's."

In order for one of the four options to be implemented, the option had to receive a two-thirds majority vote of the residents living in the hall. In all the residence halls that voted for 24-hour visitation, the percentage was overwhelming, Duggan said, with the closest vote scored at Wall Residence Hall, which had 75 percent of residents supporting 24-hour visitation.

For the three residence halls where an option did not receive a two-thirds vote, a run-off election will take place between the two most popular options from the first election. If neither one of these options

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A resident of Stangel Hall stops to cast her vote in last Tuesday's visitation policy election. Election results were released Monday, with three halls to vote again in a run-off election this week.

Greg Kreller  
The University Daily

### A crystal clear look into the future



'Diane' reads the palm of Crystal Devin, of Plainview, Monday evening at the Sister Sophia psychic reader tent at the South Plains Fair, which runs through Saturday. Aside from psychics, game booths and carnival rides, the 83rd annual fair includes a variety of musical entertainers. Tonight's concert features Audio Adrenaline at 7 p.m. in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Concert tickets are available at all Select -A-Seat locations, including the box office at Fair Park Coliseum.

## Student recruiting begins in Raiderland

### Information gathering starts for those interested in becoming a Red Raider.

### The Tech Office of Admissions and School Relations hosts a workshop to help future Raiders.

By Will Frederick  
Staff Writer

Beginning the transition from one level of education to another, high school students from throughout the Lubbock area attended a college-recruiting workshop Monday at the Lubbock Civic Center.

In a recruiting attempt, each year, the Texas Tech Office of Admissions and School Relations hosts a college workshop for the students.

A variety of universities, trade

schools and financial assistance companies were on hand at the workshop.

Jay Killough, admissions counselor at Tech, said most of the universities and other trade schools that attend the college workshop each year are from Texas.

"We want all the students from Lubbock to come to Tech," he said. "By hosting this event, we'll probably get over 800 students to come to Tech."

Killough said the workshop gives Tech counselors the opportunity to build good working relationships with the surrounding high school counselors, which in turn helps in recruiting.

Many of the students that plan on attending a Texas college will not have to worry about paying for college because of a new grant instated in recent years.

The Toward Excellence, Access and Success Grant will be dispersed to students that take college-prepa-



Kambra Bolch, assistant dean of the Texas Tech Honors College, speaks to John Galloway, a student at Lubbock Monterey High School, about the advantages of becoming a student in the college.

ratory courses in high school and that meet certain financial guidelines.

Trey Palmer, a senior at Monterey High School, said he plans on attending Tech after graduation but

that he enjoyed seeing what the other colleges and trade schools had to offer.

"Hopefully, if my grades are good enough, I can get a grant to help pay for school," he said.

## Town hall session set

From staff reports

With a quarter of a billion dollars of construction and planning occurring on the Texas Tech campus, many people have voiced questions and concerns about what is happening.

Because of these questions, three town hall meetings sponsored by the Student Government Association will be held to allow students, faculty, staff and anyone in the Lubbock community to voice their concerns and hear updates on construction projects on campus.

The meeting about Master Plan construction will be from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today at the University Center Allen Theatre. Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor of Facilities Planning and Construction, has asked the project managers for every Master Plan project to attend the meeting.

The University Center expansion project will be the topic of the next meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 3 in the UC Courtyard. The topic of the third meeting will be renovations at Jones SBC Stadium at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 in the UC Allen Theatre.

## South Vietnam prime minister to speak today

From staff reports

Gen. Nguyen Khanh, former prime minister of South Vietnam, will speak at the International Cultural Center tonight as part of a series of guest speakers invited by James Reckner, director of Texas Tech's Vietnam Center. The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in the ICC auditorium.

Khanh is a veteran of the Vietnam War and was involved in the 1963 coup that brought down the government of South Vietnam during the war. In 1964, he took charge of the government as a four-star general. Most recently, he has been interested in formulating a reconciliation between North and South Vietnam.

"I imagine Khanh will tell students and the public what he thought about the Vietnam War," Reckner said. "I could lecture for a semester about the Vietnam War, but this will let students learn about Vietnam from the historical figures."

Reckner, a Vietnam War veteran, said his interest in teaching the subject was piqued when he realized how little history students knew about the war.

The International Cultural Center is located at Seventh Street and Indiana Avenue. Admission is free and the event is open to the general public.

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## Grant helps center give mothers head start

**■ Newly opened center will provide assistance for low-income families.**

By Will Frederick  
 Staff Writer

Families living in the Parkway/Cherry Point community, in Northeast Lubbock, are enjoying the benefits of a \$1.7-million grant donated by the U.S. Department of Health and Hu-

man Services.

The grant is being used to finance the operation of the newly opened Early Head Start Center, located at 515 Zenith Avenue.

The center, which opened Friday, will offer low-income families in the surrounding area full-time childcare services, health screenings and an in-home parent advocate to help new parents understand their children's developmental needs. The center will also provide nutritional counseling, financial planning, family therapy and prenatal care for pregnant mothers.

Cathy Nathan, director of human

development and family studies at Tech, said the center's development is due to a three-way partnership between Texas Tech, The Lubbock Housing Authority and financial assistance provided by the Department of Health and Human Services.

"Our goal is to help the parents get their children off to a good start," she said.

Nathan said both Joyce Munsch, associate professor of human sciences and family studies, and Yvonne Caldera, assistant professor of human sciences and family studies, played an important role in taking the correct

grant proposal measures to acquire the grant.

Lanelle Ethridge, coordinator of the Early Head Start Center, said the program's in-house services have been in operation for two months and the new center has been taking in children since Tuesday. She said the center provides services for children from birth to the age of three.

Ethridge said childcare is probably the third highest expense for the families, aside from housing and food expenses.

"The average cost of childcare for infants and toddlers is around \$75 to

\$125," Ethridge said. "All of our teachers are graduates of Texas Tech and have specialties in childcare."

Tech graduate Chesca Floyd said working with children at the center is a new and rewarding experience.

"I'm finally taking what I learned in college and putting it to use in the real world," she said.

To be eligible for the center's services, families must meet certain qualifications set forth by the center. They must reside in the Parkway/Cherry Point community, be enrolled in an educational program or be employed and meet certain financial criteria.



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## Let's get together to talk about the Master Plan

The sun rises, the birds chirp and the sounds of construction roar. Ah, a typical morning at Texas Tech.



Andrew Schoppe

While many would say the bell towers are one of the most noticeable sights at Tech, these days, a case could certainly be made for the construction projects around campus.

West Hall, Jones Stadium, the English/Philosophy/Educa-

tion Complex, the Business Administration renovation, Rec Center expansion, and the Softball/Tennis Complex. These are just a few of the many components of Texas Tech's Master Plan.

In 1996, the Texas Tech Board of Regents initiated the development of a comprehensive campus master plan to define a framework of opportunities within which the institution can make decisions on upgrading existing facilities and systems and on accommodating new infrastructure and facilities, thus creating a beautiful and inviting campus environment.

The Campus Master Plan is a blueprint for new construction, new infrastructure, traffic and parking modifications, necessary demolition and enhancement of the pedestrian space on the Tech campus.

As Chancellor Montford has

shared many times, the Campus Master Plan is both a vision and a blueprint for our entry into the 21st century.

To best implement this Master Plan, campus and community investigations and discussions must take place. Sharing thoughts and ideas about how to enhance Tech as it grows is second nature to Red Raiders.

This semester, the Student Government Association will conduct several town hall forums for Red Raiders to do just that. The first of these forums will be from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the UC Allen Theater to examine Texas Tech's Master Plan.

All students, faculty, staff and anyone interested are invited and encouraged to come learn about and discuss the Master Plan with Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor for Facilities

Planning and Construction.

The importance of completely filling the entire UC Allen Theater Tuesday night cannot be stated enough.

The project managers for every Master Plan project at Texas Tech have been requested to be in attendance at this event.

Future town hall forums will be noon to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 3 in the UC Courtyard to discuss UC expansion and 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the UC Allen Theater to discuss Jones Stadium Renovation.

So bring your friends, bring your co-workers, bring your family and let's talk about the Master Plan 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the UC Allen Theater.

Andrew Schoppe is the president of the Texas Tech Student Government Association.

### Eradication strides made in West Texas

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — An aggressive boll weevil eradication has wiped out the problem in the San Angelo area and made drastic gains in attacking the problem in other parts of the state's primary cotton areas, officials of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation said Monday.

During last spring's planting season, traps were placed in fields to allow employees of the foundation to monitor weevil activity in fields more precisely and to make treatment decisions based on the information obtained.

As the growing season progressed, only the portions of fields with sufficient weevil activity were treated, resulting in preservation of beneficial insects.

**Moment's Notice**

■ The American Civil Liberties Union will meet at 5:30 on Sept. 28 in the University Center Lone Star Room.



## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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## Red tide spreading along Gulf Coast

(AP) — A toxic algae bloom is spreading along the Texas Gulf coast, killing millions of fish and fouling beaches with their remains.

State environmental regulators call the red tide concentrations the largest since 1986 when a strain passed through the region, killing more than 22 million fish in a four-month period.

The latest growth over the weekend has resulted in enough concentrations to be seen by the naked eye and cause respiratory irritation in humans.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists observed red tide on Sunday in the Corpus Christi Bay near downtown. Red tide was also spotted in the Oso Bay and near the Port Aransas jetties.

"We do not have an accurate number yet. But we are estimating several million fish have been killed so far," Dave Buzan, spokesman for the TPWD Kills and Spills Team, told the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* in Monday's editions.

He said one visible bloom off Matagorda Bay appeared on Sept. 18.

"It is so big it can be detected on satellite imagery," he said.

In the Houston area, officials said Sunday that the tide that had infected Gulf of Mexico waters was dispersing into inland waters, including Galveston Bay.

"It's terrible," Richard Napoli, co-owner of Capt. Nap's Marina along the Texas City Dike, told the *Houston Chronicle*.

He said a shrimper pulled in a net half-filled with dead fish Sat-

urday. On Friday, nearly a dozen three-pound flounders and trout were found along the dike.

A high concentration of microscopic algae producing a toxin, red tide affects the central nervous system of fish and kills them. While the fish kills usually consist of schooling species, such as mullet and menhaden, the algae has a domino effect on other marine life.

For humans eating contaminated fish or shellfish, the toxin can cause numbness, dizziness, nausea, fever and muscle paralysis. The most serious cases can result in respiratory arrest and death.

Health risks to humans who swim in affected waters include breathing irritation, scratchy throat and itchy, red eyes. People with asthma or other health problems could be sensitive to toxins released by the algae.

Red tide earlier this month was discovered in the waters off Galveston Island for the first time since 1986. It killed tens of thousands of fish.

"Some (fish) do not die from red tide," said Wes Tunnell, director of the Center for Coastal Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. "They die from lack of oxygen."

Commercial harvesting of oysters in Galveston Bay has been shut down since Sept. 5 because of red tide. The Texas Department of Health's Seafood Safety Division officials are reviewing whether similar restrictions need to be issued in the Coastal Bend. Oyster season doesn't open in Corpus Christi until November.

## Rains help some, but drought endures

DALLAS (AP) — Soaking rains in parts of North and Central Texas have created a short-term greening effect to the parched landscape and given a timely boost to the winter wheat crop.

"Whatever vegetation is out there sucked it up real quick," Mark Fox, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Fort Worth said Monday.

While the drought is far from over, Allen Spelce, director of communications for the Texas Department of Agriculture, said Sunday's rains are "going to help the winter wheat crop that is going about now."

If the state doesn't get a lot more rain, farmers and ranchers may suffer another \$400 million in damage in addition to the \$595 worth of damage already suffered this year.

Drought conditions since 1996 have caused more than \$5 billion in losses to farmers and ranchers statewide, Spelce said, and this year's record dry spell has worsened conditions.

Last year, the drought led to losses of \$223 million. The Agriculture Department won't revise this year's estimate until later in the fall, Spelce said.

The recent rain "wet the ground a little bit — the first few layers — but it didn't really fill up any reservoirs," Fox said. "And that's what we need."

Reservoirs in many parts of the state are at low levels, and in some cases, thirsty towns have had to pipe water in from neighboring communities because their own lake levels are too low to provide safe drinking water.

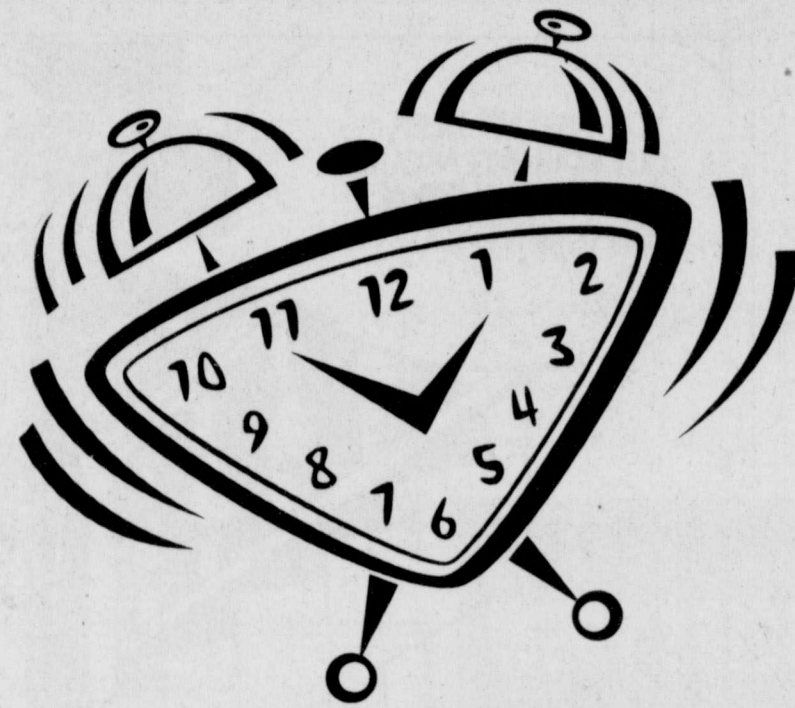
The rains were triggered by a cold front that moved south through the state Sunday morning and afternoon.

Rain fell in varying amounts with

some places, such as Denison and Hamilton, receiving about 2 inches. Most areas received less than an inch, Fox said.

The front also ushered substantially lower temperatures and provided some relief of temperatures at 90 degrees or higher.

North Texas residents awoke to sweater weather. The low was 48 Monday morning, and the high was expected to be about 70. Tuesday's low was forecast to be about 44 with a high about 70. If the temperature dips to 44, it will break a record of 45 set in 1912 and 1942, Fox said.



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### ■ VISITATION

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pass, the visitation hours will revert to the previous hours. At the Horn/Knapp Residence Complex and Chitwood Residence Halls, the two options to be voted on are 24-hour visitation, and limited visitation Sunday through Thursday until 2 a.m. with 24-hour visitation on the weekends.

"The times that we have now were all approved by the Board of Regents," Duggan said. "This was their way of changing the visitation hours."

Duggan said the reason the election was set up this way was because the regents have to approve the hours for the residence halls before they are implemented. The elections were, in part, their way of allowing the students to change the hours at their residence hall, Duggan said. He said if the residents could not come to an agreement about a change, they would revert back to the already approved hours.

According to the election results, the only residence hall that showed

### Six hospitalized in Texas fires

(AP) — Brush fires in South Central Texas caused injuries and evacuations over the weekend, with hundreds of acres burned before firefighters could control the flames.

A fire that burned 10 acres west of Corpus Christi sent six people to a hospital for smoke inhalation.

Members of the People's Baptist Church who attempted to fight the flames themselves using fire extinguishers Sunday later were forced to ask for help.

Victims of smoke inhalation were treated at Christus Spohn Memorial Hospital in Corpus Christi.

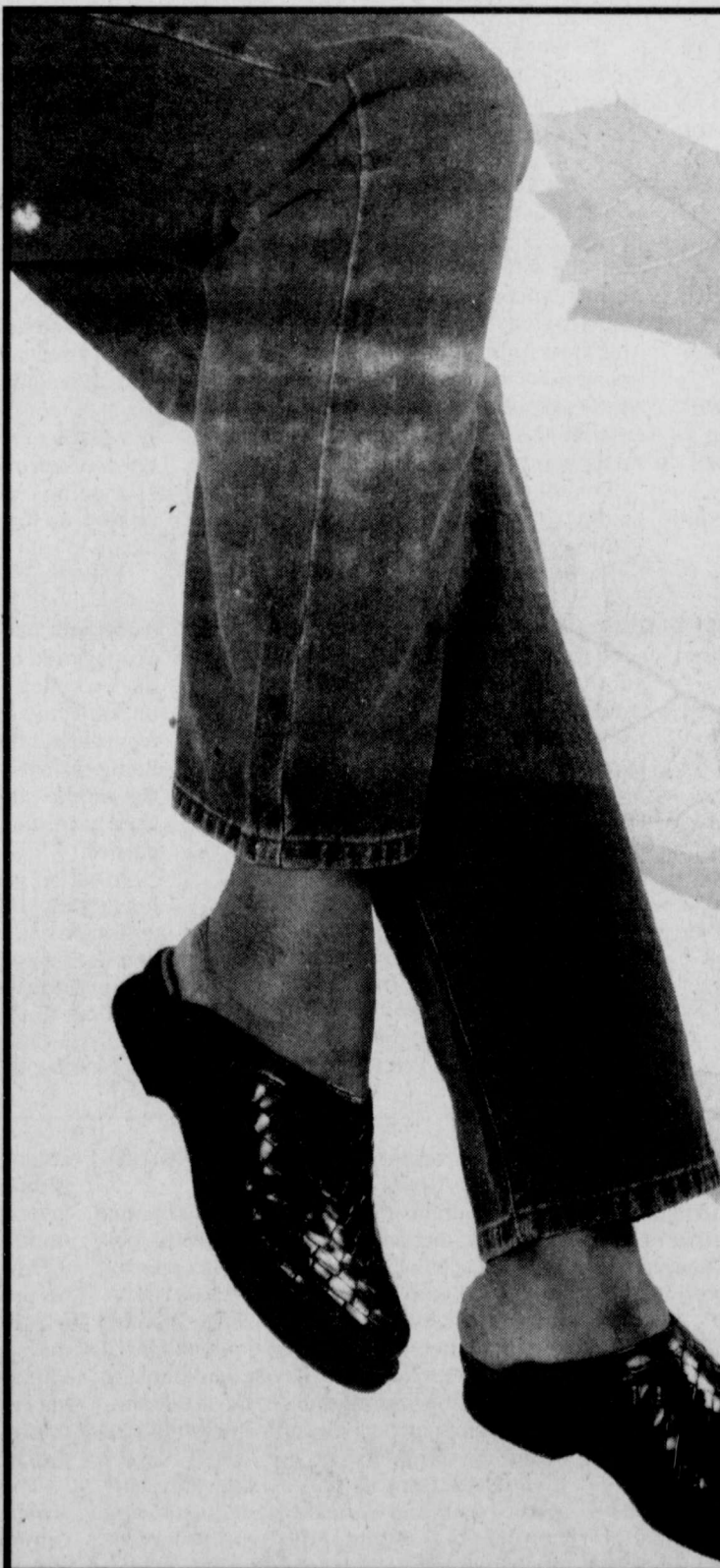
signs of opposing the 24-hour visitation policy was Horn/Knapp. In this residence complex, 61 percent of residents who voted were in support of limited hours Sunday through Thursday until 2 a.m. and 24-hour visitation on the weekends.

The election for the visitation policy was proposed by the Residence Hall Association after they were told the residents wanted more control over the rules and regulations in the halls. This year, more than 4,000 residents voted in the election, with at least 75 percent supporting 24-hour visitation in the halls that passed the option.

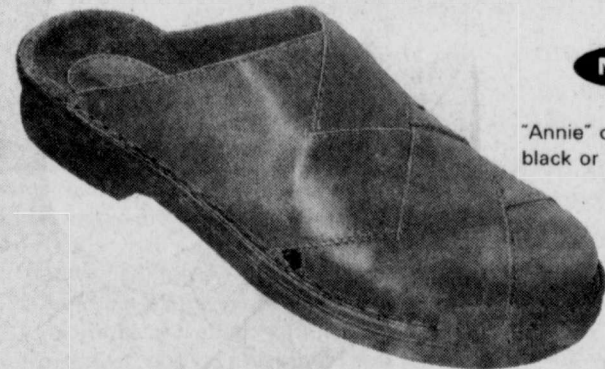
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Your View

**Today's question:**  
*Are you registered to vote? If you plan on voting, who do you plan on voting for?*



**Charlotte Castaneda**  
freshman business major from Corpus Christi.

"Yes, I am registered, and I am going to vote. I am voting for Bush because I don't want Gore to be president."



**Adam Hipp**  
junior business major from Sugarland

"Yes, I am registered to vote, and I plan on voting in the election because it's important to have my individual voice heard. I am going to vote for Bush because he best represents my values and beliefs."



**Yvette Nelson**  
senior interior design major from Lubbock

"Yes, I am registered to vote. I will be voting because there are many issues that affect me locally and nationally. I am voting for Bush because he supports the issues that pertain to me."



**Anthony Wilson**  
senior music education major from Lubbock

"Yes I am registered to vote, but I am undecided on if I will be voting or not. If I do vote, I will vote for Gore because Bush ... is friendly and all, but he is just not bright."



Column

## Tech's apathy out 'whoops' A&M's stupidity

I admit it. I'm not the most spirited person in the world. I only went to three football games while I was in high school, and only one of them actually featured my school's team.



**Kenneth Strickland**

And while everyone was saying their heartfelt farewells following our graduation ceremonies, I was boarding a flight bound literally for the other side of the Earth.

Needless to say, I'm probably not the biggest fan of Tech athletics either. I'm always pulling for them. I'm just really stingy with my money. I think if they made it to where my GPA was contingent on how Tech played, I'd probably paint my entire body red and black and show up at the game in nothing but a Speedo, but I don't see that happening.

Yes, in the past I've had great difficulty finding anything at all that would inspire me to make the least amount of effort to show some form of spirit. But that all changed this summer.

Like many of you, I spent this past summer in summer school back home. Going to community college (or as I call it, the 13th grade) during a summer session allows you to meet interesting people from across the entire state. I made good friends from schools such as UT, Baylor, Southwestern Texas, TCU and SFA. It was an extremely positive experience for nearly everyone involved in this cultural melting pot. Everyone except the Aggies, that is.

Now, when our football team opened up a can on Texas A&M last

year, I regret to admit that I wasn't there. In fact, I was asleep before the fourth quarter had even started. I just didn't seem to hold any deep-rooted animosities toward that particular institution and its students. That was until I actually met some of their students.

There were a few simple methods my colleagues and I utilized this summer to spot Aggies. We came to realize that Aggies won't wear anything that doesn't have the name of their school printed on it. We came to the conclusion that this is because they run the risk of forgetting where they attend if they don't have something to look at. As if they weren't annoying enough, they'd start bugging you with that tradition crap. I had the severe displeasure of sitting next to one of the Nazis. What do they call themselves? Oh yeah, the Corp of Cadets. By the end of the session, I truly believed that this guy would make out with his own sister if someone convinced him that it was a Texas A&M tradition. And who did this guy think he was? He kept telling me how the corp represented excellence in military custom and standards. Hell, the Texas A&M Corp of Cadets is this country's last line of defense — right behind my sister's girl scout troop and The League of Women Voters. I imagine there have been some Corp grads in control of military affairs in the past. This is just speculation, but I figure they were probably responsible for the entire Vietnam War, the Bay of Pigs invasion and that God-awful excuse for a war movie, "The Thin Red Line."

The Aggies my friends and I had in our history class were quite entertaining to have around, though. I was successfully able to convince one A&M senior that George Washington Carver was our first president's illegitimate son who grew up playing basketball on the rough streets of

Harlem before taking a minor role in the original "Shaft." A friend of mine from UT had another Aggie believing that Native Americans originally migrated to North America for the purpose of building and establishing an empire of casinos. And yet, another A&M student actually responded to a test question by stating that Columbus came to America looking for heroin. I guess it's too bad he never dropped anchor in Plano, huh?

We may not have that many traditions here, and yeah, the ones we do have end up being banned before they really take off (tortilla reference), but at least we don't look stupid. We don't build shrines to dead colleges, and you sure as hell wouldn't see our mascot licking his crotch during the halftime activities. Our band performances may not look like a Hitler youth march, but we still sound better. And most importantly by far, our freshman class can out drink the entire A&M campus and their alumni combined. If you ask me, we have it pretty good here at Tech.

I'm not a sports reporter so I'm not gonna tell you who's going to win Saturday's game, but I will tell you one thing. I'll be watching. So to our football team I say, win. Don't win it for yourselves, for your coach, or for your school, win it for me. If you don't win another game all year, win this one. I'm usually a pretty passive person, but I truly believe that even God throws his popcorn bowl at the television when Texas A&M scores, and he has to watch everyone in the stands grope each other. So do the whole world a favor and beat them, please!

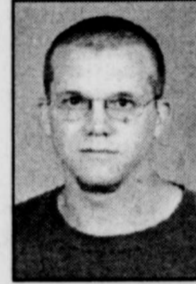
Uh oh, was that spirit? Maybe I should wear that Speedo after all.

*Kenneth Strickland is a sophomore political science major from Mesquite. He recommends that you send this column to all of your friends hanging out at the Dixie Chicken.*

Column

## The cul-de-sac of ideals

I have to laugh as I read the rhetoric from each political party on this opinions page everyday. This country is corrupted with idealism, and idealism is just that — an ideal. It's not reality; it's a vacant dream that is forever beyond our reach. Idealism is a farce that we are taught to grasp that only makes us think we have the power, but we end up robots who vote Democrat or Republican so we can feel good about having done our duty to democracy and mankind.



**Joe Colley**

Where has this idealism taken us? When I look at the two candidates running for the presidency, I can only answer that idealism has not taken us anywhere. Al Gore is a hypocrite and a liar. Most people who support him recognize what a fake he is, but they support him out of a duty to their party or out of a prejudice against George W. Bush.

George W. Bush, like Al Gore, is a professional politician who was bred and raised to cater to the masses so that one day he could be in the history books. Bush's greatest limitation is his IQ. He has trouble reading from a TelePrompTer, and he said his favorite political philosopher is Jesus. (I'm not ragging on Jesus. I'm ragging on the fact that Bush thinks Jesus had anything to do with politics.)

These two people stand for nothing. Their worlds center around perfecting their sophistry and making sure they don't piss the media off so that they can get elected. The presidential election is one big fashion show. Bush and Gore, just like most other politicians, have no convictions, no principles and no morals. Personally, I like people who lack these traits because they tend to be the most interesting people I know. But, I begin to have a problem when these people want to put themselves in a position to decide for me what my principles, convictions and morals ought to be.

Politicians speak of assistance and compassion because that is what it takes to get elected. Their true motive is power. No one strives to be president, the most powerful position in the world, without a serious obsession with power.

If you want to be the most powerful person in the world, you do whatever it takes to get elected in November. If you truly have a sense of benevolence and altruism, you do volunteer work for goodwill. It is rather obvious which category Bush and Gore fall into. I know all of you idealists out there think I should feel happy and special to be a part of a government that allows me to vote and have a say in who gets elected. I do not vote because I do not know of anyone running for president who believes everything I believe. People who do think like me do not run for president because they have no desire to rule over anyone's life.

These idealists are the same people who say things like: "If you don't vote, don't bitch." Voting is useless for people who free themselves from the propaganda of the political parties. I could vote all day everyday for the rest of my life, and I would still be subjected to the laws, taxes, lies and coercion, regardless. I'll bitch if I want to, but thanks anyway. Being realistic, I have no reason to believe in "we the people" anymore because that phrase is only used as propaganda when it is needed by the parties.

In earlier columns, I tried to wake people up to the fact that the Constitution means nothing to politicians, but I realized that I was wasting precious ink on uninterested readers. Now I believe in "me the individual" because that is the only ideal that does not lead to a dead end.

*Joseph Colley is an English and philosophy major from Mount Pleasant.*

Letters to the Editor

Let the jokes begin

To the editor: I can't wait to hear Dennis Miller's next joke about West Texas. It will be well-deserved. I guess, next time, the Student Activities Board should go after Jeff Foxworthy. How pitiful.

*Chris Serafin senior finance*

To the editor: For those of you who have been losing sleep over why Dennis Miller's show did not sell enough tickets to bring the outspoken comedian to Lubbock, it is time to rest. The weekend has come and gone and Den-

nis probably spent his Friday night with the likes of Robert Downey Jr. and Johnny Depp, rather than gracing us with his stand-up. We need to stop blaming the promoters and advertising people because they're just doing their job. If you claim that you didn't know about the show until two days before, you must be living under a rock because I saw advertisements in The UD as early as the first week of school. The No. 1 reason why Miller failed to sell in Lubbock is because, quite frankly, no one gave a crap.

It is bad enough that I have to listen to this moron give obscure, philosophical Celtic references during Monday Night Football, but now they want Tech students to cough up \$25 to listen to him rant and rave about God knows what. The bottom line is that Tech students would rather use \$25 to go to Chili Cook-off or buy some useless crap on eBay than to watch

a comedian that they can see just by flipping over to HBO on Friday nights. Enough already, Tech officials need to stop trying to figure out what went wrong and just realize that no one was interested, except for the 15 people that actually bought a ticket. Of course, that's just my opinion. I could be wrong.

*Javier Recendez senior marketing*

Plenty of pride

To the editor: We appreciate the coverage that The University Daily devoted to our annual Career Expo Wednesday. Largely because of the excellent article that you had in the Wednesday edition, student participation was excellent, and we were very pleased with this turnout. I would, however, like to add some com-

ments concerning the article that appeared in Thursday's issue.

What, unfortunately, got overlooked in that article was that several thousand students took advantage of a positive and unique opportunity to visit with employers from nearly 200 organizations. This extremely valuable networking tool is helpful not only to graduating students, but also to underclass students looking for internship opportunities or those that simply want to see what types of positions the "real world" has for them.

Students from all colleges of the university participated, and we heard many outstanding comments from employer representatives about the high quality of our students. We have heard these comments for years and strongly believe that our graduates compete extremely well with those from any other university in the state or nation. This certainly applies to

students from the College of Business Administration as well. For years, they have been very favorably received by employers and will continue to be so received in the future.

My point is simply this. We have much to be proud of at Texas Tech, not the least of which is the excellent academic preparation that students from each of our colleges receive. Employers have had excellent success recruiting at Texas Tech and compare our graduates favorably with those of any other university in the country.

Though the article did not reflect that, I do want to make sure Tech students, from all academic programs, are aware of how highly valued your degree is among employers and to be proud that you are a Red Raider.

*David Kraus director Texas Tech Career Center*

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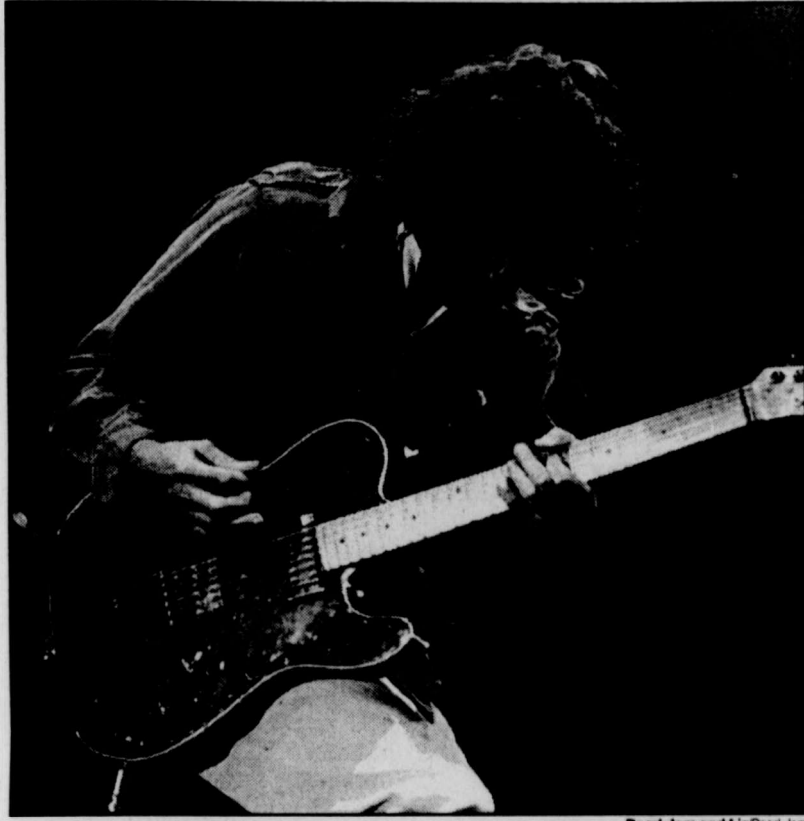
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Pearl Jam is scheduled to perform Oct. 18 at the United Spirit Arena.

## Concerts put students in crunch

By Leslie Follmar  
Staff Writer

The United Spirit Arena has welcomed many performers since its opening last spring. Elton John, KISS and Dixie Chicks have all graced the stage of Texas Tech's newest addition.

With the cancellation of Dennis Miller, many students have had to invest their money elsewhere. But now, many are faced with the difficult choice between two of the biggest rock bands in the country.

Though shows that come into Lubbock are hosted in the arena on Tech campus, Tech does not promote most of the events. Promoters are hired to set up advertisements and venues for incoming bands.

Kent Meredith, general manager of

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*Bigger bands have been brought into attract the community and students.*

Kent Meredith

GENERAL MANAGER OF THE UNITED SPIRIT ARENA

the United Spirit Arena, said the Dennis Miller show was promoted by the university and lost money because of it.

After the construction of the arena was completed, the first four events that took place in the venue sold out within a matter of hours.

"Bigger bands have been brought in that attract the community and stu-

dents," said Meredith. "In the past, Lubbock hasn't had a big enough or nice enough venue to bring big name bands. The arena only helps sell tickets."

However, tickets sales have declined in comparison to the shows hosted in the spring.

Pearl Jam tickets went on sale the day of graduation last May, which squelched a chance of a quick sell-out. Tickets to the Oct. 18 concert are still available.

With only about a month advance, the news that Creed had been booked Oct. 12 to make a stop in Lubbock was released. With tickets to Dennis Miller, Pearl Jam and Creed on sale simultaneously, many Tech students said they had to make a choice.

Since the average ticket price of all see **TICKETS**, page 6

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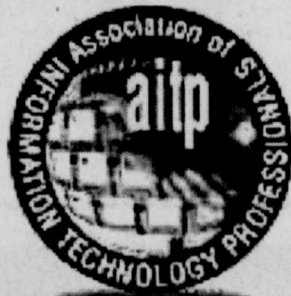
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three shows ranged from \$30-45, many were forced to pick between two of the most popular rock bands in the industry and the arena's first stand-up comedy act.

Andy Rasa, a junior MIS major from Lubbock, said the choice was easy for him.

"I'm going to the Creed concert-it's the music I listen to," he said. "There's really only one choice for me."

Although most students said they simply could not afford to attend all the shows scheduled in the arena, Merideth said neither the Creed nor

the Pearl Jam concert has appeared to hurt the other in number of ticket sales.

Merideth said Britney Spears, NSYNC and Dave Matthews Band were all attempted to be booked at Tech, but the groups' busy touring schedule and the availability of the arena made getting them to the Hub City impossible.

"The sports teams are our first priority," Merideth said. "We certainly wanted to get Britney and NSYNC, but there was a conflict in the arena's schedule, particularly with sports practices."

With four to six concerts a year being booked at the arena, Merideth said Tech is looking forward to this fall's set as being only the beginning of a year of great music.

'90210' star makes directing debut

(AP) — Jason Priestley really wants you to like the Barenaked Ladies.

The former "Beverly Hills, 90210" star portrays the Canadian pop group so positively in his documentary "Barenaked in America" that if you haven't heard of them before, you'll be a fan by the time the film is over. And if you're already a fan, you'll listen to their catchy tunes with a different ear.

Priestley, directing his first full-length film, follows the band for two weeks of their 1998 U.S. tour, including stops in Buffalo, N.Y.; Philadelphia; Boston; and New York City. A Canadian native, Priestley seems to have a twofold purpose: He really likes these guys as friends and musicians and wants everyone else to enjoy them, too. And he hopes to enlighten Americans who may have some misperceptions about Canadians.

Between backstage joking and onstage jamming, Priestley sprinkles comments from music experts and



the band members themselves about how hard it is for Canadian artists to make it big in the United States.

Terry David Mulligan, labeled in an interview as a "Canadian music guru," goes so far as to say his countrymen's ears are better attuned to quality music. Judging by the success of the Barenaked Ladies south of the border, it would seem that Americans share this superhuman quality. In 1998, the group's first No. 1 hit, the upbeat, free-flowing "One Week," got constant airplay on U.S. radio stations.

In "Barenaked in America," we meet the band members in one-on-one interviews in which they de-

scribe each other. Singer-guitarist Ed Robertson is the responsible one. Lead singer Steven Page is unpredictable. Drummer Tyler Stewart is loud. Bassist Jim Creeggan is dedicated.

They also choose their favorite "Sesame Street" characters, which seems a bit contrived, but is amusing. (Robertson likes Ernie. Stewart prefers Oscar the Grouch.)

The guys spend a lot of time in front of the camera discussing how they got together and what inspires their often bizarre lyrics. A sample: "Watchin' 'X-Files' with no lights on/We're dans la maison/I hope the Smoking Man's in this one." But we learn more about the Barenaked Ladies just by watching them joke around.

They have fun onstage and off, and you get the sense that's how they really are; they're not being witty because a camera is rolling. These are not moody, tortured artists. They are talented performers in a happy pop band who don't take themselves too

seriously. One fan interviewed on the street says the group members "look like guys you'd see working at The GAP." Also revealing is the way they handle the cancer diagnosis of keyboardist Kevin Hearn. Just as the band starts to find success in the United States, Hearn learns he has leukemia. They find a temporary replacement for him in Chris Brown, but steadfastly support Hearn and promise that his spot will be waiting for him. When Hearn gets better, he makes an emotional return to play a few songs at a Buffalo concert.

The film is a great showcase for Page's vocal talent. He has a textured, powerful voice, and his animated stage performance makes him even more dynamic.

He and Robertson, who grew up together in Toronto, play beautifully off each other, often composing entire songs spontaneously in the middle of concerts.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for ACROSS and DOWN. Includes a list of clues such as 'Horn sound', 'Type of sch.', 'Field measure', etc.

By Matthew Higgins Concord, NH 9/26/00

Monday's Puzzle Solved. A completed crossword grid with words like 'SLIM', 'CHEW', 'RADIO', 'AIDE', 'OATH', 'AMEND', etc.

Man collides with writer, later dies unexpectedly

FRYEBURG, Maine (AP) — An autopsy did not explain the death of the man whose van struck and severely injured horror writer Stephen King, officials said Monday.

Bryan Smith, 43, was found dead Friday at his home in Fryeburg, with no sign of injury.

The autopsy Monday also found no evidence of trauma but no conclusion was reached on the cause of death pending the outcome of toxicology tests, according to a statement from the state medical examiner's office.

Smith had been on disability payments for an old back injury and arthritis and police said he had been taking various medications.

Smith struck and seriously injured King while driving a van in North Lovell in June 1999.

King, who was walking along the road, suffered broken bones in his right leg and hip, broken ribs, a punctured lung and a head injury. Smith pleaded guilty in January to a misdemeanor driving-to-endorange charge. Prosecutors dropped a charge of aggravated assault. Smith received a six-month suspended jail sentence.

Smith said he was distracted by his dog. He publicly apologized to King while insisting the crash was an accident and no one was at fault. At the time of the sentencing, King, 53, chided prosecutors for making a deal that did not include any jail time and did not permanently revoke Smith's license. "What he took from me, my time, my peace of mind and my ease of body, are simply gone and no court can bring them back," King said in January.

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Horror movies claim top spots at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A pair of horror films took hold of the weekend box office, helping bring theaters' overall take up from last weekend's disappointing low.

"Urban Legends: Final Cut," a slasher sequel about a killer who pursues college film students, brought in \$8.8 million in its opening weekend, according to box office estimates Sunday. The re-release of "The Exorcist," directed by William Friedkin in 1973, continued the scare fest with \$8.5 million on just 664 screens.

"Horror is a tried and true genre," said Paul Dergarabedian of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., a box office tracking firm. "One was just from the old school and the other new school."

"Almost Famous," a film that fictionalizes director Cameron Crowe's teen-age days writing about rock 'n' roll for Rolling Stone magazine, placed third in its second week of release. The movie grossed \$7 million on 1,193 screens and is slated to go into wide release next week.

Rounding out the top five were "Bring it On," earning \$4.2 million for the cheerleader comedy, and "The Watcher," starring Keanu Reeves, which fell from No. 1 with \$3.6 million.

The top 12 films grossed an estimated \$48.1 million over the weekend, improving on last weekend's disappointing three-year low of \$37.9 million. Still, this was the 10th straight weekend that total gross revenue was less than the previous year.

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## Tech linebackers stepping it up in 2000

By Patrick Gonzales  
 Staff Writer

It could have easily been a weak spot for the Texas Tech defense this season.

After losing three starting linebackers to graduation last year, the Red Raiders aimed to fill the vacancies with two senior backups and a sophomore who was a defensive end in 1999.

But through Tech's first four games, what may have started off as a question mark has turned into the right answer so far.

The new starting linebacker trio of Lawrence Flugence, Dorian Pitts and John Norman has been a focal point on a Tech defense that ranks fourth in the nation.

The Red Raiders are holding their opponents to 200.5 yards-per-game and have given up only two touchdowns on the year. The linebacking corps has combined for 121 tackles, five sacks, 15 tackles for losses, two fumble recoveries and one interception this season.

They also have helped lead a defense that ranks first in the nation in scoring with an average of eight points per contest.

"These are the best linebackers

that I have ever played with," Flugence said. "I think we are sort of like the unheralded leaders of this team. We bring so much to every aspect of the game."

From his middle linebacker position, Flugence leads the entire team with 52 tackles. Flu, as his teammates call him, was a reserve defensive end last year, but was moved to middle linebacker prior to spring training.

At his new spot, Flugence is averaging 13 stops-per-game and is on pace to finish the season with 156 tackles - 58 more than middle linebacker Kyle Shipley had last season.

"I've just tried to come along and do the best I can," Flugence said of his early season success.

"Playing with Dorian and John has made it easier for me. They know what they're doing on the field, they're seniors and they have great leadership.

Despite their dominance, none of the three players have the size of a prototype linebacker.

Norman, who plays "Buck" linebacker, is the biggest of the trio, weighing 225-pounds.

Last season, as a reserve at raider back, Norman tallied 52 tackles including four for losses. This season, he already has made 30 stops including five behind the line of scrimmage.

"We make up our lack of size with our speed," said Norman, who had previously never played a true linebacker position in his football career before this season. "We work hard everyday on polishing our technique. The first couple of games were a good learning experience for us, but we continue to get better every week and that's what counts."

The last time out, the Tech defense perhaps played its best game, holding Louisiana-Lafayette scoreless and surrendering only 179 yards of total offense.

Pitts, who plays at the "Stub" linebacker position for the Red Raiders, finished the contest with a team high 13 tackles.

This season, Pitts is second on the squad with 39 stops, including three sacks.

"John and I figured that we could have started in last year's system, but we all had our particular role," Pitts said.

"That's the way it is this year. We are seniors, and now our role is to be the leaders on this team. It's just opposite of what it was last year."

Also different from last season is the new defensive scheme from coordinator Greg McMackin.

His change and the addition of



Dorian Pitts, John Norman, and Lawrence Flugence have helped make the Tech defense the fourth best in the nation.

Greg Keller/The University Daily

linebacker coach Ruffin McNeill also have played a big role in the trio's dominance, Flugence said.

The Red Raiders' defense has yet to allow a rushing touchdown, but its toughest competition may be on its

way as they begin Big 12 Conference play against Texas A&M Saturday.

But Pitts believes the tougher opponents will only bring out the best from the trio of linebackers.

"Everyone in that linebacking

corps has a relentless desire to win, and it doesn't matter who we play," Pitts said.

"We don't think that we are better than everybody else, but we don't think anybody is better than us."

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