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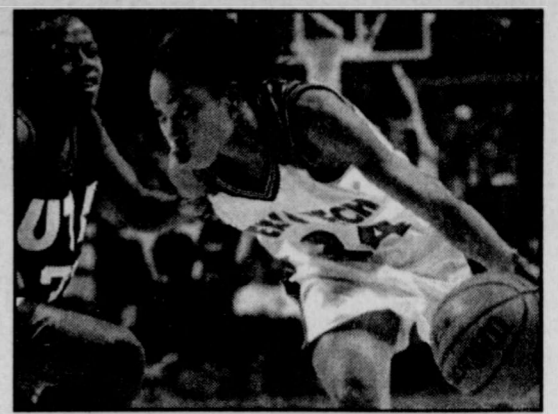


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STATE

Convict found after 11-day running stint

CONROE (AP) — Tracking dogs Monday helped authorities capture an escaped prisoner in Montgomery County 11 days after he fled from a lockup about 100 miles away, authorities said.

David Eugene White, 34, surrendered about 7:45 a.m. after searchers spotted him near a rural intersection southeast of Conroe and opened fire on him.

"Three shots were fired before the offender complied," said Glen Castlebury, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. "We had given him orders to lie down. He lay down after the shots were fired without further resistance."

White was not hit. The outdoorsman and astute survivalist was taken to nearby Conroe for arraignment and then would be returned to a prison in Huntsville. If charged and convicted of felony escape, he could face an additional 15 years in prison, Castlebury said.

Authorities on horses and in helicopters also had been participating in the hunt for White, who has a long criminal history and was serving a 10-year term for burglary.

NATIONAL

Murder suspects face carjacking charges

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Federal carjacking charges that could result in the death penalty were filed Monday against five suspects in the June kidnapping and murder of two college students.

The victims, Jason Burgeson, 20, and Amy Shute, 21, had just finished a night out dancing when they were abducted downtown, driven in Burgeson's vehicle to a golf course and shot in the back of their heads, police said.

The suspects had been charged in state court with murder and kidnapping. The victims' families sought to have them charged under a federal carjacking law so they could face the death penalty, which Rhode Island does not have.

In June, four of the defendants admitted to roles in the kidnapping but not the slayings.

WORLD

Peru president quits after 10-year term

LIMA, Peru (AP) — President Alberto Fujimori, who tamed Peru's leftist guerrillas but also bullied the country's democracy to fit his iron-fisted rule, is calling it quits after 10 years in office, unable to control a growing corruption scandal and a clamor for more freedom.

Fujimori, on a visit to his ancestral homeland Japan, announced in a written statement early Monday that he would resign within 48 hours.

It was not clear when — or if — he would return to Peru. Japanese officials said Monday that Fujimori had not requested political asylum. But Mary Ellen Countryman, a spokeswoman for the U.S. National Security Council, said Peruvian officials informed the U.S. government that Fujimori would stay in Japan indefinitely.

Fujimori's statement said his decision to step down took into account that opposition lawmakers won control of Congress last week. It did not elaborate, but a motion was before the 120-seat legislature to remove Fujimori as president on constitutional grounds of "moral incapacity."

Sooner fans get fruity with Goin' Band

Tech band director claims orange-throwing session was out of control.

By Jeff Lehr
Staff Writer

Several Texas Tech band members were intentionally struck by oranges Saturday following the Red Raiders loss to the Oklahoma

Sooners in Norman, Okla., said Tech's band director.

Keith Bearden, director of the Goin' Band from Raiderland, said a few Sooner fans began throwing oranges into the stands after going onto the field after the game. Bearden said some of these oranges hit himself, as well as members of the Band.

"Most of them were going into the end zone during the game, but after the game ended, oranges started coming into the band," he said.

Bearden said he is still feeling the effects of an orange that hit his arm during the third quarter.

Lorenzo Einsporn, vice president of the band student officers, said many of the oranges were thrown directly at band members and they "weren't just lobbing them up there."

"They were throwing them pretty hard," he said. "There is one girl that I know of that got hit, but she did not get hurt very badly that I know of."

The actions of many of the Sooner fans were supposed to symbolize Oklahoma's probable run to the national championship game at the Orange Bowl in Miami in January.

Several oranges were also thrown onto the field during the Florida State football game

against Florida this weekend in Tallahassee, Fla. Bearden said the show of school spirit is understandable, but there needs to be some kind of discipline in the Big 12 Conference in response for these actions.

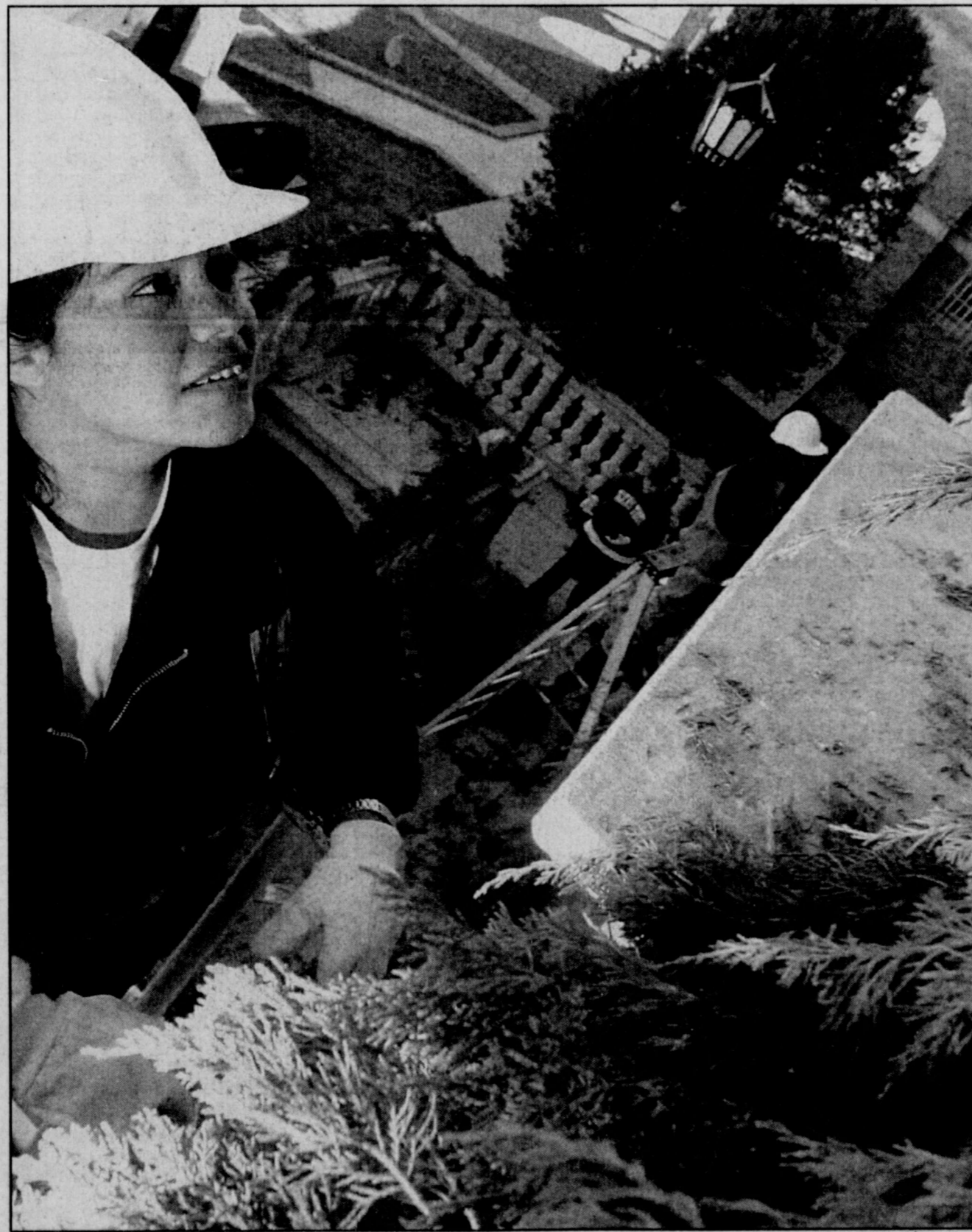
"People need to control themselves out there. Some of my band members could've been badly injured," he said.

Police eventually intervened and apprehended some of the fans that were caught throwing oranges.

One student, who Bearden said was thrown

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Decking the halls



GREG KRELLER/The University Daily

Along with other members of the Women's Service Organization, Texas Tech student Dolores Sales, a sophomore family studies major from Lubbock, helps put together the evergreen wreath around the front doors to the Science building Tuesday afternoon. The wreath serves as the centerpiece of the Carol of Lights festivities on the evening of Dec. 1.

Program aims to relieve pangs of student debt

Family financial planning faculty are urging debt-ridden students to use program.

By Kimberly Svatek
Staff Writer

Faculty members for the family financial planning program at Texas Tech are seeing proof that there is a direct correlation between students with outstanding debt and students dropping classes or withdrawing from universities across the nation.

In an attempt to curb the fascination with credit cards and help Tech students manage their debt without dropping out of school, faculty members are developing a new Red to Black financial aid program at Tech.

Organizers say the program is designed to teach students how to move out of debt and into financial stability.

Tech is only one of three universities that offer debt management for students. Iowa State and Utah State also offer guidance programs.

Organizers of Tech's center expect its services to go above those at Iowa State and Utah State. Tech's services will be available to all students across the university, said Bill Gustafson, associate professor for the family financial program.

"These debts are affecting students' ability to get done with school," he said. "Students are prolonging school for things which are not as important."

Dorothy Bagwell, faculty director for the Red to Black program, agreed.

"The need is there," Bagwell said. "We know that students are dropping courses or dropping out of school because of debt. Our goal is to help in retaining students who would otherwise drop out because of problems."

Although the number of Tech students affected by credit card debt was unavailable, according to a 1999 study conducted by Georgetown University, about 70 percent of undergraduate students at four-year colleges have at least one credit card. Of those students, some carry debts that average more than \$2,000 with one-fifth carrying debts of more than \$10,000.

"We know Texas Tech students are having problems with credit cards, loans and car payments," Bagwell said. "We want to provide financial education programs and be a resource for students."

Bagwell and faculty members within family financial planning hope to decrease Tech's dropout rate by opening a financial counseling center next semester. Bagwell said they hope to provide students with one-on-one counseling, education presentations and a Web

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Public smoking may be extinguished by City Council

Tech community members are gathering support to ban smoking in public places.

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

In the future, customers of restaurants and other public places

may be able to visit smoke-free, if some members at Texas Tech University have anything to do about it.

As part of a campaign to Stop Tobacco In Restaurants, Betty Blanton, associate director of Recreational Sports, is trying to garner support for a measure to ban smoking in restaurants and public places for health reasons related to second-hand smoke. The proposal, if approved by the Lubbock City Council, would prohibit people to smoke indoors at public facilities. STIR was begun by

10-year-old Lubbock resident Amit Bushan who cannot enter many facilities because the smoke makes it difficult for him to breathe.

"This is a health issue above anything else," Blanton said. "When I go into a restaurant, the cigarette smoke may be an inconvenience because it irritates my nose, but if you are small and have asthma, you have to leave."

Blanton said while this presentation is a city-wide issue, it concerns Tech not only because the university

is a public facility, but also because many of the employees of the restaurants in Lubbock are Tech students. According to an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, waiters and waitresses have almost twice the risk of lung cancer because of involuntary exposure to environmental tobacco smoke.

"Many of these people spend eight to 12 hours a day in a smoking environment where even if you can't smell the smoke, the carcinogens and chemicals are still in the air,"

Blanton said. "If you are smoking, the filter helps keep you from inhaling these materials, but there is no filter for second-hand smoke."

Currently, Tech has its own Operating Policy establishing a smoke-free environment on campus. According to OP 60.15, "in the interest of providing a smoke-free environment, smoking is prohibited in all campus academic, administrative and athletic facilities." The policy

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ing oranges at his band, was apprehended by police and handcuffed.

"I saw them handcuff him, and I went down there and told them I wanted to press charges," he said.

The Tech band director said he does not plan to pursue any litigation against the university, but said he received an e-mail from a Sooner student who apologized for the incident.

Clarke Stroud, vice president for student affairs at Oklahoma, was out of his office Monday and could not be reached for comment.

Saturday's incident was not the first time something like this has happened to the Red Raider band.

During the Tech football game against Missouri two years ago at Jones Stadium, Bearden said a Tiger punter kicked balls into the band section as they were entering the stands.

"I would think a college punter could control where he kicks the ball," he said. "We don't have to expect to have to be dodging footballs."

Furthermore, he said when the Tech band traveled to College Station earlier this year, a member of the Corps of Cadets stole a female band member's hat.

Bearden said he hopes something is done to stop football games from "getting out of hand" before the schools of the Big 12 earn a bad reputation.

Nation awaits Supreme Court decision

Vote counting in Florida slogs on as justices weigh critical legal issues

(AP) — A transfixed nation turned its eyes to Florida's Supreme Court, where lawyers for Al Gore and George W. Bush battled Monday over whether the marathon election should drag on. Weary recount workers pecked through ballots in three Democratic-leaning counties, wondering if their labor would be for naught.

After 13 days of suspended political animation, lawsuits and countersuits, "chads" and "pregnant chads," the presidential election may come down to this: Seven justices, all appointed by Democratic governors, will decide if the GOP secretary of state can certify Bush's minuscule lead without accepting votes counted by hand.

Bush's official lead stands at 930 votes. Gore picked up 166 votes in manual recounts conducted by 10 p.m. Monday, which if counted would reduce Bush's margin to 764. Gore advisers were frustrated by their relatively small gains and worried they would not overtake Bush; Bush's forces

cried foul in the county where the vice president gained the most ground.

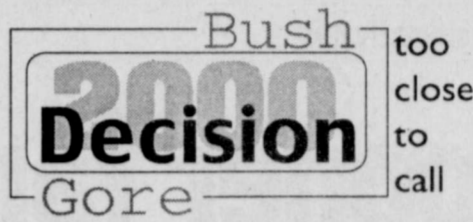
The historic Supreme Court hearing opened with a court marshal bellowing, "God save these United States," and the justices got right down to business — peppering lawyers with questions of law in a case riddled with political landmines.

Chief Justice Charles Wells pressed both sides about how long the state might wait to certify its election results without jeopardizing its 25-vote stake in the Dec. 18 roll call of the Electoral College. His questions sketched a scenario in which recounts might continue, perhaps into December.

"Tell me when Florida's electoral vote would be in jeopardy," Wells said again and again. "Why wouldn't it be in this unique circumstance a better thing to do to wait" to certify vote totals.

Justice Barbara Pariente asked whether selective recounts were unfair to voters who live in counties where the ballots were tabulated only once — a point that Bush has made in his legal filings.

Gore lawyer David Boies said "there is going to have to be a lot of judgment applied by the court" to set uniform standards for approving ballots by hand, but he asked the court to do just that. GOP attorneys had their turn, which they used to suggest that



Democrats were twisting Florida's law for political purposes.

"Federal law will not allow this court or the Florida Legislature to change the rules of the election after the election has taken place," Bush lawyer Michael Carvin said.

The proceedings were carried live on the major television networks, providing Americans with a short course in constitutional and election law.

A number of Bush's political advisers were unsettled by the Supreme Court's line of questioning, and feared the justices had laid the groundwork for giving Gore the right to hand counts. Those hand counts would turn the election Gore's way, one senior Republican fretted; others cautioned against reading too much into the two-hour arguments.

The GOP legal team expressed private concerns about the reception before the Florida Supreme Court, and pondered op-

tions that could include an emergency appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if the recounting is permitted to continue.

Gore's advisers were hopeful of victory, though pragmatic enough to tell fellow Democrats they likely would urge the vice president to give up without a protracted legal fight if the state Supreme Court rejects manual recounts.

The court gave no indication about when a decision would be rendered.

Miles from the legal wrangling, hundreds of workers in three Democratic-leaning counties continued manual recounts that have yielded Gore surprisingly few new votes. In one county, at least, Bush appeared to be holding his own. "There's been very little change," in the margin between the two men, said Judge Charles Burton, the head of the Palm Beach County canvassing board.

Down the coast, Broward County elections supervisor Jane Carroll, 70, said the long recount was taking its toll on workers.

"I feel like I'm incarcerated," she said, hours before quitting her post, "with lunch and dinner brought into me and six attorneys sitting across from me the entire day." She was quickly replaced so counting wouldn't come to a screeching halt when she took her leave.

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site for making appointments and downloading information.

One-on-one sessions with financial planning assistants are expected to begin once a location for the center is set up, Bagwell said.

Financial planning assistants who have training in financial advising and who have been in debt situations before will conduct the student-led sessions.

Bagwell hopes their experiences will help future students who may not be able to seek help from other sources.

"We have learned that families don't like to talk about money so students don't learn debt management before they move out," Bagwell said. "Unlike these situations, we love to talk about money."

Bagwell said this is one reason a counseling center is necessary.

"If students are stressed out about finances, then they work; and if they work too much, then they can't do well in their classes," Bagwell said.

Student response to the center is divided.

"When you're a student, it's a constant cycle," said David Cavazos, a graduate student in public administration from Laredo. "If you know before then, maybe you won't get into so much trouble."

Lavonda Bowers, a sophomore pre-dental major from Albuquerque, N.M., disagrees.

"I probably wouldn't go," she said. "It's pretty much common sense. If you have a credit card and no job, then you don't use it."

A Web site for students also is available for student users who may not want one-on-one help.

The Web site is designed to help students set up and confirm appointments, Bagwell said. Students also will be able to ask questions of professors or financial planning council members.

"Often when you have a problem, you may think you're the only one," she said. "We hope to give people easy access to information."

Bagwell said she hopes the Web site will help the center reach out to incoming freshmen as well.

"We want to get students as freshman," she said. "Our goal is prevention and remedial help."

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also stipulates that all smoking areas must be located at least 12 feet away from any pedestrian entrance or public place. Smoking is allowed in the concourses of the Coliseum, under the stands in Jones SBC Stadium, Dan Law Field, and R.P. Fuller Track. Blanton said the Health Sciences Center also would prohibit smoking in the parking lots and the exterior of the building beginning in January.

So far, Blanton said, the campaign has received support from the Lubbock Parents and Teachers Association, local hospitals and a wide variety of organizations that would like to see Lubbock smoke-free. She also has discussed the issue with the faculty, staff and Student senates at Tech in order to gather university support for the measure. The Student Senate is working on a resolution concerning the issue.

"It is important to let the City Council know that a lot of constituents are behind this proposal," Blanton said. "Many Tech students may not vote for the City Council members, but the council does know the economic impact the Tech community has." Rob Garcia, one of the owners at

Einstein's, said his restaurant would benefit from a smoke-free environment during lunchtime, but it might hurt business later in the day. He said because many of his lunch-hour customers are from downtown, the restaurant does designate smoking and non-smoking sections at that time, but it doesn't do so for the rest of the day.

"Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., more downtown people are usually in here, who usually don't smoke," Garcia said. "During this time, the backside of the restaurant is designated as smoking, and the front side is non-smoking."

Garcia said throughout the day, the restaurant has 15 fans located at the front of the store to help ventilate the smoke from the restaurant. He said he doesn't believe most of his employees are bothered by people smoking in the restaurant because most of them smoke themselves.

Bob Goodwin, corporate communications manager for the city of Lubbock, said the Lubbock City Council is set to hear a presentation on the proposal during a work session Dec. 14.

"(The City Council) can either say 'thank you' and drop it, put it up for a vote or send it to one of their advisory committees," Goodwin said.



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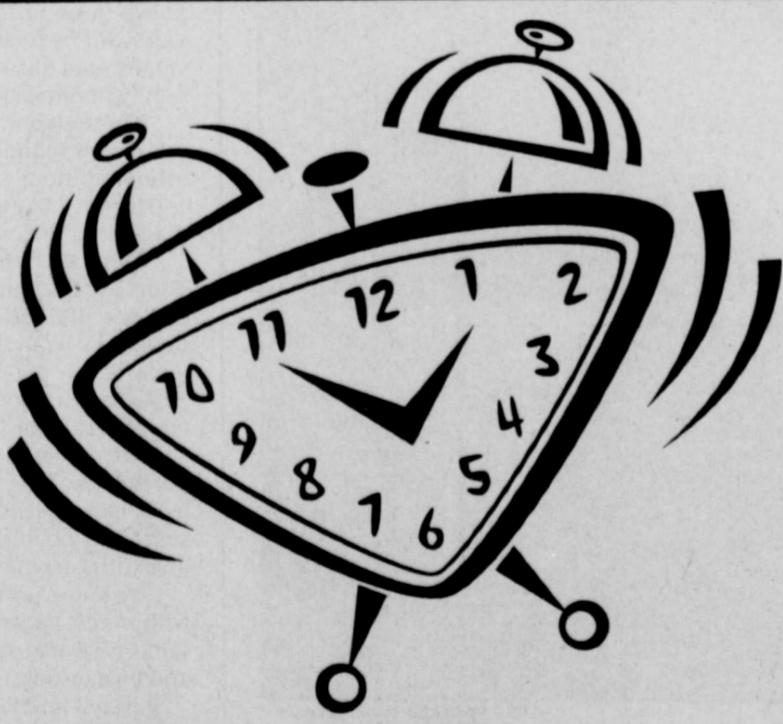
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Your View

What are your thoughts on the Florida recount?



I think the Florida recount shouldn't be an issue. I don't think there should be a recount. Bush was already named the president, and it is all really a waste of time. It is an embarrassment. The U.S. looks unorganized.

Bethany Camp, sophomore RHIM major from Atlanta, Ga.



I don't like it. No matter what happens, there will never be a true President of the United States.

Luke Campbell, sophomore business major from Plano



I think they are just wasting time. It is really taking too long. It has gone on long enough. They need to stop recounting and name a winner.

Sweata Christian, senior psychology major from Temple



I think it is a waste of time. Something should have been done to avoid this situation. There are ways it could have been avoided.

Krystal Hyndman, freshman business major from San Antonio



I don't like it. They should have left it alone after the first recount. Now with the court battle, it is really getting out of hand.

Blake Littlejohn, senior general studies major from Clovis, N.M.



I wish it was all over. I am tired of them interrupting good TV programs for it. If Bush won, fine, but quit recounting everything.

Deneice McColley, sophomore business major from San Antonio

compiled by Kristina Thomas

Electile Dysfunction



Column

Can we eat turkey first?

As we all prepare to travel to various places for the annual Turkey Day holiday, the events leading up to this year's festivities have not failed in comparison to others I have been forced to endure during my 21 years of existence.



Kelsey Walter

trees before Thanksgiving. Is it really necessary? While you're shoving that turkey leg down your throat, is it a necessity that recurring images of Frosty the Snowman play in your head from that cheap looking display you have in the front yard.

What makes it worthwhile? Nothing. More than half of the college students who decorate their apartment patios will probably be here all of a two weeks before they leave to go home for the Christmas holidays.

Not that I disagree with showing a little holiday spirit, but must it be done before we can remember the Pilgrims and Indians and what they did toward establishing a prosperous future for this country?

I don't recall seeing any lights outside of Chancellor Montford's house, and I can't imagine what his holiday display budget is since it cost him more than \$10,000

to move his belongings less than three miles away. Even the head honcho in Raiderland knows when enough is enough.

I don't even think the Saddle Tramps have done anything to prepare for Christmas yet — and odds are, if it's not a worthy tradition to them, it shouldn't be practiced by anyone.

And oh, my God! I was listening to the radio the other day and couldn't help but notice more than one advertisement of some Christmas sale in November. That makes sense. Why don't we start handing out condoms to 12-year-olds just so they'll be prepared when the situation arises.

Yep, those sometimes jingly, but most of the time bore-me-to-death Christmas carols, have already begun their two-month runs across the airwaves of radio stations across the country. Give me a break!

Even Santa Claus himself probably gets sick and tired of hearing "Jingle Bells." I mean, I bet even he is not that festive by the time the actual holiday arrives. It wouldn't surprise me if he was coasting along in his sleigh to Jay Z's "Big Pimpin'" or Eminem's "Slim Shady."

But regardless of how anyone feels on the matter, the fact remains that in order to celebrate a holiday in its true form; one must first encounter the holiday before. Is it too much to ask to tone it down on the obsession and greediness that often appears during the one time of year that we should be celebrating life with friends and family and not overlooking it because you are obsessed with whoever developed the concept of blinking red and green lights.

Kelsey Walter is the managing editor of The UD and a senior journalism major from Henderson. He encourages everyone to have a safe holiday.

Letters to the Editor

Good luck next time

To the editor: This letter is not really in response, but rather in congratulations on what your football team did this weekend. I had the misfortune to attend the game at Texas Tech last year and obviously left disappointed.

store for the Tech students and fans that traveled to OU to watch the game and cheer on their team. Watching you as I do all Big 12 schools with interest throughout the season I wish you good luck in the Independence Bowl.

Grant Wilson, sophomore University of Oklahoma-Norman

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

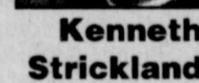
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Column

Near-death experience harrowing

I've done some deep philosophizing lately and have come to the conclusion that death is a lot like an ex-girlfriend. They both tend to show up out of nowhere when you least expect it and ruin your weekend plans.

My teammates and I found ourselves down by just one goal in the closing minutes of our intramural soccer playoff game. In an adrenaline-induced surge of force we closed in on the opposing team's goal looking to score the one point we needed to stay alive.



Kenneth Strickland

Following an hour's worth of waiting in the examination room, I got the bad news. Four stitches to my lower lip. As bad as it sounds, I was lucky. They said that if I had waited a few more days to come in, if I had somehow opened the wound six more inches and was involved in an automobile accident on the way to the hospital, I could have died.

What would be said if one of my closest friends was to give the eulogy? "Yeah, my fondest memory of Kenneth is how he never passed up on a challenge. I'll never forget the time we bet him that he wouldn't sneak into Jones-SBC Stadium and kick a 35-yard field goal completely nude." He lost the bet because it hung just a bit too far right (the field goal attempt that is), but it was still pretty gutsy.

Or what if my most recent ex-girlfriend had given the eulogy? "Kenneth was pathetic. Our relationship lasted six days. Six days! There are animals that can hold their breath underwater longer than that. He kept on insisting that we make out to that stupid Berlin song from Top Gun. You know, that 'Take My Breath Away' song. The guy owns more shoes than I do, and he would flat out hang up on me if the Simpson's came on the TV while we were on the phone."

Well my friends, fortunately I'm still alive. But this Thanksgiving season, I'm totally grateful to the good Lord for sparing my life that cold Thursday evening. Maybe it's time I started over and turned my life around for the better. Maybe it's time I make a difference in the world! Nah, I think I'll just quit playing soccer.

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Sports

The University Daily

Lady Raiders take season opener

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

With new uniforms, two new banners and seven new faces, the Lady Raider basketball team opened the season by defeating the University of Texas-Arlington, 78-40, Monday at the United Spirit Arena.

Texas Tech turned a sloppy eight-minute start into a blowout keyed by Tech's traditional tough defense.

"We played hard on defense all game," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "I am always pleased when that is going to be our strength."

The Lady Raiders opened the contest missing eight of their first 10 shots from the field, and at the 10-minute mark of stanza one Tech held on to a 12-7 lead.

Lone senior Katrisa O'Neal said the squad had some opening game jitters that took a while to clear up.

"We have been waiting for this night for a while," O'Neal said. "And we were kind of nervous, and that was expected. But then we settled in and played our game."

The next 10 minutes of basketball was a different story as the Lady Raiders took advantage of 19 Lady Maverick turnovers to outscore UTA, 25-10, in the last half of the first stanza.

The Lady Raiders were sparked by

the play of sophomore Amber Tarr who scored 12 of her 14 points in the first half, all by way of three-point shots.

Tarr said she thinks her role this year is to step up and hit the three ball.

"I have worked on it for two summers now so I would hope that is my role," she said. "My role is not only to put it in, but also open it up in the post area."

The Lady Raiders also got notable performances from three new faces on the squad.

Of the 78 points Tech scored, 41 of them were contributed by new Lady Raiders.

Dionne Brown led the new faces with 15 points while freshman Casey Jackson added 10 and Jia Perkins contributed 12.

"It has been our pattern the whole fall to have consistency," Sharp said. "One steps up and goes on a roll and then another will step up. If we can get those performances out of them at different times, we will be a much more solid team."

Tech now heads overseas to play in the Paradise Jam Tournament in the Virgin Islands over Thanksgiving weekend.

Tech faces tough competition that starts with No. 10 Penn State on Friday.



Tech guard Katrisa O'Neal drives to the basket in the Lady Raiders' victory over Texas-Arlington.

Houston Astros sign Jose Vizcaino

HOUSTON (AP) — Jose Vizcaino, whose 12th-inning hit won the World Series opener for the New York Yankees, agreed Monday to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract with the Houston Astros.

The 32-year-old infielder is joining his seventh team.

He began last season with the Los Angeles Dodgers and was traded to the Yankees on June 21.

He slumped early in the season but hit .276 over 64 games with the Yankees, who won their third straight World Series.

He reached the 1,000-hit plateau on July 14 against the Florida Marlins.

"Jose gives us a solid veteran player to stabilize the middle of our infield," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said.

"Being a switch-hitter and having the versatility to play all infield positions makes Jose a perfect fit for our 2001 club."

The Astros have infield uncertainty going into the 2001 season.

Starting second baseman Craig Biggio underwent knee surgery Aug. 10 and missed the last two months of the season.

Tim Bogar went into last season as the club's starting shortstop but only hit .207 in 304 at-bats.

The Astros also declined to exercise their option on third baseman Ken Caminiti.

Vizcaino came up with the Dodgers and played there for parts of 1989 and 1990.

He then played for the Chicago Cubs (1991-93), New York Mets (1994-96), Cleveland Indians (latter part of 1996), San Francisco Giants (1997) and returned to Los Angeles in 1998.

He has a .269 career batting average and a .977 fielding percentage. He made four errors in 102 games last season.

In addition to his salary, Vizcaino can earn an additional \$600,000 in performance incentives.

In other moves, the Astros announced they have purchased seven players from minor-league affiliates and placed them on the team's 40-man roster.

The club purchased righthanded pitchers Brad Lidge, Roy Oswalt and Tim Redding, lefthanded pitchers Greg Miller, Carlos Hernandez and Kyle Kessel and catcher Carlos Maldonado.

Northwestern Wildcats to play in Alamo Bowl

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Northwestern's Wildcats will remember the Alamo Bowl.

It's their reward for sharing the Big

Ten title after they let the Rose Bowl slip away and were subsequently passed over by the Citrus and Outback games on New Year's Day.

"If you can't be in the Rose or the national championship, I think you can shake them up and put them in a hat and they all work," Northwestern

coach Randy Walker said Monday when the school announced it would play in the Dec. 30 game at San Antonio.

The Wildcats (8-3), featuring one of the nation's most explosive offenses, shared the Big Ten title with Purdue, which is headed to Pasadena, and Michigan, which is going to Orlando for the Citrus.

The Big Ten has a relationship with six bowl games. After the Rose Bowl, the Citrus and Outback are considered the most prestigious.

Michigan got the Citrus bid, even though it lost to Northwestern this season, and Ohio State the Outback, even though the Buckeyes were 5-3 in the league compared to the Wildcats' 6-2.

"Absolutely I'm surprised, but it's not anything we are going to worry about," Northwestern defensive end Dwayne Missouri said Monday.

"We proved ourselves on the field. If the bowl selection committees don't want to take us, that's their loss the way we're seeing it. We're going to get fitted for our (Big Ten) rings, go to the Alamodome and play a great game."

Missouri played high school football in San Antonio, so it will be a homecoming for him. Northwestern's opponent will come from the Big 12

and could be Texas, Texas A&M or Kansas State.

"We are extremely excited were able to bring the Big Ten co-champions to San Antonio. With their no-huddle offense, they led the Big Ten in scoring," said Derrick Fox, Alamo Bowl executive director.

"Quite frankly, I was pulling for the Alamo Bowl," Walker said.

"I thought it would be a great fit. Not that Tampa (the Outback) isn't great or the Citrus isn't great. They are."

"It's a chance to play someone in the Big 12 you don't run across very often. We have so many natural tie-ins with the SEC. I think the chance to go and play someone in the Big 12 will be fun."

Northwestern will be making the fourth bowl appearance in school history and third in the last five years.

The Wildcats lost in the Rose Bowl to Southern Cal in 1996 and fell to Tennessee in the 1997 Citrus Bowl when fifth-year seniors like Missouri and Conrad Emmerich were non-playing freshmen.

"After that Citrus Bowl, it was like, 'Man I can get used to this, this is going to be a regular thing.' Then we had a few down years," Emmerich said.

"It's weird how fast that time goes by."

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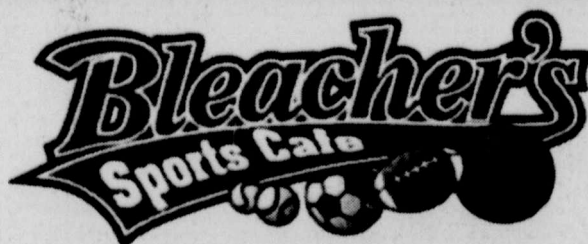
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