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## Tech student files lawsuit against administrators

By Heather Jones/Staff Reporter

The denial of a student's request to voice his opinion in a non-designated free speech area on campus has resulted in a lawsuit against a number of Texas Tech administrators. Jason Roberts, a Tech law school student, filed a federal lawsuit stating the university violated his First Amendment right by denying him permission to voice his opinion in a location other than the Free Speech Gazebo.

Interim President Donald Haragan, Chancellor David Smith, the board of regents, Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock and Assistant Director of the Center for Campus Life Mary

Donahue are listed as the defendants individually and in their official capacities in the lawsuit.

Roberts believes Tech's regulations for the board of regents, the operating policy manual and Student Affairs Handbook all are unconstitutional and violate the freedom of speech and of the press, the right to due process and equal protection under the law.

Liberty Legal Institute's Chief Council, Kelly Shackelford said the speech codes need to be changed, and that is one of the focuses of the suit.

"The main thing is to get the current speech code changed because it is unconstitutional," she said.

Roberts is being represented by

several organizations including the Alliance Defense Fund Law Center, the Liberty Legal Institute, The Louisiana Regional Service Center and his local counsel, Ronnie Agnew.

The lawsuit states that on or around May 22 Roberts submitted a Grounds Use Request to the Center for Campus Life, asking Tech permission to express "his religious and political view that 'homosexuality is a sinful, immoral and unhealthy lifestyle,' and to pass out a leaflet citing the Scriptural basis for this view," on the corner of 15th Street and Akron Avenue near the campus bookstore.

The Student Handbook defines that before a student can make a speech on campus grounds, they

have to have permission from university officials.

Six days later Roberts was denied use of university grounds in an e-mail from the Center for Campus Life.

The e-mail from Mary Donahue, assistant director for the Center for Campus Life, said, "the use of university grounds is encouraged for activities which are intended to serve or benefit the entire university community."

The lawsuit states Roberts then appealed his denial and was given permission to speak but only if he moved across the street from the original location he had chosen.

"Basically, I thought (15th and Akron) would be the most effective place for me to present my material,"

Roberts said.

The Speech Code, located in the Student Handbook prohibits speech that intimidates or humiliates any person.

But as was outlined in Roberts complaint "the terms 'intimidate' and 'humiliate' are not defined by the Speech Code, and there are no rules or regulations to guide university officials when determining whether a student's speech is intimidating or humiliating."

From the beginning Roberts could have used the Gazebo outside the campus library to voice his opinions without permission from school officials.

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## Summer enrollment raises despite higher tuition costs

By Andrew Evans/Staff Reporter

Since Texas Tech started offering summer school to students in 1928, enrollment has gradually climbed in numbers. In that 1928 summer session, Tech had 858 students enrolled, and as of June 3, 2003, there are 9,908 enrolled according to a press release issued by the Texas Tech University System News and Publications office.

There is a definite trend of growing enrollment at Tech, but with increasing tuition costs, this trend could change. With regents in control of tuition costs, they are partly responsible for the number of students enrolled in future semesters. Dr. David Smith, Texas Tech Chancellor, said he is aware there could be decreases in enrollment.

"We have to be cautious as to how high tuition can go," he said. "If tuition rises too high, at some point it will affect it."

Fees have been increased in the past, however, and the enrollment has not been negatively affected. "We did do fee increases, and we might face another record for the

coming fall semester," Smith said.

Tech set enrollment records for the previous fall and spring semesters, and there is no sign of a decrease yet. The summer enrollment record was set in 1991, when 10,010 students registered, and enrollment has been strong since then.

Not all Texas universities have shown increasing numbers in enrollment this summer. At Texas A&M University, summer enrollment has dropped since the 2002 session. Debbie Guess, administrative planning analyst at A&M, said enrollment has dropped from 17,178 in the summer of 2002 to 16,505 this summer.

Joseph A. Estrada, assistant provost for enrollment at A&M, said he does not believe the drop is because of tuition.

"This summer's enrollment decrease is because of huge previous classes," he said. "We even suspect that the fall enrollment could be less."

In the fall of 1998, A&M had

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## Outbreak brings restrictions on pet industry

By Ashleigh Adams/Staff Reporter

According to official documents from the Texas Department of Health, a federal mandate has been issued prohibiting the sale, transportation and display of prairie dogs in commercial facilities, stemming from the outbreak of monkeypox in several people from Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana.

The outbreak has been traced to Texas, where an animal importer obtained Gambian giant pouched rats infected with the virus from Africa. The Center for Disease Control is currently working with TDH and other state and local agencies to track down the remaining infected animals. Public health officials say there is nothing to indicate that monkeypox has affected Texas' wild prairie dog population.

"The big concern is an issue of personal responsibility. Officials don't want people getting a sick pet and simply letting it loose," Ronald Warner, DVM associate professor of family and community studies and expert on the monkeypox virus said. "If an infected prairie dog is let loose, it would easily infect other rodents it comes into contact with."

Warner said the reason CDC



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

Prairie dogs at Prairie Dog Town inside McKenzie State Park pop out of their holes for some sun Monday afternoon. A recent ban on the sale and transportation of prairie dogs was placed by the Texas Department of Health.

and other government agencies are worried about a wild-animal monkeypox outbreak stems back to national security.

"They have to remember that there is a possibility we may come upon an intentional release of smallpox," he said. "Having monkeypox

present during that will greatly slow the smallpox investigation."

Although the disease has a proven case-fatality ratio of one to ten percent in Africa, no deaths have been reported in the United States,

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# Former Tech students to travel abroad with Fulbright scholarships

By Sabra Jennings/Staff Reporter

Two recent Texas Tech graduates are packing their bags as they prepare to travel overseas as U.S. Fulbright Fellows.

Rebecca Babb of Lubbock and Sagrario Mejia of Miami, Texas have been awarded U.S. Fulbright Fellowships to study for one year in a foreign country beginning Fall 2003.

Babb plans to study opera under Sebastian Vitucci at the University for Music and Performing Arts in Vienna, Austria. She graduated from Tech in May with a master's degree in German.

Mejia will depart for Milan, Italy in September to study urban policy. She graduated from Tech in May with a bachelor's of arts degree in geography.

"My proposal is to study urban

policy and African Americans, how they assimilate in the Italian culture and their settling patterns," Mejia said.

The Fulbright Fellowship is one of the most prestigious scholarships available, said Jane Bell, director of special projects at the International Cultural Center. Since 1998, nine students from Tech have been awarded fellowships.

The Fulbright Program operates in 140 countries. According to the U.S. Fulbright Student Program Web site, the United States Congress created the Fulbright Program in 1946, immediately after World War II. Senator J. William Fulbright, sponsor of the legislation, saw it as a step toward building international cooperation.

At first, Mejia said she was unsure of her abilities to apply for the Fulbright.

"It was unreal. I didn't think it

was something I could achieve," she said. "It was mostly for grad students and I had no experience in writing proposals."

As a student at Tech, Babb performed in many operas, including playing the lead role of Violetta in the opera "La Traviata" in March. She joked that her free time was almost non-existent during her last semester at Tech.

"Along with working on the Fulbright, I was doing the opera, and we had rehearsals every night," she said. "I took my comprehensive exams the week we did the opera. I didn't get a lot of sleep at that time."

Students who want to apply must first talk with a professor in the area they want to study, Bell said. The professors are the experts in their fields, she said, and they can help students come up with a proposal idea.

"Dr. Gary Elbow introduced to me the idea of the Fulbright," Mejia said. "I then began to think about my interests in urban affairs and public policy. I really credit Dr. Elbow for everything. He has been extremely helpful."

Babb said although the thought of applying for a Fulbright was her own idea, she relied on Bell and one of her professors in the German department, Ingrid Fry, for help with the application process.

"Jane Bell at the International Cultural Center is an invaluable asset," she said. "Everyone (applying) should work with her."

Mejia said she is excited about going to Italy. She said it will be difficult being away from her family so long, but her family has always been very supportive.

"Ever since I was really little, they

have told me the importance of getting an education," Mejia said. "We know that (winning the Fulbright) is something beyond what we expected."

Even though the application process is complete, Babb said the paperwork still has not ended. She is currently working on finding an apartment in Vienna, she said.

"Staying on top of communication is a must," Babb said. "It is very hard but not undoable. You really have to make a commitment."

The application deadline for the 2004-2005 Fulbright Program is Oct. 6, Bell said, and that it is important students see her for assistance.

"I work with (students) quite closely, helping them hone and refine their applications," Bell said.

Bell can be reached at the International Cultural Center at (806) 742-2974.

## Israelis promise continued attacks on terrorist groups

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon pledged to keep up attacks on Hamas, and Egyptian mediators failed Monday to persuade the violent Islamic group and other militants to call a cease-fire.

Speaking to parliament, Sharon did not mention a truce and indicated that statements by President Bush have reinforced his resolve against Hamas. Israel, Sharon said, will "pursue and catch every initiator of terrorism and its perpetrators

in every place and at every time until victory."

In Gaza, Egyptian mediators met all Palestinian factions Monday, but afterward a Hamas leader said, "Now is not the time for a truce."

Still, Palestinian officials were optimistic a deal could be announced very soon. "I hope we'll get some answers (from the militias) tomorrow," said Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath.

Officials at the talks said Egypt would invite the parties to Cairo to

continue the discussions and reach an agreement. The Egyptians told the delegates they had U.S. guarantees Israel would stop targeting Hamas leaders for assassination, as the militants demand, but an Egyptian diplomatic official said the mediators were seeking firmer guarantees from Washington.

Sharon ruled out any such blanket promise. Defending the tough line, the Israeli leader referred to Bush's comments on Sunday that called for a world

cutoff of funds to Hamas.

"Because of our position, the voices against Hamas in the world are increasing, and there are calls to increase pressure on this murderous group," Sharon said. "This is what we have done, and we will continue to do it."

Sharon repeated his offer of "painful concessions" for peace, without giving details, but added: "We will not give anything as long as the terror, violence and incitement continue."

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## Lawsuit

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It is stated in the Student Handbook that this gazebo is designated as a free speech area, where students can voice their opinions without having to ask permission from the university.

The lawsuit states that Roberts did not want to use the Gazebo because "speech on numerous topics would interest and attract many more students than could safely fit in the Free Speech Gazebo."

It also states that, "The small area of the Free Speech Gazebo strictly limits the ability of students and student groups to engage in free speech at the university."

Tech General Counsel Pat Campbell said changes have been made to the free speech area and the Speech Code in the Student Hand-

book. He said according to memos circulating between Shonrock's office and the grounds use committee four more free speech areas were approved on March 26.

Smith said the workings of creating these new sites were in progress before the lawsuit was filed.

"First of all the university was working on changing the free speech areas," he said. "I do think free speech is important, and those meetings occurred before the lawsuit was filed."

Smith said he was unhappy to see the lawsuit because Tech had sent letters to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education explaining the university's plans for free speech after FIRE first notified Tech of its stance, and FIRE never responded.

"The bottom line is there was a process in place to modify our handbook," he said. "And they were aware of what the university was considering."

Campbell said he believes the lawsuit was filed to garner attention and possibly money.

"If the people wanted to visit with the university about our free speech areas they would have done so without filing a lawsuit. ... I think they just wanted to make a splash," he said.

Shackleford said this case will probably not go to trial.

"Cases go to trial when the facts are in dispute, but here that is not the case," she said. "The lawsuit says: here is the code. It is unconstitutional."

Roberts wants the speech policy changed in order to protect his and other student's rights.

"I do not mean the university any grief or to make them look stupid," he said. "I hope to ensure the free speech rights of all students on campus."

## Monkeypox

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and Warner said the risk of infection, especially in Texas, is low.

"Unless you have bought a prairie dog or Gambian rat from a pet shop in Illinois, or have visited relatives from the Midwest that have one, there is virtually no risk of being infected," he said. "The infected rodents have been traced back to Texas, but they may not have been affected at the time."

Warner compared a rodent carrying monkeypox to a human carrying the herpes virus. Although the virus may be dormant, you are still infected, and a trigger such as stress could cause an outbreak.

"Rodents are the perfect reservoir host for the virus," he said. "Many African rodents, including squirrels, are infected with the virus and may never show symptoms."

Of the 50 or so people in the country who have either been confirmed or unconfirmed to have the virus, most have been veterinarians, veterinarian's aides and pet owners.

Richard Evans, owner of Pets Plus, said he has already been contacted about the mandate.

"We got a phone call from the health department saying that the sale of prairie dogs should be discontinued and the animals should be

put in isolation," he said. "I haven't heard anything else since then, and I haven't been contacted about it any further."

According to a joint order issued by the CDC and the Food and Drug Administration, along with prairie dogs, rope squirrels, dormice, Gambian rats, brush-tailed porcupines and striped mice, all of African origin, have also been named for quarantine and prohibited from transport or sale.

"We don't normally sell Gambian rats or any of the other rodents that were on the list," Evans said. "I heard that a rabbit had been exposed and affected, but I haven't been warned about them."

When transmitted to humans, Warner said the disease will begin to create a vesicular rash and pustules, similar to those present in smallpox.

"The smallpox vaccination is a viable option for those who are at risk of being infected," he said. "The diseases are related, so the vaccination will either make the patient immune or lessen their symptoms if exposed."

The smallpox vaccination, however, has consequences of its own. Risks reported by the American Public Health Association include inflammation of the brain and spinal cord, widespread skin rash, blindness and death.

"My great aunt died from her

smallpox vaccination," Kim Kelton, a Spanish major from Abilene said. "The first time they gave it to her, it didn't take, so they gave her another and when she left the office she just collapsed. They said it killed her from the inside, and she died a horrible, painful death."

Warner, however, stands firm that monkeypox is probably not even a concern for most Texans.

"The reason the disease caused fatalities in Africa was that it was in an epidemic environment, and there was no suitable health care," he said. "There is absolutely no proof of the disease anywhere in Texas, and most of the cases elsewhere are currently being taken care of."

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## Enrollment

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43,389 students enrolled, according to the Texas A&M Institutional Profile, and many of those have graduated.

Some students at Tech have already changed their plans because of rising tuition. Bryan Fail, a sophomore advertising major from Lake Highlands, said the rising costs have driven him to seek other options.

"It affects my decision a lot, that's why I'm not taking (summer school) at Tech this year. I'm going to South Plains," he said.

For some students, it's easier to pay a lower cost at a junior college during the summer, and come to Tech only

during the fall and spring semesters.

"It's better to split it up, because you can go to South Plains during the summer and pay like a third of what Tech asks," Fail said.

Community colleges in the Lubbock area have not seen any drastic enrollment changes yet, but the future is uncertain. Dane Dewbre, associate dean of college relations at South Plains College, said he expects changes in numbers because of deregulation.

"I think that higher enrollment is very possible," he said. "We're holding steady right now, but we're predicting higher enrollment in the fall."

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## United we sit, stare

It's said that we're a religious people. Among advanced nations, our popular devotion to the Almighty is unmatched. But however taken we are with promises of grace and salvation, our true admiration is for the god of technology. It wouldn't be unfair to say that modern gadgetry enjoys at least as much of our adoration and attention as the Holy Trinity (or whichever divinity you call your own). And it makes sense; religion and technology are both in the same business: promising a better future.

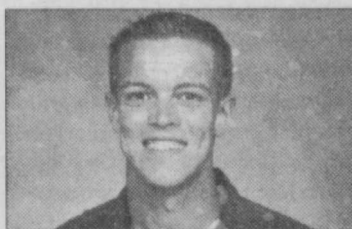
But awestruck as we are by the power of the microchip or the hypnotic glow of the cathode-ray tube, we sometimes fail to recognize that the promises of technology don't come cheap. Innovation seldom makes our lives better without taking something away.

I'm reminded of this when I consider television. Contemplating the importance of television in our lives, I'm amazed that my parents' generation is only the first to grow up in front of its flickering light. My grandparents and every human being before them came of age without an iridescent piece of furniture as the focal point of their homes, so young is this wonderful contrivance.

Technology often makes obsolete a function once served by humans, and it's for this reason that television so strikingly illustrates the inevitable trade-off of technology. The printing press did away with the calligrapher, and the assembly line replaced the artisan, but television's revolution has been much more profound and sinister: it has upstaged human relationships.

The coincidence of television with another technological novelty, affordable air-conditioning, occasioned a curious sociological and architectural phenomenon beginning in the 1950s.

You may notice that older homes are fronted with a raised, covered concrete slab dominating the facade of the house. This slab, or porch, functioned as a semi-



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public place to sit and visit between dinner and bedtime. Along with another endangered accessory of neighborhood life, the sidewalk, the porch was a setting wherein neighbors and family could gather and catch up on their news and gossip. They might regale one another with whimsical stories about mutual friends, discuss sports or politics or just sit in thoughtful silence punctuated with an occasional "yep."

But soon following the advent of television, front porches began to visibly shrink as we now had access to much funnier, sexier friends on a glowing screen in our living rooms. Rather than shoot the same old bull with the same old crowd, we could watch much more engaging bull being shot by make-believe people in New York. And now, the porch on modern homes is just a sad patch of brick, wide enough for a doormat, looking on to a grim, people-less street scene.

As the front porch shrank, the backyard fence grew, as if to emphasize the gloomy isolation and social detachment that has become the vaunted "American Way of Life." The streets completely emptied of people, so much so that even on Sunday evenings all you can hear are crickets and air-conditioners. Now neighbors are often strangers; the desolate streetscape is unsafe for kids, leaving them with television, Cheetos, and type-II diabetes (formerly adult-onset diabetes) to fill their time, and across our nation, united we sit.

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## Some will be left behind by standardization

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's Web site Monday had a poll question.

"Are the TAKS standards too high for LISD students?" The question was quoted directly. There is something sadly ironic in it. See if you can find it.

Regardless, the Web site reported that Lubbock students fared fair to fair on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills. Test results here in the Hub city rivaled those of the majority of school districts in the state.

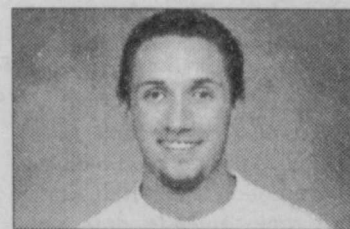
Now everybody is trying to figure out what the hell the test results mean, which is an exercise in futility.

Standardized testing is the alcoholic uncle of public education. Everyone knows it's there; no one really wants it, but everyone feels obligated to keep it around.

The TAKS is all part of President Bush's sweeping education reform, called the No Child Left Behind Act. Every state is scrambling to meet the new federal standards for each grade level. There is nothing quite like God on earth as a general on a battlefield or a standardized test in the classroom.

I'm currently certifying to teach history and German. I see the TAKS as an ominous storm cell looming on the horizon, sweeping across the plains to snuff out creativity in education.

Standardized testing means a predetermined litany of subjects and topics are given for each class offered. There is no room for error as the teacher must cover them all to the



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*Without people who are incapable of being vertically mobile on the social ladder of society, society would cease to function.*

point of perfection, never once straying from its straight and narrow path, lest the students fail, and the TAKS smite the teacher.

Although I must say I love the concept of the No Child Left Behind Act, it is entirely dependent on something that will never happen.

Edmund Burke wrote that there exists a certain inherent inequality among people. There are those who will eventually garner the skills necessary to succeed in a complex world, and there are those who will make them Big Macs.

I am as angered by daily idiocy as the next man, but I realize the ne-

### From the Editor:

These are exciting times at Tech right now. We are in the middle of a presidential search. Jones SBC Stadium is nearing completion. And the state legislature is deregulating tuition.

This is not a time for inactivity at Tech. I encourage you to write Letters to the Editor. The Perspectives page is an opportunity for you to voice your opinion and be heard, and what better place to be heard than *The University Daily*.

David Wiechmann,  
Summer Editor

cessity of stupidity. Without people who are incapable of being vertically mobile on the social ladder, society would cease to function. For instance, I am smart enough to know I do not want to spend the rest of my life cleaning up other people's trash, but there needs to be someone dumb enough to do it.

The German school system is deadly efficient in this endeavor. Rather than a no-child-left-behind policy, the Germans prefer a kind of weed-out-the-nonhackers system. When you reach the age of pubescence in Deutschland, everyone has one chance to prove himself. Those who score well go down the path eventually leading to a university. Anyone scoring mid-range heads toward a good trade school. Anyone else basically gets shipped off on the short bus.

Everyone deserves his or her chance to succeed, but if someone either chooses not to or is incapable of doing so, the Germans see no reason why they should be obligated to fireman's carry him or her so they can keep up with the pack.

In the United States, however, we have this "progressive" ideal that everybody deserves to go down the path of success, and we can leave no one behind. I think our next project should be to vacuum the ocean floor.

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# 'Fast and Furious' Summer yields some 'Dumb' sequels

In a summer full of sequels, prequels, and remakes, there are bound to be a few hits and misses. Hits thus far include "X2" and "The Matrix Reloaded." But it is highly doubtful that the rest of the bunch will be as good as these two. Indeed, Hollywood studios may have climaxed on sequels a little too early.

"Dumb and Dumber: When Harry met Lloyd"

I don't think that anyone is going to walk into this prequel to 1994's "Dumb and Dumber" with high expectations. What may surprise you, however, is just how painfully awful it really is. This lame-brained and pitiful attempt to expand on Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels' original characters is almost completely laugh-free.

Don't be fooled as Carrey and Daniels have absolutely nothing to do with this project. For that matter, the Farrelly Brothers, who wrote and directed the original, are not even listed in the credits

as executive producers. Not a good sign.

The movie takes the two characters, Harry (Derek Richardson) and Lloyd (Eric Christian Olsen) back to high school. The whisper of a plot that exists finds our two heroes being placed in a phony special needs class so the principle (an embarrassing Eugene Levy) can collect on a charity check.

If there is one good thing that I can say about the movie it is that Richardson and Olsen both nail their impersonations of Daniels and Carrey, respectively. However, when Carrey himself was asked what he thought of the movie, he said, "Well, impersonation is the sincerest form of plagiarism."

I realize that calling this movie dumb is about as redundant as calling Michael Jackson "a little weird," but this film is so terrible, so painfully unfunny, that it actually detracts from the original 1994 film.

Being a pretty big fan of the

## FILM REVIEW



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original film, I was more than appalled watching this rip-off. Whoever gave this project the green light should lose their job. My recommendation: instead of watching the original and then going to see this prequel, just stay home and watch the original twice.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★

★ "2Fast 2Furious"

This sequel is neither as fast nor as furious as the original. There are not many cast or crewmembers from the original film on board for this

gave viewers the feeling that they were experiencing the underbelly of the world of racing.

This new film opens in promising fashion with an all-out gasket-blowing race that gets the adrenaline pumping in a hurry. "2Fast," however, is not even about street racing. Heck, there's only two genuine street races in the entire film.

Instead, this is nothing more than a cop buddy movie with Paul Walker's character teaming up with a childhood friend, played by Tyrese ("Baby Boy"), to go undercover to bust a big drug lord. It's a "Lethal Weapon" movie with the cars from "The Fast and the Furious."

It really is a shame that the screenwriters chose to go this route. Reportedly, after Vin Diesel declined to do the sequel, the script for this film found Paul Walker's character infiltrating another street racing gang led by Tyrese. But I suppose a few rewrites were done and the result is

a run-of-the-mill buddy movie that winds up sucking fumes.

Director John Singleton, whose previous work includes "Boyz in the Hood" and the aforementioned "Baby Boy" is simply going through the action movie motions.

True, those looking for mindless action will be entertained, but for those of us looking for another movie about gangs and street racing will leave sorely disappointed.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★ 1/2

- ★★★★★ - Flawless
- ★★★★ - Excellent
- ★★★ - Good
- ★★ - Mediocre
- ★ - Awful

# Explosions In The Sky a dramatic, musical experience

The nights that go down in memory as the greatest nights of your life begin just like any other. The day goes by unremarkably - you'll toil all day at work or school, and have disposition ups and downs throughout the afternoon. Then that night you'll be sitting outside while the hot summer air spots your forehead with beads of sweat. And without warning you will see a bright light above your head as a shooting star streaks across the thick brunette sky above. And that's when you know that this night, though it began like most other nights, is like none you will ever live to see again.

Last Thursday at space.eleven.ten the post-rock instrumental band Explosions In The Sky left an indelible mark on the city of Lubbock. Summer shows in Lubbock are usually sparsely attended, but Thursday there were crowds of people gathering in the stuffy space where Explosions In The Sky was to play. The opening band, Lazarus, a one man acoustic act didn't start until an hour after the bill was scheduled to begin. His set was melodic and filled with emotion, yet didn't quite transcend his sentiment to the crowd who were anxious in the heat of the night.

After Lazarus' set a little girl ran to the front of the stage and sat down in

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the lap of her father. She had been sitting with her extended family on the couches against the wall. As members of Explosions set up they looked down at the girl and smiled at her. It became apparent that these people were family members of the band. Lubbock was the closest that their tour came to their hometown of Midland, so this was essentially a home show for Explosions In The Sky. One could only imagine that special things were in store for the oncoming set.

Explosions opened its set with "Memorial" a song off of its upcoming album. It opened gradually with classic post-rock guitar pulses and little else. Slowly melodies grew and played off of each other until drummer Chris Hrasky broke the building tension and the band came together as if set aflame. Right away

the crowd reacted and swayed along, suddenly unconscious of who they had come with or what problems they had brought with them from the day. "Memorial" built itself up and burned itself down and then finally ended with such force and ferocity that the air in the room was literally sucked out. Bassist, Micheal James and guitarist Munaf Rayani played with such heartrending frenzy that it seemed as if they either paid no heed to their own well being or they were helpless against the music they had to play.

Explosions moved on to "Greet Death" the first track on its only nationally released album Those That Tell The Truth Shall Die, Those That Tell The Truth Shall Live Forever. Looking around the room one could see that the kids of Lubbock were absolutely spell bound. Young couples held each other tight, bound by music and love. Others gripped the floor as chills ran up and down their arms and necks. Still others likely imagined worlds at war with each other, putting down their weapons and listening to these sounds if only for a moment, as one. Even those who love music only for the people and the scene were quiet for a moment, and realized what it was that brought them there in the first place.

After blistering through four songs in about 50 minutes, Explosions In The Sky came to its closing number, "The Only One That We Were Alone." James, now on a guitar, played a muffled rhythm that was layered by Rayani and Mark Smith's leads. Hrasky drummed feverously along as the song heightened in scale. All three guitars were being pounded relentlessly and the beauty of the sound being produced was all at once hopeful, triumphant, and utterly crushing. As the song reached its apex James strummed with such force that his guitar pick flew from his strained fingers and fluttered into the air above his head. A girl to the right of the stage gasped cathartically as the white pick floated for a moment in a streaking arc, a shooting star flickering in the stage light - green, blue, green, blue, and then it was gone.

Shortly thereafter Explosions finished its hour-long set. The people of Lubbock looked around at each other blinking, many crying. Some exhaled out loud, others raised their hands in gratitude, and all realized that a moment had just past. Explosions In The Sky had come on that unassuming Thursday night in June, and many, thankfully, will never be the same.

## 'Dora' beats out 'Blues Clues' on Nickelodeon

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a little more than two years, Nickelodeon's "Dora the Explorer" has vaulted past "Blues Clues" to become the most popular show on cable or broadcast television among preschoolers. And with a national tour under way, it could get bigger still.

"When 'Blues Clues' hit its high-water mark," says Nickelodeon Executive Vice President Cyma Zarghami, "it had been on the air six years, versus three for 'Dora,' and had three years of live touring. ... 'Dora' looks like it's going to be huge."

Perhaps most surprising, though, is that the show, which airs 10 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. EDT on Nickelodeon, is also a hit with children 6 to 11 years old — an audience generally thought of as too old and too self-consciously cool to be caught shouting back at the television, answering questions and uncovering clues to mysteries.

To Kathleen Herles, the 12-year-old bilingual actress who voices Dora, such widespread appeal is not surprising



# Freshmen learn about Tech in orientation process

By Sabra Jennings/Staff Reporter

Orientation is in full swing at Texas Tech.

Students and parents are braving the summer heat to familiarize themselves with Tech and prepare for the upcoming fall semester.

Approximately 4,000 freshmen and 1,000 transfer students are registered for orientation this summer, said Megan O'Brien, director of orientation. The incoming freshman class is about 4,400 students.

With the third orientation session underway, things have gone smoothly, O'Brien said.

"With large events, there are always going to be problems, but there has been nothing we aren't able to overcome," she said. "It really helps having 20 Double T Crew (members)."

The Double T Crew is a group of students who help run orientation. About 250 students applied for the team, and O'Brien said she considers the group to be 20 of Tech's best students.

The Double T Crew basically runs orientation, said Kristin Thomas, a senior human development

and family studies major from Lake Dallas, and member of the crew.

"We do everything from working opening session to doing a skit," Thomas said.

Along with meeting their advisers and registering for classes, students may reserve books, buy parking passes and check on financial aid, O'Brien said.

Other activities slated for orientation include a barbecue and spirit rally and Rockin' at the Rec, a night of get-to-know-you games at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. New to this year's orientation is a student social at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion, said Double T Crew member Blue Brazelton.

At the social, students can sing karaoke, dance and play games, such as Twister or cards. Brazelton, a junior English and philosophy major from Sweetwater, said students have enjoyed the social.

"People get comfortable because they're dancing with complete strangers," he said.

New student orientation is a way for students to meet people and make new friends, Thomas said.

"We hope they'll make connections that they can carry with them into the fall," she said.

Some Tech students have enjoyed orientation and the opportunity it brings to meet new friends.

Katie McIver, a freshman business major from Kingwood, said she had fun during orientation.

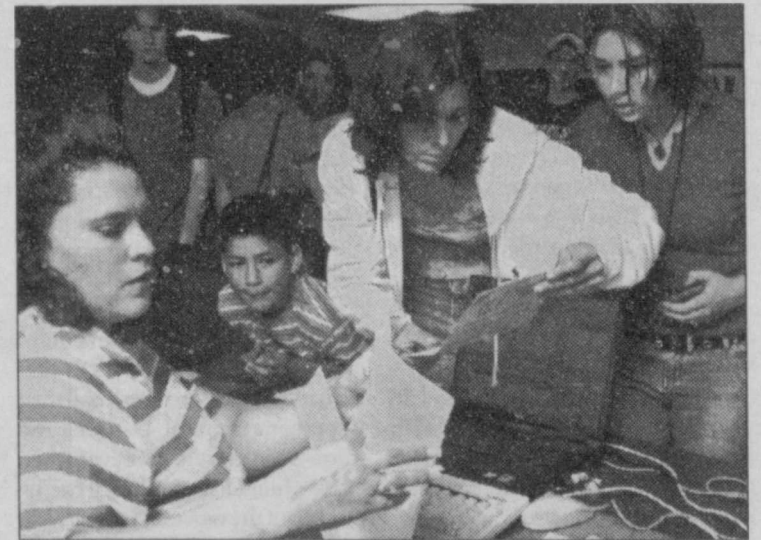
"I had some friends already going to Tech," she said. "I liked the atmosphere and felt welcome whenever I came to visit."

The campus tour was fun and the leaders of the tour were entertaining, said Kirby Stokes, a freshman psychology major from Carrollton.

"(Orientation) is not as boring as I thought it would be," she said. "People are entertaining and friendly, and the activities are all optional. You don't have to go if you don't want to."

Even though Kate Faucher, a freshman advertising major from Houston, said she enjoyed the different orientation activities, she expressed the woes of freshman registration.

"It is aggravating not getting into the classes you want," she said. "I had my schedule all worked out, and they



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Donna Cantu, patient services supervisor, (left) reviews health information for freshman Hotel and Restaurant management major Anisa Rodriguez from San Antonio June 8.

basically chainsaw massacred it because so many classes were unavailable. But I guess it's all part of working your way up the totem pole."

Mitchell Bass, a freshman telecommunications major from Austin, said he enjoyed a skit put on by the Double T Crew. He also liked learning all the traditions and

the spirit songs.

Bass's mother, Judy Bass, was impressed with the orientation process.

"It has been handled so smoothly. Any questions I had or things I was thinking about asking were answered before I even asked them," she said. "Everyone has been so helpful, and it was very organized."

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## Operation Desert Scorpion enters its second day, resistance mounts as U.S. troops raid villages in Iraq

KHALDIYAH, Iraq (AP) — Armor-mounted American troops swept through towns and villages west of Baghdad after dawn Monday, arresting suspected resistance leaders and searching for outlawed weapons.

It was the second day of a forceful operation called Desert Scorpion, based on intelligence pinpointing opponents of the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq. It followed the expiration on Sunday of an amnesty program for people turning in heavy weapons.

Families of those arrested warned that resistance would only increase.

Also Monday, the U.S. military announced that ambushers fired rocket-propelled grenades at two U.S. military convoys Sunday, wounding at least four Americans in the separate attacks.

In the first attack, a grenade hit a civilian Iraqi bus that was passing a 4th Infantry Division convoy near the town of Mushahidah, about 15 miles north of Baghdad. At least two Americans were seriously wounded, said Capt. John Morgan, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad. The number of casualties on the bus was unknown.

Soldiers returned fire "to protect

the convoy and the civilian bus," U.S. Central Command said in a statement.

Also Sunday, assailants fired rocket-propelled grenades at a U.S. military convoy near Dujayl, 35 miles north of Baghdad, lightly wounding two soldiers, Morgan said.

Qusai Taha, 33, a grocery store owner in the area, said he heard gunfire while in his store, ran outside and saw that the last vehicle in a 15-vehicle convoy had been hit.

Taha said he saw two American soldiers being taken out of the truck, and that they appeared to be wounded. Later, Taha said, two Iraqis arrived on a motorbike and set the truck ablaze. Other witnesses gave similar accounts.

American soldiers were working Monday to remove the burned out vehicle.

Forty-five miles west of Baghdad, more than 100 military police and infantrymen in 30 Humvees and four Bradley fighting vehicles poured into the small town of Khaldiya. Observation helicopters hovered a few hundred yards overhead.

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# Oregon pizza parlor devises innovative advertising strategy

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Instead of going Dumpster-diving for maybe a half-eaten sandwich and some cold fries, Peter Schoeff, a 20-year-old homeless man, was served a slice of hot pizza dripping with cheese.

All he had to do was hold a sign for about 40 minutes that read: "Pizza Schmizza paid me to hold this sign instead of asking for money."

In a tactic that calls to the mind

the hiring of unemployed men during the Depression to wear sandwich-board advertisements, a Portland pizza chain has hired homeless people off the street to promote the product. They are paid in pizza, soda and a few dollars.

"I think it's a fair trade," Schoeff said. "We're career panhandlers, that's the only other way we can get money."

The signs were meant to be humorous, said Andre Jehan, founder

of Pizza Schmizza, a 26-restaurant business in Oregon and Washington.

"People don't have to feel guilty, while still appreciating the person is homeless. It's a gesture of kindness more than anything," he said.

From the sandwich board to cigarette girls to aerial banners, companies are forever searching for creative means to reach customers.

The search has become more frenetic lately as advertisers try to break through what is known in the indus-

try "ad clutter" — the way people are bombarded by commercial messages from all sides.

An ad agency in London, Cunning Stunts Communications Ltd., has recruited students to wear temporary tattoos on their foreheads while hanging out at bars or trendy stores.

Sony Ericsson, the cell phone company, has hired models to lounge at tourist attractions and play with a mobile phone to make

the gadget look attractive. Beach N' Billboards Inc. of New Jersey used a steamroller-like machine to imprint ads for Snapple iced tea on the beach.

Jehan said the idea sprang from the guilt he felt passing homeless people begging for money.

"I got tired of not being able to make eye contact with these people. I thought, 'What skills could they have?' Holding a sign was an obvious one," he said.

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## Spurs clip Nets for second NBA title

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Somewhere between the court and the locker room, Tim Duncan got hold of his wife's video camera.

The NBA's most dominant player was drenched with sweat and champagne from the defining game of his career to date, but he had one more task to complete, one more moment to capture.

"Dayyy-vid Robinson!" Duncan shouted, pointing the camera at the smiling man coming up the hallway one last time.

Robinson's grin grew even wider. "You know what you still are, don't you?" he asked. "Young fella!"

For six years, the San Antonio Spurs have been led by this matchless duo of easygoing big men. Their partnership produced hundreds of victories, a legacy of class and grace — and now, two championships.

Duncan carried the Spurs to their second league title with an 88-77 victory over the New Jersey Nets in Game 6 of the NBA Finals Sunday night. With 21 points, 20 rebounds, 10 assists and eight blocked shots, he easily captured his second finals MVP award.

And Robinson, who's never had a problem sharing his success, roared into retirement with 13 points and 17 rebounds, playing a key role in his final victory.

"My last game, streamers flying, world champions," Robinson said. "How can you write a better script than this? It's unbelievable. I'm going to end my career on the highest of highs."

Robinson and Duncan hugged on the bench as the final seconds ticked away, and they hugged again as confetti poured from the rafters and their families celebrated with them.

"For a second there on the court, the last couple of seconds, I really thought, 'You know what? I'm not going to play with this guy again,'" Duncan said. "I'm going to have to come out on this court without him. It's going to be weird."

San Antonio trailed for most of Game 6 before embarking on an overpowering five-minute stretch of the fourth quarter. With 19 straight points, the Spurs left no doubt about their worthiness to be called champions despite an NBA Finals dampened by mistakes and ineptitude from both teams.

"I'm just thrilled that David ends his career with a game like that," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I'm happy for this whole team. ... It's an eclectic group. They are all the strangest backgrounds you can imagine, both individually and basketball-wise."

"There is one common thread: They're all very competitive."

Well-traveled guard Stephen Jackson shook off a horrible series to score 17 points, including three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter. Backup point guard Speedy Claxton scored 13 points and led the fourth-quarter charge, and emerging Argentine star Manu Ginobili added 11 points.

The Spurs' locker room was a madhouse from the moment Kevin Willis entered, clutching the trophy above his head.

"It was light. Everything feels light," Willis said. "All the love I have for the game, and all the work it took to get here, it was worth it."

After 19 NBA seasons, Willis won his first title. So did Danny Ferry, a 13-year veteran, and 12-year pro Steve Smith. Steve Kerr added a fifth ring to his collection.

The Spurs' youngsters also helped the celebration along. Tony Parker got his turn with the trophy — and along with his brother and girlfriend, sang a rousing chorus of "We Are the Champions" in French.

Jason Kidd had 21 points and seven assists for the Nets, who played three outstanding quarters, but were simply overwhelmed by San Antonio's late surge. New Jersey shot another poor percentage (34.5), including a 3-of-23 effort from leading playoff scorer Kenyon Martin.

## SPLASH DUNK



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Gareth Pipes, a junior exercise sports sciences major from Rotan, goes to the hoop against Jeremy Aucoin, a junior marketing major from Houston, in a game of water basketball at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

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## Men's track finishes 17th at NCAA Championship meet

The Texas Tech track and field team completed its 2003 outdoor season at the NCAA National Tournament in Sacramento, Calif. The men's side had high hopes going into the competition but ended up finishing tied for 17th overall.

Sophomore sprinter Jonathan Johnson competed in the 800-meter run and finished in a close second, making him the first Red Raider in school history to place higher than third at a national tournament.

Junior Jason Young finished fourth in the discus, throwing for a distance of 194 feet, four inches.

The men's 1,600-meter relay, consisting of Johnson, sophomores Albert Booker and Matt Stewart and senior Julieon Raeburn, came in sixth place overall, with a time of 3:04.76 in the final heat.

In the pole vault, freshman Bobby Most strained his hamstring during warm-ups Friday and could no longer compete.

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