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Suspected boat in fatal hit-and-run accident located

By Jason Lenz/*Managing Editor*

A boat suspected to be involved in the fatal hit-and-run accident in Horseshoe Bay at Lake LBJ has been identified, according to a press release from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The accident occurred May 26 around 2:30 a.m., resulting in the death of former Texas Tech student Laura Putnam. The boat Putnam was on, which the others on the boat said had fully operational stern lights, was struck by another boat in the driver's center section. Also on board at the time of the accident were Justin Moore, Putnam's fiancée, and Jerry

Lee Cypert, who, according to a previous press release, described the suspected boat as a white ski boat with a reddish stripe.

The boat that has been identified matches that description and also has a damaged propeller.

Game wardens received a search warrant and obtained samples of the boat, according to the release.

Public Information Officer for



Putnam

Parks and Wildlife Kristen Everett confirmed the boat's owners were Berkeley and Vincent Dawson, also the owners of Bud Co. in San Antonio.

The press release also said the authorities are awaiting the results of the tests of the samples taken to the Texas Department of Public Safety's crime lab in Austin to compare the suspected boat to the victims' boat.

Everett said there is no set time frame for when the test results will be available.

She said the suspected boat was discovered on a patrol of the lake.

"Whenever something like this happens, (the game wardens) have it in the back of their minds that

that's the boat they're looking for," she said. "So when they found the boat that matched the description, they got the search warrant."

Everett said the Dawsons have since cooperated fully with law enforcement officials.

Bob Newman, friend of and attorney for the Dawsons, said the brothers were unaware how their boat could have been involved.

"They were asleep in bed at the time and have no idea who possibly could have been driving the boat," he said.

Given the evidence, Newman said the Dawsons expect the tests to confirm their boat's involvement.

"At this point in time, we have

no reason to believe that it is not our boat," he said.

Everett said that although the Dawsons own the suspected boat, it is still unclear who may have operated it at the time of the accident.

"Just because they own the boat doesn't mean they were operating it," she said. "Our main concern is to find the person who was operating the boat."

The Dawsons' primary concern, Newman said, is helping the Putnam family.

"Their hearts and prayers go out to the Putnam family," he said. "They cannot imagine the tragedy... they are absolutely shocked that their boat was involved in this."

Wilson anticipating changes as HSC president

By Sabra Jennings/*Staff Reporter*

After changing jobs just three weeks ago, Dr. M. Roy Wilson is ready to make some changes for the better as new president of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

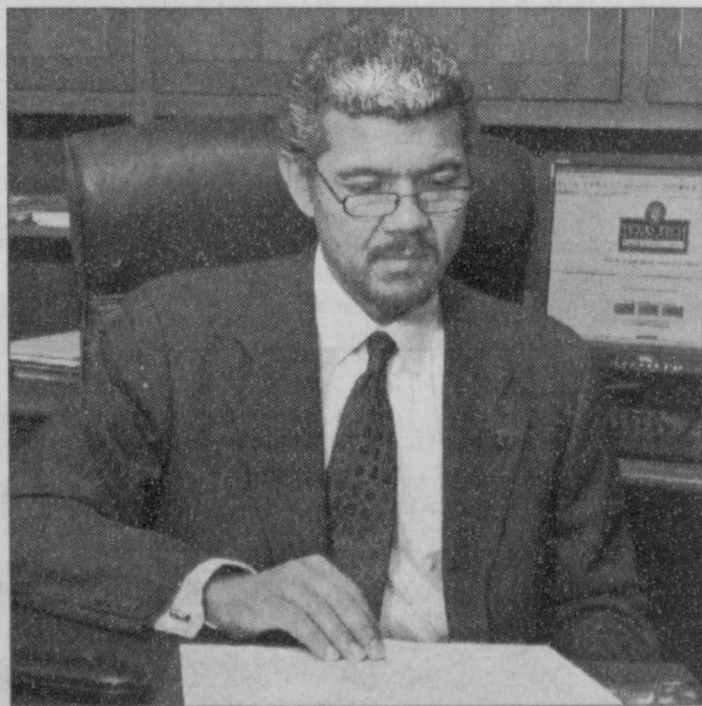
Wilson began his role as president June 9, taking the place of Dr. David Smith who was appointed chancellor in May 2002. Before coming to Tech, Wilson served as the dean of the School of Medicine and Vice President for Health Sciences at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

When administrators first contacted him about the position at the HSC, Wilson said he warmed up to it in stages. The more he learned about it, the more interested he became in the position.

"I thought there was a lot of untapped potential," he said. "(There are) a lot of opportunities that if the institution was guided in the appropriate direction, we could make a big difference between individuals and health officials."

During his first three weeks at Tech, Wilson said he has been familiarizing himself with the HSC and his new position.

"First of all, I think it's really important that a new person takes a little bit of time to observe the institution and not try to impose (their)



CRAIG SWANSON/*Staff Photographer*

Dr. M. Roy Wilson works in his office as the new president of Tech's Health Sciences Center. Wilson came to Tech from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

differences on a new situation," Wilson said.

Where are we and where do we want to be in five years are two important questions the HSC should consider, Wilson said, and there are some visions he already wants to get started on.

Wilson said he wants to focus on

increasing the research capacity of the HSC. In order to be an excellent health sciences campus, research has to be a part of the portfolio, he said.

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RAs to receive less pay because of higher housing, dining costs

By Ashleigh Adams/*Staff Reporter*

Resident Assistants in the fall may see less money in their monthly paycheck, but Director of Housing and Residence Life Sean Duggan said because of more expensive housing, RAs will actually be receiving an 11 percent pay increase.

Between the professional staff of the Housing and Dining department, the RA council and administration, a new stipend has been developed for the allocation of the RA salaries.

"RAs employed at Tech have always had their room and board covered, as well as a monthly paycheck," he said. "Since housing costs have gone up we had to use a larger amount of their salary to cover the extra costs."

D'aun Green, associate director of residence life, said the reason for the large increase is because there has not been a major increase in the past few years.

"Housing and Dining is an auxiliary department, which means the money we spend is the money we raise," she said. "Usually the increase is pretty steady so we don't normally see a big jump like this."

Other than the decrease in monthly payments, RAs will also

find they have been downgraded from the Platinum meal plan to the Diamond meal plan.

"It is disappointing that we won't be getting all the same benefits we used to," said Katie Walker, a senior mathematics major from Lubbock and current RA. "Also you have to realize that if someone is that concerned with the money aspect, they shouldn't become an RA."

The process of becoming an RA is extensive, and most of the people who are chosen are not the type that would complain about this type of change, Green said.

"The type of RAs that are most successful are those that want to help students and be a role model," she said. "Most of them realize the package they are receiving is very generous; it is actually more than some graduate students are making."

Under the new plan, a first year RA will receive a total of \$8,719 in housing compensation and monthly paychecks. Those in air-conditioned halls will receive \$110 monthly and those in non air-conditioned halls will receive \$194 monthly. Green said the difference is because of the high costs of the air-conditioned buildings.

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New Associate Vice Provost adds flair to international affairs

By Andrew Evans/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech International Cultural Center is alive and refreshed this week with the hiring of a new Associate Vice Provost for International Affairs. Ambassador Tibor P. Nagy Jr. said he is ready to get started in his new position.

Nagy was the U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia from 1999 to 2002. He was born in Budapest, Hungary, and arrived in the United States as a political refugee in 1957. He received his bachelor's degree from Tech in 1972, and is happy to be back on campus.

He will be running the office of international affairs, which encompasses students abroad as well as foreign students studying here. He will also be in charge of the International Cultural Center and will be recruiting students for the Texas Tech Center in Seville, Spain.

The campus in Seville is for Tech students to go and study Spanish architecture and culture, however, not all of the students who attend the school are architecture majors.

"We have had several Spanish and history majors go there," Nagy said. "The opportunity to study abroad is a good option for

Tech students."

Nagy said studying abroad is a valuable experience, and he plans on making that an option for everyone who is interested.

"My goal is to increase the awareness of international programs at Tech," he said. "I want to increase the number of Tech students who study abroad, and the number of foreign students who come here. The most important thing is promoting international issues within the university and the outside community."

Nagy said he expects his biggest problems will relate to the budget.

"It's difficult to expand without the funds we need," he said. "We at Texas Tech could get access to inter-

national development funds that would help."

There are federal grants sent to universities to help pay for international studies as well as development and humanitarian projects.


"The U.S. government is in the process of increasing development areas, and Texas Tech has expertise in some of them," Nagy said.

The International Center for Arid and Semi Arid Land Studies is one of the programs that might be receiving some of these grants. The ICASALS, which was created in 1966, is a program at Tech that conducts research locally and internationally about arid and semi arid regions of the world.

"Afghanistan happened, Iraq happened, and the government will be spending a lot of money over there," Nagy said. "The ICASALS might be able to provide valuable research in those regions."

The government does not designate a certain amount of money for every school; universities have to compete for these grants. The ICASALS is in charge of coordinating research teams that are capable of competing for research funding in the international arena.

Coordinating the ICASALS, the office of international affairs and the International Cultural Center will keep Nagy busy, and he said he is ready for the challenge.




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Midnight Rodeo closes doors due to lack of business, revenue

By Andrew Evans/Staff Reporter

Midnight Rodeo, after 15 years of two-stepping and beer drinking, has closed its doors for the last time in Lubbock. The bar, which was located at University Avenue and South Loop 289, decided to shut down last week.

Although many Texas Tech students went to the bar frequently, the bar was not making enough money.

"If a business is not profitable, it closes. It's that simple," said Mark E. Easterling, contact person from Midnight Rodeo's Web site in an e-mail.

The grand opening of Graham Central Station, a bar similar to the Rodeo, could have something to do with the closing.

"I would imagine that the

owner(s) saw the new competition on the horizon," Easterling wrote. "Perhaps instead of throwing good money at bad business to try and stay in the game, they thought a new place would be a better plan of attack."

Midnight Rodeo, traditionally a profitable enterprise, has been on a downward slope in the recent years.

"Midnight Rodeo's numbers (traffic and sales) have been down year over year for the past five (consecutive) years," Easterling wrote in the e-mail.

In recent years, Midnight Rodeo has been a hot spot for country music concerts and a place to go on Thursdays for "College Night," but these events were not bringing in the revenue.

"Only bands like Cross Canadian Ragweed and Jason Boland seemed to bring out the 'college crowd,'" Easterling said.

Some students at Tech are disappointed that the bar closed.

"Oh man, that was a fun place to go to," said Kevin Pierson, a junior vocal performance major from Friendswood. "I used to go there all the time. The concerts were fun, and you could have a good time out on that dance floor."

One of the more popular aspects of Midnight Rodeo was the Piranha Room, the non-country side of the bar.

"I'm not much of a country person, so we pretty much stayed on the rock side," said Manuel Tersero, a senior psychology major from Hobbs, NM. "I haven't been out there in years, but I thought it was pretty cool."

With so many bars in Lubbock to go to, Everett Day, a law school student from Bellville said the Rodeo was a secondary option for some.

"I wasn't a big fan of it," Day said. "I usually stick to Cricket's, Klusoz, and The Spoon. I've heard Graham's is OK, but I probably won't make it out there."

With the closing of Midnight Rodeo, Graham Central Station could be holding the reigns of the concert industry in Lubbock bringing in bands like Thrift Store Cowboys on July 1 according to lonestarmusic.com. It is one of the biggest bars in Lubbock, and it offers different genres of music much like the Rodeo.

Midnight Rodeo is a chain and still has bars open for business in Austin, Katy, San Antonio and Amarillo.

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ter, research has got to become an integral part of that to become excellent," he said. "Quite frankly, because of the complexity of the health sciences, in order to be an outstanding teacher, you have to be on the cutting edge of research."

The HSC, as in any institution of higher education, has multiple missions, and research is one of these said Elmo Cavin, external vice president and chief financial officer for the HSC.

"With any institution of higher education, research is a major component of what we do," he said. "(It) will only bring enhancement to the reputation of Tech to continue to research meanings of quality education and patient care."

Forming more meaningful partnerships with the Lubbock community is another area Wilson wants to focus on.

"We need to become more of a partner with the community to

promote a healthy Lubbock," he said. "I think we need to take more of a leadership position with health promotion as opposed to just treating disease."

Dr. Roderick Nairn, senior associate dean for the Creighton medical school, said while Wilson was at Creighton, he had a very positive impact on all aspects of its mission, including working with the surrounding community.

"He built a very strong relationship with the community of Omaha and Nebraska," Nairn said.

Wilson said sometimes the Creighton medical school was thought of as being isolationist, and even though he does not think the HSC has that same reputation, forming partnerships are very important in achieving goals beneficial for the institution and the city.

"That's why I had the idea of a healthy Lubbock, where the HSC and Lubbock partner so the people of Lubbock are healthier," he said.

Dr. Patti Patterson, vice president for rural and community health, said partnering with the

community is exactly where the HSC needs to be.

"I think his ideas are good, and I think we will be further developing partnerships with local organizations to improve health in Lubbock and the surrounding community," Patterson said.

Targeting health disparities between different populations is also an area where the HSC can take leadership, Wilson said.

In health disparities between different populations, he said he means the differences in health outcomes between people of different incomes, races and rural or urban areas.

"There are certain types of diseases that affect different populations, and there are also different factors that influence these health disparities, and these are areas we can investigate to become a real leader," Wilson said. "It really should not make that much of a difference if you're black or white, poor or rich, urbanite or farmer in terms of what your expectations are for health."

Housing

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"I am working in Wall Hall next year, but if I had known about this earlier, I probably would have applied for a non air-conditioned hall," Walker said. "You don't really use the air conditioning that much unless you are living there during the summer."

Duggan said the only discouraging factor of the plan is that many RAs have little or no other income, so a lower monthly paycheck means less spending money.

"It is a damper for those students who need more cash in hand," he said. "But those that have to pay

for college themselves will value their housing being paid for."

Walker said new RAs have an advantage because they have never had the experience of the old benefits.

"It is harder for those of us who were RAs this past year because we know what we are used to," she said. "The new RAs shouldn't have a problem getting adjusted because the plan is still very generous."

Duggan said that most other colleges in Texas do not even give their RAs a monthly paycheck.

"I know of quite few schools that only cover housing for their RAs," he said. "We want ours to know that we value their work and their time. That is why we go the extra mile to give them what they need."

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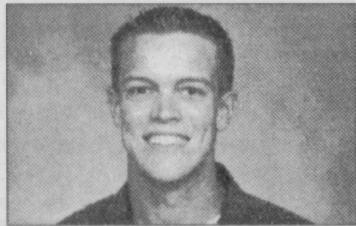
Iraqi democracy starry-eyed dream

Growing up as most Americans have, in the vast and uncelebrated blandness that lies between our nation's coasts, I've come to know a certain archetype of person that I've come to call the Disillusioned Suburbanite.

In my countless midnights spent in Irving's Airport Freeway Denny's, I've often played audience to the dreams and struggles of these stifled youths who, convinced that mediocrity is the only destiny to be had in America's heartland, yearn to relocate to a coastal metropolis to indulge in a lifestyle more befitting their artistic temperament. The idea is that their physical presence in New York or Los Angeles, amidst such cultural richness and trend setting chic, will tap their reservoir of creative genius that can't quite find a voice in the rank-and-file tackiness of suburbia.

A few actually take the plunge, spend some months burning through meager savings trying to get established, and then return to their post in suburban Dallas, seeming to have lost interest. I've detected a grand pattern underlying the Disillusioned Suburbanite I'm-so-out-of-here phenomenon that extends far beyond these food-court beatniks, going so far as to animate the geopolitical derring-do of the Bush White House.

Following the pattern, the first thing you do is set a manifestly unrealistic goal for yourself. For the



Brian Carpenter

Baskin-Robbins avant-garde it's a viable career as a musician or poet; for George Bush it's creating a stable, Western-style democracy out of the tribal stewpot of ancient Babylon.

Then, you create some condition which must be met before you can reach your Quixotic objective. This can be anything at all, because, as you will see, it exists only as an arbitrary distraction to deflect the hopelessness of the goal established in step one. For my struggling-artist friends that means going to Seattle or Greenwich Village, where things are ostensibly less lame and more sensitive to their artistic spirits. For our starry-eyed Commander-in-Chief, that means staging an unprecedented military occupation of Iraq, justified by whatever flimsy evidence he can creatively patch together.

To the aspiring artist, if only he could get to "the city" and get his name around, things would begin to happen. Thus it was with President Bush: if only he could get in there and remove an evil dictator, it would all

come together. As if the only thing between Iraq and Western-style democracy was Saddam Hussein.

In both cases, the wandering teenagers and the wondering president, it's a matter of refusing to recognize the bleak reality that what you're trying to achieve is damn-nigh impossible. It seems as though the administration believed that as long as they wanted it bad enough they could just walk into Baghdad, explain to the grateful Iraqis how they ought to run their affairs, and all would be swell. Well, they got the first part right: we did just walk right in. Some surprise; who'd have thought one of the weakest nations on Earth would have been such an easy fight?

As for the next step: making it happen now that we've arrived. We don't have any more if-only's to put between us and reality. The fact that Iraq is about as hostile to Western ideals as is conceivably possible is beginning to sink in, even to those fool commentators on FOX News Channel. I'll be very impressed if we ever achieve an even remotely peaceable and progressive Iraq, democracy or not. Despite the boosterism of the administration, there are no guarantees, and, unfortunately, history awards no points for good intentions.

Brian is a graduate student from Irving. If you think he is way off base let him know at ilovedyourcolumn@hotmail.com.

Letters to the Editor

Affirmative action decision is victory

The affirmative action victory presents an opportunity for us to think about the leadership role Tech can play in taking ambitious steps towards ensuring that underrepresented minorities have a strong presence on campus. One way we can do so is by expanding traditional notions of meritocracy.

The major reason there has been litigation over affirmative action is because of left wing acceptance of rather conservative notions of what constitutes merit. Our unwillingness to be creative in formulating different models and definitions of merit has unavoidably led to aggressive attacks on actual practices. In other words, is the affirmative action onslaught really surprising given that we define merit one way, but practice its implementation by making exceptions for qualities that don't fit the definition (i.e. race)?

I fully understand that the courts were partly responsible for legitimizing traditional notions of merit by establishing a legal frame of analysis wherein race should almost never be considered when governments make decisions. But I also understand that the law roughly mirrors the values and mores society. As long as we are unwilling to creatively redefine and expand what merit stands for, attacks on means of achieving racial diversity will continue, and maybe one day be successful.

Make no mistake about it, I am unabashedly suggesting that invidious forms of difference can and should be included in definitions of merit. Who we are, how others perceive us and how we perceive and react to other people's perceptions of us, influences the sorts of people we are. These reactions and states of being contribute to the betterment of organizations as much as, if not more than GPAs and test scores.

Rodney Lewis Jr.
Former Tech Student
Boulder, Colorado

Parking problems at Music building

Our son is a music education/performance major at Texas Tech University. While he has been attending Tech, we have had the privilege to attend all concerts and performances that he has been a part of. Much to our shock Tuesday evening, we learned that we would have to pay to park to attend a concert on campus. Note: this concert was at 7 p.m. on a summer evening. If that wasn't bad enough, after questioning our son about this new policy, we learned that on top of the rising cost of tuition and the ludicrous amount of fees that he has to pay to attend Tech, he now must pay to park on the Tech campus in the evenings when he goes to the music building to study and practice and when he has a performance. How much more do these students have to pay to acquire an education? How many people will not attend the wonderful concerts that are held at Tech throughout the year because they are required to pay to park? I ask, when will this gouging stop?

Cindy McCullough
Lubbock

Good samaritan

As my children and I drove along Quaker Avenue on Saturday June 21, we received quite a shock. The driver's window shattered for no known reason. Shocked, I pulled over at a park. A young man followed me and got out of his pickup to assist us. He borrowed a broom and dust pan from a nearby home and proceeded to clean up the considerable mess of glass. I did not ask his name. I remembered after the fact that he was wearing TTU clothing and appeared to be the correct age for a college student. He did not stay around for long goodbyes or extended gratitude. He merely did the job, got us on our way and left. I am writing this letter in hopes that he will read it and know how grateful we are for his kindness. Thank you and God bless you.

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Free speech controversy, lawsuits not unique to Tech

By Heather Jones/Staff Reporter

After University officials denied Jason Roberts permission to voice his opinion in a non-designated free speech area on campus grounds, the Texas Tech law student joined numerous other students all over the country in their fight against speech codes made by universities that are, in their opinions, violating their First Amendment rights.

Some students say being told when and where they can speak goes against the rights that are provided for them by the Constitution.

Vice President for Student Affairs, Michael Shonrock, said that common sense must prevail.

"Any college can establish time, place and manner," he said.

Director of the Center for Campus Life, Gregory Elkins, said the 2003-2004 Student Handbook is under review.

"The free speech area (in the handbook) is under consideration," he said. "There will be changes to that section."

Elkins said the changes that will be made to the Student Handbook will go into affect, at the latest, this coming fall semester.

According to the Student Affairs Web site, the following policies will be

in affect in the new Student Handbook.

Instead of having one free speech area there will be six: The original free speech gazebo, the northernmost one-third of the Engineering Key, the northeast side of the Student Union building, the southernmost one-third of the area between the Student Union and the Library, the courtyard between the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration building and the Architecture building and Urbanovsky Park.

The new policy on requesting a free expression activity outside of these areas states that a request must be turned in two business days prior to the activity, not six as it used to be, and that the request will be reviewed for "non-content based criteria" only.

It also states that students may be subject to discipline for actions such as illegal activities, restricting the movement of any person on campus and activities that involve physical, verbal or written acts or communications that cause physical or psychological harm.

Associate General Council for Tech Victor Mellenger said the policies have been in the revision process since February and March and that Robert's lawsuit just happened to come up a couple of weeks ago.

"We received a letter from FIRE

(Foundation for Individual Rights in Education) and that made (Tech) review the policies and do some updating," Mellenger said.

Lexie Smith, a senior photo communications major from Albuquerque, N.M., said she sees both sides.

"People have to feel safe coming here; they want to know they won't be harassed," Smith said. "But at the same time I do not think that we as students should have our First Amendment rights taken away."

According to his lawsuit, Roberts was denied permission by the Center for Campus Life to use the

corner of Akron Avenue and 15th Street near the campus bookstore to voice his opinion that "homosexuality is an immoral, sinful and unhealthy lifestyle, and to pass out leaflets citing scriptural basis for this view."

In the lawsuit it states that Roberts wants it declared that many of Tech's manuals, including the Student Handbook, are unconstitutional because

"they violate the rights to freedom of speech, freedom of press, the rights to due process, and the rights of equal protection" all of which are guaranteed to Roberts and others under the Constitution of the United States.

Other cases similar to Roberts' have been appearing all over the state.

According to the Associated Press, Ruben Reyes, a student at the University of Texas at El Paso, asked permission to hold protests about environmental dangers, the administration and censorship multiple times.

He was turned down every time by officials saying the student union, where he wanted to talk, was not one of the two "free-speech zones" on the campus.

At the University of Houston, an anti-abortion group took their issue to a judge when they wanted to display pictures of dead fetuses outside designated speech zones.

According to the AP, the judge

struck down the policy saying it granted the dean "unfettered discretion" to decide what speech to allow outside the zones. The students then sued again when the university changed its policy to ban all speech outside the four designated zones.

Many organizations are coming together to stand up for student's rights when it comes to free speech.

According to a press release from the Liberty Legal Institute, a legal organization committed to the defense of First Amendment rights and one of the organizations representing Roberts, Tech's policies are too stringent.

"The Tech speech codes are some of the most restrictive in the nation," said Kelly Shackelford, chief council of Liberty Legal Institute.

Instead of suing the university itself, according to his lawsuit, Roberts is suing individual school officials at Tech.

Hiram S. Sasser, a staff attorney for the Liberty Legal Institute, said there are legal reasons why it has to be done this way.

"We have to sue them in their individual capacity when seeking damages, Tech can not be sued for damages," he said. "If we do not sue for damages, Tech could change the policy to get rid of the lawsuit and then change the policy back again."

"The free speech area is under consideration. There will be changes made to that section.."

— GREGORY ELKINS
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HSC receives \$1.5 million for geriatrics research

By Heather Jones/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center received a donation of \$1.5 million from Shirley L. Garrison on Wednesday. The gift was accepted by Chancellor David Smith, M.D., and HSC President M. Roy Wilson, M.D., and will be used for the Institute of Healthy Aging.

At a press conference Wednesday, Wilson said that this gift will help the HSC attract top-notch clinician investigators in geriatrics.

"Recruitment of people, especially in geriatrics, is competitive, and with this gift the HSC can now bring in experts in Alzheimer's disease to compliment the geriatric talent we already have in place in all of the HSC's schools," said Wilson, according to news and

publications.

Glen Provost, chair of the Institute for Healthy Aging told News and Publications that Garrison has stipulated that the HSC match the \$1.5 million over the next three years.

"Geriatrics is a Texas Tech priority," Provost said. "In view of the rapidly growing elderly population, we will need more and better trained health professionals with the expertise necessary to address the special needs and concerns of the elderly."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 34 million people in the United

States are older than 65 years of age. By the year 2030 this number is expected to double.

"This is personal for all of us," Wilson said. "It is very important in

terms of the future, people have to have a high quality of life to live longer."

This is not the first gift the Garrison family has donated to Tech.

According to the press release from the Office of News and Publications, the Garrisons contributed to the establishment of the Mildred and Shirley L. Garrison Professorship in Geriatric Nursing as the first teaching nursing home on a university campus.

At the press conference Smith described Garrison as a renaissance man with a heart the size of Texas.

Garrison's family has a particular interest in research in the area of Alzheimer's disease, and he said the issue of geriatric health care is an issue that should interest all people.

"Every family is affected by it. It doesn't affect just Caucasians, Hispanics, rich or poor," Garrison said. "Everybody is the same when it comes to these aging issues."

Garrison said he and his family are delighted to make this gift and optimistic about the possibilities.

"We are confident that Tech could be the one to find a cure for Alzheimer's," Garrison said.

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Shirley Garrison, a supporter of geriatrics studies at UMC, donated \$1.5 million to the HSC for geriatrics research, including research for Alzheimer's disease.

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Iraqi scientist gives documents about Iraq's nuclear weapons program

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the White House said Thursday.

The scientist, Mahdi Shukur Obeidi, said he acted on the orders of Saddam's government as "part of a high-level plan to reconstitute the nuclear weapons program once sanc-

tions were ended," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

"We're going to continue to work with Dr. Obeidi in order to evaluate the documents and the equipment which he has provided," Fleischer said.

The White House spokesman said the development buttressed the administration's claim that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction and concealed them.

He said Obeidi told U.S. officials he had been interviewed as recently as last fall by inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, "but he did not reveal any of this."

"Throughout the entire inspection process, Iraqis were scared to death to talk because they would die if they would," Fleischer said.

U.S. authorities regard Obeidi's statements as evidence Iraq made an effort to hide parts of its original programs from U.N. inspectors.

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Supreme Court strikes down ruling on ban of gay sex in Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court struck down a ban on gay sex Thursday, ruling that the law was an unconstitutional violation of privacy.

The 6-3 ruling reverses course from a ruling 17 years ago that states could punish homosexuals for what such laws historically called deviant sex.

Laws forbidding homosexual sex, once universal, now are rare. Those on the books are rarely enforced but underpin other kinds of discrimina-

tion, lawyers for two Texas men had argued to the court.

The men "are entitled to respect for their private lives," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote.

"The state cannot demean their existence or control their destiny by making their private sexual conduct a crime," he said.

Justices John Paul Stevens, David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer agreed with Kennedy in full. Justice Sandra Day

O'Connor agreed with the outcome of the case but not all of Kennedy's rationale.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented.

"The court has largely signed on to the so-called homosexual agenda," Scalia wrote for the three. He took the unusual step of reading his dissent from the bench.

"The court has taken sides in the culture war," Scalia said, adding that

he has "nothing against homosexuals."

Although the majority opinion said the case did not "involve whether the government must give formal recognition to any relationship that homosexual persons seek to enter," Scalia said the ruling invites laws allowing gay marriage.

"This reasoning leaves on shaky, pretty shaky grounds, state laws limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples," Scalia wrote.

Thomas wrote separately to say that while he considers the Texas law at issue "uncommonly silly," he cannot agree to strike it down because he finds no general right to privacy in the Constitution.

Thomas calls himself a strict adherent to the actual words of the Constitution as opposed to modern-day interpretations. If he were a Texas legislator and not a judge, Thomas said, he would vote to repeal the law.



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ACC invites Miami, Virginia Tech to join, Syracuse disappointed

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — The Atlantic Coast Conference put a surprising twist on its six-week expansion saga.

On Wednesday, the ACC invited only Miami and Virginia Tech to leave the Big East and form an 11-team conference, passing over Boston College and Syracuse.

Many expected Miami to receive an invitation after the ACC voted May 13 to expand, but Virginia Tech didn't come into the picture until last week.

ACC commissioner John Swofford said neither school had accepted an invitation yet, but he didn't expect any problems.

"It's their decision to make at this point," he said.

Miami's executive committee of

its board of trustees was to meet Thursday afternoon with school president Donna Shalala. A high ranking Miami official, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said a vote on the ACC's invitation would take place at that meeting.

The university scheduled a news conference for later Thursday to, according to the school's release, "discuss the possibility" of accepting the offer.

Clemson President James F. Barker, head of the league's Council of Presidents, said Miami and Virginia Tech would be a great addition to the ACC.

"These two institutions represent and share the values for which the ACC has long been known,"

Barker said.

Barker said the invitation to Virginia Tech, a dark horse candidate that was added last week at the insistence of Virginia, was "subject to final completion of the conference bylaw requirements" — a site visit that was under way Wednesday in Blacksburg, Va.

Virginia Tech's governing board, meeting earlier Wednesday, unanimously authorized president Charles Steger to negotiate a deal with the ACC. Steger said he was "inclined to accept" the offer.

Any school leaving the Big East will have to pay a \$1 million penalty, and that amount doubles after June 30.

Boston College said the Big East was discussing future conference con-

figurations among all its members. Its statement noted that Miami and Virginia Tech are included in those discussions, which is likely to mean the Big East is making the would-be defectors a counterproposal to keep them from bolting.

The statement said the schools will address "those issues that have caused several Big East institutions to consider conference withdrawal." Syracuse spokesman Kevin Morrow said the school was "disappointed" and that it would work with the Big East to "help it become an even stronger conference."

"We have faced challenges before, and we've always been up to the task. We will be again," Morrow said.

Swofford refused to give the expansion vote breakdown, although

he said there weren't enough votes for a plan to add only Miami.

"I think the Big East will recover," Swofford said. "It isn't an acquisition, it isn't a takeover because the only way we can grow is if schools want to come join us by choice. I think it's been very misrepresented in some quarters."

"I think this league and the people in this league conducted themselves very appropriately through this process."

The ACC presidents voted to expand on May 13, and conference officials visited Miami, Boston College and Syracuse to assess their facilities. Virginia Tech came into the picture as part of a compromise suggested by Virginia president John T. Casteen III.

Agassi, Williams advance to third round at Wimbledon in straight sets

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — With an overhead slam on match point, Andre Agassi punctuated a polished performance in the second round at Wimbledon.

Agassi dominated the baseline, lost his serve only once and beat Lars Burgsmuller 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-3 Thursday.

The second-seeded Agassi had 31 winners and just 14 unforced errors. He won 11 of 12 points when he

came to the net.

"A good horse is going to jump as high as they need to," three-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker said. "Andre is doing that."

Agassi will next play No. 27-seeded Younes El Aynaoui, who beat Nicolas Massu.

Serena Williams, the top-seeded defending women's champion, smacked 22 winners and defeated Els

Callens 6-4, 6-4.

Maria Sharapova, a highly touted 16-year-old Russian making her Wimbledon debut, upset No. 21 Elena Bovina 6-3, 6-1. Two-time Grand Slam champion Mary Pierce, who is unseeded, upset No. 14-seeded Eleni Daniilidou 6-4, 6-1.

French Open champion Justine Henin-Hardenne and Jennifer Capriati also advanced.

Other men's winners included Tim Henman, the lone British player left in the tournament, and French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero.

Greg Rusedski was fined \$2,500 by the tournament for his profane tirade during the final set of his loss Wednesday to Andy Roddick. Tantalum expert John McEnroe found the

punishment surprisingly lenient.

"They cannot be serious," McEnroe said. "I'd be in jail for that."

Agassi, who overtook Lleyton Hewitt for the No. 1 ranking earlier this month, improved his record this year to 32-4. The 1992 Wimbledon champion is favored by London oddsmakers to reach the final against Roddick.

Agassi lost his serve in the opening game of the second set against Burgsmuller, then broke back in the eighth game when the German made three unforced errors. Agassi quickly took charge of the tiebreaker and breezed through the final set.

"I'm doing what I need to do," Agassi said. "It's always sort of nice to play those tight sets and play the big points well, and today I did that."

Farnsworth's penalty reduced

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Cubs pitcher Kyle Farnsworth had his suspension reduced from three games to two for his brawl with Paul Wilson last week in Cincinnati.

Farnsworth will begin serving his suspension Thursday against the Milwaukee Brewers. He also will miss Friday's game against the Chicago White Sox.

Wilson was suspended for five games, and he also plans to appeal.

Farnsworth was suspended three games Wednesday, but the length was reduced without a formal appeal.

"I think the more the situation was analyzed, the ball really wasn't ruled as an intentional attempt to hit someone in a one run ball game and he didn't cross the line to start the incident, he just finished it," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said.

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