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Presidential candidate Whitmore looking forward to visit

By Sabra Jennings/Staff Reporter

The second Texas Tech presidential candidate, Jon Whitmore, will be on campus Wednesday and Thursday.

Whitmore, provost at the University of Iowa, will undergo a series of meetings with Tech administrators, faculty, students and members of the Lubbock community.

The first presidential candidate, Brady J. Deaton, visited the campus on July 24.

A 21-member search committee began a search in the spring to fill the opening left by David Schmidly

after he accepted a position to become president of Oklahoma State University.

Whitmore said he learned about the position when Senior Vice Chancellor Richard Butler contacted him in April. Butler sent Whitmore information on Tech and made a personal visit, which helped increase his interest in the presidential opening, Whitmore said.

Butler said Whitmore was one of the first four or five out of 18 individuals he personally met with to discuss the position, and he feels good about the possibility of Whitmore's candidacy.

"I like him," Butler said. "He's got good ties to Texas. He's got good contacts, and he knows something about fund raising, which is going to be an important (component of the presidency)."

Prior to his position at the University of Iowa, Whitmore served as the dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University of Texas for six years. Whitmore said he enjoyed his time in Texas and would like the opportunity to come back to the state.

"We lived in Texas for six and a half years, so I got familiar with the people and the culture," he said.

"That was one thing in particular that made me very interested in (this position)."

Whitmore received bachelor's and master's degrees in speech from Washington State University, and he received a Ph.D. in dramatic arts from the University of California.

At the University of Iowa, Whitmore oversees 11 colleges, including those in the health sciences, campus-wide information technology, libraries, student academic affairs and financial aid. His responsibilities include strategic planning, university administrative and budget policies and diversity efforts.

Whitmore said it would be fun and challenging to work with the Tech faculty, deans and administrators, and the current position of the university makes the position enticing as well.

"It's clear from the strategic planning that (Tech) really has the ambition to rise up and be a top tier research institution," Whitmore said. "(Tech is) already well-known, and it's possible to raise (the university's) stature. There is potential for further advancement."

Chancellor Dr. David Smith said

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New program aims to keep graduates in Lubbock, Tech students participating

By Ashleigh Adams/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students have the unfortunate tendency of leaving Lubbock after graduation to find more promising job options in larger towns. The program Focus Lubbock, geared specifically towards college students, is hoping to change that, said Marie Hanza, vice president of education at the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

Focus Lubbock, patterned after the successful Leadership Lubbock program, is a nine-month program that emphasizes the job opportunities and quality of life Lubbock can offer. Ac-

ording to the press release, some of the areas the class will explore include the medical, agriculture, media and financial industries, as well as local, state and federal government and crime issues.

"We are about to begin Focus Lubbock for its inaugural session," Hanza said. "It's a really great opportunity for students to learn the business side of Lubbock as opposed to the college side."

The class, which meets once a month for nine consecutive

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Iraqi volunteers to begin military training

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military took 400 volunteers for the new Iraqi army to the northern city of Kirkuk on Monday to begin two months basic training, and American forces passed a third straight day without reporting the loss of a soldier in combat.

According to the military authorities in the Iraqi capital there had not been a U.S. soldier killed in action since late Friday night.

In recent weeks, American forces have seen near daily casualties in attacks by Saddam Hussein loyalists and others. The insurgency has killed

52 American soldiers since May 1, when President Bush declared major fighting over.

The Iraqi army recruits were taken to Kirkuk and on to a U.S. base under heavy guard for fear Iraqi resistance fighters would attack the convoy of red and white buses.

The recruits sent north Monday make up about half the first batch due to begin training under U.S. instructors this month. More than 12,000 Iraqi soldiers are scheduled to be ready for service by year's end and 40,000 by the end of 2004.

Movie Magic

Drive-in theater to bring back good old days

By Heather Jones/Staff Reporter

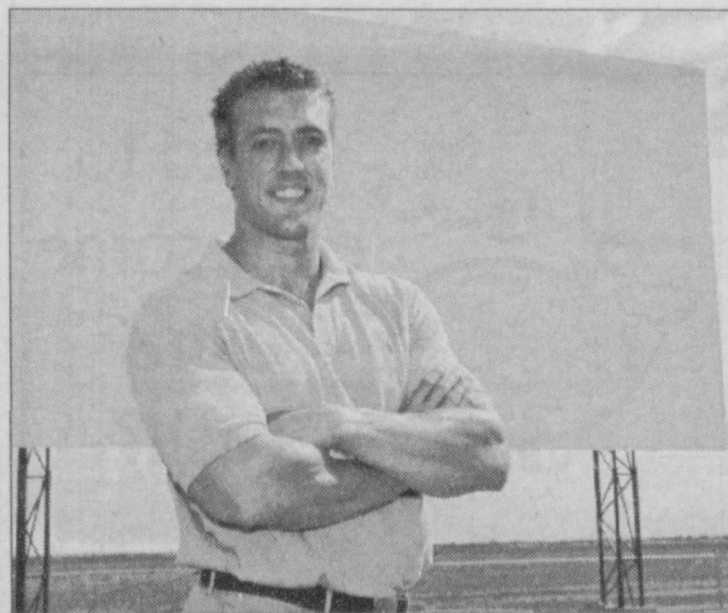
The simple pleasures of life are many times overlooked in today's fast paced society. People have forgotten what it was like to get off work at 5 p.m. on the dot. They have forgotten what it was like to sit down at the dinner table with the whole family and enjoy a meal together.

Ryan Smith wants to help remind people about the simple pleasures of life, and he is starting in Lubbock by opening the Stars and Stripes Drive-In off Clovis Highway between Quaker and Frankford on August 19.

Smith was born in Dallas and attended Southern Methodist University for his undergraduate degree, he then started law school there but did not finish after deciding to stay here in West Texas and pursue the movie business as his family before him had done.

"I grew up hearing about the Sky-Vue," Smith said. "There was always something different about it from other places; the people here really enjoy (drive-in movie theaters)."

Stars and Stripes will be a double feature drive-in theater. The first screen is 45 feet by 90 feet tall and accommodates 600 cars. The second screen will be 35 feet by 70 feet and holds 400. And Smith said if the



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

RYAN SMITH, owner of the Stars and Stripes Drive-In, will premiere the theater's first movie later this month.

demand arises there is enough room to add a third screen which would hold anywhere from 200 to 250 cars. The area in front of the screens will be paved in order to save movie goers from being sandblasted by Lubbock's famous dust storms.

Cost of a ticket will be \$5, and children the age of 5 and under will

get in free.

After narrowing down on the possibilities Smith decided on the name Stars and Stripes for a couple of reasons.

"I wanted something patriotic," he said. "But this also has a double

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months, consists of 21 students accepted from Tech, Lubbock Christian University, Wayland Baptist University and South Plains College.

Hanza said in order to be accepted into the program, students had to fill out an application through their college and were evaluated on several different areas.

"We really looked for people who were emerging leaders and interested in learning about Lubbock and the opportunities Lubbock has to offer," she said. "We want the smart and talented students from local colleges to want to stay here after they graduate."

Hanza said one of the main points the program will try to emphasize is that by staying in Lubbock, graduates may find themselves with a better quality of life, even if they are making less money.

"There's no need to move away, really," she said. "Sure, you may be making \$100,000 in a big city, but if you're spending all that money on your cost of living, you'll be left with hardly anything."

According to www.salary.com, the cost of living is 14 percent higher in Houston and Dallas than it is in Lubbock, meaning that a graduate can earn \$35,000 per year in Lubbock and need to earn \$4,900 more per year in a larger metropolitan area to have the

same kind of amenities.

Student Government Association External Vice President Colton Batchelor, also a member of the inaugural Focus Lubbock class, said one of his main goals for the program is to work on bridging the gap between the community and the students of Tech.

"I am really thinking of this as a learning experience and a chance to disseminate information about the students to the businesses and leaders of Lubbock," he said. "I think this program will have an extremely great impact on the overall relations between students and the community."

Regarding his plans in Lubbock after graduation, Batchelor, who is studying business and strategic planning, said although the program will help him meet people in a networking capacity, he is not completely sure the route he is going to take post-graduation.

"I am going into this program with an open mind and an open attitude," he said. "I'm pretty much like any other college student in that way. If something opens up for me here when I graduate, that's great. If something opens up somewhere else, that's great, too. I think that the main benefit of this program is for the leaders of Lubbock to be informed of what the community and the students want, and I think this is a great outlet for that to happen."

President

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Whitmore is very strong in his capabilities as an administrator and leader and that he understands the critical importance of students as well as faculty.

Smith said because Whitmore has served at a Big 10 Conference school he understands the complexities of a large university.

"He's had a track record of academic and research success in running a large university," Smith said.

An open meeting with Tech students and the Student Government Association is scheduled from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Thursday in the Red Raider Lounge of the Student Union Building. Whitmore said he is looking forward to meeting with the students.

"(Students) are the real reason the university exists," he said. "They usually have good questions, and I'd like to talk with them about their goals."

Drive-In

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meaning, stars like movie stars and also stars in the sky."

Watching a movie is not the only thing there is to do at the Stars and Stripes Drive-In. In the middle of the two screens there is a building which will house The Café and a game room. Smith said when you step inside the building, you almost feel as though you have gone back in time.

"We wanted to give it that older retro look," he said.

The Café will serve the usual movie theater foods like popcorn, candy and hotdogs, but it will be cheaper than in indoor theater. And it will also serve the famous Chihuahua Sandwich.

Smith's great grandfather came up with the idea, and it has be-



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer
TYLER CHADWICK, A senior management major from Farwell, plays tennis Monday afternoon at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center after his classes.

come a very popular item.

The sandwich consists of two tostada shells, chili meat, pimento cheese and cabbage.

"It's odd, but it works," Smith said. "If you have not tried one, it is worth coming out here just to eat the sandwich."

Outside there will also be a playground for children.

"We took all the things that are great about the Sky-Vue and adapted them to what was necessary for Lubbock," Smith said.

The drive-in will be a great place for groups to gather, to talk and hang out, and Smith said he is thinking of having discount nights.

"Whether you are watching a movie, hanging out, or if you are on a date, it all comes together," he said. "It will be a family atmosphere where people can gather and escape from the everyday."

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Liberians welcome first foreign troops, more en route

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — West Africa's first troops landed Monday on an international rescue mission for Liberia, greeted by overjoyed civilians who spilled onto the airfield by the hundreds, screaming, "We want peace!"

Nigerian soldiers in green camouflage and flak vests leapt from white U.N. helicopters onto the tarmac at Liberia's main airport, outside the country's besieged capital.

Machine guns at the ready, they crouched, taking up defensive positions on the landing strip.

West African leaders promise an eventual 3,250-strong deployment charged with helping end 14 years of conflict in the war-ravaged country — and overseeing the departure of warlord-turned-president Charles Taylor.

As an armored personnel carrier

with mounted machine guns rolled off one of the later flights, scores of Liberian onlookers evaded security and ran toward the troops. "No more war. We want peace," they chanted, at one point lifting a commander, Col. Emeka Onwuama Egbu, to their shoulders.

Outside the terminal, two women danced in the rain, celebrating the arrival of the desperately hoped-for peace troops.

Even as peace troops landed, small-arms fire echoed in the neighborhoods of tin-roof shacks near Old Bridge, focus of a nearly two month attack as rebels try to push from Monrovia's port into downtown, heart of Taylor's government.

Col. Theophilus Tawiah of Ghana, the new force's chief of staff, said he knew how much Monrovia's trapped people had been waiting for

the day. "And we hope to live up to their expectations," Tawiah said.

Authorities said 192 men and 33,000 pounds of equipment would deploy Monday. The West African deployment is to be followed within months by a U.N. peacekeeping force.

"We are ready. I can assure you of that," said Capt. Aliyu Jibril, commander of the first units to arrive. Jibril said the troops had a mandate that allows them to fire to protect themselves and civilians.

On Sunday, two of three U.S. warships full of Marines arrived off the country's Atlantic Ocean coast, ready if ordered to deploy to support the peacekeepers, although their exact role remained unclear.

"We will have to see," if the Marines come ashore, said American Ambassador John Blaney, who was among the U.S., Liberian and Nige-

rian officials greeting the troops.

The United States, which oversaw Liberia's 19th-century founding by freed American slaves, has been under international pressure to intervene in the conflict.

In Monrovia, residents near the city's embattled port heard cheers and watched flares go up over the war-ravaged city — rebels, celebrating the arrival of the West African troops.

"I want to see them with my own eyes. And when I do, even though I have no food, my belly will be big, and I will be happy," said Bangalu Wonwondor, a 62-year-old refugee.

Allan Doss, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's representative in Sierra Leone, saw off the first troops from neighboring Sierra Leone earlier Monday.

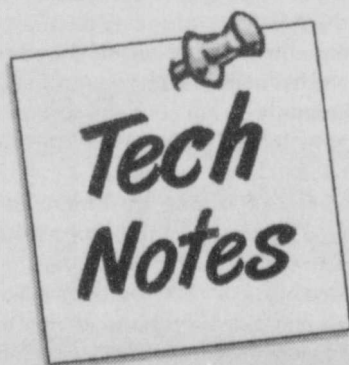
"I wish you God speed and well in this historic mission to Liberia,"

Doss said. "The people of Liberia have suffered a lot, for too long. They need your help."

In all, 675 Nigerian soldiers and 18 of their officers assembled on the airfield to take part in the first deployment.

West African leaders have promised the force to quell fighting in Liberia, where two months of rebel sieges on the capital have killed more than 1,000 civilians outright and left the refugee-crowded city of more than 1.3 million wracked by disease and desperately short of food and water.

The Nigerians, the first arrivals, are leaving a U.N. mission in Sierra Leone, where large-scale military intervention by Britain, neighboring Guinea and the United Nations helped end a vicious 10-year civil war.



Mentor Tech is holding an information session today at 4 p.m. Anyone wishing to participate should RSVP at (806) 742-8671.

The last day for graduate degree candidates to submit their final copies of theses and disserta-

tions is Wednesday.

Wednesday is the last day of classes for Summer Session II. Final examinations will be Thursday and Friday. Commencement is Saturday.

The museum will hold another part in its "Bedtime under the Stars" series for children between the ages of 6 and 10 at 7 p.m. Thursday. It is free of charge but registration is required. Call (806) 742-2432 for more information.

All residence halls will close at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Physical Plant will be sponsoring a blood drive from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Aug. 15. Each donor will receive a gift with a donation. To avoid delays in providing your blood donation, please schedule an

appointment time with the Physical Plant Safety office by calling (806) 742-3322.

Country music's Toby Keith will be in concert at the United Spirit Arena with Junior Brown and Blake Shelton on Aug. 21. Tickets are \$45.50 plus a \$4 service charge and are available at all Select-a-Seat locations including the Student Union building.

Student organizations wanting to re-register for the 2003-2004 academic year must have forms turned in before Sept. 2. Forms are available at the Center for Campus Life's Web site, www.campuslife.ttu.edu.

The city of Lubbock has set up a mosquito hotline. For spraying in your neighborhood, call (806) 775-3110.

No injuries in Ohio tornado

AMHERST, Ohio (AP) — A small tornado struck northern Ohio and thunderstorms caused power outages and minor flooding in Wisconsin during a weekend of rough weather.

The tornado touched down Sunday around Amherst, 30 miles west of Cleveland, downing power and telephone lines, authorities said. No injuries were reported.

The twister had wind of only 50 to 75 mph, the smallest class of tornado, said Frank Kieltyka, a National Weather Service forecaster in Cleveland.

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GOP supports childish antics of Democrats

Now this is classic. I happened upon a press release from the Republican Party of Texas wherein the GOP decided to send the 11 Democrat senators who are in New Mexico a little "care" package to ease their suffering while they are away from Austin.

The package includes Pampers' brand "Custom Fit Cruiser" Diapers, the ones for the "baby on the go." There are baby rattles to ensure the disillusioned Democrats can really "make some noise" when they need to shake their fists in frustration.

It gets better. Child leashes are supplied so the Democrats won't wander too far from the guidance of Mama and Papa DNC.

Finally, they provided pacifiers. I think the reason for that gift is self-explanatory.

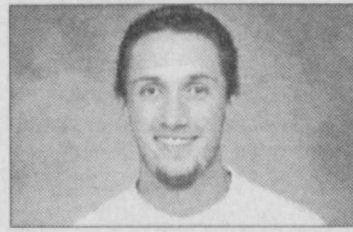
In a separate press release, the Republicans listed the potential illegalities and the money wasted while the Democrats are on the lam.

During the 30 day special session called by the governor, the 11 Democrats who did not show up for work received \$982.17 individually and \$10,803.87 collectively, according to the Senate Payroll Office.

Maybe the Democrats, who had promised not to receive their salaries while out of the state but neglected to fill out the necessary paperwork, have figured something out that I've been trying to perfect all my life: not working and still getting paid. After all, I would not mind staying in a high dollar Marriott Pyramid hotel, having police protection provided for me by the governor himself, Democrat Bill Richardson, receive a shade under \$1,000 for the month and not have to work a damn day to earn any of it. Hell, we should all be so lucky.

Then again, they are in New Mexico, which has to suck. What's the matter? Did Oklahoma not want them back for the second walkout?

Some of these Democrats are paying for the hotel themselves (though the state troopers protecting them were a gift from the state of New Mexico. Or is that just New Mexico's policy? If I stop at a welcome center along I-40,



Jason Lenz

do I have a state trooper assigned to me to be certain my stay in New Mexico is not simply enchanting, but pleasant, too). Other senators, however, have been dipping into campaign funds, as reported in The Dallas Morning News on July 31, to make sure they can stay comfortably during their sojourn in the Land of Enchantment.

This fiasco boils down to one simple fact. The Democrats threw another collective temper tantrum when redistricting became an issue, decided that New Mexico would really love to have them and went AWOL.

Theoretically, the Republicans will gain seats in both houses, but that does not mean the Republican Party is gerrymandering. According to the GOP's Web site, 56 percent of Texans voted for the GOP congressional candidate in the 2002 election and yet the Republicans only garnered 47 percent of the seats. There are 9 percent of votes that are being lost in the shuffle, and redistricting is the solution.

Of course, the Democrats are being smart. After all, they hold a tenuous congressional majority, and redistricting would mean nine percent more of the people in Texas would actually have their votes matter.

In the meantime, however, the Democrats are still shirking their responsibilities as state employees. I doubt too many people are going to hold "Welcome Home" parties for these fit-throwin' legislators, but regardless, they are impeding the state legislature from successfully passing any piece of legislation. Boy, I can't believe I'm saying this.

Hey Democrats, come back to Texas.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Last Tuesday I called State Senator Robert Duncan's office to urge him to stand up to Governor Perry's and Tom Delay's effort to waste millions of taxpayer dollars on yet another special session. The staff member did not care about my concern. I then asked

to speak to Senator Duncan, and was told, "constituents are not allowed to speak to Senator Duncan, the staff barely gets to talk to him." This concerns me very much. First, if an elected official does not speak to real people, how else will they know the people they represent are concerned over an issue. And second, if the

Senator doesn't even speak to his own staff regularly, then who does he talk to? Big donors only? Tom Delay? Money waster Rick Perry? Senator Duncan should listen to West Texans first.

Cass Robert Callaway
Lubbock

Parting advice from seasoned veteran of Tech

Well, looks like this may be it. After six years of college I actually found a job. Good thing, too. I was starting to feel more and more like that random middle-aged guy in your poli-sci class.

You know; the one with the full mustache who's always antagonizing the professor with unsolicited and off-topic comments. In any case, today will likely be the last time you see my cheesy mug in print. Time to grow up, work hard, pay taxes, vote Republican.

I'm torn as to how I should sign off from my time in the public eye. I considered a public airing of grievances; nothing malicious, just a detailed list of the people who've ever done me wrong or who owe me money. But after some reflection, I decided I'd have the most fun just rattling off a random list of things I've learned since 1997. So here goes:

1. Wear sunscreen (just kidding, Baz Luhrmann fans). But seriously, that's good advice.

2. You can tell just about everything you need to know about a person by the way they treat animals and children. There is nothing more evil than a person who delights in the suffering of either. They are capable of absolutely anything.

3. You ought to respect the government, but you should never trust it. Among all the threats our nation is faced with, there still isn't any activity more un-American than trust-



Brian Carpenter

ing the government.

4. The taller the Ham radio tower upon the house, the crazier the guy inside the house.

5. Recognize that television is a drug. It causes laziness, social withdrawal, paranoia, munchies and is addictive as hell. Withdrawal symptoms include nervousness, anxiety and lots of free time. Television can steal your life from you as effectively as any drug. View responsibly.

6. Speaking of addictive substances, think carefully before smoking marijuana. There is a popular fallacy that pot's not addictive or dangerous. Well, it is; very much so. I'm not going to elaborate too deeply as to my authority on the matter, but I promise that you can become as desperately addicted to pot as to any of the "hard" drugs.

7. Fools are often sure of themselves and intelligent people filled with doubt. Don't mistake conviction for correctness, and don't be afraid of doubt.

8. Don't think that living in a free country makes you free. It's not that easy. The government can't

give you freedom, only take it away. Freedom is a personal accomplishment, not a birthright, and while our country allows you to be free, it sure as hell doesn't just hand it to you on a tray.

9. If God is a wonderfully rich and gooey slice of chocolate cake, religion is a stale Tootsie-Roll. Don't limit your understanding of the Almighty to the guidelines of any church. Look outside the pews and hymnals to see for yourself, and certainly do not count on any religion to tell you everything you need to know.

10. Incoming freshmen, for God's sake don't sweat choosing your major. I can't express how ridiculous it is that you must make binding career decisions at age 18. They may as well ask you to plan your retirement and write your obituary while you're at it. Also, freshman, though you're going to anyway, just for the record, don't smoke. And everything I said about marijuana goes doubly for alcohol. It can be even more destructive than pot.

11. And finally, clichéd as it sounds, appreciate your time; not just in college, but always. True happiness is to be as nostalgic for the present as you are for the past.

So long.

Brian is a graduate student from Irving. Send good luck wishes to ilovedyourcolumn@hotmail.com.

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Driving range, clubhouse, pro shop nearing completion

By David Wiechmann/Editor

Finishing touches are being put on the temporary clubhouse, and the parking lot is being paved. When that work is complete, the driving range at the Jerry S. Rawls Red Raider Golf Course will be ready for its first ball to be hit.

Paula Garner, department manager, said she is looking forward to finally getting part of the course running and estimated one and a half to two weeks before the range is ready.

Like the golf business everywhere, weather is always monitored closely, and Garner said last week there was a difficult decision to make – to want rain or not to want rain.

"It's a double-edged sword," she said. "We want rain on the golf course, but we want the parking lot to get finished. So I'm leaning toward no rain."

Head Golf Professional Leon van Rensburg said rain would have set the

parking lot back about a week and delayed the opening of the driving range.

The range will be top-notch for Texas Tech's golf teams. Construction on three hitting bays equipped with video cameras is being completed as well. Van Rensburg said those hitting areas will be exclusively for the golf teams and will be a way to improve the team through lessons and recruiting.

"I think this is going to be a great recruiting tool for the golf teams," he said. "I think the coaches and players are just as excited about it as I am."

Men's coach Greg Sands said he is ready for the new technology for the range because it will allow practice when Mother Nature will not.

"It's a really neat concept in that if it's a really windy day, or a rainy day or it's just too cold on a winter day we can still practice," he said.

The move to video is one a many other teams are making, and Sands

said Tech will be following in their footsteps. The cameras and software is the same equipment used by Tiger Wood's swing coach Butch Harmon at his facility.

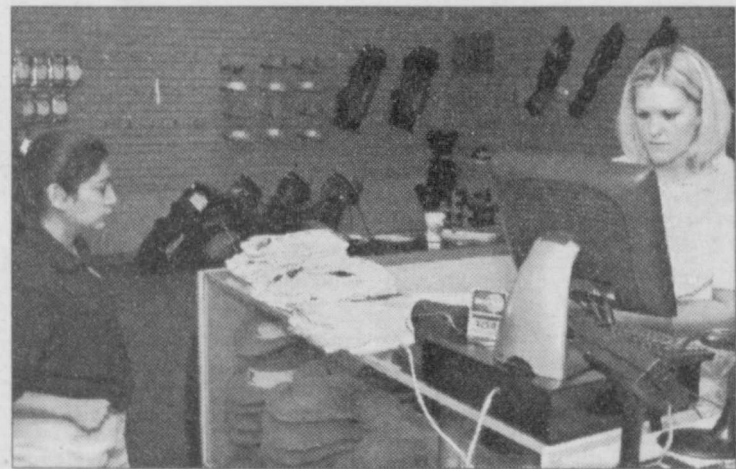
"A lot of programs have this type of technology as well, so it's kind of like keeping up with the Joneses," he said.

Although the video cameras will be an asset to the team, Sands said he wants his players to use it in moderation. He does not want to see his players become addicted to the video and turn into perfectionists with their golf swings.

"You don't want to be thinking about too many things when you stand over the golf ball," he said. "If you are, I think it can hurt you more."

The temporary clubhouse is up and running with only a few cosmetics to be finished inside and out. Cleanup will be done inside and the deck is being finished outside.

Patrons at the Red Raider Golf Course will have top-of-the-line



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

SANDRA QUALLS (LEFT), assistant manager of the golf pro shop and Kritin Pickering, pro shop attendant, work to get things ready for opening later this month. Some merchandise is ready to sell.

equipment to purchase as well. The pro shop is stocked with Titleist golf balls and clubs from Titleist, Cleveland, Ping and TaylorMade.

When the project is finished and ready to swing into action, Garner

said it will be an emotional moment for her because of all the hard work that has gone into making the golf course so great.

"I'll cry," she said. "I'll shed a tear, for the pride of it."

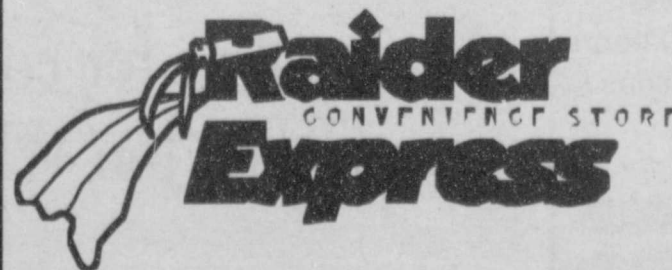
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'American Wedding' one movie too many, 'Gigli' falls flat

FILM REVIEW



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It was nearly a lose-lose situation for patrons wanting to see the new movies opening over this past weekend.

"American Wedding" "American Wedding," a.k.a. "American Pie 3" is supposedly the final installment in a series that was really never meant to be a series in the first place. As a fan of the first two "Pie" films, I have to say I wasn't that excited at the prospect of another slice.

And it's not just me—several cast members including Chris Klein, Mena Suvari and Tara Reid all opted out of this movie. In this case, it's best to quit while you're ahead.

Just to give you an idea of what to expect, the film opens with Jim (Jason Biggs) and Michelle (Alyson Hannigan) having dinner at an up-

scale restaurant. He's just about ready to pop the question, when she decides to go under the dinner table and pop something else.

Aw, isn't that precious?

Of course, Jim's dad shows up, and chaos ensues.

This is, however, what "Pie" fans want to see. But following this opening scene, there's not a laugh to be had for quite some time. Not that they don't try.

You see, the filmmakers caught on that they had a funny character with Steve Stiffler (Sean William Scott) in the first two films and decided to make him the focus of this third movie. It turns out to be a mistake because Stiffler isn't as funny in this movie—he's actually pretty obnoxious.

Then the filmmakers make the biggest mistake in the movie toward the end by actually giving Stiffler a heart with feelings to accompany.

It's just a mistake to take a small character who works only in small doses and make him the focus.

In fact, the first half of the movie or so is pretty lackluster with few laughs. But then the movie started to slowly grow on me. There are several big laughs late in the movie which made me come away from the movie liking it somewhat, but then I had to remind myself how bad the first half was.

On the positive side Eugene Levy is still fun as Jim's dad. In fact, the relationship between Jim and his father may be the best thing about the

series. That strong point is continued in this film.

I could have easily done without this third slice of "Pie," but those simply wanting another romp in the raunch, won't be disappointed.

RATING: ★★

"Gigli"

Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez's first movie together finally hits theatres after repetitive delays. It's not worth the wait.

The plot has Affleck as Larry Gigli (sounds like "Jee-lee" not "Giglee") a thug working for the mob. With his thick accent and leather coat, he struts around with few worries. That is, until he is asked to kidnap the autistic brother of a federal prosecutor in order to get the charges dropped against a head mobster.

Gigli's boss didn't trust him to handle the job by himself, so he paired him up with Ricki (Lopez), a contract killer to baby sit Gigli on the job.

The movie is pleasant for a short while, but the charm wears away quickly.

Gigli is sure he can coax Ricki into bed, and he does. But hold on, Ricki only plans to sleep in the bed because she's a lesbian and makes it very clear that she isn't interested in his equipment.

In fact, later, the two have a long discussion on who has better sex organs—men or women. Affleck bravely defends his penis in a ma-

cho-man speech. Lopez gives a speech about how sexual the female anatomy is. It's a shamelessly sexy scene and after a speech like that, it's understandable why she's an adamant lesbian.

It's ridiculous, then, when Ricki decides to have sex with Gigli, and it's incredibly UNsexy when they do. She lays on the bed and tells him, "It's turkey time! Gobble, Gobble!" and he moos like a cow afterward.

You think I'm kidding? I wish I were. The real culprit behind this mess is director Martin Brest, who also wrote the screenplay. Some critics are comparing "Gigli" to Kevin Smith's "Chasing Amy," which also stars Affleck as a man who falls for a lesbian.

The difference is, "Amy" is an intelligent, funny, and edgy comedy with legitimate questions about sexuality without easy answers.

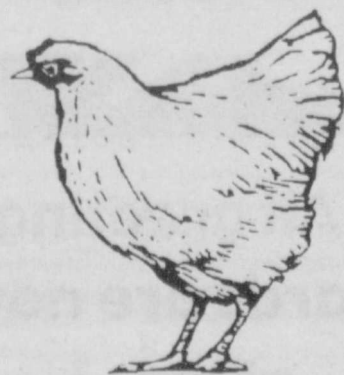
"Gigli" is none of these.

It's no wonder that the studio pushed back the release date several times on "Gigli." But you can only delay an inevitable train wreck for so long.

RATING: ★ 1/2

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

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Tech football starts practice, ready to kickoff season

By David Wiechmann/Editor

Texas Tech football officially starts Wednesday, and the Red Raiders are reporting for duty today.

The 2003 campaign gets underway this week as the Raiders start two-a-days in preparation for their season opener against Southern Methodist University on Aug. 30.

Two-a-days serve as the chance for the team to set the foundation for the upcoming season and start off on a good note.

"Since the Tangerine Bowl we've been looking forward to this," said senior wide receiver Wes Welker. "We've been busting our butts, and it starts back in spring workouts. You look back at all the preparation you did, and if you have a great year, you have a great year."

All the hard work starts early and ends late, but the end result is rewarding to the players.

"Two-a-days are extremely busy," Welker said. "Your day starts at seven in the morning and goes until nine at night. ...By the end it's a necessary evil for you to be successful."

Linebacker Mike Smith said he is ready for that necessary evil to start.

"I've been ready since spring ball," he said. "We've got a new defensive coach, and we love his new scheme."

Defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich's new defensive system will be more of an aggressive style of football. Smith likes the system because he gets to do what linebackers love—hitting people.

"Coach Setencich is old school," Smith said. "He likes to hit people."

Personnel-wise the Raiders are not much different from last season, and Smith said that will be an advantage to Tech. The defense loses

Lawrence Flugence and Aaron Hunt as two of the team's leading tacklers, and the offense is less one Kliff Kingsbury.

But Welker said Tech fans can expect B.J. Symons to take the reins well for the offense at quarterback.

"Nobody knows too much about him, except for when he came in those few games," he said. "But when he did come in he fed

the ball around."

Something the Raiders have to overcome every year is media predictions and low expectations. Welker and Smith both said the team does not really care about preseason predictions any more because it has become commonplace.

"It's the same underdog position we've been in," Welker said. "It's just another year, and we've got to prove people wrong."

Smith agreed with Welker and said the team enters every season having to make people eat their words.

"They do it every year," he said. "We don't get too upset about it. ...We have to show every year what we can do."

This year the team is taking the approach of improving upon last year and getting better every day, which is one of head coach Mike

Leach's mottos. Smith said the Raiders will not be satisfied with a low-key bowl game this season.

"We just want to play better and better," he said. "We want to get to a better bowl game this year and improve on everything."

Defensive lineman Adell Duckett said improvement will mean a better atmosphere and a team the fans are bound to enjoy watching.

"It's going to be an explosive team to watch," he said. "The defense has a lot of young guys, new faces, and I think it's a team people are going to enjoy watching."

With this being Welker's senior season, he said he wants to go out with a bang at Tech and leave a mark on the Big 12 Conference.

"This is really my last hurrah," he said. "So, I'm ready to get after it."



Dotson's father claims son never mentioned hearing voices

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The father of Carlton Dotson, the former Baylor University basketball player accused of killing an ex-teammate, says his son never told him he was hearing voices.

Carleton Dotson, the father, appeared at the Kent County Detention Center in Maryland just as visiting hours were about to end Sunday afternoon, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported Monday.

The younger Dotson is being held without bond in his home state of Maryland awaiting an extradition hearing later this month.

Carlton Dotson, 21, was arrested July 21 and charged with murder in the death of Patrick Dennehy, whose decomposed body was found July 25 in a Waco field four miles from the Baylor campus. Dennehy, who was missing about six weeks, died of gunshot wounds to the head, according to a preliminary autopsy report.

The elder Dotson said he has never discussed the murder charge with his son.

Asked whether his son seemed

disoriented during the Sunday visit, Carleton Dotson said: "He seemed normal. He was smiling. We were talking, just talking about father and son stuff. Basically it was just about being strong."

"Somebody's supposed to come see him, some psychiatrist or something. He said he's looking forward to seeing him or whatever," Dotson, 38, told the Fort Worth newspaper outside the detention center in Chestertown, Md. "He's in good spirits."


Carleton Dotson said his son disputed the reported circumstances regarding an interview published last week.

The *Dallas Morning News* reported that in a jailhouse interview, Carlton Dotson said Dennehy "betrayed" him. The paper reported that Dotson talked about hearing voices and described a self-defense shooting scenario.

Carlton Dotson didn't know that the woman who visited him Wednesday was a *Dallas Morning News* intern and didn't realize he was talking to a news reporter, his father said.

The younger Dotson's attorney has said she misrepresented herself, but the *Morning News* has stood by the intern, who has said she did not take notes or record the interview.

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A&M basketball staff loses assistant coach

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M basketball coach Melvin Watkins said Monday that former Dallas Carter High School coach Rob Wright, who was named to his staff last week, won't join the team because of medical reasons.

"We are disappointed Rob will be unable to join our staff," Watkins said. "Because of his situation, this is the best thing for him and his family at this time. We certainly support him and wish him well."