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### STATE

Odessa schools drop contraception education

ODESSA (AP) — Students in Ector County schools won't be getting any more lessons on contraception as part of the school district's abstinence-only-based sexual education program.

The Ector County Independent School District board of trustees voted 4-3 Tuesday night to discontinue the one-day contraception lesson, which came at the end of the sexual education program. The lesson had been taught for two years with parental consent.

"Our curriculum, if I can say this, was a liberal description of contraceptives," L.V. "Butch" Foreman, who was the swing vote, said in a story in Wednesday's Odessa American. "It was a little explicit."

Before the vote, Foreman asked to amend a motion to have the board follow the advice of the School Health Advisory Council, which favored teaching contraception. He said he was trying to find some middle ground between the board members who wanted no contraception curriculum and those who wanted it to stay the same. But the amended motion wasn't accepted.

### NATION

Guatemala's top anti-drug cop indicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Guatemala's top anti-drug investigators have been arrested on charges they conspired to import and distribute cocaine in the United States after being lured to America for what they thought was training on fighting drug traffickers.

A three-count indictment issued Wednesday by a federal grand jury in Washington names Adan Castillo, chief of Guatemala's special anti-drug police force, who has lamented the slow pace of progress in combating cocaine smugglers in Guatemala. Also indicted were Jorge Aguilar Garcia, Castillo's deputy, and Rubilio Orlando Palacios, another police official.

They were arrested Tuesday after arriving in the United States for Drug Enforcement Administration training on stopping drug trafficking in ports, Guatemala's interior minister and two U.S. law enforcement officials said. In reality, the DEA had been investigating the men for four months with the help of the Guatemalan government.

### WORLD

Six American service members die in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Five U.S. Marines were killed in fighting with al-Qaida-led insurgents near the Syrian border and an Army soldier died of wounds suffered in Baghdad, making Wednesday the second deadliest day for American forces in Iraq this month.

Eleven other Marines were wounded Wednesday in Obeidi, 185 miles northwest of Baghdad, according to a New York Times reporter traveling with U.S. forces.

A U.S. Marine statement confirmed the five deaths but made no mention of wounded. The statement also said 16 insurgents were confirmed killed in the fighting.

Elsewhere, a soldier from the Army's Task Force Baghdad died Wednesday of wounds suffered the day before when a roadside bomb exploded northwest of the capital on the previous day, the U.S. command said. Three other soldiers were killed Tuesday in a roadside bombing in the same area.

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## Coalition 'pleased' with library presentation

By JAY LANGLEY  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

West Texas Coalition for the George W. Bush Library Chairman David Miller is confident in the presentation given by the coalition in Washington, D.C., Wednesday.

"We are not claiming victory yet, but the presentation went exceedingly well," Miller said. "I am very pleased."

The West Texas Coalition was one of four groups to speak to a selection committee in Washington, D.C. Along with Lubbock, other

possible destinations for the Bush Library are Baylor University, Southern Methodist University and the University of Dallas.

Miller said the 19-person team he brought to the capital did a good job presenting the case for bringing the library to Lubbock.

"Everyone that spoke was articulate," he said. "I think the selection board was impressed. We had thoroughly prepared and practiced frequently. It was a total team effort."

The coalition's presentation lasted about 2.5 hours and included an oral presentation

and a 20-minute video.

Miller said having a presidential library in Lubbock would be great for the city.

"I have said it many times, but I can't say it enough," he said. "Having a library in Lubbock would be the best thing for the city since Texas Tech was built."

Members of the coalition include Tech representatives Chancellor Dr. David Smith, President Jon Whitmore, dean of libraries Donald Dyal, and vice chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction Michael Ellicott. The coalition also included Lubbock

Mayor Marc McDougal and Midland Mayor Mike Canon.

"I was there on behalf of the city of Lubbock," McDougal said. "The city is absolutely in support of getting the George Bush Library here."

He said since there only are 12 presidential libraries in the country, having one built in Lubbock would be a big deal.

"It would be great not only for Texas Tech University, but the whole West Texas area,"

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ADAM GRAY ROPES a calf. When he's not doing that, he keeps busy studying for a civil engineering degree at Texas Tech.

## ROPES AND DREAMS

By LINDSAY WHARTON  
FEATURES WRITER

Adam Gray leaves school on Thursdays.

Gray, who has attended two Texas Tech football games this semester, which is more than all the previous semesters he has been at Tech, spends his Saturdays in a different stadium.

He has to find time in between roping practice and traveling to study and complete projects for his civil engineering degree.

He does not dress or look the part of a

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## Residents in Texas town exchange naming rights for free satellite TV

By DANIELLE NOVY  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas town formerly known as Clark changed its name to DISH following a city council meeting Tuesday night in exchange for a decade of free satellite television service.

The Fort Worth suburb made the switch after receiving unanimous support from the attendees at Tuesday's meeting, according to *The Associated Press*.

The name change means DISH's 125 residents will each be eligible to receive free basic satellite service for the next 10 years, and a free digital video recorder and satellite television receiver.

Hazel Pennington, who said she has lived in the town for 54 years, said she is excited about the recent name change.

"I think I've lived here the longest," Pennington said with a laugh. "I like the name change very much."

She said the town's name change has helped it cut ties with its former mayor, L.E. Clark, who the town was renamed for when he was in office five years ago.

"We were tired of ex-mayor Mr. Clark who named the town after himself," Pennington said. "We voted him out, and he lost by one vote — it's kind of a sore spot for the town."

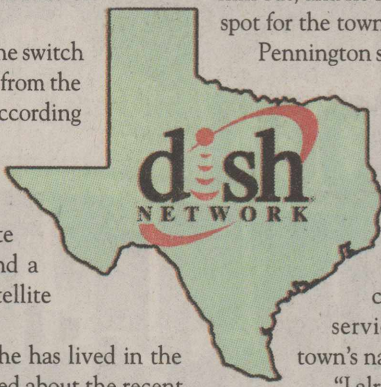
Pennington said she has not yet received her free satellite television service, which she said she plans to pick up with one of the certificates that has been issued to every household in the town.

Frank Anderson, another DISH resident, said he does not care much about the free satellite service that is set to accompany the town's name change.

"I already got Direct TV now," he said. "I don't need it."

The free satellite service promised to the town's

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## Tech tries to help students extinguish smoking habits

By BETH AARON  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will promote The Great American Smokeout beginning at noon today.

Members of The Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control will be at the Student Union Building from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center from 3 to 6 p.m. handing out information about the dangers of smoking and T-shirts promoting the TechFresh.org Web site.

Libby Camp, associate director for The Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control, said she and her co-workers also would be giving out door prizes such as an iPod shuffle.

Students may register to win by filling out a pledge card to quit for the day, to continue living a tobacco-free life, or to help someone they know quit smoking, Camp said.

"Studies show that if you quit, within a matter of literally minutes, you start to see improvement," she said.

If students can keep from lighting up for one day, chances are they could survive throwing their Bics out for good, Camp said.

Colby Reeves, a senior management information systems major from Lamesa, said he has been smoking on and off for about four years.

Reeves said he has put down cigarettes before, but never has participated in a Great American Smokeout.

Today, Reeves said he would give

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## Santa Cause

Junior League's Holiday Happening event offers shopping and entertainment — for a good cause

Santa is paying a visit to Lubbock Saturday.

The Junior League is hosting the 26th annual Holiday Happening, where Santa will be present so children can eat breakfast and tell Santa what they want for Christmas, while Techsians and Lubbockites can get a head start on holiday shopping and ideas.

The event features various merchants from Texas, as well as across the country who come to Hub City to sell a variety of products for the holiday season.

Tosha Davis, a biology major from Lubbock, said she enjoys going to get a head start on her Christmas shopping. She attended the event last year.

"It was fun," the Texas Tech student said. "It's good to get into the Christmas spirit."

Amy Sikes, chairman of the event, said there are about 150 merchants who will be selling a multitude of items at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Merchants sell everything from clothes and shoes to food and flowers. There usually are about 20,000 to 30,000 shoppers every year.

"It's a well established fundraiser," she said. "It kicks

off the Christmas season."

Sikes said the Junior League has been planning for this event for a long time, and they are ready to impress Lubbock.

"We have been very busy decorating and getting our business ready," Sikes said.

The shopping will be open noon to 7 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Besides shopping, there will be several other events during the course of the weekend to entertain participants.

"They're a group of six wonderfully looking single men," Sikes said of the country band Emerson Drive. The band performs Friday as part of Western Night, a western-themed evening. There also will be a cowboy comedian to entertain participants.

Tickets for shopping each day cost \$5. Additional events have various prices for participation. All pro-

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DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Toreador

UNITED MARKET STREET employees Julie Martin, top, and Vicki Gay set up the Holiday Happening booth inside the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Tuesday evening. Holiday Happenings opens 6 p.m. today and runs through Sunday.

# Libby returns to courthouse; Bob Woodward testifies in investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Cheney's former top aide, indicted last month on perjury and obstruction charges, reviewed documents Wednesday at a federal courthouse.

Accompanied by his legal team, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby walked into the courthouse without the crutches that he'd been using during a court appearance two weeks ago when he pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from the CIA leak investigation.

Libby's visit to the courthouse came hours The Washington Post reported that at least one senior Bush administration official told editor Bob Woodward about CIA operative Valerie Plame about a month before her identity was publicly exposed.

The newspaper reported that Woodward told Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald, who is investigating the leak of Plame's identity, that the official talked to him about Plame in mid-June 2003. Woodward and editors at the Post refused to identify the official to reporters other than to say it was not Libby.

Mark Corallo, a spokesman for Karl Rove's legal team, said Rove was not the official who talked to

Woodward. Rove is a top deputy to President Bush and was referred to, but not by name, in Libby's indictment, as having discussed Plame's identity with reporters.

Libby was indicted last month on one charge of obstruction of justice and two counts each of false statement and perjury in connection with Fitzgerald's investigation.

Plame's husband, former U.S. Ambassador Joseph Wilson, had criticized U.S. intelligence efforts before the Iraq war. On June 23, Libby told New York Times reporter Judith Miller that Wilson's wife might work at the CIA. Robert Novak, in a column published July 14, identified Plame, as a CIA operative.

Woodward's testimony in a two-hour deposition Monday would mean that another White House official told a reporter about Plame before Libby revealed her identity to Miller. A spokesman for White House adviser Karl Rove told the Post that Rove did not discuss Plame with Woodward.

William Jeffress Jr., one of Libby's lawyers, told the Post that Woodward's testimony raises questions about his client's indictment. "Will Mr. Fitzgerald now say he was wrong

to say on TV that Scooter Libby was the first official to give this information to a reporter?" Jeffress said.

Woodward, famous for his investigation with Carl Bernstein of the Watergate scandal during the Nixon administration, is now assistant managing editor of the Post. In October, he was dismissive of the outing of Plame, telling CNN's Larry King that the damage from her exposure was "quite minimal."

On Wednesday, Woodward apologized for not telling his boss, Washington Post's executive editor Leonard Downie Jr., about his being among the journalists who were told about Plame's identity, even as the investigation morphed into a national scandal.

Woodward held back the information because he wanted to protect his sources and because he was worried about being subpoenaed in the inquiry, according to the newspaper's Web site.

"I hunkered down. I'm in the habit of keeping secrets," Woodward said. "I didn't want anything out there that was going to get me subpoenaed."

## Study questions health effects of decaf coffee

DALLAS (AP) — Fresh questions are percolating about the health effects of coffee, this time the decaffeinated variety.

One of the first substantial studies to test it like a drug instead of just asking people how much of it they consumed found higher blood levels of cholesterol-precursor fats in those drinking decaf vs. regular coffee or none at all.

But the differences were very small, especially when compared with the effects of, say, the doughnut that might be dunked into the brew.

"I don't think there's a health threat to coffee," regardless of which type is consumed, said Dr. H. Robert Superko of Fuqua Heart Center in Atlanta, who did the study when previously at Stanford University. He reported on it Wednesday at an American Heart Association conference.

It was one of the few coffee studies not funded by industry — federal taxpayers picked up the more than \$1 million tab. (If you think that's a lot of money, consider that more than half of Americans drink three cups or more a day).

Participants were given Mr. Coffee machines, premeasured bags of Maxwell House, and periodic blood tests so

scientists could tell just how much caffeine and coffee they had consumed over eight weeks.

The 187 volunteers were put into three groups: no coffee, 3 to 6 cups a day of regular, or 3 to 6 cups of decaf. Coffee was consumed black, no cream or sugar. Diet surveys were taken for a week at the beginning and the end so researchers could evaluate whether changes in eating habits might have affected results.

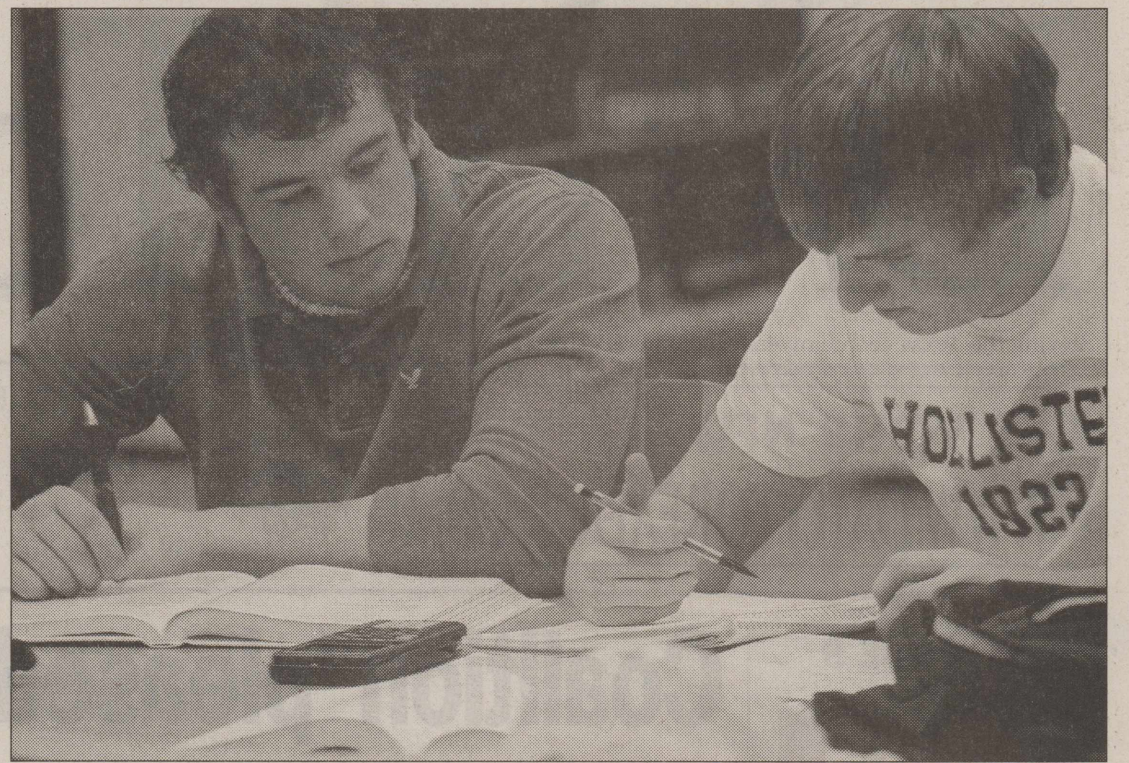
The result: decaf drinkers had modestly higher levels — 8 to 18 percent — of fatty acids and precursors of LDL or bad cholesterol than the others.

Nobody knows why, but Superko has some guesses. Fats give coffee flavor, and a more flavorful species of beans, robusta, is commonly used for decaf to make up for the flavonoids and other ingredients that are lost during the decaffeination process. Regular coffee uses a different bean, arabica.

However, several experts were skeptical of the whole thing.

"That's interesting, but it would not affect my recommendations to patients," said Dr. Donald Lavan, a cardiologist at the University of Pennsylvania and a heart association spokesman.

## STUDY BUDDIES



LINC ARMES/The Daily Treador

BO BOWEN, A freshman business major from Carlsbad, N.M., and Cass Hughes, a freshman accounting major from Carlsbad, N.M., study for a math exam on the fifth floor of the Library Monday evening.

# Leaner, meaner deterrent? U.S. troops in Asia undergo major transformation

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea (AP) — The threat from North Korea hasn't suddenly changed. It claims to have nukes and its million-man army is ready to roll. China, meanwhile, is emerging as the new Asian military leader, and terrorism is flaring up all over the region.

But at the United States' major Asian outposts, some serious downsizing is under way.

In Japan and South Korea, two countries President Bush is visiting this week, a U.S. military presence that had remained relatively static for years is undergoing a huge change. In Washington's two primary Asian partners, troops are being pulled out by the thousands, and well-established bases shut for good.

The American position isn't weakening, say officials and analysts; the cutbacks will be counterbalanced by improved equipment, organization and cooperation.

"We have always been unique and we have always maintained the old-style structure and doctrine," said Col. Richard Parker, chief of force development and plans for the 8th U.S. Army,

headquartered in the heart of Seoul, just 30 miles from North Korea.

Not anymore.

In its biggest reorganization in two decades, the U.S. will shed 12,500 of its 32,500-strong force in Korea over the next three years, reduce its number of bases by about three quarters and hand over major elements of the troops' mission to their Korean counterparts, who will "play a larger and larger role," U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said on a recent Asia tour.

Similar restructuring is afoot in Japan, where nearly 50,000 U.S. troops are stationed.

The United States and Japan have just agreed to the most sweeping changes in the deployments there in recent memory, a plan that — along with basing a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier just south of Tokyo — includes the withdrawal of about 7,000 of the 18,000 Marines on the crowded island of Okinawa.

Sheila Smith, an analyst with the private East-West Center in Honolulu, says the aim is to streamline, but not undermine, the alliance.

"Rather than planning for fixed contingencies, such as the defense of an ally, the U.S. Department of Defense would like to retain flexibility over the deployment of its military, and access to facilities and bases around the globe," she wrote recently. "Japan has embraced these priorities for its own military, and so the alliance now places a premium on joint operations and the interoperability of the (Japanese military) and U.S. forces in the region."

### DRAWDOWN IN ASIA

A look at U.S. troop withdrawals in Japan and South Korea

(AP) — BACKGROUND: There's immense pressure on the U.S. military to streamline its forces and get more out of a budget strained by Iraq and Afghanistan.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: Some 12,000 troops in South Korea and about 7,000 in Japan are being withdrawn over the next several years. Officials say improvements in equipment and organization will offset the decrease.

THE BIGGER PICTURE: While the Asian security situation remains fluid, the changes reflect both the Pentagon's new strategy of realignment and local pressure on Washington to ease the burden on host communities.

Correction: BELLEVILLE, Ind. (AP) — In a Nov. 15 story about the extradition of 18-year-old David Ludwig to face murder charges in the deaths of a Pennsylvania couple, The Associated Press reported erroneously Ludwig's 14-year-old girlfriend, Kara Beth Borden, also had been arrested. Kara, the victims' daughter, and Ludwig were taken into custody after their car crashed in Indiana, but only Ludwig has been charged.

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# China confirms first human cases of bird flu

BEIJING (AP) — China reported its first human cases of bird flu on the mainland Wednesday, including at least one fatality, as health workers armed with vaccine and disinfectant raced to inoculate billions of chickens and other poultry in a massive campaign to contain the virus.

The World Health Organization confirmed the virulent strain experts fear could cause a worldwide flu pandemic has now infected humans in the world's most populous nation.

China's Health Ministry reported confirmed cases of infection with the deadly H5N1 strain in a poultry worker, who died, and a 9-year-old boy, who fell ill in central Hunan province but recovered, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It said the boy's 12-year-old sister, who died, was recorded as a suspected case.

Experts worry the virus could spread and mutate in China due to its huge poultry flocks and their contact with humans. It also has migration routes for geese and other wild birds that might carry the disease.

"This is a psychologically telling moment for a country that has never had bird flu cases in the past in humans," said Roy Wadia, a WHO spokesman in Beijing. "This will drive home to citizens across the country that this can happen in our own backyards," he said. "It's a very real threat."

Officials had warned a human infection in China was inevitable after the country suffered 11 outbreaks in poultry over the past month, which prompted authorities to destroy millions of birds.

Elsewhere in Asia, the H5N1 strain has infected at least 126 people and killed at least 64 of them since 2003, two-thirds of them in Vietnam.

Nevertheless, WHO spokeswoman Maria Cheng in Geneva said the Chinese cases do not increase the risk of a flu pandemic because there has been no observed genetic change in the virus and no apparent spread between people.

She said it would not be surprising if more human bird flu cases are confirmed in China. "There are a lot of chickens infected and there's a lot of contact between humans and chickens in China," she said.

The Chinese government announced plans Tuesday to vaccinate all the country's 14 billion domestic fowl.

It wasn't clear how long that would take. According to Chinese health officials, vaccinating chickens can require repeated injections and booster shots. State television showed workers at industrial-scale poultry farms jabbing chickens with injector guns.

Health experts in Geneva said shots were the most reliable way to deliver vaccine, although it can also be administered by mixing it in the animals' feed.

Officials in Liaoning in China's northeast, scene of four outbreaks, said they have finished a vaccination program begun this month for the province's 320 million birds.

Such vaccination programs are "the right thing to do," said David Nabarro, the U.N. coordinator for bird and human flu. The virus is so entrenched in China's birds that simply slaughtering them will not work, he said. The best plan is to vaccinate and then slaughter when there are outbreaks, he said at a conference on bird flu in New York.

China's prompt response to bird flu and the scale of its anti-disease effort have been in striking contrast to its handling of severe acute respiratory syndrome in 2003, when it was criticized for its secrecy and failure to respond to foreign pleas for information and cooperation.

Since the SARS outbreak, the government has set up disease testing laboratories and a health warning network. It has promised to be more open about epidemics and to cooperate with other nations.

The Chinese territory of Hong Kong recorded the first known cases of human infection with H5N1 bird flu in 1997, when it infected 18 people and killed six, according to WHO. The entire poultry population of about 1.5 million birds was slaughtered.

Chinese officials initially said the 12-year-old girl who died in Hunan tested negative for the virus, as did her brother and a schoolteacher who fell ill at the same time. But the government later asked WHO to help re-examine the case.

Wadia said Chinese investigators were confident the girl died of bird flu, but she couldn't be considered a confirmed case under WHO guidelines because her body was cremated and there weren't adequate samples for testing.

# Tech SOAC meeting gets student organizations together for funding

By ANDREW WOOD  
STAFF WRITER

Representatives from student organizations came together Wednesday night for what could have been the most important Texas Tech Student Organization Advisory Congress meeting of the year.

The SOAC meeting was in conjunction with a budget seminar concerning the funding for student organizations.

To receive funding for the 2006-07 school year, representatives are required to attend one of the budget seminars offered by the Student Government Association.

Marc Orgass, chairman of the SGA student senate's budget and finance committee, conducted the budget seminar.

The budget seminar, he said, was an important part of the funding process. After the representatives attend the seminars, he said they would need to come by the SGA office and set up a time for an interview.

Orgass said the interviews would enable SOAC committee members to discuss the funding process and clear up the misunderstandings with the

representatives at the interviews. The organizations' presidents are required to be at the interviews, while the treasurers also are encouraged to attend, he said.

The student funding applications are due at 5 p.m. Jan. 27 in the SGA office.

Orgass said representatives need to turn in their applications as soon as possible.

"Most people wait 'til the last day to turn them in," he said. "There's a greater chance of receiving funding if they apply earlier."

Orgass said the SGA has more time to work with the organizations that turn in their applications earlier.

While the SGA encourages student organizations to apply for funding, not all organizations are eligible.

Greek and recreational organizations cannot receive legislative funding from the SGA because they are funded differently. Other organizations must have a good working relationship with the Center for Campus Life to receive funds, he said.

Before the seminar, Tech ornaments and campus diversity were

briefly discussed at the meeting.

Jennifer Whitmore from the President's Office spoke about proceeds from Tech ornament sales.

She said money from the ornament sales benefits the student organizations. About \$18,000 was awarded to the organizations last year, she said.

Matt Fowler, SGA chief of staff, said the ornament sales have been another way to help the students.

"It's always nice that organizations on so many different levels do remember students," he said. "As a student, I appreciate that."

Following the ornament discussion, Crystal Ramirez from the Diversity Awareness Team talked about diversity issues.

She said leaders from the culture-based student organizations should meet with the Diversity Awareness Team to discuss cultural awareness and other ideas concerning the cultural diversity at Tech.

Though the meeting was brief, Fowler said he believed the meeting served its purpose.

"The things we discussed were things that were important to students," he said.

# Democrats say Alito's confirmation not a guarantee, as 1985 document raises questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats said on Wednesday that Samuel Alito's confirmation was not guaranteed as senators kept the focus on a 20-year-old document in which the Supreme Court nominee asserted that the Constitution "does not protect a right to an abortion."

"Anyone who thinks that this nomination is a foregone conclusion is sadly mistaken," said New York Sen. Charles Schumer, one of several Democrats who used Senate speeches to criticize Alito.

"There are too many questions still to be answered, too many doubts still to be alleviated to say that this nomination is a slam dunk," Schumer said.

Conservative Republicans came to Alito's defense, with some committing their votes more than a month before his Jan. 9 confirmation hearing.

Others are warning Democrats not to think about using a filibuster to stop the federal appeals court judge from succeeding retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. She has provided pivotal votes on contentious issues, including abortion, during her 24 years on the high court.

"Even a suggestion that he doesn't deserve an up-or-down vote is outrageous," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

Alito has gotten generally positive reviews from senators since the White House announced his nomination on Halloween as the replacement for Har-

riet Miers. The White House counsel withdrew her nomination after criticism from conservative commentators about her lack of judicial experience.

Democrats and Republicans have praised Alito's knowledge, intelligence and his willingness to answer their questions during the private meetings.

But three influential Democrats — Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, liberal stalwart Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Schumer, head of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee — said in Senate speeches that they had "significant concerns" about Alito's nomination.

# State estimates Katrina, Rita could cost at least \$1.4 billion

BEAUMONT (AP) — Texas taxpayers will spend more than \$1 billion this fiscal year to recover from hurricanes Katrina and Rita unless the federal government continues to cover some of the costs, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said Wednesday as he visited storm-ravaged East Texas.

Dewhurst said the Federal Emergency Management Agency should cover some or all of the estimated cost of \$1.4 billion, but the state would have to pitch in for the rest. Ongoing care for Katrina refugees could cost the state \$250 million to \$550 million a year, he said.

State agencies believe the federal government should reimburse the state for about \$900 million of the overall cost, Dewhurst's office said. FEMA has provided about \$200 million so far, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn's office said.

Despite the hurricane costs, Texas should still be able to fund its legislative priorities in 2006, Dewhurst said. The state's economy is improving and jobs are being created, even with a

crush of thousands of Louisiana refugees who flooded Texas when Katrina hit in late August.

"I'm optimistic that if we can continue on the path we're on, that as our economy grows, we should be in good financial shape," Dewhurst said.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, said the state's budget is operating with a \$3 billion surplus over the next two years.

"Financially, the state of Texas is in good shape right now," he said. "And we just need to understand and meet the obligations the state of Texas has as a result of this disaster."

Dewhurst said his office has received Louisiana cost estimates from 48 state agencies, but said some of the nearly 200 state agencies may not have the figures he has requested until early next year.

Dewhurst said more than 44,000 students who evacuated Louisiana are enrolled in Texas schools and at least 135,000 people who fled to Texas are expected to apply for free or reduced-

cost medical care.

It is important for the state to gather data about its new citizens — whether permanent or temporary, Dewhurst said.

Early figures indicate Rita is costing the state \$300 million of the \$1.4 billion in hurricane costs.

# Death row inmate claims he was wrongly identified as killer

HOUSTON (AP) — Advocates for a death-row inmate said Wednesday they are asking the Supreme Court to grant Tony Ford a new trial — and make new law in the process — because two eyewitnesses misidentified him as the killer.

Ford, now 32, has acknowledged driving Van Belton and another man to the Murillo family house in El Paso in December 1991 so they could collect a drug debt. Two men went to the Murillos' door, argued with them, barged inside and opened fire. Armando Murillo, 17, was killed. His mother, Myra Concepcion Murillo, was shot in the head and is permanently disabled. Lisa Murillo was wounded by one bullet. The men shot at Myra Magdalena but missed.

Myra Magdalena identified Van Belton as one of the assailants because they knew each other from school. He was convicted of aggravated burglary. The other man, whom Ford claims was the gunman, has not been charged in the crime.

Lisa Murillo identified Tony Ford as the shooter. He was convicted in 1993 of capital murder and sentenced to death. His execution is scheduled for Dec. 7.

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The West Texas Coalition presented its case for the George W. Bush library Wednesday. Would the library be good for Lubbock?



# BATTLE ROYAL

## Money would be better spent elsewhere

## Bush library would benefit Lubbock economy

As I sat down to write my article against hosting the Bush library, I remembered what one of my high school teachers told me. I quickly clicked on my Web browser and Googled what I thought the quote was. Sure enough, my memory was correct. President Bush had the audacity to say that the language used in the proposal to invade Iraq was so simple that "the boys in Lubbock can understand it."

And now, after insulting more than 200,000 of us, we want to spend \$50 million to put his library in Lubbock.

I think this is ludicrous, but because this area supports our president and the Republican Party in general, it would be foolish of me to write a column arguing that we shouldn't have the library for political reasons. But that doesn't mean that there isn't an argument against buying the library.

First of all, my guess is this proposal has little to do with concrete positive economic and educational effects and has lots to do with jealousy. After all, both the University of Texas and Texas A&M have a presidential library. Why shouldn't we? This crazy argument worked with the leisure pool, and it may just work for the library.

Supporters will tell you that the \$50 millions needed for the library will all be paid back by the library's tourism revenue — at a rate of \$3.6 million per year. Sure, the library will bring in some money, but will it be enough to cover all the loans?

I hear constant comparisons to College Station and Bush Sr.'s library. This would only be an apt comparison if Lubbock were not in the middle of nowhere. Think of your trips to presidential libraries. My guess is that you went simply because the library happened to be in or close to the city you were already visiting.

Most tourists (not RVing grandparents) go to presidential libraries because they are in the area for some other reason, not because they made a special pilgrimage to see the library.

Also, what about school children? The other two presidential libraries in Texas can host school

**Andrew Davis**



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trip after school trip because they are located either in a big city or within close driving distance. With Lubbock's very remote location, this revenue would be virtually non-existent.

But as city councilmen and university leaders have said, the library will benefit Lubbock's educational community by bringing in scholars who are interested by Bush, terrorism, etc. If this came for free, I would completely support it. Political views aside, I would love to have more top scholars involved with Texas Tech. But what is this benefit really worth?

According to *The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, "More than \$3 million annually would come from new construction tax revenue out of the city maintenance and operations funds."

Also, in 2010 the Market Lubbock Corporation would start repaying the library's debt at a rate of \$790,000 per year. This is property tax money that the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance was originally scheduled to receive.

So how are they able to suddenly switch these funds over without a vote? We are a local representative democracy on a quest for a presidential library

— you would think we could let the people have a say. But without bringing the issue to a quick city-wide referendum, the City Council imposed its will on us all.

This is where politics come in. What if President Clinton had decided that it would have been incredibly funny to award his library to Lubbock? Now imagine that the City Council decided to fund the library by cutting other projects without a vote. I am 100 percent sure Lubbockites would be furious.

As far as I am concerned, it shouldn't matter who or what the library is for. If people would demand a vote on one \$50 million project, we should demand a vote for all similar projects. I don't remember any law that says we don't have to vote when we think we know the outcome.

Unfortunately, I think that it comes down to the fact that the influential folks in Lubbock tend to support the library. While I think the money could have better uses, some people value the ability to say we have the library more than they value using the money for community development.

In the end, it's quite ironic that some property taxes would go to build a presidential library when we couldn't get the same property taxes to give decent and equal learning environments to all Lubbock public schools.

It's not that I don't want the Bush Library, it's simply a case of wrong place, wrong time. I cannot, in good faith, support an effort that is pulling funds from needed projects without a vote.

If you want Bush's library to reach as many people as possible and you want Lubbock to take care of its own problems before spending \$50 million that it doesn't have, then you should be against bringing Bush's presidential library to Tech.

**Davis is a senior economics major from Lubbock. E-mail him at Andrew.B.Davis@ttu.edu.**

If you read my story last week about the grand re-opening of Prairie Dog Town, or Jeremy Martin's column making fun of my story about the grand re-opening of Prairie Dog Town, you should know by now that Lubbock's fifth largest tourist attraction is Prairie Dog Town.

Many people I interviewed for the story viewed this statistic as pathetic. I'm sure everyone I didn't interview also thinks this is pathetic. As Karyn Swallow, a freshman nursing major from Rowlett so eloquently stated: Who's going to come all the way to West Texas to see a bunch of prairie dogs?

The answer is no one. No one will come to Lubbock to see a park filled with prairie dogs.

Instead of just accepting the fact that Lubbock is boring, I think now is the time to try and change our reputation.

If the George W. Bush Presidential Library comes to Lubbock, I believe it comes with the potential to knock Prairie Dog Town off the Top 5 list.

Wednesday, the West Texas Coalition for the George W. Bush Presidential Library headed off to Washington, D.C. Texas Tech is one of four finalists for the library. Representatives from Tech went to D.C. in hopes of swaying the opinions of George and Laura.

Southern Methodist University, Baylor University and the University of Dallas are also in the running.

With confidence building and the chairman of the West Texas Coalition telling everyone "not to bet against us," it seems as though our library dreams will soon become a reality.

It is ridiculous for people to oppose the library coming to Lubbock because of political affiliation. Just because it carries the name "Bush" doesn't mean it's going to be politically biased. He was our president; it's part of history. No matter how much some people may want to, you cannot re-write history.

Most presidential libraries contain much more information than just the president's interactive biography. Many libraries have special exhibits

**Michelle Casady**



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they change out monthly in order to continually attract visitors and to continually have a positive economic impact on the community in which they are located.

The pros of having the presidential library come to Lubbock most certainly outweigh the cons. When you take a look at the economic impact of other presidential libraries, it is always positive.

Take for instance the two most recent presidential libraries. The George Bush Presidential Library located in College Station has generated \$10 million in sales output, \$4 million in personal income and \$709,000 in tax revenues, according to a study done by the IMPLAN PRO software company. The company specializes in economic impact analysis.

The William Jefferson Clinton library located in Little Rock, Ark., has had a phenomenal impact on the town. According to a study done by the Arkansas News Bureau, the library has spurred more than \$1 billion in economic growth.

Comparatively, the populations of those towns are: College Station with 80,254, Little Rock with 184,081 and Lubbock with more than 201,212.

The Chairman of the West Texas Coalition for the George W. Bush Presidential Library, David Miller predicts if the library were to come to

Lubbock, the city would see an estimated \$218 million economic boom within the first five years.

So regardless of how you feel about Dubya, the library coming to Lubbock would be in the best interest of not only the Lubbock community, but also the entire West Texas region.

Many people say the proposed \$50 million we will spend to attract the library could be better spent by attracting businesses, which would employ hundreds of people.

What people might not realize is that, long-term, having the library will spur more growth than just having a few extra restaurants or small businesses in town.

The library would be something Lubbock could take pride in for years to come. It would bring prestige to the university and could potentially even effect the enrollment of Tech.

After all, we are living in the "Giant Side of Texas." I think Lubbock deserves this library.

I'm not writing this column to sing the praises of George W. (although I bet all of you wish I were). I'm writing this column in hopes that more people would see what a wonderful opportunity this is for Lubbock and all of West Texas.

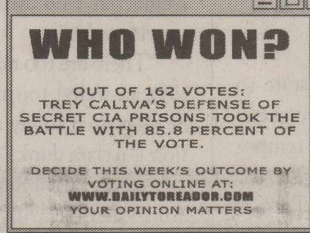
If Lubbock snags a tourist attraction as big as a presidential library, imagine the growth that would ensue. All of West Texas would benefit tremendously.

A common topic of discussion at the board of regents and faculty senate meetings is how the administration can do a better job of attracting and retaining quality faculty members and quality students.

If Lubbock were chosen as the location for the library, I think it would play a major role in faculty and student retention. This would save the university money because they would not have to raise salaries as drastically to attract faculty members.

So come on everyone, let's band together, support the George W. Bush Presidential Library coming to Lubbock and help to make the "Giant Side of Texas," even bigger.

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## PRESIDENT BUSH ORDERS MANDATORY ETHICS TRAINING AT THE WHITE HOUSE...



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# Tentative deal on Patriot Act would renew provisions, curb FBI power

WASHINGTON (AP)—House and Senate negotiators have struck a tentative deal on the expiring Patriot Act that would curb the FBI's investigative power and require the Justice Department to more fully report its secret requests for information about ordinary people.

Democrats and civil libertarians said that while the tentative deal makes some improvements, it doesn't address their chief concern: the curbing of FBI power to gather certain information by requiring the investigators to prove the subject's records are connected to a foreign agent or government.

"It gives a nod toward checks and balances without fixing the most fundamental flaws in the Patriot Act," said Lisa Graves of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The agreement, which would make most provisions of the existing law permanent, was reached just before dawn Wednesday. But by midmorning GOP leaders had already made plans for a House vote on Thursday and a Senate vote by

the end of the week. That would put the centerpiece of President Bush's war on terror on his desk before Thanksgiving, a month before more than a dozen provisions were set to expire.

Officials negotiating the deal described it on condition of anonymity because the draft is not official and has not been signed by any of the 34 conferees.

Any deal would mark Congress' first revision of the law passed a few weeks after the Sept. 11 terror attacks. In doing so, lawmakers said they tried to find the nation's comfort level with expanded law enforcement power in the post-9/11 era—a task that carries extra political risks for all 435 members of the House and

a third of the Senate facing midterm elections next year.

For Bush, too, such a renewal would come at a sensitive time. With his approval ratings slipping in his second term, the president could bolster a tough-on-terrorism image.

The tentative deal would make permanent all but a handful of the expiring provisions, the sources said. Others would expire in seven years if not renewed by Congress. They include rules on wiretapping, obtaining business records under the

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) and new standards for monitoring "lone wolf" terrorists who may be operating independent of a foreign agent or power.

By noon, House Democrats on the panel were issuing complaints about the seven-year expiration, arguing that since the House had endorsed the four-year expiration dates enacted as part of the Senate bill, the three provisions should "sunset" at four years, not seven. They also complained that Repub-

lican negotiators shut them out of the last phase of talks, a charge Republicans deny.

The draft also would impose a new requirement that the Justice Department report to Congress annually on its use of national security letters, secret requests for the phone, business and Internet records of ordinary people. The aggregate number of letters issued per year, reported to be about 30,000, is classified. Citing confidential investigations, the Justice Department has refused lawmakers' request for the information.

The 2001 Patriot Act removed the requirement that the records sought be those of someone under suspicion. As a result, FBI agents can review the digital records of a citizen as long as the bureau can certify that the person's records are "relevant" to a terrorist investigation.

Also part of the tentative agreement are modest new requirements on so-called roving wiretaps—monitoring devices placed on a single person's telephones and other devices to keep a target from evading law enforcement officials by switching phones or computers.

The tentative deal also would raise the threshold for securing business records under FISA, requiring law enforcement to submit a "statement of facts" showing "reasonable grounds to believe" the records are relevant to an investigation.

*"It gives a nod toward checks and balances without fixing the most fundamental flaws in the Patriot Act."*

—LISA GRAVES  
American Civil Liberties Union


## 'The Last Night of Ballyhoo' opens tonight; free with valid Tech ID

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"The Last Night of Ballyhoo," by Alfred Uhry, is the current mainstage theater production from the Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance. It will open for a sneak peak 8 p.m. today at the Charles Maedgen Theatre.

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## Police officer kills suspect in San Antonio middle school parking lot

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—A school district police officer shot and killed a suspected car burglar who tried twice to run him over in a middle school parking lot Wednesday afternoon, authorities said.

The officer had approached two people suspected of breaking into vehicles in the Irving Middle School faculty-visitor parking lot when the two got into a vehicle and attempted to run him over, said San Antonio police spokesman Joe Rios.

The officer then shot at the car, and when the suspects tried to run over the officer a second time he fired twice more, Rios said.

The suspects were found in the vehicle about three blocks from campus, Rios said.

The dead suspect is believed to be 18, Rios said. He was not immediately identified.

The other suspect was taken into custody. Neither was a student at the school, district spokeswoman Carmen Vazquez-Gonzalez said.

"This actually didn't take

place with any student involvement at all," she said.

The school was locked down, surrounded mostly by police tape, and parents were waiting in line to pick up their children.

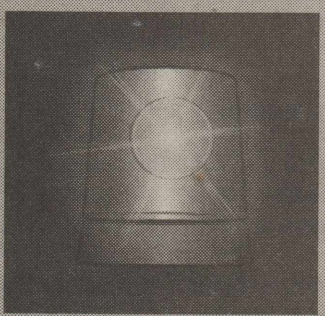
The closest entrance to the building was more than 100 feet from the parking lot, San Antonio police spokesman Eric Solis said.

Josefina Valdez said she heard about the shooting from a friend and raced to the school to pick up her 11-year-old daughter Josefina.

"I was thinking the worst," she said. "I didn't know what was happening to my daughter."

Silvia Garcia, the grandmother of three students at the school, also scrambled to the school.

"I was so worried that something had happened to them," she said. "They told me they had to wait for a while, sitting in their classrooms with the light turned off, and that the teachers didn't know what was going on for a while."



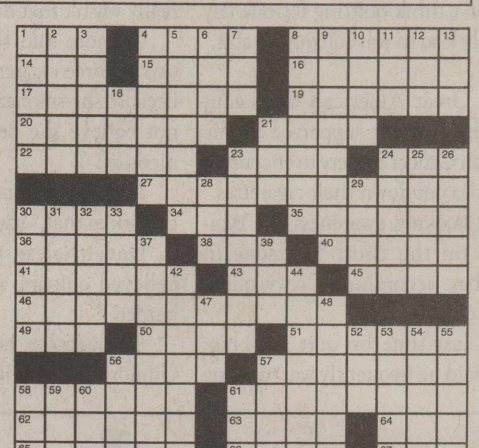
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- 1 Steer head?
- 4 "South Park" creator Parker
- 8 Cream-filled dessert
- 14 At least one
- 15 Comfort
- 16 Denver pro
- 17 Start of Mark Twain quote
- 19 Flat broke
- 20 Rural diversion
- 21 Editorial directive
- 22 Forever, poetically
- 23 Sora of Virginia
- 24 Expression of triumph
- 27 Part 2 of quote
- 30 Drunkard
- 34 Silly Caesar
- 35 Accompany
- 36 Leading
- 38 Never in Nuremberg
- 40 Past, present or future
- 41 Lords of Scotland
- 43 QTY.
- 45 Fortuneteller
- 46 Part 3 of quote
- 49 Diffident
- 50 Top-rated
- 51 Moseyed
- 56 Type of jacket or collar
- 57 Hug
- 58 Acquire background
- 61 End of quote
- 62 Whole
- 63 Auctioneer's last word
- 64 Blue
- 65 Kind of line
- 66 Exploits
- 67 UFO crew

**DOWN**

- 1 Get into hot water?
- 2 Knock off a derby, e.g.
- 3 Yeah, sure!
- 4 Preparing to drive
- 5 Oakland pros
- 6 Latin being
- 7 Truly
- 8 Righteous
- 9 Brothers hit
- 9 Most mean
- 10 Sort of soul
- 11 Picnic spoiler
- 12 Rink material
- 13 Laver of tennis
- 18 Grammar-sch. trio
- 21 Was left idle
- 23 Emerge in waves
- 24 Sans company
- 25 Basketball game
- 26 Following
- 28 German article
- 29 High cards
- 30 Substructure for plaster
- 31 Yep
- 32 Sordid
- 33 Maui tourist destination
- 37 Adulterate
- 39 Rattle bird
- 42 Fried
- 44 Stomp
- 47 Arbor of Michigan
- 48 Encloses snugly
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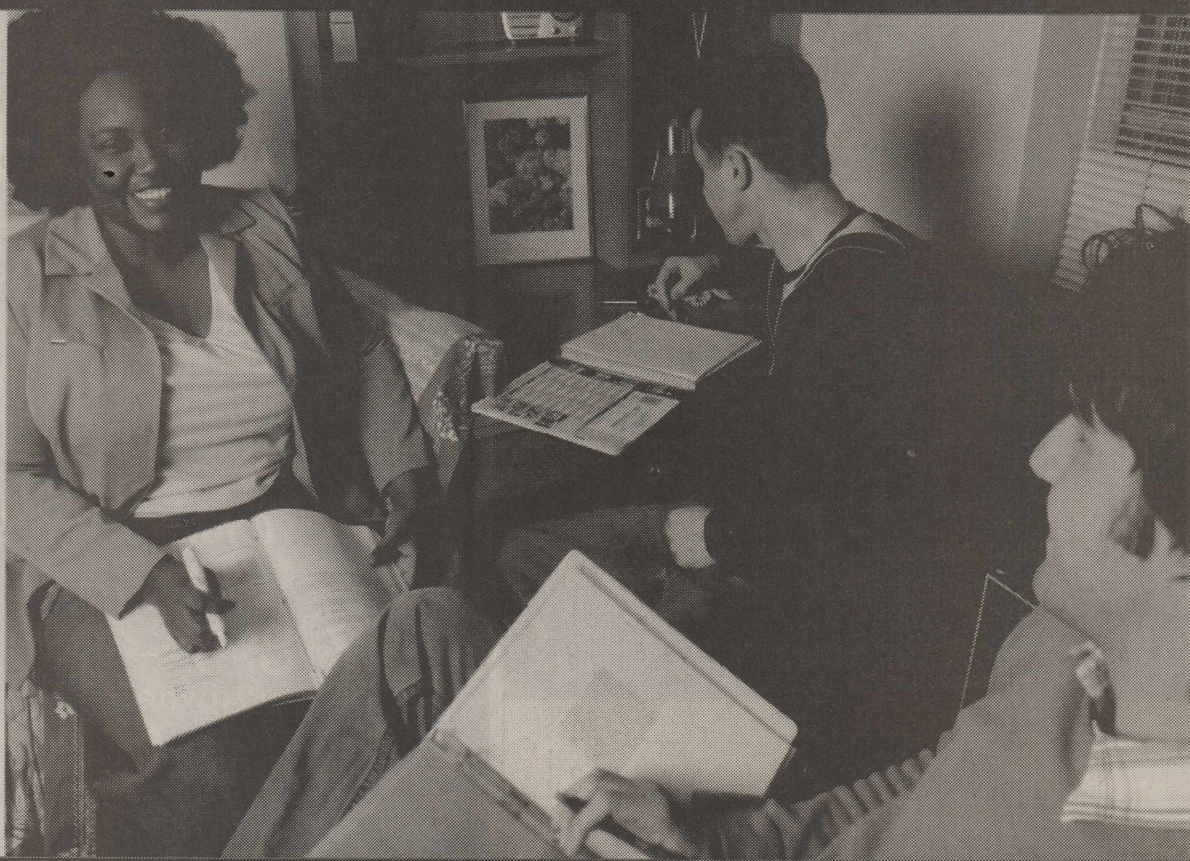
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## Bush Library

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McDougal said.

Members of the Bush Library Selection Committee are former Commerce Secretary Donald Evans, Marvin Bush, the president's brother, French Ambassador Craig Stapleton, presidential aides Karl Rove, Andrew Card and Harriet Miers, and committee advisers Ashley Kavanaugh and Sid Sanders.

Tech Student Government Association Internal Vice President Casey Harmon said the selection committee should choose Lubbock

for the Bush Library.

"People here in Lubbock are excited by the chance to have the library," Harmon said. "If it was built here it would be a focal point in the city. Where in other larger cities it might not be such a focal point."

Harmon said it is important to note that the project to get the library in Lubbock is not just a Lubbock project.

"It can only help the coalition's chances that they are working with other cities," she said. "Included in the project are not only Lubbock, but Amarillo and Midland, as well."

Part of the West Texas Coalition's proposal included a literacy center to

be built in Midland.

"The literacy center should make the coalition's proposal stand out among the four cities," Harmon said.

The selection committee will make a recommendation to the president and first lady sometime in the first quarter of 2006. The final decision for the destination of the library will be made sometime in summer of 2006.

Miller said he knows in his heart the Bush family will chose Lubbock.

"Today, we made a convincing statement about why West Texas and Texas Tech University are the best place for President Bush's library," he said.

## DISH

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residents comes in exchange for a legal shift in the town name that is supposed to be permanently inked on government signs.

The town name's makeover is part of a wave of U.S. towns considering changing their names to the names of companies and television shows.

Hot Springs, N.M., adopted the name Truth or Consequences more than 50 years ago after the NBC television game show of the time.

St. Nicholas, Idaho, is considering changing its name to SecretSanta.com for the span of a year to promote the holiday-themed Web site.

T.S. Spence, a sophomore electrical engineering major from South Jamaica, N.Y., said he could not understand a town's desire to change its name for commercial reasons.

"I think it's actually kind of crazy," Spence said. "I don't see why you would want to change the town's name for a discount on a product."

## Holiday

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ceeds benefit charity, as Holiday Happening is a philanthropic event. "All of the funds that are raised will go towards hunger impact," she said.

Kristi King, a junior league member, said the organization raised 3.7 million dollars since it began the Holiday Happening event. She said it plans to continue the contribution tradition as part of the holiday season.

## Smokeout

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the Smokeout a try, now that he has been reminded of the event.

"I don't think it'll affect me too bad," he said.

Events like The Great American Smokeout probably will not result in long-term renouncing for most smokers, Reeves said.

"I've quit before for a few months, but I don't think quitting for one day will really lead to you quitting a habit," he said.

The Great American Smokeout is an annual event supported by the American Cancer Society to encourage smokers to put down their cigarettes.

The smoking awareness day typically is on the third Thursday in November, according to www.quitsmoking.com.

The last time he quit smoking, Reeves said he frequently was working

out with partner who encouraged him constantly to stop smoking.

He picked up the habit again because the majority of his friends smoke, among other reasons.

"It's relaxing," he said. "It just seems to release stress."

Karissa Gilmore, a junior psychology major from Houston, said she quit smoking about a month ago without the aid of the nicotine patch, the nicotine gum or the nicotine lozenge.

"It was cold turkey," she said. "It really wasn't that difficult."

Gilmore said she used to smoke two or three cigarettes a day. She said because she smoked so little, she does not believe she became addicted to nicotine.

"I wasn't a chain smoker or anything like that," she said.

Nevertheless, Gilmore said she believed quitting smoking would be harder.

Through her bout with smoking, Gilmore said she learned successfully

stepping away from cigarettes requires inner strength.

"It just depends on how willing they are to quit or how much they want to quit," she said.

On the other hand, Brian Parks, a senior management information systems major from Plano, thought of another source of motivation for stopping smoking.

"Really, really hot girl who doesn't smoke," he joked.

In seriousness, Parks said quitting smoking would not be difficult for him because he is not a "full-time" smoker.

Reeves said he does not plan on continuing to smoke for the rest of his life — just for the length of the rest of his college career.

"I plan on it because it's probably the worst habit you could have just because it's so bad for you," he said.

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PRESTON MAY, LEFT, a senior food nutrition major from Canyon, holds part of the Christmas tree base together, while Eugene Montalvo and Aaron Bunyard stand in the lift and hold part of the tree after lifting the part to Junior Calderon, who bolted the tree together Wednesday evening.

## Gray

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stereotypical cowboy, save a championship belt buckle he wears with pride. Gray, a senior civil engineering major from Seymour, is a regular participant in the southwest region college rodeos.

He is a man of few words. Mainly, he said, because he does not have much time for conversation.

The only break he has had in the last four years was when he broke his leg during the summer. His doctor told him he was to remain out of commission for six to eight weeks. However, Gray only rested four weeks before he was back in the saddle again. Gray said all he wanted to do during his rehabilitation was to get back on a horse and start calf roping.

"That's all I know, is school and rodeoing," he said.

Gray is the leader in the calf-roping event for the Southwest rodeo

area. Gray said his best event is calf roping, although he also participates in steer wrestling.

Gil Gray, Adam's father, said Adam Gray always has been interested in rodeo sports.

Adam Gray won his first championship belt buckle when he was 6 years old at a junior level. He won his first roping championship buckle when he was 10.

"He started riding extremely young," he said. "He was interested and asked to do it."

Adam Gray started practicing on a dummy before his father allowed him to begin roping calves. Gil Gray would spend hours a day practicing with his son.

Adam Gray's hard work has resulted in 17 total saddle awards and 100 belt buckles.

Gil Gray said his son is a hard worker and a perfectionist who works intensively to ensure his success.

Gil Gray is proud of his son.

"It's what he has wanted to do for a long time," he said.

Beverly Gray, Adam's mother, said Adam Gray wanted to devote all his efforts to rodeo. He uses the money he earns in the rodeos to pay for his college education.

"He probably wouldn't have gone to college if it wasn't for us," she said.

Adam Gray, who admittedly is not as fond of school as rodeoing, has impressed his mother with his drive to succeed in academics as well as in rodeo.

Adam Gray is going to graduate after five years from Tech without ever enrolling in summer school, which, Beverly Gray said, is a feat uncommon in his major.

Adam Gray said he plans to continue cultivating his rodeo talents in the future.

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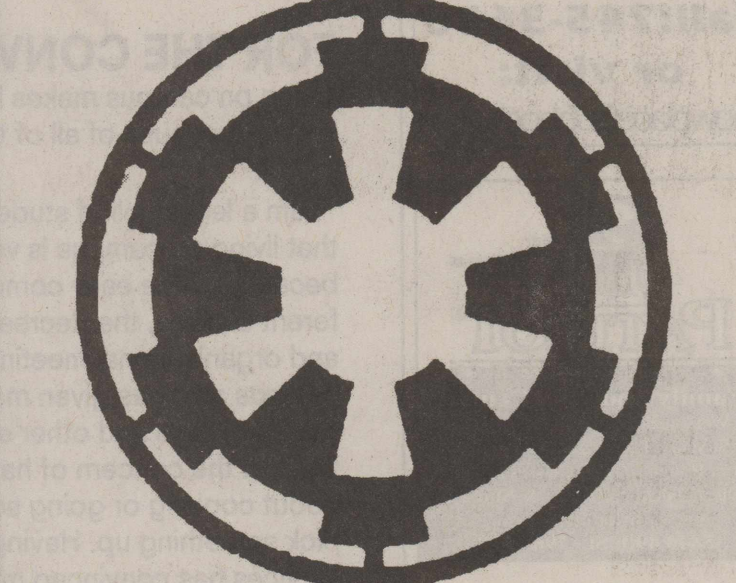
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## You know what People like about Matthew McConaughey

NEW YORK (AP) — Matthew McConaughey has been named the "sexiest man alive" by People magazine.

The actor is pictured on the cover of People's annual issue, on newsstands Friday. For the 36-year-old McConaughey, it's a clear sign that his career is in the midst of an upturn — and that his girlfriend, Penelope Cruz, may be rubbing off on him.

"Now I've made it," he told the magazine. "Wait until you see the roles I could take after this. You're going to see my gut hanging over, plus 22 (pounds). It'll be a whole new kind of sexy!"

McConaughey is the 20th "sexiest man" for People, who first bequeathed the honor to Mel Gibson in 1985. The magazine credited McConaughey's "heaping helping of Texas's finest Southern charm" for the choice.

But he says the part of the title that he's proud of isn't "sexiest": "I like the 'alive' part."

The actor, whose career began with "Dazed and Confused" and "A Time to Kill," starred this year in the action flick "Sahara" and alongside Al Pacino in "Two for the Money."

# Some like it 'Hot'

Bluegrass band adds a different sound to the Lubbock music scene

By LAUREN HENCKEL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What does Mark Hill think about while on stage with his band?  
"Girls," said the guitar player said as he laughed.

Hotfoot Toby, a Lubbock bluegrass band, is eager to get on the stage Thursday night at Flatlanders where it performs a weekly gig. The four musicians say they are eager to play each week and excited about where their soon-to-be-released live CD will take them.

Together since February 2005, these four bluegrass lovers are ready to spread the joy of what Hill said is "not often heard in Lubbock" sound. Hotfoot Toby consists of Mark Hill on guitar, Geoff Johnson on mandolin, Fletcher "Fletch" Murchison on banjo and Anne Luna on the stand-up bass. Hill said Murchison is a bit unconventional in his banjo playing because he only uses one pick. Most banjo players use three simultaneously.

None are strangers to the world of music. Luna, a native of Portales, N.M., and a biology major, grew up attending bluegrass festivals. Her father restores pianos, and her mother plays guitar. Luna said she does not mind being a female playing with a group of men.

"I grew up with all brothers," she said.

Johnson said one of the group's biggest influences is Alan Munde, his banjo teacher at South Plains College. The band met while playing in various blues and bluegrass groups as part of their curriculum in Levelland. Ricky Skaggs, Country Gazette and the "King of Bluegrass," Jimmy Martin, also influence the group.

Its name, Hotfoot Toby, is a history lesson in itself. Murchison explained "Hotfoot" is an old Texas fiddle tune, and a "Toby" is the nickname for the jesters at the medicine shows who would travel across the plains in the late 1800s.

Dressed alike in black suits, white dress shirts, skinny red ties and white cowboy hats, the

band took the stage to an almost packed house. Luna matched the group in a black and red strappy dress.

"We have a kind of late night crowd, so get there early if you want a seat," Hill said the night before the show.

He was right; the crowd began to build at about 10:45 p.m.

Flatlander's head bartender Chris Warren, a senior general studies senior from Waco, is responsible for booking Hotfoot Toby.

"I know they are good," he said.

The crowd agreed. The band uses four-part harmony to get the crowd to its feet with a cover of Gordon Lightfoot's "Walls." The band later played original tunes for the listeners.

The four musicians look forward to releasing a live CD within the next year. To prepare for the rigors of recording and to perfect performances, the band tapes every live performance to later dissect and analyze, looking for ways of improvement.

Several audience members were repeat customers, while some rest were new and convinced to come by friends who already had made the Hotfoot Thursday night at Flatlander's discovery.

"Hotfoot Toby rocks," said Matt Harmon, a horticulture senior from Arlington, about 30 minutes into the first set.

Crystal Lively, an early childhood education from Sudan, said she had a heart-warming story about the band. The second she heard them play, she said she knew they were the band she wanted for the "biggest day in her life."

"I've known Fletcher, and this band bridges the gap between family and friends. The first time I heard (the band), I knew they were my wedding band," she said.

Her fiancé, Jared Cutting, a Texas Tech graduate, said he couldn't be happier with her decision. He enjoys going to see the band live.

"They are just awesome and fun," he said.

## Sommers, Federalists rethink feminism

By ANNE GEPFORD  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

This presentation may not create fistfights reminiscent of "Fight Club" or the animalistic jungle-like battles in "Mean Girls," but Sonya Jones said this is one topic and speaker that will draw controversy.

"It could be openly hostile, but I don't think so," said Jones, the president of the Texas Tech School of Law chapter of The Federalist Society. "I think there will be some challenges from the main campus."

The Federalist Society, an organization open to the legal profession, is hosting "Sex, Lies and Feminism" by Christina Hoff Sommers. The presentation will be held at noon today in Room 109 of the law school.

The organization itself is non-partisan, but Jones said most members are conservatives and libertarians.

Jones said Sommers' perspective

that feminism is ruining boys is important to hear.

"I think her premise is important because I don't think women ever look at it from that side," Jones said. "I thought she had some interesting topics that we don't usually address."

Morgan Vaughan, secretary of the society, said she saw Sommers speak on television.

"She's very good at getting her ideas across," Vaughan said. "She's very engaging."

Sommers, a former associate professor at Clark University, authored "Who Stole Feminism?" and "The War Against Boys." She also co-authored "One Nation Under Therapy" with Sally Satel.

Sommers received her bachelor's degree from New York University and her doctorate in philosophy from Brandeis University.

After meeting Sommers this

summer in Washington, D.C., at a barbecue for the national organization, Jones said she would describe her as an energetic and pragmatic person.

The national society paid for Sommers to be brought in to Lubbock as with all other speakers, and Jones said all the local chapter has to do is organize the events themselves.

"The society is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central

to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be," according to The Federalist Society national Web site. "The society seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities."

Vaughan said the point of the society is to bring in speakers for an informed debate about public policy issues.

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**Sommers**

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"I think it's going to be a controversial event," she said. "That should provide some really good commentary back and forth."

Jones said the society has invited many different people to attend, in hopes of inspiring debate. People from the women's studies program were specifically invited to the presentation, she said.

"Women have many different experiences in their lives and have opinions and points of view based on those experiences," according to a statement issued by the women's

studies program Wednesday. "Dr. Sommers has one opinion and point of view. Every woman on this campus has their own opinion and their own point of view. What is most important is that members of this academic community are willing to listen to those opinions and engage in honest and open debate and discussion of them and are then willing to evaluate what they hear based on facts and evidence."

Jones said she is excited to see both the presentation and the questioning period that follow.

"So many times our speakers don't get challenged because everybody agrees with them," Jones said. "I think it's going to be a little different."

**The sound of music**

The Women's Chorale and Men's Chorus will perform at 8 p.m. today in the Hemmle Recital Hall. Admission is free. Pamela Elrod and John Hollins will conduct.

Southern Methodist University pianists will play at 8 p.m. Friday in the Choir Room, M01 in the Music building. Musical guest will play on a 7/8 keyboard. Admission is free.

Paul Sharp, a faculty member, will perform on the double bass at 3 p.m. Saturday in Hemmle.

Hear music for the stage at 8 p.m. Saturday as Kathryn Barnes-Burroughs directs scenes from opera, operetta and musical theater. The event is in Hemmle.

Cara Pollard and friends will record a jazz concert at 6 p.m. Sunday in Hemmle. Admission is free.

**See Friday's Daily Toreador for a full live music weekend preview.**

**Sophomore album 'has it so much better'**

Sometimes I feel bad for liking Franz Ferdinand so much, and I don't even know why. Maybe it's because as an elitist ass, I'm not allowed to like a band as catchy as this. It's the Popularity Quandary: People who don't obsess over music daily enjoy its songs, therefore I can't.

This type of backlash is exactly the type of thing that keeps great bands from truly getting the appreciation it deserves. Luckily, "You Could Have It So Much Better" with Franz Ferdinand, the Scottish quarter's sophomore album, really is so much better than the first and such a successful album, snobs like me can't help but love it.

Franz Ferdinand is not groundbreaking. What the band is can sometimes actually be better: it's fresh. Each song is a love letter to at least three different bands the musicians adore, yet each one undoubtedly belongs to the Franz, as I like to call them. It's a type of creative style where nothing is an accident and everything has a purpose. It is amazingly refreshing.

The first song, "The Fallen," begins with the lyrics, "So they say you're trouble boy/because you like to destroy/All the things that bring idiots joy/Well what's wrong with a little destruction?"

Play this tune when breaking into a Wal-Mart that isn't open 24 hours a day just to lay waste to the place and dance to the beat on the wreckage. Actually, why wait until it's closed? It's open right now. Listen to this song, and go try it.

"You Could Have It So Much Better" is the type of album to give you the arrogance to do something like that. The second track and obvious

**Marcus Parks**



single, "Do You Want To," is an egotistical strut through one night of the lead singer's life, a life where you can make someone love you and tell them they're lucky for the privilege.

As the album progresses, though, the conceited nature of both the lyrics and the music falter in "Walk Away", in which the narrator breaks up with someone just to prove he's strong enough to do it, regretting it by the third verse but still telling himself, "I must be strong and stay an unbeliever."

From there the album stumbles a bit with bland words and lazy songwriting skills for two tracks. At this point, the listener realizes just how important lyrics are to this band. Even though a furious high-hat and a great beat may be the only thing a person wants from a band like Franz Ferdinand, when the lyrics are uninspired, everything suffers.

Fortunately, the band gets their bearings back by the breather track on this highly energetic album, "Eleanor, Put Your Boots On." It's the listener's only chance until the end of the album to take a break from the ecstasy-fueled dance party going on in their head.

Taking cues from the Beatles, the Kinks and every other band recording music in the U.K. in the sixties, "Eleanor" shows a range in the Franz that suggests this band not only wants to progress, but they can't really even

help doing so.

More familiar territory is explored in "Well That Was Easy," a song that borrows from new wave, funk and dance-punk revivalists like the Rapture and the Liars. The Franz sure doesn't shy away from the "la-la's," but this only adds to the overall catchiness of their music. A person will involuntarily sing along to the song on the very first listen.

But like so many early albums from talented bands, "You Could Have It So Much Better" suffers from an over-abundance of songs. The last two tracks are complete throw-aways. Their inclusion on the album, particularly "Outsiders" which sounds like an outtake from their first album, is almost baffling.

Ending the album with the title track would've made one of the main points it was making so much clearer: "You could have it so much better/if you tried."

The previous arrogance of the album and the actual title seems to suggest the band is referring only to itself. It isn't. What the Franz are trying to say is that you don't have to make life so terribly easy for yourself. Search for something better, because it is out there. All you have to do is try.

And to all the fellow elitists who are still wary of this band because of some misguided attempt to be "cool," I say stop being an ass and let go of your preconceived notions. Trust me. Most of the time, it feels better just to enjoy it and have one hell of a good time listening.

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## Join the Club: Title IX leaves some Tech athletes with no choice

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
SPORTS WRITER

Chad McGee knows the life of an NCAA soccer player. He's lived it.

He played Division II soccer at Lees-McRae, but because of the restrictions Title IX has put on college sports, he now plays at the club level for Texas Tech.

"We could have a Division I team and compete," McGee said. "It's just not fair."

The 1972 Act of Title IX, which states universities have to give equal opportunities for men and women has hit the sports field the hardest. Universities, such as Tech, have cut sports programs like men's swimming, diving, gymnastics and soccer because of a lack of funds.

Pamela Grundy, author of "Shattering the Glass: The Remarkable History of Women's Basketball," who spoke Monday night at Tech, said this is not a fight between men's sports versus Title IX; it is men's sports versus football.

James Balcom, another member of the Tech club team, does not blame the Red Raider football program for the lack of funds for men's soccer.

"Basically football is the biggest sport in Texas, and I understand that completely," he said. "There's nothing you can do about it. I don't really get mad about it. Look at how many people the football team brings into the stadium. The soccer team wouldn't be able to get that many."

Balcom, a junior history major from Keller, also played NCAA soccer at a Division III school. He transferred to Tech from Harden-Simmons after his sophomore year, moving from the NCAA to club.

"I started every game there," Balcom said. "I loved playing soccer there, but I got bored. Abilene is a boring place to be."

Playing at Tech is a different experience for Balcom. He said the practices are different because if he does not show up, it will not be the end of the world.

"The coaching was a lot more strict at Hardin-Simmons," he said. "Basically, it's more laid back here."

Balcom said he has more fun playing at Tech than he did at Hardin-Simmons. The competition level is not the same, though he said the Tech players are good enough to play at any Division III school.

There is a single university in Texas that has a Division I soccer team — Southern Methodist.

"For soccer to get bigger in the United States, more schools will have to get soccer programs," Balcom said.

Jason Deifik, another player on the Tech club team who has had the experience of life as an NCAA athlete, said all the schools in Texas would have to collaborate in order to get soccer back as an NCAA program.

Deifik played Division I soccer at Texas Christian in 2001 before the program was eliminated.

Texas, California and Florida are the three states that produce the top soccer talent in the nation, he said.

"We constantly produce the best players in the country, but they kind of get screwed and swept under the rug," Deifik said.

Since Southern Methodist is the

only team in Texas with a Division I program, the school consistently can sign the top players in the state.

"They're like what Duke is in basketball," Deifik said.

Players who are middle of the road athletes in Texas high schools are forced to try to get scholarships from Division II or III schools, Deifik said.

Deifik might be playing at the club level now, but he said he would never forget what it was like playing at TCU.

"I definitely miss it," he said. "You wait all week to jump on a plane and fly all around the country."

Each year the team has about 80 players come try out for the squad, and McGee said the team ends up cutting many of the players who would have a legitimate chance at playing Division I ball.

This past season the Tech club moved down to the B-bracket of play, means the Raiders play against squads that were similar to a good high school team, McGee said.

In the regional tournament, Tech met the Texas Longhorns, an A-bracket squad, and lost to them in penalty kicks. Balcom said Tech would move up a division for the next season.



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TEXAS TECH CLUB soccer player Barrett Price traps the ball with his chest during the Raiders men's soccer game against Sam Houston State.

### CORRECTION

In Wednesday's *Daily Toreador*, the article "Out of focus," reported the Red Raiders road record incorrectly. Tech's actual mark away from Jones SBC Stadium is 2-2. The column "A season to remember, or forget?" incorrectly reported the Raider's loss to Oklahoma State. The actual score was 24-17, in favor of the Cowboys. *The DT* regrets these errors.

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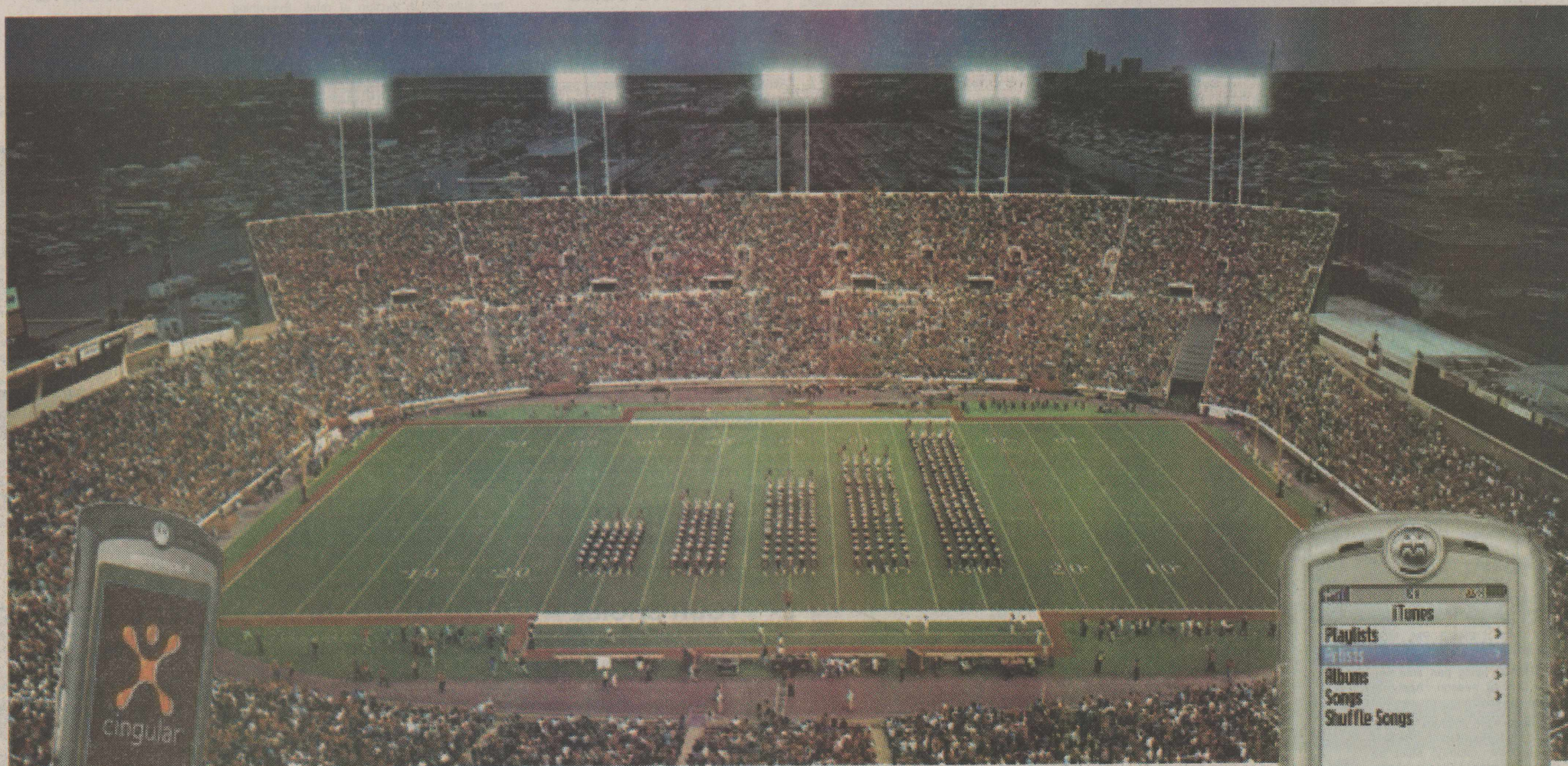
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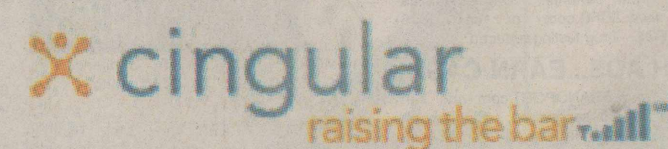
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