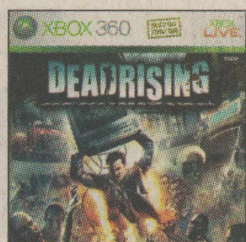


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Hostage-taker wounds officer, turns on self

DALLAS (AP) — A man took a woman hostage in an airport hotel room Wednesday and shot through the wall at police, hitting one officer and sparking a standoff before apparently killing himself, authorities said.

Dallas Police spokesman Lt. Rick Watson said the woman had two gunshot wounds as she emerged from the room about three hours later and told officers the man had shot himself. Their relationship and what sparked the shooting weren't immediately clear.

NATION

Landmark deal could limit greenhouse emissions

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California would become the first state to impose a limit on all greenhouse gas emissions, including those from industrial plants, under a landmark deal reached Wednesday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative Democrats.

The agreement marks a clear break with the Bush administration and puts California on a path to reducing its emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases by an estimated 25 percent by 2020.

WORLD

Israel rejects demands to lift air and sea blockade

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel on Wednesday rejected demands from visiting U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan that it immediately lift its sea and air blockade of Lebanon and withdraw its forces once 5,000 international troops are deployed.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert indicated Israel would only allow free movement after the full implementation of a U.N.-brokered cease-fire that ended 34 days of fighting between Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah guerrillas that killed 854 Lebanese and 159 Israelis.

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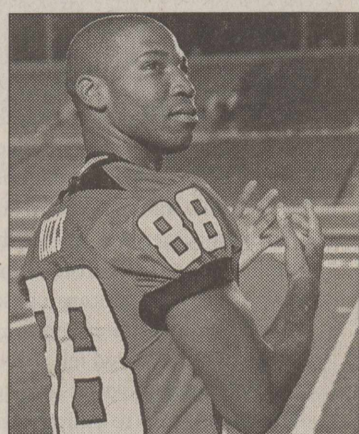


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Hicks, Crabtree eligibility in question



By STEPHEN MONAHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech wide receivers Jarrett Hicks and Michael Crabtree are waiting for a pending appeal from the NCAA granting them eligibility to play before the season opener Saturday versus Southern Methodist.

Tech head football coach Mike Leach confirmed Wednesday the two receivers' eligibility for the game, and even the entire 2006

season, is in jeopardy.

"We don't really know yet, but it's all uphill," Leach said. "It's disturbing because of the timeliness of when this happened."

Both Hicks and Crabtree's cases stem from academic issues, Leach said. These cases are seemingly annual — that something of this magnitude arises before the beginning of each season, attributing the untimely occurrences of these issues to the NCAA having many cases to handle.

"It's the same as it's been for years and years," Leach said. "For whatever reason, it's (NCAA) backlogged."

Hicks was slated to start his third full season at wide receiver alongside fellow seniors Joel Filani and Robert Johnson. Hicks, who was named a preseason All-American by NationalChamps.net for the second consecutive season, snagged 65 receptions for 850 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2005. Hicks breakout year came in 2004 catching 76 receptions for 1,177 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Crabtree, a true freshman from Dallas Carter high school, received many accolades from his teammates and coaches for his performance and dedication during fall practices. In his senior season at Dallas Carter, Crabtree threw for 870 yards and 11 touchdowns and scrambled for 646 rushing yards and nine scores.

Leach said his two receivers in question should be cleared to play.

"They certainly should be granted eligibility," he said.

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Football game commuters must pay for shuttles

By ANNA SCHUMANN
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Tech kicks off its first game of the football season Saturday and this year commuters can expect to pay an additional cost for shuttle service, parking officials said.

Michael Lopez, the visitor relations manager for University Parking Services, said the cost of the shuttle is the only difference in parking regulations this year.

Students who do not live on campus, Lopez said, as well as other people attending the football games who are not Red Raider Club members, must pay \$5 for a shuttle service from the commuter lots north of United Spirit Arena and the lots west of Indiana to Jones AT&T stadium.

Students and faculty who regularly park in other commuter lots, such as the one near Jones AT&T stadium, Lopez said, may not park in those lots on game days.

Students who live in residence halls must park in their specified hall lots.

"If you're on campus," Lopez said, "stay put."

Faculty may park in the parking lot between the administration building and the Student Union Building, Lopez said.

Heather Medley, administrative business assistant for university parking services, said in order to make parking easier on football game days and every day, university parking services now provides a parking radio station that can be

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador
TAILGATERS AWAIT THE kickoff of a Texas Tech football game last season. Students who do not live on campus, as well as other people attending the football games who are not Red Raider Club members, must pay \$5 for a shuttle service from the commuter lots north of United Spirit Arena and the lots west of Indiana to Jones AT&T stadium.

Hurricane John grows into a Category 4 storm, headed West

PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico (AP) — Hurricane John lashed tourist resorts with heavy winds and rain Wednesday as the dangerous storm marched up Mexico's Pacific coast, and forecasters predicted its center would brush close to land before nicking the tip of Baja California and heading out to sea.

Forecasters warned the Category 4 hurricane could dump up to a foot of rain along parts of Mexico's southern coast, causing landslides or flooding. The hurricane had maximum sustained winds of 135 mph and stronger gusts capable of ripping roofs off buildings and causing storm surges of up to 18 feet above normal.

John was not expected to affect the United States — cooler Pacific waters tend to

diminish the storms before they reach California. But a hurricane warning covered a more than 300-mile stretch of the Mexican coastline from the port city of Lazaro Cardenas north to Cabo Corrientes, the southwestern tip of the bay that holds Puerto Vallarta.

The government also issued a hurricane watch for portions of the southern Baja Peninsula, from La Paz south on the east coast and from Sante Fe south on the west coast, an area which includes the resort city of Cabo San Lucas.

So far, the most damaging winds have remained offshore, and only tropical storm-force winds have hit the coast.

In Puerto Vallarta, skies were clear and tourists relaxed on the

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CLINT STONE/The Daily Treador

National Guard, Carolinas on alert for tropical storm Ernesto

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Hundreds of National Guard troops were on alert and officials in the Carolinas warned residents to be ready for anything Wednesday as Ernesto — upgraded late Wednesday to a tropical storm — moved north away from Florida.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami estimated that Ernesto had maximum sustained winds of 40 mph east of the system's center.

Forecasters said Ernesto could drench the eastern half of North Carolina with as much as seven inches of rain on Thursday and Friday. A separate storm system arriving ahead of Ernesto also threatened to soak the region.

Ernesto had weakened to a tropical depression while crawling north through

Florida. Its winds were less a concern to emergency officials than the prospect of downpours.

Forecasters predicted the storm's center would be near the South Carolina coast late Thursday. From there, it was forecast to cut across the state's eastern-most corner, then ride into central North Carolina.

A tropical storm warning remained in effect from Cocoa Beach, Fla., to the Wilmington area of southeastern North Carolina.

"We know we're going to get a lot of rain. We know this is going to be a water event," North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley said.

Easley activated 150 National Guards-

men and ordered the State Emergency Response Team to prepare for flooding and power outages. Guard troops in South Carolina were on standby, Lt. Col. Pete Brooks said.

North Carolina has struggled this summer with on-again, off-again drought.

"If we could get the rain where it was spread out over 12 to 24 hours, where it was a good, soaking rain, (flooding) would not be an issue," National Weather Service forecaster Phil Badgett said.

On James Island, one of a string of barrier islands on the South Carolina coast, Gerald Galbreath collected 24 sand bags. "It's just precautionary," he said.

At about 11 p.m. EDT, Ernesto was centered just north of Cape Canaveral,

Fla., moving north at near 14 mph. The depression had winds near 35 mph, or about 4 mph below tropical storm strength.

As the storm passed over the Kennedy Space Center on Wednesday evening, NASA reported no problems.

The storm initially prompted NASA to start moving the space shuttle to its assembly building for protection, but the agency later reversed course and sent it back to the launch pad.

Little storm damage was reported in Florida, where Ernesto came ashore Tuesday night with a lot of rain but winds of only 45 mph.

"It was the little train that couldn't," said David Rudduck of the American Red Cross.

Lubbock Police Blotter

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Aug. 24, 2006

Lubbock police filed a report of a burglary of a man's house at the 4400 block of 18th Street. The man told police an unknown suspect punched a hole in his door to break in to his home. The man said the suspect stole a box of earrings worth \$100, a jewelry box with cuff links worth \$70 and a pillow case worth \$2.50.

Lubbock police documented a home burglary at the 2100 block of Emory Street. A woman said an unknown suspect broke into her house and stole a video camera worth \$800, a man's gold band worth \$400 and her checkbook.

Aug. 23, 2006

Lubbock police filed a report of two car burglaries. Two high school students said their cars were parked in the Monterey High School parking lot. The students said unknown

suspects smashed the front window of each vehicle and stole assorted items. One student said she had

her car stereo stolen, which was valued at \$800, several compact discs worth \$450 and a pair of sunglasses worth \$14. The other student said his car stereo, worth \$200, was stolen along with \$1,200 worth of compact discs and a radar detector worth \$40.

Lubbock police reported a car burglary at the 8200 block of Avenue U. A man said his 2003 Chevrolet pickup truck was broken into.

He said his dashboard and rear window were damaged. The man told police the unknown suspects stole

an assortment of tools worth \$1,500, a talking radar detector worth \$150, a digital camera worth \$381, a Dale Earnhardt diaper bag, a wallet and two credit cards.

Lubbock police reported a home theft at the 1800 block of Parkway Drive. A man said an unknown suspect climbed onto the

roof of a local shopping center and stole property worth more than \$7,000. The suspect stole a five-ton condenser unit worth \$3,000, a re-

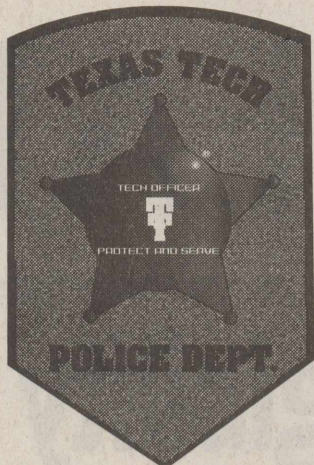
frigerator coil and a five-ton rooftop package unit worth \$4,200.

Aug. 22, 2006

Lubbock police filed a report of criminal mischief at the Lone Wolf Cafe at 5702 19th St. A woman said she and her family were in the restaurant when an unknown male slammed his pickup truck door into her vehicle. When the woman confronted the man, she said he hit his pickup door against her vehicle again intentionally. The damage to the door totaled \$400.

Lubbock police reported an assault at the 2400 block of 88th Street. A woman said a suspect assaulted her by grabbing her throat while she was trying to leave the residence. The woman said she was leaving with a child when she was assaulted.

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Iran challenges Bush

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Tuesday challenged President Bush to a televised debate, a proposal the White House immediately dismissed as a "diversion."

The challenge came during a freewheeling, 2 1/2-hour news conference and only two days before a U.N. Security Council ultimatum demanding Iran roll back its suspect nuclear program.

Ahmadinejad said no one can prevent Iran from pursuing what he called a peaceful nuclear program — not even U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who was expected to visit here Saturday.

"Mr. Annan, too, has to move within the framework of international regulations. No one has a special right or advantage," he said.

The U.N. Security Council has set Thursday as a deadline for Iran to suspend uranium enrichment — a process that can produce either fuel for a reactor or material for weapons. Iran has refused any immediate suspension, calling the deadline illegal, and instead this week offered a counterproposal that the United States and some European nations said fell short.

Ahmadinejad's latest show of defiance seemed to solidify the country's determination to snub the Security Council, following a string of war games and uncompromising public statements this month on the nuclear standoff. But whether the U.S. can muster enough support on the 15-nation council to impose economic or political sanctions remains in question.

In his criticism of the Security Council, Ahmadinejad singled out two of its permanent members with veto power — the United States and Britain — for what he called their failure to listen to the needs of other countries.

"The U.S. and Britain are the source of many tensions," he said. "At the Security Council, where they have to protect security, they enjoy the veto right. If anybody confronts them, there is no place to take complaints to."

"This (veto right) is the source of problems of the world," he said. "It is an insult to the dignity, independence, freedom and sovereignty of nations."

The United States' ambassador to the U.N., John Bolton, dismissed Ahmadinejad's remarks, and Britain's ambassador to the world body suggested, some-

what tongue-in-cheek, that the comments were mild compared to Ahmadinejad's past sharp rhetoric against Israel and others.

"Given some of the comments he makes, we should probably take that as a compliment," Ambassador Emyr Jones-Parry said.

After an opening statement, Ahmadinejad allowed Iranian reporters to ask questions. One Iranian journalist stood up and showered him with praise. The local reporters were more casually dressed than the foreign press, who later were allowed to question him about a range of topics. At one point, the president joked that he would call on a particular reporter because he and Ahmadinejad were wearing similar outfits.

In his challenge to Bush, Ahmadinejad said the debate should focus on "world issues and the ways of solving the problems of the international community."

He did not rule out the possibility of direct diplomatic talks with the United States, saying it could happen if unspecified conditions were met. But he criticized the United States for "living in the dream of getting the Iranian nation back to 30 years ago," before the Islamic revolution.

Earlier this year, Ahmadinejad wrote a letter to Bush portraying the world as filled with an "ever-increasing global hatred of the American government." Washington promptly dismissed the letter as irrelevant and not addressing the key issue of Iran's disputed nuclear program.

The Bush administration had a similar reaction Tuesday to the debate idea. White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said it was "just a diversion from the legitimate concerns that the international community, not just the U.S., has about Iran's behavior, from support for terrorism to pursuit of a nuclear weapons capability."

Iran offered last week to pursue negotiations on its nuclear program but declined to suspend uranium enrichment as a precondition to talks. The U.S. State Department described the Iranian proposal as serious but said it fell short of what Iran must do.

The Bush administration this week reaffirmed its intent to pursue U.N. sanctions against Iran if it defies the approaching deadline. But Russia, whose support for sanctions is essential, has publicly counseled patience with Iran — a possible signal of reluctance to go along with the U.S.

Pay a fee to Pick-A-Prof

By DOLORES OBREGON
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(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. — Since its debut six years ago, Pickaprof.com has become popular among college students, with such services as professor grading patterns, textbook exchange and discussion boards.

"Pick-A-Prof is doing awesome," said Karen Bragg, director of university relations for Pickaprof.com. "We continue to get thousands of new members to the site and are expanding to more campuses across the U.S."

Pickaprof.com originated at the University of Texas at Austin, where it was an instant hit with both students and professors.

"Anytime we can do something to help students make educated choices about the classes they take, we are moving in the right direction," said John Butler,

chairman of the management department at UT. "I have always found the Pick-A-Prof reviews to be tasteful and informative, and they have even helped me to better tailor my teaching style to what the students need."

Bragg said the site tries to publish every review, but it does read each review before posting it.

"We thoroughly read every review that comes in," Bragg said. "Don't get me wrong—we do take negative reviews, but we just want to make sure they are useful."

As of right now, Pickaprof.com has expanded nationally to more than 168 schools, including the University of Missouri. The resulting influx of information keeps the site's staff busy, especially toward the end of the semester.

"Updating the Web site is a large bit of work," Bragg said. "We get information from par-

ticipating universities and update the site every semester for students with the help of our staff."

Services provided by Pickaprof.com are aimed at giving students an advantage.

"The purpose of Pickaprof.com is to help students make educated decisions about their education," Bragg said. "Our suite of services helps all students know everything about their course or professor before the first day of class."

Freshman Megan Kivenas said she is skeptical about how much the Web site tells students about classes.

"Just because you get an 'A' in a class doesn't mean you actually learned anything in the course," Kivenas said.

Senior Jacque Blossfield has used Pickaprof.com and said she is very pleased with the outcome.

"Using Pickaprof.com enabled me to be more successful with my class choices because I knew what to expect from my professors ahead of time," she said. "I was able to pick the professors that would care about my understanding of the material, which in the end increased my letter grade."

Philosophy professor Joseph Bien said he values student evaluations regarding fairness and effectiveness, but he said there are certain things students aren't capable of criticizing.

"Students can evaluate almost everything, but a professor's knowledge in their certain field is questionable," Bien said. "Professors at major universities like this one are supposed to be well versed in their area of expertise, so I don't think that a student is able to evaluate how much a teacher knows in a given area."

But Bien said he understands the significance and value of student evaluations.

"Student evaluations are very important, as a matter of fact, I made them mandatory for my department," Bien said. "It's crucial to keep the attention of students because if not, we've lost."

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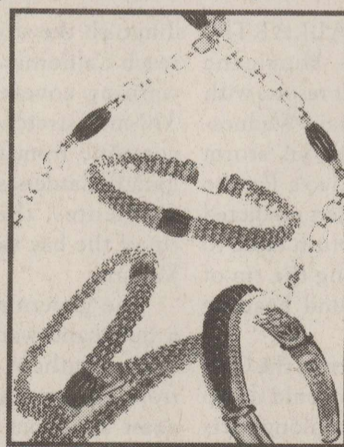
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Former Honolulu mayor visits Hub City

By ANDREW GLOVER
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Former Honolulu mayor Jeremy Harris emphasized building sustainable cities in a speech Tuesday at the American Institute of Architects 150th anniversary celebration at the Merket Alumni Center.

Brian Griggs, chancellor of the institute, said the institute is giving back to the community with the gift of architecture in honor of their 150th anniversary.

Griggs said the Lubbock American Institute of Architects will embark on three projects. He said they will build a community design strip, have an open design competition with the Lubbock Habitat for Humanity and sponsor several advocacy and awareness luncheons.

Harris said all cities have the same problem of building too many roads.

"We have to build cities for the people and not the automobile," Harris said.

He said architects can build a sustainable city by building it for the people, preserving agricultural land and open spaces by utilizing smart growth design, and creating an efficient transportation system.

In his speech, Harris talked about how, while he was mayor, Honolulu and Waikiki Beach became a more sustainable community. He said architects took out roadways that were right next to Waikiki beach and put in walkways and a park. Architects designed medians with plants and trees to break up the five-lane roads, he said.

Harris said Lubbock has a lot of potential because of its leadership.

"You have a new mayor and council members who are fired up about the community," Harris said. "If you have inspired leadership and a strong American Institute of Architects chapter and a program like AIA 150, you have the key components to build a sustainable community."

Harris was given a tour of Texas Tech and Lubbock on Monday and said he was impressed with what he saw.

"I was inspired by the campus. I've never been there before," Harris said. "The number of architecture pieces and the extensive projects under way is very exciting. It is



GUEST LECTURER and American Institute of Architects Honolulu chapter representative Jeremy Harris gets a guided tour of the Texas Tech campus.

one of the best universities I have been on."

Harris said Lubbock is in a critical point in its history.

"You have several opportunities with the redevelopment of downtown," Harris said. "You have a great chance to make downtown a place to live and shop."

He said the 150 initiative should make improvements on Lubbock in the future.

Mayor David Miller attended the event and said he was inspired and challenged by Harris' speech. He said Lubbock would implement the initiatives Harris talked about by starting with the citizens.

"We have to start with the citizens' ground roots and work up," Miller said. "I appointed three committees and task forces to build on initiatives, whether it is the redevelopment of downtown or revitalization of East Lubbock."

Miller said the impact Harris' initiatives could have on the citizens of Lubbock are the quality of life and new developments.

"Our vision statement is to build the perfect community," Miller said.

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THERESA DREWELL, associate vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, and Brian Griggs, associate AIA champion/coordinator of the AIA 150 campaign, lead Harris' tour of the Student Union Building.

Judge Tosses 'Grossly Excessive' \$50 Million Award in Vioxx Case

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The \$50 million compensatory damage award in a federal Vioxx case this month was "grossly excessive," and a new trial must be held to decide how much drugmaker Merck & Co. must pay a retired FBI agent who suffered a heart attack after taking the painkiller, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

Merck said it was pleased with the decision on the damage award, and said it would ask the judge to order a new trial on whether it was liable in the case as well.

U.S. District Judge Eldon E. Fallon ruled the jury's verdict that Merck was liable in the case was reasonable, but he said no reasonable jury could have found that the effects of the heart attack that Gerald Barnett suffered in 2002, after 2 1/2 years on the drug, entitled him to \$50 million in compensatory damages.

Jurors found Aug. 17 that Merck is liable for Barnett's heart attack because it negligently failed to warn him that its since-withdrawn drug increased the risk of heart attacks, and that it actively hid such dangers.

Barnett's attorney, Mark Robinson, said he had not heard about the ruling and could not comment on it until he had read it and talked to Barnett, 62, of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"We are pleased the court agreed that the compensatory damages awarded were excessive and bore no relationship to the evidence presented in trial and that the court overturned the punitive damages, as well," Merck's trial attorney Phil Beck said in a statement.

Beck said Merck will ask the judge to retry whether Merck was liable in the case as well as damages. "Whatever the scope of the new trial, we look forward to present-

ing our evidence to the new jury," Beck said.

The jury found that Merck "knowingly misrepresented or failed to disclose" information about Vioxx to Barnett's doctors. It said Barnett should get \$50 million in compensatory damages. It also added \$1 million in punitive damages, saying Merck "acted in wanton, malicious, willful or reckless disregard for the plaintiff's rights."

Fallon did not go into detail about the liability verdict, only about the damages.

But the fact that he upheld it is "the most critical thing," said Robert Gordon, who represented a man who was severely disabled by a heart attack after taking Vioxx and awarded \$13.5 million by a New Jersey state court jury. "What Merck has always said is that Vioxx doesn't cause heart attacks. This jury has found that it does. And the federal judge in charge of all the cases has found that the verdict was reasonable."

On the other hand, James Etscorn, a Florida attorney whose specialties include product liability defense, said the ruling was good news for Merck, showing that its strategy of trying and appealing each case by itself is working.

Fallon wrote that the amount of compensatory damages "is excessive under any conceivable substantive standard of excessiveness."

Barnett's past and future medical bills, his pain and suffering and other intangible losses are legitimate reasons for compensation, Fallon wrote.

But, since Barnett is retired, the judge said lost wages and earning capacity have no bearing on the damages. The judge noted that while Barnett's energy may be reduced, he apparently has returned to many of his daily activities. He may have lost nine or 10 years of life expectancy, Fallon wrote.

AWOL soldier says he will surrender

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — Army Spc. Mark Wilkerson clutched the steering wheel of his pickup truck crammed with his belongings, his pockets stuffed with cash, his eyes darting nervously between the rearview mirror and the road stretching before him.

A million thoughts raced through his mind: What will my parents say? What if the police stop me? Did the soldiers who said they supported me and wished they could do this really mean it?

On Thursday, a year and a half after going absent without leave before his second deployment to Iraq, Wilkerson plans to return to Fort Hood to face his fellow soldiers and superiors.

"I would rather turn myself in now than live in constant fear that I do something stupid, that I get pulled over for a missing headlight or something and they find out I'm AWOL," said Wilkerson, 22, of Colorado Springs, Colo. "I'm ready to face the consequences. Whatever happens, I'm prepared for — at least I hope I am."

Wilkerson, who said he never left the country but won't reveal where he was, has consulted with an attorney but does not know exactly what penalties he faces. Others have served time in military prisons.

Simple desertion has been decreasing in the military in recent years — about 2,500 troops last year simply didn't show up for work, down from almost 5,000 in 2001, according to the Pentagon public affairs office.

Francisco Tomas Martinez, whose son Army Spc. Francisco Gregorio Martinez was killed in Iraq last year, said he is not angry when troops desert, but "it breaks my heart."

The Fort Worth computer programmer, who has 10 years of military service, recently enlisted in the Air Force Reserve — despite believing that the U.S. should have had more international backing before invading Iraq.

"It's not a matter of agreeing politically. We're definitely in it now, and we need to unite as a nation," said Martinez, 42. "We're going to be in it for years to come. ... Once

you see that, it wouldn't make sense to desert."

Wilkerson was just 17 when he enlisted in the Army. He wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandparents, who also served in the military. Then after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, he felt even

more sure of his decision, he said.

Wilkerson went to Iraq at the start of the March 2003 invasion and returned to the U.S. a year later, having lost one friend in his unit. He began seeing more news of Iraqi civilians killed and reports on whether American companies were profiting

from the war, he said.

Wilkerson said his views of the war changed and he realized he could no longer stay in the military, so he applied for conscientious objector status. But his request was denied a month before his unit was to return to Iraq.

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Profiling used for protection, not discrimination

Earlier this month, a bombing plot was uncovered in London during which numerous planes flying from England to the United States were triggered to explode in mid-air to mark the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

While the full scope of what was going to happen might not be entirely known, one thing can be clear. Air travel and, in fact, all transportation is still under the dangerous risk of attacks by terrorists. There may not be Samuel L. Jackson and a crate full of snakes onboard, but with the failure of our security systems to stay one step ahead of the bad guys, certainly there is something to fear.

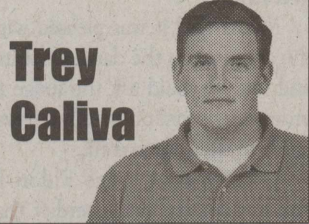
The plan to blow up planes crossing the Atlantic relied on not-so-sophisticated chemicals that could be mixed while onboard and ignited. Concealed in normal containers that were allowed as carry-on items, the materials for making such a device in-flight were remarkably simple. Yet, as easy as it all seemed, it was a plan we had yet to evaluate in our routine security measures prior to boarding an aircraft. If it hadn't been for the intrepid work of Britain's M-5 we'd be mourning the loss of more innocent lives at the hands of terrorism.

Throughout this entire uncovering of suspects and the plans to be carried out, no one has mentioned the only solution that would work in keeping passengers safe. For the duration of America's existence on Earth, it seems that our number one threat of attack is going to be some form of Islamic extremists and therefore, those people who fit their profile should be subject to more rigorous security screenings than other travelers.

While no government has yet to propose such an idea, passengers aboard airlines have decided to take matters in their own hands. In the immediate fallout following the uncovering of the transatlantic bombing plot, several incidents occurred in which people who appeared to be of Middle-Eastern descent were forced off of flights. Passengers having odd behaviors or speaking Arabic have aroused the suspicions of those around them, to the point of causing near riots on some flights.

On one flight from England to Spain a passenger complained about two British citizens in their 20s who the passenger thought were speaking Arabic. The other passengers on the plane noticed that although it was warm, the men were both wear-

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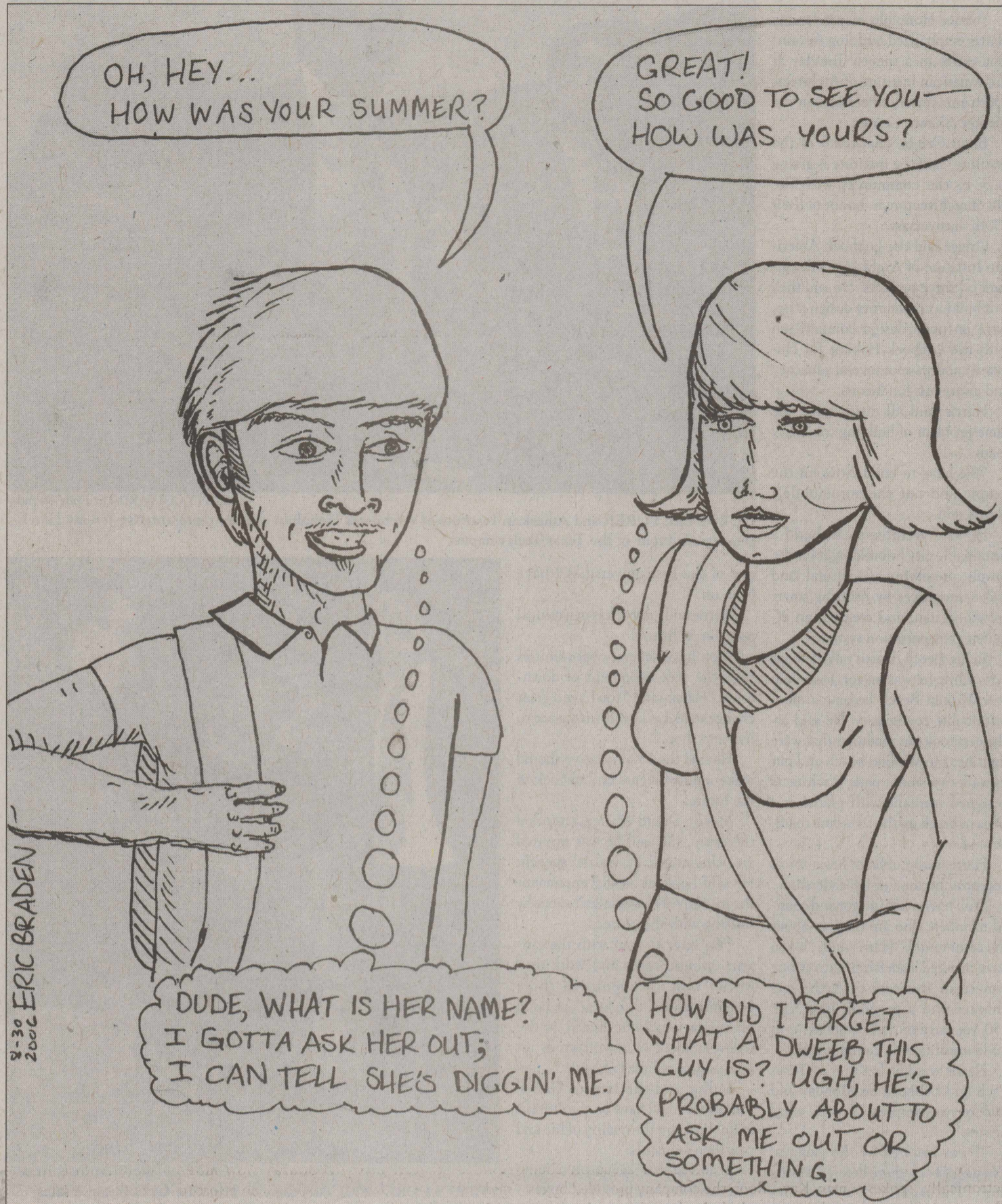
ing thick jackets and frequently kept checking their watches. Passengers began to deboard the airplane, and the men were eventually escorted off the plane by police. Were those passengers racial profiling? Of course they were. They were using race as a means of identifying a potential problem. Is it wrong? Of course not. They merely used the sound judgment our governments have yet to have.

Let's look at the numbers. The 9/11 attacks had 19 hijackers who carried out the attacks against America. Of those 19 hijackers all 19 were Muslim. The suspects in the Bali bombing in 2002, and the Madrid bombing on 3/11, all the suspects are Muslim. Last year's attacks on the London Underground were perpetrated by four men, all Muslim. Currently, of those held whose names have been released in the transatlantic bomb plot, all 21 are Muslim. It doesn't take a doctorate in statistics to notice the trend here. So why hasn't our government responded accordingly?

Quite simply, our government can't respond. The Department of Homeland Security would be hit with more lawsuits than they could handle, and would end up with more trouble that it's apparently worth. Though I would reason that the safety of American travelers should be a top priority of the department. The policy should be enacted. Let the American Civil Liberties Union, or whoever else stand up and sue the government over its right to protect its people. The case would then be brought before the Supreme Court and, hopefully, found in favor of the United States government.

Racial profiling in this case wouldn't be used to discriminate against Muslims; rather, it would be a tool in combating terrorism. Liberals and activists can claim any number of taunts or names. But as for bigotry and ignorance, I'd rather be an ignorant bigot than be dead at 30,000 feet.

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Osama still out, so we need to be too

In December of 2001, President Bush had a lot of tough talk for Osama Bin Laden.

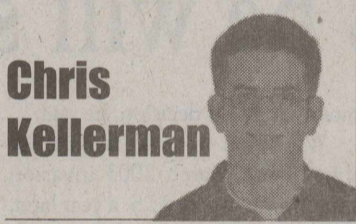
"I don't care, dead or alive — either way. It doesn't matter to me," Bush said. "I don't know whether we're going to get him tomorrow or a month from now or a year from now. I don't really know. But we're going to get him."

Hearing the President say those words comforted the tens of thousands who lost friends and family on Sept. 11. Of course, Osama Bin Laden has not been found, and that's why it may have been confusing to hear in July that the government had shut down the CIA unit whose mission was to catch the al-Qaida leader. The unit, known as Alec Station, ended its operations in late 2005 after almost 10 years of working to find Bin Laden.

The White House denied that the hunt was being downgraded, but agency officials say that the CIA wants to deal with threats on a regional level as opposed to focusing on individuals and specific organizations.

"This will clearly denigrate our operations against al-Qaida," said former senior CIA official Michael Scheuer, the first head of Alec Station. "These

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days at the agency, Bin Laden and Al Qaeda appear to be treated merely as first among equals."

It's not just the agency treating Bin Laden that way. In March of 2002 — only six months after al-Qaida attacked America — President Bush already had his mind on other things.

"I truly am not that concerned about him," Bush said at a press conference. "I just don't spend that much time on him."

Hmm, I wonder what the President was spending time on instead? It was Iraq, of course. The administration was already laying the groundwork and attempting to gather support for an invasion, and at Bush's 2002 State of the Union, where he named Iraq, Iran, and North Korea the "Axis of Evil," he failed to even mention Osama Bin Laden's name. Quite a dramatic shift from "dead or alive." It makes me wonder what has happened since

then to cause the government to practically stop searching for the man. Has his status and threat level decreased?

Absolutely not. His words have inspired attacks in Madrid, London, Bali and Morocco. Iraq has turned into a breeding ground for al-Qaida recruits, and Bin Laden still worries Americans. A recent CNN poll shows 74 percent of Americans believe Bin Laden is planning an attack on the United States. What a comfort to hear that we aren't even looking for him anymore.

The fact of the matter is that capturing Osama Bin Laden may have crossed President Bush's mind during the three or four months after the terrorist attacks, but it's clear from his words and actions that it was never really about Osama Bin Laden. It was always about Iraq. From Bush's gradual avoidance of mentioning Bin Laden's name, to the propaganda campaign that tried to connect Saddam Hussein to al-Qaida and began only a few days after 9/11 in order to engage the U.S. in a war that had nothing to do with seeking justice or even reducing a high threat. Iraq was on the President's mind from the day he entered the White House.

I have no doubt that the President was profoundly impacted by September 11th and that he cried just as much as the rest of us. However, he lost sight of the attack and took advantage of the emotions of the American people by leading them into a war that was not related.

In the book, "Ghost Wars," Steve Coll writes that Alec Station had the reputation of being obsessed with al-Qaida's threat. Sounds like a nice balance to me. I'd be much more comfortable having at least some people in our government obsessed with finding Bin Laden. The U.S. military did an excellent job overturning the Taliban, and soldiers continue to sacrifice their lives while protecting Afghanistan. Let's honor their memory and all of those who were killed on Sept. 11 by continuing to search for the man who was responsible.

After all, if we no longer attempt to bring justice to a terrorist who killed thousands of our own, how much better are we than the terrorist himself?

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In college, adapting to Facebook important to social life

U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — In the past several years, few trends have had a bigger impact on universities than the Facebook. As is often the case with college trends, by the time the media began to be interested, the social landscape of many universities had been transformed. The media have tended to cover this social revolution in two basic ways. The stories either talk about the Web site's potential to aid stalkers, or how students have had their lives or future careers harmed by embarrassing information found on the profile. Those risks obviously still must be addressed, but students and administration need to think beyond them, and understand the full implications of the Facebook trend.

It isn't exactly breaking news that

careless use of Facebook can be dangerous. Best known is how the Web site's spaces for personal information have the potential to aid stalkers. In particular, displaying one's phone number and residential address to all of the thousands of Facebook users at the University is an excellent way to be stalked. Last October, the University sent out an e-mail notice to students warning of those very problems. The notice specifically told students not to post their residential addresses and phone numbers, as well as the general advice to "Be selective with the content of personal information that is posted."

The University seems to do an adequate job of educating students about Facebook's risks. In an interview, Associate Dean of Students Aaron Laushway explained that students hear about these concerns during the ITC session of summer

orientation. In a separate summer session, the University expresses the same information to parents.

More recently, another concern has arisen — increased surveillance of Facebook by non-students. This has included police looking for potential alcohol busts, employers looking for clues about the character of an applicant, and, increasingly, university officials. For example, according to an August article in Sci-Tech Today, "Students at Pennsylvania State University were punished for rushing the field at a football game," actions known only because of the students' Facebook profiles. While this certainly would strike many, including this writer, as being rather totalitarian, it is a good reminder of the basic fact that one can never know who is viewing your online information. Thankfully, according to Laushway the University does not

monitor Facebook in any way.

It may seem to be an audacious statement, but in truth the roots of almost all Facebook problems are self-obsession and immodesty. Admittedly, the problem is not as severe as with its tackier cousin MySpace. Nevertheless, it is a rampant one. Most examples of immodest Facebook actions are not as dangerous as posting phone numbers and residential addresses, but they still can be equally stupid. Posting lengthy self-taken photo shoots, hundred-line long "About Me" sections and constantly quoting yourself in the "Quotes" section are actions not only obnoxious to others, but unhealthy to the creator. They breed attitudes of narcissism and exhibitionism, self-obsessions which prevent healthy, well-balanced lives, as well as simply being a waste of time.

Russian deal gives NASA more launch time

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA got more breathing room to launch the space shuttle Atlantis next week thanks to an agreement with the Russian space agency, which has its own spaceflight plans.

Both agencies are planning missions to the international space station in September, but both want to avoid a traffic jam at the space station.

Tropical Storm Ernesto and a lightning strike on the launch pad

forced NASA to delay launch attempts earlier this week.

The Russians agreed that a shuttle launch as late as next Friday, Sept. 8, wouldn't interfere with plans for a Soyuz flight to the space station.

That's a relief for the U.S. space agency, which wants to quickly resume construction of the half-built space station.

NASA will do a damage check Thursday to make sure Ernesto

caused no harm, then will fine-tune its launch times. The Russian agreement raises the possibility that NASA could try a liftoff Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

"We would try every single day, barring weather and technical issues," said NASA spokesman Allard Beutel.

If the shuttle launches next week, the Russian Soyuz vehicle will take off on Sept. 18, ferrying two new station crew members and the first

female space tourist.

The Russians were worried that a shuttle launch past next Thursday would force them to change their Soyuz launch date and land in the dark of night — something they didn't want to do because they have a new private firm handling capsule recovery. But in negotiations, they determined NASA's mission wouldn't interfere as long as the shuttle left the station by Sept. 17.

Tests of cross-border drugs reveals counterfeits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Testing revealed fake versions of Lipitor and other widely used prescription drugs ordered through Web sites linked to a Canadian pharmacy, the Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday.

Consumers who bought drugs through the 10 Web sites should not use the medications because they may not be safe, the FDA said. The sites include rxnorth.com, canadiandrugstore.com and rxbyfax.com.

Prescriptions ordered through the sites are filled by Mediplan Prescription Plus Pharmacy, also known as Mediplan Global Health, according to the FDA and information posted on the sites.

U.S. officials have intercepted and seized thousands of prescriptions filled by the pharmacy in recent

months, said FDA Associate Commissioner Randall Lutter. Subsequent testing has revealed counterfeit versions of the cholesterol drugs Lipitor and Crestor, as well as the painkiller Celebrex, blood-pressure medication Diovan, baldness treatment Propecia and five other prescription drugs, the FDA said.

"U.S. drug companies, along with the FDA, are really starting to target companies like ours. These allegations are completely false," said Andrew Strempler, the president and chief executive of Mediplan Global Health. Strempler added that his company regularly tests the drugs it sells, and that they are safe and reliable.

The FDA said its own tests showed some of the drugs contained the active ingredients found in genuine

versions, but at lower concentrations. That could put patients at risk, Lutter said. The FDA testing is ongoing.

"We are investigating, and if there are any safety concerns, we will be sure to alert the public," said Paul Duchesne, a spokesman for Canada's federal health department. Staff Sgt. Steve Saunders of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said the national police service was aware of the FDA release but could not comment, citing privacy law and agency policy.

Consumers who ordered drugs through the Mediplan-linked Web sites should talk to their doctors and get their prescriptions refilled, Lutter said.

Canadian Internet pharmacies catering to American customers debuted roughly six years ago, after busloads of U.S. border-state seniors

began venturing north in search of lower-priced prescription drugs.

Drugs ordered through the Mediplan-linked sites and intercepted by U.S. officials were not shipped from Canada, Lutter said.

Strempler said the drugs his company sells generally are produced for Canada, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. He declined to say from which countries the company ships.

"I hesitate to put that information out there because it's another way they target us," he said.

Importing drugs into the United States is illegal, though the FDA generally does not stop small shipments purchased for personal use. The FDA says it cannot guarantee the safety and efficacy of imported drugs.

RadioShack uses e-mail to fire 400 as part of planned job cuts

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — RadioShack Corp. notified about 400 workers by e-mail that they were being dismissed immediately as part of planned job cuts.

Employees at the Fort Worth headquarters got messages Tuesday morning saying: "The work force reduction notification is currently in progress. Unfortunately your position is one that has been eliminated."

Company officials had told employees in a series of meetings that layoff notices would be delivered electronically, spokeswoman Kay Jackson said. She said employees

were invited to ask questions before Tuesday's notification on a company intranet site.

Jackson said the electronic notification was quicker and allowed more privacy than breaking the news in person.

"It was important to notify people as quickly as possible," she said. "They had 30 minutes to collect their thoughts, make phone calls and say goodbye to employees before they went to meet with senior leaders."

At coffee bar areas on each floor, the company provided boxes and plastic bags for employees to

pack their personal belongings.

"Things went very smoothly. Everyone left very graciously and very professionally," Jackson said.

Derrick D'Souza, a management professor at the University of North Texas, said he had never heard of such a large number of terminated employees being notified electronically. He said it could be seen as dehumanizing to employees.

"If I put myself in their shoes, I'd say, 'Didn't they have a few minutes to tell me?'" D'Souza said.

Laid-off workers got one to

three weeks pay for each year of service, up to 16 weeks for hourly employees and 36 weeks for those with base pay of at least \$90,000, the company said.

The company announced Aug. 10 that it would cut 400 to 450 jobs, mostly at headquarters, to cut expenses and "improve its long-term competitive position in the marketplace." RadioShack has closed nearly 500 stores, consolidated distribution centers and liquidated slow-moving merchandise in an effort to shake out of a sales slump.

Renter's Insurance can benefit college students

By LIZ BOYD
STAFF WRITER

Renter's insurance helps protect college students from theft and accidental damages, local State Farm Insurance agent Randy Moore said.

With all the new technology like expensive laptops, iPods and flat-screen TVs, Moore said he encourages all students who rent a house or apartment to purchase renter's insurance.

"I think most college students just don't think about it," Moore said. "But students would be doing themselves a favor by getting renter's insurance."

An average plan costs from \$10-\$15 a month and will provide up to \$10,000 of coverage, Moore said.

Some students may be covered by their parents' homeowner's insurance, Moore said, but students should check before they assume they are covered.

Moore said renter's insurance plans cover belongings a student may lose in a burglary and any damages incurred by negligence on the student's part or by the fault of another.

Colton Lassinger, manager of University Fountains Apartments, said his tenants must sign a waiver on their lease holding the tenant responsible for any damages or loss of furnished items if the tenant does not purchase renter's

insurance.

Lassinger said the policy is routine for most furnished apartment complexes, and he encourages his tenants to pay the extra fee for renter's insurance.

Whitney Davis, manager of Springfield Apartments, said since her apartments are not furnished, the policy is less strict.

Davis said she encourages renter's insurance because her tenants are responsible for any structural damage.

Megan Sturdivant, a senior public relations major from Cedar Hill, said she was robbed in July and didn't have renter's insurance.

Sturdivant's home in Lubbock was broken into while she was out of town, and she said insurance had not crossed her mind before she was robbed.

"I had no idea when I moved into the house," Sturdivant said. "Now I realize how important insurance is."

Sturdivant said her parents' insurance may cover her loss, but she recommends all college students look into renter's insurance.

When Sturdivant moved from her home, she said she made sure to read through the lease carefully, especially the part about renter's insurance.

"You never know what could happen," Sturdivant said. "It's a good idea to be prepared."

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Campus safety a top priority

By NAOMI KASKELA
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Blue phones, free night shuttles and strategically placed lights are all measures taken by various organizations on campus to keep students safe.

"We live in a time that you need to protect yourself the best you can," said Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Texas Tech Police Department.

The Student Government Association, Student Health Services and Tech Police Department all offer programs on campus.

The Tech Police Department offers information and safety tips online and crime prevention classes along with other measures for students, Hoffman said.

"We send out surveys to people who have been victims of crimes," Hoffman said. "They feel safer than they would be in the city."

Crimes that occur on campus range from alcohol-related incidents to burglary and vandalism.

"We really have a history of very little violent crime," Hoffman said. "It is not that common."

The leading types of crimes on campus are theft and vandalism, Hoffman said. These are usually linked to poor habits that students have and are sometimes committed by nonstudents, he said.

"A lot of students leave their backpacks unattended while they are doing something else," Hoffman said. "Crime prevention - remove the opportunity."

Another area of crime that students fall victim to is car burglary. According to the Texas Department of Transportation Web site, a car is stolen every five seconds in Texas.

"Park, whenever possible, in well-lit areas," Hoffman said. "Do not leave things in your car that are open to view. Car thieves are opportunists."

Other programs that are offered for students by the Tech Police Department are Operation ID and bicycle registration.

"We engrave ID numbers onto the personal belongings of students," Cpl. Jack Floyd of the Tech Police Department said.

Bicycle registration guarantees

that the police have information on the student's bike before it is stolen. This will make identifying and recovering the stolen item easier, Floyd said.

On the health services side, programs are offered throughout the year. These include Alcohol Awareness Week, Eating Disorders Awareness Week and Spring Break safety events, said Juli Buchanan, health education manager.

"We educate the campus about health and safety in various ways," Buchanan said.

Alcohol Edu is a measure taken by the health services department to educate all incoming freshman on alcohol and similar issues. This is the first year it has been required.

"There is a big push for universities to educate students about alcohol," Buchanan said.

So far 3,632 of the incoming freshman have taken the first part of the Alcohol Edu program, Buchanan said.

In March, the Spring Break safety events are held. This year, the Amazing Spring Break Race will be held again, she said.

"Each activity was geared to get students to learn about safety," she said.

Safety programs are not only offered by organizations on campus. Citibus offers night shuttles on campus during the semester.

"Students can call our dispatcher and they can get a ride to anywhere they want on campus," said Hoyt Day, director of transportation at Citibus.

The program, which is called Safe Ride, was originally run by Tech but was taken over by Citibus four semesters ago.

"It keeps students from having to walk across campus in the dark by themselves," Day said. "I think the campus is relatively safe. I haven't personally heard of any incidents in the past couple semesters."

When asked to compare the Tech campus to other universities, Day said that it was difficult because of all the factors involved in doing so.

"We're no different from any other campus," Hoffman said. "They've got problems and we've got problems."

Inmate set to die for South Texas double slaying

LIVINGSTON, Texas (AP) — Condemned inmate Derrick Frazier blamed a coerced confession for his death sentence but Frazier was "cool as a cucumber" as he talked about the slayings of a South Texas woman and her son nine years ago, the district attorney who prosecuted him says.

"There are videotapes," Michael Sheppard said of Frazier's discussions with Refugio County sheriff's detectives following his arrest for the shooting deaths of 41-year-old Betsy Nutt and her son Cody, 15.

"He's sitting on a couch, drinking a Coke, cool as a cucumber. It's the best evidence."

Frazier, 29, one of two men condemned for the 1997 killings, was set to die Thursday evening in Huntsville. His partner in the shootings, Jermaine Herron, was executed three months ago.

Evidence showed that when the pair knocked on the door of the Nutt family's mobile home, claiming car trouble and needing to make a phone call, the woman invited them in,

gave them iced tea and offered to drive them in her pickup truck the 10 miles to town.

She wound up with two bullets in the head. Her son was shot four times, including two shots to the head. Jerry Nutt found the bodies of his wife and son when he arrived home from work that day, June 26, 1997.

Hurricane

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beach. But officials postponed the arrival of a Carnival cruise ship and prohibited customary tours of the bay.

William Rousseau, a tourist from Oregon vacationing with his family in Puerto Vallarta, said hotel officials had warned about John, "but we're calm because they say it's not going to hit this city."

"We're continuing to enjoy the city," he said. "They just asked us not to go into the ocean or on any bay tours."

Other tourists could be seen strolling through the streets visiting craft shops and eating in restaurants.

The area south of Lazaro Cardenas to Acapulco was

under a tropical storm warning. Tropical storm-force winds were lashing Lazaro Cardenas and the resort of Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo.

Although the center of John was forecast to remain just offshore, hurricane-force winds were likely to begin raking beaches near Puerto Vallarta late Wednesday, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said. The storm was then expected to nick Los Cabos at the tip of the Baja California Peninsula on Friday before heading out to sea.

The Mexican army and emergency services were on alert all along the coast. The civil protection agency for the state of Jalisco, which includes Puerto Vallarta, announced it would ask 8,000 residents living in risk-prone coastal areas to evacuate voluntarily to 900 temporary shelters. Those who refused

would be moved by police officers, the government agency Notimex reported.

Mexican forecasters predicted up to 10 inches of rain on the coast and "torrential downpours" in the Jalisco state capital of Guadalajara, Notimex said. Public schools were canceled in Acapulco and surrounding communities.

In the resort cities of Ixtapa and Zihuatanejo, about three hours up the coast from Acapulco, authorities closed the port to small ocean craft and set up temporary shelters. Some students decided to leave school early before any potential flooding.

Light rain fell in Ixtapa, where the five-star Emporio Hotel received only minor warnings of rising tides. Receptionist David Gonzalez said none of the hotel's

92 guests had said they would leave early.

Pedro Ochoa, reception clerk at the four-star Posada Real Ixtapa Hotel, said neither staff nor guests were making any special preparations for the storm because "we were advised that it was headed elsewhere."

The center of the hurricane in late afternoon was about 130 miles south of the resort of Manzanillo, and was moving to the northwest at close to 14 mph.

Meanwhile, a second weather system, Tropical Storm Kristy, formed in the Pacific far off the Mexican coast early Wednesday, but was forecast to move farther out to sea with no threat to land, the Hurricane Center said. Kristy had maximum sustained winds of 58 mph and was moving northwest at about 6 mph.

Violent crime on the rise in U. Texas area

BY NOLAN HICKS
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — Mid-year crime statistics, released Tuesday by the Austin Police Department, show a 12.9 percent increase in the city's violent crime rate, even with a 46.2 percent decrease in murders.

Robbery and aggravated assault rates increased by 16.7 percent and 13.5 percent, respectively. The number of rapes was essentially flat, increasing by only 1.2 percent.

"We noticed in March and April that there was an increase of about 17 percent in overall violent crime," said Cathy El-

lison, APD's acting police chief.

The police, using statistical analysis to identify problem areas, have launched a crackdown against nightclub brawls and robberies, which they cited as the major causes of violent crime.

Ellison said she thought the crackdowns have been effective and cited statistics that show the year-to-date increase in crime dropped as police action increased.

"When we noticed in robberies that there had been more than 25 robberies at game rooms last year, and we had already had 10 this year, we decided to launch the second operation," Ellison said. "Since both of those operations at the game rooms, there has only been one robbery."

Other police actions include combining street response bureaus into three large teams. These

teams are hitting certain areas of town more aggressively and using bike patrols more often, Ellison said.

"As long as there is an issue with violent crime, we will continue to be aggressive. Austin has been the third-safest city three years in a row when it relates to violent crimes, and our goal is to make it the safest city," Ellison said.

Efforts to curb crime also included providing information to citizens warning against carrying large amounts of cash and to travel in pairs or groups.

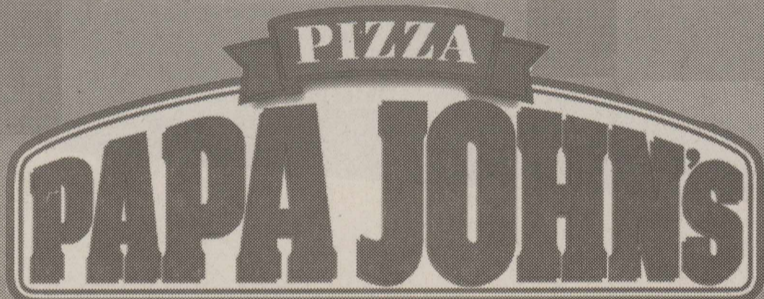
Immigrants are one of the groups frequently targeted by robbers, because they tend to carry large amounts of cash with them. The police department is encouraging them to use a banking system set up through Wells

Fargo.

The majority of the robbery victims were Hispanic, and many were immigrants who tended not to report crimes.

Ellison said unreported crimes against immigrants was the reason APD created and enlarged the immigrant protection team. It started with two detectives and has doubled in size, adding another detective and a sergeant. The team is intended to reach out to immigrants to build trust with APD.

"Having immigrants trust us enough to report the crime is important. When you report the crime it goes up, which is OK with us as long as they are reporting it, so we can find out what the trends are and try to stop those trends," said Ellison.



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Sex offender in N.D. guilty

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A convicted sex offender on trial in North Dakota's first death penalty case in more than a century was found guilty Wednesday of kidnapping and killing a college student who was seized from a shopping mall parking lot.

The jury will return next week to begin hearing evidence on whether Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 53, should be executed for the slaying of 22-year-old Dru Sjodin.

North Dakota does not have capital punishment. But the case was heard in federal court, where the jury took less than four hours to reach a verdict.

Sjodin, a University of North Dakota student from Pequot Lakes, Minn., was abducted outside a Grand Forks mall in 2003. Hundreds of

volunteers searched for her, but her body was not found until the following spring, in a ravine near Crookston, Minn. Rodriguez lived in Crookston at the time.

Prosecutors said Sjodin was stabbed, raped and left to die. Rodriguez was charged under federal law because Sjodin was taken across state lines.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty said in a statement: "If ever there was a case for which the death penalty should apply, this is it."

Before Sjodin's slaying, Rodriguez had served more than 20 years for offenses that included rape and attempted kidnapping. He got out of prison about six months before the killing.

Rodriguez stared straight ahead

as the verdict was read. His mother wiped her face with a tissue. Sjodin's parents showed no reaction, but family members hugged later outside the courtroom.

"It's another step in closing the case," said Erinn Hakstol, Sjodin's sorority adviser. "It doesn't bring Dru back, unfortunately."

In closing arguments, U.S. Attorney Drew Wrigley said Sjodin fought for her life "every step of the way" and "left us unmistakable messages," including her blood in Rodriguez's car, discovered in a mist pattern that indicated she was beaten.

Defense attorney Robert Hoy argued that prosecutors could not say for certain where Sjodin died, when or how.

Stem cell technology improves

By **MADELINE KELEHER**
DAILY ILLINI (U. OF ILLINOIS)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Religious figures, scientists and ethicists remain locked in the stem cell debate, despite the recent development of an embryo-protective method of creating stem cells.

Robert Lanza of the biotech company Advanced Cell Technology published an article last week in Nature describing the new method.

The conventional way to obtain stem cells involves removing a mass of about 30 cells from a four to five-day-old embryo, or blastocyst. The new method differs from

this in two important ways: One cell rather than a whole group of cells is removed, and the removal happens when the embryo consists of only eight cells. This way, the blastocyst can still develop and no embryos are destroyed.

Lanza and colleagues see their new method as a solution to the moral issues that trouble many people, including President Bush, who used the first veto during his administration to prevent federal funding for embryonic stem cell research.

Lanza's article states that "the ability to create new stem cell lines and therapies without destroying embryos would address the ethical concerns of many."

The solution, however, is not

that simple.

"The article hasn't been reviewed by scientists and bioethicists yet, so it's going to take some time before the government decides what course of action to take," said White House spokesperson Alex Conant.

Todd Daly, an associate professor of theology and ethics at the Urbana Theological Seminary, said that while the new method is a step in the right direction, he is skeptical because it still involves altering the embryo.

"I have a problem with what happens when you remove that one cell," Daly said. "With only seven out of eight cells, will an embryo be able to develop normally? We just don't know."

Shuttles

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heard three to five miles around the Tech campus.

The station, accessible at AM 1610, will be updated frequently in the morning, primarily, and less frequently throughout the day to warn listeners of full parking lots and construction.

"On game days, we'll have information available on the station that will tell you where to park, tell you what your parking permits mean and help clear confusion," Medley said. "Of course we will also have attendants there to answer questions for you."

Medley said the station is provided to help students have a better experience with parking on campus.

"I heard today we are the most hated department on campus," Medley said. "We're just trying to be more service-oriented now."

Students who do not want to pay \$5 for the shuttle from the commuter lots to the football stadium have two options, Lopez said. They can either walk or they can attend RaiderGate.

Chris Huff, Student Government Association external vice president, said attending RaiderGate is a good option for students.

"Students can acquire RaiderGate passes Monday mornings at 7 outside the SGA office," Huff said. "They're free. All you need is your student ID."

Organizations, Huff said, can acquire up to six parking spots.

"It's a good option for organizations," Huff said. "You can park there, leave your stuff there, tailgate, then go to the game."

Huff said he wishes students did not have to pay to use the shuttle because it was free last year.

"If students come to us with problems about paying for the shuttle, SGA will do everything we can to work with Citibus to provide service to the students," Huff said. "This fee is not an SGA-implemented thing. But we'll do everything we can."

Shannon Garrett, director of legislative affairs and marketing for Citibus, said that in the past, the shuttles have been sponsored by different companies that made the service free for fans.

"We have spoken with several local companies, but no one can

sponsor the season," Garrett said. "Sponsors can sponsor on a game-by-game basis. If anyone wants to sponsor, they should contact me."

The shuttles, Garrett said, will run continuously starting three hours before game-time. Game-goers will be charged when they get on the shuttle but not on the way back, she said.

Kelly Riney, coordinator for annual giving for the Red Raider Club, said more Red Raider Club members have requested parking accommodations than ever before.

"The fact is, there's more demand than we have supply," Riney said.

Commuter lots may be used by members of the Red Raider Club who have met donation requirements.

Members of Red Raider Club will see some changes in their parking this season. One change is with handicapped parking. Previously, all handicapped parking was on a first-come, first-served basis. Now, Riney said, those who have donated \$3,000 to the Red Raider scholarship fund and who have state-approved handicapped tags on their cars have reserved parking in the front row of the Jones AT&T parking lot.

Other handicapped parking will be available on the east side of the municipal coliseum, Lopez said. There will be a field cart shuttle available to handicapped ticket holders, he said.

Riney said the university has allowed students who did not get RaiderGate passes to tailgate in the commuter lots.

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Sole survivor of Kentucky crash out of coma, condition improving

By **SHANNON MASON**
KENTUCKY KERNEL (U. OF KENTUCKY)

(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. — Though he is improving, doctors would not say whether or not they expect the sole survivor of Sunday's plane crash to survive.

James Polehinke, the copilot of Flight 5191, is still in the intensive care unit at University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center, said Dr. Andrew C. Bernard, a UK trauma surgeon, in a news conference Tuesday night.

"I am unable to say for certain if he will survive," Bernard said, but did say that Polehinke's injuries are survivable and he expects the patient to continue to improve.

Polehinke arrived at the hospital Sunday morning in a coma, suffering from fractures in face, spine, pelvis, left leg, right foot, right hand, three ribs and a breastbone.

He also had a collapsed lung when he arrived at the UK hospital, but he did not suffer any burn injuries, Bernard

said. Polehinke awoke from his coma Sunday afternoon only for doctors to induce a coma a short time later.

"He was too unstable to be fully (awake)," Bernard said.

Polehinke woke up from the induced coma Tuesday morning, but is not conscious, Bernard said, describing the patient's state as "delirium."

Polehinke has followed some simple commands, Bernard said.

When he arrived at the hospital, Polehinke was in severe shock from bleeding and controlling his hemorrhaging was the main concern for doctors on Sunday. Polehinke received a "massive transfusion" of over 40 pints of blood.

Polehinke had surgery on Sunday to control the bleeding and was back in the operating room Tuesday to further stabilize his orthopedic traumas. Sunday's operation took two hours and Tuesday's operation took four and a half to five hours, Bernard said.

Polehinke is at high risk for infection, as are most multiple

injury trauma patients. There is also a risk for paralysis, he said.

Polehinke has been on life support since he arrived at the hospital, Bernard said. In a best-case scenario, Polehinke would spend several more weeks in the UK hospital and then move to a rehabilitation center, Bernard said.

Bernard said Polehinke's family has spent a lot of time with him since Sunday and that family members continue to try to communicate with him. Bernard said he thinks Polehinke is receiving the communication.

Bernard also read a statement from Polehinke's family at the news conference, in which they said their thoughts are with the families of the victims of the Flight 5191 crash.

"We know that if he were able to, Jimmy would join us in telling them that they are in our constant prayers," the statement said.

Polehinke's family also thanked everyone for their "thoughts, prayers and well wishes."

"We would particularly like to

extend a heartfelt thank you to the city of Lexington, Ky., and its public safety officials, especially Lexington Police Officer Bryan Jared and Blue Grass Airport Safety Officers Jon Sallee and James Maupin, whose heroic efforts saved Jimmy's life," the family said in the statement.

"We also want to thank Dr. Andrew Bernard, the staff at UK Chandler Hospital and the staff of the Delta/Comair Care Team for their outstanding and compassionate care."

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U. Texas groups commit to bettering area race relations

DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — The Austin Human Rights Commission is working with a task force to educate minority students and their families on how to deal with racially motivated discrimination in school and the workplace.

At its Monday meeting, the commission passed a unanimous vote committing help to the Austin Independent School

District's Quality of Life Issues for Minorities Task Force. The task force, which mitigates racial disparities reported in the classroom and community, began work in November.

Public attendance at the meeting was sparse, forcing the commission to cancel the public comment portion of the agenda. The assistant city attorney, a commissioner's two children and a reporter barely filled a small row of seats in the council

chambers. Commissioner Judy Cortez said community response is higher when the organization is addressing an Austin Police Department issue.

As a response to recent community input over the past year regarding the minority population's quality of life, the task force was charged by the city of Austin and AISD with studying community perspectives on racial fairness through surveying, consulting current data and

research on the best educational practices. The study's final draft was released in June.

According to surveys conducted by Janis Guerrero in February for the AISD task force, a quarter of minority families express a disparity of treatment and uncertainty about their rights in a racially charged situation.

Commissioners Delia Meyer and Edward Sludge will assist Commissioner Sandra Serna in

conducting research and composing a status report on the scope of needed participation due at next month's meeting.

"If we participate in activities like citizenship classes or social studies, we not only promote community involvement and deliver important information regarding their rights in the community, but we can let students and their families see us and know our commission's purpose in the community,"

Serna said.

Areas of possible task force assistance include commissioner visits to civics classes to educate students about their rights on particular issues and distribution at PTA meetings of human rights-related materials, including a commission newsletter.

"They have done the work and outlined what we can assist in," Meyer said. "We couldn't have asked for a better opportunity to help our schools."

Certain oils good for body

By JESSE JOHNSON
DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN (U. MISSISSIPPI)

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. — Science has confirmed the positive roles that monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats play in human health.

Monounsaturated sources of fat, olive oil in particular, protect against a variety of cardiovascular diseases by lowering levels

of (bad) LDL cholesterol, elevating those of (good) HDL cholesterol and improving a variety of other biological functions.

Every nut and oil has its own nutrient profile. Almonds are high in vitamin E and calcium. Peanuts are rich with folate and potassium. Flaxseed oil has a balanced proportion of omega-3 fatty acids, the same types found in marine fish.

An intake of saturated fat and monounsaturated fat has been scientifically sug-

gested to raise levels of testosterone, the primary anabolic hormone in humans.

For the weightlifter, one of the few negatives about nuts and oils is quickly turned into a positive. Nuts especially provide a great, calorie-dense resource. Just a handful of any kind of nut contains over 200 calories, while a tablespoon of most oils provides in excess of 100 calories.

A complaint that some may have about these sources is how much they cost. For example, a decent-sized bag of almonds costs between \$6 and \$7.

However, a "Size Matters" investigation into some of a roommate's less-than-healthy food choices reveals that, on a cost-per-calorie analysis, oils and nuts are priced about the same or less than some of the common college student dietary staples like TV dinners and Little Debbie cakes.

The question then arises as to when is the best time to consume these kinds of sources.

A liquid, high monounsaturated fat source should be consumed no later than about 30 minutes after a workout, along with a protein shake, carbohydrates and other supplements, depending on your goals. By "source," I'm referring to either

a tablespoon of olive oil or flaxseed oil. A capful of either of these is roughly equivalent to a tablespoon. You'll also do well to "hold" the oil in your mouth while you sip some water and swish it around before it goes down, but you'll figure that out for yourself the first time you try to drink it straight.

The other ideal time for a tablespoon of some healthy oil is before bedtime, again along with a protein drink and a multivitamin.

Nuts provide an ideal snack any time of the day when a time crunch cuts into the eating schedule. It's also a good idea to keep a bag in the car for long trips as a deterrent from pulling into a fast food joint or downing pounds of junk food.

When you are buying olive oil, go for the extra virgin. It contains a higher amount of the phenolic compounds that are responsible for much of olive oil's positive health effects. And when shopping for nuts, buy them with as few gimmicks as possible. Added sodium and "trail mixes" diminish potential benefits.

Speaking of ramping up testosterone production, next week we'll head back to the iron and preview a variation of the squat.

Student proposes new Tech football tradition

By SARAH WHETSTONE
APPRENTICE

After the demise of the tortilla tossing at Jones AT&T Stadium, Texas Tech has been at a loss of rituals to express football fanaticism at home games, said Drew McConaughay, a senior communications major from Copperas Cove.

McConaughay said he wants fans of the red and black to have a weapon with which to reverberate when Tech's rivals bellow their schools' chants at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"Immediately after the ball is kicked off and after the shotguns fire, everyone should shout 'Wreck 'em Tech,'" McConaughay said. "Other schools like OU and A&M come into our stands and their fans show us up with their elaborate chants."

McConaughay, who has been wanting to start a new ritual since 1999 when the tortilla throwing was banned, said he has received backing from other spirit organizations on campus and plans to start the tradition at the Tech versus SMU game Saturday.

"The idea happened at the end of last spring semester and I started voicing it last Monday, but I have been planning it for a while," McConaughay said. "To begin all this, I gained endorsement from the Center for Campus Life and the cheerleading staff. So far it's been pretty enthusiastic. I have received support from the Saddle Tramps and the Fro Bros."

Emily Wood, a sophomore nursing major from Graham, said she is ready to get the tradition in motion and spread school spirit.

"It's fun when everyone gets into the traditions," Wood said. "Tech has amazing school spirit, and I think it will be good to have a change and spice things up a little bit."

Jessica Stewart, a sophomore nursing major from Plano, said the excitement of being the first to enact a Tech football tradition is something she wants to participate in.

"I think it will be cool to be the first class to start something," Stewart said. "It will be interesting to see how many people actually participate in it."

McConaughay said he will continue to promote the possible tradition throughout the week, and even more so on game day, by telling the alumni about the chant and scouring the stands two hours prior to kickoff to spread the word to Tech fans.


"The fact is that since this has never been done, this generation of Texas Tech students could earn the right to tell all the future generations of Red Raiders that I was there. I started that," McConaughay said. "Lots of schools have these chants and we don't."

After passing out fliers in the free speech area and talking to students all across campus, McConaughay said he is determined to put an end to being out-yelled by rivals by shouting back "Wreck 'em Tech."

"It's our school's slogan," McConaughay said. "What better phrase to use?"

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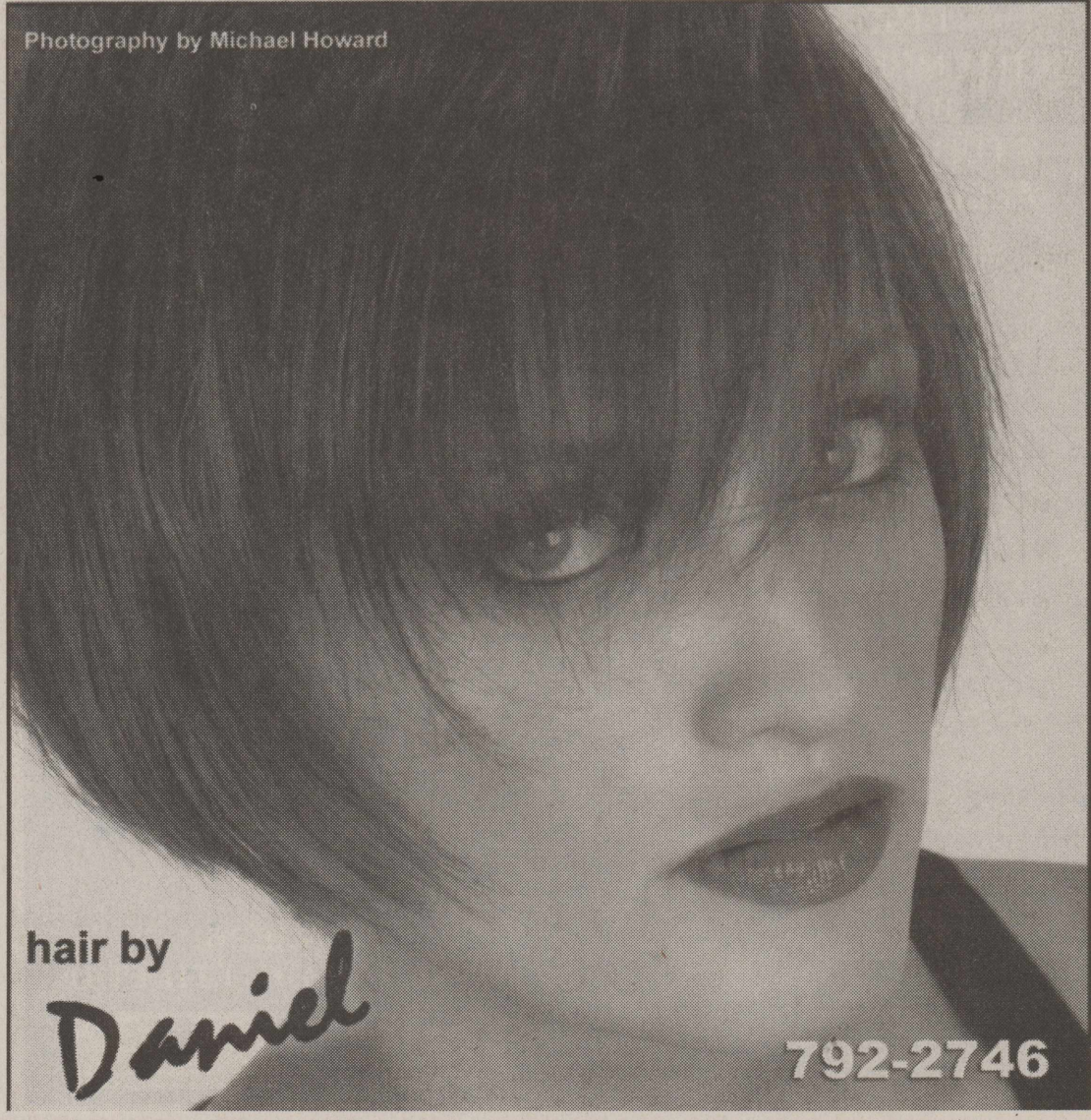
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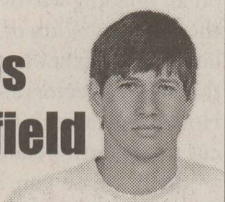
Capcom's 'Dead Rising' rises from the grave, comes to life on Xbox 360

The living dead have returned yet again, this time on the Xbox 360 with Capcom's "Dead Rising." And it's an event any zombie-phile won't want to miss.

The disclaimer found on the cover of "Dead Rising" tells it all: "This game was not developed, approved or licensed by the owners or creators of George A. Romero's Dawn of the Dead." While that may be true, it doesn't take a disclaimer to see that the game appears to be "Dawn of the Dead" in video game form. Like in the original "Dawn of the Dead," most of the action occurs inside the walls of a zombie-infested shopping mall. You play as freelance photojournalist Frank West, and anything you can get your hands on -- be it a chain saw, electric guitar or giant stuffed teddy bear -- can be used to shred, bludgeon or pummel the undead into a gooey mess.

It's a survival-horror type game, pitting Frank against hordes and hordes of zombies for 72 in-game hours so he can get the "scoop" on the

Carlos Bergfield



whole thing. While the camera view is too zoomed-out most of the time to appreciate the game's impressive graphics, what you'll instantly notice are the amount of zombies shown at one time on-screen. The pale-faced, stumbling flesh-eaters can easily number in the hundreds -- something that just couldn't have been done on any previous console.

And although there are certainly plenty of comedic moments, the story in "Dead Rising" plays out fairly seriously, again like "Dawn of the Dead," and is overall engaging and well thought-out. While you have to rigidly follow the main story-line by working on "Case Files," there are tons of side-missions for Frank to do. Unfortunately, the bulk of the extra missions involve rescuing and escort-

ing incompetent survivors, making many of them feel like a chore. But for completing side missions and also utilizing your photography skills, you'll be rewarded with increased player stats and skills, similar to a role-playing game.

Although zombies swarm practically every inch of the mall, these slow-moving creeps won't be your biggest threat. Instead, it's the other survivors of the zombie infestation you'll have to worry about. These "psychos," whose ranks include a chainsaw-juggling clown and an insane grocery store manager, are terrifically characterized and all will give you a run for your money.

But casual gamers beware: this game is tough. Partly because of some difficult situations and partly because the title only gives you one game-save. If you screw yourself over and don't have enough time to complete a case, you'll have to start from the beginning. But luckily you get to keep your current stats and skills.

If you're a gamer, you should



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definitely pick "Dead Rising" up. The plethora of side-quests and unlockable bonus modes make the title one you'll come back to. If you always wanted to live out "Dawn of the Dead" but lack

the gaming skills, just be prepared for a not-so-smooth ride.

An added bonus: you'll find yourself judging the zombie-killing potential of everyday goods in Wal-Mart

after playing the game. Always helps to be prepared!

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Make it a night in with the new trend in video rentals

By **SUSIE MCELLIGOTT**
DAILY ORANGE (SYRACUSE)

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. — It's happened to everyone. You just want a fun night at home, eating Ben and Jerry's and lounging around with friends watching the latest Brad Pitt or Natalie Portman flick. You get to the movie store and are poised to pluck your chosen film off the shelf, when it hits you. They're all gone. Sold out. The fantasies of Brad and Natalie wither away before your eyes.

Though movie rentals are a \$9 billion business, renting from retail stores may become a thing of the past.

In today's fast-paced world, people are less willing to stand in long lines at Blockbuster or Movie Gallery. Enter the rise of online movie rentals from companies such as Netflix.

"Netflix created the online movie rental business as it exists now," said Steve Swasey, director of corporate communications at Netflix. "At the time it was of course scoffed at, but Netflix knew it was on to something. And now we have more than 5 million subscribers, and we forecast 20 million by 2010 to 2012."

The rising popularity of services such as Netflix may be boosted by lack of convenient video rental stores. SU students no longer have the option

of renting from the Movie Gallery store previously located in Marshall Square Mall. Despite an estimated 4,700 locations in North America, the closest store to Syracuse, N.Y., is now in Lakeland, about a 15-minute drive from campus.

Syracuse University students looking for a rental venue also have the option of OneClickVideo, an online movie rental service that specifically serves the SU campus and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

OneClickVideo offers upward of 3,000 titles for members to choose from. These titles are then delivered by drivers to the students' residences and can be returned using one of

five drop boxes located on campus, including one on South Campus. Like they do with Netflix, OneClickVideo members may have two movies out at a time, and can receive new movies once previously rented movies are returned.

For those lazy evenings not right for partying, Jim Tiedemann, a sophomore English education major and Netflix subscriber, says movies are a perfect way to spend the night. "When I'm not going out I sit in and watch a movie," he said. "On your nights off it's the best thing to do, you just hang out and chill."

"I like Netflix because I don't have to go anywhere, and it's cheap, and there's every single movie you could

possibly want," Tiedemann said.

Netflix has even caused the retail giant Blockbuster to take notice and make its own changes. In September 2003, Blockbuster extended its standard rental time to a week, and on January 1, 2005, the company did away with late fees. Despite these obvious attempts to win back customers, rumors of Blockbuster filing for bankruptcy ran wild that year. But it wasn't until seven years after Netflix launched that Blockbuster decided to fight fire with fire.

"We've been monitoring competition, whether it be online renting or retail renting, for a long time," said Blockbuster spokesman Randy Hargrove. "We've been looking at the

online segment and decided to launch Blockbuster Online in August of 2004 because we saw the online renting as a growing segment."

Blockbuster Online boasts 1.4 million subscribers, according to Hargrove. But 1.4 million is only a fraction of Netflix's reported 5.2 million, and Blockbuster Online offers 10,000 fewer titles than Netflix's 65,000 titles in stock. But Blockbuster has not given up its retail stores, and Hargrove insists that the company is still working to keep customers.

According to Swasey, 80 percent of what video stores carry are new releases which rotate every three to four months, something he considers limiting.

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U. of Texas-area gallery promotes graffiti on canvas

By **STEPHEN KELLER**
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(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — Despite the sweltering heat last Friday, snooty art patrons and ram-bunctious hooligans alike gathered at the Gallery Lombardi for food, music and, of course, art. The gallery's new exhibit, "Austin Graffiti Art: From Birth to Present," is certain to cause a buzz in the art community, compiling more than 70 works from many of Austin's best graffiti artists, with pieces ranging in price from \$75 to a dizzying \$1,000.

Since 2001, the gallery has showcased urban art twice a year. Gallery Director Rachel Koper said that the goal behind these showings is to "encourage people to go legit," promoting artists to turn their spray cans on canvas to sell rather than walls. The gallery also sets up artists with businesses and legal commission work, thus giving a means of public expression without a trip to a cold jail cell. Koper also stated that they are against vandalism and do not endorse any illegal activity.

As steady streams of people poured in and out of the gallery, others pooled around Rene Cardenas and his work in progress. Ever vigilant and with painstaking attention to detail, he controlled the aerosol as if it were a brush and he a master painter. And in a matter of hours, turned a blank wall into a multi-layered masterpiece.

"It's just virtuosity ... it's about style," Cardenas said as he wiped the sweat from his brow. His inspiration, like most other young artists, is to "just make myself known." Mark Prellop, an artist of 22 years, put any doubts to rest, stating "Its art. Period."

Houston vendor and "Graffiti art" supporter Aerosol Warfare was also present at the showing with its towering display of cans that drew attention and cash. Representative and artist GONZO247 explained that the business provides artists with a wider pallet like a painter's color wheel. Unlike domestic paints, which may only produce three or four shades of a certain color, their selection of imported paints offers 10 or more to artists. In total, AW carries four separate lines with about 300 shades each.

G247 claimed that their true purpose is to "fight the negative connotations of the word aerosol," which continues to cripple the success of many artists. However, this war has proven to be a long and seemingly unending one. Police and public officials continue to crack down on taggers, charging those caught can-in-hand with a Class B misdemeanor and a hefty fine.

Nathan Nordstrom, aka "Sloke," widely considered the top dog in the local scene, knows the risks involved with the trade. In his earlier days, he was caught three times.

"I'm not a tagger, I'm a writer, and its not gang related," Nordstrom clarified as fans and other artists pass by to give him props. He also challenged those who doubt his trade's artistic qualities to "open your mind." He explains that Graffiti art is not widely viewed as an art form, because much of it is done illegally, then states with a smirk "but when you put it in a gallery, it's accepted."

The exhibit is free, open to all ages, and will continue until Sept. 9.

New generation, new curriculum

By **JESSICA HENDRICKS**
STAFF WRITER

The cultural gap between college students and their grandparents' generation is easy to identify, but the young crowd, particularly freshmen, can be an anomaly to even those just one generation ahead of them.

For incoming freshmen, the Soviet Union has never existed, "google" has always been a verb and text messaging is the new e-mail, according to the Beloit College Mindset List for the Class of 2010.

The list has been compiled by two members of the Beloit College faculty, Tom McBride and Ron Neif, every year since 1998.

"The list is a general statement of the experiences and events that shaped the view of the world maintained by entering students," the authors said according to the Web site, <http://www.beloit.edu/~pubaff/mindset>.

According to the newest edition of the list, incoming freshman have only known two presidents (they were younger than 5 when George H.W. Bush left office), and they have always been able to watch wars live on television. Additionally, they have never heard anyone actually "ring it up" on a cash register.

"It's true," Jodee Walker, a senior education major from Lubbock, said of McBride and Neif's findings. "People don't have to learn to count back change. The computer does it for them."

Neif, the public affairs director at Beloit, said before he created the list he heard lots of adults commenting on how "dumb" some students were.

"It has nothing to do with kids being dumb," he said. "They know about the Soviet Union, but they've never lived in a world with two super-powers and a Cold War."

Adults expect students to be familiar with certain events even though they have not experienced them, he said. The list helps professors rethink the way they shape their discussions.

"Faculty were still using references that they needed to stop and explain," Neif said.

McBride, an English professor at Beloit, said the biggest change

between now and the first list in 1998 is the amount of technology that students consider a birthright and how much more connected they are through the use of wireless internet, iPods and other means of technology.

"This is not to say that the class of 2002 did not grow up with the computer, but generations after them have had so much more," he said.

The College Mindset List also includes several observations in the vein of technology, according to the Web site.

"College freshmen grew up with and have outgrown faxing as a means of communication. They grew up with virtual pets to feed, water and play games with. Barcodes have always been on everything, from library codes and snail mail to retail items."

Neif said the spirit of the list is intended to be entertaining and informative.

"It is meant to be thought-provoking and fun, yet accurate," he said. "It is an important reminder to faculty, some of whom are only a Ph.D. older than their students, that what we call 'hardening of the references' can set in quickly."

One thing that makes Beloit College different from Texas Tech is the small class sizes, he said. Students are expected to engage in conversations with the teachers, and the list has served as an ice-breaker in many cases.

Cynthia Flores, a senior education major from Andrews, said it was important for teachers to be aware of their students' cultural mindset.

"Professors have to know where their students come from in order to be effective," she said.

Perhaps, in wake of this list, both students and faculty can broaden their horizons. Students can teach the older generations how to care for their virtual pet or explain how "they are wireless, yet always connected." In return, they can learn about a time when smoking actually was allowed on airlines, when television stations concluded the broadcast day with the national anthem or when Madden was a Super Bowl-winning coach and not just a video game.

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Al Gore takes Hollywood by storm

By **ALEX BEENE**
DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN (U. OF MISSISSIPPI)

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. — In a country that deals with an ongoing war overseas and the constant worry of foreign relations, it is somewhat surprising that many directors and actors in Hollywood have shifted their focus to domestic-related issues.

Such a case can be seen in the documentary film "An Inconvenient Truth," which deals with geographical and biological complications supposedly caused by global warming. However, it is not a major Hollywood star that is the center point of this picture; instead, the film's main star is former Vice-President Al Gore.

Despite many politicians coming into the political scene since the presidential election of 2000, Gore has remained in the spotlight due to his strong disagreement with the current administration and the fact that he did win the popular vote during his presidential run. Most recently, Gore has taken a step back from the world of Capitol Hill and has decided to focus on an important environmental issue that is, as some scientists claim, "killing our planet."

Indeed, in many people's minds, global warming is nothing more than a theory; some would even call it a huge hoax. Those who believe in such an environmental difficulty take one of two directions: They decide to be active and starting changing their lifestyle to help the environment or just keep on doing what they normally would do. Perhaps the best point that Gore makes in the film is that global warming is a problem that is not going to go away simply because it is ignored.

Typical biased political speech is included over the film's near 2-hour runtime, Gore blasts members of the Bush administration, as well as Republican members of Congress, for not taking action over obvious environmental woes. He also makes an effort to explain a number of

different statistics that have been researched that tell of the atmospheric problems that various sections of Earth are having.

However, something that one may be surprised to find in "Truth" is a shockingly powerful and positively motivated piece of work from a man who various conservatives have referred to as being a "sore loser." The film is able to blend the political and personal life of Gore into what seemingly would have been a mundane slide show about what global warming could do.

Gore speaks of living in Tennessee and growing up in different rural areas across the state. He is able to convey a genuine love for the landscape of America, and the beautiful scenery of stunning American locations makes the viewer feel appreciation for what they have, yet, at the same time, realize that it could be lost due to this complications.

In the end, "Truth" is effective because it develops Al Gore into a concerned human being who is worried about the environment and not the politically unfortunate Gore of the past. Some viewers may call this documentary nothing more than propaganda for left-wing policies, and to a degree, they could be right. At the same time, Gore's calm and educated manner of presenting the topic at hand is a tribute to this film's integrity of its purpose and not over political substance.

In a summer filled with blockbusters, "An Inconvenient Truth" stands out as an entertaining and interesting film that presents itself the way that the best documentaries do. Its purpose is to inform the viewer on global warming and what he or she can do to help the issue; and this film succeeds in accomplishing both of those goals. Overall, this is one of the better documentaries in recent memory and a testimony to Al Gore the human being, not the politician.

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Women's rights an unclear issue for Baptist followers

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

After a pastor in Watertown, N.Y., fired a female Sunday school teacher of 50 years based on his belief that women should not teach men, the Baptist community in Lubbock has started talking.

Donovan Martin, the youth minister at Highland Baptist Church, said he is not going to judge the pastor, though he said he does not know if firing the woman was the correct decision.

"He may have rushed his judgment," Martin said.

Pastor Tim LaBouf, who is also a city council member in Watertown, N.Y., is the man causing the commotion.

LaBouf fired the Sunday school teacher, Mary Lambert, in early August because of his belief that it is wrong for women to teach men in realm of religion, according to The Associated Press.

"He was using scripture for his judgment," Martin said of LaBouf. "The scripture is time-bound, and it may not apply to today's time."

The scripture cited was 1 Timothy 2:11-14. In The New International Version, the passage states: "A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent."

The passage goes on to state that since Adam was formed first, he was not the one deceived.

"It was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. But a woman will be saved through child-bearing — if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety."

Martin said he would question whether he would follow the statement.

"I would be hesitant to tell someone whom God has used for 50 years that she can't be used anymore," he said.

Callie Early, a freshman education major from New Braunfels who is a practicing Baptist, said she agreed with the pastor in New York.

"I believe men should be the spiritual leaders," she said. "It says in the Bible that the man should be the head of the church. But women can be just

as wise as men."

While Early said she might not like the idea of the woman being fired, she understands where the pastor was coming from.

"I can understand that a man would not want to be taught by a woman," she said. "The woman should follow the man."

If Early was put in the same position of the Sunday school teacher, she said she would be upset with the decision of being fired but would accept it.

"As a woman, I'd want to be taught by a man," she said.

Ryan Hopson, a junior management major from Borger and a practicing Baptist, said he believed a woman should teach men in certain circumstances. In reference to teaching Sunday school, he said he did not see a problem with it.

"I don't think she should have been fired," he said.

The decision to fire the teacher is one that strictly reflects the church in New York, and not the opinion of every Baptist, he said.

Kaci Stricklin, a freshman public relations major from Abilene and a practicing Methodist, said she believes women are equal to men in the church.

"She should be able to share her knowledge of the Bible no matter what her gender is," Stricklin said.

The decision to fire the teacher, who is 81 years old, surprised Stricklin when she heard about it.

"Here and now in today's time, I didn't realize there were still problems with gender," she said.

Martin said she did not think certain biblical excerpts should be applied in modern times.

"There are certain places in scripture that are given to a certain place in time," he said. "There were specific issues going on in that place and time."

Some, if not most, parts of scripture are universal, Martin said. Others parts may be misused if applied to today's times.

"If you look in other places in scripture, women have a prominent role in the church," he said. "There might be larger issues going on than we see."

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...And all that Jazz

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The Louisiana kitchen Jazz offers the taste of New Orleans to citizens of the Hub City while also giving customers a live music soundtrack while they dine.

The small restaurant and bar sits in a strip centralized between Covenant Medical Center, Greek Circle and the Texas Tech campus, which makes it an easy location for anyone who desires to vanish from the world of Lubbock and enter the City of New Orleans.

The combined sense of Mardi Gras and the Big Easy is prevalent to the point that a costumer may half-way expect a brigade of college-aged women to run through the front doors screaming for beads while being followed by a drunken crowd of men carrying camera phones and lacking composure.

Coming back into the fall semester, Tracee Brown, an employee and part-owner of the bar for the last 19 years, said they would like to continue having a band play every night. Despite the name of the restaurant, Thursday nights is the only night 100 percent dedicated to jazz music. The rest of the nights provide a rock sound to continue their popularity among the college crowd, she said.

"The music is great for the atmosphere," said Everett Barron, a senior sociology major from Levelland. "I'm a strings guy, but my boss thinks (Jazz) is the only kind of music."

The Thursday night jazz sessions are reserved for the band Jazz Alley. This band has been playing at the bar since its opening 20 years ago.

Jazz has been a part of the Lubbock community for the past two decades and was started by Matt Reptert, a Texas Tech graduate, and his fraternity brothers, said Brown said.

They made a trip down to New Orleans, fell in love and decided to share the joy with the rest of the Lubbock community.

In order to provide originality and authenticity, Reptert trained in New Orleans with renowned chef, Paul Prudhomme, Brown said. The Cajun food served at Jazz is a mixture of French and southern cuisines with a kick of spice.

"The place has really good food and the staff is really nice," said Shawn Richards, an employee at Devault's Floral and Gifts, a neighboring business.

The walls of Jazz are covered in Louisiana sports team memorabilia with the occasional Texas Tech banner or sign for good measure. It also features horns and instruments displayed across the walls in order to stay true to its name.

Over the bar, the walls are painted with \$1 bills, each one signed and decorated with a patron's original touches. This provides a welcoming feeling to a person who may have never set foot in the bar.

"The atmosphere provides a neighborhood-type of bar," said Brown. "We are like 'Cheers.'"

Indeed, like the "Cheers" bar, Jazz has its regulars: one couple has been coming every Saturday for lunch for the past 20 years, said Brown. The constant stream of regulars may be due to the fact that the restaurant has been able to maintain the same chefs for the last two decades, she said.

Additionally, the bar caters to a diverse crowd, Brown said.

"In one corner you may have a guy covered in tattoos, while in the other corner the mayor is enjoying a meal," Brown said.

The bar currently has only one location in Lubbock, but there are hopes to open a second location in the near future. Jazz allows smoking, but the second location would be smoke-free to draw another type of crowd to the restaurant.

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Tech cross country gets a head start

Aztecs, Azulay, may start slow

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's Texas Tech track team is prepared for the upcoming season after a successful off-season and the addition of anticipated recruits. Coach Jon Murray said his team is ready to improve from last season and believes his team is prepared to take on the Big 12.

Murray said both the men's and women's teams look strong. He said the team lost only one of the top-seven female runners but three of the team's top-seven male runners.

"The main thing is we did a good job on recruiting this off-season," Murray said.

He said freshman Sally Kipyego is a huge addition to his team.

Kipyego transferred from South Plains College, where she was the 500-meter, 5000-meter and 10,000-meter national champion at the 2005 cross country meet, Murray said.

"She was the female athlete of the year for all sports," he said. "We have high expectations for her. She should be a major factor in the Big 12."

This season is the first for Kipyego, a junior from Marakwet, Kenya.

Murray said other female runners to watch are Michlene Daniels, a freshman from Pearland, Tori Epperson from Keller and Michelle Edmond from Circle Spring.

On the men's side, Murray said freshman Corey Higgins from Abilene was a great addition to the team. Murray said he was a state champion in high school.

"It will be interesting to see what he can do when he steps up to the next level," Murray said.

Murray said the returning players can be expected to lift up the team this year.

Junior Irene Kimaiyo is looking to improve on her impressive 2005 season, Murray said.

Murray said she was one of three Tech runners who attended the 2005 NCAA National Meet.

Kimaiyo is a junior from Nairobi, Kenya.

Kevin Chelimo was one of the other three at the 2005 NCAA National Meet.

Chelimo was named all-region honors last season. He is a junior from Kabarnat, Kenya.

Murray said the hard work his team put in this off-season should pay off.

"It's exciting," he said. "I think we are going to have a good year."

Molly Evans, a senior from Plano, said the team is ready to place better in meets this year.

"I think we have a good chance to make it to nationals," Evans said.

Evans said the entire team, both men and women, put in the extra miles this summer. The team attended a camp at Fort Davis for a great bonding experience, Evans said.

Pedro Vargas, a junior from Del Rio, said the camp was important because the team had the chance to run at a higher elevation.

Vargas said the off-season was extremely productive. He said some people worked too hard.

"Some of our team members were running 70 to 80 mile a week and working out twice a day," he said.

In his second season as head coach, Murray said he is anxious to take on the difficult Big 12 Conference.

He said Colorado is always the toughest team in the conference. He said he hopes his team can shock some people and place better than powerhouses Texas, Oklahoma State, and Kansas.

Vargas said it is going to be hard this season to improve the team's ranking.

"The Big 12 is tough, we will see how it goes," he said.

Murray said he knows what his team is up against, but plans

to improve his ranking from last year.

"I believe the woman's team can place in the top four," he said. "The men's team can place in the top six."

Evans said placing better than last year is a definite possibility.

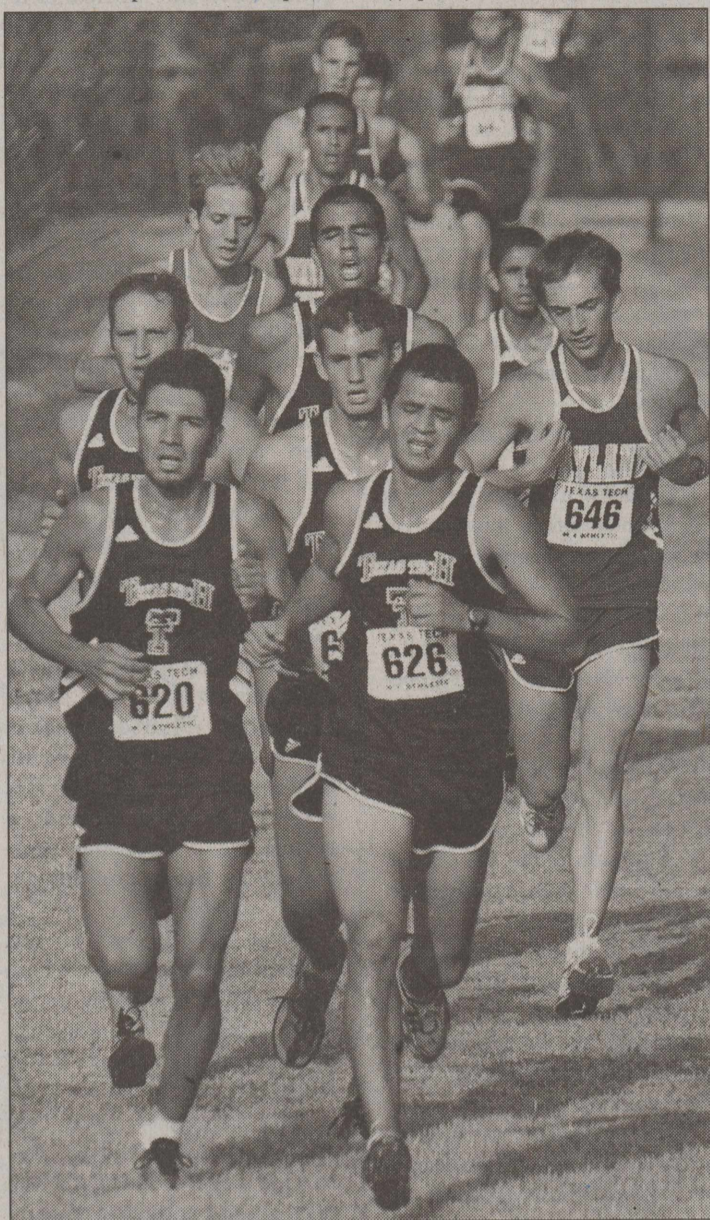
"We can place in the top three

of our conference," she said.

Murray said he like his team's attitude, but his team must be patient.

"We have a hard-working group," he said. "But it takes time to make a championship team."

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TECH CROSS COUNTRY members compete at an invitational meet last year. Coach Jon Murray hopes his new recruits will help lead to a successful season.

BY SHAUN PETERSON
THE DAILY AZTEC (SAN DIEGO STATE U.)

(CSTV U-WIRE) SAN DIEGO - It's becoming like clockwork. The San Diego State cross country team starts each season at the Fullerton Opener, in Fullerton, Calif. Last year, SDSU finished second, matching the highest finish for the Aztecs in program history. This year, SDSU is hoping the clock hasn't struck midnight for the team, that it can maintain or improve on its last trip to Fullerton.

"I really don't know what to expect this year but we have talent," senior captain Celeste Tyson said. "It's just a matter of us gelling together."

How the Aztecs fare will depend largely on first-team All-Mountain West Conference selection junior Lital Azulay, who took third place in the Fullerton Opener last season.

Azulay was the unquestioned leader of last year's team and recorded the school's second fastest 6K mark of 21 minutes, 5.8 seconds, garnering All-NCAA West Region honors as well.

Secondary

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The secondary began spring and fall practices for the first time without cornerbacks coach Dave Brown, who died of a heart attack in January. Brian Mitchell was hired to replace Brown, but Huffman has yet to forget the motto coach Brown gave him and his teammates: attitude.

"I have it on my wall, pictured on my wall, and everybody knows it," Huffman said. "You can ask anyone on this team and it's attitude and things about attitude. Life, football, whatever, and everything's started with the proper attitude. If you have attitude, you can do anything."

With the Raiders facing the Mustangs of SMU Saturday, being a defensive coach leaves holes and many concerns going into the first game of the season, defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich said.

"You haven't played, you haven't scrimmaged, you don't know how you're going to react. Chemistry, you just don't know," Setencich said. "We're concerned about everything."

As the defensive counterpart to starting quarterback Graham Harrell, McBath said the biggest difference of his transition from cornerback to free safety involves play calling.

"It's a lot different, you know, angles, reading the defense. I make the calls," McBath said. "When I played corner I didn't make the calls. I think the biggest thing is taking good angles and reading the defense, whether it's a run or a pass."

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TIME TO SWARM

Linebackers ready to lead defensive

BY STEPHEN MONAHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

A captain can be the leader of a ship heading into the battle front. A captain can use his vocals to point his on-deck crew toward the right path. A captain can persevere through even the toughest of tribulations. A captain can help his mates rewrite the history books.

With two team captains anchoring the linebacking crew for Texas Tech's first football game against Southern Methodist Saturday, junior middle linebacker Brock Stratton and senior weakside linebacker Fletcher Session are anxiously awaiting to take the stage versus the Mustangs.

"When you go through practice, it is the same schedule everyday and the same individuals," Session said. "I am tired of beating up on my own offense. I am ready to beat up someone else's offense."

Stratton, who suffered a season ending injury in the game versus Indiana State last season, said being on the sidelines the rest of the 2005 season helped him garner a new perspective on the game.

"To be honest with you, the game I am looking the most forward to is the first game, just to get back out on the field against SMU," Stratton said. "It feels great, you know, when you have time away from the game, you gain a whole new appreciation for it. It's tough to stand on the side and watch your teammates out there enjoying the game that you love. But at the same time, you have to recognize that injuries are part of the game, so I'm just grateful to be healthy again and to be back out on the field. Tech



FLETCHER SESSION, LEFT, and Kellen Tillman will lead the Texas Tech defense. The linebackers are set for the Red Raiders' first game against Southern Methodist Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

head coach Mike Leach said, in his weekly press conference Monday, Stratton's prowess at linebacker helped him grab the attention of his teammates and ultimately being named a team captain.

"Brock has always been a real sharp guy," Leach said. "He leads by example. He personifies a level of commitment and work ethic. As a coach, you look out there and you notice you appreciate some guy getting after it. It is apparent that they do a great deal. Brock has always been one of the main guys around here. He is perseverant in the way he had to come back from his injuries. The way he has stepped up was pretty hard. He was elected captain in an overwhelming fashion. I think they do appreciate his efforts. He is exactly the type of guy that needs to be one of the leaders of this team."

The only missing counterpart—Session and Stratton are missing, is

the strongside linebacker slot which was occupied by senior John Saldi last season.

Defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich said after practice Wednesday that Kellen Tillman will be Saldi's predecessor, but Paul Williams, Brent Slaughter and Chad Hill will also see action. Setencich also said leadership will be a forefront to the defense's success because the defensive group is easy to work with.

Tillman, who returned to the team in 2005 after two season-ending knee injuries in 2003 and 2004, has been an added commodity, Stratton said. Also, the opportunity to reunite with Session is something he is anxiously awaiting, he said.

"I've had the opportunity to play with Fletcher in the past, so its exciting to get back on the field with him. Kellen Tillman had really stepped it up and he's going to have a great season, so it's good to have

him on the outside as well and mix it up with us, so, we miss Saldi and wish him the best but its good to get some new guys out there as well."

In 2005, Session was the second-leading tackler behind safety Dwayne Slay with 81. He also had five tackles for loss with two sacks, one fumble recovery and two pass deflections. Session was also named to *The Sporting News* All-Big 12 second team.

Stratton recorded six tackles in '05 due to his injury, but the former Big 12 Coaches Co-Defensive Freshman of the Year said this year's defense has molded together better than in year's past.

"As a whole, as a defensive unit, we've meshed better than we have before in recent years past just because we all have a better understanding of the defense," he said. "We've had a few years of experience and understanding under coach Setencich."

Revamped secondary ready to roam free

BY STEPHEN MONAHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

In 2005, arguably one of the most prolific and explosive players in Texas Tech football history created a name for himself in the community with his neck-jarring hits and historic run at the NCAA record for forced fumbles in a single season.

After Kansas State's visit to Tech last year, seemingly anyone who followed the Red Raiders' run to the 2006 AT&T Cotton Bowl knew him by one name: Slay.

Dwayne Slay, who roamed the secondary at free safety, made his mark at the Kansas State game with a devastating blow to quarterback Allen Everidge, forcing a fumble which was recovered by Tech.

Slay finished the season with eight forced fumbles in 2005, but the single-game record was broken by Louisville defensive end Elvis Dumervil who had 10 last season.

Accompanying Slay last season in the starting secondary were senior strong safety Vincent Meeks and cornerbacks Khalid Nazruddin and Antonio Huffman — who all helped the Red Raiders peak into the top 20 defensively in the nation.

Currently, as Tech enters the 2006 season, Huffman is the only returning starter to the secondary. Slay, Meeks and former team captain Nazruddin have departed from the collegiate level.

Replacing those three defensive catalysts and repeating their success may be a daunting task. But one newcomer to the starting defensive secondary received some rather worthy advice from the head-on collision that was Slay.

"Slay said close your eyes and go full head speed," sophomore free

safety and Slay's replacement Darcel McBath said. "Oh man, coming behind Slay, I've got some big shoes to fill. That's no doubt. He's a great player. I'm just trying to bring my part of the game to it, I mean I feel like I have some good things to offer."

Alongside McBath at strong safety will be junior Joe Garcia to help patrol the skies. Although Garcia started two games last season in place of Meeks, he said he is anxious to get back on the field and achieve some of his personal goals.

"I've got my own goals," Garcia said. "Just go out there and work hard. Last year I started the first two games so I know how that feels already. Going through the season I'll be used to it (starting), but it will be fun though, I can't wait."

Huffman said replacing the likes of Slay and Nazruddin may be rough, but the younger guys stepping in their shadows have the potential to live up to expectations.

"Those guys (Slay, Khalid), you know, definitely hard to replace them," the senior cornerback said.

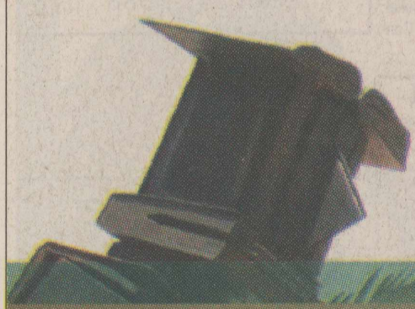
"I mean Slay, Khalid and Meeks and all those guys in the secondary was great guys, great athletes, but then again, you know, we have younger guys coming in who are just as good an athlete. The thing is, we just got to get them in here and learn the system, you know, and once they learn the system, their athletic ability will come to play and they'll be also great players as well."

In 2005, Huffman tallied 35 tackles, with two for loss, one interception, a fumble recovery and four pass deflections. Stepping in for Nazruddin on the right side of the secondary will be junior Chris Parker. In 10 games last season, Parker made 21 tackles with three for loss, one interception and five pass deflections.

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