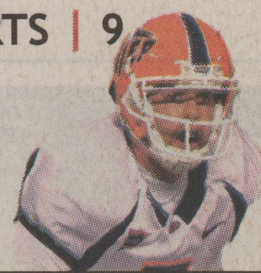




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Gov. Perry pledges
\$500,000 in state money

ARLINGTON (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry pledged more than \$500,000 in state money on Tuesday to help clean up the Trinity River, which provides water to 40 percent of the state's population but has a long history of water-quality problems.

The Trinity River Basin Environmental Restoration project will try to improve the water quality in the river and its tributaries through storm water control, irrigation and education.

"If Texans all along the Trinity River band together to fully protect its water quality and restore the river to its more pristine past, it will have a dramatic impact on birds and wildlife, ecotourism," Perry said.

NATION

Vote on Rumsfeld
fizzling out in senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats pushed for a vote Wednesday calling for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to be fired, but Republicans moved to head them off. Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., submitted the resolution, which blasted the Bush administration's Iraq policy. "Staying the course" is not a strategy for success, he said. Republicans called the move a political stunt and stood by Rumsfeld.

WORLD

Israel plans to end
Lebanese blockade

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel said it would lift its stifling air and sea blockade of Lebanon on Thursday, marking a crucial breakthrough in international efforts to rebuild from the war between Israel and Hezbollah guerrillas. The move, announced Wednesday by the prime minister's office, will be the first major test for the U.N. force charged with keeping the peace and preventing arms shipments from reaching Hezbollah.

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Bush admits to secret CIA prisons

By DEB RIECHMANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Wednesday acknowledged for the first time that the CIA runs secret prisons overseas and said tough interrogation forced terrorist leaders to reveal plots to attack the United States and its allies.

Bush said 14 suspects — including the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks and architects of the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole

and the U.S. Embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania — had been turned over to the Defense Department and moved to the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for trial.

"This program has been, and remains, one of the most vital tools in our war against the terrorists," Bush said.

"Were it not for this program, our intelligence community believes that al-Qaida and its allies would have succeeded in launching another attack against the American

homeland."

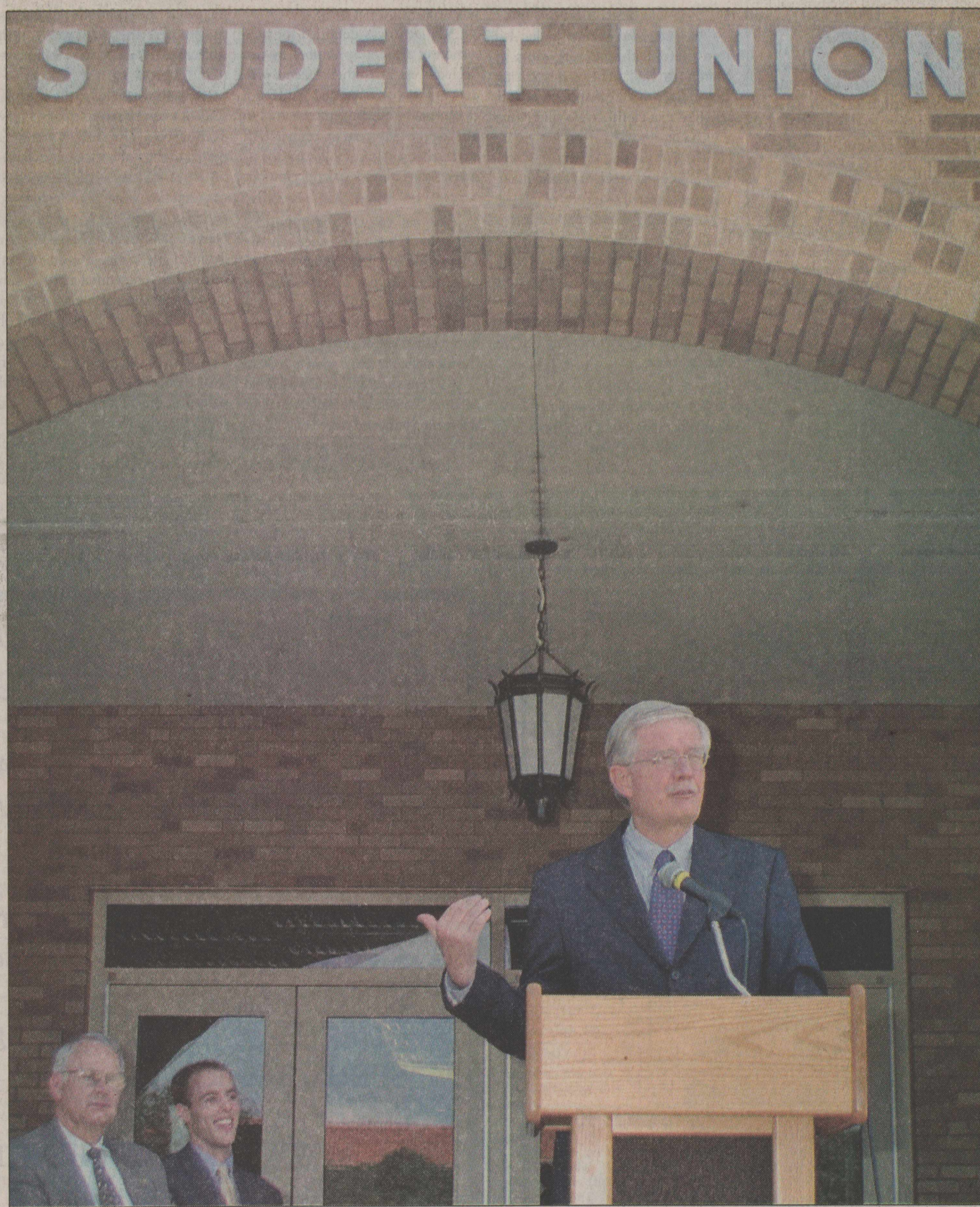
Releasing information declassified just hours earlier, Bush said the capture of one terrorist just months after the Sept. 11 attacks had led to the capture of another and then another, and had revealed planning for attacks using airplanes, car bombs and anthrax.

Nearing the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11, Bush pressed Congress to quickly pass administration-drafted legislation authorizing the use of military commissions for trials of

terror suspects. Legislation is needed because the Supreme Court in June said the administration's plan for trying detainees in military tribunals violated U.S. and international law.

The president's speech, his third in a recent series about the war on terror, gave him an opportunity to shore up his administration's credentials on national security two months before congressional elections at a time when Americans are growing weary of the war in Iraq.

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MICHAEL ELLICOTT, VICE chancellor of facilities planning and construction, and SGA President Ryan Worley listen to President Jon Whitmore's speech Wednesday at the grand opening of the Student Union Building.

OPENING IN GRAND FASHION

Students, faculty celebrate completion
of Student Union Building on campus

By JOSH HULL
STAFF WRITER



TOM SHUBERT, FORMER director of the Student Union, and Mike Shonrock, the vice president of Student Affairs, give their 'Guns Up' before giving a speech Wednesday afternoon at the grand opening of the Student Union Building.

Students and faculty gathered Wednesday in the afternoon sun at the north entrance of the Student Union Building to celebrate the official grand opening of the completed facility after more than five years of construction.

The faculty and staff in attendance included many of the individuals directly involved with the construction of the building, as well as Jon Whitmore, president of Texas Tech University, and Ryan Worley, president of the Student Government Association.

Worley opened the event by thanking the students. He said without them the project never would have gotten off the ground.

"We are standing here to recognize the vision of the students," Worley said.

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'Oh hail to the bus driver man'

Spend the day in the
life of a Citibus driver

By ANNA SCHUMANN
STAFF WRITER

Many students greet him when they see him and thank him when they leave him, but few students have taken the time to get to know Citibus Tech shuttle driver Bill Nichols.

Nichols, who has been driving a bus for 28 years and for two semesters at Tech, said it is easy for him to say what his favorite part of driving a bus is.

"That's an easy question," he said. "The students. And Tech students are so good. It's such a pleasure."

Nichols drives the Red Raider bus route now and said he misses driving the off-campus routes because he got to interact with students who rode the bus every day.

Nichols has dealt with many students in his lifetime, he said. He was a teacher and coach for 32 years.

He is certified to teach speech, health, physical education and history and has coached football, track and basketball.

In his 32 years, he said, he has taught at every kind of school from 1A to 5A in Odessa, Lubbock and Rockport. He said he liked coaching football everywhere but liked teaching students at smaller schools more.

"They just seemed more well-rounded," he said. "Students at bigger schools had to specialize in something, some sport. Kids at smaller schools can play football, tennis, track — everything."

Nichols said he once coached a man who coaches at Brownwood and whose son is a quarterback for the University of Miami.

"That's how long I've been teaching," he said.

Nichols said his job now is like teaching because he only works when school is in session.

Nichols, who was retired for two and a half years before driving a bus at Tech, said he likes to play golf over the summer and during his spare time.

"I work more hours than I'd like to now," he said, "but it works out because I can golf in the morning and come here and drive the bus in the afternoon."

Not only does the timing of his job suit his schedule, he said, but it helps him play better.

"Driving the bus helps me tighten my shoulders for golf," Nichols laughed.

When Nichols is not at work, he said he likes watching sports in person or on television.

Though his favorite sport to play is golf, he said he loves watching football. He holds season tickets to Tech football games and says he predicts victory for the Red

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KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toreador

BILL NICHOLS, a Citibus Tech shuttle driver, follows his route through campus while picking up Texas Tech students Wednesday afternoon.

Driver

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Raiders this season.

"I'll say 13-0. Big 12 Champs," he said.

Nichols has been a Tech fan for many years. He completed his graduate degree in economics at Tech. One thing that really bothers him, he said, is when students wear attire from other universities on campus.

"Why would you wear a UT hat at Tech?" he yelled to a passing student. "Go Tech, Guns Up."

One time, Nichols said, he would not allow a student wearing a Longhorn cap to get on the bus.

"I told him he had to turn it around or inside out before he could get on my bus. He laughed, but I was serious," he said.

Nichols shows his Tech spirit to other campus bus drivers by giving them the "guns up" in passing.

He worked on his undergraduate degree at what was Texas Western and now is the University of Texas at El Paso before serving in the U.S. Air Force for four years.

Nichols said the best part of serving in the Air Force was the funding for his education. He said he likes to joke that he did a fantastic job defending the air while stationed in California.

"We weren't attacked the whole time I worked there," he said.

After living in Odessa for several years, he said he decided to retire in Lubbock because of family and

because he thinks Lubbock is the best place for seniors to golf.

On weekends, he said he likes to play in golf tournaments and watch all sports.

"I probably watch the golf channel more than anything," Nichols said.

Nichols said his favorite movies are "Hoosiers," "Rudy" and "Patton." He said it is hard to determine his favorite movies, but "Friday Night Lights" is not one of them.

"I was there. I coached at Odessa. That movie was some guy from Pennsylvania trying to write about West Texas," Nichols said.

He said he hoped he could travel more now that he is retired, but since gas prices are so high, he does not think he can.

Nichols said he would like to go to the California coast to visit one of his sons. One of his goals, he said, is to attend major football games with teams such as Michigan and Notre Dame. He said he hopes he can go next year.

In a three-hour period on the bus, Nichols greeted approximately 200 student bus riders. Of those students, 15 students greeted him back and 32 students thanked him at the end of their ride.

He said he does not know how he would describe himself.

"I'm just an old retired guy trying to subsidize my Social Security," he said.

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Lubbock Police blotter

Aug. 31, 2006

In an undercover police operation, a man was arrested at the 500 block of North Martin Luther King Boulevard. Police said the man approached the officer attempting to sell drugs. Police said the man flagged the officer down and asked the officer what he wanted to buy. The suspect ran when the officer showed the man his badge. The officer caught the suspect shortly after. The man refused to give his home address to police. Police arrested him for possession of paraphernalia, evading arrest and failure to identify.

In an undercover sting operation, police arrested a woman for prostitution at the 1300 block of 65th Drive. A police officer said the woman approached him and offered to perform oral sex for a fee. She was arrested for charges of prostitution and possession of paraphernalia in a drug-free zone. A Lubbock police officer arrested

a man for public intoxication at the 3900 block of 21st Street. Police arrived at the scene to find a drunk man refusing to leave the lobby of an inn. An employee at the inn told police the drunk male attempted to rent a room but was denied because of his current state. Police said the man fell asleep in the lobby after he was refused a room. Police said when they examined the man, he reeked of alcohol. Police said they attempted to ask the man questions, but he was too drunk to reply. According to reports, the drunk man said he did not know where he was or how he got on the couch. Police said the man's eyes were extremely red and he talked with a thick slur. Police said they believed the man was a danger to himself and others, so they arrested him and transported him to the detention facility.

Lubbock police arrested a man for possession of drug paraphernalia in the 5500 block of 48th

Street. Police said they received a call in reference to a domestic disturbance. When police arrived at the scene, the man attempted to leave in his 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier. The police caught him and placed the man under arrest.

A Lubbock woman was arrested for criminal trespass at the 1400 block of Broadway Street. Police said an individual asked the loud and profane suspect to leave the business several times. The woman refused to leave and continued to disturb employees and customers. After police arrived, the suspect continued to act disorderly. She was placed under arrest for criminal trespass and was transported to the county jail.

A Lubbock female was arrested at the United Supermarket on the 1700 block of 50th Street for attempting to steal several food items. When police arrived, the store manager told police the woman was attempting to leave the

store with a package of flour tortillas, pepper-jack cheese, American cheese and a bottle of soda.

Police filed a report of domestic assault at the 3100 block of Duke Street. According to the police report, two victims claim unknown suspects chased them down to one of the victim's house. The suspects began to beat both victims with a drill causing injuries to each victim. Police did not find the suspects.

Sept. 1, 2006

Lubbock police arrested man at the 5800 block of 19th Street for driving while intoxicated and two warrants. Police said they watched the male drive recklessly in his silver 2001 GMC truck. The man was driving in multiple lanes and swerving from lane to lane, according to the report. Police pulled him over and determined he was intoxicated. Police placed him under arrest for a DWI.

—Paul Roberts/Staff Writer

Texas Tech Police blotter

Sept. 4

An unattended laundry basket led to a theft in the laundry room of Murdough Hall. After investigating the incident, a Tech police officer reported that clothes were taken from the basket.

The R18 parking lot was the location of a traffic accident, without any injuries reported. A Tech employee driving a Tech vehicle backed into a legally parked vehicle.

A driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated after a Tech officer observed a car crashing into a construction site. The crash occurred next to the Raiders Pass Apartments exit on Fourth Street.

Sept. 3

A non-student was detained by a Tech officer for minor in possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia. The incident occurred in the Z4-P parking lot following a welfare check. After being issued two Lubbock County citations, the non-student was

released.

A student was detained for possession of alcohol by a minor by two Tech officers. Five other students were detained for consumption of alcohol by a minor. The incident occurred in a residence hall room on campus. All students were released following the issuance of a Lubbock County citation.

Sept. 2

A stolen vehicle was found by University Parking Services in the C1 parking lot. The Lubbock Police Department responded and had the vehicle towed to its tow yard by a local company. Two Tech officers documented information concerning the incident.

A 911 medical emergency occurred at Sam's Place in Wall Hall. A student was feeling faint and passed out. Emergency Medical Services transported the student to the University Medical Center emergency room.

Several students were arrested around Jones AT&T Stadium on Saturday. Eight students were arrested in separate incidents by Tech officers

for public intoxication. All but one student were arrested at gate 6 of the stadium. All students were transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A reported fight led to the arrest of a student for public intoxication by two Tech officers. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Three students were detained for consumption of alcohol by a minor and another student was detained for public intoxication. The students were detained after a report was made concerning two unescorted males causing a disturbance in the lobby of Stangel Hall. The students were issued Lubbock County citations and released. The student detained for public intoxication was released to a responsible party pending the filing of charges with Judge Blackburn's office.

A student was detained by a Tech officer for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of alcohol by a minor and possession of marijuana. The discovery of these items occurred after a traffic stop in the 3200 block of 18th Street. Two Lubbock County

citations were issued to the student for the possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of alcohol by a minor. The student was released pending the filing of charges with the Lubbock District Attorney's office for possession of marijuana.

Sept. 1

A student suffered a seizure in the Mass Communications building leading to a Tech officer responding to the 911 medical emergency. The student was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room by Emergency Medical Services. The Texas Department of Public Safety Driver Improvement Bureau received a completed examination/investigation request.

A female student struck her boyfriend, also a Tech student, in the face leading to an investigation by two Tech officers of assault and domestic violence. The incident occurred in a residence hall room on campus. The case will be presented to the Lubbock County District Attorney's office.

—Naomi Kaskela/Staff Writer

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Freshmen face limited chances to withdraw

By SARAH WHETSTONE
STAFF WRITER

After Sept. 13 the hundreds of dollars spent on classes at Texas Tech will be nonrefundable, and the luxury of dropping classes will no longer be available.

As the drop/add period comes to a close, students will have to endure their classes for the remainder of the semester, or take a withdrawal, which for half of the students on campus and for all incoming students is a limited resource, said Avery Davis, academic adviser for the department of communications studies.

"Starting with the freshman who came in 2005, students will only be allowed four withdrawals," Davis said. "Transfer students are only allowed three. After that students will have to buck up and do well in the class because they know they have to, or they will just have to take the bad grade."

Jeffrey Woldstad, associate dean of undergraduate studies, said allowing four Ws will give students the flexibility to withdraw from classes when absolutely necessary as well

as curb the nonchalant attitude of withdrawing from difficult classes.

"The university would like students to take a class, take it seriously, then take the next one," Woldstad said. "But there are always circumstances, like a student gets hurt or sick, or a death in the family that prevents them from being in class."

Davis said that the majority of students who tend to drop classes are freshmen.

"Freshmen don't take it seriously because they don't see the big picture," Davis said. "No one is forcing them to go to class and they think they can just drop. Upperclassmen can see the light at the end of the tunnel, and they know that if they withdraw from a class, it might throw off their whole graduation schedule. This new rule is going to help that."

Woldstad said the high freshmen withdrawal rate is because of the transition that freshmen face coming from high school to college.

"Freshmen don't have a lot of practice with time management," Woldstad said. "They're not ready for school yet, and they don't know what they're getting into quite yet."

It's pretty hard to judge your work load when you don't know how hard classes are or how much time they are going to take."

Allowing four withdrawals will let freshmen get a grasp of college classes and plan their schedules accordingly to avoid having to withdraw too often, he said.

"Sometimes students get in over their heads and they withdraw from a class to control work load," Woldstad said. "After that they should be able to judge the work load they can handle."

Woldstad said though withdrawing can be necessary, eliminating the unlimited withdrawal allowance will save money as well as ensure students don't intentionally sign up for classes they know they will drop.

"We would have students signing up for six classes and dropping two of them," Woldstad said. "That creates a bunch of problems. A lot of our classes get full, and when a student withdraws, it leaves a hole where another student could be sitting."

David Cole, a junior advertising major from Hurst, said for upperclassmen, reasons other than poor grades exist for dropping classes.

"Sometimes the work load is just overwhelming," Cole said. "Sometimes you need to improve your GPA as opposed to getting your classes out of the way."

The consequences of withdrawing from classes consist of more than just having to retake the course, Davis said.

"It's not only going to hurt you financially," Davis said. "But academically it's not a good decision. Ws show up on transcripts, and even if you get a grade replacement, it only effects the adjusted GPA. Graduate schools and some employers will look at the cumulative GPA and that W or possibly a WF will still be reflected."

Davis said the goal of her department and of other departments across the university is to encourage students to graduate on time and reduce the number of Ws.

"If they know they have to complete the course, there is more incentive to follow through," Davis said.

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SURVEY SAYS ...



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Treador
MICHAEL BAEZ, A sophomore landscape architecture major from San Antonio, Jared Ferguson, a sophomore landscape architecture major from Buffalo, and Chelsey Reeves, a junior landscape architecture major from Lamesa, compare answers with Daniel Salas, a junior civil engineering major from Amarillo, during a surveying class Wednesday afternoon.

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7:30 AM	Clifford			Life Today			Paid Program
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8:30 AM	It's Big World			Eye for an Eye	Critter Gitters		Roseanne
9:00 AM	Sesame Street		700 Club	Judge Mathis	Paid Program	Tony Danza Show	Martha "Julie Bowen"
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12:30 PM	Watercolor	Days of Our Lives	Book & Beaut.		Cosby Show		Extra
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3:00 PM	Cyberchase	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Maury Povich	Bernie Mac	Geraldo	Fox 34 News
4:00 PM	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Maury Povich	Bernie Mac	Geraldo	First @ Four
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5:00 PM	Mya Miguel	News	KLBK 13 News	Access	Yes, Dear	ABC News	Simpsons
5:30 PM	Bus Report	News	CBS News	Family Feud	Yes, Dear	ABC News	Simpsons
6:00 PM	NewsHour with Jim Lehrer	Wheel Fortune	Millionaire	Family Feud	King Qu.	News	Friends
6:30 PM	This Old House Hour	Kickoff (HD)	Big Brother 7: All-Stars	Extra	King Qu.	Entertainment	Raymond
7:00 PM	Road to 911	Dolphins at Steelers (Live) (HD)	CSI: Crime 1 Like to Watch	Fashion House (HD)	Supernatural (HD)	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Celebrity Duets '7 Perform
7:30 PM	Ties That Bind	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	Wife and Kids	Wife and Kids	Primetime	Fox 34 News@Nine
8:00 PM	Bus Report	KLBK 13 News	70s	Sex and City	Sex and City	News	Seinfeld
8:30 PM	Charlie Rose	(35) Late Show (HD)	(85) Jay Leno (HD)	King of Hill	Malcolm	(35) Nightline	Seinfeld
9:00 PM	News	U.S. Tennis	Malcolm	Becker	Mad About	(35) ET	Frasier
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Democrats, hoping to make the elections a referendum on Bush's policies in Iraq and the war on terror, urged anew that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld be made to step down. They argued that the White House has mishandled the war, mismanaged the detainee system and failed to prosecute terrorists.

"Democrats take a back seat to no one in the fight against terror and using every resource to strengthen our national security," Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said. "By riding roughshod over our laws, the Bush

administration has made America less safe and made the war on terror harder to win."

With the transfer of the 14 men to Guantanamo, there currently are no detainees being held by the CIA, Bush said. A senior administration

official said the CIA had detained fewer than 100 suspected terrorists in the history of the program.

Still, Bush said "having a CIA program for questioning terrorists will continue to be crucial to getting lifesaving information."

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OPINIONS

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 7, 2006

Hollywood not root of all evil

In today's world, it's seemingly impossible to find morals in the media. Sex is all over television, and you can't listen to the radio without hearing a half-dozen expletives and sexual references in every song.

Chris Kellerman



Thankfully, though, there's one place where Americans can turn to find countless hours of both wholesome and morally strong entertainment — Hollywood. You might think I'm crazy for praising Hollywood's morals, but if you take a look at what the so-called "Hollywood liberals" have produced in the past five years as opposed to television and music, you'll see that the only place to find morals in entertainment is at the movies.

Certainly, not every movie today is chock-full of values, but as a whole, you can find great films that truly inspire the moviegoer. Take a look at some of the following: "Spider-Man 2," a box-office hit that didn't need coarse language or sex to teach us what's important in life; "Crash," the Oscar-winning film that encouraged us to look at racism in today's society; and "The Passion of the Christ," an epic film that was centered around sacrifice and faith. I could list dozens of films made in the past five years that talked about the human spirit ("Cinderella Man"), moral complexity ("Munich"), and hope amidst tragedy ("Hotel Rwanda").

Believe it or not, it's also Hollywood actors who are taking the lead in promoting their faith and values in a world that lacks both. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt spend all their time off the movie set trying to improve the lives of Africans. While this summer, Oliver Stone and Paul Green- grass helped remind Americans about the tragedy of 9/11 that so many were forgetting. Mel Gibson wasn't afraid to sacrifice his career to make a movie about Jesus Christ. And while many of us may not agree with Tom Cruise's beliefs, at least he sticks to them. Turn on a music awards show these days, and you'll be bombarded with musicians thanking God for helping their album about drugs and premarital sex succeed.

As the opening song to "Full House" once asked us, "Whatever happened to predictability — the milkman, the paperboy, evening TV?" Well, move over, Danny Tanner, because evening TV today is as predictable as it was

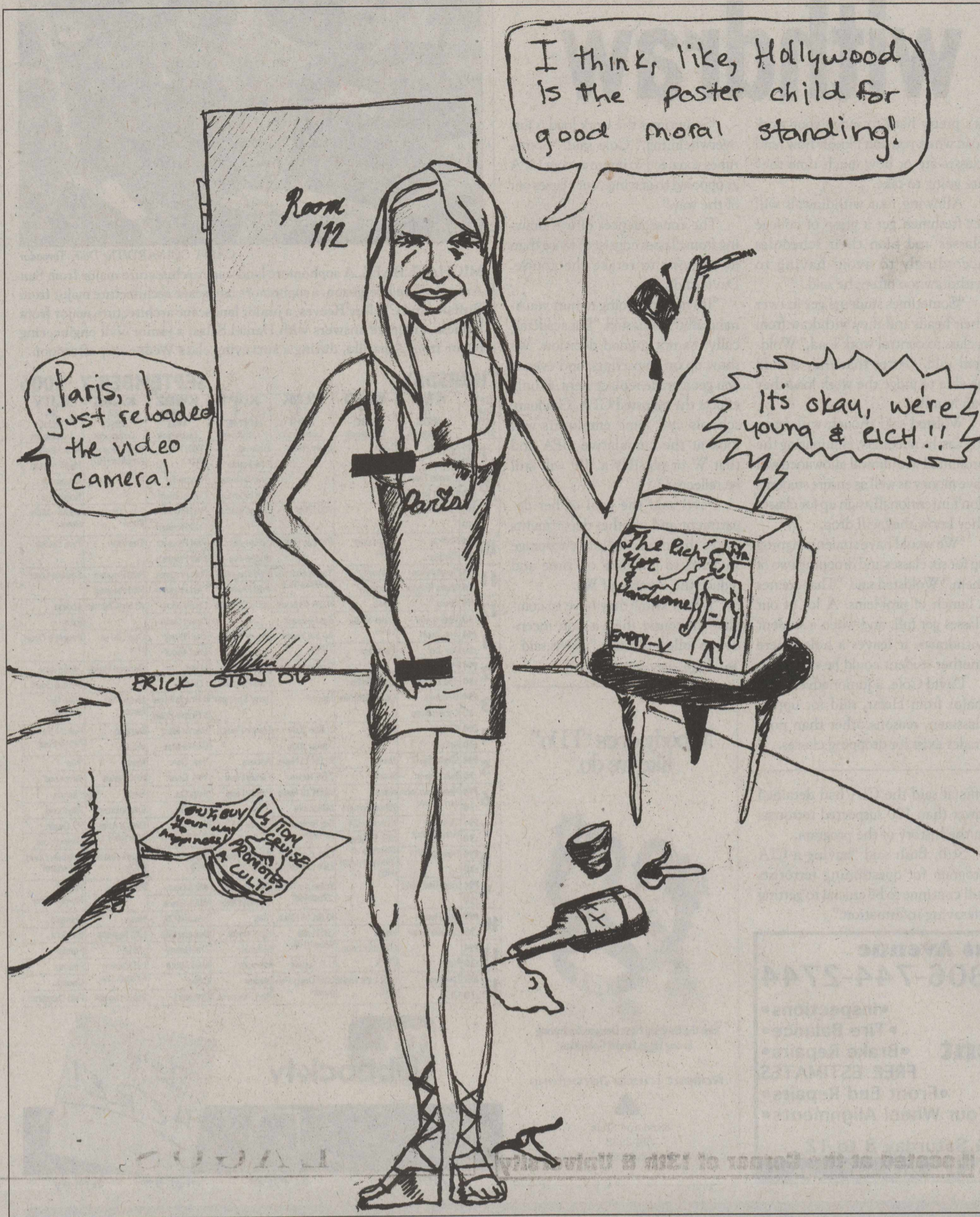
back when you were growing up. However, while a few decades ago you could expect to see Greg Brady and Keith Partridge nervous about asking a girl for a soda after school, today you'd be just as likely to see those same boys sleeping together on MTV.

Good ol' MTV. They used to show music on the channel. Now you turn on MTV to see drugs, sex and unending crude language. Anybody see the Video Music Awards? It was just another example of MTV completely abandoning music to embrace the culture of sex. They won't shut up about birth control and fighting sexually transmitted diseases. How about instead of promoting "safe sex" with multiple partners, they stop showing the cast of the Real World showering together every week?

Well, let's turn off MTV and switch to America's No. 1 network television station, — ABC. The same channel that used to have "Full House" and "Family Matters" now has "Desperate Housewives," which promotes adultery and completely revolves around the culture of sex in the United States. Not that ABC has any more wholesome programming on the other nights of the week. Take "Grey's Anatomy," for example. Who in the world would want to go to a hospital where all the surgeons have slept with 75 percent of their colleagues? Check in with a bomb in your chest and you can check out with a couple STDs. Now that's service.

While there may be some good programs on TV and a few dozen good musicians on the radio, as a whole, television and music have truly failed us. It has infected our youth, and now you can't walk around a college campus without hearing foul-mouthed music and seeing the MTV culture of sex. At least we can look to our faith for values. When we're not at Sunday services, however, we can thank God for Hollywood. Since you can't turn on the TV or radio for 10 minutes without having tons of trash thrown at you, \$7.75 for two hours of peace seems like a giveaway.

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Before elections, Republicans need stance on immigration

As Congress reconvenes in Washington this week, lawmakers will begin their final session before breaking for elections. The Republican leadership in the House of Representatives has already established what their focus will be for these remaining 19 days, and one key item seems to be missing — immigration. You remember immigration right? The hot-button issue that sparked protests across America and thrust itself into the forefront of American politics? Well guess what, the same issue that has long been ignored by Washington is retaking its place at the back of the line.

It appears as if Republicans have decided immigration is too volatile a topic to be discussed so close to the November elections. Despite the incessant calls last spring to fix the imminent immigration crisis in America, Congress is no closer to sending a bill to President Bush than Lebanon is to declaring itself a protectorate of Israel.

Rather than face the issue and open up an honest discussion in America, Republicans will instead go with their old standby — national security. Although national security remains the Republican's strongest issue, it means absolutely nothing without a secure border.

Trey Caliva



While the issue of national security has already kept Republicans in charge of Washington for the past two elections, I fear they can only ride that horse for so long. If voters at all believe that Republicans look ineffective as leaders, watch out, you may see the Democrats slip back into power on Capitol Hill. Quite frankly, the decision of Republican leadership to completely ignore the entire immigration issue has this columnist scratching his head. Was immigration not one of the most important issues facing America as said by countless members of Congress, a majority of whom are Republican?

In the face of protests and pressure from even the Bush Administration, both the House and Senate were able to pass bills on immigration reform. Those bills on the table differ greatly in their language and scope, yet they're still on the table, and neither side has been willing

to negotiate an agreement. Is the final 19-day session too short for grown and, supposedly, wise adults to come to a compromise? It would appear so.

Usually breaking such an impasse would fall to the President, but things being the way they are, no one facing reelection even wants so much as to have President Bush's number on their phone bill. Nevertheless, the situation affords an enormous opportunity for the taking. The party members who can step up, initiate and succeed with a compromise will be rewarded with praise and recognition. In the current situation, all you get are Republicans looking stationary and Democrats complaining about how much better they could be doing.

Republicans want to avoid answering tough questions during an election year, but if such an issue is so vital to America's interests, shouldn't they at least mention it in passing? Of all the things you should avoid doing in an election year, inactivity is at the top of the list. The American people want to hear that at least something is being discussed. I'm sure the majority of Americans who vote know that immigration is not an issue that lawmakers are going to agree on overnight, but an

agreement is never going to happen with politicians sitting around worried about what everyone is going to think about them.

Americans overwhelmingly agree they want a secure border. They don't want illegal immigrants in America, but they do want those willing to work here to have the ability to do so freely.

Republicans need to set their position on the issue and take it to the people. Those voters who are against those principles aren't going to vote for Republicans anyway. The GOP can meet the challenge of immigration reform and win the battle. But they must first be willing to do so.

The Republican leadership needs to focus on being a proactive party willing to tackle the tough issues in America. These last 19 days of the current Congressional session will define the party for the next two years.

Will they be a party of action, of the issues and of the people? Or will they drag their feet, be unwilling to tackle any tough issue and refuse to talk about anything? Only time will tell.

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A VIEW FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

Facebook fumbles with changes to Web site, creeping out students

(U-WIRE) TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Since the end of fall 2004, when the University of Alabama opened up to Facebook.com, many students here have become addicted — admittedly even a few of us on the editorial board.

It's become rare to find a student who doesn't have a Facebook profile and who hasn't taken the plunge to search its depth of knowledge.

We're even willing to admit we've used it occasionally to search out information to contact students for a story.

Since its inception, Facebook has undergone many changes. Each one is usually initially met with trepidation but then accepted as part of the Facebook experience.

But now, as all the chattering Facebook members couldn't stop talking about Wednesday, the latest changes are dramatic and overwhelming. These new changes give us the creeps.

Facebook, like many profile sites, can be used for "stalking." We know many of you religiously check your friends' updated profiles to see what's going on in their day-to-day lives, but there are always things you're bound to miss.

But now, with the Facebook news feed, you can't miss what's going on in your friends' day-to-day lives. You can just log on and see that Peggy Sue and Billy Bob ended their relationship (broken heart illustration included), or that Johnny Ray wrote on Jenny May's wall, with big quotes to show you exactly what he wrote.

Also, when you click on your friend's page, it now shows you not just that your friend updated his profile but exactly what he added.

We think this is taking it a bit too far. We all are living in the Internet age, an age of unprecedented technological advances, especially in the realm of communication. It

has totally revolutionized the way students get to know one another and how we get in touch with each other.

With the Internet's broadness comes narrowing privacy. That's why we aren't ready for the new Facebook changes. What little bit of privacy we had is now gone, and it makes us feel uncomfortable.

Nothing has made us cringe like this since we had to rank our friends on our MySpace Top 8. But, even they know where the line is and how not to cross it.

We want our Facebook back to normal. We want to write on people's walls, add friends and groups and change our profiles without the whole world being notified.

So, change it back, so we can stalk privately — you know, the way stalking should be done.

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Students get education on effects of substance abuse

By LIZ BOYD
STAFF WRITER

September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, which recognizes the damaging effect of substance abuse and renews support for those battling addictions.

According to <http://www.whitehouse.gov>, the Bush administration has provided nearly \$300 million during the past three years for citizens to access recovery facilities throughout the nation.

The Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery at Texas Tech offers students already recovering from substance abuse and eating disorders support, said Kelly West, director of external relations for the center.

"People need to know that there are students in every college recovering from substance abuse or an eating

disorder," West said. "And we're here to help and support them."

The center works with more than 75 recovering students to help them maintain a clean lifestyle and return to classes, West said.

West said the center has grown during the past few years and will be moving into a new facility next to the Human Sciences building by the end of October.

The new facility will provide more room for the students and faculty of the center, West said.

The center also works with Student Health Services, Center for Campus Life, Residence Life and the Student Counseling Center, West said.

"Working with these groups helps us advise recovering students and give students who need further help the information they need to get that help," West said.

The center will celebrate its 20th anniversary Nov. 2, just before the dedication of the new building, West said.

West said it is amazing how prevalent substance abuse has become.

According to a study conducted in 2003 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, one in 10 young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 were heavy drinkers and more than two in five were binge drinkers.

According to <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov>, 33.7 percent of all college students in 2003 admitted to smoking marijuana in the past year.

During Recovery Month, the center will offer several informational workshops and meetings to educate students about substance abuse.

One of the workshops is called the Alcohol-free Weekend Challenge, West said.

This event will challenge students to stay substance-free from 7 p.m. Sept. 21 through 7 a.m. Sept. 24,

after which students will submit essays describing their experience for a chance to upgrade their iPod or win a Bose SoundDock system.

"We want students to learn that there is an alternative to binge culture," West said. "Students can have fun without drinking."

Ann Ratanasavetanvadhana, a senior sociology and criminology major from Midland, said it's hard for her to define the word abuse.

"It is difficult to determine if someone is abusing alcohol in college," Ratanasavetanvadhana said. "Drinking is so widespread that it seems hard to say if someone has a problem or not."

Ratanasavetanvadhana said she had a friend who was abusing alcohol. She wanted to help her friend, but she said she feels the only way someone with a real problem can recover is by realizing they have a problem.

The center would be a great way for friends to help friends, Ratanasa-

vetanvadhana said.

Ratanasavetanvadhana said she had never heard about the center and is glad such a place exists.

"I think it's great that there is a place on campus to support recovering students," she said.

West said Recovery Month will be

a good time to educate students about the center, but more importantly, about the risks of substance abuse and how to prevent abuse itself.

The center will observe its own Alcohol Awareness and Recovery Week starting Sept. 18.

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RECOVERY MONTH EVENTS

Tuesday, Sept. 19

You know your drinks. Do you know your drinking patterns? — Find out if personal drinking patterns are safe by participating in a brief, personalized and confidential screening, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Union Building second floor all-purpose and Playa rooms and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Smashed: Story of a Drunken Girlhood — Author Koren Zailckas reading and presentation — From

earliest experimentation to habitual excess to full-blown abuse, 24-year-old Koren talks about her experience of a terrifying trend among young girls, exploring how binge drinking becomes routine, how it becomes "the usual," 7:30 p.m. in the Allen Theatre, Student Union Building

Thursday, Sept. 21

Join the weekly meeting of the Collegiate Recovery Community — where recovering students and individuals from the community celebrate sobriety birthdays, 7 p.m. in Human Sciences 226

Student Government to hold first meeting

By ANDREW GLOVER
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Association will conduct its first meeting Thursday to discuss legislation to benefit the senators and Tech students.

Internal Vice President Matt Fowler, student officer Natalie Williams and the Rules and Administration Committee met Tuesday to decide what legislation made the agenda.

Fowler said the Rules and Administration Committee is like the federal government agency in that it prepares the agenda, determines what discussion is allowed on the floor and reviews legislation.

He said the first resolution will be the committee report and the senate will consent to the appointments of different committees. Some of the committees include the freshman council, election commission and presidential committees.

Fowler said the senate will discuss the resolution of the location of the Texas A&M-Tech football game and the importance of keeping the game

in Lubbock every other year. He said students pay an athletic fee of \$104 to attend all home athletic events and the fee generates \$2.25 million a year for athletics.

He said the money athletics receives helps with scholarships and helps pay for the construction of the United Spirit Arena.

"We think it is important that the Texas A&M game stays where it is accessible to students," Fowler said.

Williams said there will be some benefit for students if the game gets moved to Dallas. Neither Fowler nor Williams commented on the specifics of the benefits, but they said they hope it does not get to that point.

Fowler said the SGA does have a voice on the football game issue.

"We pay the athletic fee and are one of the largest supporters of Tech athletics, and that should help sway the decision making," Fowler said.

Williams said most people she talked to were against the game moving to Dallas.

"I sent surveys to Red Raider Camps and the majority want it to stay

a home-home series," Williams said.

Jimmy Contreras, a sophomore computer science major from Amarillo, said he wants to keep the Tech-A&M game in Lubbock every other year instead of moving the game to Dallas.

According to a poll on *The Daily Toreador* Web site, 72 percent of respondents were against the game moving to Dallas.

Fowler said another resolution is to welcome Matthew Ducatt to Tech and congratulate him on being hired as director of the Student Union Building.

Fowler said it has been a pleasure working with Ducatt so far.

Ducatt said the SGA puts on a number of events and transportation for Tech like RaiderGate, Safe Ride and bus systems, but have no risk management plan. The senate is going to try and institute resolution where the SGA would have to contact the Office of Risk Management every two years for a risk management plan assessment.

Fowler said the SGA wants com-

mittees to draft reports on pending legislation and the senate decisions on the legislation.

"We want to do that so when senators look back at previous legislation they can see how we decided on it," Fowler said.

Williams said the reports will keep the senators accountable.

"If we have to write down our legislation that we passed, we have to see progress," Williams said.

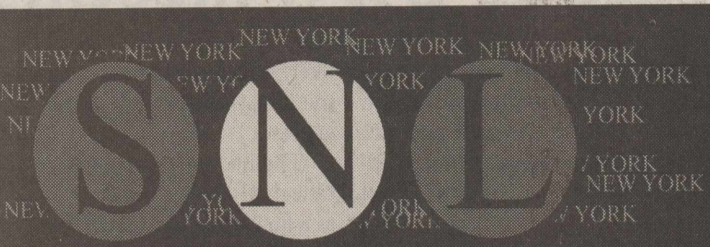
Fowler said the other resolution that will be discussed is the concurrent resolution concerning the leisure pool. The leisure pool referendum will be placed on the Oct. 6 Homecoming Ballot.

Williams said the SGA has done a lot of research on constructing the leisure pool.

"We've had people travel to other schools and had them look at what the school has and what they like and didn't like," Williams said.

Fowler said if the students approve of the leisure pool, the SGA will take the next step.

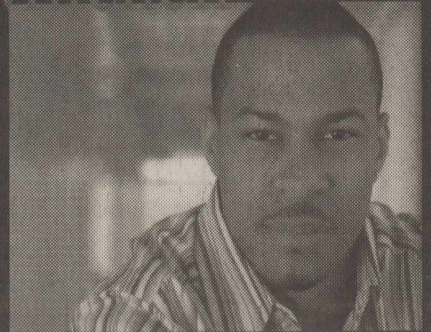
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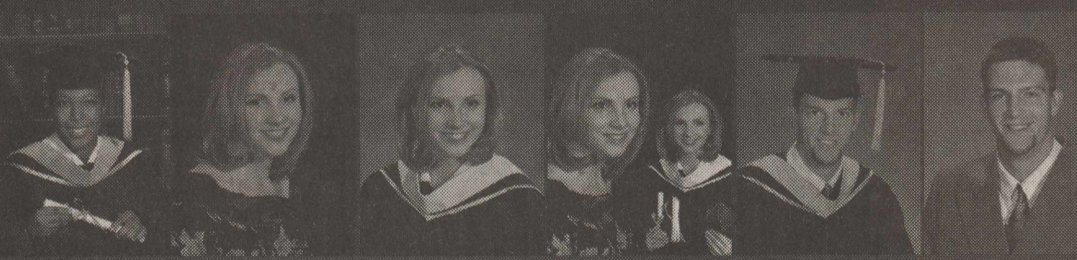
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Campolo comes to campus

By JESSICA HENDRICKS
STAFF WRITER

"Good News! Things are changing for the better!" Tony Campolo wrote in his latest newsletter. "Young people are recovering their idealism." Campolo, an evangelical commentator on religious, social and political matters, is also the author of more than 32 books and is active in programs to help "at-risk" children around the world, according to his Web site at <http://www.tonymcampolo.org>.

Campolo, who additionally serves as an advocate for social justice issues and as an ordained minister, will be sharing his passion for these topics at 7 p.m. today at the Texas Tech Frazier Pavilion.

Greg Haseloff, the Wesley Foundation's director, said Lakewood Methodist Church and the Wesley Foundation teamed up to bring Campolo to Lubbock.

"He has such a passion about the kingdom of God and about social justice," he said. "We think that's such a relevant message for Texas Tech students."

Haseloff said Campolo will speak about living with passion and discuss the choices students face when deciding on a major and a career.

"He speaks with such compassion that he would definitely be on my list of top five speakers and preachers," he said. "He's just someone you don't want to miss."

Campolo is a professor of sociology at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa., and a recognized associate pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church in West Philadelphia, according to his Web site. He has been a guest on several television shows such as "Nightline," "Crossfire," "Politically Incorrect" and "Larry King Live" and also hosted his own series, "Hashing it Out."

He even gained recognition by a past president.

Haseloff said in the late '90s Campolo was asked by President Clinton to be his spiritual adviser.

He said he remembered Campolo saying he could not help but agree when Clinton was asking for his help.

In addition to all of these accomplishments, Campolo may be most well-known for his work with the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. He is the founder and the president of the association and has been supporting various ministries for more than

30 years, according to his Web site.

Under his leadership, the association has developed schools, universities, adult and child literacy centers, tutoring programs, orphanages, AIDS hospices and long-term Christian service programs in the United States as well as other countries.

Haseloff said he went with the association on a trip to Haiti when he was in college.

"I know this organization has had significant work in that part of the world, like Haiti and the Dominican Republic, establishing schools, clinics and feeding people there," he said.

Becky Fuller, a senior human development and family studies major from Lubbock, said she first heard about Campolo years ago at her church.

"I am definitely going (to hear him speak)," she said. "I am looking forward to seeing this world-renowned speaker and see what he has to say."

Ryan Worley, Student Government Association president, said he had the opportunity to hear Campolo speak at a conference in Washington, D.C.

There were several senators and representatives speaking, and Campolo was the keynote speaker on the final day.

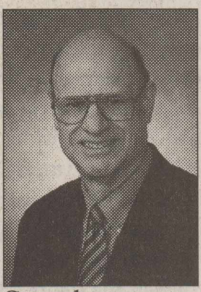
"When he spoke, he truly floored all of us," Worley said.

Campolo also will address the SGA about integrity and servant leadership on Friday.

"I think it's important that we do talk about integrity," he said. "It's a simple message, but it gets blurred a lot. I think hearing it from somebody like Tony who can deliver a message with such inspiration and passion will be a good opportunity."

Tech students are encouraged to hear Campolo speak tonight, Haseloff said. "We want to share him with the entire campus of Texas Tech."

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Campolo

BOWEN'S BACK IN TOWN

Texas Tech graduate returns to Lubbock to play four shows this semester

By IAN KLUMPP
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It is shaping up to be a Wade Bowen fall in Lubbock this year.

Bowen, a rising Texas country star and a Texas Tech graduate, is scheduled to play four different shows in the Hub City this semester, according to the band's Web site.

"(Wade Bowen) is a unique type of country," said Johnny Kisko, a 22-year-old exercise sports science and math major from Wall. "It's different than CMT; more authentic to West Texas."

On Sept. 22, Bowen is scheduled to play at Wild West.

Bowen said he enjoys playing at the venues in the Hub City because of the good vibes he feeds off of from the crowd. Lubbock also holds a special place in his heart because it the city in which he played his first shows at Blue Light and the original Stubbs Bar-B-Q, where he booked his first gig.

Bowen said he enjoys the type of atmosphere places like Wild West and Blue Light provide. He said he considers Blue Light his home because of how

often he was able to play there while a student at Tech. He said he plans to use that same type of small bar experience he has learned at Blue Light in his shows at Wild West.

In addition to entertaining the bar scene, Bowen also performs at Tech events — on Oct. 14 Bowen is set to play at Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Chili-fest.

"I am really looking forward to the Chili cook off," said Bowen.

He said when he was a student at Tech he regularly attended the cook-off and felt as though it catered to the type of crowd that can get excited about his music.

Chili-fest has a good cook-out type of atmosphere, with good music, good food, beer and people hanging out having a good time, said Bowen, describing

this type of show as one which he looks forward to playing.

In another performance addressing his student fan-base, Bowen is set to play RaiderGate Oct. 28 before the game against Texas.

"I remember watching Jack Ingram play RaiderGate," said Bowen. "I was really excited when they called me to do it."

The Tech graduate said he is still a huge fan of the Red Raiders and loves to play RaiderGate. The last few years he has been unable to stay for the game

after the concert due to rough touring schedules, but he said that this year, playing on Texas weekend, he hopes he is able to stay.

Tanner Kneese, an agricultural business student from Kerrville, said

he is excited about Bowen's upcoming show.

"I have been listening to Bowen for the last two years, and I am probably going to see him at RaiderGate," said Kneese.

Bowen said he really enjoys RaiderGate because the fans are having a good time and are excited no matter the weather conditions. He said he remembers in past years people coming out and partying in freezing weather.

After a little more than a month break from the Hub City, Bowen will be back to play at Wild West Dec. 6.

"Lubbock is Lubbock — it does not matter where you are playing, it's all still going to be a good time," said Bowen. "I love the fact that there is a lot of partying and the crowd just does not care. They just want to watch you perform."

With a fall filled with stops around the Lubbock area, the one-time Tech student said that it is going to be a fun semester for him, and he hopes the Tech crowd will stick with him and continue to come out to their shows.

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Costner leaves handprints, signature in cement

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Oscar winning actor-director Kevin Costner sunk his hands and feet into wet cement on Wednesday in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre — following, literally, in the footsteps of other stars.

"I feel so lucky today. I feel so guilty," mused the 51-year-old. "I've been able to live my dream. I've been able to stare down the bully, kiss the girl, and save the day. The staple of all Hollywood movies,

the fantasy of every man."

Quietly handsome, Costner jumped-started his sparkling film career with a lead role in 1985's comedy "Fandango," and went on to headline dozens of films, including "JFK" and "Field of Dreams."

In 1990, his Civil War epic "Dances with Wolves" snagged him Academy Awards for directing and best picture. He was also nominated for best actor.

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SNL comedian shows Tech how to 'Finesse'

Finesse Mitchell may be accustomed to performing in the glittering lights of the Big Apple every Saturday, but tonight the comedian is offering the Texas Tech community a free show in honor of the grand opening of the Student Union Building.

Mitchell, who found fame as a cast member of the late night staple "Saturday Night Live," is slated to spin his stand-up routine at 8 p.m. today in the Allen Theatre of the SUB, according to a press release.

Jana Vise, unit coordinator at the Center for Campus Life, said the center was eager to book Mitchell for the big event, especially in the wake of last year's cancelled performance.

"He wasn't able to come last year because of scheduling conflicts," she said. "We really wanted to bring him in for this because last year the act was cancelled at the last minute."

Vise said she encourages students to attend the show for more than just the jokes — she said a warm sense of community also is associated with attending campus events.

"It's just a great way for students to enjoy entertainment," she said of the free event.

Christine Petteys, a SUB employee who has been doling out tickets for the upcoming show, said while about 350 tickets already have been given away, the majority of the tickets won't be scooped up until right before the show.

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'Sunshine' brings sun back to Lubbock

"Little Miss Sunshine" brutally beats the bad demons out of what we expect from the comedy/drama genre. In return, it provides us with an emotional and satirical comedic journey through the lives of a dysfunctional American family. Meet the Hoovers, an inferior lower-middle class family from Albuquerque, N.M., on the brink of domestic lunacy. Our eyes and ears are preset into laughing mode as the film opens with the reflection of a TV screen. Our senses are forced to gel as the film reveals Olive (Abigail Breslin), a wholesome blue-eyed little girl with oversized glasses watching a prerecorded Miss America pageant tape, replaying the winner's reaction over and over again.

Right away we all know this is a movie about dreamers, or as Olive's dad, Richard (Greg Kinnear), a failed motivational speaker would put it, "winners and losers." After hearing that their ambitious daughter has been chosen to perform at the Little Miss Sunshine beauty pageant in Redondo Beach, Calif., the Hoovers decide to embark on a 700-mile road trip in a classic yellow Volkswagen mini-bus, in hopes of lighting up their only daughter's chance of reaching her dearest wish. The film introduces us to the comical yet complex nature of the Hoover family's personalities with all the cheerful facades of the personable all-American family left far behind.

Tarek Karkoutly



"Little Miss Sunshine" provides us with an emotional and satirical comedic journey through the lives of a dysfunctional American family.

We have the mother, Sheryl (Toni Collette), who simply wants nothing more than to be a gentle and considerate wife and parent. Next we have the grandpa (Alan Arkin), who is renowned for being kicked out of nursing homes for using heroin. Then we have the teenage brother, Dwayne (Paul Dano), a cynical Nietzsche buff who hates everyone and as a result has chosen to take a vow of silence for nine months. The

final and most moving character of the Hoover family is uncle Frank, Sheryl's brother, played brilliantly by Steve Carell. After a failed attempted suicide, Frank went from being the No. 1 Proust scholar in the world to a heartbroken mess after falling in love with a graduate student who ended up leaving him for the No. 2 Proust scholar in the world.

"Little Miss Sunshine" is the most clever and remarkable film of the pre-fall season for three reasons. One is the script, written by newcomer Michel Arndt, which has a mix of bright and clever dialogue along with a tone bent between a profound balance of tears and laughs that will guarantee an emotional movie-going experience like nothing you've ever witnessed before. Reason two is the film's husband and wife duo directing team of Valerie Faris and Jonathan Dayton. The couple has maintained a prominent music video career directing videos for artists such as the Smashing Pumpkins, REM and Weezer, and they now have made an imaginative and unmatched hit with their first feature film together. Three, of course, is the terrific cast whose chemistry together is unlike any character combination anyone could ever attempt to compile. "Little Miss Sunshine" is playing at Lubbock's Cinemark Movies 16 — catch it before it's too late!

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ACT 1: CASTING

The making of a play

By **JEREMY REYNOLDS**
STAFF WRITER

Outside the Charles E. Maedgen main stage theater, a line of men and women sit staring at numbers on their chests. This is how most new plays begin in the theater world, and Texas Tech is no different.

These men and women are numbers and sometimes barely faces and names. Inside the theater, the stage is dimmed but not dark, much like the shadowy faces in the audience. These audience members stare at sheets of paper judging if the person on stage is the right fit for the part.

The audience is made up of all the "choosers" in the Tech theater world — there are no beggars among this crowd. They're the ones who will ultimately decide whether the young lady standing on the stage will receive a call-back or a polite "thank you for coming out."

On stage, potential actors walk on one at a time when their numbers are called. They have two minutes to perform a musical number and another two to act out a monologue before they're cut off.

Some succeed because they've practiced; others are only there on a dare. The awkwardness in the room when someone can't make it through his or her act is welcomed by an uncomfortable silence and then immediately followed by the sound of shoes against the hardwood stage. Everyone already knows. There's no

need to wait for a call-back. Some cry during the auditions. Others are straightforward and say they can't remember their lines.

Some do musical numbers from Broadway shows, while others decide to take the "American Idol" approach. Some will even sing holiday songs; Christmas is only four months away, after all.

When the lights flood the stage, the woman behind the keyboard gives the actor or actress a nod — the time for walking out has passed. There's no need for someone to stutter when they can't remember their lines, everyone can already tell.

The mumbles are the first sign someone will not get the call-back. The lips are the first to move, though nothing comes out, and then the eyes tilt toward something in rafters overhead. The men and women in the audience have already flipped their sheets of paper and are looking at the next head-shot and stat sheet.

No matter what the person does or doesn't do, when he or she is leaving the stage, no one claps. They're simply numbers on a long list of names that will go until the late evening hours.

There are roughly 200 actors who came out for the auditions on Thursday. Each of them was trying out for four different plays, with one of the performances being a musical.

The men and women in the theater watching and taking notes are the screenwriters, directors and

casting directors. They're looking for things like body language. Skill. Confidence. Will the person freeze?

Christian Schmoker, a sophomore theater arts major from St. Louis, went directly from the main stage back to the lab theater after his performance.

"I think I did pretty well with the signing part," he said with a sigh. "I got cut off a little bit on my monologue."

Sara Coats, a freshman English major from Lubbock, waits in the Lab Theatre for her number to be called. She has at least another hour to wait at this point.

As she sits, she mumbles her lines, speaks with her friends, and takes those calming breaths that everyone says help.

"I'm so nervous," she said, and followed the statement with a laugh. "I love the theater, though. It's my passion."

There's not much she can expect or visualize until she gets into the main theater since she's never tried out for a Tech play before, and high school is a long way from the collegiate level.

Coats, or No. 48 to anyone who does not know her, said when the lights hit her on the stage, the nervousness and anxiety wash away.

"I'm just expecting not to fall on my face," she said. "Hopefully the director will see something in me; if not, there's always next semester."

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TEXAS-EL PASO quarterback Jordan Palmer will lead the Miner offense against Texas Tech's 'SWARM' defense Saturday in El Paso.

Tech secondary looking for the turnover

By **STEPHEN MONAHAN**
SPORTS EDITOR

With the first road game of the 2006 season for Texas Tech on the forefront Saturday against Texas-El Paso, one facet of the game garnering concern from coaches is experience, or lack thereof.

On UTEP's side, four-year starting quarterback Jordan Palmer has split many defensive secondaries with his preciseness and accuracy. Having the likes of speedster Johnnie Lee Higgins Jr. as a receiver has helped polish Palmer's skills.

On the Tech side, the inexperience of the secondary, with the exception of senior cornerback Antonio Huffman, brought about some questions concerning whether or not they could replace the likes of safeties Dwayne Slay and Vincent Meeks and cornerback Khalid Nazruddin when Southern Methodist came to Lubbock last Saturday.

But with a collective effort, the Tech secondary combined with the rest of the defensive front to hold the Mustangs to 189 yards of total offense and only three points.

With the Red Raiders facing Palmer, Higgins and a slew of other potentially explosive receivers this weekend, using the SMU game as a backbone for their upcoming contest against UTEP is just the first stepping stone.

"It's just a good starting point," first-year defensive backs coach Brian Mitchell said. "We played a good team, a team with a good scheme. Our guys were focused. When they played the routes that were dealt to us, they did a good job, but that's just a starting point. We got to get much better in our eye progression, in our technical play and go from there."

Palmer, who has a knack for playing mistake-free football, has struggled his last four outings for the Miners, dating back to the 2005 season. In his final three games of 2005, including the 2005 GMAC Bowl versus Toledo, the senior quarterback from Mission Viejo, Calif., threw seven

touchdowns and eight interceptions to finish the season with 29 touchdowns and 19 interceptions. In his first game of 2006, Palmer led the Miners to a 34-27 victory with three touchdown passes, but he also accounted for four interceptions.

Despite Palmer's latest run of turnovers, Mitchell said Palmer's knowledge of the game and his myriad options at receiver is his biggest concern with the Tech secondary going into Saturday's match-up.

"The experience factor," he said. "The quarterback (Palmer) being a senior has a number of starts under his belt. The receiver (Higgins), really being a four-year starter, he's very savvy, and he's great when the ball's in the air. You know the tall receivers; I think they've done a great job of teaching those young men how to run routes. Their routes are probably one of the best I've seen in a long time, so they have experience. They don't have freshman or sophomores. They don't have a freshman quarterback. They've got guys that know what they're doing."

Although Tech was not able to force an interception from SMU quarterback Justin Willis, San Diego State picked off Palmer four times. Coach Mike Leach said he does not know specifically how the Aztecs nabbed those interceptions from Palmer, but hopes the secondary can force a turnover through the air.

"I hope they do good," Leach said. "We will find out. I don't know specifically how those picks took place. Occasionally picks are bad throws by quarterbacks, sometimes a receiver does something or sometimes there are unfortunate, unlucky bounces of the ball. We will have to see. Hopefully we get some picks."

Forcing Palmer to stray from the UTEP offensive scheme could result in mistakes through the air, but to do so, the Red Raiders will need to play with good leverage, Mitchell said.

"Well, you can't force him into anything," Mitchell said. "That's their coaching, that's their scheme. He's going to do things within his scheme that are going to allow him to be successful. If he goes outside of their scheme, then

he's not going to be so successful. We just got to play with good leverage and, like I said, make all the necessary plays you can make to come out with as far as making tackles out in the open field, playing with good vertical leverage, so on and so forth."

With senior cornerback Antonio Huffman, the lone starter from the 2005 season, and younger players, like Chris Parker, Marcus Bunton, Brent Nickerson and true freshman Jamar Wall stepping up, coach Mitchell said he feels their athleticism could be key to containing the Miner's pass-happy offense.

In the SMU game, the Tech secondary accounted for 20.5 of the team's 45 total tackles and one pass deflection.

The Raiders face UTEP at the Sun Bowl Saturday at 8 p.m. CST on SuddenLink Cable Channel 320.

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Marion Jones cleared: 'B' sample comes back negative

(AP) — The backup drug test for sprinter Marion Jones came back negative, clearing the five-time Olympic medalist of doping allegations that have dogged her for the past month, her attorneys said Wednesday night.

"I am absolutely ecstatic," Jones said in a statement released by her lawyers. "I have always maintained that I have never ever taken performance enhancing drugs, and I am pleased that a scientific process has now demonstrated that fact."

Jones tested positive for the banned endurance enhancer EPO on June 23. She withdrew from a meet in Switzerland hours before reports of the test result were revealed.

The backup test, conducted at the same UCLA lab using the same sample, came back negative, however, meaning the 30-year-old sprinter has been cleared of any wrongdoing. She faced a minimum two-year ban.

"I am anxious to get back on the track," Jones said.

The statement, released by attorney Rich Nichols, said the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency informed Jones that the test had come back negative. USADA does not comment on active cases and never acknowledged Jones' positive "A" test.

USADA general counsel Travis Tygart did not immediately return messages left late Wednesday by The Associated Press. U.S. Olympic Committee spokesman Darryl Seibel said the federation had no comment on the news.

Questions have long been raised about the reliability of EPO testing in the past, and this negative "B" test will spark further debate.

"I believe there are issues with that test," said Howard Jacobs, another Jones attorney who has defended several athletes on doping charges. "It's a difficult test. From what I saw on the 'A' sample, it was questionable as to whether it should've been called a positive. I can't say I was shocked that the 'B' came back negative based on what the 'A' looked like."

As he has in the doping case involving Tour de France winner Floyd Landis, Jacobs derided the leaking of positive tests. Doping cases aren't supposed to be made public until they are resolved, but most become public through the media once a positive "A" test is confirmed.

"This is perfect illustration of why this new trend of leaking A-positives is a horrible thing," Jacobs said. "This whole thing should have happened anonymously. Marion should've been able to keep competing and no one should have known about it."

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Rookie Sanchez pitches no-hitter

MIAMI (AP) — In this year of sensational rookies, Anibal Sanchez came up with the greatest performance yet — a no-hitter in his 13th career start.

Sanchez ended the longest no-hit gap in major league history Wednesday night, benefiting from three defensive gems by teammates to lead the Florida Marlins over the Arizona Diamondbacks 2-0.

"This is the best moment of my life," the 22-year-old Venezuelan said.

One of four rookies in the Marlins' rotation, Sanchez (7-2) walked four and pitched around an error. He struck out six and threw 103 pitches.

He finished it off in quick fashion in the ninth. Sanchez struck out Conor Jackson swinging on a 1-2 pitch, got Luis Gonzalez to pop out to third, then retired Eric Byrnes on a sharp grounder to shortstop Hanley Ramirez, whose throw to first easily beat the runner.

The Marlins poured out of the dugout en masse and swarmed around Sanchez, with the jubilant mob collectively hopping as one between the mound and third base.

The previous no-hitter in the majors was a perfect game by Arizona's Randy Johnson, who beat Atlanta 2-0 on May 18, 2004. The prior no-hitter by a rookie was by Bud Smith of St. Louis, who beat

San Diego 4-0 on Sept. 1, 2001.

The Diamondbacks came close to a hit several times. Florida left fielder Josh Willingham sprinted in to make a diving catch and rob Chad Tracy with two on to end the fourth. Ramirez ranged to his left to snare a grounder by Stephen Drew in the seventh, then whirled and threw to beat the runner by half a step.

Sanchez greeted Ramirez coming off the field with a high-five and a slap on the rear.

A rare 4-3-6 double play ended the eighth. With Craig Counsell at first, Orlando Hudson hit a grounder to second baseman Dan Uggla, who missed a swipe at Coun-

sell and threw to first. First baseman Mike Jacobs' relay to second retired Counsell.

The hardest-hit ball was in the sixth by Byrnes, who pulled a line drive that third baseman Miguel Cabrera reached up to snare with two hands.

Arizona's Carlos Quentin hit a sharp grounder down the line in the fifth. Cabrera made a backhanded stop on one knee, then rose and threw wide, pulling Jacobs off the bag.

Official scorer Ron Jernick charged Cabrera with an error, prompting cheers from the small crowd. The Marlins are next-to-last in the NL in defense.

TECH ALUMNI PREGAME PARTY

BY STEPHEN MONAHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Texas Tech Alumni Association and Red Raider Club will host an official pregame party prior to the Texas Tech and Texas-El Paso match-up at Bar 26 in El Paso Saturday night.

According to a press release, Bar 26 is located on the corner

of Mesa and Cincinnati streets, one-fourth mile northeast of the Sun Bowl. The pre-game festivities are slated three hours before game time at 4 p.m. MDT. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the El Paso Alumni Chapter Scholarship Fund.

Scratch that: Tressel doesn't vote opponent UT No. 1

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said he voted Texas No. 1 in the USA Today coaches poll this week. Only he didn't.

At his weekly news conference on Tuesday previewing the top-ranked Buckeyes' showdown at No. 2 Texas on Saturday night, Tressel said, "I've got (the Longhorns) ranked No. 1 on our ballot."

But USA Today disclosed late Tuesday that Tressel's ballot didn't list Texas No. 1. The ballot listed Texas at No. 2, Ohio State said.

Stan Jefferson, Ohio State's director of player development, called in Tressel's ballot

on Tuesday morning. He said he changed the ballot and did not have time to tell Tressel.

"When it came time to vote on the preseason poll, we voted Texas No. 1 and us No. 3 after talking about it as a staff," Jefferson told the Mansfield (Ohio) News Journal. "When I called in his poll (Tuesday morning), he did not tell me to put Ohio State No. 1. I put that down because we were No. 1 in the preseason poll that came out. I did not have time to get with him before the press conference."

Jefferson said it was an "honest mistake."

"It was not meant as a psychological ploy or attempt to play mind games," he said.

Tech volleyball heads to Tampa for USF tourney

By LINDSAY RANSON
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team heads to Tampa, Fla., to compete in the University of South Florida Invitational Friday.

Tech coach Nancy Todd said she expects the competition in Florida to make the team work hard.

"We are going to have to have good ball control, and we will have to be strong with our serving and passing,"

Todd said. "It will be tough, but it will be good to guide us into our Big 12 weekend the following week."

The Red Raiders swept the competition at the University of Texas Pan-American tournament last weekend in Edinburg, bringing home their first tournament title of the season.

Todd said the competition in the previous tournament was not as difficult as the one facing them this weekend.

"Whether the competition is difficult

or not, playing is good for us no matter what," she said. "We need to keep practicing."

Todd said overall the team had some great things happen at the UTPA tournament.

"We got better at blocking and putting some defense behind that," she said. "We were tougher with our serving as well."

Junior outside hitter Amy Charlebois and Brittany Hughes led the Red Raiders in kills with nine and eight each, while setters Emily Ziegler and Holly Hicks led the team in assists with 25 and 17.

Tech had three of its student-athletes named to the All-Tournament team, Charlebois, sophomore Laura

Gottschalk and senior outside hitter Phillister Sang was named All-Tournament MVP.

Todd said the team did a great job in the UTPA tournament and looks forward to her squad playing this weekend.

"These girls just happened to get picked," she said. "They all played well."

Tech will battle Wright State, Jacksonville and the University of South Florida for the USF Tournament title.

The Red and Black are 4-2 this season and start Big 12 play Sept. 13 when they head to Austin to face the Longhorns.

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