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STATE

Maples found innocent of conspiring to falsify logs

McALLEN (AP) — The owner of the bus that exploded and killed 23 people during the Hurricane Rita evacuation was acquitted Tuesday of one safety violation charge but was convicted on two lesser counts.

James Maples, 65, was found not guilty of conspiring to falsify logs but convicted of poorly maintaining his fleet and not requiring drivers to fill out vehicle inspection reports. His company, Global Limo Inc., which was also on trial, was found guilty on all charges.

"We thought that was a victory, a victory to the Good Lord," said Maples, a former professional football player who appeared relieved by the outcome.

NATION

Miami Herald publisher resigns

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Herald's publisher resigned Tuesday, saying "ambiguously communicated" personnel policies resulted in the firings of three journalists at its Spanish-language paper who were paid to appear on U.S.-government broadcasts aimed at promoting democracy in Cuba.

Jesus Diaz Jr., the papers' publisher since July 2005, had dismissed two El Nuevo Herald reporters and a freelance contributor who had been paid by Radio Marti and TV Marti.

WORLD

Two U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Gunbattles in Afghanistan left two U.S. troops and at least one NATO soldier dead, officials said Tuesday, as the Western alliance prepared to assume military command over the country from the U.S.-led coalition.

One NATO soldier was killed and another was presumed dead when insurgents attacked a patrol in Kandahar province in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, a statement by the alliance said.

DEATH TOLL

2730

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Turks hijack airliner to protest pope's visit

By MAX FRIGIONE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRINDISI, Italy (AP) — Two Turks protesting Pope Benedict XVI's planned trip to Turkey next month hijacked a Turkish Airlines jet carrying 113 people from Albania to Istanbul on Tuesday, and it landed safely in this southern Italian coastal city, officials said.

The hijackers, who were unarmed, began releasing passengers

from the Boeing 737-400, which was parked on the tarmac in the darkness. A fire truck carrying Brindisi airport's chief of security had pulled up near the jet.

The hijackers had told authorities they were prepared to surrender, said Candan Karlitekin, chairman of Turkish Airlines' board of directors. He said no one aboard was injured.

Albanian lawmaker Sadri Abazi, who was aboard the plane, told News24 in Tirana in a brief cell

phone call during the hijacking that his fellow passengers were shaken but safe.

"Of course there is panic around, people are afraid, no information at all, but no one has been injured. They (the hijackers) are both at the pilots' cabin and only one of them came out briefly," Abazi told the TV station.

Asked about the hijacking, a Vatican official said he expected no changes in Benedict's plans for the

visit. The official, who asked that his name not be used because of the sensitivity of the issue, said an official Vatican announcement that the trip would take place Nov. 28-Dec. 1 would be made soon.

Benedict angered the Muslim world in a speech in Germany on Sept. 12, when he quoted a 14th century Byzantine emperor as saying: "Show me just what Mohammed brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and

inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached."

Benedict has expressed regret for offending Muslims by his remarks and said they did not reflect his personal views, but he has not offered a complete apology as some had sought.

Turkish Airlines officials had spoken to Capt. Mursel Gokalp and co-pilot Yavuz Yilmaz, who told them

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KINKY AS A PIRATE

Gubernatorial candidate visits Tech, discusses upcoming election

By NAOMI KASKELA
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Introduced as "the man who is breathing life into the Texas governmental system," gubernatorial candidate Kinky Friedman walked on stage to greet a crowd of more than 400 Tech students in the Allen Theatre on Tuesday.

The event, planned by the campus organization Techsans for Independence, showcased Friedman and allowed for questions from the crowd as well as autographs and photo opportunities afterward.

After congratulating the crowd for the Tech win over Texas A&M, Friedman said he fell asleep in the last three minutes of the game. He said when he woke up, he saw coach Mike Leach talking.

"I saw the coach saying, 'Every once in a while a pirate can beat a soldier,' and that is going to happen on Nov. 7," he said.

Some issues Friedman discussed on stage included illegal immigration, corruption in Austin, education and the importance of independent candidates, with jokes and stories peppered throughout.

Friedman said he believed this campaign marks the first time in 150 years an independent candidate has the chance to become governor. The last independent governor of Texas was



SAM GRENAIER/The Daily Toreador

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE KINKY Friedman poses with two Texas Tech students after a speech Tuesday afternoon at the Allen Theatre.

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Regents closer to naming chancellor

By JOSH HULL
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The Texas Tech Board of Regents conducted an executive session meeting Tuesday afternoon to discuss the future of the chancellor position, which has not been permanently filled since former Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith resigned in January.

Regent Mark Griffin and Student Regent Chad Greenfield were the only members of the board present while the regents joined the meeting via conference call.

"What's happened today is the board, really for the first time since the search began, went over the qualifications," Griffin said. "It was more clarification and getting down to the strengths and weaknesses."

He said while the discussion covered the topic of a new chancellor, it was not in any way a process of elimination for the candidates.

"It really was just a wide-ranging discussion," he said.

Griffin said he was unable to disclose the names of any of the candidates or the number of candidates being considered, but he believes a decision will be made soon.

"Coming out of this process is likely another gathering, probably in October, to make a decision,"



VANESSA VELA/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH BOARD of Regents member Mark Griffin and Student Regent Chad Greenfield conclude an open session-conference call discussion during a Board of Regents meeting Tuesday afternoon in Room 201 of the Administration Building.

he said.

Greenfield said he has really enjoyed getting to be a part of the whole selection process, and it has been a wonderful learning experience.

"It's been like a leadership symposium," Greenfield said. "I've been

very impressed with the process and how much has gone into the little details to make sure the best person is chosen, and in the long run, the best decision is made for the university."

The next meeting scheduled for the board is Oct. 26-27, which Griffin

said is a likely time for a decision to be reached.

"I would sense that we would probably have a vote Friday morning," Griffin said. "But that is the chairman's prerogative."

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Bush supports Hastert call for investigation

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — President Bush said Tuesday he was "shocked and dismayed" at disgraced lawmaker Mark Foley's behavior and supports House Speaker Dennis Hastert's call for a full investigation.

"This investigation should be thorough and any violation of the law should be prosecuted," Bush said while campaigning for Republican lawmakers in California.

Some, including a Washington newspaper, have called for Hastert to resign, but Bush expressed confidence in the speaker's ability to resolve the matter, calling him a "father, teacher, coach."

"I know Denny Hastert. I meet with him a lot. He is a father, teacher, coach who cares about the children of this country," Bush said. "I know that he wants all the facts to come out."

Bush took no questions. And as he stepped toward his motorcade, the president ignored a shouted question directly asking whether Hastert should resign.

The president spoke after Hastert brushed aside any suggestion of resignation Tuesday as House Republican

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BONFIRE BUILDERS



KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

RAYMOND GRANADO, RUBEN Nunez, and Martin Cimental prepare the base structure for the homecoming bonfire Monday. The bonfire will be held at 9 p.m. Friday at the rugby field near the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Lubbock police blotter

By PAUL ROBERTS
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Sept. 24

Lubbock police filed a report of burglary at a home on the 6600 block of Elmwood Avenue. According to reports, two victims claim two suspects gained entry into the victims' residence and stole several items. The suspects stole the victim's pit-bull, along with a white sapphire bracelet, a pink and black purse, several CDs, \$150 cash and one of the victim's keys. The victims claim the two suspects then gained entry and stole one of the victim's vehicles. The two victims were able to give a description of the suspects to the police.

Sept. 25

Lubbock police filed a report of harassment at the 5500 block of 103rd Street. Police reports stated a victim claimed he had

been receiving unwanted phone calls from a suspect for the last 14 years. The victim said the phone calls have been annoying wanted the calls to stop.

Lubbock police filed a report of a vehicle burglary at the 5900 block of 34th Street. According to reports, the victim said an unknown suspect gained entry into the vehicle by pushing down the driver-side window. The suspect stole several items including an MP3 player, a pair of shoes, a laptop computer, a pair of socks and a checkbook.

Sept. 27

Lubbock police filed a report of unauthorized use of a vehicle on the 2100 block of 22nd Street. Police said a suspect took the victim's keys to his vehicle when the victim was passed out at a party. The suspect took the car without the victim's consent, abandoned the vehicle and left it running on the 2300 block of 31st Street. A friend of the victim

found the vehicle and drove it back to the victim's residence. The suspect was not located.

Lubbock police arrested a suspect for possession of marijuana at the 5900 block of Avenue P. According to reports, police witnessed the suspect in his wheelchair traveling northbound in the southbound lane of Avenue P. When police approached the suspect, police found a marijuana cigarette behind the suspect's ear. The suspect was transported and booked into the Lubbock Police Department holding facility.

Lubbock police arrested a suspect for public intoxication after the suspect attempted to fight his girlfriend at the 5400 block of 34th Street. According to reports, the suspect was threatening three people for breaking up the fight between the suspect and his girlfriend. Police discovered the suspect to be severely intoxicated and placed him under arrest.

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Former nurse pleads no contest to killing 10 patients

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former hospital nurse pleaded no contest Tuesday to killing 10 patients nearly six years ago, by injecting them with a drug used to temporarily halt breathing.

Vickie Dawn Jackson, 40, will be sentenced to life in prison, the maximum sentence she faced if she had been convicted by a jury.

Authorities have not offered a motive for the slayings.

Defense attorney Bruce Martin said Jackson decided to enter the plea because her adult daughter was on the state's witness list.

"She has never admitted guilt and she was never convicted by a jury," Martin said. "And her daughter never had to testify against her. Those things meant

something to her."

Jackson was accused of killing the patients, including her third

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— JACK MCGAUGHEY
District Attorney

husband's grandfather, by injecting them with a drug used to stop

breathing to allow insertion of a breathing tube.

Prosecutor said the deaths occurred during her night shifts at Nocona General Hospital in 2000 and 2001. More than 20 vials of the drug were missing and a syringe with traces of the drug was found in the nurse's garbage, they said.

Prosecutors were surprised by the plea, which came less than a week before Jackson's trial was scheduled to begin.

"Frankly, I've never been so surprised in a case in my life," said Jack McGaughey, district attorney for Montague, Clay and Archer counties, who had planned to call 58 witnesses. "The end result is as good as we could have gotten."

Rumsfeld avoids discussing the politics of Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld criticized Venezuela's hostile politics and longtime adversary Cuba during a three-day stay in Central America but avoided any talk about another old antagonist.

Asked repeatedly about the Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega, who is leading in the presidential polls here, Rumsfeld stayed mum.

"I don't get involved in politics in the United States," Rumsfeld said more than once when questioned by reporters Tuesday during a gathering of defense ministers from the Western Hemisphere. "So you can be certain I don't get involved in politics in Nicaragua."

U.S. officials, however, are watching Nicaragua's upcoming elections very closely, mindful that a win by Ortega could be another destabilizing force in a region where democracy has

slowly taken hold.

Ortega, whose socialist government was a major adversary of the United States in the 1980s, led the overthrow of dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1979 and fought the U.S.-backed Contra rebels as Nicaragua's president from 1985-1990.

Rumsfeld made a passing reference to Cuba in his formal remarks to the ministers, and on Tuesday he said the island nation would be welcome in the conference when it becomes a "free and democratic country."

And he was blunt about the concerns being raised by Latin American leaders about Venezuela President Hugo Chavez' billion-dollar weapons buildup.

"I don't know of anyone threatening Venezuela, anyone in this hemisphere," Rumsfeld said when asked if he believed the Venezuelans' contention that the arms purchases were strictly for defense.

Chavez grabbed headlines recently when he called Bush "the devil" and slammed U.S. leaders for trying to block his country from taking a seat on the U.N. Security Council.

U.S. officials have long considered Chavez a destabilizing force. And they have suggested that Venezuela would make the Security Council unworkable if the nation were to win its bid against U.S.-backed Guatemala for a rotating council seat.

Rumsfeld met with Central American defense ministers on Tuesday, and later with Nicaraguan President Enrique Bolanos.

He said it is important for the Central American countries to continue to work together on counterterrorism, counter-narcotics, natural disasters and other threats. But he agreed that as one country cracks down on drug trafficking, the problem may migrate to another country.

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Army National Guard misses recruiting target

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army National Guard fell slightly short of its recruiting goal this year, rebounding from a severe deficit in 2005 and exceeding its goal for re-enlistments, defense officials said Tuesday.

Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, said the results for the 2006 budget year that ended Sept. 30 were the best since he took the post more than three years ago, and he said the outcome was far brighter than was forecast a year ago when the Guard fell 20 percent short of its recruiting goal.

"While we're being stretched and while we're being stressed" by the demands of simultaneous wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, "we still are demonstrating an ability to grow at an amazing rate and to re-enlist at an amazing rate, which is all counterintuitive," Blum said in an Associated Press interview at his Pentagon office.

Blum said he was not authorized to discuss specific numbers, but other officials said the Guard achieved 99 percent of its goal of 70,000 recruits. Recruiting figures for all the military services are due to be announced by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's office next week. The active-duty Army has already announced that it exceeded

its goal of 80,000 recruits after falling nearly 7,000 short the year before.

The Army National Guard, which began the 2006 budget year with about 332,000 citizen soldiers, has boosted its ranks to about 346,000, the officials said. Blum predicted that the Guard would reach its authorized strength of 350,000 by the end of December, defying predictions from many inside the Defense Department only a year ago that the Guard could not recruit well enough to increase its total numbers.

Blum attributed the improved recruiting result in part to the fact that fewer Guardsmen were deployed in Iraq this past year and thus had more direct influence in their own communities on encouraging others to join. In 2005 the Guard had several ground combat brigades in Iraq, compared to only one now. The Guard also has used financial incentives and a larger cadre of recruiters to sign up more young people.

The Guard's ability to grow over the past year may raise questions about an earlier Pentagon decision to reduce the number of Guard combat brigades from 34 to 28. If the Guard can reach and maintain its authorized strength of 350,000 this coming year there may be calls in Congress to reverse the decision on cutting brigade numbers.

Student Senate to discuss shredding machines, Columbia memorial, death toll

By ANDREW GLOVER
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Senate will discuss the purchase of shredding machines for residence halls along with other resolutions including *The Daily Toreador* death toll, at its 7 p.m. meeting in the Senate Room Thursday.

Matt Fowler, president of the senate, said information and security is an important issue with students.

"It has done a good job with security," Fowler said. "We will work with the residence halls and make it more feasible for students to destroy confidential information."

Fowler said the senate will discuss creating a memorial for the late Rick Husband and the Columbia crew.

According to the senate resolution, Husband was a graduate from Tech with a degree in mechanical engineering and was awarded the Outstanding Engineering Student Award in 1980.

Husband was selected as Distinguished Engineer for the College of Engineering at Tech in 1997. He died Feb. 1, 2003, on board the Columbia space shuttle when it exploded over Texas.

Fowler said if the resolution is passed several organizations will be involved.

"He (Husband) was involved with ROTC," Fowler said. "NASA would play a big part in any memorial. We would go to the administration, anyone that knew him, professors that might have had him and anyone who wants to honor the sacrifice of the Columbia crew."

Fowler said the senate will re-

introduce a resolution on keeping records of Student Senate legislation.

"We want to have lasting records of what and how we discussed legislation," Fowler said. "Senators in the future can see why we passed or failed a resolution. I think by having written reports in the senate journal we can accomplish that."

Sen. Tyler Russell said having committees write down actions will help future committees see how past ones researched and acted on issues.

"This will help the current committees know what each committee is working on and making sure they are doing research," Russell said.

The senate also will re-introduce the resolution concerning *The Daily Toreador's* display of the death toll.

Fowler said the Student Life Committee made amendments, which will be approved in the meeting.

Senator Scott Gorenc said he hopes it will open discussion about the graphic of the death toll and whether it is displayed responsibly.

"All of the press coverage from *The Daily Toreador* was a nice thing," Gorenc said. "It has allowed discussion on the issue to happen."

Gorenc said he will argue that it is a responsibility of *The DT* to let the Tech community know how many people died in Iraq, but he thinks the display of the graphic is irresponsible.

Fowler said it is up to the editorial board of *The DT* as to how the

Verdict delayed in Saddam trial amid worry any decision would spark violence

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Judges postponed their verdict in Saddam Hussein's trial Tuesday, a long-awaited decision that once held out the hope of healing Iraq's wounds but now threatens to spark even more sectarian violence.

The verdict had been expected on Oct. 16 but was delayed until at least the end of the month while judges take extra time to review the evidence and make sure their case is airtight.

But no matter how well crafted, the verdict could worsen violence that is already claiming dozens of lives daily. A death sentence for the former leader could enrage his Sunni Muslim supporters, while anything less is sure to infuriate Shiites who were oppressed under Saddam's regime.

That dilemma is a far cry from the hopes of many U.S. and Iraqi officials when the war crimes trial began nearly a year ago. They touted the tribunal as a way to help heal Iraq's divisions by exposing atrocities during Saddam's regime, establishing justice and opening the door for reconciliation.

"I think it would be a positive, not a negative," Defense Secretary

Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday when asked about the prospect of a verdict, which had been expected on Oct. 16. "It would just bring closure to a chapter that was an unhappy and unpleasant and particularly vicious regime."

In the past year, however, Shiite-Sunni divisions have grown, with thousands killed by Sunni insurgents and death squads from both Islamic sects.

After nine months of often stormy court sessions, many Sunnis — who are a minority in Iraq but were dominant under Saddam — still see the tribunal as a show trial by the new Shiite leadership to take revenge on the ousted president.

"There is sympathy with Saddam, especially because what we see now makes many nostalgic for him," said Khalaf al-Alayan, a Sunni parliament member, referring to the violence in Iraq since Saddam's ouster by U.S.-led forces in April 2003. "So there could be a reaction if there is a death sentence."

Meanwhile, Shiites have made clear they will only accept execution for the leader whose regime persecuted their majority community and the Kurds.

"Anything less than a death sentence will be a neglect of justice," Hassan al-Suneid, a Shiite lawmaker. "I think it could be a disaster."

Saddam and seven co-defendants face possible execution by hanging if found guilty on charges of crimes against humanity over a crackdown on Shiites in the town of Dujail launched in 1982. A five-judge panel will decide the ruling by a majority vote.

The judges adjourned July 27 to consider their ruling, and had been expected to announce it Oct. 16.

Court spokesman Raid Juhi told the Associated Press a session will be held Oct. 16, but it "will not be for the verdict. It's for the judges' review of the evidence." He did not say when the verdict would be issued.

A court official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to release the information, said the verdict could be put off until late October or early November.

Juhi did not link the delay to worries over tensions in Iraq. He said the judges have been reviewing the evidence and testimony from the trial to determine "whether it is complete or is lacking." He said the judges will decide whether they need more information.

The intense review of the evidence

aimed to ensure that the verdict — which will be accompanied by a report explaining the court's reasoning — is airtight and can be fully justified in the face of criticism from either side, the court official said.

A guilty verdict for Saddam is widely expected — but the official suggested there were differences over what sentence to impose and that the judges were aware that violence was possible either way.

"The verdict mustn't be weakly supported, it has to be accepted and not raise doubts," al-Suneid said.

The Dujail trial, which began Oct. 19, is the first for Saddam. A second trial of the former Iraqi leader and six other co-defendants began Aug. 21 on genocide charges for their alleged roles in a 1987-1988 crackdown against Kurdish rebels.

The genocide trial was adjourned last week until Monday after a stormy session during which the chief judge expelled all the defendants amid a boycott of the trial by the defense lawyers.

Saddam and his co-defendants can appeal any verdict, but if a sentence is upheld Iraqi law says it must be carried out within 30 days after appeals are finished.

Possible impeachment awaits SGA senator

By ANDREW GLOVER
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The Texas Tech Student Senate will discuss a resolution of impeachment against Sen. Tyler Bridge during its meeting Thursday because of Bridge's absences during senate functions.

Matt Fowler internal vice president, said Bridge missed the senate retreat and left early during one of the senate meetings. Impeachment in the SGA, unlike in the national government, means the official is immediately removed from office.

Bridge said he missed the retreat because he had a choir retreat the same weekend. He said he left the meeting early because of the death of someone close to him.

"I am cautiously optimistic

that they won't impeach me," Bridge said.

Sen. Suzette Matthews said the senate has absence forms in the SGA office, and Bridge didn't fill one out.

Matthews said the senate has an absentee policy, and if a senator is absent two consecutive times, the Rules and Administration Committee must write impeachment papers.

"The authors of the resolution do not necessarily support the impeachment," Matthews said. "The Rules and Administration Committee have to write it because it is our job."

Sen. Tyler Russell said he can't speak for all the authors on whether they support Bridge's impeachment but the Rules and Administration Committee is strictly doing it on the basis of not breaking the rules.

Fowler said he thinks Bridge

has been a productive senator and represents the students well.

Matthews said she would not vote for Bridge's impeachment and wants him to stay in the senate.

Russell said Bridge has done a good job and represents the student body.

"I haven't made up my mind yet," Russell said. "But, I am leaning towards not impeaching Bridge."

Bridge said the SGA has an important year and he still wants to be a part of it.

"I think I have been very vocal and expressed my opinion

on certain issues," Bridge said. "I hope I can continue to do that. We've got a great group, and I am hoping they understand why I missed, and I apologize for missing."

Russell said if Bridge is impeached, the SGA will call the person who had the next-most votes to Bridge in the last election and that person will take Bridge's place.

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'Survivor' outcome too easy to predict

Like most college students, I claim that I never watch television. I, of course, am far too (choose one of the following: busy studying, busy partying or smart) for the programs on the flashing idiot box. And like most college students, I am openly lying. In reality, college students have cable for a reason. We enjoy television, possibly as the background noise to the rest of our lives. Or more probable — they, like me, worship reruns of "The Fresh Prince" as if they're the apex of culture. Don't believe me? Watch the student section during football games when the Goin' Band plays the song from the episode where Will and Carlton lose all their money (Carlton foolishly cashed in their plane tickets) in Las Vegas and have to enter a dance contest in order to get home.

Imagine my surprise when, as "channel surfing" last Thursday, I happened upon "Survivor." I have never watched "Survivor" in my entire life, but I understand the general concept — people are quasi-stranded in an abandoned portion of the world (no, not Canada), divided into tribes, and made to compete with each other in what amounts to a popularity contest (which means it's pretty much high school). Earlier this year, "Survivor" decided to divide the contestants based on race. This invited viewers to use stereotypes to decide which group would win in much the same manner I used to decide which character to use while playing Super Mario Bros. 2 (Mario, unless you specifically needed the jumping ability of Luigi or the pulling ability of Toad. The Princess was terrible. Never use the Princess).

This week, they suddenly abandoned the concept (many groups took credit, despite the fact that the show is taped months in advance), and I know why. The white group was going to win. Not because of physical prowess, mental superiority or some type of cunning. No, white people will win because that is just what they have always done. Throughout history, Europeans have used a combination of trickery, luck and sheer brute force in order to conquer the majority of the known world. Here are some examples:

1) In 1519, Spanish Conquistador Hernan(do) Cortes (various sources also list his name as Fernan(do) Cortez and El Guapo) conquered the Aztecs. How did he do it? He used Emperor Montezuma's belief that he was a returning pale-faced god from the east, who had come to lead the Aztecs to higher glory. Montezuma graciously offered his throne to El Guapo, who then proceeded to take the Aztec riches and one of the emperor's daughters as his bride. After killing Montezuma, Cortes literally held his successor Cuauhtemoc's (which translates into

Jeremy Glidewell

English as "Jeff") feet to the fire in order to ascertain the location of the rest of their fortune. He then claimed Mexico in the name of Spain and ruled with an iron fist until stopped by the trio of Ned Nederlander, Lucky Day and Dusty Bottoms with the help of a village of townspeople who could sew.

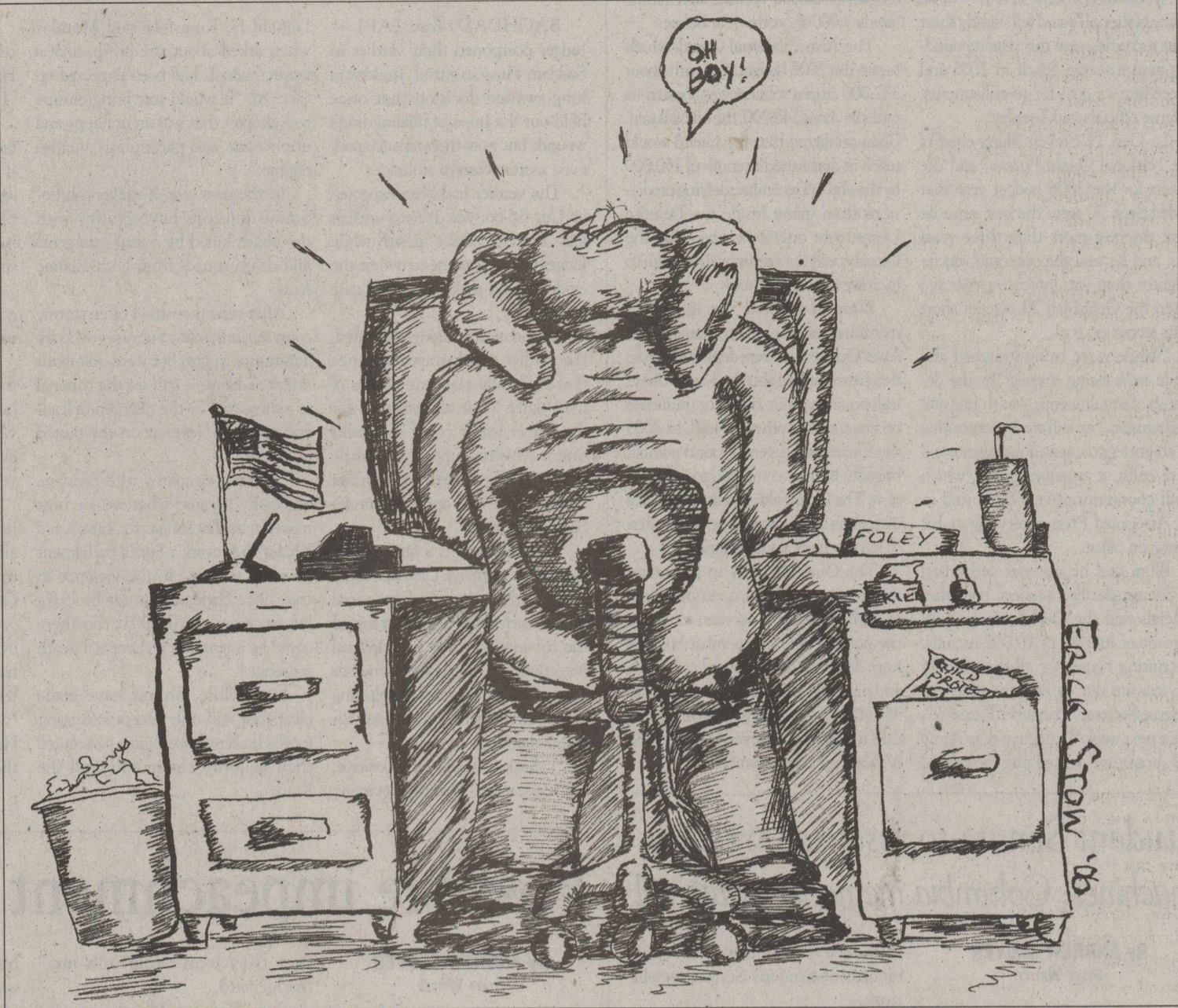
2) During the French and Indian War (which was not in fact a war between France and India, but rather, a war between the British and the English), it was widely known that Indians had not built an immunity to certain infectious diseases. With this knowledge in hand, British forces used blankets infused with several diseases, including smallpox and SARS, to cripple the Indians who were helping the English. Using this dirty trick, the British were able to defeat the English at the battle of Yorktown.

3) After deciding that they wanted to use their land to build luxury condos for students at the local university, the United States decided to take the land (because it was located in several states, let's call this land "Lubbock") of the Cherokee. In order to be completely fair, they decided they would trade for Lubbock, offering the current state of Oklahoma in exchange. The Cherokees balked at the idea, saying, "Who would want to live in Oklahoma?" The government, who incidentally also owned the company that wished to build the luxury apartments, said that if they did not agree, they would condemn their current homes and use eminent domain to acquire the land. Realizing they had no choice, the Cherokee reluctantly decided to take the government's offer.

With this historical evidence in mind, it's easy to see why "Survivor" abandoned the concept of racial tribes. People may like their television shows predictable (how else could one explain the continued success of "According to Jim"), but we like our contests to have at least two plausible outcomes. No one likes to watch a contest where they already know the outcome — except maybe Aggies.

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CORRECTION: In Chris Kellerman's column "Democrats crack under anti-abortion pressure," that was published in Monday's edition of *The Daily Toreador*, mistakes were edited in that changed the context of his opinion. *The DT* regrets this error, and the corrected version can be found online at www.dailytoreador.com.



Vote for change Nov. 7

We are at the crossroads of what I believe is the most important election of my generation. Who we decide to vote into or out of office will have an immeasurable effect on our nation's domestic and international policy. On my ballot Nov. 7, I will be voting for change.

President Ronald Reagan asked the American electorate in 1980, "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" Today, I ask you that same question. Sadly, I do not see how one can answer yes.

America's mediocrity is the by-product of a political party that has been on its high horse for too long and an opposition party that has failed miserably in uniting its factions. Once our most valued commodity, America's political system reeks of crusty, out of touch, professional politicians. Vile and two-faced, a politician's lust for victory knows no bounds. I hope we "rock the political boat" next month.

In one president's term, a good-intentioned policy developed into the catastrophes that dominate the front page. Our borders are not secure, the federal debt continues to skyrocket and Bush has lost all credibility in the Middle East.

The opposition party is as much to blame for America's sorry state.

Statistics tell the pitiful story of Social Security. Sixteen workers

Matt Wisnewski

A loss this November for the Democrats will force a long overdue change in their approach as the opposition party.

supported one beneficiary in 1950. Today, that number is 3.3 workers per recipient. Let me remind you that this is before our parents, the baby-boomer generation, retire. Social Security needs to be modified, and we are ignoring the problem. When I say "we," I mean the Democratic Party.

They, along with the AARP, single-handedly suppressed the national discourse on what is our generation's biggest domestic crisis. Their dimwitted leader in the Senate, Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., had the gall to say, "What we're saying is, there is no crisis. This is a manufactured crisis. Social Security, if we don't do anything, it's safe for approximately the next 50 years." If I can interrupt,

you are dead wrong.

Mr. Bush, you are dead wrong in Iraq.

You hoodwinked America. There is no grand Marshall Plan. "Staying the course" means complacency and digging the hole deeper and deeper. It's depressing that a lot of Republicans don't get it. They do not want to think that someone who promotes himself as a Christian can lie. I am frightened that it could get worse.

It has become obvious that going into Iraq took the eyes off real terrorism, and might have even created more. I hold them (Bush, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, and Paul Wolfowitz) personally responsible for what is going on. This is our future, our children's future. When a coach keeps losing a ball game, does he continue to say, "We need to stay the course?" Of course not. He should say that we are (as Republican National Committee Chairman Ken Mehlman recently said) "adapting to win." We made a huge mess and we need to hold them accountable.

If I were an owner of a fictional fantasy politics team, here's how I would change the parties:

First, the Republicans need to embody what they were once about — federal government. Bush has allowed federal spending to increase at rates not seen since Nixon and LBJ. In some circles, our President is being called "Bush the Budget Bustee." You are no fiscal conservative, Mr. President.

Second, Republicans need to reconsider whose brand of Christianity they promote. The Christian beliefs

being advanced are based on a distortion of biblical values. Rather than building on the Bible's commands to love our neighbor, they embrace isolated biblical passages that reflect fear and anger. We (as I am a Republican) are no longer the party of tolerance and acceptance. We now epitomize a single-mindedness that is destroying the Grand Old Party. Things must change.

Democrats need to stand on their principles: adequate health care for all, well-funded public schools and protection of civil liberties. These are winning principles, but as evidenced with Joe Lieberman's loss in Connecticut, they are their own worst enemy.

A loss this November for the Democrats will force a long overdue change in their approach as the opposition party. They need to be seen as an independent party with new ideas, not just the anti-Bush party. The Democrats are in disarray.

America's political parties are a mess. In order to clean them up, vote for change Nov. 7. I am fed up with the lies and crap coming out of Washington, D.C., if you aren't ready for change, tough.

We have to speak up. We cannot just keep our fingers up our noses and our hands in our pockets. I'm mad as hell, and you should be too. Stand up for what you believe and vote for change in 2006.

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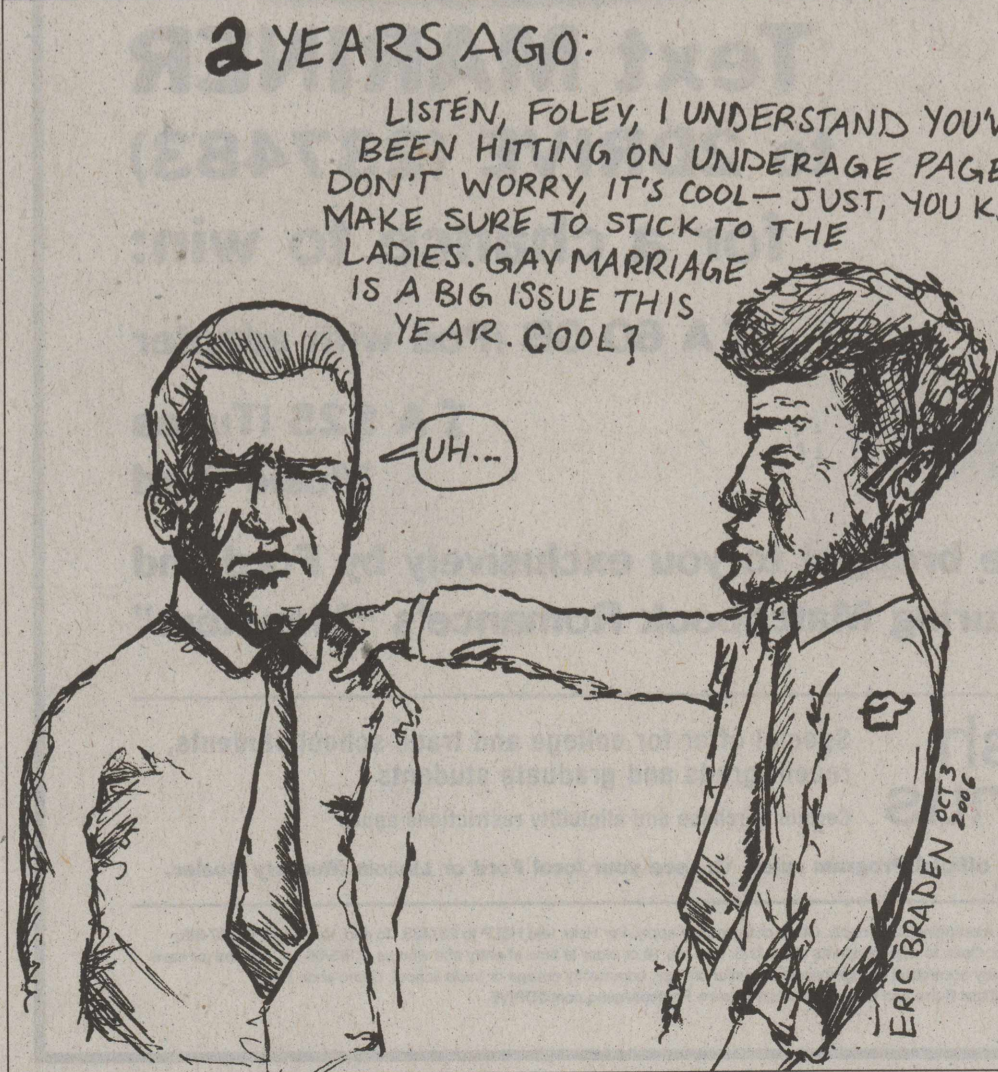
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Death toll brings honor to soldiers' sacrifice

How dare you represent bias on your front page. The cartoon character of the sun with shades on is leading people to believe that it is "cool" to be the sun. Does that make any sense? It makes about as much sense as saying your death toll is "disrespectful." I am an eight-year veteran of the armed forces and I see nothing disrespectful about it. I view it as information that is being relayed on. Simply presenting a fact does not make something bias. If there were a story run everyday about another U.S. soldiers death in Iraq by a road side bomb nobody would

read it. It would just give these little Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie clones another reason to puke. I applaud you for not bowing down to pressure. When I joined the military I gave up the right to free speech so others could. I sacrificed so we could continue to live in a place that needs free speech. The opposite end of the stick is a military state. Go ask an ordinary North Korean how that is working out for them. Thank you for bringing honor to my sacrifice. Keep up the good work.

Brian Morris, sophomore mass communications from Lubbock



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FTC approves Lockheed-Boeing rocket deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission said Tuesday it has approved the joint venture between defense contractors Lockheed Martin Corp. and Boeing Co. to launch government satellites, removing a final barrier to the long-delayed proposal.

While the commission concluded that the \$1.06 billion partnership between the nation's two biggest defense firms could unfairly muscle out competitors, it said that concern was outweighed by the national security demands for a reliable and cheaper way to send military and other satellites into space.

The so-called United Launch Alliance, or ULA, was proposed in May 2005 to resolve a long-standing dispute between Lockheed and Boeing, then the two major suppliers of rockets for government launches.

It also came after Boeing was stripped of \$1 billion in launch contracts and suspended for 20 months from launches by the Air Force after accusations that it used thousands of sensitive documents stolen from Lockheed to gain an edge in the bitter rivalry. Boeing later agreed to pay \$615 million to end a Justice Department probe of the case.

The FTC decision "brings the ULA closer to the goal of meeting the government's need for reliable, lower-cost launch services for national security, civil and scientific payloads," Boeing spokesman Dan Beck said.

Lockheed spokesman Tom Jurkowsky, calling the decision good news, said the two companies still needed to complete reams of legal documents before the deal closes.

ULA will be a 50-50 venture between the two companies, each providing a \$530.7 million stake. It is planned for Denver and would combine launch services for Boeing's Delta and Lockheed's Atlas rockets, known as expendable launch vehicles. The venture is expected to save about \$150 million annually.

The government already had few contractors to choose from. Maryland-based Lockheed and Chicago-based Boeing are the only domestic suppliers of medium to heavy rockets. California-based Northrop Grumman is the only other major competitor in the domestic space launch vehicle business, according to the FTC.

The FTC set conditions on the deal such as requiring ULA to not favor Lockheed and Boeing on issues such as who makes the satellites that are launched and other contracting issues. It also requires ULA to guard trade secrets closely.

Housing slowdown will result in price declines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing prices, slumping after a five-year boom, are projected to decline in half of the nation's metropolitan areas, with the Northeast, Florida and California among the areas hardest hit.

The forecast by Moody's Economy.com, a private research firm, presents one of the starkest views yet of the housing slowdown that has been gathering force in recent months.

The West Chester, Pa., forecasting firm projects that the median sales price for an existing home will decline in 2007 by 3.6 percent, which would be the first decline for an entire year in home prices since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

The forecast is included in a 195-page report, "Housing at the Tipping Point," which *The Associated Press* obtained before its general release on Wednesday.

The report projected that 133 of the nation's 279 metropolitan areas would suffer price declines. That is quite a contrast from the past five years when low mortgage rates pushed sales to five consecutive annual records and prices in the hottest sales areas skyrocketed.

But this year, the once red-hot housing market has cooled significantly. Some analysts are worried that the slowdown could become so severe that it could drag the entire country into a recession, much as the bursting of the stock market bubble in 2000 led to the 2001 slump.

The housing report said the biggest percentage price decline will be in Danville, Ill., where prices have already fallen by 18.7 percent from the peak in the second quarter of 2005 to a low-point in the first three months of this year. That setback occurred because of layoffs in autos and other manufacturing industries, which depressed the local economy.

The second biggest decline is projected to occur in the Fort Myers, Fla., area, a fall of 18.6 percent from the peak in the final three months of last year to a low-point for prices that is projected to occur in the second quarter of 2007.

The 133 areas with slumping prices are concentrated in the states of California and Florida and the Northeast corridor from southern Maine to just south of Washington, D.C., as well as boom areas of Nevada and Arizona and some depressed sections of the Midwest such as Detroit.

Of the areas with falling prices, 72 were forecast to hit their lowpoint by the end of this year with the rest seeing a trough for prices in 2007, 2008 or even as late as 2009.

But even in areas which have already hit a lowpoint for prices, the rebound in prices is not expected to occur quickly.

"Prices are going to go down and stay down for awhile. It will take at least a couple of years to work off the excesses of the last decade," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com and the principal author of the report.

Not all parts of the country will experience price declines. The report said Texas, the Southeastern states other than Florida and much of the Midwest Farm Belt should be immune from price declines although price increases were expected to be modest.

The report said the most vulnerable areas for price declines were those regions where red-hot markets attracted speculators known as "flippers" who purchased homes in hopes of selling them fast for a quick profit.

"Housing's downturn has turned even more dramatic with the rapid flight of the flipper from the market," the report said. "These investors have gone from sending home sales and prices shooting higher to driving sales and prices lower."

The report described the current environment as a "correction" and not a "crash" but it cautioned that there were downside risks that could make the slowdown more serious.

A big threat is that the fall in home prices could have a significant impact on consumer spending patterns. The so-called wealth effect pushed consumer spending higher during the housing boom as soaring home prices made homeowners feel more wealthy and thus more inclined to spend money. But falling home prices could have the reverse effect and depress consumer spending.

"We believe the housing downturn will weigh on the economic expansion but will not break it. But there are risks," Zandi said.

The slowdown in housing occurred as a result of a two-year campaign by the Federal Reserve to push interest rates higher as a way of slowing the economy enough to keep inflation under control.

The Fed has kept rates unchanged for the past two months and many economists believe the central bank has finished its rate hikes as long as inflation pressures keep falling.

The belief that the current economic slowdown is restraining inflation has helped push mortgage rates lower with the 30-year mortgage now at a six-month low of 6.31 percent, an improvement that is expected to help put a floor on housing's fall.

SPIRIT ON DISPLAY



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DON ROULAIN OF Texas Tech ground maintenance positions a spirit board before placing sandbags on the supports Tuesday morning near the Broadway Avenue entrance to campus.

Bush

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leaders struggled to contain the fallout from an election-year scandal involving sexually explicit messages from the disgraced former Florida Republican lawmaker to underage male pages.

"I know that he wants all the facts to come out and he wants to ensure that these children up there on Capitol Hill are protected," the president said. "I'm confident he will provide whatever leadership he can to law enforcement in this investigation."

"I was dismayed and shocked to learn about Congressman Foley's unacceptable behavior," Bush told reporters.

"I was disgusted by the revelations and disappointed that he would violate the trust of the citizens who placed him in office," Bush said. "Families have every right to expect that when they send their children to be a congressional page in Washington that those children will be safe."

The president spoke in a courtyard of the George W. Bush Elementary School. Inside, the president visited young children practicing their reading in the school library named after his wife, Laura. The school has 858 students in grades kindergarten through seventh grade.

Bush's comments on the Foley scandal came as he also addressed a string of deadly attacks in schools in the past week. He said Americans have a responsibility

to protect their children.

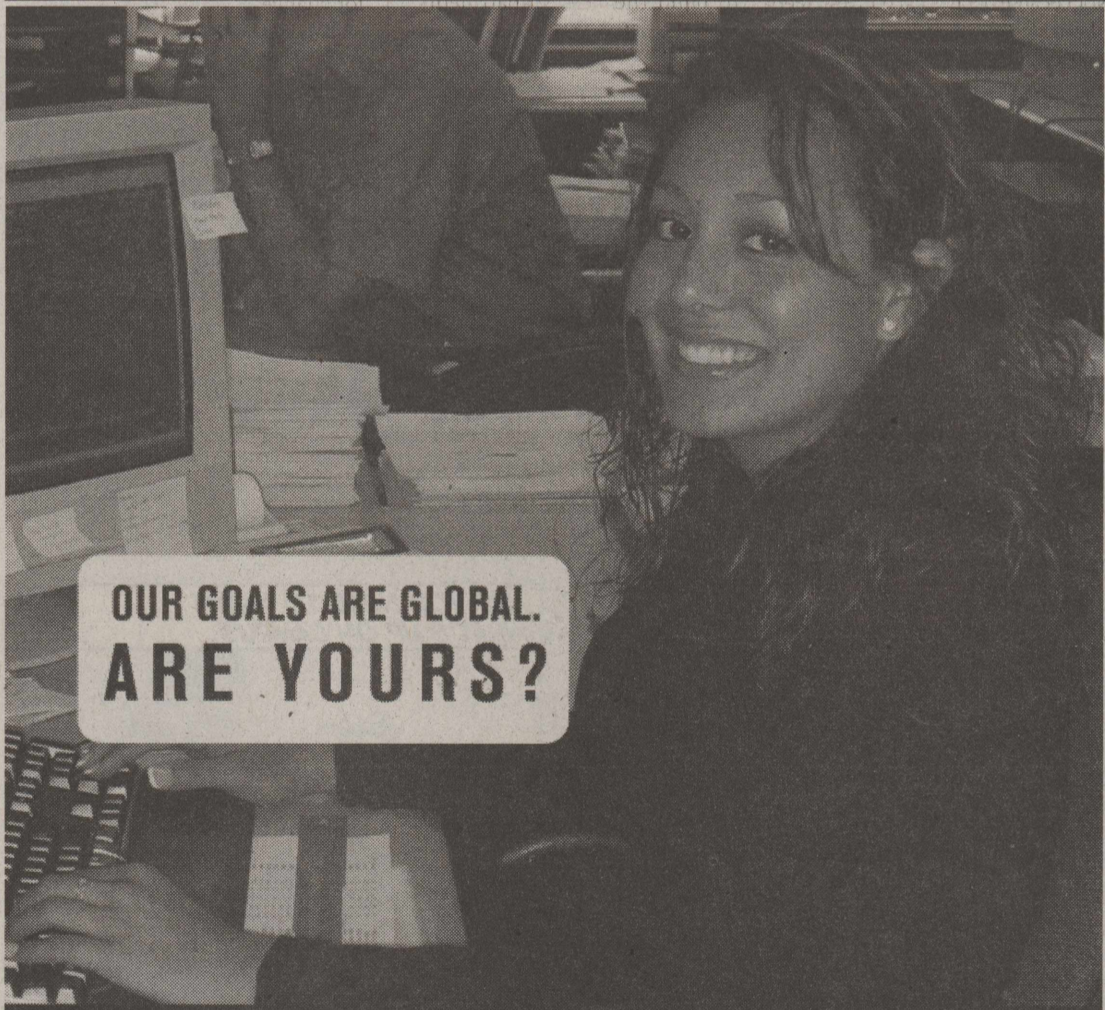
"Our school children should never fear their safety when they enter into a classroom," the president said.

"Laura and I were saddened and deeply concerned, like a lot of citizens around the country, about the school shootings that took place in Pennsylvania, Colorado and Wisconsin. We grieve with the parents and we share the concerns of those who worry about safety in schools," Bush said.

On Monday night, the White House announced a conference of education and law enforcement experts on how the federal government might help communities prevent violence and deal with its aftermath. No date has been set and it was unclear whether Bush would attend.

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Labor board redefines employee eligibility for union membership

WASHINGTON (AP)—Health care industry workers assigned as “charge nurses” should be considered supervisory and thus ineligible for union representation, a federal panel held Tuesday, in a decision with sweeping implications for the broader labor force.

The National Labor Relations Board, in a 3-2 ruling, also said people who work supervisory shifts only on a rotating basis may be exempt from supervisory status in some cases, but not others, depending on the frequency and consistency of the supervisory shifts.

The decision in the so-called “Kentucky River” cases was long awaited by both organized labor and business.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney immediately denounced it, saying the ruling invites employers “to strip millions of workers of their right to have a union by reclassifying them as ‘supervisors’ in name only.”

“It’s a big blow to workers who want to be in a union,” said Nancy Schiffer, an attorney for the AFL-CIO. “If an employer gives you supervisory responsibility, you lose the

right to have a voice at work.”

The decision was one of three related rulings issued Tuesday, grouped as the “Kentucky River” cases because they were intended to clarify the supervisor question from a case several years ago involving Kentucky River Community Care Inc.

Labor unions had been closely watching the decision in the case of Oakwood Health Care, involving an acute care facility in Michigan — concerned that thousands of workers now under union protection could lose their federal protection under labor law. They were trying to determine how the decision could affect supervisors in a broad range of industries.

Sweeney said the NLRB is dominated by Bush administration lawyers. He also noted a dissenting view, which said the ruling “threatens to create a new class of workers under federal labor law: workers who have neither the genuine prerogatives of management, nor the statutory rights of ordinary employees.”

He charged that the NLRB has been chipping away at union rights through decisions limiting

the eligibility of other groups of workers — the disabled, temporary employees and teaching assistants — to join unions.

The decision is likely to be challenged all the way to the Supreme court, where twice before the high court has overturned such rulings and remanded them to the NLRB for more work.

The board considered such issues as a supervisor’s use of independent judgment and the assignment and direction of staff.

In two related cases, the NLRB ruled:

— Charge nurses at Golden Crest Healthcare Center in Hibbing, Minn. did not carry out supervisory work, using the definitions outlined in the lead Oakwood case.

— Lead employees at Croft Metals, Inc. in McComb, Miss. did not exercise supervisory authority under federal law, using those same definitions in the Oakwood case.

The unions directly involved were the United Auto Workers in the Oakwood case, the United Steel Workers in the Golden Crest case and the Boilermakers union in the Croft Metals case.

Jury selection begins in retrial in smuggling case

HOUSTON (AP) — Potential jurors in the retrial of a truck driver accused of taking part in the nation’s deadliest human smuggling attempt were asked about illegal immigration and the death penalty during jury selection Tuesday.

Tyrone Williams could face the death sentence if convicted for what prosecutors say is his failure to help the more than 70 illegal immigrants packed into his stifling tractor-trailer. Nineteen died from the heat, which prosecutors estimated reached 173 degrees.

Jury selection, which could take up to two weeks, began Tuesday

with an initial jury pool of about 250 people. U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal questioned the group about immigration and the death penalty.

“Are there any of you who would never find under any circumstances in favor of a death sentence?” Rosenthal asked. Thirty-eight said they couldn’t impose such a sentence.

Thirty-nine said they already had an opinion about Williams’ guilt in the 2003 smuggling attempt from South Texas to Houston. Another 27 said they had strong opinions about illegal immigration that would affect their ability to serve

as jurors.

Rosenthal talked to potential jurors for more than an hour before she and the attorneys began individually questioning them. The judge closed the courtroom to the media and public during individual questioning. The process was held in open court during Williams’ first trial.

Williams, who abandoned the trailer at a truck stop about 100 miles southwest of Houston, was convicted last year on 38 transporting counts in the deaths. He avoided a death sentence because the jury couldn’t agree on his role in the crime. The jury deadlocked on 20 other counts.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



SANDRA GÁRCIA, A senior visual studies major from Lubbock, stands behind her artwork concerning the genetic alteration of food during a critique Tuesday afternoon in the art building.

Iranian nuclear official proposes that France enrich Iran’s uranium

PARIS (AP) — A top Iranian nuclear official proposed Tuesday that France create a consortium to enrich uranium in Iran, saying

that could satisfy international demands for outside oversight of Tehran’s nuclear program.

French officials distanced themselves from the idea, which an analyst called an Iranian attempt to stall or divert attention from mounting tensions over its nuclear activities. But the European Union official leading negotiations with Iran over its atomic program said the proposal was worth a closer look.

“To be able to arrive at a solution, we have just had an idea. We propose that France create a consortium for the produc-

tion in Iran of enriched uranium,” Mohammad Saeedi, deputy chief of Iran’s Atomic Energy Organization, told France-Info radio.

“That way France, through the companies Eurodif and Areva, could control in a tangible way our enrichment activities,” he said.

Eurodif is a branch of Areva, a French state-controlled nuclear manufacturer, and was created in part with Iranian backing in the 1970s.

World powers are in a standoff with Iran over its nuclear program, which Tehran insists is aimed at producing electricity, but which many nations fear is aimed at making nuclear weapons. Iran ignored a U.N.-imposed Aug. 31 deadline to suspend uranium enrichment or face possible sanctions.

Dow Jones average reaches new heights

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average finally reached new heights Tuesday, extending Wall Street’s seven-year recovery with a record closing level after climbing into uncharted territory in trading earlier in the day.

The index of 30 blue chip stocks ended the session at 11,727.34, wiping out the previous record of 11,722.98.

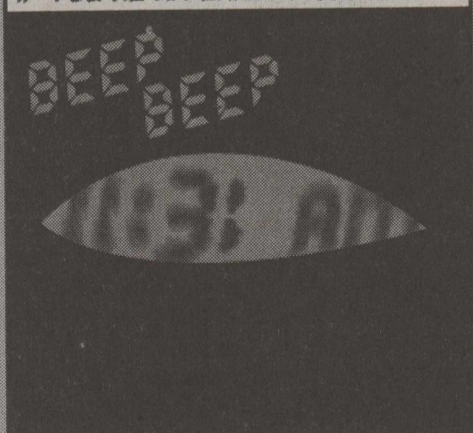
Earlier, the Dow crossed its old trading high of 11,750.28, rising up to 11,758.95. Both of the previous records were set Jan. 14, 2000.

While investors welcomed the Dow’s latest achievement, it comes at a time the stock market is more conservative, even more muted, than the Wall Street of early 2000. Then, investors were still piling exuberantly into high-tech stocks. In 2006, the market’s gains come only after investors’ careful parsing of economic data and corporate earnings reports.

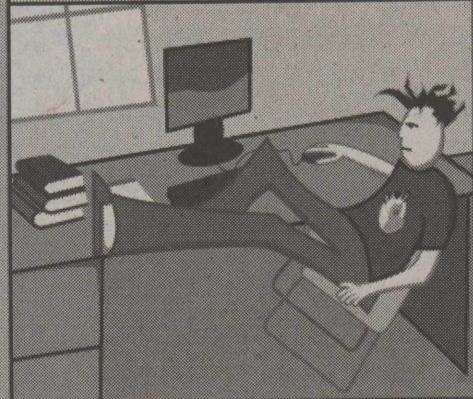
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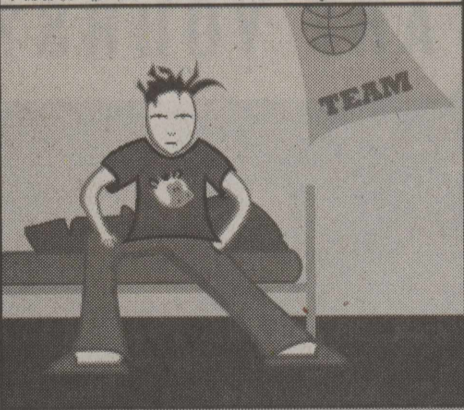
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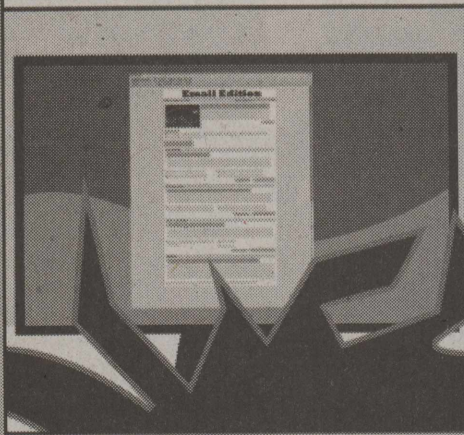
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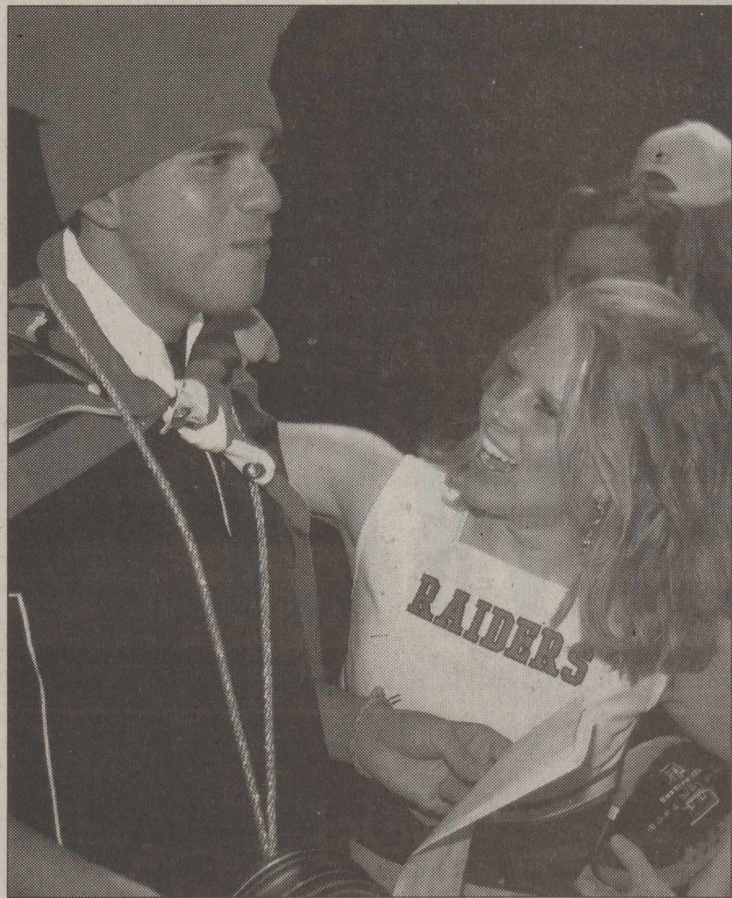
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Homecoming court finalists announced



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JOE GONZALES, A senior international business major from Houston, and Anne Gepford, a senior advertising and political science major from Leawood, Kan., joke around backstage before being presented as Homecoming King and Queen nominees Tuesday night at the United Spirit Arena.

By DANIELLE NOVY
LA VIDA EDITOR

There were no basketball players or screaming fans painted in black and scarlet, but the United Spirit Arena came alive Tuesday night as Texas Tech's "royalty" displayed their talents and the top candidates for homecoming king and queen were announced.

Eleven women and 10 men were chosen to take the next step toward the crown in a ceremony composed of a short interviews with all of the 29 starting candidates, short skits and even a pair of energetic performances by the Tech's drum line.

The United Spirit Arena's polished hardwood floor was adorned with over-sized poker chips, three-foot tall playing cards and glittering lights reminiscent of the Las Vegas casinos the event was modeled after.

The night began with the candidates teaming up in pairs and trios to introduce themselves in any creative manner they could muster. Some chose to treat the crowd to a song, while others opted to don rollerblades for comedic value, and others still offered their acting abilities to their peers.

As the "candidate showcase" assumed the form of a pageant,

the candidates endured several wardrobe changes as they showed off attire ranging from "business casual" to formal wear.

While the 10 male candidates dressed in crisp tuxes provided by Tuxedo Junction, their female counterparts swept across the hardwood floor in jewel-colored gowns (provided by Morle) to answer randomly selected questions on every topic from politics to their personal definition of happiness.

When asked what her biggest pet peeve was, candidate Jennifer Bruse selected "mean people" while candidate Tyler Harrell defined happiness as "living life the way you want and having good friends with you."

After the last of the candidates had answered their respective questions, the group was ushered back to the top of the basketball court as the top 21 hopefuls' names were announced to the chorus of screaming friends and peers.

Coordinator Amber Lisman said she believes the homecoming crown represents much more than simply a sparkling head ornament.

"I think it's a leader for the school," she said of being homecoming royalty. "It shows you are a great role model and very

involved."

After the 29 candidates were whittled down to only 21, those chosen to continue their pursuit of the title of either "king" or "queen" were all smiles as their friends rushed the court to offer them warm congratulations.

"Considering I was the last person called, I was relieved and excited," said Sharon Hughes, a senior cell and molecular biology major who was chosen as one of the "top 11" females. "I'm excited about the chance to represent my school and Kappa Alpha Theta."

Michael Gerrish, a finance and real estate major who was also chosen as one of the "top 10" male finalists, said he was excited to make it to the next stage.

"I'm happy to get the opportunity to represent my organization," he said after the ceremony.

Still, it wasn't just the candidates whose names were called that felt the adrenaline and energy in the U.S.A Tuesday. Each candidate was backed by friends from his or her organization who offered a constant soundtrack of heavy clapping and cheering.

Stacy Onofrio, a junior finance major from Plano, said she attended the event to support Lyndi Smith,

a friend whom she met through the Women's Service Organization.

"We're all here cheering for her," Onofrio said, as she motioned toward the bleachers packed with women decked in WSO apparel.

The candidate showcase marked a single event in a week of festivities that will culminate at 6 p.m. Saturday when the Red Raiders battle the Missouri Tigers and two hopefuls are crowned king and queen the game's halftime.

The female finalists are: Leslie Pinson, Lindsay Ranson, Lyndi Smith, Kelsey Beaudin, Leslie Brockman, Analisa Brooks, Lauren Croom, Andrea Gage, Anne Gepford, Kelli Hourihan and Sharon Hughes. The male finalists are: Carson Runge, Robert Wallace, Akeem Akinpelu, Bob Bardwell, Michael Gerrish, Joe Gonzalez, Tyler Harrell, Hunter Hill, Andrew Hodge and Rob Magnus.

The next homecoming event is slated to unravel from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. today with the homecoming blood drive, while at 10 p.m. Thursday will feature the Techsan Memorial at Memorial Circle. For more information on Tech homecomings both past and present, visit the Web site www.homecoming.ttu.edu.

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Kinky

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Sam Houston. The importance of the independent candidate is connected with the corruption in the government, he said.

"Seventy-five percent of polls want everyone thrown out of the government," he said. "The same is true in Austin, folks. They are robbing us with fountain pens."

Problems he sees in Austin include excessive political correctness leading to issues not being addressed, politicians who are disconnected from the public and the role of money in government.

"The politician is thinking about the next election," he said. "A statesman is thinking about the next generation."

Recent accusations of racism, which Friedman would not address, stem from opponents' fear, said Little Jewford, a campaign affiliate for Friedman.

"They're very desperate. They wouldn't be doing that if he was low in the polls," he said. "Everyone who knows Kinky knows he's not a racist."

Jewford also said although Friedman's opponents may act as if he is not a factor in the election, they are aware that he is a major player.

"I know they take him seriously

in the back room, but outwardly they say they can't, that he's a jokester," he said.

An advantage he has is his connection with the public, Friedman said. He plans on changing the way the government works. "I'm for the little 'fellers,' not the Rockefellers," he said.

"He doesn't know the waitress's name in the coffee shop," he said. "I will know her name and sometimes I'll even ask for her number."

Friedman said he does not want to follow the system as it is now, but would rather focus on the people and serving them directly.

"Nor do I look to legislators to be the leaders of Texas. The people need to be the leaders," he said. "We don't need a hired hand anymore, we need a good shepherd."

Other changes he foresees have to do with discontinuing plans for the Trans-Texas Corridor and helping students, both in college and in lower levels.

"I'm irritated by the fact that these institutions are filthy rich and the kids are broke," he said.

These "kids," or students, will be important in the upcoming election, he said.

"I'm talking to young people because I think you can be the

deciding factor in this election," he said. "I think young people can run the state."

Going out to talk to college students and address concerns they have are some reasons Friedman is popular with them, said Jack Whittington, a junior political science major from Vidor and president of Techsans for Independence.

"He's the same person in public that he is in private," Whittington said. "That is really rare in politics today."

Amy McCarthy, a freshman political science major from Paris, Texas, echoed Whittington's observations about Friedman's character.

"He's very animated. He's funny but he also knows what he's talking about," McCarthy said.

Friedman is not the only candidate she said she has supported. In the past she said she has supported a Libertarian candidate as well as presidential hopefuls Howard Dean and John Kerry.

"I look at their issues definitely," she said. "I also look to see if they have a vision. Kinky very much has the vision that he is in tune with."

McCarthy was not the only person present who has switched political allegiances to support Friedman.

Glenda Taylor, Lubbock County coordinator for Kinky Friedman's campaign, said she has been a Demo-

crat all her life, but had become tired with the problems in the government.

"He's not the flamboyant kind of guy you picture," she said. "He's very serious about the issues."

The reason Techsans for Independence decided to support Friedman rather than the other independent candidate, Carole Strayhorn, is because "we feel Mr. Friedman is the independent candidate in the race," Whittington said.

Friedman's position as an independent will help him cross party lines in the future, he said.

"[He] can work across party lines, he's not shackled by ideologues," Whittington said.

Friedman said Perry is part of a two-party system that is broken. However, he said Perry is not the

focus of his campaign.

"It's not Kinky versus Rick," he said. "It's Kinky versus apathy."

This did not stop him from making it clear that Perry does need to leave the office.

"No Child Left Behind has failed, and the only way we will fix education in Texas is to leave one governor behind," he said.

In the end, the election in November will be a deciding factor in the future of Texas.

"I say if you are old enough to fight in Iraq, you are old enough to help fix Texas," he said.

And with, "Ask not if you're proud of Texas, ask if you've made Texas proud of you," and, "Never reelect anybody, that's the key," Friedman ended his afternoon at Tech.

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Hijacking

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the hijackers were not armed and that the passengers were not in any danger, said Ali Genc, a spokesman for the carrier.

Istanbul Deputy Gov. Vedat Muftuoglu also said the hijackers stormed the cockpit about 15-20 minutes after takeoff from the Albanian capital of Tirana.

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THE SPACE BETWEEN

It's been a year since Texas and Oklahoma met. Mack Brown and his Longhorns took their first victory against Stoops and his Sooners in five years. Could this be the beginning of a new streak, this time going in favor of the defending National Champions?

OKLAHOMA POINT-OF-VIEW

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — For the first time in five years, Oklahoma enters Saturday's Texas showdown without beating the Longhorns the previous year. That makes no difference to Sooners coach Bob Stoops.

"Even when we were on our run, what'd I say every year? 'It doesn't matter what happened a year ago. We've got to go win it again,'" Stoops said Tuesday at his weekly news conference. "You've got to be able to do it all over again. Each year is different, each team is different and I believe that now as well."

The Sooners lost last year's meeting at the Cotton Bowl 45-12, ending a five-game winning streak during which Oklahoma outscored Texas 189-54. That's all in the past now, as is the talk of whether the Sooners had a psychological edge on Texas or whether Stoops had some innate ability to beat Longhorns coach Mack Brown.

"You have to get yourself in a position to win it now," Stoops said. "What happens next year doesn't matter, what happened last year doesn't matter."

Even this year, Stoops doesn't expect the fact that the 13th-ranked Sooners (3-1) enter as the underdog to No. 7 Texas, the defending national

champion, to provide much motivation.

"I don't prefer it either way. It doesn't matter to me," Stoops said. "We've won it (as the) underdog and we've won it being favored. ... We're not sitting here like that's our mantra. It's not our deal."

Stoops said he thinks the Sooners are better in all three phases of the game than they were entering last season's Red River Rivalry.

"It's not even close," he said. "There's no question we're a much different football team coming into the game than we were a year ago. I don't even know that you can compare the two. And one of the biggest reasons, too, is Adrian Peterson's healthy. That changes everything."

Peterson had only three carries for 10 yards last season while nursing a sprained ankle. In his absence, the Sooners had a season-low 77 rushing yards on 33 carries.

Meanwhile, Texas is without its star from last year's game, quarterback Vince Young. Now the starting quarterback for the Tennessee Titans, Young threw for three touchdowns and ran for another last year against Oklahoma.

"There's no denying with Vince Young back there, it's just differ-

ent," Stoops said. "They run a lot of similar plays and again Colt McCoy's doing an excellent job. But you're talking about a guy who was picked second or third in the NFL draft who can make plays happen when they weren't there. Obviously, that's a big difference in how you attack what they do because he was back there."

Stoops said it's not as simple as whether opponents could use a conventional defense against Young. He said at times Young's presence would mean defenses had to be more aggressive but "there's a lot more to it."

"There's a different dimension when he's back there," Stoops said. "Does it make it any easier to stop certain other plays? Maybe not. But I also know that the style of what you do defensively can change because he's not back there."

Some combination of Young's absence and his team's improvement has Stoops feeling good heading into the weekend.

"We expect to win, and we're confident about it. But we've got to work for it and we recognize them as a great team," Stoops said. "We're excited about it."

TEXAS POINT-OF-VIEW

AUSTIN (AP) — So what's it going to be Mack Brown? A streak or a fluke?

Was that 45-12 win over Oklahoma with the swaggering Vince Young at quarterback the start of a winning streak over your big rival?

Or was it a once-every-six-years result that Adrian Peterson and the Sooners will squash this weekend?

The Texas coach said this week he's glad the spotlight on the game is no longer focused on him and the five-game losing streak to the Sooners. But a loss and a return to the bitter days of 2000-2004 would have Texas fans gnashing their teeth again.

You can just hear the critics now: Sure he could win with Vince, but ...

Sorry Mack. There won't be any escaping it until you beat Oklahoma with Colt McCoy, the steady West Texas yin to Young's freewheeling, hypertalented yang.

Last season was a glorious ride to the national championship, something that hadn't happened in 36 years. The Sooners are on the schedule every October.

That means Longhorns fans want to win this game and party at the State Fair of Texas every year, not listen to Boomer Sooner ringing in their ears.

Brown is 87-20 at Texas. He regularly beats the heck out of every other Big 12 team and hasn't lost to the Longhorns' other big rival, Texas A&M, since 1999.

It was that losing streak against the Sooners, more than any bowl game loss or random defeat at Stanford, that raised the questions of could he win the big one.

And lest anyone need reminding, he won THE BIG ONE.

After dominating the Sooners last season, Brown, Young and the Longhorns beat two-time defending national champ Southern California in the Rose Bowl.

They sang "The Eyes of Texas," confetti flew and Brown cupped the crystal football trophy in his hands while grown men cried. It doesn't get any bigger than that.

And for nine months Brown didn't have to hear "When are you going to beat Oklahoma?"

"I'm glad this game is back to where it is instead of about how I screwed up," Brown said Monday.

It didn't get him a lifetime pass. A bad game by a freshman quarterback and a loss Saturday could stir up some really bad memories.

The Longhorns (4-1, 1-0 Big 12) should win Saturday. They have the

better team.

The Sooners have the best player in Peterson. But put 11 on 11 and Texas has better talent and arguably a better all-around coaching staff.

Last year, Young was the best player. He had the physical talent to go with the dancing, laughing, we're-better-than-you attitude that put Texas over the hump and ended the streak. Peterson was hurt last year and never had a chance to counter what Young did for the Longhorns.

But Young is gone. He's in the NFL now, taking his lumps as a rookie.

In his place is McCoy, who has been good, not great, for Texas so far this season.

Is it fair to demand he be great? Few freshmen quarterbacks are. But it is not too much for Texas to expect the best game of his young career.

McCoy has seen but hasn't played in the Cotton Bowl with the stands split down the middle in crimson and burnt orange. He was on the sideline last year, but didn't have to play after running out of the tunnel to the jeers of Sooners fans.

All he had to do was watch Young fling touchdown passes and the defense tee off on the Sooners' Rhett Bomar.

"Vince played awesome," McCoy said.

Tech club hockey left skating in the shadows of Title IX

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

After practice, 20 players stand at a taped-over electrical cord serving as the starting and finishing line for the last drill of the day.

The Texas Tech club ice hockey team gets a few hours of ice time each day. However, it must take practice to drier land, where it is plentiful in Lubbock.

For residents of West Texas, the only ice they may be concerned with are cubes in a cup of tea — possibly because the Tech athletic department has yet to officially sanction the hockey team. Coach

Paul Fioroni said the chances of his team becoming an NCAA-sanctioned team are unknown.

Though, with a budget hovering at \$150,000 a year, a lease with the city of Lubbock, large crowds for home games and a history of winning seasons, the Tech club ice hockey has begun stitching a name for itself in the college community.

"We're behind the ball a little here in the South," Fioroni said. "You can't tell me that the Big 12 can't compete nationally."

Chris Cook, associate athletic director for Tech sports, said there are a lot of dynamics that go into adding a sport to a university.

"You have to come up with funding, and hockey is an expensive sport," he said. "I'm not saying that it will never happen, because I just don't know that."

Fioroni, who is in his first year of coaching the team after retiring from the Lubbock Cotton Kings, said Tech could have competed for the national championship the last three years if it were not for ineligible players.

This year, Fioroni said he wants to make sure every player is present on the ice. He has a few players who are being kept out of practices and games because of grades, as the team requires a 2.0 GPA to play.

The loss of two players has yet to hurt Fioroni and his squad. The team handled the University of North Texas over the weekend, beating them by nine goals combined in both games.

Fioroni said he wants to make sure his team was the best conditioned in the league.

After multi-hour practices every week, the players go through dry-land training. Sometimes they run the steps of the arena, while other times they run

six laps around the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Hal Penchan, the captain of the team, served as the designated player/coach for the past year. Penchan said he recognizes the difference between the practices the players ran and the practices Fioroni runs.

"We're definitely working harder," he said, laughing.

The work ethic is only the starting point of the changes made to the team this year, he said.

"We have great team chemistry," Penchan said. "From the freshmen to the seniors, we all get along really well."

Fioroni said he wanted to build on the chemistry his team has, and he would like to be the first NCAA Division I-A hockey coach at Tech.

"We're not a club team by choice," he said. "All that's holding us back is Title IX."

Title IX is part of the Education Amendments of 1972 that requires all colleges to give equal opportunities to men and women at a university. According to the Women's Sport's Foundation, Title IX



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THE TEXAS TECH club hockey team skates sprints during practice.

often requires schools to cut men's sports in order to have enough money to fund women's sports.

Until the Tech hockey team is given NCAA status, the team will continue to compete at the club level, playing schools like Texas A&M, Colorado State, New Mexico and Baylor.

"We're trying to make some tradition here," Fioroni said. Michael Pruneau, goalie for the team, said his team has a lot more potential this year than other teams in Texas.

"We're taking leaps and bounds in the right direction," he said.

Every year after the regular season, the team heads off to Utah for the regional championship tournament. If the team competes well enough at the tournament, it will then move on to the nationals, Fioroni said.

Winning the national championship might mean more to the team than just bragging rights.

"I think it'll go a long way in making us NCAA," Pruneau said.

The Tech team is on the road for the month of October, but will return home in early November for a series of games.

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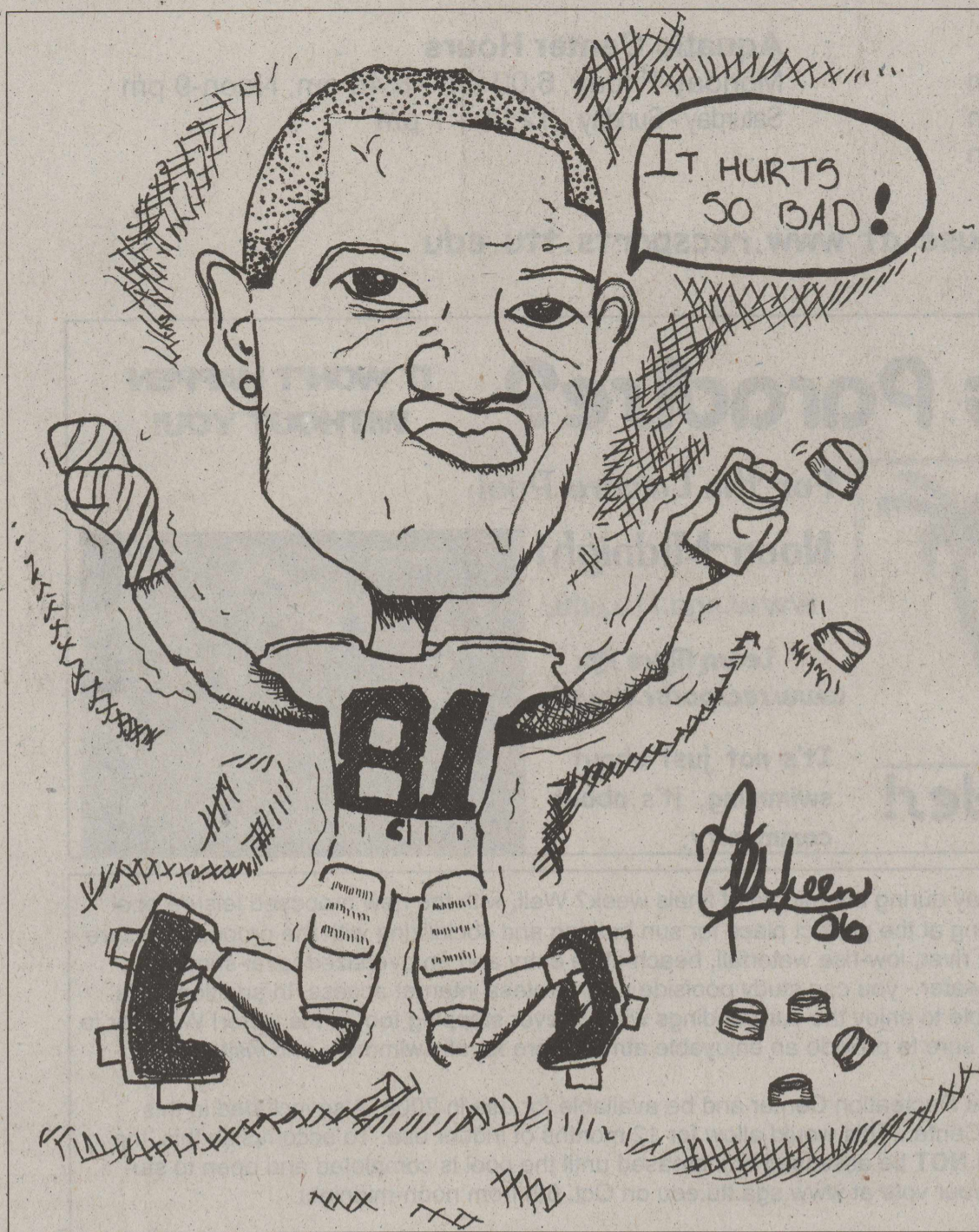
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'T.O. Returns' great cloak for teammates

IRVING (AP) — This is the week the other 52 members of the Dallas Cowboys have been looking forward to all season.

Not because they give a hoot about Terrell Owens going back to Philadelphia — it's because the T.O. story line is all anybody outside the organization cares about.

Contrary to popular belief, when outsiders focus tightly on something, that doesn't mean the same is happening inside the locker room. Truth is, what gets described as a distraction usually is a pleasant diversion to players.

That's certainly the case this week.

While sports-talk radio, TV shows and newspapers analyze every aspect of "Owens Returns!!!" the rest of the Cowboys will savor every second out of the spotlight.

That means Julius Jones won't be badgered about why his great performance against Tennessee was so rare, only the fifth 100-yard game of his career. Jason Witten will avoid questions about his two false starts against the Titans and the budding trend of flags flying his way. And Mike Vanderjagt is off the hook for the chip-shot field goal he missed and mediocre kickoffs.

Everyone not named Owens gets to go through the week focusing solely on getting ready for an important division game, save for a question or two about their take on THE story of the week.

The scrutiny and attention will solely be on No. 81, exactly how he likes it.

"I love me some me," he said again Friday on his radio show, repeating a line he's said for years and a sentiment that could be his epitaph.

That wasn't meant to be a macabre reference to the events of last week, but it works well as a bridge to a perfect example of this distraction-diversion concept.

Coach Bill Parcells blows smoke from time to time, but he was telling the truth last week when he said Owens' trip to the emergency room wasn't a distraction. Players not only agreed, they laughed at the question.

Some folks found that hard to believe. However, most fans don't realize the things they discuss, debate and fret over usually are nothing like the things discussed, debated and fretted over by players.

Take last week's T.O. story. Players missed the unfolding drama that turned it into such a big deal. They arrived at work to learn Owens spent the night in the hospital, then by the end of practice he was there catching passes.

They got word of the suicide report, but most didn't believe it. Once he showed up, they certainly didn't give it a second thought, yet fans and

media continued to examine every nuance.

Find it hard to believe that players could drop it that easily? Think they were berated by friends around the league, and nonfootball pals, all wanting the inside story?

"You know who called me?" veteran cornerback Aaron Glenn said. "My mom did. The only thing she asked was, 'Is he OK? That was it.'"

Considering the Cowboys plowed through the Titans 45-14 on Sunday, it didn't seem to affect them much. (Well, they did punt once; maybe they could've avoided that without all the focus that was lost worrying about Owens.)

To best understand how something that seems so big on the outside can be so small on the inside, you've got to understand the way things work at Valley Ranch.

Reporters are only allowed in the locker room for 45 minutes on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. That's a total of three hours per week, and there's not a single player around for all of it.

Guys are out having lunch or eating in the dining room, getting treatment in the training room or watching film in a meeting room. Sometimes they're just running errands or simply hanging out away from the cameras. High-profile guys like Owens and quarterback Drew Bledsoe meet with reporters once a week. Others come and go, often without stopping to talk.

The point is, you can be berated by more T.O. talk on your drive home from work than players will all of this week.

Every player knows the subject is

out there. They may talk about it, too, though not as long — and certainly not as detailed — as some folks might expect.

Sorry if this shatters some sort of myth of players being all-consuming by everything surrounding their team and the upcoming game. The simple reality is that the squawk surrounding most games matters merely to fans, and that's not strictly limited to this story. The same is true when it comes to "getting the season off to a good start," a "rivalry game" or any "must-win game" that doesn't mean the offseason would begin with a loss.

So feel free to spend the next several days predicting the mean-spirited signs sure to be waved by the fans who booed Santa Claus and cheered Michael Irvin's career-ending neck injury. Or use your energy coming up with "25 million reasons" to make fun of Owens' publicist.

But don't waste any time wondering about T.O. being a distraction.

The guy might be a lot of things, but that's one thing he's not — at least, not this week.

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Philly already gearing up for T.O.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The clever chants started before the Eagles played the Green Bay Packers on Monday night and the derogatory signs came out by the fourth quarter.

Philadelphia sure is ready for Terrell Owens and the Dallas Cowboys.

Tailgaters in the parking lot sang: "Oh-Deee! O.D., O.D., O.D., Oh-Deee, O.D.!!!"

And, that was before kick-off against Brett Favre and the Packers. Once the Eagles overcame a sluggish start and were on their way to a 31-9 victory, fans shifted all their focus to T.O.

Owens was hospitalized last week for what police termed an accidental overdose after Owens said he mixed the pain medication he was taking for a broken bone in his right hand with his dietary supplements. But he played against Tennessee just five days later and caught five passes for 88 yards.

Fans here certainly won't let him forget the incident.

One sign read: "Hope you feel better T.O. so we can hurt you." Another said: "Get a refill. You'll need those pills soon."

Owens will make his much-anticipated return to Philadelphia on Sunday when the Cowboys (2-1) visit the Eagles (3-1) in an important NFC East matchup. It'll be the star receiver's first game at Lincoln Financial Field since the Eagles kicked him off the team last November for a series of infractions, including repeated criticism of quarterback Donovan McNabb and the

organization.

A few days after the Eagles released him in March, Owens signed a three-year, \$25 million deal with Dallas. This game has been circled on everyone's calendar since the schedule came out.

Owens should pack earplugs and a blindfold because it could get downright nasty in Philly.

No surprise, however, that his former teammates and coaches are downplaying T.O.'s homecoming.

"They are a tremendous football team and we have to prepare ourselves properly," Eagles coach Andy Reid said Tuesday. "We understand that it's not about one person coming in here, but it's about that whole football team. They have strengths across the board and it is important we prepare ourselves right this week and eliminate any distractions that might be presented to us."

McNabb nearly made it through his entire postgame news conference without a question about Owens — until the last one.

"It's a division game. We need it. We look forward to the challenge. Anything else, I personally don't care," he said.

McNabb will get another chance for a more colorful response when he speaks to reporters on Wednesday.

Safety Brian Dawkins plans to make sure he doesn't let the hype surrounding the game affect the team's approach. The Eagles already lost to the Giants at home in Week 2 and are trying to end a seven-game losing streak in the division.

"It's going to be a big game for us. We're trying to take care of the house, and you know people

in Philadelphia do not like Dallas. They never have and they never will," Dawkins said. "So that being said, it's going to be an exciting game, but as far as the T.O. thing, once the first series is over with, a couple of hits have been given; it's going to be a football game and we're going to play football."

Linebacker Jeremiah Trotter, who tried to mediate the conflict between Owens and the team last year, echoed Reid's thoughts.

"To us, it's another game. Obviously, it's big, because we're playing the Cowboys, but we're not playing Terrell Owens," Trotter said. "We're excited. Every time you play the Cowboys, you're going to get fired up. I don't think a lot of guys will be watching TV this week. It's a short week, so we'll have our noses in the playbooks and getting ready to play."

Owens came to the Eagles in 2004 after eight often controversial seasons in San Francisco. He caught 77 passes for 1,200 yards and 14 touchdowns, helped the Eagles to a 13-1 start and made a valiant return from ankle surgery to play in Philadelphia's loss to New England in the Super Bowl.

But Owens' problems in Philly started when he demanded a new contract just one year into a seven-year, \$48.97 million deal. He criticized management, feuded with McNabb, violated team policies and eventually was banished seven games into the season.

An arbitrator upheld the Eagles' decision to suspend Owens without pay for four games and deactivate him the final five games. Without Owens and an injured McNabb for seven games, the Eagles struggled and finished 6-10.

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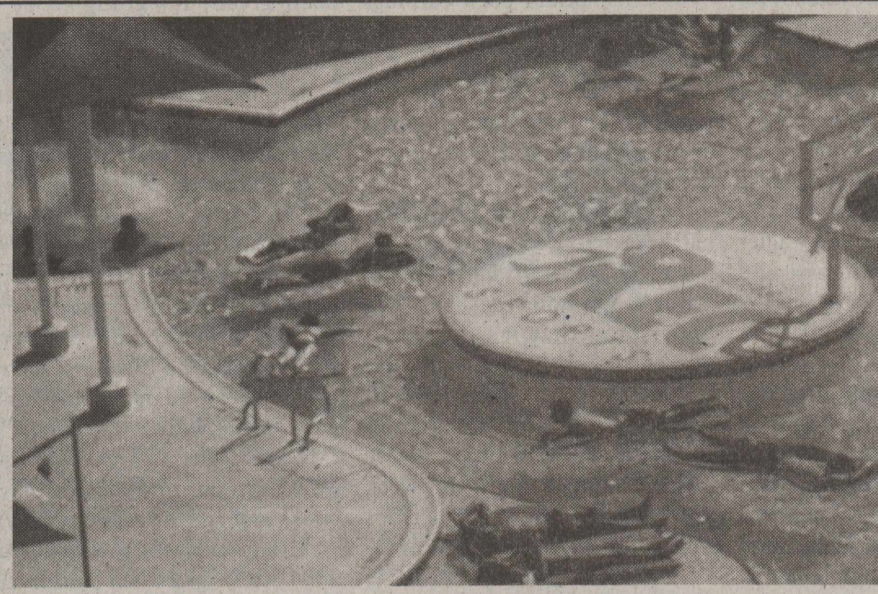
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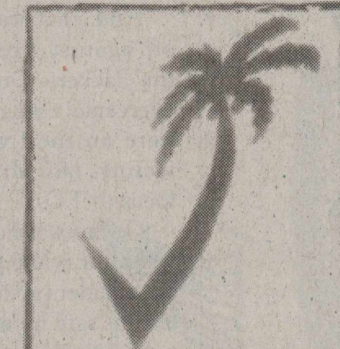
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If approved, the new leisure pool will be constructed on the South side of the Student Recreation Center and be available for use in 2008. Also included in this proposed project is construction of a permanent hard roof over the existing Aquatic Center. This would allow for 12 months of indoor use. To accomplish this, the Rec Fee would increase by up to \$10/semester from \$60 currently to \$70, but would **NOT** be assessed or increased until the pool is completed and open to students - sometime in the year 2008. Learn more at www.recsports.ttu.edu. Exercise your vote at www.sga.ttu.edu on Oct. 6th from noon-midnight.

Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

National Depression Awareness Week Screenings TODAY!

Between 17 and 20 million Americans experience depression each year. That's one out of eight people who will suffer depression in their lifetime. Over 80% who seek treatment will improve, but only a small percentage of people actually reach out for help. Confidential screenings will take place from 4-6 pm today at the SRC. We encourage you to take advantage of this and encourage others to do so. This is a valuable and potentially life-saving resource.

FREE Bike Maintenance Workshops

The Outdoor Pursuits Center is running the popular Bicycle Brake Adjustment and the Fix A Flat workshops. Bicycle Brake Adjustment is Oct. 10th from 7-8 PM, followed by Fix A Flat workshop the following day, Oct. 11th, from 7-8:30 PM.

Early Closing This Saturday
 Please note that the Rec Center and Pool will close at 4:30 PM this Saturday (Oct. 7th).

INTRAMURALS



Get your kicks this season with Intramural Soccer! There are only two days left to sign-up for Intramural Outdoor Soccer, so don't miss out! Sign-ups

will end on Thursday Oct. 5th. Bring your \$30 forfeit fee (Cash or Check) and the names and socials of your squad and secure your spot before they're all gone!



Kuk Sool Won (pictured left) has been named the Sport Club of the Month for Sept! Congratulations!



Don't forget Wellness Blood Screenings tomorrow! Baseline blood work can help you make fitness and nutrition goals. Take advantage of the testing tomorrow morning (Oct. 5) from 7-8:30 am. Covenant Corporate Services will draw blood. Rec Center membership is NOT required. Please register by TODAY at noon by calling

742.3828. Payment (cash or check) is due the morning of the tests. PayFlex is not accepted but these screenings are covered by FirstCare. Please come fasting (no food or beverages 10 hours prior). For details, visit www.recsports.ttu.edu.

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Raider X

RaiderX2 class registration for the 2nd session begins Wed., Oct 4th & classes begin the week of Oct. 15th.

Powered by high-energy music, challenging exercises and the best instructors in Lubbock, RaiderX2 classes make it easy to meet your exercise needs by giving you a fun and fantastic workout that will keep you engaged and energized. See the web site for schedule of classes; registration and payment is made in the Fitness/Wellness Center.

Aquatic Center

We're putting the pool top on! The pool will be closed from October 13-15th. We will reopen for regular hours on Oct. 16th.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS



Get adventurous with OPC's Caprock adventure race!

When: Sunday, Oct. 15 (2nd climb, canoe, run, bike); Saturday, Oct. 14 (1st climbing session)

Registration Info: Application forms and details are available at www.recsports.ttu.edu. You must register at the Outdoor Pursuits Center. For more info call 742.2949.

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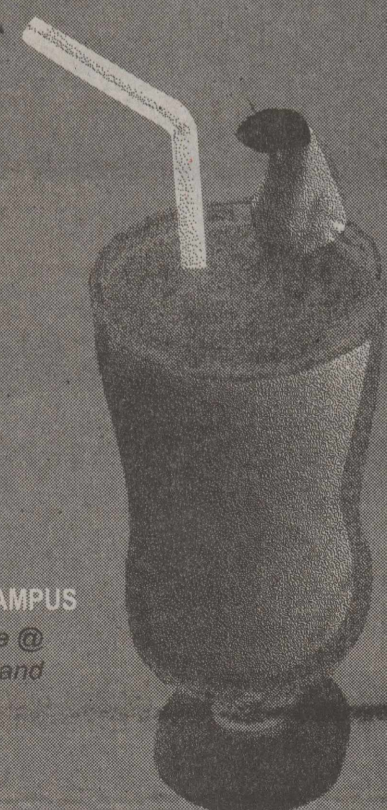
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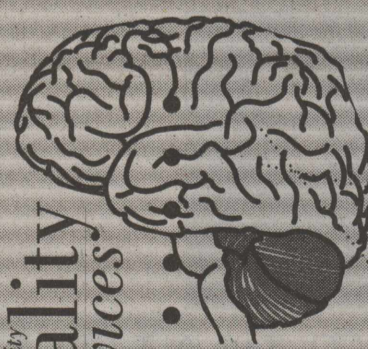
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