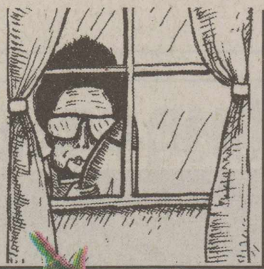


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Hurricane students could get help through grant

HOUSTON (AP) — Thousands of students who fled Hurricane Katrina to the Houston schools may soon be offered six-day school weeks and extra tutoring to help them catch up to Texas academic standards.

A \$3.9 million grant from the Houston Katrina Relief fund — which area officials created from private donations to defray the costs of evacuees' social services — is expected to be approved by the Houston school board on Thursday.

The grant will allow the school district to strongly encourage the failing evacuee students to take the after-school and Saturday tutoring for six months.

NATION

NY teachers to get money in ING

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — As many as 66,000 teachers in New York state and about 5,000 state workers in New Hampshire will get an average of \$450 apiece from a settlement with investment company ING, which paid fees to unions to steer business its way.

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said Tuesday the \$30 million settlement ends his investigation of ING Groep NV, a Dutch company that had paid as much as \$3 million annually in fees to the New York State United Teachers union.

WORLD

Iraq moves ahead with plan to combat violence

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A bombing at a Baghdad bakery killed at least 11 people Tuesday as the Iraqi government put forth a new idea to help stop sectarian violence: ensuring security checkpoints in the capital have an equal number of Shiite and Sunni troops.

The bomb, planted under a car in the mixed Sunni-Shiite neighborhood of Dora, ripped through a line of people waiting outside a bakery — the worst of the day's attacks, which left at least 22 dead across the country.

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Nelson gets 25 years for embezzlement

By BETSY BLANEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK (AP) — A former executive who admitted to embezzling millions of dollars from oil and gas drilling company Patterson-UTI Energy Inc. was sentenced to 25 years in prison Tuesday.

Jonathan D. Nelson, 36, was accused of taking more than \$77 million from the second-largest land-based oil and gas drilling rig fleet in North America through a bogus invoice scheme. Authorities said he spent the money on an airplane,

an airfield, a cattle ranch, a truck stop, homes and vehicles.

Nelson also was fined \$200,000 and ordered to pay restitution of about \$77 million minus the money that has been recouped — about \$44 million — from the sale of assets Nelson had purchased with the stolen money. He had faced a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine.

In comments to the court before Nelson was sentenced, Cloyce Talbott, the president and chief executive of the company, called

the former chief financial officer a “sophisticated, high-dollar con man” who before the embezzlement came to light had become “like a son to me.”

“I’m not here to talk about money: what we’ve lost can’t be measured in dollars,” he said. “Jody stole reputations that I will not live long enough to rebuild. We all trusted Jody. I can’t tell you how many people he betrayed.”

Several members of Nelson’s family, including his father, mother, brother and estranged wife, and numerous friends filled the gallery sec-

tion. Nelson told the court that his embezzlement was “not fueled by greed or maliciousness.”

“I am truly very sorry and ashamed of my betrayal,” he said. “I know that words are cheap for me, but I want to apologize to the board, management and employees, and specifically to Mr. Talbott and Mr. Patterson.”

In an agreement with prosecutors, Nelson pleaded guilty in April to one count of wire fraud and aiding and abetting; and one count of engaging

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SIMPLY A-MAIZE-ING



At'l Do Farms opens corn maze

By KATIE HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

Confusing twists and turns, lefts and rights, and big circles that take visitors right back to the beginning are exactly what students will find at Lubbock's cornfield maze at At'l Do Farms.

Jared Clark, a junior agriculture economics major from San Antonio, works at the corn maze and said the maze is more than a mile on the most direct path.

“It’s definitely something different to come to,” Clark said. “People can come out here and do whatever they want.”

The average time to get through the maze is 40 minutes to one hour, he said. Not taking many wrong turns and walking fast, it could take 20 to 30 minutes.

The year’s theme, “The Legend Lives On,” comes from rodeo trick-roper Bryce Chapman and his horse, Crossfire.

The corn maze attraction is on the 12-acre At'l Do Farm and includes a barnyard, a corn cannon, cow train rides, a concession stand, a rock wall, campfires, hayrides and a pumpkin patch.

James Simpson, owner of the maze, said he is trying to get people to slow down and enjoy the outdoors.

“There are a lot of things to do out here, like even educating people about farm life,” Simpson said. “The maze is just a small part, even though it is the biggest drawing component.”

This is the sixth consecutive year people have been coming to work their way through the maze, said Richard Cooper, a junior mechanical engineering major from Fredericksburg who works at the farm. The attraction has drawn more people every year — about 35,000 visitors worked their way through Lubbock’s corn labyrinth last year.

He said because people get lost in the maze every day, maze workers sit on deer blinds and bridges to help visitors finish.

“At night people use things like flashlights, glow-sticks and cell phones to try and find their way,” Cooper said. “I know some people come out with a dead cell phone battery because they used it so much.”

Wooden signs with trivia questions also help visitors navigate the maze.

The cornfield maze is actually a franchise called The Maize. Cornfield owners can contact The Maize and give the designers a prospective theme. Designers at The Maize will then send the final design and instructions to the cornfield owners, Cooper said.

When the corn is about six inches tall, weed killer is sprayed on the corn to form the paths of the design.

A hayride after the maze will take anyone who wants to pick and buy his or her own pumpkin to the pumpkin patch.

Cornfield mazes are not just in the United States, they are also in Mexico, Italy, Canada, United Kingdom and Portugal.

After the cornfield maze attraction wraps up for the year, the corn is harvested and sent to the Tech farm, Cooper said.

The farm is off of Frankford Avenue and FM 1294, and the maze runs from Sept. 16 to Nov. 25.

Adults pay \$7, children age 4-12 pay \$5 and those three years and under can get in free. The cost is \$1 for any additional activity.

Students or members of the military can receive a \$2 discount with a valid ID, and all others can print a coupon from the maze’s Web site at <http://www.cornfieldmaze.com> for \$1 off admission.

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HONOR STUDENTS FROM Floydada walk through the Corn Maize Thursday evening at At'l Do Ranch. The maze is located off of Frankford Avenue and FM 1294 and will be open to the public through Nov. 25.

Students have mixed reaction to gubernatorial debate

By NAOMI KASKELA
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Traveling on the road, not owning a television and the Friday night date were all reasons students on campus have cited for missing the gubernatorial debate last week.

The debate, the only one scheduled to be held during the 2006 gubernatorial race, involved Republican Rick Perry, Democrat Chris Bell and

Independents Kinky Friedman and Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

While some students said they felt the debate was important, many added they did not watch it felt other students hadn’t either.

“I don’t think it will make a difference,” said Andrew Keene, a junior energy commerce major from Katy who on Tuesday was registering students to vote for the upcoming election. Keene is a member of the Student Government

Association, which had a table set up outside of the Student Union Building for the purpose of registering students.

“I mean, they’re informational, but on a large part people are going to vote the way they’re raised to vote,” he said.

People who will be influenced by the debate are those who fit under the swing voter category, he said.

“People that debates matter to are people that don’t vote straight ticket

Democrat or Republican,” he said.

However, he said he believes more debates, especially on the local level, would be helpful.

“I would like it if we had more regionalized debates for governor,” he said. “It would allow more access.”

Something he said the SGA is considering is bringing the congressional candidates to campus for a debate.

Joe Robbins, a political science graduate student and teaching assistant

from Charleston, Ill., said he does feel political debates are important.

“I definitely think they can serve a purpose as far as giving politicians a chance to show their views,” he said. “I think most people are probably influenced by the race...including debates.”

While neither Robbins nor Keene was able to watch the debate last week, both said they have watched some in

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Lubbock police blotter

By PAUL ROBERTS
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Oct. 1

Lubbock police filed a report of an assault in the 4500 block of Marshall Street. Police said the victim claimed her husband hit her in the face with an open hand causing her nose to bleed. The suspect left the scene before police arrived. According to reports, the victim was crying while she told police of the incident.

Lubbock police filed a report of a suspect failing to render aid during a traffic accident in the 1600 block of 19th Street. According to reports, the suspect ran a red light and hit the victim's 2000 white Ford van. The suspect fled the scene of the accident and was not located. The victim was left with \$800 worth of damage to his van.

Oct. 3

Lubbock police filed a report of assault, criminal mischief and resisting arrest by a juvenile during school hours in the 1500 block of East Itasca Street. According to reports, a student was acting mischievous and argued with the principal of the school. The student shoved the principal causing the principal's glasses to break. When police arrived to detain the student, the student physically resisted arrest. Eventually, police were able to place the suspect into the police officer's vehicle.

Lubbock police filed a report of a burglary at Jackson Elementary School in the 200 block of Vernon Avenue. According to reports, unknown sus-

pects smashed the window of the front door to gain access to the school. The suspects fled the scene after they stole two computers with monitors from the principal's office.

Oct. 4

Lubbock police arrested an individual for driving while intoxicated in the 2500 block of 24th Street. Police said they observed the suspect driving out of control at a high rate of speed. Police watched as the suspect ran two red lights in the Tech Terrace neighborhood. Police pulled the suspect over and arrested the suspect for driving while intoxicated.

Lubbock police filed a report of a burglary of a victim's garage in the 1200 block of Chicago Avenue. According to reports, the victims saw five suspects stealing various items from the victim's garage. The victim said a "papasan" chair was stolen, along with a Marines banner, a Coors Light banner and a keg shell.

Lubbock police arrested a suspect for public intoxication in the 800 block of Knoxville Avenue. According to reports, the suspect overdosed and was rushed to the University Medical Center emergency room. While under emergency detention, the suspect freed himself from restraints and attempted to leave the hospital. Reports state the suspect was violent and intoxicated while in the emergency room. The suspect continued to be uncooperative and attempted to fight the police officer. The officer detained the suspect and placed the suspect under arrest.

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Iran's top leaders vow to continue nuclear program

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran will not retreat from its nuclear program, Tehran's hard-line leaders said Tuesday, one day after North Korea announced it had conducted a nuclear weapons test.

"Our policy is clear: Progress, offering transparent logic and insisting on the rights of the nation without retreat," supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said, according to state-run television.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad also affirmed that Iran would continue its nuclear program, which it says is for peaceful purposes.

"The Iranian nation will continue its path of dignity based on resistance, wisdom and without fear," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying.

On Monday, North Korea declared it conducted an underground nuclear weapons test. Iran stood apart Tuesday from the chorus of global criticism condemning North Korea, instead blaming Washington for the test.

Khamenei said Iran would continue to pursue its program and not bow to international demands that it suspend uranium enrichment.

The supreme leader said because Iran previously had voluntarily suspended enrichment, it would not consider doing so again.

"If we had not experienced that path perhaps we would have criticized ourselves today. But now, we will pursue with a strong heart," Khamenei said.

Ahmadinejad has repeatedly rejected Western calls to halt uranium enrichment, brushing aside an Aug. 31 U.N. Security Council deadline to stop enrichment or face possible sanctions.

Uranium enriched to low levels is used to produce nuclear fuel but it can be used to develop nuclear weapons if it is enriched at higher levels.

Although Iran contends its nuclear program is for generating electricity, the U.S. and some of its allies allege it is secretly developing atomic weapons.

TIME FOR SOME GRUB



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JAMES ROSS, A senior general studies major from Cross Plains, takes a plate of tamales from a member of Tech Cru, Hanna Beth Robinson, a freshman public relations major from Kingwood.

China says North Korea must face 'some punitive actions' after reported nuclear test

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — North Korea must face "some punitive actions" for testing a nuclear device, China's U.N. ambassador said Tuesday, suggesting that Beijing may be willing to impose some form of Security Council sanctions against Pyongyang.

China's U.N. Ambassador Wang Guangya told reporters that the council must give a "firm, constructive, appropriate but prudent response" to North Korea.

"I think there has to be some punitive actions but also I think these actions have to be appropriate," he said.

Wang spoke before a meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council — Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States — plus Japan, to

discuss a U.S.-proposed draft Security Council resolution. It would impose an array of sanctions, including a ban on imports of military goods and luxury items, and crack down on illegal financial dealings.

While the U.S. and its allies want a swift, tough resolution, the question has been how much punishment China would allow. China has been North Korea's major ally and a source of both food and fuel for the desperately poor nation of 23 million.

Wang's comments suggested that Beijing will at least allow some muscle in the resolution.

The meeting ended without any decision. Experts from the 15 Security Council nations planned to convene again to discuss the American draft.

"We're making progress and we'll

keep at it steadily," Britain's U.N. Ambassador Emyr Jones-Parry said.

In Beijing earlier Tuesday, China's Foreign Ministry vented its anger against its communist ally over the test for a second day, with a spokesman saying that relations had been damaged.

"The nuclear test will undoubtedly exert a negative impact on our relations," the spokesman, Liu Jianchao, said at a routine media briefing. He said Monday's test was done "flagrantly, and in disregard of the international community's shared opposition."

Wang went a step further than Liu, who said the time was not right for punishment, much less military action.

China finds North Korea as a useful if irritating buffer against U.S.

forces stationed in South Korea. The worry for Beijing is that too much pressure could cause economically unsteady North Korea to collapse, sending North Koreans streaming across the border into northeast China and inviting intervention by the American military.

The North, meanwhile, stepped up its threats aimed at Washington, saying it could fire a nuclear-tipped missile unless the United States acts to resolve its standoff with Pyongyang, the Yonhap news agency reported from Beijing.

"We hope the situation will be resolved before an unfortunate incident of us firing a nuclear missile comes," Yonhap quoted an unidentified North Korean official as saying. "That depends on how the U.S. will act."

Nelson

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and aiding and abetting; and one count of engaging in monetary transactions derived from specified unlawful activity and aiding and abetting.

During the eight years that Nelson worked for the company his compensation package was estimated at \$10 million.

"We mentored him, we gave him opportunities most people would die to have," Talbot said. "He had the opportunity to become a wealthy man honestly."

Nelson, who resigned in November, also was accused in a Securities and Exchange Commission civil lawsuit. He was named in a criminal complaint in November that accused him of falsely

certifying an SEC report. The complaint came a day after the SEC sued Nelson alleging he embezzled the money.

The SEC held off pursuing its charges until after the criminal case ended, said Kit Addleman, the commission's associate director of enforcement in Fort Worth. She said the civil litigation will now go forward.

"We are at a crossroads in America where malfeasance in corporate America has reached an all-time high," U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings said in comments to Nelson. "This type of conduct simply cannot be tolerated in our society."

The stock has lost nearly one-third of its value this year, in which it has traded between \$20.81 and \$38.49. The shares rose 53 cents, or 2.4 percent, to close at \$22.22 Tuesday on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Reaction

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the past, especially presidential debates. "I think there should be more debates, but I think scheduling it on Friday is not good," Robbins said.

He said the scheduling of debates on a Friday especially applies for college students who may prefer to be doing something else on a Friday night. In the future he said he hopes more consideration is put into the timing and publicizing of political debates.

Though the gubernatorial debates are important, he said he is not sure to what extent voters are influenced.

"I think it will have some impact, but I'm not sure if it will sway the outcome," he said.

Jock'Lene Shedd, a junior personal financial planning major from Levelland, said she watched part of the debate last week. She said she did not completely like the way the debate was handled.

"It doesn't help if they are just going to be attacking other people," she said. "I felt there was more diversion."

She said another problem was the short amount of time allotted for candidates to answer questions.

Shedd said she would like to see more than one debate in the future.

"Someone at home might have a different way of asking a question that would be more applicable to the common person," she said.

Holding more debates would allow people from different groups to present questions to the candidates, she said.

Concerning college students and the upcoming election, all three students said they do not feel many students will feel the urge to go vote.

Ignorance about the voting process in general is something Keene said he has noticed while helping students register to vote.

"Students don't even know they have to register to vote," he said. "They think they can just show up."

Another question Keene said he has been asked is whether students have to pay to register.

"People running for office know who votes, and it's not college students," he said. ► naomi.kaskela@ttu.edu

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Rutgers professor speaks on academic integrity

By LIZ BOYD
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Don McCabe, a professor at Rutgers University, spoke Tuesday on the issue of academic integrity in colleges across the nation and at Texas Tech.

McCabe has conducted research surveys regarding academic integrity since 1990, and he said questioning students anonymously can be difficult.

"You're asking students to be honest about their dishonesty," McCabe said.

Tech students took part in McCabe's survey in the fall of 2004, he said.

The survey found 27 percent of Tech student participants admitted to cheating on a test and 56 percent admitted to cheating on a written assignment, McCabe said.

Another survey conducted by McCabe looking at undergraduate American college students found that 22 percent of those students admitted to test cheating and 50 percent admitted to written cheating.

He said he believes students are motivated to cheat because of the pressure to succeed. They feel it is fair because others do it, they claim the courses are too difficult and other students claim they have a sense of entitlement to plagiarize because

they are paying for college.

In the 2004 survey, McCabe said 79 percent of Tech participants said they would not report cheating.

"Many students don't want to be a tattletale or rat someone else out," McCabe said. "In fact, 98 percent of Tech students said they would not report a friend if caught cheating."

McCabe said the key to increasing academic integrity on the Tech campus is to provide more information.

"Freshman should be educated from the get-go about issues like plagiarism and cheating," McCabe said. "It is also important for faculty to talk to students about the importance of integrity."

Tim King, a senior from Lubbock, said he thinks a fair share of Tech students cheat and plagiarize.

King said he believes most students who cheat do it in written assignments.

"It's much easier to fudge your sources and citation than it is to copy someone's scantron," he said.

King said he believes Tech does a fair job in regulating students who cheat.

"I think most people get caught at Tech if they are cheating," he said.

McCabe said 40 percent of U.S. college faculty have admitted to ignoring plagiarism or cheating, and 23 percent of Tech faculty use the Internet to check plagiarized

materials.

He said he believes Tech should continue initiatives already in place, open a faculty-student dialogue, study other colleges that have done an exceptional job with academic integrity and encourage student ownership of the issue.

"The most important thing is to let students have a say in this issue and get them involved," McCabe said.

Andrew Canham, unit associate director of Student Judicial Programs, said he believes McCabe's speech helped Tech.

"Dr. McCabe knows so much about this issue," Canham said. "Conducting his survey again will help us see where we have improved and where we need to improve."

Canham said Tech currently has an Academic Integrity Policy outlined in the Student Handbook.

Student Judicial Programs members are passing out cards with the phrase "Integrity matters: strive for honor...evermore" to encourage students, Canham said.

"We have also used the phrase on one of the student buses," Canham said. "We hope this will help students realize the importance of academic integrity."

He said more than three-fourths of the students referred to Student Judicial Programs in 2000 were sent

for plagiarism.

"Plagiarism is a major issue," Canham said. "It is something students must be educated about and understand the weight of."

Canham said 93 percent of Tech students knew about academic integrity in 2004.

McCabe said instilling the value of integrity in students is one of the most important roles of an educational institution.

"There will always be people that do not respect academic integrity," McCabe said. "But we have to keep trying to create students who value their own work."

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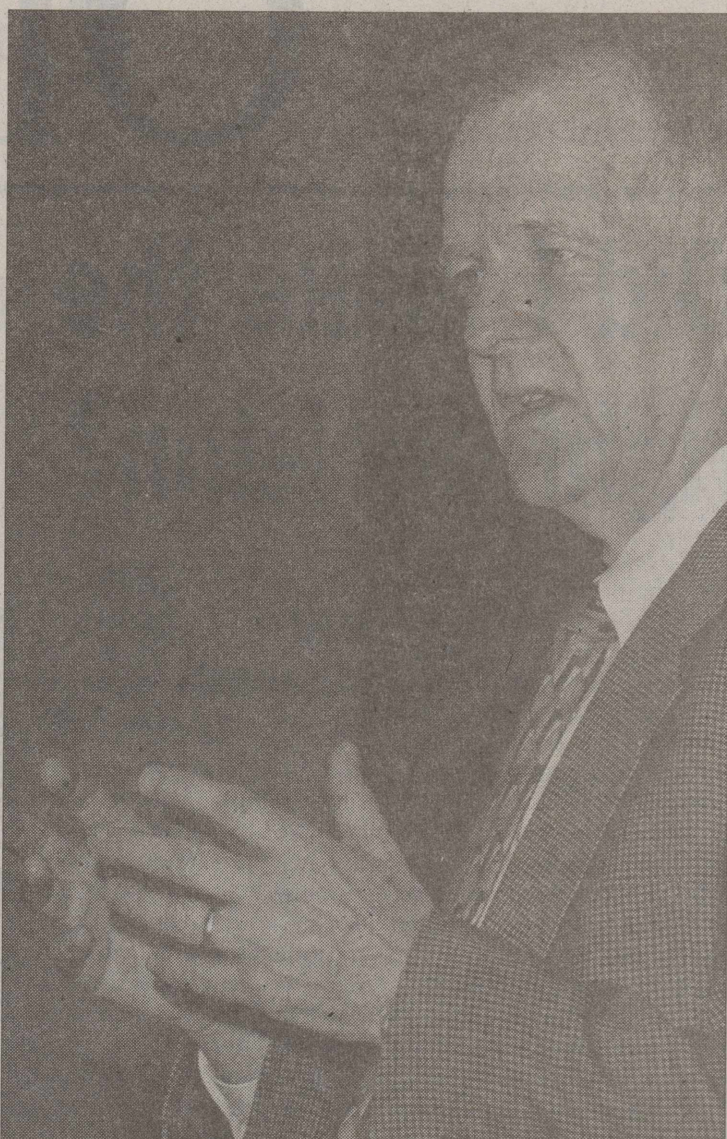
NATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

According to the Gallup Organization, the top-two problems facing the country today are education and the decline in ethics.

The Center for Academic Integrity found almost 80 percent of college students admit to cheating at least once.

According to a survey by the Psychological Record, 36 percent of undergraduates have admitted to plagiarizing written material.

Don McCabe's survey found 56 percent of Tech students admitted to plagiarizing, in some form, on a written assignment.



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DON MCCABE, A professor from Rutgers University, discusses research and survey results involving academic integrity in high schools and universities in the Escondido Theater Tuesday afternoon.

Bush administration hopes idea-sharing will quell school violence

CHEVY CHASE, Md. (AP) — More than metal detectors or security cameras, the key to halting school violence is communication, safety specialists said at a White House-led summit Tuesday.

President Bush called experts together after three deadly shootings at schools in Wisconsin, Colorado and Pennsylvania. In panel discussions led by members of Bush's Cabinet, speakers said the best response is basic: get parents, school leaders, students and police to work together.

"Our first line of prevention is really having good intelligence," said Delbert Elliott, director of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence in Boulder, Colo. He said schools should encourage kids to speak up when they hear classmates boasting of violent plans.

The speakers hit the same themes — schools get safer when they take bullying seriously, practice their crisis plans, and talk to parents about what's happening with their kids.

"The communication link is very important," said George Sugai, a University of Connecticut education professor. "Parents are not going to engage the schools if they have to walk through a metal detector, if they have to go through steps to access the teachers."

Craig Scott told the wrenching story of Columbine High School in 1999, site of the nation's worst school massacre. He recalled hiding under a table in the school's library that day when student gunmen went on a rampage, killing 13 people. One of them was his sister Rachel. He now speaks to schools on her behalf, encouraging students to choose compassion over violence.

"It's such a high price to have to pay to be able to do this, but it's so worth it," Scott said, choking up in tears. "If we can carry messages that have value and that have substance — that aren't Band-Aid answers — I believe that we'll have impact."

The lack of new solutions was not surprising. School safety experts have said for years that changing school culture is the best way to halt violence, although it's hard to do.

The administration, compelled to respond to the violence of the last two weeks, said a public sharing of ideas, would help because the nation is suddenly focused on school safety.

First lady Laura Bush, speaking at the event in the Maryland suburbs, said school children need to know the grown-ups are protecting them.

"I urge all adults across the country to take their responsibility to children — their own children, and their community's children — seriously," she said.

Opening the conference earlier, Education Secretary Margaret Spellings called on schools to practice crisis response plans. She and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales led morning panels.

"All of us who are parents know it's frightening," she said of the recent shootings, one of which took place at a one-room schoolhouse in the Amish country of Pennsylvania.

Four weeks before the midterm elections, the event allows Bush to return to the politically safe issue of education and child safety. But the federal role in making schools safer is limited because education remains mainly a local matter.

Fred Wegener, the Park County, Colo., sheriff described responding two weeks ago, when a man held several girls hostage in a school before killing one and himself.

The school had just practiced an emergency lockdown in August. Students said after the shooting that they had seen the intruder, but assumed he was the parent of a classmate.

"I still think we had a safe school," Wegener said. "I think it is just one of those times when an individual was able to get in."

His story drew the room silent. "We're not supposed to lose our kids at school," he said.

The final panel will include Craig Scott, who survived the massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado in 1999. Student gunmen killed his sister and 12 others.

About 300 people are attending the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase.

"Bringing people together to talk about what's working — that can't hurt," said William Lassiter, manager of the Center for the Prevention of School Violence in Raleigh, N.C.

SGA meets with parking officials to discuss issues

By ANDREW GLOVER
STAFF WRITER

Student Government Association External Vice President Chris Huff addressed Texas Tech parking officials and Michael Shonrock, vice president of student affairs, Tuesday about current situations with parking and transportation.

Huff opened the meeting with a slide-show about how many parking spaces are available on campus and some of the policies that are in affect for residence halls. There are 3,978 residence hall parking spaces, 4,495 commuter lot parking spaces and 1,684 satellite parking spaces, according to Huff's presentation.

Residence halls are put into a 24-hour category. This means that students with residence hall permits can park in the residence hall parking lots 24 hours a day Monday through Friday. This policy is a change from last year when anyone with a parking pass was allowed to park anywhere in the evening. The change has caused concern with students.

"It's (the 24-hour policy) made it tighter parking on campus for people going to the

library to research or seeing a show," Huff said.

The SGA is considering several options to create more spaces for parking.

"We are working to add 300

spaces in the West commuter lot, 60 spaces for Horn/Knapp, and the Board of Regents is considering one-to-one residence hall parking which means there will be one parking space per person living in the residence halls," Huff said.

Huff said Student Health Services, located within Thompson Hall, is being relocated near the Carpenter/Wells complex in the new Student Wellness Center. Since the move will leave Thompson Hall vacant, the SGA is considering a proposal to demolish Gaston Apartments and Thompson Hall to provide approximately 1,200

parking spaces.

The SGA is considering funding this by adding a \$1 to \$2 fee to event ticket sales which would go to the University Parking Services to be used for the building of new

lots and transportation service for more students.

"We're going to push the added fee on ticket sales and continue to find where money for transportation is going," Huff said.

SGA President Ryan Worley said the planning for a possible demolition of Gaston and Thompson Hall still is preliminary.

"We're going to explore options and try to find resources that are affordable for possible demolition," Worley said.

Huff said students are charged

\$3.50 per credit hour up to 15 hours for the transportation fee. The fee helps provide services such as Safe Ride, bike lanes and busing. Tech is charged \$44.65 per hour for using the Citibus system on campus.

Huff said the SGA created a program to help keep the off-campus bus system running where apartment complexes with bus stops already established pay \$5,000 a year, and Lynnwood, University Courtyards and the Exchange pay \$22,000 annually because those complexes had to have a bus stop added.

"The program generated \$121,000 for 2006-07," Huff said. "We are currently working to subsidize over \$400,000 to keep your (students') fees from going up."

Huff said the SGA is working on adding more bike lanes around campus.

"We are hoping to add bike lanes around Memorial Circle, the Student Union Building, Agriculture row, the engineering key, Jones AT&T Stadium and the north side of Main Street to the Student Recreational Center," Huff said.

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— CHRIS HUFF
Student Government Association External Vice President

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Game similar to kano
- Activist
- Spanish river
- City in Provence
- Stanley Gardner
- Judgment call?
- John Jacob and Mary
- Highlands hat
- 5th or Lex
- Minuscule
- Black, but not blue
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- GI's garb
- "It Happened One Night" director
- Tiny arachnid
- Arcade pioneer
- Grabs
- Judgment call?
- Shaving foam
- Refuse
- Punta del Uruguay
- Burntyn or Barkin
- Handle clumsily
- Cubic meter
- Massive ref. work
- Big Apple restaurateur
- Homily topic
- Carte preceder
- Oater bar
- Judgment call?
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- Old dagger
- Spilled kids
- Tail of a lob?

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- God's beverage
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- Word with Bingle or Alte
- Form a labor union
- Raised
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- Elec. measure
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- Letter
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- Man from Manchuria
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- Snaky turn
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- One who showed up
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Did I make the right decision?

Recently, I took the MBTI personality test. It says I am introverted, sensing, thinking and judging. I, "spend a lot of time researching and reflecting before reaching a final decision." Once I make my decision, "I tend to stick with it once it's made." Nonetheless, I made a decision two weeks ago that I am beginning to rethink.

Matt Wisniewski



Before I begin this, I want to let you know in no way will the person involved find out about this. OK, here it goes ...

Never did I imagine I would again meet someone whom I could converse with about anything. From the nonsensical to important values, we could talk about it. Conversation would not be forced, instead it would seem innate. I found that someone this summer.

There we were, two young and ambitious 20-somethings, thousands of miles from home, knowing no one and living in the epicenter of the political world for the summer. Maybe our relationship was simply to pass time; maybe our relationship was born out of our mutual belief in love at first sight. However it was created, I could not have survived Washington, D.C., without her.

I met her at a luncheon featuring Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Penn. I remember it like it was yesterday because when I'm around her, time stands still. My most joyous moments in D.C. were spent with her; sharing our passions, touring our nation's capitol and holding each other's hands during our Sunday afternoon strolls through Georgetown. We did everything together.

After our internships ended, I marked off the days until I could see her again. Sept. 22 or bust it was. Before I left to see her in Albuquerque, N.M., we talked every day for hours and hours. I had so much hope going out there? Could this be the one? Could I have finally found *mi amor*?

We spent every waking moment that weekend with each other. Going to Frontier Cafe at 2 a.m.; going on a romantic dinner at Scalo's on Saturday night. She even went with me to a video game tournament that weekend (I wanted to check out the competition). Through it all, it seemed like we never left D.C. But we both knew it couldn't last. The distance would be too much.

We decided not to do a long distance relationship: After all I wrote, you might be surprised with the answer. Trust me, I was just as shocked when I realized it. Why I decided against it was different from her reasoning. For me, it is

fear. A fear of only hearing her voice on the phone every night. I want to be with her. I want to hold her. I want to sit on top of my car and watch the stars with her. It's just not the same when you cannot see them in front of you — you can't touch them. It was the hardest decision I have made in college.

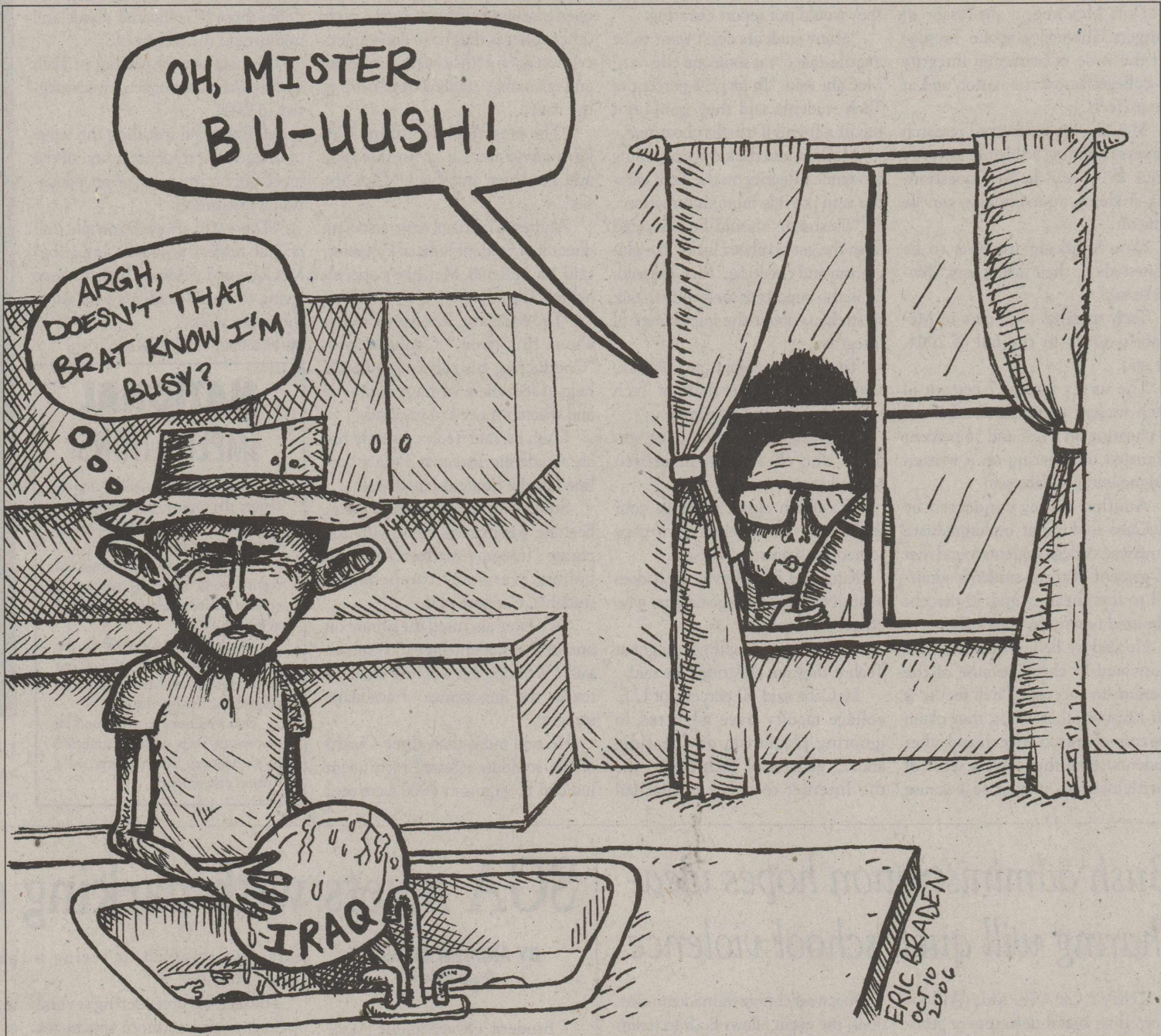
Driving back, I cried. It had been so long since I had done so; this might have been the first time in college that I truly cared about someone or something so much that it hurt. Such is love — you cannot quantify the attraction to someone. We were opposites, and we attracted. Whatever I had dragging me down that day was lifted off and replaced by this benevolent force that could not harm anyone. She brought life to my monotonous existence. She made this salty veteran feel young again.

I know there are women at Tech who I could value and treasure just as much. She might be in my class or I might already know her. I could find someone tomorrow and be just as happy, but she wouldn't be the original. It's been hard for me to get past that. I'm hoping this relationship rut will end soon. I do not want to regret not having loved at all in Lubbock.

It's said that once you reveal your weakness, you are no longer vulnerable to it. I hope this is case for me. I hope I can get over my weakness of not verbally sharing my intimate feelings and experiences with others. I've been so private about these things that I have never even told my parents, the two people who I love and respect the most, about her. Change is hard, but I'm going to try it.

The lesson from my story is simple: do not bottle up your emotions or experiences. Share them with someone. The relief of them finally being out in the open will circle your body. You will feel like a new person. You will not be taking a step off the plank. Instead you will find family and friends cheering you as you cross the finish line.

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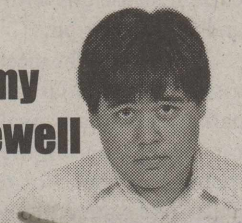
Cursive writing an important life skill

I know I'm not the person Texas Tech turns to for political information. I'm probably not the columnist Texas Tech turns to for any type of factual information (unless it pertains to Nick at Nite or the Game Boy version of Tetris). In fact, anytime I try to write about a factual topic, I end up making people so mad that my mom begins to fear for my safety. With that in mind, I will brave the metaphorical Mongol horde.

With the only gubernatorial debate taking place last Friday, it was an opportunity for Texans to learn where the candidates stand on all the important issues. The debate followed a simple format: reporter asks seemingly relevant questions that have something to do with a topic. Candidate then completely disregards question and instead speaks at length about something completely unrelated in an attempt to discredit their opponent (apparently, they're all running collectively against Gov. Rick Perry).

All the candidates outlined their opinions on how they would run the state, despite the fact that the governor of Texas holds little power and is a mostly ceremonial position. They gave opinions on taxes, transportation, education, the amount of the electric bill in the governor's mansion, immigration and the amount of makeup that Carole Keeton

Jeremy Glidewell



"Grandma" Strayhorn was wearing (a lot). All of these are things the governor could do nothing to change. In fact, some of them are things that the entire Texas government could do nothing about — immigration and Strayhorn's makeup.

Predictably, the liberal media made no reference to the most important issue facing Texans, and possibly Canadians, during this campaign (and consequently, the only one I care about). I, of course, am referring to the abandonment of cursive handwriting by schools across the nation. And I know what you're thinking. Cursive? How is that a big deal? I never use cursive except when signing a receipt. And while that may be so, that doesn't mean it's not important. In fact, I believe that cursive is the most important thing a student learns in the third and fourth grade. There are several reasons why cursive should be saved:

1) I learned cursive, and therefore, so should you. While some teachers would debate the extent

to which I learned this dying art (I have a tendency to slowly but surely turn well-formed letters into a series of scratches and lines), I do, in fact, know cursive handwriting. There was an entire two-year process devoted to it's teaching, involving the purchase of strangely large pencils and Big Chief writing tablets.

During second grade, we learned the (in retrospect) completely useless bastard cousin of cursive handwriting — D'Nealian. Although I was still learning the basics of regular block print, I was made to alter my letters slightly into something my brother still calls "slanty writing." The idea behind D'Nealian (invented by David "D'Neal" Jenkins, a rapper from New Jersey) is that it eases the transition from print to cursive by adding a tail and a slight angle to each letter. In reality, it just made me bad at both.

2) Cursive could be a matter of life and death. According to an article in the *Miami Herald*, "7,000 people die each year due to medication errors, with poor handwriting listed as one of the causes." And while it seems that these problems could be solved by some type of electronically encrypted e-mail system in which doctors would be directly connected to pharmacists, those could be easily hacked into. No, the better answer is to teach

them bad handwriting that cannot be copied under any circumstances, and then teach pharmacists to be better readers. And if people die, just keep it in perspective — 7,000 isn't that big a number; 23,000 people died at the Battle of Antietam in one day.

3) The old John Hancock. Not only was the Declaration of Independence signed in cursive, it was actually written in cursive as well (contrary to popular belief, it was not written on a napkin). Imagine if instead of signing the Declaration, it was instead given a thumbprint or an eye scan. Not quite the same imagery, is it?

Just because we've devolved into a world of text messaging and e-mail doesn't mean handwriting is now an archaic form of communication. Do you know anyone who saves special e-mails in a shoe box in their closet? Me neither. I don't think it is being a Luddite to say just because technology has made handwriting largely unnecessary doesn't mean it's irrelevant. If I don't have the right to scribble illogically and take class notes in what could best be described as hieroglyphics, what rights do I have?

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GUEST COLUMN

You've made your bed

Get ready for fees after voting 'yes' for leisure pool

Does everyone love paying more than a grand every semester in mandatory fees? No? What I can't figure out is how so many people can complain about the fees we fork over and still manage to vote for an increase in them to pay for such a thing as a leisure pool.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy having a good time just as much as the next guy, but I'm also willing to have a little bit less fun to be a little bit less in the hole. Yes, you're right, the increase in fees will only be by \$10 or so each semester, but the accumulation of many small fees eventually adds up to one big fee that we all have to swallow. I imagine that is how I came to pay a massive fee of \$1,068 this semester, which was an even 60 percent of my tuition. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe the term for this is "nickel and dimed."

I understand that part of the reasoning for the leisure pool is to prevent the injuries associated with removing and replacing the cover over the regular pool each year, and, of course, the reduction of injuries is always a good thing. But the construction of a new pool to solve this problem makes about as much sense to me as buying a spiffy new laptop because my current one won't boot Windows. Seems it would be cheaper to just pay someone to fix the problem.

Another thing I've never heard is what happens to that fee increase when the pool finally is paid off. Does the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center fee go down proportionately, or does Mr. Moneybags Tech just keep raking in the dough? Prior experience and observation compel me to favor the latter.

I suppose my status as a senior should make this a non-issue for me. After all, the fee increase doesn't set in until the pool is complete, and I will be long gone by then. I'm just trying to make a stand for fiscal responsibility, which could be a pointless exercise in a country with a negative personal savings rate.

Have fun with your leisure pool when it is eventually complete, and I'll have fun paying nothing for it.

— William Dunn, senior MIS major from Clovis, N.M.

FIT Tech aims to shake up meetings across campus

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

It seems as if most Texas Tech departmental and organizational meetings unravel the same way: the meeting is a half-hour old and already the bulk of the audience is looking at the clock overhead. The man in the second to last seat in the third row on the far left scratches something that doesn't even itch; it's one way to the pass time. There's still another half-hour to go.

Debra Reed, a food and nutrition professor and organizer for FIT Tech, said departmental and organization meetings consist of little movement and limited physical interaction.

"We want to change the structure of meetings to allow for more physical activity," she said.

Reed said a lot of meetings consist of people coming in, sitting down, listening to a speaker and then leaving.

"We want to leave more time for physical activity because we know people are more attentive after physical activity," she said. "And it's a great ice breaker."

Reed and the four students in her graduate class are now in phase three of the FIT Tech program, she said. In the last two years, the program has promoted walking as a way of staying

fit. This year the class will focus on changing policies for departmental and organizational meetings.

"If you include physical activities, even if its funny and goofy things, it can make the meetings fun," she said.

One of the "goofy" activities Reed suggested was to make all the blonds in a room hop on one foot to one side of the room while brunets hop to the other.

"It can help us reach our health goals," she said. "We're trying to implement making better choices."

Lesli Biedigen, a graduate student in the class, said the group is trying to get departments to break the normal routine.

"We're trying to make it more of a policy," she said. "When a Greek organization meets, we want to make it so people aren't sitting for more than 30 minutes."

Reed said one way to garner more interaction during smaller meetings is to have the meeting outside and conduct it while participants are walking.

This week, the class delivered a set of guidelines to departments concerning ways to improve physical activity.

Part of the FIT Tech program's Web site is the design of a sign that could be used to instruct students to take the stairs.

"We've found that a lot of people do not even know where the stairs are in

the building," Reed said.

Other universities are beginning to recognize a problem, she said. There have been promotions on other universities to battle the growing obesity problem.

Mary Schoen, a graduate student in Reed's class, said another problem the program is aiming to address is the food served at meetings. She said there are a lot of meetings that attract people by promoting free pizza.

"Why not add in healthy choices like fruit?" Schoen said.

The program will have a contest among the various departments to see which one can come up with the most unique way of promoting physical activity during the meetings.

"I think we're anticipating not every single organization will jump on (the program) the first time," Biedigen said.

This is a program she said she wanted to share with the whole campus, and she said she hoped some organizations would join in and inspire others to do the same.

"We're trying to motivate the campus," she said.

Today, the FIT Tech program will have a celebrity walk at noon at the Preston Smith statue south of the Administration building featuring KZJL-FM DJ Armen Williams.

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COURTESY PHOTO

MEMBERS OF THE FIT Tech program participate in the celebrity walk at the Preston Smith statue on campus with the hope of motivating students and promoting physical activity.

PHILANTHROPIC POLE



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CLAYTON WELLS, A freshman from Arlington, and Katie Schrenkel, a freshman business major from Midland, start their hour on top of the pole at the Fiji lodge Tuesday night.

Music Calendar

Oct. 11 Plain Brown Wrapper 10 p.m. Crickets Bar & Grill Beer Belly Bandits 9 p.m. The Sting Spivey 10 p.m. The Gas Light	Oct. 12 Bonnie Bishop 10 p.m. Bash Riprock's (Depot Entertainment District) Hogg Maulies 10 p.m. Bash Riprock's Ryan Turner 10 p.m. The Blue Light Jazz Alley 9:30 p.m. Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen Shane Rogers & Brent Adkins 9 p.m. The Sting	Oct. 13 Monte Montgomery 9 p.m. Jake's Back Room Spivey 7 p.m. The Gas Light New Talent Showcase 8 p.m. Cactus Theater Doug Moreland 10 p.m. Bash Riprock's (Depot Entertainment District) Chad Johnson & Down 1450 10:30 p.m. The Blue Light Klifnotes 10 p.m. Depot Courtyard	Oct. 14 New Talent Showcase 8 p.m. Cactus Theater Faktion 9 p.m. Jake's Back Room Darren Welch Group 10 p.m. Bash Riprock's (Depot Entertainment District)	Oct. 15 Two Gallants 9 p.m. Jake's Back Room Kids in Concert "Parent's Recital" 2 p.m. Cactus Theater Brad Leali's Jazz "NYC" Presents Cynthia Scott, Cactus Theater	Oct. 16 John Sprott & Jesse Ballew 10 p.m. Buffalo Wild Wings Cadillac with Wheels 9 p.m. The Sting	Oct. 17 John Sprott 10 p.m. Crickets Bar & Grill
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Blood Brothers album a sonic onslaught

By IAN KLUMPP
STAFF WRITER

High-pitched screams, devilish roars, pop-style keyboards balanced delicately with a heavy dose of drums and constantly distorted guitar riffs are the sounds that come together in The Blood Brothers' fifth studio release, "Young Machetes," which hit stores Tuesday.

The new album continues the constant evolution of the band's sound, which took a noticeable turn with the band's 2004 release, "Crimes."

When "Crimes" was first unleashed, fans began to notice a change in the band's style; it shifted from an inventive "hardcore" Seattle-anchored sound into a matured, tighter-knit masterpiece. This progression takes a step further with the group's newest release.

With the "Young Machetes" album, dedicated listeners will see the recipe used in "Crimes" regurgitated. The album is a strong mixture of pop-influenced sounds without straying from the hardcore base, which the band built in its early years.

The pop-influenced feel likely stems from Johnny Whitney, keyboardist and screamer for the band, and his growing leadership role. Billie Jordan, also a screamer, seems to be

taking more of a back seat. Much to the dismay of many hardcore music fans, it seems almost time to start referring to Jordan as a backup singer.

Staying true to Blood Brothers' form, the 15-track album starts off with the high-energy, musically explosive track, "Set Fire to the Face on Fire." The song is a solid start to an album laced with tunes suggesting a potential mass audience chant-a-long, such as the chorus of "Set Fire to the Face on Fire." The vision of people screaming "Fire!" while pumping their fists seems to fit perfectly with the atmosphere of the band's live shows.

After the initial adrenaline rush caused by the first track, listeners must continue to hold on tight and buckle up as the fierce tracks continue. The album dives momentarily to a more gently riffed "Camouflage" before quickly jumping back to the in-your-face rock the Blood Brothers have mastered.

The album will not be a disappointment to open-minded fans who can accept gratefully the concept of musical maturity in a band working to attract new fans.

The Blood Brothers have a scheduled stop at Jake's Back Room on Nov. 25. With the release of a musically eclectic album, fans of the band can only hope the crowd to be

large and expect the high-energy, teeth-gritting performance the Blood Brothers have become known for.

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KITTLEY HONORED

Track and field coach inducted into 2006 Abilene Christian University Hall of Honor

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Wes Kittley always knew he was going to become a coach.

Texas Tech track and field coach Kittley, a native of Rule, always imagined becoming a successful football coach. However, after coaching for more than 20 years and winning 29 National Team Championships with Abilene Christian University, where he also coached track and field, Kittley recently was chosen to be inducted into the Lone Star Conference Hall of Honor for his coaching efforts in track and field, not football.

The head coach for the Texas Tech track and field team will be inducted into the Lone Star Conference Hall of Honor Class of 2006, along with former Angelo State basketball coach Ed Messbarger and former Texas State football player Sam McCord. Kittley will be honored Nov. 11 during halftime at the Abilene Christian football game. He also attended ACU as a student, where he was a three-time National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American.

Kittley said the award is a great accomplishment, and he is thrilled to be included with the rest of the inductees.

"I am tremendously honored to be accepted into the Class of 2006," he said. "I didn't realize I was old enough to receive such an honor."

Kittley was inducted into the Hall of Honor because of the extensive list of records his teams held during his career at ACU.

In 1983, he was hired as the head coach of the women's track team. In 1985, Kittley won his first national championship in the Division II Outdoor Championship and continued his success with national titles in '86, '87 and '88.

Kittley said Abilene was his home for 23 years of his life and always will remain as a home away from home.

"I spent half of my adult life there either as a student or a coach," he said. "Both of my best men were my teammates from ACU. I couldn't choose just one, so I decided both of my old teammates should be in my wedding."

Kittley said when he became coach at ACU, he set out to restructure the entire organization and wanted to raise the bar for West Texas track and field competition. He became head coach of both the women's and men's track and field teams in 1993.

While at ACU, Kittley won a record-setting 29 National Team Championships. He said the biggest highlight of his career was when both the men's and women's teams at ACU took home the indoor and outdoor NCAA Division II titles in 1996, the first time a single school won both titles. His teams repeated



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TEXAS TECH TRACK coach Wes Kittley awaits a response from sprinter Louise Cox while middle distance sprinter Keshima Starks waits her turn to talk to the Lonestar conference Hall of Honor inductee during practice Tuesday afternoon.

history when they won both titles again in 1999.

"No school had ever done that," he said. "It was also special because it was my last year at ACU. It's something I will cherish for the rest of my life."

While Kittley was coach at ACU, his team never lost a conference championship in indoor or outdoor, a winning streak lasting for 18 years.

Kittley said his passion for the sport of track and field started when

he was in middle school. He said he had a detached retina in his right eye, blinding him. He was always athletic and he loved to run, but was forced to stay away from contact sports. From then on, he began setting records and always knew he would become a coach, he just didn't know it would be in track and field. However, when he graduated ACU, they immediately offered him a coaching position and has been with track ever since.

"Being from Texas, I always thought I would coach football," he said. "But ACU decided to keep me around, and that's what started it all."

I was only 22 years old, but it was a good beginning. Women's sports were just beginning to form, so it was a great time to get into the sport."

Kittley came to Tech in 1999 and said it was hard to leave Abilene, but he quickly fell in love with Lubbock and its atmosphere.

"I thought I would die and go to heaven in Abilene," he said. "But when I talked to (Tech athletic director) Gerald Myers, he gave me a vision of Tech athletics that

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SPORTS COMMENTARY

Dear Randy: PULL YOUR HEAD OUT

Stephen
Monahan



I've decided I no longer care about my higher education. Why should I?

If some of my own professors don't care about me, the student, and how I perceive and comprehend their content in class, then why should I put forth the effort to attend and listen to their monotonous conjecture, only to be graded on whether or not my fanny is sitting in a seat?

I blame my lackadaisical attitude to those I've admired since I was yay-big (imagine my hand about three feet off the floor) — professional athletes, but one NFL athlete in particular: Randy "I am better than every stinking player in the history of the NFL" Moss.

Moss, who plays for the lowly Oakland Raiders, recently said in a radio interview with Fox Sports that he is not concerned with his team's 0-3 (now 0-4) start to the 2006 season because seemingly no one else in the locker room seems to care either.

If Moss can hold himself on a high pedestal, yet manage to receive \$7,750,880 for taking plays off like he did in 2005, then why can't I receive A's and B's in my classes even if I decide not to show up for an entire week?

Thanks, Randy. Because that's a fantastic attitude to have.

Thank you, Randy, for donating your fundamentals of mediocrity to my routine.

The Raiders obviously are not concerned with pedantic details such as Moss' outspoken criticisms of his team's effort.

The NFL franchise quelled any notions about Moss' rumblings as a distraction to the team. Rather, they have concerned themselves more with their poor start.

If the former All-Pro decides to return to dominating form,

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DT should be 'PUN-ished'

Dear Editor:

The College of Mass Communications pounds one thing into the mass communications majors, and that is to be objective in their writing. From Introduction to Mass Communications to News Writing, I have been told that the reporter's opinion must never be evident in a story. This rule must not be emphasized when it comes to sports writing at *The Daily Toreador*. A main headline on the front page of Monday's issue read "Gosh Graham it," which makes me feel *The Daily Toreador* should be "PUN-ished" for running such a clearly biased headline.

Bias was also evident in a story about the game. Sports Editor Stephen Monahan said coach Leach "disposed" of Harrell. My question to Monahan is, did he recycle Harrell also? With such a sensational use of the word "disposed," it compares Harrell's benching to disposing of garbage, which is far from what happened.

The DT is usually very good about presenting the facts without bias, but this issue seemed to just place blame. From now on, please just present the facts and let the students of Texas Tech form their own opinions.

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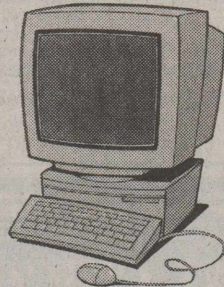
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Kittley

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sold me on coming here."

Since Kittley has been at Tech, he has been faced with the challenge of forming an all-around team that can compete at the Division I level.

He said he enjoys the building process of forming a consistently successful team, a team he believes Tech deserves.

"You must surround yourself with continuous quality competition if you want to prove yourself," he said. "I came here with the desire to prove you can win track and field in West Texas."

Randy

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just as he was the minute he stepped onto the field as a rookie with the Minnesota Vikings in 1998 (69 receptions for 1,313 yards and 17 touchdowns), then maybe I can be motivated enough to at least pretend I care about my class curriculum. However, I leave it up to Bossy Mossy to decide my fate.

If Moss decides to play for his team rather than himself, I'll park my hind end in a classroom every day and listen to what my professor has to say.

Even if he or she doesn't throw a question my way for a class period or two, then I must continue my obligation as a student to respect the classroom rules and not be a

During his seven years at Tech, he has coached 15 student-athletes to 39 all-American teams.

He said his goal is to take Tech to the top quarter of Big 12 track and field athletics and to make his teams elite forces in Tech athletics.

"With six sports in track and field out of a total of 17 at Tech, we are a third of the entire sports program. I want Tech track and field to be a flagship program at Tech," Kittley said. "My goal is to be in the top four of Big 12 competition. If we have an awful season, we would still be at No. 4. However, if we have a successful season, we have a chance at being No. 1."

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distraction while the instructor conducts class.

Until Moss decides he wants to be a team player, he should not celebrate any scores or wins the Raiders accrue. For now, he shall be known as the "Randy Raiders."

If Moss formally apologizes for his ego's permeating odor and plays for his team the rest of the season, I'll take a page out of Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Chad Johnson's trend-setting notebook by forming my hair into a bleached-blond mohawk, obtaining a gold tooth and performing the "chicken dance" in class the next time I receive an A for an assignment.

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'The Boss' not showing Torre a door

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Torre was in his office at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday, about to give the media his season wrapup, when general manager Brian Cashman walked in and handed him his cell phone.

George Steinbrenner was on the line.

"He has informed me that I will be here as his manager next year," Torre said about 15 minutes later.

And with that, Steinbrenner ended three days of speculation that followed his team's second straight first-round exit from the AL playoffs.

Ever since Detroit eliminated the Yankees on Saturday, reports of Torre's imminent dismissal dominated New York media. When Steinbrenner left Monday to return to Tampa, Fla., he said he still hadn't made a decision.

Would he revert to his old ways, when he changed managers 20 times from 1973-95? Or would he stick with the revered Torre, who led the team to four World Series titles in his first five years but none in the six seasons since?

"Let's just say that he echoed support and commitment to having me go on in this job," Torre said. "I felt comfortable with the conversation."

Steinbrenner recounted the talk in a statement issued through spokesman Howard Rubenstein, saying he told Torre: "You're back for the year. I expect a great deal from you and the entire team. I have high expectations, and I want to see enthusiasm, a fighting

spirit and a team that works together. Responsibility is yours, Joe, and all of the Yankees.

"Yes, I am deeply disappointed about our loss this year," Steinbrenner added. "We have to do better, and I deeply want a championship. It's about time."

Since Saturday's loss, Steinbrenner spent his time listening to the advice of his top executives. On Monday, Torre spoke with him about 15-to-20 minutes, and told him: "If you feel in your heart a change has to be made, go ahead and do it." After that phone call, Torre said he felt more confident he would keep his job.

All the while, camera crews camped outside Torre's home in suburban Westchester.

"I thought I had the cure for cancer or something," Torre said.

The most likely successor for the 66-year-old Torre was Lou Piniella, who served two terms as Yankees manager in the 1980s.

For two days, speculation about Torre's job ran nonstop. First he was out; then he was in.

"I didn't read the paper," Torre said. "But I know my sisters did and my brother did and wife did."

Torre has led the Yankees to 11 consecutive playoff berths and nine AL East titles in a row, finishing in a tie with the Mets for best regular-season record this year at 97-65. But despite having baseball's largest payroll by a wide margin, the Yankees haven't reached the World Series since 2003.

"When we go to spring training every year, we talk about getting

to the World Series. We don't talk about having a good year, let's have a good record and all that stuff. It's getting to the World Series. So you know going in what the requirements are," Torre said. "He requires a lot. He expects a lot and we know that. You can't pick and choose the parts that you like about working for George Steinbrenner. You have to understand the whole package, and the whole package has been pretty damn good as far as I'm concerned for 11 years."

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said team executives gave Steinbrenner their opinions on Torre. Steinbrenner informed them of his decision just before telling the manager his job was safe.

"I believe that he is the right man for this job right now at this point in time," Cashman said.

Some of Torre's players lent their support.

"Always in my mind, Joe is manager of the New York Yankees," Hideki Matsui said.

Derek Jeter's agent, Casey Close, said the Yankees captain was "thrilled by the news."

"Everybody knows the comfort level Derek has with Joe," Close said.

Piniella also backed Torre.

"I'm sorry he had to go through that rigamarole," he said. "There was no need for that." Torre, hired after the 1995 season, nearly quit after last season, when his relationship with Steinbrenner deteriorated. But the two got along well this year and there was no evidence of interference by the owner.

Torre has one year remaining on his contract and is owed \$7 million, the highest salary for a baseball manager. He isn't sure whether he wants to manage beyond 2007.

"When you work here, you have to understand that every year may be your last year," Torre said.

Late in the season and during the playoffs, he made several controversial decisions. He moved right fielder Gary Sheffield to first base when he returned from wrist surgery, and put Hideki Matsui back in left in place of Melky Cabrera when Matsui came back from a broken wrist.

His most debated move was to drop Alex Rodriguez, baseball's highest-paid player at \$252 million and a two-time AL MVP, to the No. 8 spot in the batting order for the season-ending 8-3 loss to Detroit.

Rodriguez went 0-for-3, dropping to 1-for-14 in the series, but Torre said A-Rod "is one of the important pieces to this puzzle here" and Cashman said the Yankees didn't intend to trade him.

"I hate to think that if I had just batted Alex fourth that last game, we'd have won," Torre said.

Torre talked about how narrow the difference is between winning and losing, citing when Jeffrey Maier reached over the wall and grabbed the ball, giving Jeter a home run in the 1996 AL championship series.

With 1,973 regular-season wins, Torre is 10th on the career list and third among active managers behind Tony La Russa of the St. Louis Cardinals (2,297) and Bobby Cox (2,171) of the Atlanta Braves.

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Buying any gold/silver jewelry. Avery, Yurman, Tiffany, others. Varsity Jewelers 1311 University.

TEXAS TECH
officially licensed rings. Men's from \$395. Women's from \$195. Varsity Jewelers. 1311 University.

MISCELLANEOUS

EASY DEFENSIVE DRIVING
C1664. Free Dinner! \$25.95. Monday/Tuesday 6 PM. Saturdays 9 AM. Home Plate Diner, 7615 University. 781-2931. Visa

DISCOVER Grandy's
\$3.99 Wednesday Special!
Six-Piece Nugget Meal
2 homestyle vegetables of your choice, and one of our hot fresh dinner rolls

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ROOMMATES

2 BLOCKS TO CLASS!
One room for rent in a completely remodeled 4 bedroom/2 bath house. Tech Terrace. Non-smoking. \$400.00/month

EXPERIENCE Rec Sports

Student Rec Center Hours
 Monday-Friday 6:00 am - 12:00 am
 Saturday 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
 Sunday 12:00 pm - 12:00 am

No splashes this weekend...

The Aquatic Center Will Be Closed Friday-Sunday so we can put the top back on the pool. Regular hours will resume Monday, Oct. 16th!

Exercise your mouse at www.recsports.ttu.edu

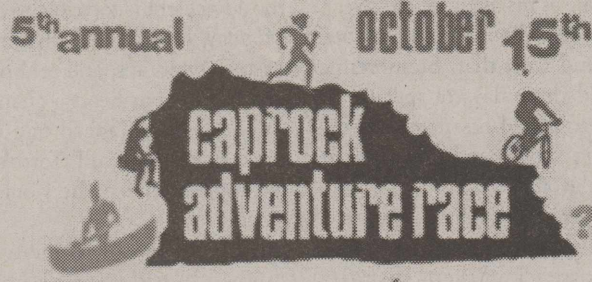
THIS SUNDAY, TRY SOMETHING YOU'LL NEVER FORGET...

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!



Team Racing!

Sponsored by:



THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
 REGISTER TODAY by visiting the Outdoor Pursuits Center (North Entrance of the Rec). Race details, registration forms and more at WWW.RECSports.TTU.EDU

EXPERIENCE ADVENTURE RACING...

WHAT'S THIS RACE ALL ABOUT?
 The race consists of two member teams. Each member will climb two routes on the Rec Sports climbing wall, CANOE 1-mile, MOUNTAIN BIKE 7-miles, and RUN 2.5-miles. Teams member can chose to do all activities together or split the bike and run between members.



Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

WANTED! Volleyball Officials

If you have been searching for a fun, flexible job that offers good pay, and a chance to meet new people, then we have the JOB for you. You can become an intramural volleyball official! Pay is \$7 per game for only 45 minutes of work! Interested? Attend the training meeting on Thurs., Oct. 12 at 5 pm in Room 201 of the Rec Center. Some knowledge of volleyball rules, mechanics, and gamesmanship is helpful.

Flag Football Playoffs are Here!

The flag football playoff schedules came out today! There are still two regular season days left and the playoffs begin this Sunday, Oct. 15th. Schedules can be found on-line or can be picked up in SRC Room 203. League champions will be crowned in Residence Hall, Men's and Women's Greek, Men's and Women's Open and Co-Rec.

FREE Bike Maintenance Workshop Tonight!

Be sure to take advantage of tonight's FREE bike Fix-A-Flat workshop from 7-8:30 pm.

Registration is still going for RaiderX2 classes!

Classes begin the week of Oct. 15th. Space is limited, so hurry and register today! Please see web site for a complete schedule of classes.

Sports Ticker...

Recent Sport Clubs results:
 M. Soccer: TTU 3, Baylor 2; TTU 1, TCU 0
 W. Soccer: Baylor 3; TTU 1
 Ultimate: Won the consolation bracket @ Regionals in Little Rock, Ark.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

INTRO. TO CLIMBING Oct. 20-22

Join us for a thrilling weekend of outdoor climbing in Eastern New Mexico. Participants will have the opportunity to climb while learning the basic practices associated with the activity. Instruction is geared for the novice climber.

DEADLINE IS TOMORROW!

SIGN-UP DEADLINE	DEPARTS	RETURNS	PRICE	SKILL LEVEL	FITNESS LEVEL
Oct. 12	3pm	9pm	\$75	beginner	moderate

INTRODUCTION TO CAVING

Oct 27-29

Come explore some remote and technical caves in Southeast New Mexico! This trip will include some crawling, wriggling, and tight squeezes as we explore underground.



SIGN-UP DEADLINE	DEPARTS	RETURNS	PRICE	SKILL LEVEL	FITNESS LEVEL
Oct. 19	3pm	9pm	\$80	intermediate	moderate

INTRO. TO RIVER KAYAKING Oct 27-29

In this short course, you will learn the skills necessary to start whitewater kayaking. Basic skills such as paddle strokes, boat control, and wet exits will be taught in three intensive, evening pool sessions. This class concludes with a weekend trip that will challenge your newfound skills on the beautiful South Llano River. Mandatory Pool Sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights starting Oct. 19.

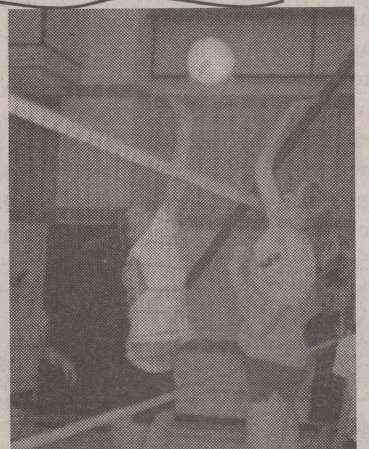
SIGN-UP DEADLINE	DEPARTS	RETURNS	PRICE	SKILL LEVEL	FITNESS LEVEL
Oct. 19	8am	5pm	\$95	beginner	moderate

Paradise Found! The Leisure Pool referendum has passed! Thank you to all of those who voted for the new & exciting addition to the Rec Center!

INTRAMURALS

Volleyball Officials Wanted!

BUMP! SET! SPIKE! Don't miss your chance to sign up for **Intramural Volleyball!** Signups start on Tues., OCTOBER 17th and run through Thurs., OCTOBER 19th from 8 AM to 5 PM in room 203 at the Student Rec Center. Remember, the sooner you come in to register, the better time selection you will receive. If you do not have a team but would like to play, the Intramural Department has a Free Agent program set up for you. The Free Agent meeting is Wednesday, October 18th at 4:00 pm in the Student Rec Center room 206. COME and be part of the 180 teams competing to be an Intramural Champion!



Intramural Soccer Kicks Off Tomorrow! Get excited because tomorrow night (Oct. 12th) is the first night of Intramural Outdoor Soccer! Schedules can be found at www.recsports.ttu.edu or can be picked up in the IM office (Room 203 SRC). Teams will play a three game regular season and all teams earning enough sportsmanship points will enter the single-elimination playoffs. All games are played at the West Rec Complex, in between Greek Circle and the IM softball fields. Make sure to bring ID and have fun!

Aquatic Center

Youth Learn to Swim Lessons
 Do you want your little one to learn how to swim? We are now registering for Youth Learn to Swim! Come by the Aquatic Center to sign up.



Classes are Tuesday and Thursday nights beginning on October 17th until November 9th- Call 742.3896 with any questions!

You + Lifeguard Classes. Do you want a cool job? Why not become an American Red Cross Lifeguard? A certified instructor will teach you lifesaving techniques, standard first aid, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer.

Classes are Tuesday and Thursday nights beginning on October 17th until November 9th. Class time is from 6:30pm-10pm. Sign up now!!!

FITNESS/WELLNESS

XCAPE BINGO..REVISED

We've made it easier!

That's right, Xcape Bingo just got easier to win prizes simply for attending RaiderX classes.

New Rules:

- All you have to do is make a straight line across the card, whether it be horizontal, vertical or diagonal!
 - Do that, and receive a \$10 Gift certificate to 50th Street Caboose. It's that simple! Hurry though, supplies are limited.
 - After that, first 5 people to make "X" or square around perimeter of card will receive a gift certificate to either South Plains Mall, Barnes & Noble or Planet Beach, worth \$25.
 - Make an X, square or black out by 11/18 and you'll be entered for Grand Prize Drawings, which will be announced at the Fitness Jam December 7 at 5:30pm. However, you MUST be present to redeem prize.
- (Prizes include: \$100 Portrait Pkg to Robert S. Photography, Jewelry from Friendzee and Thacker Jewelry, 6 mos. tanning membership to Planet Beach and MUCH MORE!)



Working out with Raider Red at X the Tigers last week!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?!
 COULD BE PRIZES FOR YOU!

TECH EXPRESS NEW NAME CONTEST 2006

YOUR CHALLENGE:

- A TEXAS TECH ORIENTED NAME
- DON'T USE THE WORDS "BUCKS" OR "CASH"
- TURN IN YOUR ENTRY BY 10/31 TO THE I.D. OFFICE IN THE SUB

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZE(S)!

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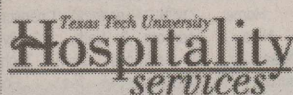
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