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Legislators to ask for Medicaid changes

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas legislators who have been studying the state's Medicaid program say they will propose changes to address problems with outreach and managed care highlighted in a federal judge's critical ruling made public this week.

The court decision immediately became fodder for the presidential candidates, with Democrat Al Gore criticizing Texas Gov. George W. Bush, his Republican rival. Bush defended his record and accused Democrats of trying to hide their own weaknesses.

The Senate Committee on Human Services will submit its final recommendations Friday to Lt. Gov. Rick Perry and other legislative leaders looking ahead to the next biennial session in January.

In a copy obtained by The Associated Press, the committee proposes measures to improve communication between Medicaid recipients and the state, to make the Medicaid application process easier, to eliminate rules that require the state to count assets such as cars when reviewing applications and to expand support for recipients leaving welfare for work.

NATIONAL

Mother suspected of hiding child's death

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) — A pregnant member of a fundamentalist sect who is suspected of covering up the death of her last child was ordered into custody Thursday after she refused to submit to a court-ordered medical exam.

The exam will evaluate the health of Rebecca Corneau and her unborn baby and determine how far she is into the pregnancy, said Gerald FitzGerald, an assistant district attorney for Bristol County.

Prosecutors believe Corneau, 32, is 8 1/2 months pregnant. "I think Baby Corneau is safer today than Baby Corneau has ever been," Bristol County District Attorney Paul Walsh said.

Corneau was escorted from the courthouse by state troopers after the judge issued his order. Walsh said he didn't expect her to be released until after she gave birth.

Judge Kenneth P. Nasif ruled two weeks ago that Corneau, whose sect preaches against medical care, is an unfit mother, and placed her three children in state custody.

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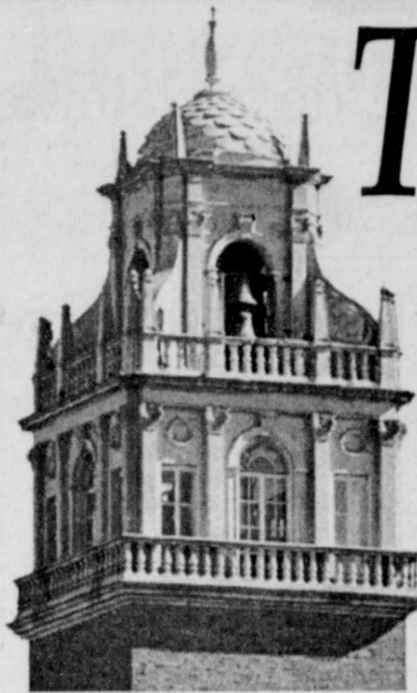
American hostage taken seriously ill

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — An American held by Muslim rebels in a southern Philippine jungle is seriously ill, U.S. officials said Thursday. They appealed for his immediate release on humanitarian grounds.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Thomas Skipper said U.S. government officials learned from the family of Jeffrey Schilling that he has serious medical problems and needs regular prescription medicine.

"From a humanitarian standpoint, he should be released as soon as possible," Skipper said. He said he did not know the nature of Schilling's condition.

Abu Sayyaf guerrillas announced Tuesday that they had abducted Schilling, of Oakland, Calif. They threatened to behead him if the United States rejects their demands, including the release of several Arab terrorists in American jails.



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Students react to fake discussions
Political science sessions canceled with valid excuse

By Heath Cheek
Staff Writer

Students, faculty and administrators across campus are voicing concern over recent allegations involving non-existent discussion classes in the College of Business Administration.

In Wednesday's edition of *The University Daily*, sources within the college revealed that "fake" discussion classes were being set up in order to use state funds to pay for teaching assistants who are actually doing re-

search instead of teaching.

Although COBA officials said they have done nothing wrong, during an interview before the story was published, COBA Dean Roy Howell said "teaching and research are closely intertwined" and that all of the teaching assistants support the teaching mission either directly or indirectly.

Jeff Cummings, a graduate business student from Alvin, said he was enrolled in a few of the fake discussion classes the article discussed.

"I was never given an official explanation," he said. "The professors didn't say anything about the discussion sessions at all."

In a faculty meeting Wednesday, Howell told faculty members the article appearing in Wednesday's *University Daily* was "the worst piece of journalism I have ever seen." Howell denied any wrongdoing and accused *University Daily* reporters of misquoting sources in the story.

"The reporter set out with the idea to prove that there was something wrong with this," he said. "We will find a way to put the truth in front of the students. I wouldn't believe anything *The UD* says."

At the request of the Texas State Auditor's Office, a copy of the article was forwarded to an official for review.

When initially told about the allegations, TSA auditor Dick Dinan said, "that sounds strange" and said he would further investigate the information.

In the College of Arts and Sciences, political science discussion classes for POLS 1301 and 2302 were canceled for

this semester.

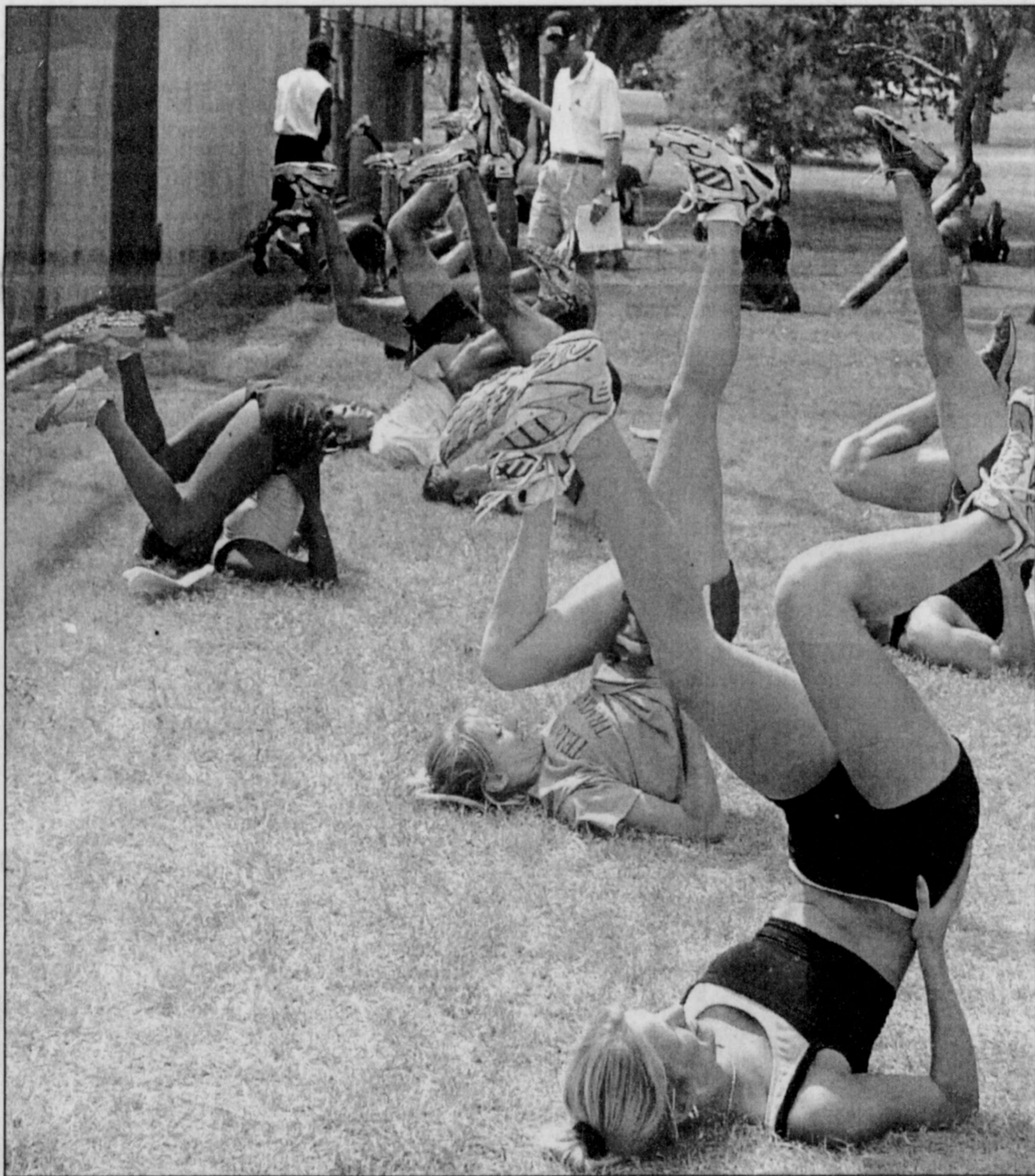
"There were not enough teaching assistants to staff them all," said Philip Marshall, political science department chairman.

Marshall said since there were not enough teaching assistants to staff all the discussion sections, they were forced to cancel all discussion sections in order to be fair to the students.

In order to correct the situation, the political science department has or-

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Showing their stuff



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily

Texas Tech's track coach Wes Kittley oversees members of the women's track team Thursday as they begin daily workouts at the tennis courts located next to the Student Recreation Center. With a new coach, track members are optimistic of what kind of success this season might bring to Red Raider track and field competition.

Grant to assist research efforts

■ **Petroleum engineering officials try to reduce oil and gas prices for the future.**

By John Baucum
Staff Writer

A grant to Texas Tech's Department of Petroleum Engineering may help facilitate research that could help reduce oil and gas prices in the future.

The Department of Petroleum Engineering received a \$50,000 capped oil well from Texland Petroleum, Inc.

"Texland donated the well to assist Texas Tech University and its research programs," said Chris Cox, assistant professor in the Department of Petroleum Engineering.

The well is located near Lubbock International Airport and will allow undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the field.

"The well will allow students to work with real-world technologies in a real-world environment," Cox said.

Cox is one of the principal investigators who will use the well to conduct experiments.

Other universities have oil wells that students are allowed to use for research, but Tech's goes much deeper in the ground, which provides students with more accurate information and simulates more of a professional job setting.

Officials at Tech have contracted with oil companies to see **GRANT**, page 3

Record benefits Tech students

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

There is now a way for students to officially document their involvement in co-curricular activities and community involvement throughout their college career.

The Campus and Community Involvement Record is a new program brought to the Tech campus by the University Center Campus Activities and Involvement Office. The CCIR will enable students to document co-curricular involvement and honors and achievements received outside of the classroom.

The CCIR will allow students to record their personal skills such as leadership and will make them more marketable for admission into Graduate School and for prospective employers.

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Tech Housing and Dining splitting, still one entity

■ **Groups separate into two entities, but still plan to work together as always.**

By Angel Wolfe
Staff Writer

As of today, Texas Tech's Housing and Dining Services will split into the departments of Housing and Residence Life and University Dining Services.

Although the office is separating, Sam Bennett, director of University Dining Services, said the departments will not be acting independent of one another.

The departments will continue to act as one entity.

"We're really not creating two different departments (as of right now)," said Bennett, formerly the associate director of Housing and Dining Services.

"The director of Housing and Residence Life and I will still report to Jim Burkhalter. We're still the Department of Housing and Dining."

And the two departments will

continue to work under a joint budget.

"It's a lot easier to put things together than it is to take things apart," Bennett said.

"This will be a one- or two-year project."

Burkhalter, beginning today, has officially been named the assistant vice president for Student Affairs and interim Dean of Students. And although Burkhalter will relinquish the title of director of Housing and Dining Services, the department will continue to report to him until a replacement is named.

The main reason for the depart-

mental split is the expansion of food services on campus, Burkhalter said. With the split, the new departments will be able to receive more direction and leadership.

Students should not expect to see any major changes from the departments, Bennett said, although both departments are continually looking at ways to improve service to students.

"The only changes that will be made will be in the back of the house. Students should not expect to see any changes from the front of the house," Bennett said. "We still plan on operating as normal."

New meal plan ideas are now being researched by dining services, Bennett said. Meal plans from other Big 12 schools are being looked at in order to find a better way for Tech students to buy food.

"We know that our meal plans are sometimes misunderstood and need to be simplified," he said. "We'll be making some recommendations to the Board of Regents in the next month or two."

Bennett said he would like to introduce a more flexible and simplified meal plan for residence halls.

The new plans, if approved, will be implemented next semester.

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Reader's Ask

QUESTION: I play baseball and am taking Andro. Are there any problems with it that you have heard of?

ANSWER: Andro, short for Androstenedione, is a steroid. In the body it converts to testosterone to promote muscle growth. It appeals to people because it appears to increase lean body mass and lean body mass is muscle. The International Olympic Committee has banned the drug because it can result in abnormal liver function. It also may make your blood thicker, and that increases the risk of stroke. There also is the risk of blood clots

to the heart. Additionally, as the weight of the muscles increase, the user is more prone to develop tendon tears. In all men, it will suppress the body's production of testosterone from the testes which can cause infertility. This steroid also is used by women and is no safer for them. It has not yet been determined if there is such a thing as a "safe dose" nor do problems that it can create show up right away. I really never recommend steroids and have heard very little that is good about them.

QUESTION: I have a good friend who is a regular pot smoker and swears that marijuana is not addictive. Is this true?

ANSWER: The International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) lists marijuana withdrawal, however, it does not describe what that withdrawal is. Research shows that marijuana withdrawal in humans is recognizable and powerful enough to discourage people who try to quit using marijuana. Some of the most common symptoms experienced when trying to quit included irritability, nervousness, depression, anger, restlessness, strange dreams, sleep prob-

lems, decreased appetite and headaches. The article I took this information from, "Marijuana Withdrawal Among Adults Seeking Treatment for Marijuana Dependence" states "marijuana use is problematic, leads to addiction, and may be difficult to stop once addiction is triggered. This goes beyond psychological dependence (itself no small thing) and adds the power of physical addiction to marijuana. Research increasingly indicates that this risk is real."

I don't think you can discount good, sound medical research.

QUESTION: If I use a condom right and use it every time I have sex am I safe from all the STDs?

ANSWER: No. HPV (human papillomavirus) or genital warts, is spread by touch not body fluids. It is not necessary to have penetrative intercourse to spread and contract the disease — mere touching is all it takes. This is now the most common STD in the country. Genital herpes is another STD that is spread by kissing, sexual intercourse, oral sex and anal sex. During an outbreak, a person has to avoid all sexual contact until sores are completely healed. When not in an outbreak, using a latex condom is necessary. A person can be in an outbreak and be unaware of it. If you are naked with your partner rubbing around on each other before putting on a condom, you might be exchanging body fluids that can transmit STDs. Your best protection next to abstinence. It is not a 100 percent guarantee against catching something, but not using condoms is just plain dumb because the odds of your contracting an STD are huge. Finally, I have to remind students that oral sex is sex. In fact, a recent report states that 7 percent of all new HIV cases came from oral sex. Just remember that if you want a guarantee that you absolutely will not get an STD, abstain from sex!

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Jo Henderson

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duct at least 12 hours of office time per week to meet with students who have questions. In the past, teaching assistants were only required to have three hours per week.

"We had a shortfall in the number of teaching assistants we needed for the fall," Marshall said. "We had to do something."

The department made sure all students were notified of the change with door signs and dis-

claimers on the syllabi.

Marshall provided documentation to show the discussion classes have met in past semesters and to assure students that the sessions were not fake.

"It's been a tradition for us to have discussion sections as part of the larger classes," he said.

"This was the best we could do with an unfortunate situation."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The University Daily stands behind all information that was published in Wednesday's article.)

CCIR

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Will Kayatin, associate director of Campus Activities and Involvement, said as a prospective employer, the transcript would carry weight to help make students more competitive.

"The student with the official transcript would be more appealing to the employer," he said. "That student has proof that he or she has participated, both on the campus and in the community."

Campus and community involvement is a way for students to practically apply theory, Kayatin said.

"When students participate in extracurricular activities, they acquire important skills that will help them throughout their lives," he said.

He said the best way for students to show exactly what they were involved in and the skills they acquired from those activities is through the CCIR.

In order for a student to qualify he or she must do is fill out an application form and pay a \$5 fee. That fee provides the student with five official copies of their record and allows the student to continually update his or her record as needed," Kayatin said.

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Will Kayatin
CAI ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

picked up in the 210 University Center. Students can pick up involvement update forms and official and unofficial copies of their transcript.

After the first five copies, additional official copies cost \$2 until graduation and \$3 after graduation. All unofficial copies cost \$1. For more information, contact the University Center Campus Activities and Involvement office at 742-3621.



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Computer program allows hospital visits from home

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) - When Jessie McCarthy was in the hospital for major surgery, she was in no condition to call her friends and family in Curacao, the Netherlands, New York to keep them updated on her condition.

She left that to her Guardian Angel. Using a new computer program at White Plains Hospital Center, McCarthy's husband, Tim, set up a private Internet page and entered the e-mail addresses of their loved ones. The program gave a password to those pre-approved visitors and notified them every time Tim McCarthy - the page's designated "Guardian Angel" - posted an update.

Without leaving the hospital or accessing his own e-mail account, McCarthy could walk down the hall to a visitingOurs.com kiosk, there are five at the hospital, and type in whatever he wanted people to know.

"Everything went fine," McCarthy wrote on the day of surgery in July. "Jessie is in recovery for the next 2 hours and then she will be moved to the CCU unit."

Two days later, he wrote, "After a challenging night, she is feeling much

better now. ... Jessie sends thanks for all your prayers and good thoughts."

The friends and relatives could visit the page anytime to get the latest news, leave their own good wishes and even order a get-well gift from Amazon.com, Toys 'R Us or 1-800-Flowers.

"Hi I'm happy to hear that everything is going good," read one message left by a nephew in the Netherlands. "Greetings to tante (Dutch for aunt) Jessie and tell her I send a big 'Knuffel' ('hug') and to get well soon."

Another message made available by the McCarthys was written by a friend in a language spoken in Curacao and Aruba: "I am writing in Papiamentu so you can know that Curacao also is thinking about you," the friend said. "I will check later how the surgery went."

As she recovered, Jessie McCarthy, a teacher, wrote her own messages from the hospital or from her home in Hartsdale. There's no limit on how long a page can be used.

The program is also in use, or about to come online, at the Ronald McDonald House in Manhattan, CancerCare, The New York State Hospice Association and Action for Sick Children in London. About 100

patients were using it during a recent week. A similar service, called theStatus, is in use at the Cleveland Clinic Heart Center and has about 250 patient pages, said company spokeswoman Missy Corbat.

The developer, president and chief executive officer of visitingOurs is David Gottesfeld, a White Plains psychologist.

"The beauty of what our site does is once you create that e-mail list, you don't have to worry about it anymore," he said. "All you have to do is post the updates and we take care of the rest."

Though he lets not-for-profit organizations affiliate for free, Gottesfeld said he expects the business to be making money from licensing and retail links by the end of the year.

"We become financially more valuable the more pages that are opened up, the more people that are using it," he said. "Part of this is also just doing good, helping people."

He said visitingOurs is complementary, rather than competitive, to other hospital-oriented sites like Baby Press Conference, which lets new parents tell friends about a newborn and even do a live Internet video chat.

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perform research using the oil well. British Petroleum Amoco, Amerada/Hess, and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, the national oil company of India have agreed to fund the research. Each company is expected to give Tech \$27.500 annually for the research.

The well is expected to help graduates from the engineering department find jobs with the best companies in the United States because of the chance for hands on research.

"We want students with more real-world opportunities because, the more hands on experience they get, the better prepared they are when they graduate," said Jenny James Reeves, senior development officer for the College of Engineering.

Cox said the initial research projects for the test well involve artificial lift funded by Amerada Hess Corporation in Houston.

"This is a critical stage of research

that will help determine the success of the rest of the research," he said. "This project could also have long-lasting repercussions throughout the world. It is hoped that the research will produce technologies that will reduce the cost of oil and gas."

Two graduate students will initially work on the project, and undergraduate students will be allowed to observe. But as the research develops, more students are expected to be involved in the process.

The late James McAuley, adjunct professor of petroleum engineering, helped in securing the well from Teland Petroleum.

"In addition to his efforts with the oil well, McAuley also was a member of the Academy of Petroleum Engineers. This is the highest honor that the department bestows on its graduates and supporters," Cox said.

Because of the immense size of the well and the research opportunities it presents, there is a possibility that officials from Tech will allow other universities to join in the on-going re-

search in the future. Cox said Tech might provide an opportunity for other universities to join in the research.

Because of the willingness of colleges to participate in research and field studies, many oil companies are employing the help of these students and professors because they are more cost effective than the general researcher.

"Companies are shutting down their most expensive research and moving toward getting students to help with the research," Reeves said.

Across the nation there is a shortage of engineers, so possibly, dynamic programs such as this will funnel more students toward degrees in engineering, and the opportunities that the field presents.

Cox is optimistic about the affect this research may have.

"We hope that this donation will result in larger and larger research opportunities for the department, the entire College of Engineering and Texas Tech University as a whole," Cox said.

Shark kills swimmer in Intracoastal Waterway

ST. PETE BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A man swimming in shallow water in the Intracoastal Waterway was killed in a shark attack witnessed by his wife.

Thadeus Kubinski, 69, was dead by the time emergency workers arrived Wednesday afternoon following the rare shark sighting in the waterway, St. Pete Beach Fire Chief Fred Golliner said.

Kubinski's son Edward said his mother, Anna, told him the couple went swimming in 5 feet of water about 10 feet off his dock in Boca Ciega Bay.

Mrs. Kubinski, who was too distressed to speak with the media, noticed her husband struggling with a marine animal and leaped out of the water to seek help. She told another son, Richard, she saw a dorsal fin that

was "just like the Jaws situation."

"She was pretty much in a panic. She thought the best thing to do was to run and call for help," Richard Kubinski said.

The elder Kubinski suffered wounds from his armpit to his thigh. Authorities said they believe he was killed by a shark, although the medical examiner planned to consult with marine biologists for confirmation.

Federal jury convicts Webb County officials

LAREDO (AP) — A federal jury on Thursday convicted all five Webb County officials accused of conspiring to fix dozens of criminal cases for bribes.

The jury found two investigators, a bail bondsman and relatives of Webb and Zapata counties' top prosecutor guilty of a combined 27 counts. The indictment totaled 29 counts.

The defendants are accused of soliciting \$200,000 in bribes for pledges

to drop or reduce charges in 40 drug, weapon and drunken driving cases between 1992 and 1998.

The defendants are: Alfonso Rodriguez, the district attorney's chief assistant criminal investigator; Agustin Mendoza Jr., district attorney criminal investigator; Jesse Castaneda, a bail bondsman; Jose Rubio, Sr., father of Webb and Zapata counties' District Attorney Joe Rubio; and Carlos Rubio, brother of Joe Rubio.

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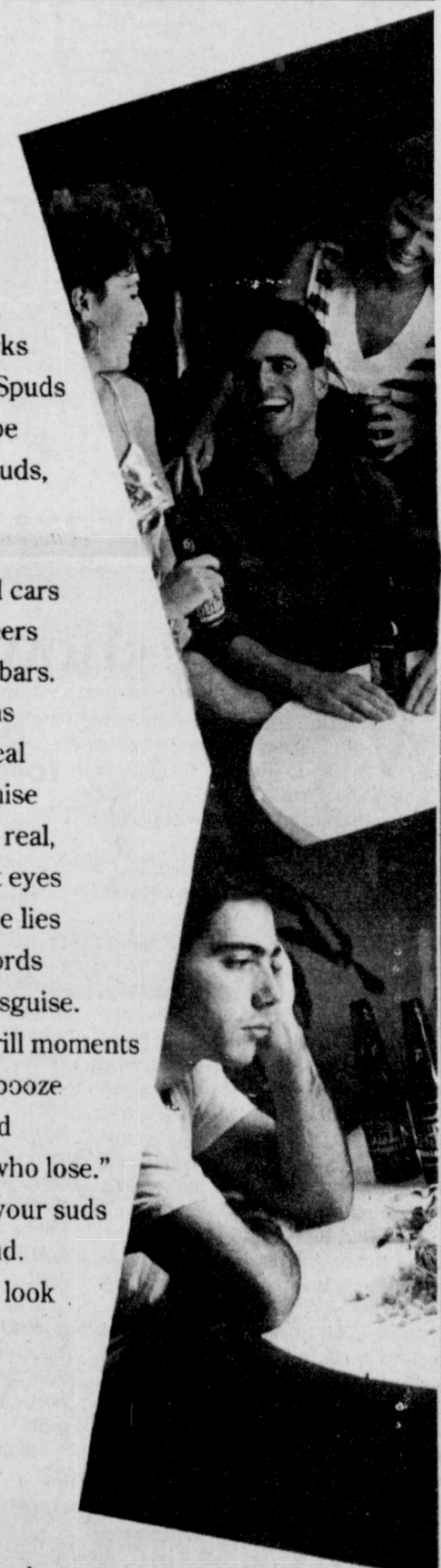
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Column

Honor code a cosmetic fix

It may be the influence of Wall Street or the influence coming straight down from the Oval Office.

Nonetheless, American college students are cheating in record numbers.

National surveys from the Center for Academic Integrity reveal that about 80 percent of college students admit to having cheated at least once during their undergraduate career.

In the wake of this stunning report, which came out in the late 1990s, university administrators and faculty have since engaged in a healthy discussion regarding possible solutions to this disturbing trend. Spreading through many small, private institutions like a virulent STD, usage of student-initiated honor systems have been banded about as popular



Sandeep Rao

solutions to the problem.

Now the itch appears to have hit administrators at Texas Tech. The Aug. 29 edition of The UD reported that Tech's ad hoc honor code committee planned to implement an honor code at the university as early as the Fall 2001 semester.

While the concept of the honor system may be derived from the 100-plus years of tradition at the University of Virginia, the honor code now serves as a trendy cop-out by administrators and faculty alike to avoid the burden and hassle of handling prosecution of violations of academic integrity.

Academic instructors widely recognize that many violations of academic integrity frequently go unpunished by college administrators. Driven by the veiled threat of lawsuits from violators, administrators often fail to back instructors who report clear incidents of rule breaking. Thus, honor codes primarily serve to divest prosecutorial authority — and concomitant legal risks — onto the backs of student arbiters of honor systems.

If Americans can't seem to agree on the prosecution of a 54-year old Rhodes scholar in the White House committing dishonesty under oath, what is it that a group of twenty-somethings, serving as a jury of their peers will be able to judge the morality of a fellow peer at Tech cutting-and-pasting a term paper off the Internet any better?

Moreover, legal threats associated with prosecution still won't go away with a new system. The honor code conveniently allows the institution to transfer its responsibility of enforcement to the students. Nonetheless, the sharks — or rats, depending on personal preference — will still attack.

In defense of academic honor systems, universities and colleges with codes have shown a slightly smaller incidence of plagiarism and dishonesty. However, honor codes primarily

serve to keep good people honest. Like gun laws that engender criminal noncompliance, honor codes lull the masses into a false sense of security. The honor code bandages entrenched elements of dishonesty with an appearance of honesty and justice.

While ill-conceived honor codes idealistically aim for the skies, in reality, these systems fall far short of expectations.

Under the classic conception of higher education, students attend college to challenge intellectual boundaries and make contributions to the Socratic process of learning. By extension, cheating and plagiarism go against the integrity of higher education or whatever is left of integrity in the hallowed halls of academia these days.

But try telling that to the average Tech student. As long as the market value of education becomes a value based on degree completion rather than skills and knowledge obtained, cheating becomes a viable means for academic survival in the sole quest to attain a degree.

As Bob Miller, chairman of the honor code committee, is clear to point out, the Tech administration will move forward with a proposed code only after student input is included in the process.

However, unless administrators take the idea out into the bars and hype it up as a drinking game, the university will fail to reach apathetic Tech students and receive the necessary input required of a student-supported intensive honor code, allowing the wishes of the few to represent the many.

The university's task of attempting to instill integrity in the student at this point in his life with an honor code is as cumbersome as teaching table manners to a grown adult. Thus, if the university truly wishes to cultivate a student population better versed in academic integrity, Tech admissions may want — as politically incorrect as this may sound — to screen applicants for exhibiting a proclivity toward integrity and moral uprightness.

Proponents of the new code also discuss the virtues of the proposed system as a new tradition, intending to instill Tech pride and add value to a Tech degree.

This is akin to installing an airbag into a car because the prestige of the device would add to the value of the car. Rather, the value of any additions should be judged by the intrinsic effects on the system.

Instead of attempting to facially reinvent the university with the name value of an honor code, Tech administrators should focus on enforcing existing standards of academic integrity by backing up faculty currently victimized by the threats of litigious cheaters.

The hot air of the honor code is a new tradition Tech can well live without.

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Editorial

Schmidly shows passion for Tech, job

With the beginning of the new school year comes the opportunity to improve Texas Tech. Changes were made over the summer that will help facilitate this potential improvement.

David Schmidly was named Tech's president before the fall semester started. We believe he is the right choice to take Tech forward to the next level academically.

Even though he worked at Texas A&M University and Texas A&M University-Galveston, Schmidly has West Texas roots. At TAMU-Galveston, he worked as the school's CEO and campus dean. There, he honed his skills working with and improving undergraduate programs.

When he came to Tech, he served as vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School.

However, he also has authored six books, published more than 100 papers and trained more than 50 graduate students.

There is no question that his background in both undergraduate and graduate programs have provided him with a working knowledge of how a university works and how it can be improved.

He has the potential, work ethic and foresight to make Tech a top institution. Former President Donald Haragan definitely started the ball rolling. Schmidly will increase its momentum.

A major goal of Schmidly's is to increase diversity and access in all aspects of campus. He wants to see more minorities and women students, faculty and administrators.

His remaining goals: excellence, community engagement, technology and partnerships and collaborations are all marks of quality, well-respected institutions. Should Schmidly accomplish these goals during his tenure as president, Tech will be among the elite universities not only in the state but also in the nation as well.

Schmidly has shown a passion and pride for Texas Tech, which will make his job easier. Without the drive and motivation that comes from his passion, he would not be able to complete these goals.

He also has pledged his unconditional

cooperation with the students of this campus to make the education they receive here second to none. Schmidly said he vows to get to the bottom of the reported College of Business Administration problems. Should he keep this promise, students, faculty and staff can expect a better university as a result.

He has the potential, work ethic and foresight to make Tech a top institution. Former President Donald Haragan definitely started the ball rolling. Schmidly will increase its momentum.

We give President Schmidly a unanimous vote of approval in his selection as Tech's academic leader and the goals he wishes to accomplish during his term. We look forward to the new and improved Tech he plans to help shape.

Letters to the Editor

Keep on cheering

To the editor: I was disappointed to read Ms. Taylor's (UD, 8/31) degrading comments about the new cheerleading squad.

While I, too, have trouble understanding why the university fired such successful coaches, I do not see how publicly putting down the new cheerleaders will help the matter.

These cheerleaders are young adults who are undoubtedly extremely excited to have a chance to support such an excellent university on the football field.

Perhaps the squad made a few mistakes, but I cannot think of one person or organization that has not made a fair share of mistakes themselves.

Let's grow up and not put others down to build ourselves up.

Congratulations to the new cheer-

leaders on a job well done.

Megan Rachel Butcher
sophomore
multidisciplinary studies

Check the facts

To the editor: Dustin Mundorf is serving up a load of crap with his "Democrats continue with false promises" column (UD, 8/31). I realize I'm in "Republicanville," but I can't sit by and watch anything and everything being said against the Democratic Party.

Mundorf proved his own point when he said most Republican voters are wealthier than most Democratic voters. This is true, and the Republicans intend to keep their alliances to each other and their corporate buddies by giving themselves (the richest 5 percent of the country) a big tax cut.

The Republicans have received the insensitive reputation because their voting records prove it.

If you are interested, I urge you to look at

Project Vote Smart on the Net and see for yourselves that Republicans, especially in the state of Texas, are denying welfare programs for single mothers and ignoring health care and education issues. If "Dubya" gets his way in the White House, I'm sure he'll repeat his Texas performance.

Mundorf raises the issue of prescription drugs.

The only reason this is an issue is because it is a problem. Al Gore's plan is to provide the nation with the medicine it needs and is not intended to make Americans more reliant on the government, but rather a plan to make sure everyone gets what they need and to prevent drug companies from exploiting the nation's old and sick.

I find it downright offensive and stupid to think that the Democrat's real motive is for a more dependent America.

Bethany Cline
sophomore
political science

Editorial

(AP) — San Angelo Standard-Times on Fox's borderless continent:

For all the political talk that goes on, there really aren't a lot of bold new ideas in this part of the world.

Make way for Vicente Fox, who will become president of Mexico in just over three months.

Fox, who wrested control of the Mexican government from the seven-decade rule of the PRI, is a large man with large plans, not just for his country but for all of North America.

He will address Mexico's economy first and foremost, and surely with zeal unlike that shown by any previous president. Fox knows that economic progress will require help from the outside, and he pledges to create an environment that will lead to a doubling of American investment in Mexico.

Part of that depends on tackling corruption, which Fox also has vowed to make a high priority.

Fox is an unabashed globalist whose free-

trade tonic will be excellent medicine for the Mexican economy.

For all those big ideas, the one that has attracted the most attention lately is Fox's vision of a European Union-like North America. His eventual goal is to remove all borders between Mexico, the United States and Canada.

Its an interesting notion but it wont happen during Fox's six-year term in office, and probably not in his lifetime.

While lowering trade barriers has been a boon for North America, the continent is not ready for completely open borders, and it may never be. Primarily that is because, unlike the general economic parity among European Union members, Mexico with nearly half its population in poverty has an enormous distance to go to catch up with its northern neighbors.

Fox acknowledges that his dream wont come true quickly, and that if the borders were opened now, Mexican workers would flood into the United States. He plans to offer incentives, including a huge job-creation effort, that he thinks would keep that from happening.

Wampler to be editor of top publication in field

By Jamilah Lacy
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech human sciences department will soon have the honor of hosting the editorial office for one of the most prestigious journals in its field.

Karen Wampler, a Tech human sciences professor, was chosen to be editor for *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*.

Published quarterly, the journal reaches more than 20,000 readers. It is distributed worldwide to marriage therapists and professors who are interested in keeping up with modern practices.

Wampler nominated herself and was then chosen by her colleagues for the editor position.

She said she wanted to be considered for the position because it was a chance to give back to her profession.

"You have to be well known in the field to be considered," Wampler

"Karen is top notch. She is one of the foremost researchers in our field."

Steven Harris

INTERIM ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR THE COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

said. "You must already have a reputation."

Although Wampler has no experience in editing, she said that it will not be a difficult transition. She has experience in reviewing national manuscripts and scholarly journals, including *Journal of Marriage and Family* and *Family Process*. She also is a published writer.

She said her biggest challenge will be learning the ins and outs of the publishing process.

Her duties include obtaining manuscripts and sending them to members on the editorial staff for review. Once the manuscripts are re-

turned, she makes the final decision on what to put in the journal.

Steven Harris, interim associate dean for the College of Human Sciences, will be one of the members on the editorial board. He also is a book review editor.

Harris said the journal will benefit the human sciences department through attention.

"It's a great acknowledgement of the program we have here," Harris said, who also added Wampler is an excellent choice for the job.

"Karen is top notch," Harris said. "She is one of the foremost researchers in our field."

Prestigious schools have previously hosted the editorial office on their campus.

Because Tech will be listed in the journal as the location for the editorial offices, Wampler said the publication will aid in the recruitment of graduate students for college. She said it also will provide contacts with faculty members from other schools.

Wampler said being listed in the book as editor is a tremendous honor and does not feel that being editor for the journal will conflict with her job at Tech.

Wampler will not be cutting back on teaching classes or being on national committees.

She also sits the national committee for accrediting marriage and family education.

Wampler said she is excited about her future position as editor.

"It's something someone does after being established," she said.

"It's a way to encourage the field and make things better."



Karen Wampler, human sciences professor, was chosen as editor for the *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*.

Former Davidian prosecutor target in Danforth investigation

DALLAS (AP) — The former prosecutor who warned Attorney General Janet Reno of a possible cover-up within her own department has been told he is being targeted for prosecution by Waco Special Counsel John C. Danforth.

In a copyright story posted on Thursday's online edition of *The Dallas Morning News*, friends and associates of former assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Johnston say he has been told by the special counsel's office that he could be indicted on charges ranging from obstruction of justice to perjury.

The charges reportedly stem from his withholding of several pages of pre-

trial notes from the 1994 federal prosecution of surviving Branch Davidians.

Johnston would not comment, but friends and associates told *The Dallas Morning News* he withheld the notes because he was concerned others in the U.S. attorney's office would misuse the documents.

Johnston's attorney, Michael Kennedy, on Thursday released a statement confirming that Danforth has threatened Johnston with indictments in both Texas and St. Louis.

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Michael Kennedy
ATTORNEY

ment and for blowing the whistle on the government's efforts to mislead the public about the government's use of pyrotechnic devices against the Branch

Davidians," Kennedy said.

Jan Diltz, a spokeswoman for Danforth's office in St. Louis, declined to comment.

Friends and former law enforcement associates in Waco say they are starting a legal defense fund for Johnston.

"We're raising money. I'm spending most of my time today working on calling on some people with deep pockets," said David Smith, a former Waco city manager. "We're ready to fight 'em. I think that they're going to find that this community is 100 percent behind Bill."

Johnston helped draft the search warrant that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms attempted to execute on Feb. 28, 1993, in a botched raid that turned into a gunbattle. Four federal agents and six Davidians were killed.

The gunfight sparked the 51-day standoff at the Davidians' complex outside Waco. The siege ended on April 19, 1993, with a fire that consumed the compound, killing sect leader David Koresh and some 80 followers inside. Some died from fire, others from gunshot wounds.

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Pilot program to allow SPC students be part of Tech

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

Next fall when Texas Tech students are moving into the residence halls, the person moving in next to them might not even be a Tech student.

Beginning next year, Texas Tech and South Plains College will implement a pilot program that will allow prospective Tech students who do not meet the standards for admission to apply through South Plains College and take classes on the Tech campus.

As part of the program, these students would be able to live on Tech's campus, attend Tech athletic events and become

familiar with the Tech campus community.

"This is very much a collaborative effort," said Michael Heintze, vice president for Enrollment Management. "We feel it is beneficial for students who want to enroll here to become familiar with campus activities."

As part of this collaborative effort, SPC courses will be taught on the Texas Tech campus by SPC faculty. These classes will include a variety of different introductory courses including English, math, history and political science. Heintze said this idea is not new.

"SPC has been offering Spanish classes at Tech already," he said.

"We feel it is beneficial for students who want to enroll here to become familiar with campus activities."

Micheal Heintze
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

As part of this program, all the tuition and fee payments will be paid to SPC, while room, board and student service fees will be paid to Tech. However, the student will only receive

one bill for all fees. "The student will receive a joint bill that will incorporate both fees from Tech and SPC," Heintze said. "We are trying to make this program as seamless as possible."

Stephen John, dean of College Relations at SPC, said about 80 percent of SPC students that transfer to other universities, transfer to Tech. He said once the students leave SPC, they usually perform as well as or better academically than students who began at a university.

"Our data shows that students who start out at SPC do as well or better academically once they transfer to a full university," John said.

Many Tech students also take classes at SPC in the afternoon. John said he believes about 1,000 Tech students are attending classes at the SPC Reese Center campus while claiming Tech as their home institution. He said there are also

others that take classes at SPC's Levelland campus.

Initially, Heintze said, the university would limit enrollment of the partnership to about 200 students. These 200 would be split equally among gender, 100 males and 100 females, in order to ensure housing to everyone involved in the program and to Tech students.

"This program will not impact our ability to house returning or incoming students," he said.

This type of program is not new to higher education universities in the state. Heintze said the University of Texas at Austin has a close relationship with Austin Community College.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Carol Lachance Massey, Ont. 9/1/00

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Early numbers show DWI arrests climbed after 0.08 law enacted

AUSTIN (AP) — Arrests of drunken drivers jumped by 14 percent in the first nine months after Texas lowered the legal blood-alcohol level to 0.08 percent, according to figures from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"The feeling in the field and here at DPS is that the 0.08 is leading to more arrests," said DPS spokesman Tom Vinger. "It's definitely given law enforcement a tool to get more drunks off the roadway."

Troopers made 22,032 arrests from Sept. 1, 1999, the day the law went into

effect, through May 2000, according to the latest figures available. That's an increase of 2,766 arrests over the 19,266 made from September 1998 to May 1999.

The figures do not show how many of those arrested took breath tests to measure blood-alcohol levels or how many of them fell between 0.08 percent and the previous threshold of 0.10 percent. The numbers also do not reflect arrests made by law enforcement agencies other than the DPS.

Texas became the 17th state to adopt the 0.08 blood-alcohol standard when lawmakers approved it in May 1999. The new law qualified Texas for federal grants under an incentive program Congress implemented to get lower blood-alcohol limits established across the country.

Bill Lewis, spokesman for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said the law's first-year effectiveness ultimately will be measured in alcohol-related fatalities.

"The numbers we're interested in is the body count, and we don't have those yet," Lewis said.

In 1998, Texas led the nation with 1,792 traffic fatalities in which some level of alcohol was involved, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The higher arrest rate is expected to reduce fatalities, Lewis said. "For most people, an arrest is enough. They don't drive drunk again."

Some, however, question whether the arrest figures are linked to the lower limit.

Arrests still are determined by the officers who pull over drivers and conduct field sobriety tests, such as reciting the alphabet or walking a straight line. Breath tests are administered only after someone has been arrested under the suspicion of driving while intoxicated. A person's behavior and driving ability is likely to have as much to do with an arrest as a breath test.

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Tenner appointed by American Heart Association

Department of pharmacology professor dubbed president of board of directors

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

Thomas Tenner, a professor in the Department of Pharmacology at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, was recently named president of the board of directors for the Texas Affiliate of the American Heart Association.

Tenner's road to the presidency began in 1978, when he applied for a grant from the AHA Texas affiliate.

Carolyn Kennedy, administrative assistant to the dean of engineering, asked Tenner if he would like to become a volunteer.

"He had received AHA funding, so I thought that if he was getting

money from us, he might like to volunteer, so I asked him to be on our board of directors," Kennedy said.

Kennedy, who worked with Tenner for 12 years and acted as the AHA regional director at the time, said he was an exceptional volunteer.

"I am so proud that I even had just a tiny part in his being named president — I know he will make a wonderful president and do great things for the affiliate, the nation and the South Plains region," Kennedy said.

Originally, Tenner worked with the Lubbock division as a speaker. Later, he joined the board of directors.

He then reviewed grants for the affiliate board before eventually becoming a board member.

Tenner is the first president of the board from Lubbock and also the first from Tech.

"Officially, my position is chief medical and scientific officer for the state affiliate, but basically I'm the head cheerleader," Tenner said. "I don't do any of the fundraising. I merely oversee the use of the money so as to make sure that it is being used in an efficient manner so as to better understand cardiovascular disease."

Tenner also makes sure the affiliate is not discredited.

"As an organization, all we have

is our credibility," Tenner said. "If we lose that credibility, we're essentially out of business."

Tenner said she makes sure the information is based on good science, not preference.

He also is trying to get the rate of smoking among Texans, especially the youth, down.

"Big tobacco knows that if they can get someone to start smoking at a young age, then they have a better chance of keeping them," Tenner said. "Seventy percent of smokers began by age 18 and 90 percent began by age 21."

Tenner, who originally smoked at a young age but has been smoke-free for 20 years, said he refused to

let his daughters work in any establishment where smoking was prevalent.

"Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in America, and many of those deaths come from smoking and second-hand smoke," he said. "But most people don't realize how bad it is."

The Lubbock division tried in 1995 to change the city ordinance to outlaw smoking in public places, but their proposal was turned down.

"The tobacco industry is a \$19 billion business — the AHA has much less money, but is trying to overcome all of the glitz and advertising presented by big tobacco," Tenner said. "We got shut down bad on that

one. We had 33 studies on second-hand smoke, and of those, 26 demonstrated a significant health hazard."

She said as a result, several Lubbock businesses became smoke-free. The businesses realized they could not follow the ordinance anymore, and they voluntarily changed their policies.

Tenner said he would love to propose a change to the ordinance again, but said the public would have a much better effect.

"When people start voting with their feet and not frequenting those non-smoke-free establishments any longer," Tenner said, "we are sure to see a change."

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Texas Tech football players to appear at DJH

Red Raiders speak out against tobacco use at minority-populated school

By Jeff Lehr
Staff Writer

Four Texas Tech football players are scheduled to speak at an anti-tobacco pep rally today at Dunbar Junior High School.

The pep rally, which will last from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., will feature an appearance by Tech running backs Shaud Williams and Ricky Williams as well as defensive standouts Dorian Pitts and Kevin Curtis.

The city of Lubbock Health Department — the office responsible for organizing the event — received a \$5,000 grant from the Texas Department of Health to be used toward an anti-tobacco-related affair.

After receiving the money, Chris Rogers, health educator for the city of Lubbock Health Department, said he thought it would be a good idea to put all of the funding toward today's pep rally.

"We decided to gear all of the money into this one event," he said.

Rogers said the grant called for an event to take place in an area with a good mixture of individuals from many different backgrounds.

It also called for an area with a "higher than average" minority population.

"This grant asks for a diverse popu-

lation," he said. "And according to statistics, the area where DJH is located is a predominantly minority area."

The student body at DJH is comprised of 35 percent black and 51 percent Hispanic students.

"(That area) obviously has a high minority population," Rogers said.

A similar event took place last year at another local junior high and Rogers believes it is ex-

tremely beneficial to target that particular age group because of recent American Cancer Society statistics.

These particular statistics show that nearly 90 percent of new smok-

ers consist of children and teenagers.

Richard Molina, DJS principal, said hopefully today's pep rally will send a message to the students informing them that their health is the most important thing they have.

"Ultimately (the students) will have to make their own decisions and we just hope (the pep rally) will help make them aware of the dangers of smoking," he said.

Aside from the Tech athletes who will speak about making decisions to abort the use of tobacco, there are many activities planned for the day.

Those include student-led skits, presentations from local tobacco educators and a testimonial from a current tobacco-related cancer patient.

Rogers also said he is scheduled to speak to the students about general tobacco use and the harmful effects associated with it.

"The whole point of the pep rally is to stop them from ever smoking that first cigarette in the first place," he said.

Members of the junior high's student council will perform several shows and the choir, who has been in rehearsal since classes began this fall, will sing.

In addition, Molina said gift bags will be provided for the students, containing information and literature about health.

"We will also have an artificial human lung on display showing the

long-term effects smoking can present to anyone," he said.

Ricky Mourning, student assistant for community outreach at Tech, said the four athletes will speak mainly from personal experiences and they also will provide an autographed football to be given away to the students as a door prize.

Molina said the students also will be asked to complete a survey about the pep rally and what they gained from the experience.

The finished surveys will then be given to Rogers for his evaluation.

Rogers said he hopes the students will, if anything, "gain a little knowledge about the dangers of tobacco use."

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JaRo Jones of Baytown, filed a lawsuit against the United States Golf As-

sociation, saying denying him a car violates the Americans with Disabilities Act.

U.S. District Judge James R. Nowlin agreed Wednesday, issuing a permanent injunction that allows Jones to use a cart in all U.S. Senior

Open tournaments.

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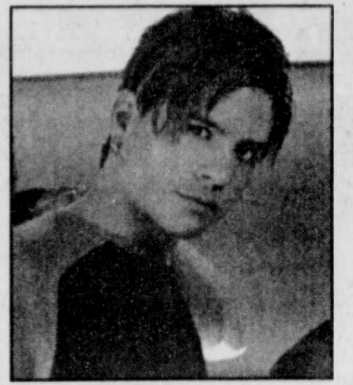
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Cross Roads Festival 2000 to take over Depot Annual three-day event to feature Chuck Berry, several other musical guests

Crossroads Music Festival

Friday 9/1
5pm - Midnight

17th Street and Buddy Holly Avenue
in the Depot District

Performers: Klif Notes, Virgil Johnson, The DJ's,
Johnny Dee & The Rocket 88's,
Chuck Berry

Saturday 9/2

End of Texas Tech Football Game - 2 am.

Ticket Stubs Provide Free Admission to
Depot District Venues

Sunday 9/3
Start at 8pm.

Performers: The Darren Welch Group,
West 84, Eden Automatic

Despite the many activities scheduled for Labor Day weekend The Music Crossroads Festival 2000 will showcase free music and entertainment for all ages.

During the three-day festival, 17th Street, Buddy Holly Avenue and Avenue G will be blocked off to traffic to accommodate the event.

A pedestrian area will also be set aside with barricades to aid those in attendance to easily commute from one event to the next.

Alcoholic beverages will be served to those 21 years old and up but only in the gated concert areas.

Aside from musical aspects of the event, there will be a designated children's area that features carriage rides.

To appeal car-lovers, classic cars will also be on display during the festival.

The festival debuts with its Depot District venue at 5 p.m. Friday with the band Klif Notes.

At 6:30 p.m., Virgil Johnson will take center stage, followed by The JDs at 7 p.m.

At 8:15 p.m., Johnny Dee and the Rocket 88s are scheduled to perform. The last event of the evening will

feature Chuck Berry at 10:30 p.m.

All Depot District nightclubs will be open, carrying their usual individual cover charges.

Also taking place on Friday night will be the traditional Classic Car Show between 18th Street and 19th Street on Avenue G and in the Liquid 2000 parking lot.

The featured events for Saturday night will begin immediately following the Texas Tech vs. Utah State football game in Jones SBC Stadium, from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

With a ticket stub from the Tech football game, students can get into

several Clubs located in the Depot District without paying a cover charge.

Athens, Bleachers Sports Café, Blue Light, Einstein's, Emma's, Frank 'N Steins, Hub City Brewery, Clousseau's and the Red Door are honoring the tickets stubs offer.

During Sunday's festivities, the "Launch Party" for Lubbockmusic.com will be premiering at 8 p.m., followed

by a post-Crossroads street party, which will feature several musical acts.

Performances include the Darren Welch Group, West 84 and Eden Automatic.

Admission for the Crossroads Festival is free. However, there will be a charge for the street party.

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SR-71 main attraction in three-band lineup

By Leslie Follmar
Staff Writer

Pop rock, also known as "bubble gum" rock, has invaded mainstream music with rising stars like Britney Spears and the Backstreet Boys.

However SR-71's first single release, "Right Now," simulates all the other boy bands that have dominated music charts and record sales during the past five years.

With a sound like that of a cross between N'Sync and Blink 182, SR-71 has drawn quite a fan base.

Band members also write and produce their own music.

SR-71 is currently under an independent record label.

Since the band has filtered into mainstream music, they have

stepped into a new world of high-tech production and publicity.

The glitter and lights of the big-

"It will definitely be the strongest lineup we've ever had."

Larry Simmons
OWNER OF LIQUID 2000

time was SR-71's focus after founding the band in the mid-1990s out of the Baltimore/Washington, D.C.,

area. The foundation of the band came from spontaneous meetings between lead singer Mitch Allan and bassist Jeff Reid.

As a result of these meetings, Allan and Reid formed a band called Honor Among Thieves.

Allan spent most of his time as an engineer and producer for the newly formed band at a recording studio.

Drummer Dan Garvin and guitarist Mark Beachem joined the band in 1995 and changed the name to SR-71.

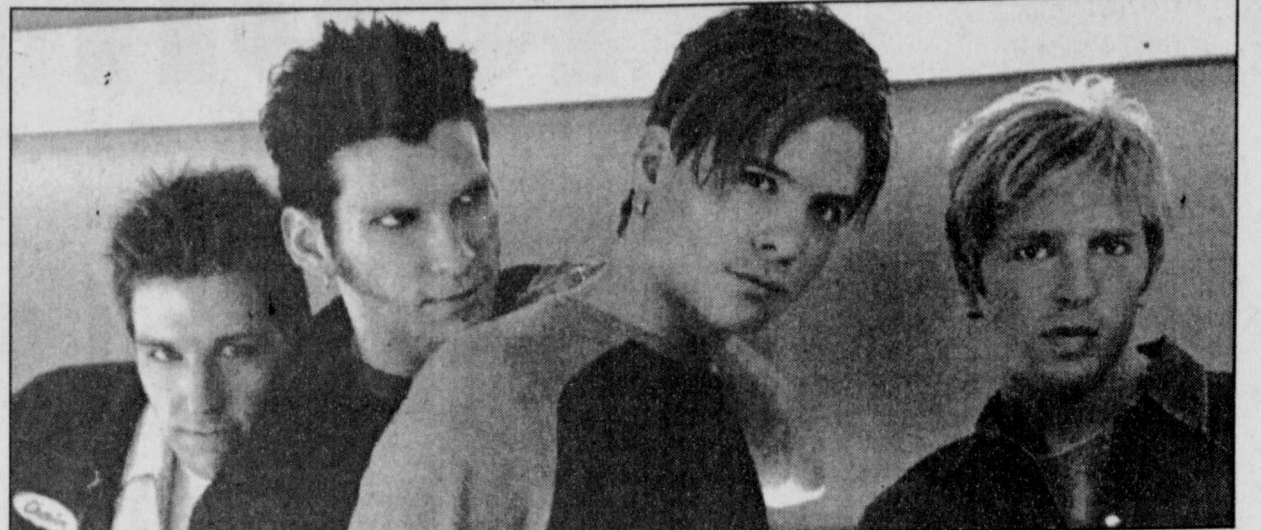
The band's popularity has soared to national success after recording a self-produced, self-distributed CD.

RCA approached the band after playing major gigs in New York in 1998.

"We grew tremendously in the year before we signed," Allan said. "Something clicked, and we were coming up with our best songs ever."

The song, "Right Now," was added to the band's debut RCA release, *Now You See Inside*, as the last track on the album.

In a recent interview with MTV, Allan said the song was written dur-



SR-71/Now You See Inside

Liquid 2000 will feature Reckless Kelly, Blue October and SR-71 at 8:30 p.m. Monday. SR-71's latest single has made the top 40 charts and landed a spot on "MTV's Total Request Live" countdown.

ing the recording of the CD, *Now You See Inside*.

He also said the tempo of the song was originally written much slower, but the band knew that what they had written wasn't how they wanted the song to sound.

After SR-71 completed recording,

the band hit the road to promote it. The band has been on the road since July 7.

As part of their tour schedule, SR-71 is set to play at Liquid 2000 on Monday along with Reckless Kelly and Blue October.

The concert begins at 8:30.

With a full lineup for the evening, Larry Simmons, owner of Liquid 2000, expects a good turn out.

"I know a lot of people are talking about this show," he said. "It will definitely be the strongest lineup we've ever had. I have a real good buzz about it, and I think it will be a hell of a show."

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The 8-inch automatons did not take over the world or even vacuum the lab.

Instead, they crawled across a tabletop, exactly as they were digitally bred to do, said Jordan Pollack, a

Brandeis University computer scientist.

"It's not what our robots do that is so surprising," he said. "They're not humanoid robots — they don't raise their eyebrows and make you giggle. But what they did do was autonomously designed and manufactured."

By having a computer create designs using natural selection, researchers edged closer to solving two of robotics' biggest obstacles: robots' lack of versatility and their high cost of development.

Robots engineered by people typically function only under specific conditions with limited ability to adapt to changing situations.

A simple robot that vacuums a home, for instance, could cost millions to develop and sell for \$5,000 after engineers figured out a way to make sure it doesn't crash into furniture or fall down stairs, Pollack said.

"Then again, you could just hire a minimum-wage worker with a \$100 manual vacuum," he said. "The cost of building an intelligent humanoid

robot is so high, we just can't get the economics going."

Ultimately, the Darwinian approach could have broad applications.

"Down the road, if we could have a thing like this in space, you could send the building blocks and let them evolve themselves," said Yoseph Bar-Cohen, director of a robotics lab at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "That would be fascinating."

Pollack and colleague Hod Lipson merged automatic manufacturing techniques with evolutionary computing.

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Volleyball opens up on road

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

After weeks of beating up on each other in scrimmages, the Red Raider volleyball team will get a chance to see some new faces on the other side of the net.

Texas Tech opens the 2000 campaign this weekend at the South Carolina Gamecock Tournament in Columbia, S.C., where they will face-off against South Carolina along with Xavier, Duke and Liberty. Entering his fifth year as Tech coach, Jeff Nelson said he would like to win the tournament but he also is looking for more than just a successful weekend in the win column.

"From my standpoint, we have to go out and establish a high level of play so we have something to build on," Nelson said.

Tech has six returning starters from last season in the lineup and has added five new recruits who all hail from the Lone Star State. One of those six returnees is middle-blocker Janelle Jones, who is one of the three co-captains on the squad this season. Jones shares the captain honors with senior Colleen Smith and sophomore Ann Romjue. Jones said she hopes the team can start the 2000 season off on the right foot.

"I am pretty pumped up to start this season finally," said Jones, who is the Raiders' most experienced player. "We are having fun in practice, but we want to beat up on someone else and it is exciting that we are playing some pretty good competition to start it off."

The Raiders will play four matches during the two-day tournament and will battle South Carolina today to start the tournament. The Gamecocks finished 14-12 in 1999 and are returning four starters from last year's squad.

Nelson said he thinks Tech has the edge in the contest because of two key factors.

"I am hoping that since we have more experience and better ball-handling skills, it will help us get over the hump and win the first match," Nelson said. "However, (South Carolina) is very big, physical and athletic."

Duke comes into the tournament with the worst outcome in 1999 of the four teams playing this weekend. The Blue Devils finished 13-14 overall and 7-9 in ACC play.

The two teams Jones and Nelson said will bring the most competition are Xavier and Liberty. Both teams are coming off conference championships and NCAA tournament births in 1999.

"If we don't play well against those two teams, then we certainly will be in trouble," Nelson said.

Nelson said he thinks the tournament schedule is a bonus for Tech because of the way the days and times of the matches are lined up.

He said he feels as the tournament goes along, the teams Tech plays gets tougher, and he said that is a major bonus.

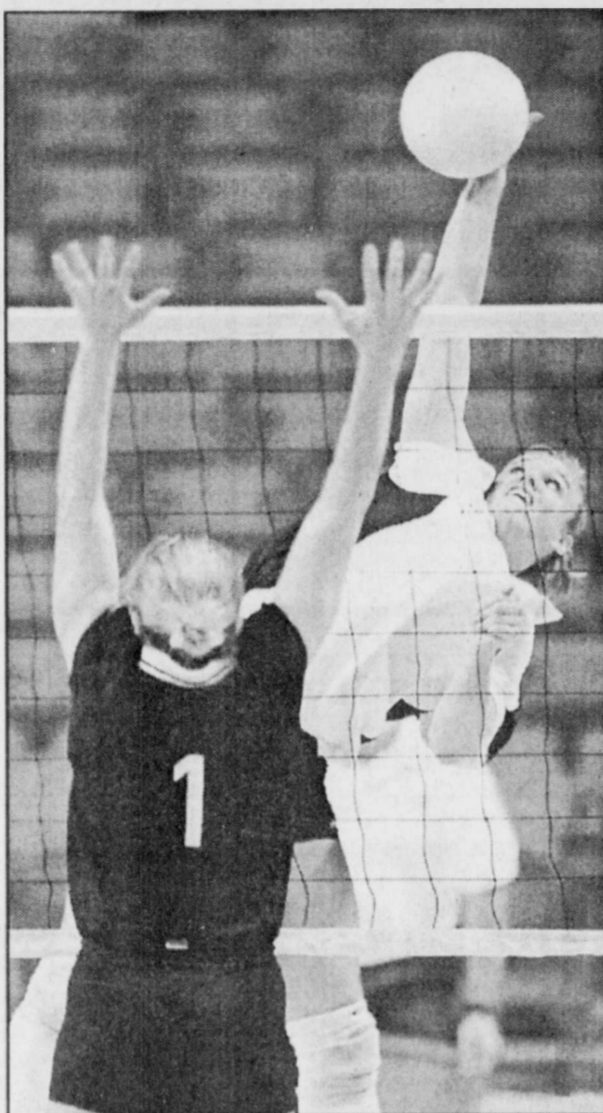
"It is a great starting tournament for us," he said. "It will be a mid to high level of play and it is something that will get the wheels turning."

Nelson said he will try and play everyone on the roster this weekend to see how they deal with pressure, but he said he is fairly committed to his starting lineup.

"We need to get our lineup in there and get their tempo going," he said. "I want to let them make the mistakes they are going to make and let them work out of them out."

Jones said she thinks the starting lineup this year is strong and feels the defense will help intimidate opposing teams this weekend.

"I expect to win it, but even more so than just winning is we need to prepare ourselves for the Big 12," she said. "The Big 12 is big and we have to be ready when the time comes."



Ann Romjue and the Red Raider volleyball squad will open their season on the road today in Columbia, S.C. against South Carolina.

Laettner pleased to be a Dallas Maverick

DALLAS (AP)— Whether he plays power forward or center doesn't matter much to Christian Laettner. And he's willing to come off the bench if that's what the Dallas Mavericks need.

"I'm just happy to get a new start," Laettner said Thursday. "You get a clean slate and a chance to have a new reputation."

Laettner was acquired Tuesday as part of a five-player trade with Detroit. Dallas' interest in him squelched a four-team trade that would've put the former Duke star on the Los Angeles Lakers.

At a news conference Thursday, Laettner sounded anything but disappointed about going to a team that hasn't won a playoff game in 12 years instead of joining the NBA champions.

"It's not like they've already done great and there's the chance of going downhill," Laettner said. "I think everything from here on out is only going to get better. It's an attainable goal."

Laettner said he considers the Mavericks "a definite playoff team."

"They came very close last year," he said. "It's not rocket science. It comes down to having three or four really good players."

The 6-foot-11, 250-pound Laettner is the perfect center in coach Don Nelson's offense. He can handle the ball, pass and has a nice touch from the outside. What he lacks is the muscle and bulk of traditional big men.

Nelson said he'll go into training camp planning to start Laettner at center and Gary Trent at power forward, with Shawn Bradley coming off the bench. Laettner could move to power forward when Bradley plays.

"I really like Shawn Bradley coming off the bench," Nelson said. "He's really effective doing that. He stays out of foul trouble."

"But it really depends on how the starters play together in training camp. I should be flexible on that one."

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The 11 suspended for the No. 4 Badgers' game with Western Michigan on Thursday night included starting receivers Chris Chambers and Nick Davis, cornerback Jamar Fletcher, offensive lineman Ben Johnson and linebacker Bryson Thompson.

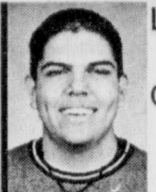
Eleven of the 26 were suspended for three games for receiving benefits of more than \$500, school officials said.

Another 15 players, including running back Michael Bennett, defensive tackle Wendell Bryant, cornerback Mike Echols and Thompson, were suspended for one game and ordered to do 12 hours of community service.

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Elliott will play one more year

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Saying he feels great a year after a kidney transplant and wants the challenge of basketball in his life, Sean Elliott announced Thursday that he will return to the San Antonio Spurs for at least one more season. The 32-year-old forward, who made an unprecedented comeback by rejoining his team last March, said he's just not ready to retire.

"I love the challenge. I need something to challenge me," said Elliott, a standout perimeter player who helped the Spurs win their first NBA title in 1999. "I think a lot of guys are like that. We just love to go out there and play the game."

"I'd say a majority of the people in this league retire because they can't play anymore. I can still play."

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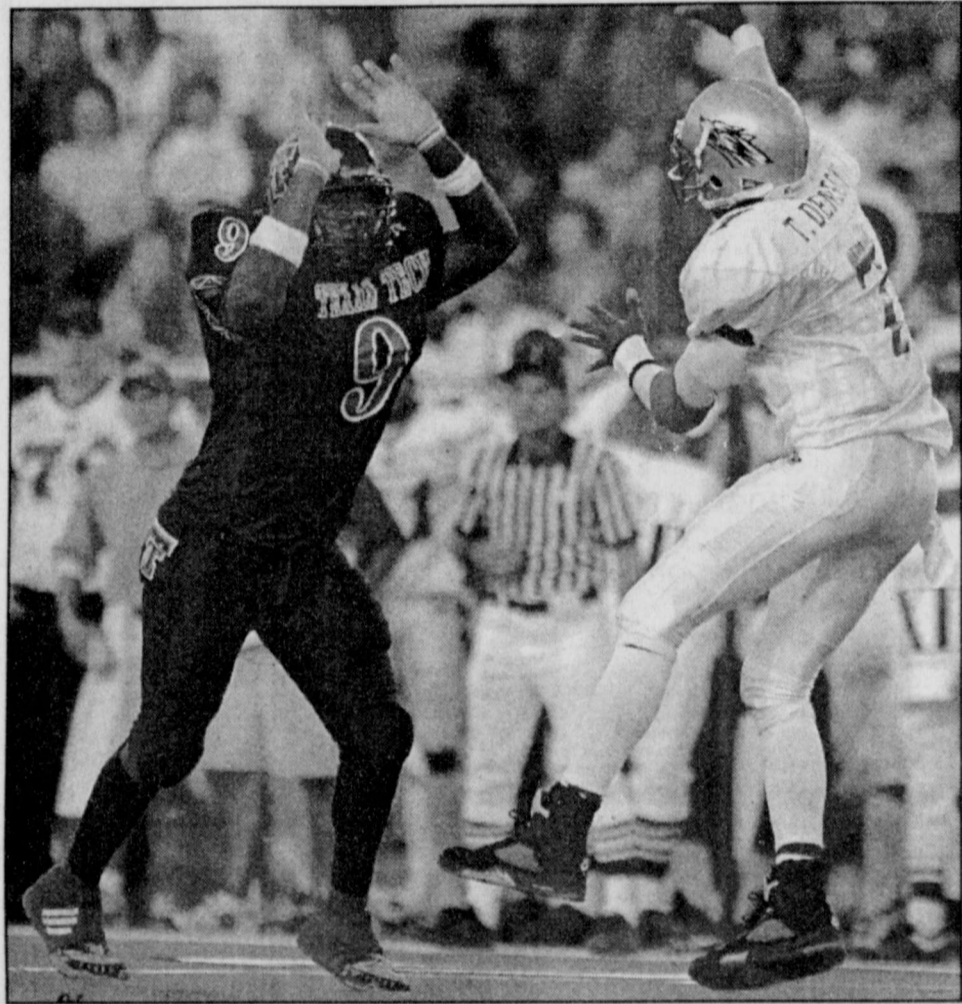
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Raider football primed for Utah State contest



Tech defensive end Aaron Hunt just misses a sack against UNM. Greg Kreiler/The University Daily

Texas Tech gridiron squad takes the field against Aggies in search of improvement on season opener, offensive performance against New Mexico

By Patrick Gonzales
Staff Writer

In its season debut against New Mexico, the Texas Tech defense showed how dominating it could be.

However, when the Red Raiders face the Utah State Aggies at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium, Tech's new-look defense may be forced to get a little stingier.

"We are going to throw the whole play book at them," said Tech defensive end Aaron Hunt. "Last week, we really didn't use a lot of stuff against New Mexico. Saturday will be a good chance for us to match our pro-style defense against a pro-style offense."

The Aggies, who are under first-year head coach Mick Dennehy, run a pass-oriented offense similar to that of Tech.

Leading the way offensively for the Aggies will be 6-foot-5 senior quarterback Jeff Crosbie.

Crosbie started all 11 games for the squad last season and ranked fourth in the Big West Conference with 2,122 all-purpose yards.

"He's supposed to be pretty good, but we are going to go after him," said Hunt, who recorded a sack and 63-yard fumble return for a touchdown against New Mexico.

"It should be pretty fun, because we'll get to take out the pass rushing skills."

The three points the Red Raiders surrendered against the Lobos were the fewest points scored by a Tech opponent since it defeated

North Texas, 30-0, on Sept. 30, 1998.

However, Hunt said there is plenty of room for the defense to improve on against the Aggies.

"We played good Saturday, but we can do better," Hunt said.

"We need to tackle better and pretty much do everything better. If everyone can improve individually, we'll get better."

Offensively, the Red Raiders will look to improve their mediocre performance against New Mexico.

The Red Raiders totaled only 255 yards against a Lobo defense that surrendered 371.4 yards-per-game last season.

"We just need to relax and play like we know we can," said Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury.

"Our performance last week had a lot to do with us pressing and trying too hard. We just need to get out here and have fun this weekend."

Kingsbury said the offense needs to improve their blocking, especially during pass protection, to get the victory.

In the season opener, the Red Raiders' offense was heavily blitzed by the Lobos, resulting in four sacks, an interception and a 21-47 performance from Kingsbury.

Last season, the Utah State defense ranked fourth in the Big West and had 29 quarterback sacks.

"We know they are going to come after us with blitzes, so we have to be ready," Kingsbury said. "It was important for us to get that first game out of the way, and now I think we are more confident."

Saturday's contest will be the season opener for the Aggies who finished the 1999 campaign fourth in the Big West Conference with a 4-7 record.

One of their victories, however, came against North Texas, who defeated the Red Raiders, 21-14, last season.

Tech defeated the Aggies, 58-20, in the squads' only other meeting in 1996.

"We are going to have our work cut out for us," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "We just need to improve on everything we did from the last game to be successful."

"We are going to throw the whole play book at them. Last week, we really didn't use a lot of stuff against New Mexico."

Aaron Hunt
TECH DEFENSIVE END

Tech nutritionist helps players obtain maximum performance

By Patrick Gonzales
Staff Writer

Texas Tech running back Shaud Williams loves barbecued ribs. In fact, it used to be one of his favorite meals at the Tech athletic dining hall.

This summer, however, newly hired sports nutritionist Aaron Shelley removed all fatty and fried foods from the dining hall - including barbecued ribs - and replaced them with healthier, low-fat entrees.

The result? Williams has added 22 pounds of muscle to his 5-foot-8 frame.

"I feel a lot stronger on the field, and I've kept the same quickness," said Williams, who has increased his playing weight from 171 to 193 pounds. "It not only has to do with the weightlifting program, but the new nutritional program that was created."

"This is the first time in my life that I am eating right."

Shelley was hired in March as Tech's director of sports performance nutrition and is the first full-time nutritionist hired in school history.

In fact, Tech sports is the second school in the nation to hire a full-time nutritionist to its athletic program. Now there are four schools who have implemented the position, he said.

"It's relatively a new concept at most universities, but it is starting to catch on," said Shelley, who comes to Tech from the University of Nevada where he served as strength and conditioning coach.

"Hiring a full-time nutritionist will help raise Tech athletics to the forefront of other schools."

Since taking the job, Shelley has focused his attention on four main areas: the training

table, the distribution of dietary supplements, athlete education on nutrition guidelines and the importance of hydration.

Perhaps the most noticeable change is the training table, which doesn't represent the place where trainers treat athletes.

Instead, it's the tables in the dining hall, and the training the athletes have undergone since Shelley's hiring.

Before he arrived, Shelley said the Tech athletic dining hall consisted of "a lot of fried foods and sweets."

In the past, Red Raider athletes also only ate lunch on campus, but Shelley has added a dinner meal in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

"We've added meals that are high in protein, carbohydrates and have a low-fat content," Shelley said. "All our meals are under 10 grams of fat. In fact, the meal with the highest fat content this year is still lower than any meal last year."

Shelley has met with every Tech team and informed them about the importance of nutrition.

To make choosing the right foods easier, Shelley has implemented a "traffic light" system in which all meals are labeled as either a green, yellow or red light.

Those meals labeled as green light are the highest in quality with the lowest fat, sugar and starch, he said. The yellow light meals are middle of the line, while red light foods contain higher fat, sugar and starch.

"We can tell athletes who don't have enough time to count the calories or fat in every meal, how many green lights, yellow lights or red lights to eat," Shelley said. "It makes it very simple for them."

Shelley meets personally with athletes that have specific goals, such as gaining or losing weight. Shelley's wife, Kelly, serves as his assistant and meets with Tech's female athletes.

In the past, supplements were given to Tech athletes who specifically asked for them. Under Shelley's program, supplements are given to athletes who have been given specific weight goals by coaches.

Shelley said he also believes the new program will help Red Raider recruiting.

"The trend of this program is to grow and develop a nutritional lifestyle for each athlete," Shelley said.

"It's important for parents to know that we are going to work with their son or daughter on a one-on-one basis. We are teaching athletes values they can share with family members."

When Red Raider center Kyle Sanders walks into Jones SBC Stadium on Saturday for Tech's battle with Utah State, he will be 30 pounds lighter than he was last season. During the summer, with the help of Shelley's new program, Sanders decreased his playing weight from 305 pounds in 1999 to 275 this season.

"(Shelley) has put in a great program that has taught us a lot about hydration and maintaining our weight," Sanders said.

"I feel a lot stronger on the field, and I've kept the same quickness."

Shaud Williams
TEXAS TECH RUNNING BACK



Tech punter Eric Rosiles enjoys a nutritious lunch at the athletic dining hall. Tech nutritionist Aaron Shelley has implemented a new diet for Tech football. J.T. Aguilar/The University Daily

"I feel leaner and stronger and my knees don't bother me as much. The most important thing is that I've lost the excess weight without losing my strength."

But don't think it was easy. Sanders said it has been hard making the transition from fried

and fatty foods to the new low-fat meals. Williams agrees.

"It's real tough when you're driving by a Whataburger or McDonald's," Williams said. "But then you realize that stuff isn't good for you."

Odessa Permian heads into season with former Sealy coach hoping to restore 'Mojo'

ODESSA (AP) - If you're the head football coach at Odessa Permian, it means you have one of the most-scrutinized, highest-profile high school coaching jobs in the state and possibly the nation.

And T.J. Mills loves it.

Mills agreed to try restoring the Mojo magic because he was looking for something new after guiding Class 3A Sealy to an unprecedented four consecutive state titles from 1994-97, then reaching the finals again last season.

"It just wasn't much of a challenge anymore," Mills said.

"It almost got boring. Every once in a while people need a change."

"But we've got a tall mountain to climb here. We're not going to be overly talented."

Permian went 4-6 last season and missed the playoffs for the second time in three years. That cost coach Randy Mayes his job, even though he'd won 64 percent of his games for six years.

"At a lot of places, that will keep your job," said Permian principal Brian Rosson. "I just hope people are patient with T.J. People have got to be realistic the days of us dominating are over."

Don Little, president of the Permian Booster Club, is very realistic. His main objective this season is for Mills to inspire the community.

"He's done 95 percent of his job if he gets people enthusiastic about the program again," Little said.

"Part of the problem for us is that it's hard to accept change. Once there is an erosion of confidence and the enthusiasm starts to go, it's like a disease and it starts to eat from within."

Mills gets his first test Friday night in Del Rio. He understands the importance of getting off to a good start.

"My first year at Sealy we went 4-6 and the people were ticked to death," Mills said. "That won't fly here."

The Permian Panthers have won 80 percent of their games and six state championships in 41 years. They perpetually sell out a 20,000-seat stadium. The program also was the subject of H.G. Bissinger's best-selling 1989 book "Friday Night Lights," which still is a sore spot with most locals. The book portrayed Odessa as an economically depressed, racially polarized town that placed too much value on football and not enough on academics.

While opinions differ on the book's accuracy, it's still apparent that a winning football team is a priority.

Thus, it only made sense the school district would turn its precious program over to Mills, who compiled a 148-27 record in 15 seasons at Sealy.

The district wooed Mills with \$78,000 salary, which was almost \$20,000 more than he earned at Sealy and nearly \$7,000 more than Mayes. Although the figure raised the hackles of a few, including Boston Globe columnist Bob Ryan, school administrators insist Mills is worth it.

"Salary-wise, that's about par for the course," Rosson said. "He's a proven winner and this is a program that had two losing seasons out of the last three."

Mills, the ninth coach in Permian's history, is already putting his imprint on the storied program: More than two-thirds of the coaching staffs at Permian and local middle schools have been replaced.

The team's participation numbers are on the rise.

Even the uniforms have been changed. The helmets have been painted black, a change from white with black 'P' decals, and they've

dropped the 'T' bar facemasks that had been worn for more than 20 years.

"The kids just went nuts when they saw how it looked," Mills said. "I just did it because I thought the kids needed a change."

His initial squad returns just five starters, only one of whom is considered a major-college prospect: 6-foot-4-inch, 295-pound offensive guard Tommy Miller.

That doesn't bode well for a team that will play in one of the toughest districts in the state. District 4-5A, also known as the "Little Southwest Conference," boasts two-time defending state champion Midland Lee and a slew of traditionally tough opponents.

"My job is on the line here," Mills said. "I've got to be successful and I've got to be successful pretty quick. I don't know if I've ever had the best talent, even when I was at Sealy. So much of this is luck."

Apparently, luck was scarce for Mayes. Despite reaching the state finals in 1995 and quarterfinals two seasons ago, when last season ended Mayes was reassigned to social studies coordinator in the Ector County Independent School District's curriculum department.

"Parity is the name of the game these days,"

Mayes said. "Permian is a great job and I think they can still win, but it's not going to happen like it did 20 years ago."

"That's not to say you don't have to win, but maybe my reassignment was a little unjust," Rosson said. "I think people lost confidence in the system. It wasn't that we had a drop off in talent, because we had been used to winning without that. A lot of the games we lost last year were really lopsided."

Mills doesn't quarrel with Mayes' arguments about parity. But, he adds, "The fans don't know and don't care."

"Expectations are exceptionally high around here," Mills said. "Which is a good thing, I wouldn't be here if the expectations weren't high."

Mills said he isn't intimidated. "I can't promise victories I'm not going to even try to," Mills said.

"But I can promise they will be competitive and play hard."

At least he has the initial support of the locals.

"You pay for what you get," Little said. "Permian is like the Dallas Cowboys out here and you need to get the folks interested. T.J. is a winner and everyone likes a winner."