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**STATE**

**Child's death ruled  
as probable accident**

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas Child Protective Services caseworker says the mother of a Dallas toddler who climbed out of the window of their moving car to her death "likely" knew the child had fallen from the car but continued driving home.

"It seems implausible that a mother would not notice a healthy active 3-year-old moving about the car to the point that she is ejected from the vehicle," caseworker Alejandra Torres-Muchnick said in an affidavit seeking to remove the two living children of Norma Suarez and James Estrada.

Amanda Estrada died Sept. 24 after falling out of the car, driven by Suarez, and falling onto the pavement of a bridge spanning the Trinity River. The Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office ruled the death an accident by blunt-force trauma, but there was no word on whether the child died upon impact with the pavement or by being struck by two cars.

Dallas police and CPS are conducting investigations into the incident to see if Suarez was negligent.

**NATIONAL**

**Cell phones banned  
in New York county**

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Suffolk County, home of the Hamptons and other playgrounds of the wealthy, has voted to ban drivers from using hand-held cellular phones.

Though other cities have taken similar action, Suffolk is believed to be the first county in the nation to do so.

The County Legislature voted 12-6 on Tuesday to limit motorists' cell phone use to hand-free models.

With County Executive Robert Gaffney's approval, the law would take effect in January. The penalty for holding a cell phone while at driving would be \$150. Emergency calls are exempt from the ban.

Concern over the issue surged when a Suffolk family of four, vacationing in Virginia, was struck and killed by the vehicle of a driver talking on a cell phone.

"There are too many people with too much money talking unnecessarily," said Dr. Shawn Cannon of East Hampton.

**WORLD**

**Yugoslavian election  
annulled by court**

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — The Yugoslav constitutional court on Wednesday annulled parts of the contested presidential election in which the opposition claims President Slobodan Milosevic was defeated, the state-run Tanjug news agency said.

The statement indicated that the results of other races for parliament and local councils would be considered valid.

The impact of the court's ruling was not immediately known. The members of the court are known to be Milosevic supporters, but the appeal was brought by the opposition. If the presidential vote — or parts of it — must be repeated, it would buy Milosevic more time in office.

The announcement came on the eve of a planned mass rally in Belgrade which the opposition hoped would be the final push to force Milosevic to concede defeat to challenger Vojislav Kostunica.



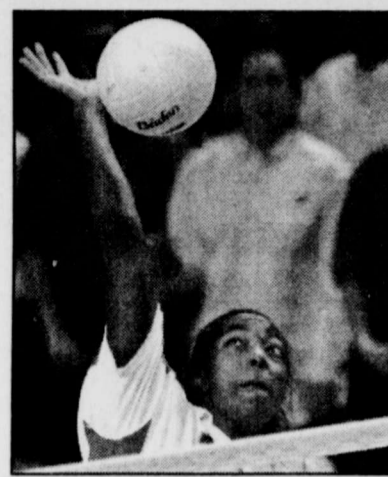
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## Red Raiders break down debates

By Jeff Lehr  
Staff Writer

Tuesday night's presidential debate was capped at either end with a handshake and stuffed full of 90 minutes worth of the nation's problems.

Some Texas Tech professors were curious as to how Texas Gov. George W. Bush would perform as he walked onto the stage in the Clark Athletic Center at the University of Massachusetts to face off with his opponent, Vice President Al Gore.

Most of all, they were wondering whether Bush would rise above people's expectations or if he would end up putting his foot in his mouth.

"Quite honestly, I can't believe it," said Steve Greene, political sci-

ence professor at Tech. "He set expectations even lower than I realized. Now, all he has to do to be good is not be an idiot."

Earlier this week, Greene felt Bush's initial reluctance to agree to the scheduled debate format would bring with it skepticism from America's voters.

Once Bush finally agreed to three 90-minute debates this month, many were anticipating the chance to see how he would handle it.

Fellow professor of political science Cherie Maestas agreed with Greene about Bush exceeding expectations, but believed he still gave Gore more ground than he should have.

"I think that Gore was much more assertive in his viewpoints and, at times, Bush seemed a bit timid," she said. "I think all of that contributed to Gore being made out

to be the better man."

The debate began Tuesday with a question posed to Gore about whether Bush has what it takes to be president. The night came to a close with similar questions about each candidate's character.

David Lanoue, a professor at Tech, who specializes in debates, said Bush came out kind of nervous in the beginning, but eventually caught up to Gore and made the debate more interesting.

"Gore was certainly sharper early on, but Bush found his stride toward the middle and made it pretty even," he said.

Among the hot topics discussed were health care, Medicare, education, abortion and tax cuts. Both candidates presented their plans for



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/The University Daily

Todd Clien, Lubbock Democratic Party Chairmen, and West Texas Democrat Mary Hatfield express agreement with their candidate's statements during Tuesday's presidential debate.

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**Fly guy**



GREG KRELLER/The University Daily

Brian Siegel, a junior marketing major from Highland Village and a member of the Texas Tech men's club volleyball team, joins Katherine Moore, a freshman mass communications major from Austin, along with the rest of the pom squad Wednesday night at the womens' volleyball game against Oklahoma in the United Spirit Arena.

## Milepristone alternative not offered

By Mara McCoy  
Staff Writer

This is the first in a series of articles regarding milepristone, abortion, adoption and foster care.

Although approved for use with relatively few restrictions, milepristone will not be offered at Texas Tech Student Health Services.

Dr. Kelly Bennett, chief of staff at Student Health Services, said the reason milepristone will not be offered on campus is because the clinic does not provide abortion services.

"We could never give out milepristone because we are not able to provide an actual surgical abortion," Bennett said.

Milepristone also is not offered at Aaron Women's Clinic of Lubbock, which offers sur-

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**Abortion Facts and  
Statistics**

- There is only one abortion provider in Lubbock, and it does not offer medical abortion at this time
- There are seven abortion alternatives providers in the Lubbock area
- There are no abortion providers in 86 percent of U.S. counties
- 91 percent of abortions occur at easily targeted clinics
- One in four women have to travel more than 50 miles for treatment

## Forsythe conquers ultimate challenge

**History professor  
teaches in stride,  
despite being blind.**

By Jeff Lehr  
Staff Writer

While most teachers use teaching assistants to help them with classes, Gary Forsythe also uses his guide dog.

Forsythe, a professor in the history department, has been completely blind since the age of 11.

Forsythe, who was born blind in his left eye, said he had vision in his right eye until the retina detached from it.

Forsythe had two operations to fix the eye, but they were unsuccessful.

"The first operation had an 80 percent success rate," he said. "I was one of the other 20 percent."

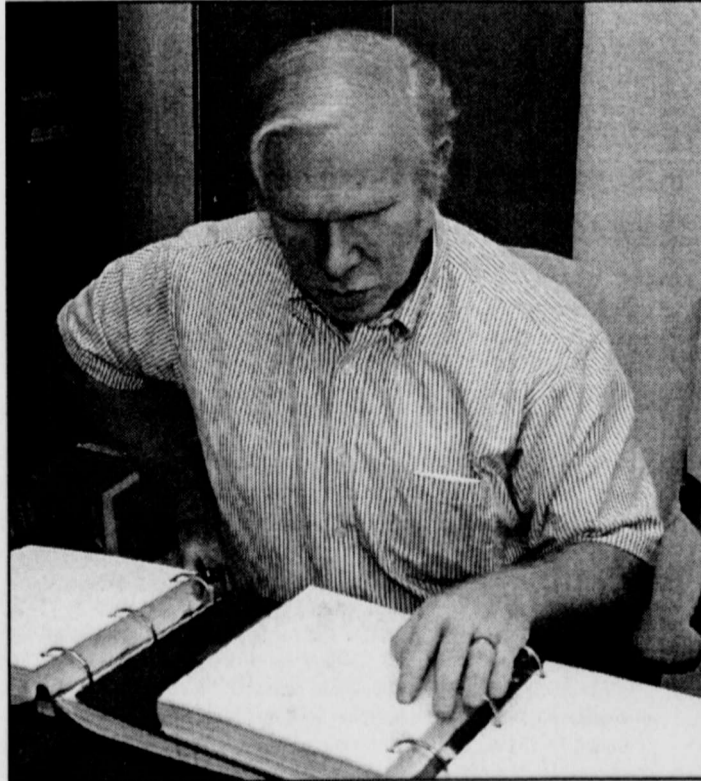
Despite the handicap, Forsythe went on to receive a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, and a doctorate in ancient history from the University of Pennsylvania.

Forsythe said his decision to start teaching came from his interest in ancient history.

"There isn't much you can do with an education in ancient history except teach it," he said. "Unless you want to be something like a museum curator."

Forsythe, who teaches a western civilization class and a course on the history of ancient Greece, said he is

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GREG KRELLER/The University Daily

Texas Tech history professor Gary Forsythe uses Braille to prepare for his lecture.

## Journalists awarded

By Kristina Thomas  
Staff Writer

The University Daily editorial and advertising staffs and La Ventana staff brought home 33 awards from the Southwestern Journalism Congress announced at a convention Saturday. All three departments either won or tied for sweepstakes, the highest honor presented.

Jan Childress, director of Student Publications, said she is thrilled at the students' success.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the students receiving this much deserved recognition," she said. "The Student Publications program at Texas Tech, that includes La Ventana and The University Daily, is one of the most outstanding in the country, and certainly these awards proved that."

La Ventana Editor Brandon Formby is also

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# Haley brings to light women's issues

Reception recognizes her women's studies program, Lubbock community efforts

By Kristina Thomas  
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Women Studies Community Connection program and Chancellor John T. Montford held a reception Wednesday in honor of Elizabeth Haley, dean of the College of Human Sciences, for her contributions to the women studies program and to women of the Lubbock community.

The reception was held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Montford residence. Haley was presented this award in honor of her contributions to the welfare and well being of women at Tech and for her support and service to the women studies program. Last year, the award was presented to Jane Winer, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Women Studies Community Connection program was established three years ago by a group of business and professional women in order to get women in the community acquainted with Tech and to acquaint women students and faculty with members of the community.

The organization holds shadow days where, for two to three weeks, students pair up with women in the community and talk in order to exchange information and build relationships with Tech and the commu-



Haley

nity. They also raise scholarship money and organize programs for women students.

The Women's Studies Community Connection's public relations director Nelda Armstrong said the program is working very hard to keep relations between Tech and the community strong.

"We are working on other programs right now to match up women faculty members with women in the community to keep those lines of communication open and to learn about each other," Armstrong said. "We just set up this program three years ago to support Tech and women's studies."

Haley said this award is a great honor for her and gives her a certain sense of responsibility.

"I feel very privileged that they

would select me and, at the same time, I feel a new responsibility and I want to do more to help women reach their goals," she said. "We are very proud to have an alliance with [the women studies program] and hope that we can continue to accommodate them and maybe even get them a little more space."

Esther Lichti, coordinator of the women studies program, said Haley is a great role model for women at Tech.

"[Haley] is one of the few women in the upper administrative positions, and she has really become a great role model. Women look up to her," Lichti said. "She has given space and support to the women's studies program and has done a great deal for women in general on the Tech campus."

## TechNotes!

■ Society of Environmental Professionals will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in 4 Holden Hall. Contact Tony Rector at 785-8755 for more information.

■ The Tech Rodeo Association's queen contest will be at 5 p.m. today. For more information, contact Amy Nash at 742-2825.

■ The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Association will meet at 8 p.m. today at J&B Coffee House, 26th Street and Boston Avenue. Visit [www.GLBSA.com](http://www.GLBSA.com).

■ SOURCES SOUGHT FOR STORIES: For a series of articles regarding milestone, abortion and adoption and foster care, *The University Daily* is seeking Tech students, faculty or staff who meet any of the following characteristics:

- Was adopted, at any age
- Has gone through the foster care system
- Has had an abortion
- Has given up a child for adoption

Sources can remain anonymous. Please contact Mara McCoy at 742-3393 or [marambug@aol.com](mailto:marambug@aol.com).

## Ex-Students Association, Cotton Kings team up to build spirit for Homecoming

By Will Frederick  
Staff Writer

Anxious ice hockey fans in the Hub City are gearing up for the Lubbock Cotton Kings opening exhibition game at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum against the Odessa Jackalopes.

Texas Tech Ex-Students Association and the Lubbock Cotton Kings are teaming up in an attempt to get Tech students pumped up for Homecoming weekend by attending the King's first exhibition game of the year.

Curt Langford, director of market-

ing for the Ex-Students Association, said the association was approached a few years ago by the Student Government Association to try and motivate Tech students during Homecoming week.

"We're trying to help out student government and the Homecoming committee to enhance the anticipation of Homecoming during this week's Homecoming activities," Langford said.

With success of Tech Night in the past, the Ex-Students Association has purchased 1,000 tickets for Thursday's game and is selling them to students. Tickets can be purchased

at the Merket Alumni Center, on campus at 17th Street and University Avenue, for \$1 for student members of the association and \$3 for other students.

Chris Due, the voice of the Cotton King's radio on KKAM 1340, said the King's goal is to improve from last year and make each game more exciting for the fans.

Kit Preston, assistant ticket director for the Cotton Kings, said about 3,000 fans are expected to attend the opening exhibition game.

The King's official season opener will be Oct. 13 against the Amarillo Rattlers.

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still trying to get adjusted to Tech's campus.

Forsythe said he has learned his way from the library to Holden Hall, where he teaches classes, but has not had much need to visit the rest of campus yet.

Lance Dockrey, a senior history major from Colorado City, who attends Forsythe's history of ancient Greece class, said, at first, he did not realize Forsythe was any different from his other professors.

"He plays it off really well," said Dockrey. "I came in a little late my first day of class and didn't see his dog under the table. I didn't know he was

blind until he said 'If you raise your hands I won't be able to see them.'"

Dockrey said he has no problems with having Forsythe as his professor.

"He lectures like anyone else, and it doesn't affect our ability to learn at all," he said. "As long as he is qualified to do the job, which he obviously is, having (Forsythe) as a professor is cool with me."

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**DEBATES**

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each issue, if elected, and made sometimes, subtle attacks at each other's ideas for the future of the country.

Greene and Maestas believed Gore came out to be the more educated candidate on the issues, but at some instances, he seemed like a know-it-all.

"If you brought in anyone from Australia that didn't know anything about the debate, they would say Gore kicked Bush's butt," Greene said.

"He got more in edgewise than Bush and I think he was trying to limit himself, but he didn't try hard enough."

Maestas said Gore seemed like he was not willing to open up space for Bush to jump in during the debate.

Bush made several attacks on Gore calling his criticisms of Bush's campaign numbers, "fuzzy math." At one point, Bush said of Gore, "Not only did he invent the Internet, but he invented the calculator."

He also called Gore's attacks, "old-style Washington politics" and said all he is trying to do is "scare you into the voting booth."

Greene said he thinks Bush's attempts at humor fell flat, as did Gore's repetitive "sigh" into the microphone during several of Bush's comments.

"I'm really kind of curious as to how that's all going to play with the voters," he said.

Both candidates were presented with a question about the new abortion pill, RU-486 and if they would overturn the decision to make it legal, if elected to office.

While both candidates failed to give a definitive answer to the question, they each agreed to sign a law banning partial birth abortions.

Gore, who is pro-choice, said he supports the FDA's decision to make the pill legal, while Bush, a supporter of the pro-life movement, said he did not think the president should make a decision concerning the pill.

Lanoue said he thinks Bush's attempt to avoid the question would not really have that great of an impact on women voters because their minds are basically already made up on the issue.

"Most women who vote based on the abortion issue already have a pretty clear idea of where each candidate stands," he said.

One area of the debate where all three professors felt Bush did poorly, was his knowledge of foreign policy.

"If there was a problem for Bush in the debates, it was on foreign policy," Lanoue said.

The issue's concerning Serbia and their president's reluctance to leave office and whether Bush or Gore would use force to remove him,

seemed to trouble Bush more than the vice president.

"I thought Gore just seemed a lot more confident on foreign policy issues," Greene said.

The debate ended with a question about each candidate's character.

Bush took this opportunity to attack Gore's fund raising efforts and the way he conducted himself in the White House. Gore decided to stray from the character issue and decided to concentrate more on the nation's problems.

Greene said he felt Gore took the better stance on the character debate and said Bush's attacks may have been too much.

Joseph Merklung, a senior mechanical engineering and computer science major from Richwood, said he agreed that Bush's attacks were mounted with very clear delivery while Gore seemed a little too shifty throughout the debate.

"I felt Gov. Bush was more honest in his answer and Gore, with his, 'I'm not going to stoop to Bush's level'. His approach was very sneaky," he said.

Gore and Bush will meet next at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. Oct. 11 at a less formal debate, where they will both be seated at a table.

Both vice presidential candidates, Joseph Lieberman and Dick Cheney, will debate tonight at Centre College in Danville, Kent.

**Campaign course for now: tough Bush, nice Gore**

DANVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Al Gore and George W. Bush are sticking with the strategies that marked their first debate, the Republican on the attack, the Democrat playing nice. Both courses are fraught with risk.

Millions of viewers tuned in to their televised clash over taxes, Medicare, abortion and Gore's character. But analysts say the first debate may have minimal immediate impact on the political landscape.

That would be good news for the vice president, who came in with an edge in the state-by-state race for electoral votes. Bush needs to take advantage of every chance to persuade Americans to vote for change in a time of peace and prosperity, analysts say.

Gore appears to be playing it safe, though polls show the popular vote split and his electoral lead fragile. The Texas governor is assuming the role of scrappy underdog.

"Bush didn't make a particularly good case for changing the administration. He didn't look awful, he didn't lose anything, but this wasn't the kind of performance that moved him ahead," said John Green, political scientist at the University of Akron in Ohio, a battleground state that Gore is keeping tight.

**AWARDS**

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excited about the recognition these awards have brought to the program.

"The 2000 yearbook has gotten a lot of positive feedback from the students ...," Formby said.

The University Daily editorial and advertising staff won sweepstakes while La Ventana tied for the honor. Each publication gains a number of points for each place won in the individual categories. The points for each individual award are totaled at the end, and the staff with the most points is awarded the sweepstakes honor.

**Award Recipients:**

- The University Daily:
- Feature Story: Laura Hensley, second
- Feature Headline: Jamie Laubhan, first; Greg Okuhara, second
- Sports Headline: Greg Okuhara, first; Patrick Gonzales, third
- Best Sports Column: Amy Curry, first
- Best Game Story: Matt Muench, second; Jeff Keller, third
- Design Graphics: Wayne Hodgkin, second and honorable mention
- Best Editorial Cartoon:

- J. Leeson, first and second
- Best Editorial Page: Wayne Hodgkin, first
- Best Editorial: Wayne Hodgkin, second
- Best Review: Sebastian Kitchen
- Sports Photo: Greg Kreller, third
- One Topic Photo Page: Greg Kreller, third
- Advertising Staff: Derrick Redmon, first; Kevin Preas, third
- Best House Ad promoting magazine or newspaper: Derrick Redmon, first
- La Ventana:
  - Best Cover: Aimee Sanders and Brandon Formby, first
  - Introduction copy: Brandon Formby, second
  - Sports Copy: Patrick Gonzales, first
  - Black and White photo: J.T. Aguilar, second
  - Color Photo: J.T. Aguilar, first
  - Sports Action Photo: Jennifer Galvan, third
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  - Overall book design, La Ventana staff, first
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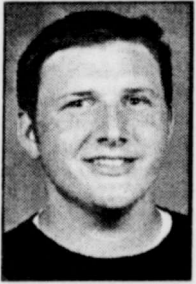
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Column

## Journalism is about telling the truth, not sugar-coating it

First of all, let me say that this is the first column I have ever written for *The University Daily*. I worked as a staff reporter for the past two months before I quit last week. Working on the staff for the past two months was a unique experience. Since I noticed that *The UD* is advertising for new reporters, I thought I might tell all of you wannabe reporters out there what it's like.



Heath Cheek

Two months ago, I had no knowledge whatsoever about journalism or anything relating to journalism. I wanted to work for *The UD* because I thought it would be a good experience for me, and it was. When I began work, I was expecting to do basic, easy stories about scholarship winners, research grants, etc.

However, the very first story I was assigned was the business dean's resignation. The business dean sure wasn't happy about the story I ran. In a later interview, he told me that he thought *The UD* was trying to make him look like a bad man. I did not intend to make any enemies with the story. Just a few days later, I was told to go find out why students in the business college were asked to sign up for discussion classes that never met. Brandon Formby and myself found and wrote a story explaining what we found. The next morning, teachers in the business college were standing in front of their classes calling me, by name, a liar. I expected that the college wouldn't be happy about the story, but I did not expect that grown men and women professors would act as childish as they did.

After the story ran, it seemed like everyone wanted to take a chance to criticize *The UD* or me. College officials said I lied, misquoted sources, had no interest in telling the truth, had sinister motivation for writing negative stories. I still find it amazing what immature things these professional people will do.

My favorite experience while working for *The UD* was when I went to interview a certain department head in the business college. The college had been working to build an e-commerce program, and I intended to do a positive story on their efforts. I called this department head and asked to setup an interview time. He told me to come over at 2 p.m. I made the 10-minute hike from the journalism building to the BA in the 105-degree heat, went to his office and he wasn't there. He finally showed up, 15 minutes late. We went into his office, and the first thing he asked me was, "What are your qualifications to interview me?" I did not know how to answer the question because no one had ever asked before. I told him that I worked for *The UD*. He then asked me about my knowledge of the e-commerce program,

and I began to tell him what I knew. I guess my response was not good enough for him because before I was even finished explaining my knowledge of the program, he accused me of not being qualified to interview him and not possessing enough knowledge to talk about e-commerce. He kicked me out of his office and told me to not come back until I was an "expert" on the issue.

Growing up I was taught, like most of you, to respect your elders, but I cannot respect a grown man for behaving like a whiny, stubborn kid throwing a temper tantrum because things did not go his way.

If you want *The UD* to run a positive story about you, you have to provide *The UD* with some information. Too often, other reporters and I would sit hours upon hours in the newsroom waiting on sources that would never call us back. A couple of students told me that *The UD* should not be printing negative stories about the university because it makes us look bad. I have to ask, would you rather *The UD* uncover things like this now, while the university can fix it, or would you rather wait until the state comes in to conduct an audit, uncover these things and punish the university and the students?

If *The UD* does not tell these stories, who will? I love this university, and I understand the need to make the university look good, but I also know that the students have a right to know what is going on and how their money is being used. If *The UD* had not have run a story about the accreditation problems in the business college, who would have told you? Do you really think that the college would have told you that? Do you think the *AJ* would have told you that? I don't think so.

Due to stories in *The University Daily*, the administration made changes to correct issues we reported on, and the College of Business Administration held a forum to tell students about the state of the college. They recognized that *The UD* is a powerful voice on campus that cannot be ignored.

As Texas Tech students, you should be proud of the reporters and staff of *The University Daily*. I do not think I have ever worked with a better group of people in my life. The dedication they possess should be rewarded, not criticized.

Next time you open your mouth to bash *The UD*, I hope you remember that these hardworking people are just trying to make Tech better through the pursuit of the truth. If you have ever considered writing for *The University Daily*, I encourage you to apply. It was one of the greatest experiences I ever had, and it was a difficult decision for me to leave. When I walked into the newsroom my first day, I brought no knowledge or experience to prepare me for what I was assigned to do, but I walked away with skills and qualities that will last a lifetime. I only hope you can have the same opportunity that I had.

Heath Cheek is a junior political science major from Chillicothe.



Column

## Gore's platform, policies full of weak points

Our nation is enjoying the greatest prosperity we have ever seen. Unemployment is at an all-time low. Inflation is under control. More people are investing in American firms than ever before, and public confidence and optimism haven't been this high in decades. We are now poised to play a major role in the greatest global economic expansion ever.



Dustin Mundorf

However, as time goes on, Al Gore makes less reference to our expanding economy and more reference to the so-called crisis-state of our nation. Has he forgotten that he is the incumbent? Does he not know that economic prosperity historically favors the incumbent? I mean, time and time again, we have heard Clinton and Gore claim responsibility for the "greatest economy ever," but weeks from the election we don't hear it at all. Does that not strike anyone, other than myself, as a little strange? Well, the reason Gore doesn't speak about our current prosperity is that our high-performance economy and growing opportunities are antithetical to Gore's platform. Gore doesn't want to remind people of their choices and their opportunities. That would give the nation hopes and dreams. That would give individuals confidence in themselves. That kind of dangerous rhetoric would be empowering, and empowerment of the individual is the last thing that Gore seeks because an empowered and independent individual has no reason to vote for Gore. An empowered individual doesn't want the federal government micromanaging his life, but instead, he values less taxes and smaller government. So references to the "greatest economy ever" have now been replaced with references to a future that is sure to be bleak, that is, without Gore's intervention.

First of all, if I was Al Gore, and the country actually was in a crisis-state, I wouldn't go around focusing public attention on that. Gore's main focus seems to be the "health care crisis." On this issue, Gore claims to be fighting for senior citizens, but what is his record? Well, his administration has been in power for the last eight years,

and in that time they have not submitted one piece of legislation that offered any kind of solution to the problems that do actually exist in Social Security and Medicare. Al Gore, however, can take credit for voting to increase the tax on Social Security benefits in 1993 and voting to raise the retirement age to 67 in 1997. That's his record.

Then there is the energy crisis. We now have a shortage on home heating oil. Well, who does Al Gore blame? Of course, he blames the big bad oil companies. And what is his solution? He publicly encourages President Clinton to release oil from our strategic reserves. Never mind that the amount released was the equivalent of a 36-hour supply. Never mind that our refineries are running at full capacity, and never mind that we can't even refine the crude oil being dumped on the market. Whether or not an action like this provides any kind of solvency really isn't important. It's only important that people perceive it as an act of compassion.

The worst crisis I see facing our nation in the remote future is the prospect of Al Gore implementing his policy proposals. All of the solutions contained in the Gore platform can be summarized in one statement — the most massive expansion of the federal government in our entire history as a nation. Gore's answer to virtually every problem we face is to increase spending and empower centralized government. He proposes throwing more money at a failing education system. He seeks to put the state in a position of raising our children with his proposal of mandatory preschool, and his health care proposals take options away from the individual and place those options at the discretion of Washington bureaucrats.

What absolutely irritates me the most is that Gore, along with the Clintons, claims to have the utmost concern for the future of our children. But if implemented, his policies would effectively enslave our nation's children. Gore's spending proposals are so far off the charts that he would spend the entire proposed budget surplus and then some. He is proposing spending an enormous amount of money that hasn't yet even materialized. When the money runs out, the benefits will still exist and someone will be expected to pay. The children of this nation will be expected to pay.

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Letters to the Editor

Sister act

To the editor: I am writing to express my feelings about a sorry excuse for a columnist. He goes by the name of Kenneth Strickland. In the Oct. 3 issue of *The UD*, his column was titled "Notes from the pew; Aggies talk back." In this column, he mentioned the punter who happens to be my beloved and only brother, Eric Rosiles. He stated, "I think I should replace our punter. I literally kicked my college algebra book farther than 32 yards last year. That has to at least get me a tryout."

First of all, has Kenneth ever punted in front of 84,000 screaming Aggie fans? I seriously doubt it. Was Kenneth asleep during that 52-yarder my brother had during the second quarter? My brother happens to be 35th in the nation right now for his punting stats. His longest punt ever has been 65 yards. My main concern with the sports section is that my brother, Eric, has never ever been mentioned before until this edition. He had some awesome games last

year and this year, but no one has ever seemed to care. His accomplishments have gone unrecognized. Sports writers for *The UD*, such as Matt Muench, always seem to be negative about every aspect of football. Are you jealous? Well you should be, Matt and Kenneth! You both seem to hide behind your pens and computers.

How about confronting some players about your opinions. Are ya'll chicken? I hope *The UD* staff will get better because Kenneth Strickland and Matt Muench are ridiculous writers. I advise you to apologize. Do you consider yourselves Tech fans? I am embarrassed that both of you go to this university. Go Red Raider football!

Stephanie Rosiles  
sophomore  
broadcast journalism

Countering Curry

To the editor: I am responding to Amy Curry's article regarding abortion rights (*UD*, Oct. 4). First of all, I would like to counter her assumption that every person who is opposed to pro-choice is a "Bible beater." Obviously, there are people who

attain their beliefs freely without relying on religious institutions. And, her assumption that all college students have sex "a lot" is insulting.

Curry's article only illustrates her lack of ethics and naivete. She doesn't seem to understand that every action has a consequence. If that consequence is undesirable, one should not perform that action. Sex has consequences. She presents a situation where a couple has sex and the unthinkable happens. The unthinkable? The act of sex is a means of reproduction. If a couple were having sex and they were to spontaneously combust, that would be unthinkable. But having sex, protected or not, may produce consequences that are foreseeable, though unexpected. Shit happens. If you drink and drive and get in a car accident, you cannot take a pill to make it go away. It is part of adulthood; it's called responsibility.

My advice to students is (as opposed to Curry's suggestion that Thompson Hall will solve all your troubles) to take necessary precautions and deal with what you get. Do not allow convenience to determine whether life will continue or not. The real choice for Curry should be to relate herself

with those ideas that perfect the qualities of the human being: dignity, self-respect, good health and virtue, instead of making excuses for mistakes. The only people who have a choice are those women who have been raped because this choice has been taken from them. As for Curry's writing, go back to sports.

Carrie Badillo  
senior  
philosophy, political science

Nice job, but...

To the editor: I am writing regarding Amy Curry's column on abortion issues (*UD*, Oct. 4). While I agree with her pro-choice stance, and I feel the column was well written and effectively delivered its message, I must take issue with one paragraph. Curry writes, "Having a child is not like buying a dog. You can't just sell it or drop it off for someone else to find if it inconveniences your life." By writing this, Curry implies that it is acceptable to buy a dog and just sell it or leave it for someone else to find when it becomes an inconvenience.

I take issue with this. First of all, anyone

who buys a dog from a store is perpetuating the very serious problems of domestic animal overpopulation and unethical puppy mill practices. The responsible way to acquire a pet is to adopt one of the many whom will be killed if they do not find a home. As long as people choose to buy rather than adopt, millions of animals will continue to be subjected to suffering and premature death, simply because there are not enough homes for all of them. Second, it is most certainly not OK to just drop a dog off for someone else to find when owning an animal becomes inconvenient!

It is exactly this type of thinking that keeps people from behaving in a responsible manner with regard to companion animals. No one who does not love animals should have a pet, and no one who does love animals would just abandon their pet when it becomes inconvenient. As long as we continue thinking of animals as disposable items to be tossed away on a whim, dogs and cats will die by the thousands every day.

Maggie Durham  
undergraduate adviser  
psychology

# Texas Tech students become 'Victims of Duty'



The detective, played by Robby Burt (left), along with Madeleine (Lisa Comer) discard Choubert, portrayed by Geoffrey Howard (center), in the Texas Tech lab production of "Victims of Duty." Public showing of the play began Oct. 2 and will continue to run through Oct. 8. The curtain goes up at 8 p.m.

## Test tube babies created to save sister

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — In the first known case of its kind, a couple had several embryos created in a lab and selected one to produce a child that was free of a genetic disease and able to provide a transplant to save the life of his 6-year-old sister.

Last week, doctors at the University of Minnesota infused blood from the umbilical cord of 5-week-old Adam Nash into his sister, Molly, to try to fight Fanconi anemia, a rare

genetic disease that could kill her because she cannot create her own bone marrow.

Doctors should know within about a week if stem cells contained in Adam's cord blood are helping Molly develop healthy marrow cells.

It is widely considered ethical to screen embryos for genetic diseases because it is best for the child, said Jeff Kahn, director of the university's Center for Bioethics.

*Despite cast's efforts, script writer's complicated message, unorthodox style distracts from theatre production*

By Cory Chandler  
Staff Writer

Nervous laughter occasionally disrupted the uncomfortable silence of the audience as Texas Tech students were introduced to the theatre of the bizarre. Crammed with surreal images communicated through characters that manage to be as endearing as they are revolting, "Victims of Duty" attempts to convey complicated messages without the use of a conventional plot structure.

Written by Romanian author and playwright Eugene Ionesco, "Victims of Duty" revolves around a husband and wife who are visited by a mysterious detective, played by Robby Burt.

This detective soon reveals that he is looking for a man named Mallot and soon forces the husband, Choubert, played by Geoffrey Howard, to go through an introspective journey when Choubert reveals that he knows Mallot but cannot remember how.

The play centers around this inner voyage, as Choubert's wife Madeleine, played by Lisa Comer, and the detective attempt to guide him through the depths of his memory in an attempt to find the elusive Mallot.

Without using the traditional for-

mat of a play, "Victims" instead relies on symbolism and subconscious imagery to convey Ionesco's messages. Termed as an anti-play, "Victims" continually attempts to break out of the traditional molds of the theatre by contradicting itself and refusing to conform to the typical genres and plot structures used in most plays.

## Review

The complicated messages in "Victims" are hard to grasp, even to those involved with the play.

"We are all trying to find the Cliff's Notes on this (play)," said Howard, who has been acting since the age 15.

Howard said this was his most difficult role because of the non-linear format and unrelated dialogue.

Tiffany Howard, a master of fine art acting and directing student, said everyone comes away with a different impression of the play.

"The thing about (absurdism) is that nobody comes away with the same message," she said.

Matt Hood, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Midland, said he thought he got part of the play but felt confused once it ended.

"It was kind of a blur," he said. "I

got some of it because I read the program before the play, but it seemed like everyone up there was on crack." "Victims of Duty" will be per-

formed in the Texas Tech University Lab Theatre through Sunday.

For more information, contact the Tech Theatre at 742-3603.

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An official with Aaron Women's Clinic, who wished to remain anonymous, said she did not know when and if mifepristone would be offered.

Mifepristone was approved for use on Thursday after eight years of extensive testing by the Food and Drug Administration. The side effects of the pill were found to be minor.

Joelove Nelson, president and chief executive officer for Planned Parenthood of Lubbock, said the effects of mifepristone have been

compared to a bad menstrual period. "It's a very safe option, with very few side effects," Nelson said. "It can only be used in specific cases, however. It cannot be used in tubal pregnancies or after the seventh week of pregnancy."

More than 600,000 women have taken mifepristone in Europe, and, Nelson said, no deaths have been attributed to the drug.

According to the Center for Disease Control's Web site,

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), an average of 273 per 100,000 legal-induced abortions end with the death of the woman.

This information was gathered before many advances in medical safety were made, however.

The number of deaths increases for illegal abortions, although rates for illegal abortions are harder to track.

Mifepristone, which has been used in Europe for more than 12 years, was recently approved for use in the United States. Testing of the pill was banned in the United States until January 1993.

While in office, President George Bush prohibited the FDA from performing safety trials on

mifepristone.

President Bill Clinton, however, ordered the FDA to begin safety trials during his third day in office. On Thursday, the FDA released the findings and the restrictions for providing the drug.

The restrictions state a doctor must prescribe the pill and must be able to provide surgical intervention should the case warrant.

According to the Childbirth by Choice Web site, [www.cbctrust.com](http://www.cbctrust.com), mifepristone works by binding to the progesterone receptors in the woman's uterus and blocking the action of progesterone.

Without progesterone, the lining of the woman's uterus breaks

down and sheds so that bleeding occurs. The drug, typically administered in a 600-milligram dose, opens the cervix and must be taken in the presence of a doctor or nurse.

After 48 hours, the woman must then return to her doctor or the clinic and take a 200-microgram dose of misoprostol, a drug that causes contractions of the uterus.

The patient must stay under her doctor's care for four to six hours, and typically, the patient's body aborts the embryo during this period.

In the vast majority of cases, the abortion begins within 24 hours after taking the second pill.

**Fetus remains entombed in concrete**

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP) — Relatives sorting through the apartment of a deceased 64-year-old woman found fetal remains entombed in a concrete-filled bucket.

The fetus, which was estimated at 20 to 50 years old, appeared to be full

term and may have been placed in a plastic bag in the bucket within a half hour of delivery, police said Tuesday.

It remained unclear who the parents of the fetus were, and authorities were awaiting information on the cause of death.

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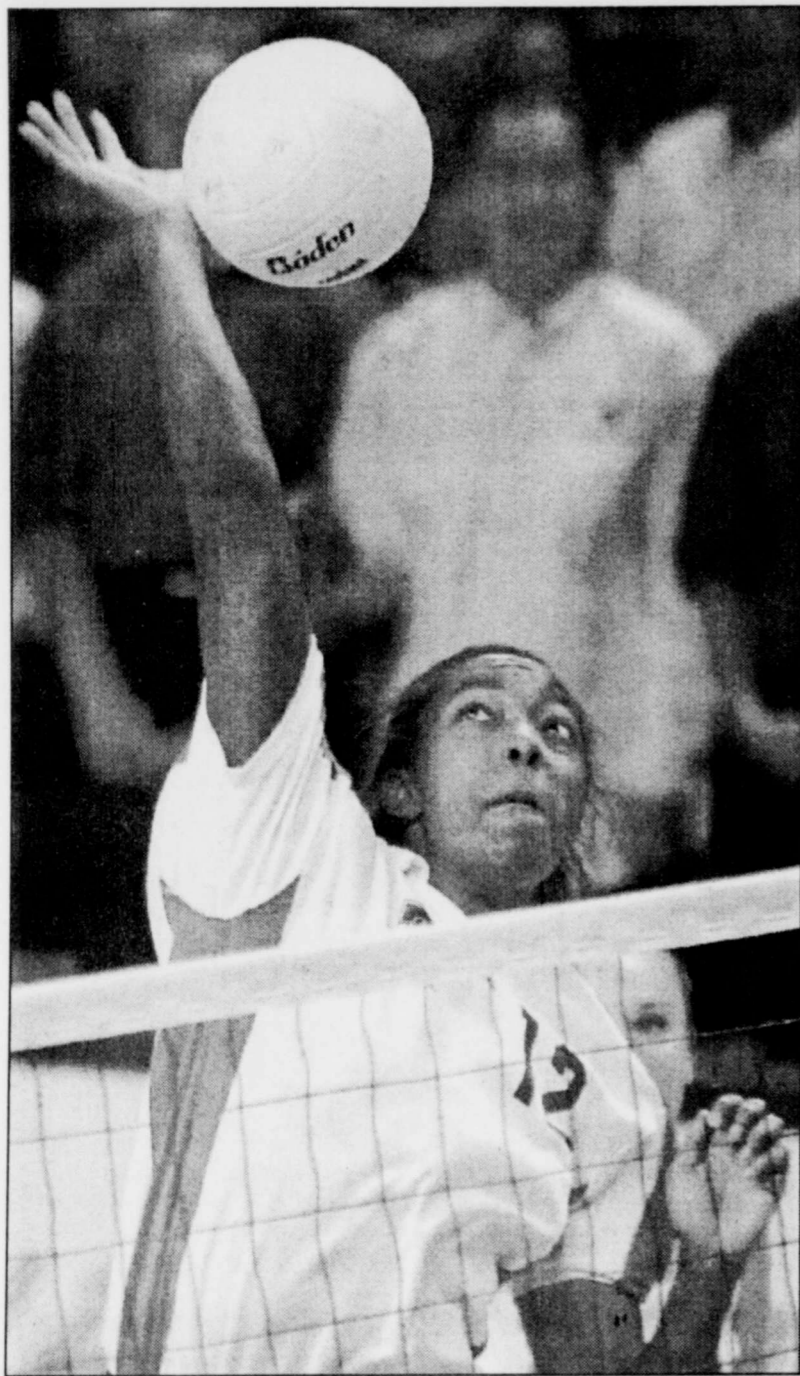
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# Tech volleyball makes quick work of Sooners



Tech middle blocker Janelle Jones spikes a ball in the Red Raider's three-game win over Oklahoma Wednesday.

By Matt Muench  
Staff Writer

Middle blocker Janelle Jones said it felt weird after Texas Tech's 3-0 victory over Oklahoma Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

Jones said she felt odd because after winning three-of-four Big 12 conference matches in five games this year, the No. 24-ranked Raiders easily dropped the Sooners in three games (15-9, 15-6, 15-7) to up their record to 16-1 overall and 5-1 in Big 12 play.

"It is good for our bodies to go three instead of five," Jones said. "After the match, I felt like I could play a little more."

Tech coach Jeff Nelson said he was glad to see the match finish in three games, but was not pleased with the way his squad hit the ball.

Coming into the contest the Raiders were averaging 21 swipes-per-

game, but only managed to tally 46 in the three games Wednesday.

"Our hitting was off and I didn't think we hit as well as we could have tonight," Nelson said. "Our big hitters didn't have the matches they usually have tonight."

Nelson said because Oklahoma (6-8 overall, 1-5 Big 12) was not the caliber of team the Raiders have faced this season, he thought his squad took the Sooners lightly.

"I think part of them playing without intensity was because we played Oklahoma," Nelson said. "I think that the game was slow and we mentally were not quite as on it as I would like to have seen us."

Outside hitter Melissa McGehee said it was nice to see a weaker opponent on the other side of the net but it did not mean the match would be easy.

"Oklahoma is one of the weaker opponents in the conference, but we

knew we couldn't take them lightly," McGehee said. "We knew we still had to show up and play."

After scoring three straight points to give Tech a 12-5 lead in game one, the Sooners crept back to within three points following a kill by Oklahoma outside hitter Cathy Cook.

That was as close as Oklahoma got as the Raiders won the game after three errors on defense for the Sooners.

McGehee had five of her game high 12 kills in the first stanza and said the Raiders almost let the first game slip away.

"We had our ups and downs in this game and I thought we lost a little intensity and let them come back," McGehee said. "We need to be more consistent."

McGehee said one of the goals was to win the match in three games, but they would like to get rid of the curse of game two.

Going into the match with the Sooners, the Raiders had lost every game two in every Big 12 match this season.

The curse was crushed when the Raiders cruised to the 15-6 win in game two.

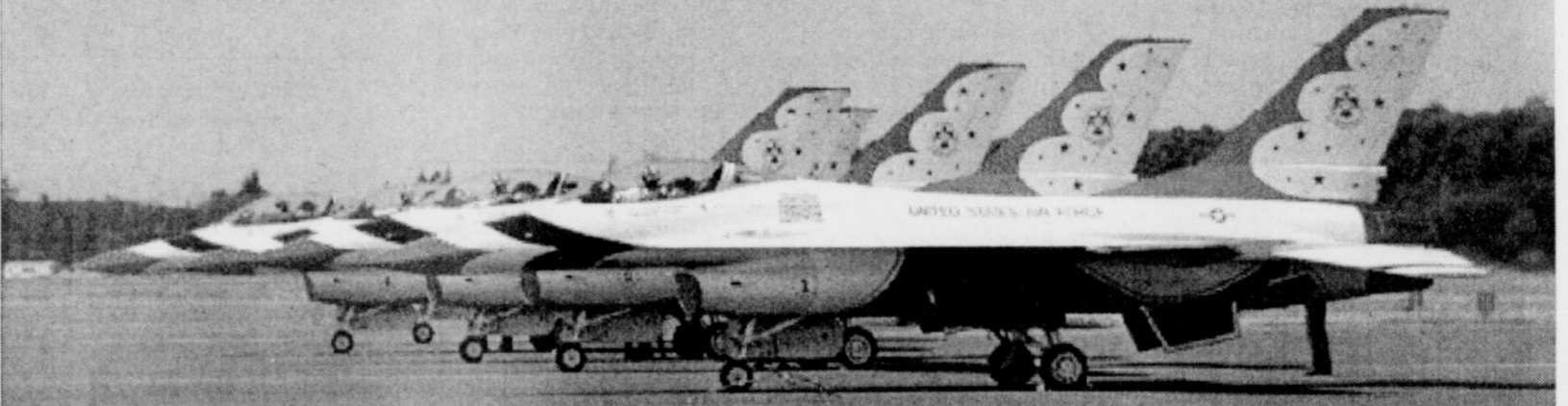
"Jeff told us before the game that we are thinking about winning the second game too much," she said. "We just sat back, thought about it and realized that we need to stop worrying about."

Game three would be a see-saw battle early on, but with the score 6-5, senior outside hitter Colleen Smith sneaked one over the net to spark a 6-0 run for Tech.

The run led to the first sweep of the season for the Raiders in Big 12 play.

Nelson said he did not like what he saw most of the match, but he felt game three was the best game of the night.

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Child Life Student Organization  
Chilwood/Weymouth Complex Council  
Christ in Action Student Ministries  
Christian Science College Organization  
Club Tech Volleyball  
Club Management Association of America  
Coleman Internurals and Activities Council  
College of Business Administration Ambassadors  
College of Business Administration Leadership Council  
College Republicans of Tech  
Collegiate FFA  
Community Campus Ministry  
Computer Science  
Dance Marathon  
Delta Delta Delta  
Delta Gamma  
Delta Phi Alpha  
Delta Sigma Phi  
Delta Sigma Theta  
Design Communication Association  
Disabled Students Association  
Doak Hall Complex Council  
Don Ashdown Entomology Club  
Double T Fencing Club  
Dr. Brock's Pre-Veterinary Society  
Ecology Club  
Elysiun  
Eta Omicron Nu  
Farmhouse  
Fashion Board  
Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance  
Finance Association  
Flying Raiders  
Fusion Ministries  
GAMMA  
Gamma Beta Phi  
Gamma Phi Beta  
Gaston Complex Council  
Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Assoc.  
Goin' Band from Raiderland  
Golden Key National Honor Society  
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America  
Gordon/Sneed/Bledsoe Complex  
Graduate English Society  
Grey Scouts  
Habitat for Humanity Tech Student Chapter  
Health Organization Management Student Association  
Hecklers, The  
Hi-Tech Fashion Group  
High Riders  
Hispanic Student Society  
Homecoming Coordinating Committee

Horn/Knapp Complex Council  
Horseman's Association  
Hulen/Clement Complex Council  
Human Science's Dean's Leadership Council  
India Students Association  
Indonesian Student Association  
Inline Hockey Club  
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers  
Institute of Industrial Engineers  
Interfraternity Council  
International Business Society  
International Student Council  
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship  
Jewelry Metals Club  
Kappa Alpha Order  
Kappa Alpha Theta  
Kappa Delta  
Kappa Delta Chi  
Kappa Kappa Gamma  
Kappa Kappa Psi  
Kappa Sigma  
Kappa Upsilon Chi  
Lambda Sigma  
Latter Day Saints Student Association  
Legion West Roleplaying and Wargaming Consortium  
Livestock Judging Team  
Lutheran Campus Ministry  
Lutheran Student Fellowship  
Marketing Association, The  
Mass Communications Week Coordinating Committee  
Masters in Tax Association  
Mathematical Association of America  
Meat Animal Evaluation Team  
Meat Judging Team  
Meat Science Association  
Men's Soccer Club  
Miller Girls  
Mortar Board  
Mu Phi Epsilon  
Multicultural Greek Council  
Museum Science Students Association  
Muslim Students Association  
National Residence Hall Honorary  
National Society of Black Engineers Navigators, The  
Non-Traditional Student Association  
Omega Chi Epsilon  
Omega Delta Phi International  
Omicron Delta Kappa  
Order of Omega  
Orthodox Christian Fellowship  
Panhellenic Association  
Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Society  
Phi Alpha Theta  
Phi Beta Sigma

Phi Delta Theta  
Phi Eta Sigma  
Phi Gamma Delta  
Phi Kappa Psi  
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia  
Philosophy Club  
Pi Alpha Xi  
Pi Beta Phi  
Pi Delta Alpha  
Pi Delta Phi  
Pi Epsilon Tau  
Pi Kappa Alpha  
Pi Kappa Phi  
Pi Tau Sigma  
Political Science Graduate Student Association  
Pre-Dental Club  
Pre-Med Society  
Pre-Occupational Therapy Club  
Pre-Pharmacy Club  
Pre-Physical Therapy Club  
Public Relations Student Society of America  
Raider Pilots Association  
Raider Recruiters  
Raider Wrestling  
Range, Wildlife and Fisheries Club  
Resident Assistant Council  
Rho Lambda  
Rock Climbing Club  
Rotaract Club of Lubbock  
Russian Club  
Saddle Tramps  
Seniors' Academy Student Association  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
Sigma Alpha  
Sigma Chi  
Sigma Delta Pi  
Sigma Gamma Epsilon  
Sigma Lambda Beta  
Sigma Nu  
Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Sigma Phi Lambda  
Sigma Tau Delta  
Silver Wings  
Society for Advancement of Management  
Society for Technical Communication  
Society of Engineering Technologists  
Society of Environmental Professionals  
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers  
Society of Industrial & Applied Mathematics  
Society of Manufacturing Engineers  
Society of Petroleum Engineers  
Society of Physics Students  
Society of Professional Journalists  
Society of Teachers and Researchers

in Economics  
Society of Women Engineers  
Sociology Club  
Stangel/Murdough Complex Council  
Student Agricultural Council  
Student Alumni Board  
Student Association of Social Workers  
Student Dietetic Association  
Student Engineering Council  
Student Judicial Advisors  
Student Landman Association  
Students for Environmental Awareness  
Tau Alpha Pi  
Tau Beta Pi  
Tau Beta Sigma  
Tau Kappa Epsilon  
Tech Advertising Federation  
Tech Akido Club  
Tech Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Club  
Tech Cycling Club  
Tech Ducks Unlimited  
Tech Gunfire Kickline  
Tech Gymnastics Club  
Tech Intern Society  
Tech Men's Lacrosse  
Tech Polo Club  
Tech Pre-Medical American Student Association  
Tech Rodeo Association  
Tech Rugby Club  
Tech Student Council for Exceptional Children  
Tech Swim Club  
Tech Taekwondo  
Tech Tennis Club  
Tech Women's Lacrosse  
Tech Women's Soccer Club  
Techsan Collegiate Cattle Women's Association  
Texas Society of Professional Engineers-Tech Chapter  
Texas Student Education Association  
Unitarian Universalist Organization  
University Center Programs  
Upward Bound Union  
Visions of Light Gospel Choir  
Volunteer Law Students  
Wall/Gates Complex Council  
Wesley Foundation  
Westminster Connection  
Women's Service Organization  
Wool Judging Team  
Young Life Leadership Organization  
Zeta Phi Gamma  
Zeta Psi  
Zeta Tau Alpha

LAST DAY: FRI., OCT. 6