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STATE

Tyler school under TAAS investigation

TYLER (AP) — A report of cheating on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills at an East Texas school is under investigation by state regulators.

The Texas Education Agency investigation involves Peete Elementary, Tyler Independent School District Superintendent J. Donald Gentry said Tuesday.

"We've already had investigators in your district and now they are sorting through the materials they gathered," Debbie Ratcliffe, TEA senior director for communications, told the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* in a phone interview from Austin.

Two TEA investigators were in the city on Oct. 9-10. But Gentry said an earlier investigation by the district found no impropriety on the test at Peete.

Ratcliffe said TEA is trying to determine if there was cheating and, if it did occur, whether the cheating was on the actual TAAS test or on a practice test.

Sen. Bill Ratliff said a school librarian from Tyler came to see him about three months ago with concerns about what she considered to be evidence of TAAS cheating.

Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said he could not remember her name or the name of her school, but that he also received a letter with details.

NATIONAL

Test tube transplant declared a success

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Doctors declared success Wednesday in the groundbreaking case of an ailing 6-year-old girl who received a transplant of umbilical cord blood from her made-to-order baby brother.

Molly Nash of Englewood, Colo., received the blood three weeks ago in hopes it would save her life. The girl suffers from Fanconi anemia, a rare genetic disorder that prevented her body from making bone marrow.

Dr. John Wagner of the University of Minnesota said tests showed the transplant is working. He said the infused cells are taking over the functions of Molly's bone marrow, making platelets and disease-fighting white blood cells.

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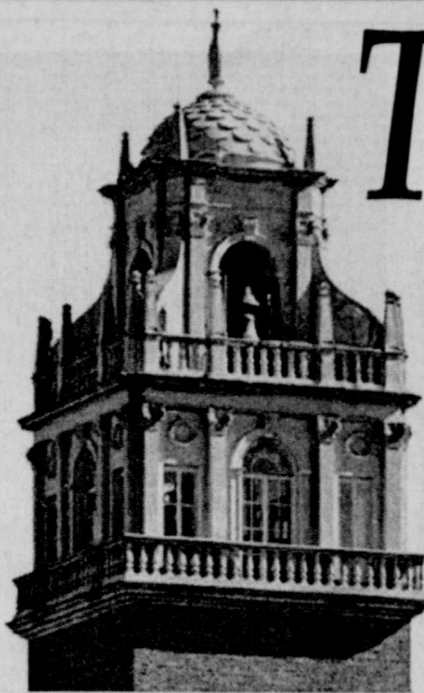
American prisoner's trial begins in Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — After six months of detention, U.S. businessman Edmond Pope went on trial in a Moscow court Wednesday on charges he illegally bought secret weapons technology.

Pope has maintained his innocence. The United States has called repeatedly for him to be released, and warned that the case could discourage American investment in Russia. Russian officials said the U.S. criticism was meddling in Russia's legal system.

Pope, a retired Navy officer from State College, Pa., was arrested April 3 by Russia's Federal Security Service on charges that he tried to buy plans for a high-speed Russian torpedo, the Shkval. He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Pope's supporters and family say he was seeking information on an underwater propulsion system that is at least 10 years old and has already been sold abroad.



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Tech senators face impeachment

Number of absences continues to take toll on the campus student representative council.

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

With only three meetings under its belt, the Student Senate may be forced to impeach some of their own tonight at its bimonthly

meeting.

"As of right now, the Rules and Administration Committee has filed impeachment charges on three senators," said SGA Internal Vice President Brenda Schumann, who presides over the Senate.

The impeachment charges were filed Tuesday night after a meeting by the Rules and Administration Committee met to discuss absences. At this time, senators who were subpoenaed for absences were given the opportunity to account for their lack of attendance.

At the meeting, it was determined three students, College of Arts and Sciences Sens. Heather Williamson and Grant Gildon and

College of Business Administration Sen. Jeffrey Peebles, had all missed enough meetings to be impeached.

None of the three senators could be reached for comment at press time. However, Sean McMullen, the Rules and Administration Committee chairman, said he believed Williamson and Gildon were planning on protesting their impeachment.

"Gildon and Williamson are pretty adamant about not being impeached," he said. "They both love the SGA and want to be a part of it."

McMullen said he did not know why the senators had missed meetings, but he believes

Williamson missed the R&A meeting because of a test she had.

According to the standards and conducts rule, each senator is allowed no more than two unexcused absences or four absences overall before their position is in jeopardy. Once this number is reached, the senators can be impeached.

McMullen said according to their records, Williamson had missed one senate meeting and her absence at the R&A meeting was her second absence.

Peebles and Gildon had each missed two

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Strummin' and Drummin'

◀ Eddie Vedder, lead singer of Pearl Jam, plays at the United Spirit Arena on Tuesday evening to a crowd of more than 11,000 spectators. The band played a number of selections including "Jeremy" and "Red Mosquito."

▼ Pearl Jam bassist Jeff Ament gets into a groove with guitarist Stone Gossard at the arena on the Tech campus Tuesday night.



Photos by Greg Kreller
The University Daily

Rodeo arena moves into 21st century

Donation provides funding for electricity and other necessities for the Tech team.

By Lindsay Roberts
Contributing Writer

The Dub Parks Arena, the venue of the Texas Tech Rodeo Association, has seen a number of improvements this year, thanks to a donation from a benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous.

The donation, consisting of a new tractor and plow in order to maintain the grounds, was made

when the benefactor heard that three Tech rodeo team members has qualified for the college rodeo finals.

Money to mend fences, build a barn and for various other odds and ends also was given to spruce things up for students' use of the venue, said Chris Guay, an assistant professor of animal science.

"This donation builds morale for Texas Tech by allowing us to fix up an arena that we can use that is close to the campus," Guay said.

"It is a great recruiting tool for students interested in animal science classes or participating on the Tech rodeo team."

In order to achieve and "Old West" look, Guay said, renovations

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Jaime Tomas Aguilar/The University Daily
Matt Buckner, a general studies major from Fort Smith, Kan., works on the gate to the entrance of Dub Park Arena on Tuesday. A donation to the arena has made numerous renovations possible.

Debates haunting voters

By Jeff Lehr
Staff Writer

The final presidential debate is over leaving many of the still-undecided voters looking for further guidance in making up their minds.

Both camps claimed victory Tuesday night at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., but instant viewer polls conducted after the debate showed little leaning in either candidate's direction as to who won.

Steve Greene, political science professor at Texas Tech, shared the sentiments of many of the undecided voters, saying even though the debates are finished, it is still too hard to decide who will win the election.

"It is so hard to say right now," he said. "If I had to guess, I'd say the election will end up being just as close as it is now."

Polls leading into the town-hall forum style debate gave Texas Gov. George W. Bush a slight edge over the vice president, who started the early attack by slamming the governor on health care and then by approach-

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Klock services set today

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

Funeral services for Texas Tech professor Sheldon Klock Jr., 62, will be at 2:30 p.m. today at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church. He will be buried at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Klock, who taught Portuguese and Spanish in the Classical and Modern Languages department, had been at Tech since 1963.

Klock died Monday at University Medical Center of heart failure. Peder Christiansen, chairman of the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literature, said they had known he was ill, but his death still came as a surprise.

"We were concerned from some time," Christiansen said. "His death came so quickly that it was still unexpected."

During his tenure at Tech, Klock was a member of the South Central

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Student makes fiddle 'sing'

By Kyla Moseley
Contributing Writer

She makes her fiddle sing as she moves the bow across the strings with effortless grace. The crowd is relaxed and smiling as they listen to the sounds of traditional western swing. Amber Smithson, a freshman music performance major from Lubbock, is a member of the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band.

When Amber was 11, she was recruited to play the viola in the sixth grade orchestra. That began her love for music.

"I began playing the viola because there were not as many people playing and figured I would have a better opportunity. I also like the sound because it was so different," Smithson said.

Now, Smithson has added the fiddle to her repertoire. She has learned how to play an older style of music known as western swing that dates back to the early 1920s and before.

"I found out about the Ranch Dance Fiddle band from my viola teacher, Lanny Fiel. I went and watched a few times and it looked really fun. I had to learn a lot of songs within a two week period, then I joined the band," Smithson said.

She does not have a particular favorite song, but she does like the slower songs that have a lot of harmony. Smithson said the songs require a lot of feeling and are very intense.

"I love all the songs we play for many different reasons. Some are fast and fun to dance to, others are slow and nice to listen to. There are also songs that have funny words," Smithson said.

"I don't feel like I am missing out on anything because of being so busy with the band and being so involved in my music. I am exactly where I want to be."

Amber Smithson
FIDDLER

Fiel, a professional music teacher, said the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band began as a result of his teaching orchestra and string music to his students.

He became interested in the western swing style of music and decided to show it to his students. The students became interested as well, and a band was formed. They studied recordings of people who made old cowboy songs and traditional country music.

The band has six to eight shows a month with one practice per week.

Amber spends about four hours a day practicing her viola and uses her leftover time to practice the fiddle. In addition, she began teaching the fiddle to students two years ago. She also teaches some classical violin. She began with three students and now teaches anywhere from five to 10 students with ages ranging from six to 50.

Smithson said life can get pretty hectic at times, but for the most part, the band and college do not interfere with each other.

Smithson said she loves music so much because of how much fun it can be. It is also a stress reliever.

"Scheduling band performances can get very hectic when fitting in time for practice plus rehearsal and teaching my students the fiddle. I also need a little time for myself," Smithson said.

Smithson said she has made all kinds of great friends while being involved in music. She said they are people who understand how much dedication it takes to be successful in music. She also said they can really relate to her on a different level because of the shared knowledge they have about music.

"Music is something to be proud of because you are not born with the knowledge. It is something that you teach yourself," Smithson said.

Not only does Smithson play the fiddle for the band, she also helps the more inexperienced students in the band learn the songs the group plays.

The band is composed of an eight-member core group and a total of 11 students when those students who are still learning participate. One member plays the drums, a few play the guitar, another sings and several play the fiddle.

"Amber is a very focused student, has a very good understanding of

what she does and has a wonderful attitude. She has met the professional standard of what I am working toward, has always known her part and is never afraid to take on a challenge," Fiel said.

Smithson was ready for the band very quick. Because she was his viola student, Fiel knew for a long time that Smithson was a person who could handle the pressure. He mentioned the band to her and she loved the idea.

"Many people have an inherent ability to play music, but they must be willing to focus their ability and approach it with an air of professionalism," Fiel said.

Smithson's plans do not stop with college and the band. After getting her undergraduate degree, she plans to go to graduate school and get her master's degree in music performance. After that, she wants to make a career out of her music by playing the viola professionally and teaching students on the side.

Although Smithson is very involved with the band and loves playing the fiddle, her major interest is in the viola and classical music. She said she is interested in all kinds of music but loves classical because it gives the musician a lot of freedom.

"I have no doubt that she could do whatever she wants to do in the music world, if that is what she wants to do," Fiel said.

Although Smithson said she is extremely busy, she loves every minute of her musical life.

"I don't feel like I am missing out on anything because of being so busy with the band and being so involved in my music" she said. "I am exactly where I want to be."



Amber Smithson, a freshman music performance major from Lubbock, plays the fiddle with the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band at the Ranching Heritage Center.

Public school kids to huddle with Tech colleges, students

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech College of Education will host its sixth annual Dean's Future Scholars "Huddle After the Game" meeting at 7 p.m. today at the International Cultural Center, located at 601 Indiana Ave.

The event is geared toward introducing elementary, junior high and

high school students from Title 1 schools to the campus in the hope of recruiting them to college in the future.

"These students make annual visits to Tech that allow them to feel more comfortable about the campus," said Karen Jacobsen, director of external relations for the College of Education. "We show the students the many opportunities they can have at Tech as well as many of the departments such

as education, athletics, engineering and science."

The College of Education sent out about 300 letters to students in the dean's scholars program to inform them of the event.

"We always encourage parents and family members to attend the events because we know how important parental support is to these kids," she said.

There are about 20 schools in the South Plains area that qualify as Title 1 schools.

Jacobsen said each of the 20 schools that qualified was allowed to choose four sixth graders to represent their school in the dean's scholars program.

As part of the dean's scholars program, Jacobsen said, another event will be Oct. 27 to introduce the students to Tech.

Jacobsen said she is still looking for volunteers to mento the students and would appreciate anyone who would like to help. For more information about the program, call 742-2377.

Conference to be held at Tech

By Angel Wolfe
Staff Writer

Graduate School Dean Ralph Ferguson will conduct a press conference to announce that Texas Tech is hosting the 13th Annual National Black Graduate Student Association Conference. The press conference will be at 3 p.m. today at the International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Ave.

The conference is scheduled for Spring 2001.

The NBGSA conference is a research conference, Ferguson said, and graduate students are able to not only meet other students, but they also are able to present and discuss their research.

Oscar Solas, graduate student from Slaton, said the NBGSA conference is an opportunity for Tech's graduate program to gain exposure.

"It's extremely important for Texas Tech," he said. "It's a huge opportunity. This is a nationally recognized conference. It's a chance to promote our facilities and university."

Although there is no chapter of the Black Graduate Student Association at Tech yet, Solas said, one is in the works.

"We're hoping to get one out of this," he said. "I think the conference will generate enough interest."

Once the graduate students have decided to create the Tech chapter of the organization, Ferguson said he would be happy to sign on as an adviser for the group.

"I've been really impressed with the group," he said. "It's wonderful for a person in education to meet a group like this - one that has created an organization to come together to meet their needs."

Students do not have to be in graduate school to attend the NBGSA conference.

"One of the ladies on the committee decided to attend graduate school by attending the past two conferences," Solas said. "That is why we need to get as many graduate and undergraduate students to attend the conference to see what it's all about."

Attending the NBGSA conference could be the deciding factor in deciding on going to graduate school.

"A lot of people think once they get their bachelor's they should just go out to the work force," Solas said. "This conference is a way to give exposure if an undergrad is thinking, 'Do I just

go to work or keep learning?'"

Not only is it a way to make a decision about graduate school, but, Ferguson said, it is important to support and learn from other students.

"I think students should be interested in other students' missions," he said. "The other element is that it's a way to connect with the world."

The NBGSA was founded in 1989 and is a non-profit student-run organization.

Its annual conference helps the organization recruit the number of graduate and professional students of African decent by encouraging undergraduates to pursue graduate and professional degrees, according to its Web site.

It also provides a network for black graduate students.

A committee of graduate students is working to finalize plans for keynote speakers and discussion topics for the conference.

A Web site for the conference has been established at www.ttu.edu/gradsch/nbgsc.

For more information on the press conference or NBGSA conference, call Oscar Solas, Amy Waltrip or Valerie McGaha at 742-0623.

TechNotes!

■ Gamma Phi Omega is selling tickets for a charity drawing. Tickets will be sold from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the University Center. The drawing will be Oct. 23.

■ The Society of Physics Students will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in 103 Science. For more information, call 790-6531.

■ The Pre-Optometry Professional Society will meet at 7 p.m. today in 25 Chemistry. For more information, contact Amanda LeMay at 748-6902.

■ Come to the Red Raiders soccer game against Nebraska at 1 p.m. Sunday at Fuller Stadium and have the chance to win a \$200 gift certificate to the Tech bookstore. The name of the one lucky Tech student in attendance will be drawn at the game to win the second SGA spirit award of the semester.

■ Phi Theta Kappa will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in 39 Holden Hall. For more information, contact Richard Ashmore at octcu@sptc.net



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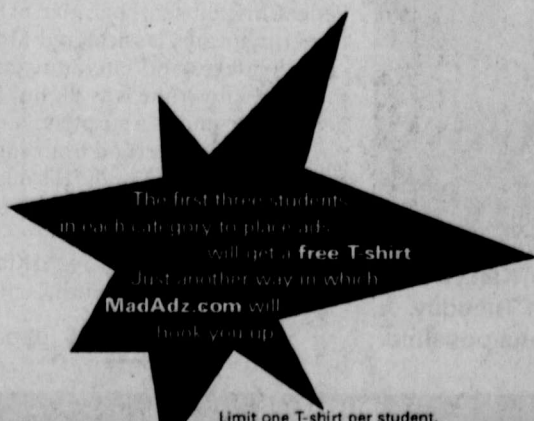
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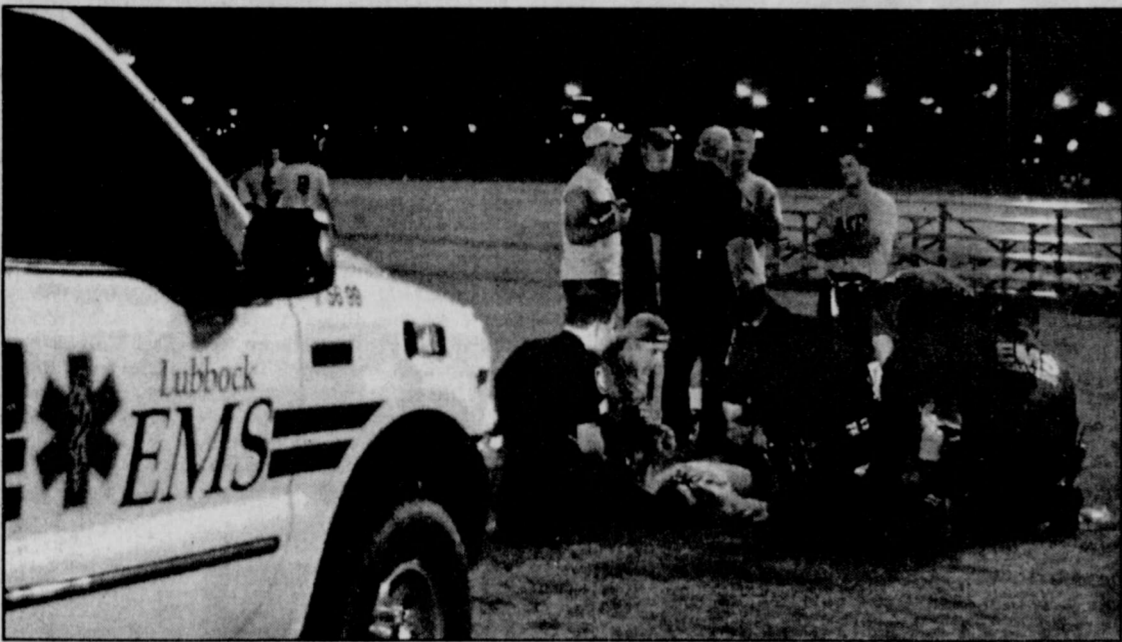
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Falling down



Campus police and Lubbock EMS respond to a broken leg suffered by an Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity member during a flag football game Wednesday at the rec fields. GREG KRELLER/The University Daily

KLOCK

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Modern Language Association, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese and the Southwest Council of Latin American Studies.

He was also a member of Alpha Chi and Sigma Delta Phi honor societies.

One of Klock's recent achievements came last year when his book about Brazilian novelist Aluisio Azevedo was published in Canada.

Klock was born July 4, 1938, in Evanston, Ill.

He graduated as the valedictorian from Edinburg High School in 1956 and attended Pan American University in Edinburg.

Klock also attended Tulane

University in New Orleans where he received his master's and doctorate's degrees in romance language.

During this time, he was named a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and received a National Defense Foreign Language Fellowship.

He is survived by his wife, Celea Reyes, daughter Lillian Greathouse, son Sheldon C. Klock III and a grandson.

DEBATE

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ing Bush's side of the stage in a confrontational manner.

Bush took a different angle though, staying calm and relaxed while answering Gore's attacks with his trademark smirk.

Greene said he believes that with only three weeks remaining until Election Day Nov. 7, many of the undecided voters will begin turning toward the tensions in the Middle East and the plunging stock market for guidance.

"The Middle East issue has potential to help Gore insofar that he has the more superior experience. But, I do think the problems with the stock market will hurt Gore in the long run," he said.

Greene said because the market is in such a fragile state right now that it will take away from Gore's

ability to talk about success in the economy after eight years in the White House.

Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., said Bush went into the last debate of the presidential election with a sure and steady performance and came out with a strong command of the issues.

He said the governor clearly illustrated the differences between his "compassionate conservative philosophy that places its trust in the people" and Gore's "big government approach" that places its faith in Washington bureaucrats.

One presidential candidate, Green Party representative Ralph Nader, sued the Commission on Presidential Debates, the commission responsible for scheduling the debates, because he was denied access to the Oct. 3 debate.

This happened just hours before Tuesday night's debate began, as

Nader was once again denied entrance to the debate forum.

Greene said Nader is only trying to get some media attention, and, he believes, Nader has been successful to this point.

"Any attention is good attention," he said of Nader.

Many analysts, including Greene, believe that it will be the undecided voters who will end up deciding the election in either candidate's favor.

Greene, who is giving the edge to Gore Nov. 7, said he believes it will not be a battle of voter turnout because "turnout will already be low."

Instead, he thinks it will depend on the swing vote of those few undecided voters that will decide the outcome. He just wonders when they will all make up their mind.

"What do these people need? Do they need Gore and Bush to come sit down and have dinner with them before they make up their mind," he said.

Nationally known 'peculiar' poet to read unique works

Poet Thomas Lux, known nationally for his unique style of poetry that focuses on peculiar human situations, read selections of his work at 7:30 p.m. today in 169 Human Sciences.

William Wenthe, associate professor of English and poetry editor for the Iron Horse Literary Review, said Lux is very expressive in the way he reads his poetry. He introduces each poem by telling the audience what inspired him to write, Wenthe said.

"Lux's poetry has a rare combination of intelligence and humor," he said. "You don't have to be a poetry student to appreciate what he's doing."

Lux is the director of the Master of Fine Arts program in poetry at Sarah Lawrence College in New York and a core faculty

member of the Warren Wilson MFA Program for Writers. He also has been professor at the University of Michigan, Iowa and California at Irvine.

Poems like "Commercial Leech Farming Today" or "Walt Whitman's Brain Dropped on Laboratory Floor" represent the style Lux puts into each poem.

The reading is sponsored by the Iron Horse Literary Review, a semiannual literary journal published by the creative writing department at Texas Tech. Wenthe said this is the first time for a poet of Lux's stature to come to Tech.

"I want everyone to attend the reading this Thursday to welcome Lux," Wenthe said. "We want Lux to have a good memory of Tech when he leaves."

IMPEACHMENT

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Senate meetings. Peeples also missed the R&A meeting Tuesday night.

Two other senators, who were cited with excessive absences, College of Business Administration representatives Stephen Hutto and Lauren Green, have resigned.

On the last committee report, Hutto was listed with two unexcused absences.

Once impeachment charges are filed, the charges are brought before the full Senate for a vote.

Schumann said each person has the opportunity to defend themselves before the Senate before the vote is taken.

In order for the impeachment to be approved, two-thirds of the Senate must vote for the impeachment.

If the senators are impeached, replacements for them will be determined from last spring's election results. Schumann said the SGA constitution stipulates the runner-up in the election should be contacted and asked if they still want the position.

RODEO

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are being designed around the Ranching Heritage Center architecture.

Located at Fourth Street and Quaker Avenue, the arena is much closer to campus than the Tech farm in New Deal, 20 miles outside of Lubbock. In addition to giving the rodeo team another place to practice, the proximity of the arena allows equestrian classes, for example, to be conducted nearer to campus,

said Kevin Pond, chairman of the Department of Animal Science and Food Technology.

"A few years ago, the rodeo team did not have a coach, scholarship funds or facilities to practice in," Pond said. "In the past few years, we have received a great coach, have obtained scholarship funds and now, with this very generous donation, the rodeo team will have the facilities to practice in."

Since the donation, the Tech animal science has benefited in a number of ways, including the addition of electricity. Enrollment in horse

training classes also has increased since students have heard of the arena, Guay said. Several other classes are benefiting from this donation. These classes include the therapeutic riding class, the horse shoeing class and the horse judging classes.

"Many people will benefit from this very generous donation. Tech is highly recognized for a great rodeo team and horse training program," Guay said. "This donation is a true blessing for the animal science department and the Texas Tech rodeo team."

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Your View

Today's question:

Would you support a state law that would require all college students to purchase and use their own laptop computers?



Amy Bownds
freshman public relations major from Plainview

"I really don't think it should be required because not everyone has that kind of money. Not a lot of people can afford something like that."



Josh Ray
sophomore MIS major from Lubbock

"If they will give out vouchers, then I would agree, but we already pay a technology fee that should go toward technology that everyone can use and access. Most students already have a computer at home and don't need or want a secondary one."



Donovan Smith
junior multidisciplinary sciences major from Lubbock

"I don't like that at all. It is just another way of racking it up. No one should be forced to buy anything, especially a laptop computer."



Jeannine White
sophomore dental hygiene major from Artesia, N.M.

"I don't agree with that. Some people don't have that kind of money to just buy a laptop. There are people here on scholarship and loans that can't afford that. If they want computers in each room, then the school should provide them."

compiled by
Krisitina Thomas



Column

Greeks give each other bad name

I'm a Greek and I'm proud of it, which makes this column very difficult for me to write. On one hand, I feel I should defend the Greek system. However, the events of the past few weeks have bothered me and it is time that they are addressed.

Over the past month, fraternity lodges have been broken into, property has been stolen and senseless damage has been incurred.

When my fraternity, Farmhouse, came back from summer vacation a few months back, we were shocked to discover that someone had poured gasoline all over our sign in front of our lodge and attempted to burn it down. We were lucky that the fire did not spread across the dry grass and burn down our lodge as well.

Just last week, the Phi Delt's were also lucky that their house was not destroyed when someone senselessly set fire to their float. A few weeks before that, the Kappa Alpha house was vandalized and close to \$10,000 worth of damage was caused.

The fact that these events happened is not as troubling as the fact that these acts have been caused by Greeks to other Greeks.

I understand that rivalries exist. I understand that there are some Greeks who do not like each other. Despite this fact, it is ridiculous for one fraternity to destroy another fraternity's property. These actions go far beyond practical jokes. These actions are criminal. It is childish,

immature, unrespectable and definitely not the image that the Greek system wants to portray.

To those who committed these acts, I want you to realize the damage that you have caused. I am not talking about property damage. That can be repaired. I am talking about the lasting damage you have caused to myself and every other Greek at Texas Tech.

After years of making great strides forward, you have set us back in our quest to win the respect of this university. It makes me sick to hear people characterize Greeks with the stereotypes that they use. Thanks to your actions, these criticisms will be further reinforced.

Greeks, like any group of people, have been stereotyped by the most extreme and worst elements of our system. We are not spoiled, rich brats. We are not buying friends. Not all of us go out and get drunk every night. If this is your perception of the Greek system, then you are sadly mistaken and I would encourage you to go through Rush to dispel this myth.

Greeks, on average, are just like you. We are no better and we are no worse. To put it in simple terms, a fraternity or sorority is just a group of friends. I consider the 45 men of my fraternity to be my 45 closest friends in this world. Can you say the same thing about any other group you are in?

It is time to put an end to this stupidity. If you know who burned down the Phi Delt's float, or who vandalized the KA house, or who attempted to burn down my fraternity's sign, I ask you to turn them in. Call the Dean of Students, call the police department, call The University Daily. I don't care. It is time for this to stop. Those responsible should be

punished and cast out of the Greek system immediately and indefinitely, to remove the shadow of guilt that has been cast upon all Greeks.

Somewhere on this campus there is a person or a group of people who I feel are the lowest form of humans that have ever walked this earth. I have heard from several different sources, that some cowards are calling women and sexually harassing them over the phone. Each of these losers has falsely identified themselves as members of my fraternity, all in an attempt to harass women and to smear our reputation.

I know for a fact that it is not one of my brothers. To the person or persons who are doing this, I have a gut feeling about who you are. I promise you, when we get proof of who you are, we are not going to come and burn down your float or tear the letters off your lodge, like some of the people I criticized earlier. Instead, we will make sure that you are booted out of this university and that you never return.

There are very few things that get me riled up, but this is one of them. Disrespecting women, especially the way these women were disrespected, is unforgivable. There is no excuse for treating these ladies the way that they were treated. One of the first things I was taught as a pledge in my fraternity was to respect women and to be a gentleman. I know my fraternity is not the only one who teaches this mantra. But, obviously, someone out there did not get the message and they must be dealt with before they ruin the reputation of Greeks any more than they already have.

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Letters to the Editor

Debates disappointing

To the Editor: I am not sure who I should be addressing this letter to but I would like to share my feelings on tonight's presidential debate...first off, I am a republican and very proud to be one. I am also proud to be an American until I watched tonight's debate. While listening to this debate, I was told by Al Gore that he believes in affirmative action...does this mean that since I am a white, financially privileged girl that I may not get in to graduate school because a minority who is less privileged is first in line? This makes absolutely no sense to me

whatsoever. Why should I be punished for having hardworking parents and a non-ethnic background...I am part German, does that count for anything?

Seriously, this is one of the most ridiculous things I have ever heard. I should be treated just the same as everyone else applying for school positions and in no way should my ethnicity or financial situation be included in the decision. It should be based solely on grades and experience.

Also, my parents have worked very hard to get where they are financially — why does this mean that we pay more taxes? Why should someone who makes a decent living doing their own hard work and doesn't yet have the

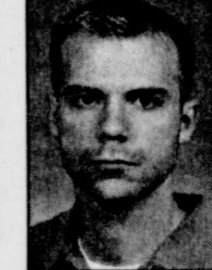
status as my parents get things a little easier? Why am I being punished as well as my parents? I would like to see the look on Al Gore's face when one of his oh-so-brilliant daughters gets denied to the school of their choice because someone of a minority applies at the same time, and then I would like to see his tax returns. I doubt he sends in money with a smile on his face. I guess I would just like to tell my fellow Red Raiders one thing - don't shoot for the higher paying job. All that extra money will be taken away from you. And don't get your hopes too high for grad school if your name happens to be Smith or Jones.

Paige Borsch
junior
RHIM

Guest Column

College: the last bastion for free thought

Every fall, thousands of freshmen flock to Texas Tech. In the back of mom and dad's Suburban, between bulk boxes of sealed soaps and shampoos, enough toothpaste to clean the teeth of Mount Rushmore and stacks of college sweatshirts that dad paid too much for, students haul tiny refrigerators filled with camp food, and plastic basketball hoops for above their doors to keep them lazy and sporty at the same time.



Jason Gray

Wide-eyed college freshmen arrive at the university environment with a baggage of belief structures they may or may not have explored, and beliefs born from tradition, early education, faith and/or experience. Maybe 10 years ago, while fishing in the pond behind your house, your grandfather whispered a few eternal "truths" in your ear. Three years ago, in high school, you saw a bully beat up a deaf student because the kid wasn't listening, or maybe you just took good notes in Sunday school. From wherever in your life they come, these elements all together solidify your belief structure.

But at the doorstep of a university, you have to STOP. Ask yourself what role academia is to play in the intimate exchange between you and the education you seek. One of two things happens to your beliefs in the classroom. They are either strengthened and ratified by the university, or they are contradicted and challenged. Is it the responsibility of the university to accommodate all sides of an issue? In his column "Time to come out of the P.C. closet" (UD Oct. 12), J.T. Leeson complains that every year, the College of Human Sciences administration invites well-adjusted homosexuals to speak before its human sexuality classes while neglecting to produce the "ex-gay" (a cured or recovered homosexual) perspective into its curriculum. Here, Leeson's belief structure has been challenged, and in his article, he makes a desperate plea for more responsible administration who can provide him evidence to support his unexamined beliefs-to blunt the challenge of evidence.

The "ex-gay" movement is commonly believed to be perpetuated by fraudulent pseudo-therapists who make a healthy living off the homophobic cash cow known as aversion therapy. Well-meaning but misguided clergy join forces with them. However, claims that homosexuality is a disease were refuted decades ago. Claimed successes in changing sexual orientation remain unsubstantiated, failing to meet scientific standards of evidence. An overwhelming majority of credible psychologists (APA), therapists and counseling professionals oppose attempts to change sexual orientation. That opposition is codified in statements adopted by professional organizations.

It would be intellectually irresponsible for a university to fuel trains of misinformation that fail to meet scholarly standards of evidence. It should only profess what is substantiated with credible scientific scholarly research. This same intellectual standard is why universities teach evolution not creation, astronomy not astrology, and homosexuality as a normal healthy variation amongst humans not as a "damnable disease."

I applaud Texas Tech for not succumbing to the Lubbock brand of "political correctness" but maintaining its academic integrity in the face of Leeson's and others' unsubstantiated claims. Everyday of the four years I have been at Tech, in some way, I have felt both my intellect and conscience grow. To the students of Tech, I encourage you to embrace opposition to your beliefs as an opportunity to grow and become strong.

And to Leeson I'll say this: Before you go knocking on academia's door in search of an education, be sure you're in the right place. A credible education is not the mindless reinforcement of unchallenged beliefs and prejudices.

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Jazz legends unite to serenade at Texas Tech

By Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

Jazz legends Herbie Hancock and Wayne Shorter will be visiting the Hub City Thursday.

This concert, which is part of Texas Tech Campus Activities and Involvement's Nightlife Series, will mark the first time either performer has played in Lubbock.

The duo will be promoting their 1+1 album, which was released in 1997.

Hancock said this tour is the first they have done in the United States since the album came out three years ago.

Hancock and Shorter have been performing together since 1963, when Shorter joined the band Hancock was playing with.

They later joined forces again as part of the Miles Davis Quartet.

Hancock said the atmosphere of improvisation they experienced with the quartet helped them develop their style.

While both went on with separate careers after leaving the Miles Davis Quartet, they joined forces again to work on and promote the new album.

The duo will be playing without the accompaniment of a bass player or drummer.

"We decided this is a situation of the glass is half empty or half full," Hancock said. "There will be several advantages to not having accompaniment."

Hancock said these advantages include having the ability to change tempos easily and incorporate moments of silence into their improvisations.

Hancock said he and Shorter enjoy having the ability to experiment with their music on stage.

"We can make statements almost," he said. "We are not held to the divisional structure of songs."

Hancock said they tried to gear their music to a movie format.

"When we discussed the music and



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Jazz legends Herbie Hancock and Wayne Shorter will perform at 8 p.m. tonight in the UC Allen Theatre.

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Russell's political humor entertains crowd

By Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

While some Lubbock residents chose to support their favorite presi-

dential candidates by watching the debates Tuesday night, others decided it would be more fun to spend the evening laughing at them. Political comedian Mark Russell

satirized figures on Capitol Hill indiscriminately, using his sharp tongue and ruthless wit to berate both democrats and republicans.

A last minute change of venue from the Lubbock Auditorium to the University Center Allen Theatre caused some confusion and delayed the show half an hour.

Russell, who entered the stage pointing at his watch, was momentarily apologetic about the inconvenience.

"I was waiting for all of you over at the coliseum," he said.

After that, the thrashing began as Russell used a style that was part stand-up comedy/musical entertainment to keep the crowd laughing.

He began by telling the audience that performing in Lubbock fulfilled a lifelong ambition of his.

He also claimed he got all of his material from Tuesday's edition of the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*.

"Oh yeah," he said. "I read (the *Avalanche Journal*) cover to cover, and let me tell you, it was the most riveting minute and a half of my life. So when did the avalanche happen?"

Russell went on to criticize both Gore and Bush with equal enthusiasm.

He said it amused him that Gore has been running around the country like the scarecrow on the "Wizard of Oz" for the last month, kissing Tipper like an intern in an attempt to prove that he is not actually a robot.

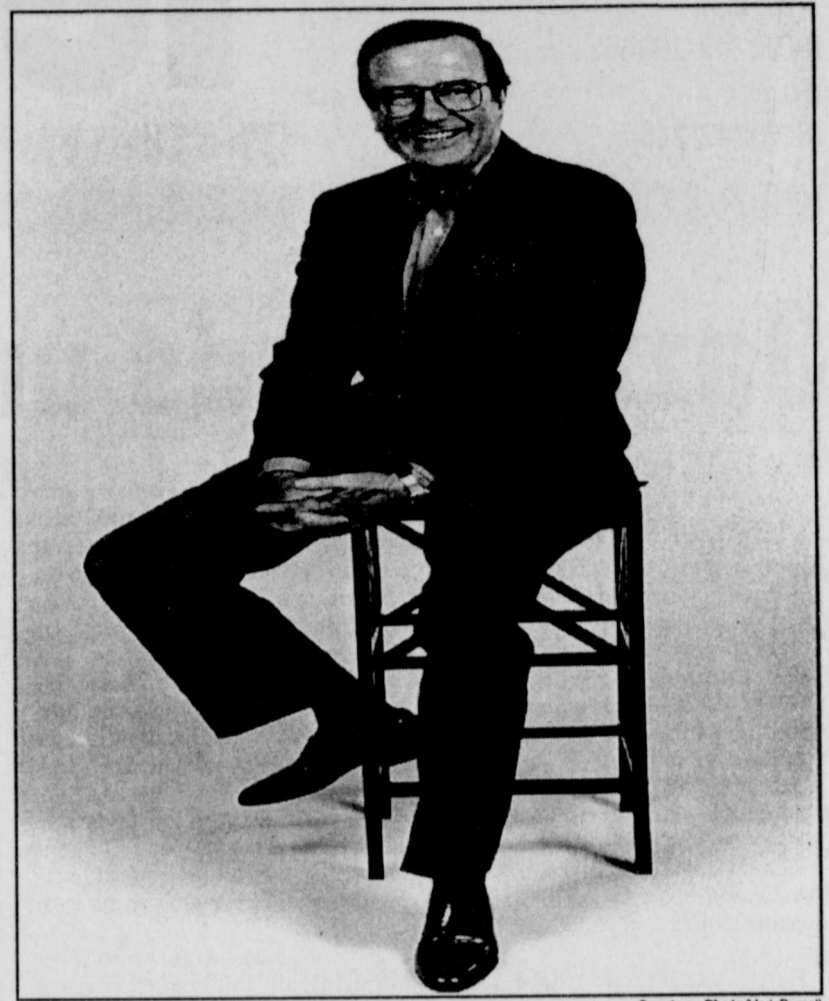
He also said Bush looks cute wearing daddy's shoes even though he has an IQ that is classified.

Russell, who has been called "the funniest man on television" by *TV Guide*, said he thinks the true comedians are on *C-Span*.

Russell's comedy specials have been appearing on PBS for 25 years.

He said he has had people comment on how well they liked watching him on PMS.

Russell said he has also been



Courtesy Photo/Mark Russell
Political comedian Mark Russell entertained a Lubbock audience Tuesday night at the University Center Allen Theatre.

asked if he has ever been disappointed by a president. His reply was that he has never had a president disappoint him.

He said he was a little upset that Nixon resigned, and he had to start writing his own material again until Clinton came along.

Russell promised to return to Lubbock and personally thank the residents for all his new material if

Bush won the election.

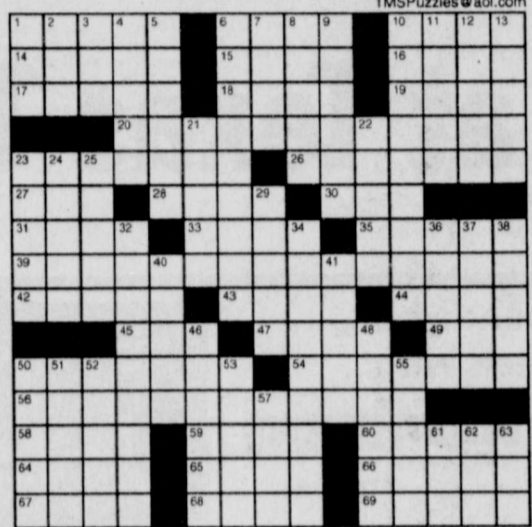
He also said he realized he has gotten old because all he has to look forward to is cheap food and cheap movie tickets.

"That's all you are going to have to look forward to kids," Russell said.

"That's why I don't understand everyone's efforts to quit smoking. Keep smoking. You are just keeping yourselves out of a nursing home."

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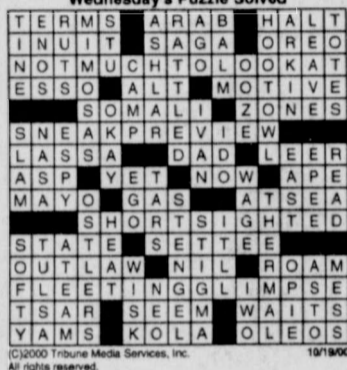
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Sports

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Raiders work on mental game

By Patrick Gonzales
Staff Writer

With the size and strength of some of today's college football players, it is easy to see how physicality can play an important part in a team's success.

But lost in the shuffle of height and weight is the importance of players having a good mental status too.

According to Texas Tech coach Mike Leach, it was the lack of concentration by his team last week that caused the most damage in a 56-3 defeat by No. 1-ranked Nebraska.

It was this mental lapse that produced the lack of defensive and offensive execution, and the numerous penalties the Red Raiders racked up, Leach said.

"As a team, we need to spend more time thinking about ourselves than we do thinking of our opponents," said Leach, whose team faces No. 10-ranked Kansas State at 6 p.m. Saturday in Manhattan, Kan.

"I think we spent too much time talking about Nebraska, thinking about Nebraska and actually even caring about what Nebraska does, as opposed to focusing on what we do."

Tech finished last Saturday's contest with 12 penalties for 83 yards and leads the Big 12 Conference with 83 penalties for 676 yards.

In the past three games alone, the Red Raiders have collected 41 penalties for 324 yards.

I felt like we left our heads in the locker room," Leach said. "Physically, we went out there and were excited. We wanted to make something happen and we are about doing that without thinking.

"We're still a good football team, but I think mental toughness is one of our biggest problems."

Defensively, the Red Raiders had their worst performance of the year,



Texas Tech defensive end Aaron Hunt brings down Nebraska running back Dan Alexander in the Red Raider's 56-3 loss to the Cornhuskers last Saturday.

surrendering 540 yards including 442 on the ground.

The lackluster effort dropped the Tech defense from No. 2 in the nation to No. 10.

Tech defensive tackle Kris Kocurek is quick to give the Nebraska offense credit for its dominance, calling the offensive line the best he has ever played against.

But don't blame the senior captain if he also agrees with Leach's reasoning.

"I think a lot of our young guys, playing the No. 1 team in the country, weren't used to that atmosphere,"

Kocurek said. "They were really fired up before the game, everybody was in the locker room jumping and hollering and stuff."

"I think we need to concentrate more on executing plays and things in that nature."

Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury said the offense also will have to concentrate more on executing its plays.

The Red Raider offense has been battling inconsistency all year, and against the Cornhuskers, they had their worst performance of the season.

Altogether, Tech tallied a season-low 200 total yards and 11 first downs.

"(The loss) is just part of the game, you win some and you lose some," Kingsbury said. "We are going to bounce back this week and give Kansas State all we have. They're a great team, so we have to be ready."

However, the most difficult task for the Red Raiders this weekend may be forgetting about their blowout against the Cornhuskers.

"It better not be (hard for them to forget), or they are in for a long season," Leach said. "Ultimately, it doesn't matter if we lose by one or a thousand, they're all the same. You still have to play the next week."

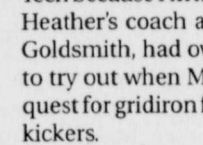
Put me in coach, or pay the price

Heather Sue Mercer sued Duke University and won. This is great news for me. Heather was awarded \$2 million dollars from the Blue Devils for being cut from the football team.

This affects me because Heather and I are in the same boat. We're both minorities that have been denied our dreams by systems that just don't care about us. We're both victims.

Heather claims that she was cut from the Duke football team simply because she is a woman.

Phil Riddle



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I can't play football at Texas Tech because I'm not good enough. Heather's coach at the time, Fred Goldsmith, had over 120 hopefuls to try out when Mercer began her quest for gridiron fame, six of them kickers.

She made several cuts and was, by all accounts, very accurate. The problem came with the distance of her kicks. She claimed, under oath, that she was accurate from 43 yards, but had kicked field goals from 48 yards. Goldsmith, in his testimony, said her distance was more like 35 yards. Let's split the difference, here, and call her an accurate kicker from 40 yards. She is obviously a talented kicker. However, how can anyone question the coach cutting Mercer in favor of the eventual All-ACC standout Sims Lenhardt.

Lenhardt, in spite of the handicap of being a man, made seven of eight field goals from 40-49 yards in the disputed season, 1997, and booted four of six field goals of over 50 yards. Those are standout numbers. According to my math tutor, 50 yards is greater than 40 yards, regardless what time the train leaves Chicago going 60 mph. Mercer claims she thought she was assured a spot on the team after making a game-winning field goal in an intra-squad scrimmage.

To quote my idol Charles Emerson Winchester III, "That is roughly the equivalent of being the finest hockey player in all of Ecua-

dor." It doesn't guarantee anything. Before you pull out your poison pens, know for sure that I am not anti-woman. I like women. My mom is a woman. My sister is a woman. I have nieces that will someday be women.

This is not a women's issue. It is, however, an issue of competitiveness, something that springs up every once in a while in Division I NCAA football.

Goldsmith, who has since left Duke for losing too many games, had only 85 scholarships to hand out. Mercer, as a walk-on, was given an opportunity to make the team, and I applaud that fact. But she, and all the other walk-ons, had to know it was a long shot. She didn't make the team. The person that beat her out for the kicker spot has done an exceptional job, yet she still screams that the only reason she was cut from the squad was because she is a woman. And the court in Greensboro, N.C. agreed with her. I wondered what they did with all those publicity starved, out-of-work jurors from the O.J. Simpson jury.

It is a fact of life in football that some people who really love the game are NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO PLAY. Even if they are above average in talent. Even if they win an intra-squad game. Even if they are accurate, hard-working, loyal, trustworthy, reverent and go to church every Sunday. Coaches at this high level of competition have difficult decisions to make at every position, and the jury's ridiculous thought patterns aside, Goldsmith made the right decision for his football team.

This is good for me because now I can play football for Tech. I know, I'm 43 years old. But I do have all four years of eligibility remaining. I know, I'm not as good as the guys on the team. But, according to that North Carolina jury, that's really beside the point.

I want to play quarterback because I threw a touchdown pass in the intramural championship at Coronado High School in 1974. If coach Leach doesn't really want me, (and, honestly, why would he), I could always go the route of Heather Sue Mercer and sue the school.

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Not everyone excited about MLB World Series

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — It's something most New Yorkers probably can't fathom, but not everyone is in a frenzy about the Mets and Yankees meeting in the World Series. Stephanie Netolicky of Ankeny, Iowa, responded with a blank stare when she was asked about the Subway Series.

"I thought you were talking about a sandwich shop," she said, rolling her

eyes. Iowans at the downtown convention center Wednesday were buzzing about Al and George — no, not Leiter and Steinbrenner — Gore and Bush.

"I could care less about baseball at a time like this, are you kidding?" Netolicky said as she waited for the vice president to arrive. "I'm out to get this man elected. There are more im-

portant things than a damn bat and ball."

Cubs fan Eric Ludwig, 31, of Des Moines, didn't want to be a part of "New York, New York."

"They've already got a pretty big ego over being this big city," he said. "But there's just not that much interest in the series here and, I would say, in the rest of the country."

Fox TV hopes the rest of the country cares deeply about a Mets-Yankees matchup because it wants to satisfy advertisers who bought commercial time months ago.

"I'm sure the network will seek to promote this by emphasizing the rivalry between the teams, the passion of the fans in New York, the sellout crowds in Shea and Yankee stadiums, the history of competition in New York," said former CBS Sports president Neal Pilson, who owns a TV consulting firm.

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