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Attacks kill leaders of al-Qaida network

CASUALTIES OF WAR: The latest victims of the U.S. air strikes on the Taliban has its military reeling.

By Scott Lindlaw/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. military strikes in Afghanistan have killed some leaders of the al-Qaida terrorist network but not the most senior ones, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday.

He said three weeks of U.S. airstrikes have taken a toll on the Taliban's military and the al-Qaida network that the Bush administration says

was behind the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States. Some midlevel terrorist leaders also were killed in the U.S. bombing, he added.

"To our knowledge, none of the very top six, eight, 10 people have been included in that," Rumsfeld told a Pentagon news conference.

Asked about reports that the Taliban had arrested Americans in Afghanistan, Rumsfeld said, "There have been no American military captured. Whether someone else may have been ... I don't think so."

Earlier, a Pentagon spokeswoman said the U.S. military has extended its bombing of Afghanistan northward toward the border area with Tajikistan and is also trying to hit cave hide-outs of Taliban and al-Qaida forces.

Speaking as the American effort enters its fourth week, spokeswoman Victoria Clark told

reporters the objectives for Monday's bombing included the Taliban military's armor and troop concentrations.

Clark said bombers are trying to work systematically through the complex system of caves.

Asked about a report in The Washington Post that the U.S. bombing had attempted to strike Taliban positions in north-central Afghanistan near Tajikistan, Clark replied, "We've been hitting on a variety of areas around the country, including in that area."

Clark said the bombing Sunday involved 79 sorties into Afghanistan, and included humanitarian food drops and leaflet drops.

The Bush administration is under growing pressure from lawmakers and Afghan rebel leaders to step up the military campaign in Afghanistan and send in ground troops, but key allies say

increasing civilian death tolls could undercut support for the U.S. effort.

U.S. attacks on the Afghan capital of Kabul killed at least 13 civilians Sunday, and warplanes returned for a second wave of attacks later.

American bombs pounded targets in the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif, the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar in the south, Herat in the west and Jalalabad in the east, said the Afghan Islamic Press, a private news agency.

Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, warned last week against "excessive collateral damage" to civilians — a concern also voiced by the leaders of China, Malaysia and others.

But Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Sunday that America must unleash "all the might of United States military power," including large numbers of ground troops, to prevail in Afghanistan.

"It's going to take a very big effort, and probably casualties will be involved, and it won't be accomplished through air power alone," McCain said on CNN's "Late Edition."

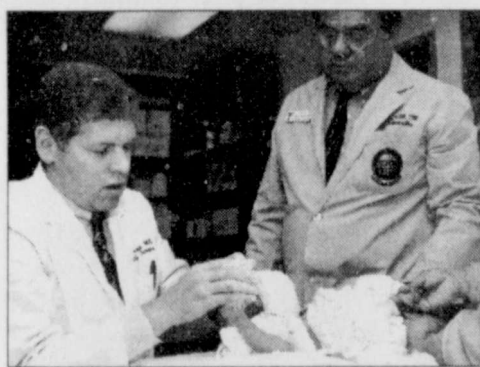
The largest known U.S. ground force in the Afghanistan region is 2,100 Marines, who are aboard the USS Peleliu in the Arabian Sea. In addition, 1,000 soldiers with the Army's 10th Mountain Division, are at an air base at Khanabad, Uzbekistan, 90 miles from the northern Afghan border. These troops are trained for combat in wintry and mountainous conditions.

Thousands of U.S. soldiers and Marines were in Egypt this week for training exercises.

White House chief of staff Andrew Card, and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld were non-

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Tech doctor attends to clubfoot



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer
WITH THE ASSISTANCE of two other doctors, Dr. David Godfried puts a cast on an infant with clubfoot Monday afternoon in the Children's Orthopaedic Center in Thompson Hall.

Orthopedic specialist is using non-surgical tactics to help his patients cope

By Jeff Stoughton/Staff Reporter

Timothy Garza enjoys watching cartoons and playing like the rest of his classmates in kindergarten. When the 6-year-old was born, however, he developed an infection that caused the left side of his body to grow slower than the right side.

Garza and his family traveled to the Children's Orthopaedic Center in Thompson Hall on Monday to visit Dr. David Godfried, who specializes in pediatric orthopedics. Godfried is among the few physicians in the United States who practices a non-surgical method of treating clubfoot, another bone deformity present in about one out of 1,000 infants.

The feet of an infant born with clubfoot are turned inward, leaving the soles of the feet facing each other and the ankles at right angles. One or both feet may be affected.

Most cases of clubfoot are treated with surgical procedures. Godfried uses a technique called the Ponseti Technique, in which a series of casts is placed on the infant's foot and leg. The casts are replaced each week and gradually maneuver the foot into its proper place. After the casts are removed, a physician lengthens the tendon in the back of the heel using a minor surgical procedure. Treatment usually lasts four weeks.

Godfried said the procedure was not painful for the infants, but "the kids do get a little mad when we put that first cast on."

Amie Calderon, a 10-day-old infant, was born



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer
DR. DAVID GODFRIED, a physician in the Children's Orthopaedic Center in Thompson Hall, consults with Timothy Garza, a 6-year-old patient being treated for a growth plate deformity, and his mother about the healing process after his condition is repaired through Godfried's surgical and non-surgical methods.

with a clubfoot on her right leg. Her mother, Tina, heard about Godfried from Covenant Medical Center in Plainview. Amie received her first cast Monday.

Tina Calderon said she was not worried about her daughter because of her faith in God and modern medical techniques.

"Since she's young, she has a better chance," she said through a translator.

Godfried said the Ponseti Technique is more successful at treating clubfoot than traditional surgical procedures. He said he noticed the effects of

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Bush tightens restrictions on foreign student visas

CONTROLLING IMMIGRATION: The president wants people who support terrorism to be kept out of America.

By Scott Lindlaw/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush moved to tighten restrictions on foreign student visas Monday, part of an effort to bar the entry of immigrants who commit or support terrorism.

Bush was directing top aides to study the foreign student visa system and develop recommendations for tighter controls, a White House official said.

Several of the 19 hijackers who crashed planes on Sept. 11 entered the United States legally with the kinds of visas routinely granted each year to thousands of foreign students.

Some lawmakers have proposed a six-month moratorium on new foreign student

visas until a system for tracking them can be implemented. Bush was stopping short of that step on Monday, an aide said.

Bush also planned to announce creation of a foreign terrorist tracking force that would coordinate efforts by government agencies to keep those with links to terror organizations out of the country, and locate, detain, prosecute or deport terror group associates who already live here, said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

"Obviously, on Sept. 11, a group of alien terrorists got into our nation and attacked the Pentagon and World Trade Center, so

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Meeting tuition deadline equals free Tech T-shirt

PAYING DUES WITH PERKS: Students who make the payments on time could win a laptop computer.

By Melissa Guest/Staff Reporter

Students who pay their spring tuition by the Jan. 3 deadline will receive a specially designed T-shirt and may be eligible to win a laptop computer.

All students who have paid 100 percent of their tuition with non-university funds will be entered in drawings for two of the new slim laptop computers. The drawing will be held at a tuition party in January at the University Center.

The promotion campaign is designed to encourage and inform students of the early payment.

Lynda Gilbert, vice president for Fiscal Affairs, said students should take advantage

of the promotion, which begins during registration in November.

"Part of the T-shirt promotion is to reward students, give them a thank you for paying on time and the computers as a promotion," Gilbert said.

"The reason we are having to move the deadline up is because we have a number of courses that are high demand," Gilbert said. "If they pre-register, and then never show up, we hold those seats for them, keeping others from getting into classes they need. We're trying to make as many seats avail-

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RaiderGate undergoes changes

MINOR ADJUSTMENTS: A new way students can show Tech spirit will present itself when Texas A&M strolls into Lubbock this weekend.

By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

Football fans participating in the RaiderGate this weekend will have a new way to express their spirit with the addition of a best dressed space contest.

"This contest was put in place in the hopes of raising more spirit at RaiderGates," said John Steinmetz, Student Government Association president. "During RaiderGates, we noticed that a number of students had already begun decorating their spaces, so when the suggestion was made for a contest, we decided to do it."

With the contest, tailgaters with passes will have the

opportunity to decorate their parking space or spaces with as much Tech spirit as possible. Judging for the contest will take place during RaiderGate with winners being announced later. The most spirited tailgater will receive first choice of parking passes for the Tech-Oklahoma game Nov. 17.

Steinmetz said this has become even more important with the increasing size of the passes.

"We had people lined up at 5:45 a.m. to get passes for RaiderGate Monday," he said. "We were completely out of them the first day."

The number of passes allotted to each student also has been reduced in to accommodate demand. Instead of allowing each student to reserve three passes, each student will be allowed to pick up only two. Requests for an additional pass will be heard on a case-by-case basis.

"The number of passes has been restricted because we wanted to extend the opportunity to reserve spaces to as

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POOL OVER



TEXAS TECH STUDENTS pull a white tarp across the swimming pool at the Texas Tech Aquatics Center last week. The procedure is done annually in preparation for winter. Other students did their share of pulling and removing clamps. JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR Staff Photographer

Tech's Staff Senate, HSC ask people to put guns, bucks up

By Jenny Klein/Staff Rep.

Texas Tech's Staff Senate, in conjunction with the Health Sciences Center, initiated a school-wide fund-raiser for the New York City Police and Fire departments Monday.

Kathy Womble, co-chairperson for the "Get Your Guns Up and Put a Buck Up!" relief fund, said she has been organizing the drive for about a month.

"If this had happened in Texas, I don't think the people in New York City would hesitate to channel money to us," Womble said.

Fliers were sent out Monday to people

on campus to let them know about it, Womble said. E-mails were sent out to different student organizations.

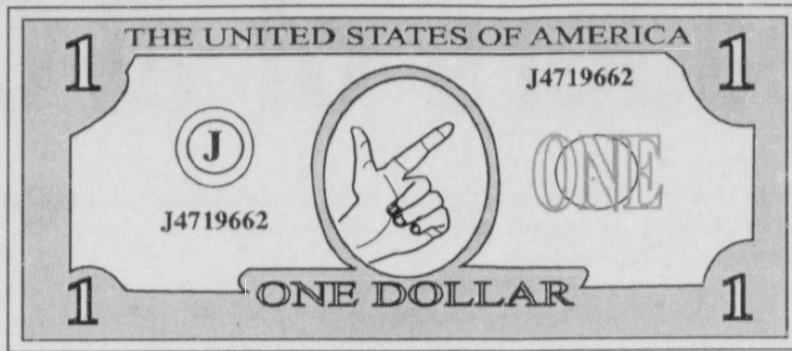
Womble said based on the number of faculty, staff and students at Tech, not including the HSC, she is expecting at least \$30,000.

After just one afternoon, she has raised \$110, she said.

Russell Crosby, Senate president and co-chairman, said \$30,000 is the low end of the goal. While it's something to shoot for, they're hoping for more, he said.

Crosby said he wants everybody involved Tech to participate.

"We're all one big family around here.



Greg Riley

We'd like to show support as a whole body, as Texas Tech University," Crosby said.

Womble said she hopes to beat Texas A&M's amount of \$80,000 raised in a similar fund-raiser.

The Senate plans to continue the fund-raiser until February 2002. In December, a basketball signed by the men's and women's basketball teams and a foot-

ball signed by the football team will be raffled off for a \$1 per ticket, she said.

All the money donated will go directly to the police and firefighters of New York City. There is no middleman, Womble said.

In order to get more student involvement, the Senate has called on Student Senate support from the HSC and Tech, she said.

Kelli Stumbo, president of Tech's Student Senate, said they are in full support of the drive.

"Kathy Womble explained that the money would be going directly to those who needed it the most. That's the main reason why we're in favor of it," Stumbo said.

All student senators were asked to bring \$1 to the next meeting, Stumbo said.

The fund-raiser also will be incorporated with SGA Day, Nov. 7, she said.

Donations for "Get Your Guns Up and Put Your Buck Up!" can be made at the Office of the Registrar in 106 West Hall or at all branches of the Tech Credit Union. A special account, called the "Buck Up Account," has been set up there.

"We've got a lot of good-hearted people around here and it's time we let people know about it," Crosby said.

TECH NOTES

The Texas Student Education Association will host its annual Halloween carnival

from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today in the University Center Courtyard. For more information, call Sandi Cooper at (806) 742-1997.

The Tech CAN share food drive is accepting canned foods until Nov. 8 in the University Center Courtyard. For more information, call Carrie Evans at (806) 742-3621.

Avi Lipkin, a Jewish speaker and author, will be in Lubbock at 8 p.m. Nov. 24 to speak about the fanaticism of Islam and how it is the No. 1 threat to world peace today. There is no charge to attend. For more information and the event's location, call DeDe Deckard at (806) 785-5307.

Notice: Has your campus organization won

an award or been recognized at the state, regional or national level since Jan. 1? Student organizations' awards and honors will be featured on RaiderVision Saturday at the Tech-Texas A&M game. E-mail your organization's information to stev@sullivan@ttu.edu by Wednesday to be included.

South Plains Liberty will have a meeting at 7 p.m. today in the University Center's Llano Estacado Room. The beginning phase of candidate no-fee filings for the 2002 general election and the wrap-up phase of the petition to repeal the Lubbock smoking ban will be topics on the meeting's agenda. For more information, call Greg Fisher with the Campus Libertarians at (806) 749-2010.

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Florida prof to lecture at Tech about vampires

BITING SPEECH: Luise White will speak about her recent book on bloodsucking.

By Laura Sepeda/Staff Reporter

Luise White, a graduate of Cambridge University and a professor of history at the University of Florida, will give a lecture on her recent book, "Speaking With Vampires: Colonization and Bloodsucking in Eastern Africa," at 7 p.m. tonight at the International Cultural Center.

The book delves into the stories of blood-sucking firemen from the early 20th century.

"I started the research for this book in 1986," White said.

She said she originally made the trip to Kenya for another purpose but her circumstances and the intricacies of the vampire legend, which originated in western and eastern Africa, intrigued her and prompted the creation of her new book.

"I wondered if it was a myth, a widespread belief or a framework for some local phenomena," she said.

White said it is widely believed that early 20th century firemen drained the blood of other Africans. Unlike the traditional European and American vampires, the African vampires were mortal and modified the new technology of Western civilization to meet their bloodletting needs. This technology included medical equipment, tools, machinery,

automobiles and western built roads.

In one scenario depicted by White, the vampire/firemen would use the backseat of a modified automobile and a syringe to remove the majority of a victim's blood then abandon the victim to die.

"I heard different versions of the story," she said. "I would hear one version from the women and a completely different version from the men."

White said the mythology encompassed all the fears and anxieties of the African people in a formulaic story.

"An urban legend is the closest analogy I can compare this to," she said.

Like an urban legend, the myth of firemen vampires in Africa depicts the workings of strained imaginations and the human need for melodrama to emphasize fear and differentiate between good and evil.

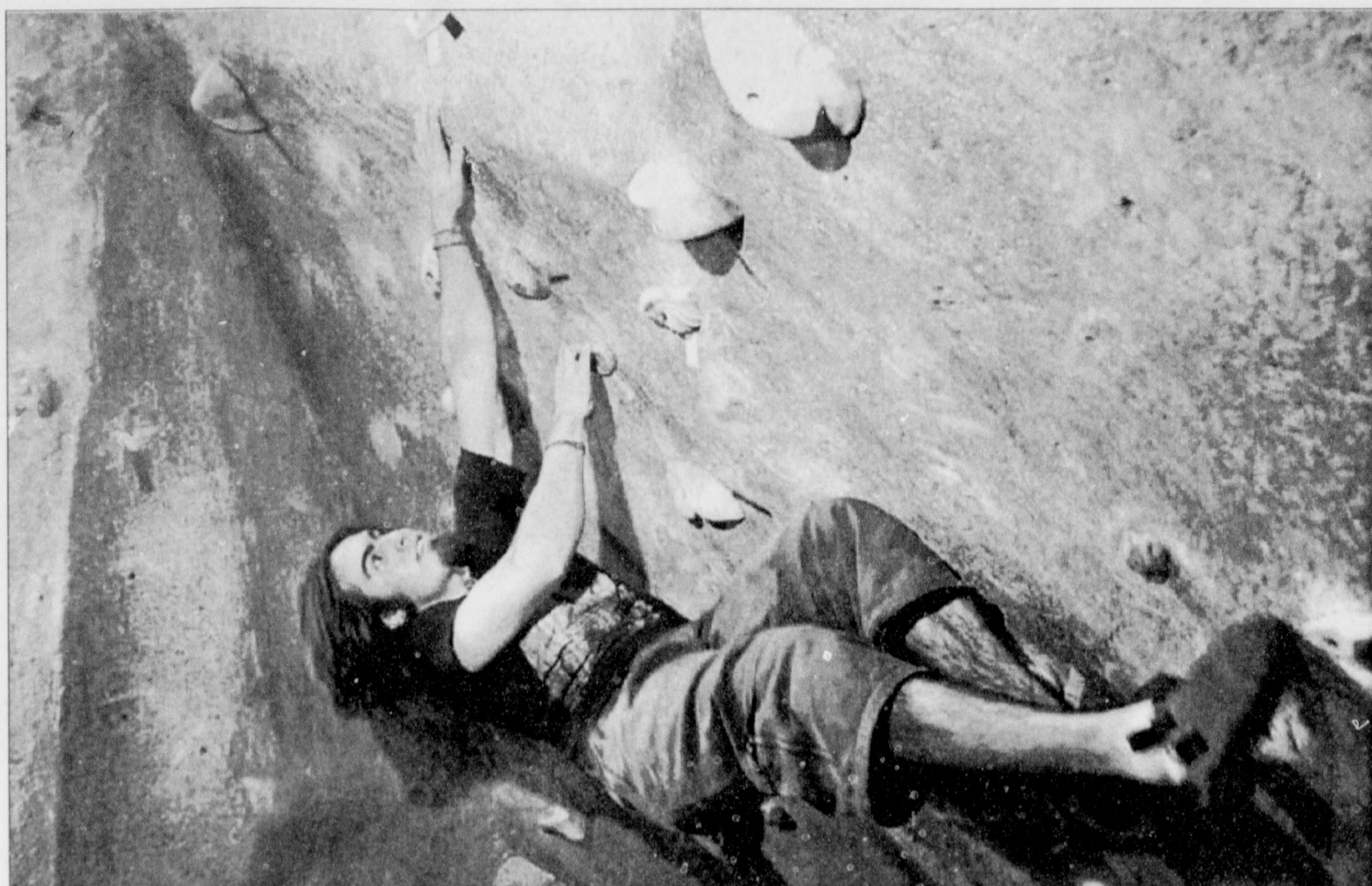
White said the reason blood is significant in this myth is it symbolizes so much in African culture.

"Blood is the essence of life," she said. "The Africans consider it a reproductive and a sexual fluid. Blood, semen, and breast milk are considered to be the same fluid in different forms."

White used numerous sources for her book, including the firemen of today's Nairobi, Kenya who still have to deal with the effects of the stories. One fireman's reaction to White's book, she said, was "Oh good, she is going to set it straight."

White's first book, "The Comforts of Home," won the Herskovits Prize for the best book in African studies when it was published in 1990. Her new book is a finalist this year for the same prize.

ON THE ROCKS



PABLO ARMIJO, A sophomore architecture major from Lubbock, reaches for the next hold as he climbs the climbing wall in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Monday evening.

Texas Tech engineers help high school students do their BEST in weekend competition

Texas Tech's College of Engineering hosted the Boost interest in Engineering, Science, and Technology robotics competition Saturday.

High school and junior high school teams from across West Texas met at Estacado High School to see

which group built the best robot.

Each team had six weeks to turn a box of spare parts, fasteners, and other materials into a robot. The robot had to move down a rail suspended five feet in the air, pick up an item in the middle, and carry it to the other end of the rail.

The finals are a round-robin tournament staged the following week to determine which group advances to the Texas BEST championship, Nov. 16 and

17 in College Station. Lubbock High School and Lazbuddie High School will advance from the West Texas area after winning Saturday's event.

POLICE BLOTTER

Blotter information is compiled from reports filed with the Texas Tech Police Department.



Misrepresentation

An officer documented information Oct. 19 concerning a person who misrepresented himself as Texas State Rep. Kenn George at the Texas Tech president's office in the Administration building.

Criminal mischief

A student was arrested Oct. 20 for criminal mischief, which occurred at

gate 3A in the Z4-R parking lot. The student was taken to Lubbock County Jail.

Medical emergency

A student received an electrical shock while unplugging a power cord from an electrical outlet in 211 Agricultural Education on Oct. 22. The student refused treatment at the scene.

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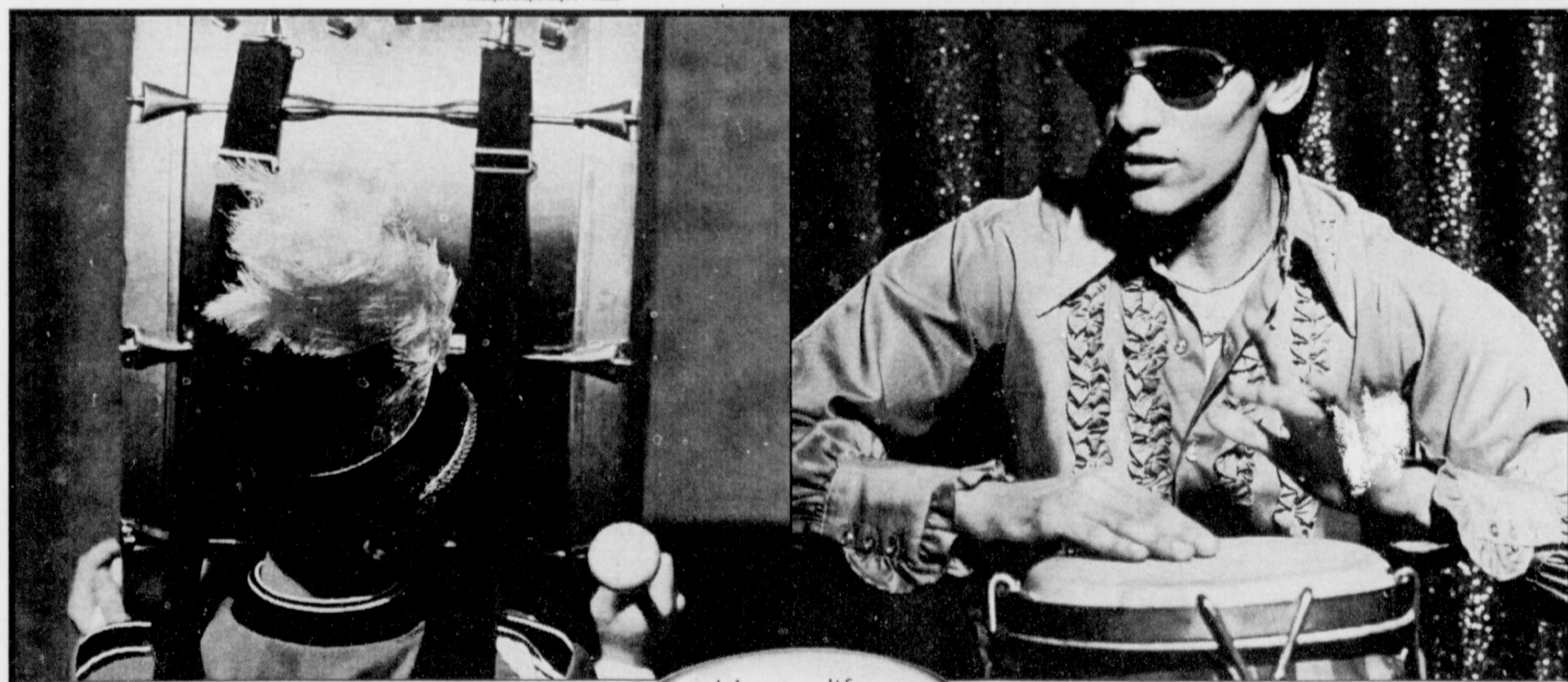
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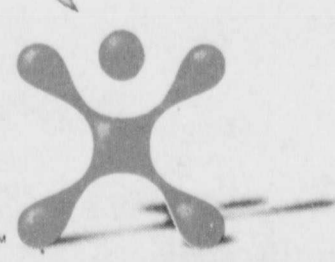
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Biography reveals serious issues facing American society today

COLUMN



DALLAS GRANT

Recently I've heard complaints about columnists not writing about serious topics. Apparently the topics being covered are not in the forefront of the thoughts of The University Daily's readers. Well, I hope to

remedy the problem this week by tackling an issue I know is of the utmost concern for the readers of The UD.

I was in Barnes & Noble yesterday, applying for a job when I noticed something that sent me reeling backward into the Post-Modern Asian Comic Book section (remember, we're talking Barnes & Noble).

I was browsing through a section of biographies on musicians. The rack of books read like a dream concert that could only be held at a venue in the afterlife. Curt Cobain, Jim Morrison and Stevie Ray Vaughn caught my attention right away.

As I looked more closely, reading each title, I noticed the book that originally sent me stumbling across the aisle into an Asian comic book reader.

The slim, almost magazine like book, was a biography on N' Sync! I looked up to find several video cameras plotting my every move, so I was unable to defecate on the book then and there. I pulled my zipper up and tried to collect my thoughts.

How was this possible? I know Barnes & Noble couldn't possibly group the greatest artists of the century with a pantywaist group like N' Sync. I flagged down the closest employee and he verified my fears. In fact, the book was in the right location along side the music that shaped generations.

I realized I might have a serious case of denial. Yes, this soul searching did happen right there in front of the biography section. Could I be mistaken? Could this group (I refuse to use the word "band") be a legitimate source of music for the discriminating listening public?

I came to the conclusion that while a discriminating listener would never pollute the air with such filth, some less discriminating listeners might. I searched the furthest recesses of my mind, the place where I hide things, and recalled boy band horrors of yesteryear.

It all started coming back to me. In a horrible chemical flashback, I remembered I had heard college age girls talk of these groups: Backstreet Boys, 98 Degrees, and N' Sync. How could I forget? I actually dated a girl who was in love with one of the Backstreeters.

I stood dumbfounded and tried to put a word on the feeling that was raging inside of me. "Embarrassed" is what finally came to mind. I understand Barnes & Noble only classified

these losers with my heroes because they both seem to produce some sort of melodic noise. They couldn't be at fault, completely, for this insult to everything good about music.

Who?! Who did this? There must be someone to blame!

After buying a Bruce Springsteen CD and limping home, I sat down to give the whole situation a little thought.

Here it is, my thoughts on why N' Sync belongs in the Children's Fiction section. First of all, a "band" needs a band. These guys don't even play instruments on stage. Next, they dance to choreographed steps and perform

routines. Do you see Pearl Jam doing the Electric Slide on stage? Hell no! Any real musician wouldn't be caught dead dancing around like a circus act. Lastly, N' Sync is marketed to a pre-teen audience. How deep could your

message really be when a bunch of screaming teenyboppers receive it? But you say Ricky Martin, Britney Spears, and Christina Aguilera don't play instruments. Exactly. Another group of losers, if I may say so. These guys are about as hard to believe as Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny.

When did it become cool for male rock stars to be such women? I guess I didn't get the memo.

What happened to the good 'ol days when rock stars defecated on stage and

tortured live animals?

Why, in this day, are these excuses for bands actually selling records? Could it simply be the geniuses in the marketing departments of big label record companies, or does the problem lie with listeners?

I think it's a little of both.

I can't really blame pre-pubescent for not knowing what good music is, but I can blame college students. Look, if you're in college and you still listen to boy bands, you have a problem. Of course everyone has a right to rot their own brains with whatever type of music they like, but I implore those still caught in the teenybopper web to get out and listen to real music.

Yes, this means you too, my former girlfriend. For the sake of all things good and holy we must stop the contamination of young American minds. Anthrax? Recession? We have bigger fish to fry!

Become a discriminating member of the listening public and refuse to listen to this garbage. If you have kids, show them what real music is, and expose the frauds that currently lurk in the music industry. If you are in the hopeless situation of dating a boy band fanatic, take a page from my book and send her packing! And if you listen to boy bands yourself, go jump off a cliff, and please, please, for the sake of future generations, die on impact!

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Of course everyone has a right to rot their own brains with whatever type of music they like, but I implore those still caught in the teenybopper web to get out and listen to real music.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Christian confession

To the editor: I'm sure Kristen Gilbreth has gotten responses on the column she wrote (UD, 10-25), probably about 90 percent of them from Christians.

I'll just let you know I have been a Christian all my life and have lived in the Bible belt all of my life. It was very easy to just accept the faith I was raised in. And I did for about 15 years of my life and just went to church because well, that's just what you're supposed to do.

So I do definitely understand what you are saying about having the open mind. Mine was closed. I believed everything people told me, which was great until my mind started thinking about things and trying to figure everything out. But I'll just let you know it has only been in the past three years I truly started to understand the goodness and realness of the God who I have always served. Just hear me out.

How do I know God exists by that? About two weeks ago, I found out. It was the greatest night of my life. Recently, I have been praying and asking God to baptize me in his spirit and power with such a magnitude that

there is no way that my mind can deny it. My spirit always said "Yes, God is real," but my mind said "prove it."

On Oct. 15, God did. Read in Acts chapter 2 when it talks about the day of Pentecost and the people being drunk in the Spirit. Sounds crazy, but I promise you, it is real.

For about an hour, I was literally pinned to floor by his power. It felt as if 1000 volts of electricity was surging through my body.

Now you can disregard this and say, "Yeah, right," but I'm telling you, that was the greatest night of my life. Never have I had such an intimacy with God. It's like everything I had ever heard about Jesus, and I now know that man personally. I know the God personally, who showed the greatest love to me by dying for me.

I just wanted to tell you there are Christians out there with open minds, who don't trample on people, point out their mistakes and judge people because they don't dot their I's and cross their T's. I am no better.

I am just a young man, just flesh and blood, yet there is something uniquely different about me. If you ever see me on campus, I do carry my Bible, not to beat someone over the head with, but simply that I may know the one who I

call Savior.

I guess I just wanted to let you know there are many Christians who do not fit the description of your article. I am a fool for Jesus Christ, but not because I conform to what I'm "supposed to do," but because he revealed himself to me. I feel wise because I know the one who is wise.

Brandon Bryan
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business management

Gilbreth's religious ideas on the mark

To the editor: I applaud Kristen Gilbreth for writing the column concerning religious beliefs and how blind faith can stand in the way of reason and wisdom (UD, 10-26).

Especially in areas like West Texas, it happens too often that religious ideas block rational ideas. Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell for instance, two of the most prominent Christian figures in our nation, blame the recent acts of terrorism on people who participate in everything from not going to church, to watching porn, to cussing, being gay and other such changes in our society. Falwell recently said God "lifted the

veil" of protection over our country, allowing violence to infiltrate our boundaries. And it will continue until all sinners repent (and I am sure, donate money to religious institutions). For too long that antiquated religious dogma has been the central driving force in politics and society. The separation of church and state is not the reason we have been attacked.

If anything, it is that America has held on to these ideas for too long. If fundamentalist Christians had their way, our societal conditions would hardly be better than those of Afghanistan, with the repression of women to inferior roles in society, to the fighting of every idea that didn't originally come from The Book.

It is for these reasons and more, that the Christian ideas can hardly be held higher than other ideas and religions they so viciously try to counter and attack. Thank you, Ms. Gilbreth, for giving a breath of fresh air to the fire of intellectualism that needs to burn over the country and the world.

Chris Shifflett
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English

Innocence of Halloween worth keeping in mind

COLUMN



KATIE HARRIS

Let's all close our eyes for a moment and forget all of the worries of today like tests, papers and work. Let's remember that innocent and carefree October day years ago when our only worry was finding the

nearest Halloween costume. Lets remember that feeling we had before we set out for a night of fun and candy.

Those were wonderful times, weren't they? Vigilantly putting on your disguise and, for one night, becoming the creature or person you always dreamed to be. Going from house to house in your neighborhood, and being greeted by lit porch lights and jack-o-lanterns. Laughing with friends as you raced to the next house. The sheer joy you had of ringing the doorbell in anticipation of a sugary ecstasy. Always ready to say with gusto the Halloween mantra: "Trick-or-Treat!"

Those times have passed, but not because we have grown up. The art of trick-or-treating is forever gone. This Halloween you will probably see parents driving their cars from house to house following their kids. Maybe one out of five porch lights will be on. If you buy candy you may only have a handful of visitors come and ask for your loot. Costumes no longer come from the imagination. They are only last-minute purchases from the supermarket. The art of trick-or-treating is gone, and many are to blame.

Halloween has gotten a bad rap. People have deemed Halloween the evilest day ever. I mean ever. Church officials put on the biggest display of this ridiculous labeling. They make Halloween out as some mass gathering of Satan worshippers, or worse, confused teenagers who wear heavy make-up and listen to Marilyn Manson. I am sure there are some who chant and sacrifice mice on this unholy day, but is this reason for alarm?

Parents worry some freak will poison the candy, kidnap their kids or go on a mass-murdering spree like Michael Myers in the "Halloween" movie series.

If I were going to be a freak and do something like that, I would not do it on Halloween. That is so cliché. People who think serial killers come out on Halloween have seen too many scary movies.

Only a small percentage of houses leave the light on and pass out candy these days. Maybe there is not enough time to pick up that bag of candy while they are at the store. Maybe two or three bucks are too much to spend on community togetherness.

Many people do not know their neighbors, much less their whole block. Trick-or-treating in the neighborhood might as well be trick-or-treating in another town. And because some neighborhoods have no lights on, many kids trek across town to the rich neighborhoods, hoping for first-rate loot. You know, trick-or-treating might actually do some good in bringing together a community.

Halloween has been celebrated by many cultures for many different reasons. It does have something to do with death, but in the American culture it only has one meaning — fun. Halloween is about celebrating youth, imagination and community. If people cannot see it for what is really is, they are missing out. There is danger and uncertainty in life on any day. A kid could get kidnapped on Halloween just as easily as walking home after school. It is better to enjoy life rather than spend all your time, especially your youth, worrying about it.

Is Halloween too evil for the world, or is the world too evil for Halloween? I am leaning toward the latter. It will be a sad day when our own kids cannot experience the joy we had on Halloween night because society thinks it is unwholesome. It will be even sadder if our kids cannot have a little Halloween fun because we cannot trust our own neighbors.

In the meantime, we can only have our bowl of candy ready for those who remember the lost art of trick-or-treating.

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Tuition

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able as possible for students who need these classes to graduate." To avoid problems with the deadline, students are encouraged to pay their tuition before leaving for Christmas break. Students who have not paid or fail to make arrangements prior to the Jan. 3 deadline will be dropped from enrollment.

"We're trying to make it simple. If you pay before school starts, you're in," Gilbert said. "If you don't pay, you're not."

Students must pay at least 50 percent of their tuition and sign a promissory note to pay the remainder in three payments. Students opting for this payment plan may print the form from the Student Business Services Web site and mail the signed form along with payment for 50 percent of their tuition and fees to the Student Business Services office.

Students receiving financial aid or scholarships will not be dropped from class rolls if the university has documentation of the support. Students

will be responsible for the portion of tuition and fees not covered by the financial aid or scholarships, Gilbert said.

Interest-free emergency loans are available for students who cannot make the Jan. 3 deadline.

The loans, available through Student Business Services and the Student Financial Aid office, are to be repaid within 60 days.

Texas Tech President David Schmidly said it is important for students to pay on time to keep state funding.

"The most important deadline is to get them paid so we can get the students' matching money from the state," he said. "If we don't, then we are forced to provide education resources for the students. The more timely we get it, the better able we are to allocate those funds for student resources."

Another change in tuition payments and policies includes procedures for students who do not meet their obligations. Formerly, students who did not meet payment deadlines would be dropped from the university and their courses would be deleted from university records.

This spring, however, if students do not meet their financial obligation, they will not be dropped and their grades will stay in the university system.

If students do not wish for this grade to remain on the record, they must withdraw from the class, according to university policy.

Grades and transcripts will be frozen until students have met their financial obligation to the university.

"That student has executed a financial obligation with the university and needs to pay the university for that loan," Gilbert said. "If they don't want their grades for that course, they need to withdraw under university guidelines."

Gilbert said with the many options, including payment online, students should have little problem meeting the new deadlines.

Many other universities have similar deadlines requiring tuition payment before classes begin, she said.

"I think one of the things I've seen here, is we kept changing," Gilbert said. "We are trying this semester to put a process in place and keep it consistent from semester to semester."

RaiderGate

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many students as possible," he said. "If there are any students who really need to have more than two, they can have a friend accompany them to reserve spaces."

Steinmetz said because of demand, clean up and usage of the spaces will be even more strictly monitored for the remaining two home games.

"There are a few students who are not allowed to receive any more passes because they did not clean up their trash or did not show up for past RaiderGates," Steinmetz said. "These

policies will be even more strictly enforced for future games."

Other changes will be made to the event to protect the safety of the participants.

Jenn Henley, activities specialist at the Student Activities Office, said at this weekend's RaiderGate, participants who have parking passes would be asked to surrender them if they leave the event early.

"We are asking students to return the passes if they leave with their vehicle during Raider Gate," she said. "With the number of people who will be in the parking lot, it is safer to control the traffic in the area."

Henley said pets would not be allowed at RaiderGate this weekend for

safety reasons.

"This is for the safety and consideration of both the pets and the students at the event," she said.

In the future, Steinmetz said, the university hopes to expand the number of spaces and people who will be able to enjoy RaiderGate. He said they are already in the process of locating a possible place of expansion for the event.

Gates will open at 8 a.m. for any vehicle towing a cooker and at 9 a.m. for everyone else with a parking pass. Judging for the most spirited tailgate section will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until the Tech spirit groups and football team appear at 10 a.m. The Jack Ingram concert will begin at 11 a.m. Kickoff for the game is scheduled for 1p.m.

Attacks

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committal Sunday when asked about significant ground forces. "Let's not go there yet," Card said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Some 100 airborne Rangers and other special ground troops struck a Taliban-controlled airfield and a residence of a Taliban leader earlier this month, but McCain said that was inadequate. He called for a "very, very significant" force large enough to capture and hold territory.

McCain, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Bush's rival for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination, has contended that un-

due restraint by the U.S. military and allies was emboldening Taliban fighters.

Considerations such as civilian deaths from U.S. bombing and the Muslim holy month of Ramadan that begins in mid-November must be "secondary to the job at hand, which is to wipe out nests of terrorism," McCain said.

Card defended the intensity of the military attacks by the United States and Britain. "We're not holding back at all," he said on "Fox News Sunday." "We'll do what we have to do to win."

In back-to-back TV interviews, Card emphasized Americans need to be ready for a protracted struggle, using the word "long" six times to describe it. "It could take years," he said on NBC.

Clubfoot

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the surgery while he took care of clubfoot patients in clinics in Illinois and Minnesota.

"While most of them were walking around, none of them were perfect," he said. "I wanted to see a better way."

He began studying the Ponseti Technique in Iowa City, where it was started. He started using the technique on patients in Chicago in 1997.

Godfried came to Tech in 1999 and has used the Ponseti Technique to treat children. He recently presented the results of his first 27 patients to Texas

Children's Hospital in Houston.

"The results were well-received," he said.

Godfried's clinic, located in Thompson Hall, treats a variety of conditions, including spinal deformities, bone fractures, cerebral palsy, spina bifida and muscular dystrophy.

Godfried said Timothy Garza will likely need one or two additional surgeries to treat his condition. Timothy's mother, Brenda Garza, said although he is unable to run and climb as well as other children, he has a bright future ahead.

"He pretty much does everything that other kids do," she said. "We always make him believe he can do anything he wants."

Vermont men shed their clothes for charity

CALAIS, Vt. (AP) — It's not every day Comelia Emlen asks more than a dozen men to take off their clothes.

But a worthy cause sometimes calls for a little discomfort.

As a small group of bystanders and bemused fishermen looked on, the men of Calais bared it all — or almost all of it — and waded into the chilly waters of Curtis Pond. All for a calendar that will be sold to raise money for the local community center.

They didn't really mind.

"Control yourself, girls," said J.C. Myers, who posed for the November page

with his brother, Matt Myers, putting the total number of calendar men at 13.

The calendar, which will be called The Full Vermonty in honor of the British film about an unlikely troupe of male strippers, is an unapologetic takeoff of a popular calendar published in 1999 featuring middle-aged Englishwomen from the Rylestone Alternative Women's Institute.

That calendar, called The Ladies of Rylstone, made international news. Nobody expects that kind of success from The Full Vermonty, also known as The Men of Maple Corner, after the small crossroads in Calais where many of the

participants live.

But Emlen, a resident who is leading fundraising efforts for the community center, has high hopes that the project will at least raise enough money to install a new bathroom, fire escape and septic system at the century-old community center building.

And it makes a nice change from the bake sales and other annual events that the community center board has used in the past to raise funds.

"We enjoy having fun," Emlen said. "And we wanted to do something that wasn't our standard letter to the community asking for money, or, 'Can you make five dozen cookies to sell?'"

The idea was popular from the start. There were many more volunteers than there were calendar pages. Emlen's own husband didn't want to sign up, but a lot of men did at the urging of their wives, Emlen said.

Each page features a man of Calais seemingly in the buff, posing with a strategically placed sap bucket, chain saw or tool belt to keep the picture G-rated.

As for whether they're really naked, it depends on which page you're looking at, said photographer Craig Line, who also photographed the April page. It features Don Heise, owner of the Reel Vermont boat rental and fishing guide service, on Curtis Pond.

"I'd say three-fourths have done it naked ... and the other one-fourth was three-fourths naked," Line said.

Heise kept his shorts on as he sat in a wooden canoe, a fishing line in his hand, paddling to keep the boat steady as a stiff breeze blew across the pond. A pair of fully dressed fishermen looked on in surprise from a nearby outcropping.

Heise said he wasn't cold. "But I am getting tired of holding my abdominals in," he said.

New city, county jails in Odessa to generate millions in revenue

ODESSA, (AP) — A 1,000-bed county jail expansion and the opening of a new 96-bed city jail is expected to bring millions of dollars in revenue to Pecos.

Officials recently broke ground on the expansion at the Reeves County Detention Center, and last week, Pecos city officials announced the Municipal Law Enforcement Center should open in March.

Reeves County Judge Jimmy Galindo said the \$50 million county detention center should be completed in January 2003, giving the facility more than 3,000 beds.

"When it's all done, we'll have invested more than \$100 million in the facility," Galindo said. "This project has provided a tremendous economic boost to the community."

Galindo said the new facility will employ 650 people and generate an estimated \$50 million a year in local revenue. The county completed a \$40 million, 1,000-bed expansion last year.

Galindo said the county jail now houses 2,065 prisoners for the federal government. In the expanded portion of the jail, about 90 percent of the inmates will come from the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, and about 10 percent will be detainees of the U.S. Marshals Service, he said.

Galindo said the county gets almost \$42 a day per inmate from the federal government to house its inmates. Pecos city finance director George Bajarano said the new city jail also will get \$42 a day to house U.S. Marshals Service detainees.

Bajarano said the city financed the

new \$5.7 million jail, and just received a \$2.4 million grant from the federal government to either defray the initial cost or to help build a 48-bed expansion, if needed.

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9:00	Dragon Tales Arthur	Today Show	Sally Jessy Raphael	Judge Mathis	Regis & Kelly	Crossing Over	
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Dance Theatre of Harlem performs at Tech tonight

By Damion Davis/Staff Reporter

The Dance Theatre of Harlem will perform at 8 p.m. tonight in the University Center's Allen Theatre.

Mary Donahue, assistant director of Student Activities in the UC, said this will be an exciting performance and one students should not miss.

"You can expect some very stun-

ning pieces that look at different cultures. You will be able to also see a wide range of experiences," she said.

The Dance Theatre of Harlem was formed in 1969.

It has been named as one of the country's top-rated shows as reported in "Entertainment Weekly."

Angel Lee, a sophomore psychology major from Lubbock, said she is

looking forward to seeing this performance.

"I have heard a lot about them from my parents and I think this is going to be a great show. Once I heard they were coming I ran out and bought my ticket. This is one of the performances I will not miss," she said.

Shadeta Johnson, a senior public relations major from Arlington, said this will be one of the highlights of the year and she hopes more programs like this will be able to come to Texas Tech.

"It is very exciting that they will be able to come to town. I will be able to get a taste of my own heritage and will be able to see some great dancing," she said.

The troupe has been highlighted in many places around the world, including Argentina, Germany and Jamaica.

Maeski Ardoni, a senior psychology major from Beaumont, said he is eager to see there is about the dance troupe has heard so much about through the years.

"This is going to be great. I am glad to see there will be black art on campus. It excites me and I hope that this is a trend that will stay for years to come," he said.

The troupe has a dance number entitled "Song of the Dead," which depicts a nightmare. It talks about the way the American Indians were oppressed through time.

The *New York Times* called this performance "electrifying and one that should not be missed."

"I have heard many talk about the dance troupe for a long time. I have never been more excited to see any other performance in my life," Lee said.

After 32 years, the troupe has performed in almost every country on every continent in the world.

The troupe also sponsors Dancing Through Barriers, an educational and community relations outreach program.

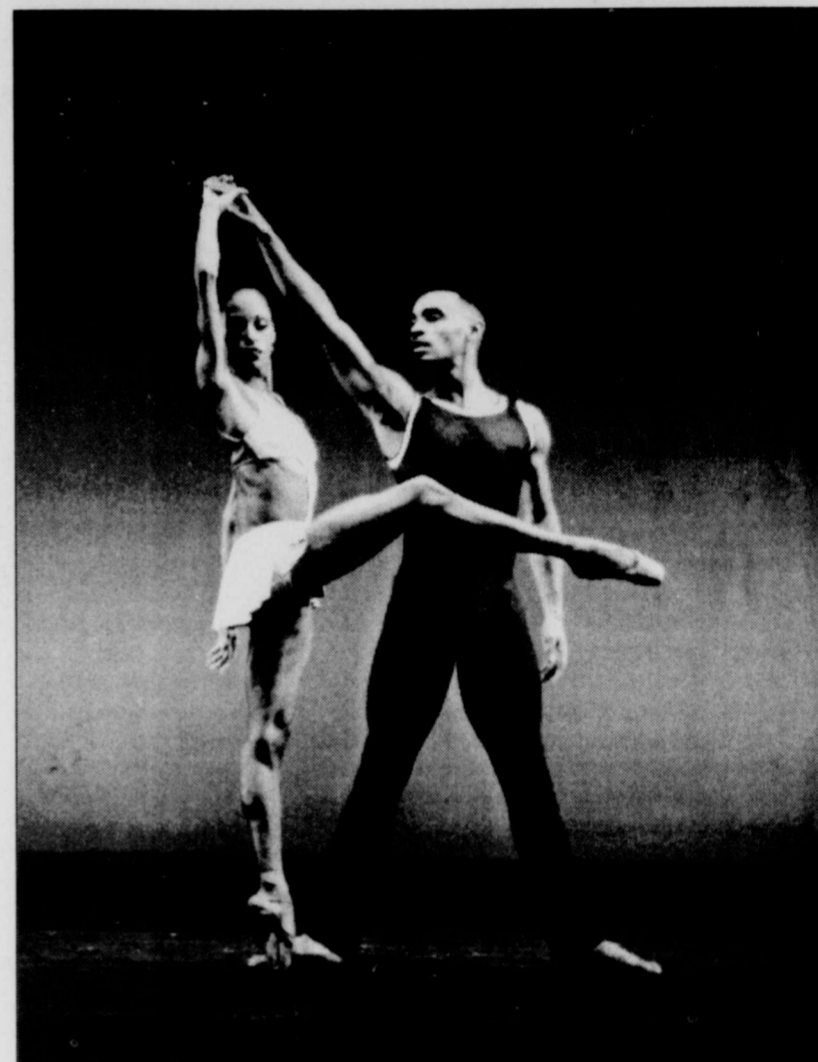
It is designed to help those in the neighborhoods who are less fortunate.

"We always try to bring in different cultures. That is one of the things that we look at when trying to schedule these performances," Donahue said.

Tickets are still on sale at the UC's box office. Tickets are \$15 for Tech students and \$20 for the general public.

For more information on the Dance Theatre of Harlem or any other activities in the UC call the Student Activities office at (806) 742-3621.

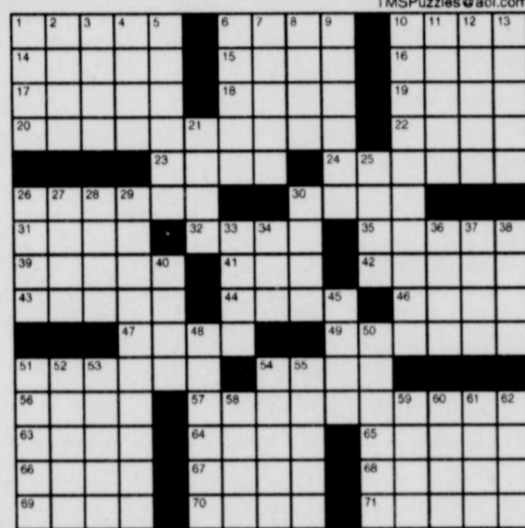
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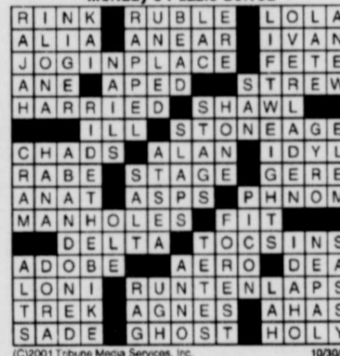
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Monday's Puzzle Solved



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'K-PAX' makes magic using two lead actors

MOVIE REVIEW



JAMES EPPLER

I would encourage the latter. At the beginning of the film, a man appears from nowhere in the middle of a

busy train station. He then is mistaken as having mugged an elderly woman nearby and is taken to a mental hospital on the basis that he claims to be from another planet.

The "being," played expertly by Kevin Spacey, says his name is Prot and he has traveled thousands of light years from his planet called K-PAX to do a report on the condition of this planet. He looks human, but claims he takes the form of whatever being rules the planet he is visiting. If we were to visit his planet, we would take the form of a K-PAXian.

The doctor analyzing him is Dr. Mark Powell, played by Jeff Bridges, who is hard to watch without remembering his role in "The Big Lebowski." The two men develop a relationship of sorts as Prot be-

comes more and more convincing as the story unfolds.

He explains he travels with a beam of light—only faster. We humans are cons away from discovering light travel, he explains.

From the audience's point of view, I think we secretly hope Prot is indeed from another planet, and we become more convinced along with the doctors examining him.

Powell's goal is to prove to Prot so, he hopes to cure Prot of this severe delusion. To accomplish this task, he enlists the help of a friend, who just happens to be an astronomer, to ask Prot some probing questions as to the conditions of his planetary system. Prot answers these questions without any problem. His answers impress the local astronomers and he is soon invited to the planetarium to meet some

prestigious doctors in the field. He is asked to draw a diagram of the planetary rotation of K-PAX. He does so rather easily. The doctors seem rather put off by this and plug his drawings and calculations into their computer.

The system works. The doctors are amazed. We are now convinced more than ever there may be something to this mental patient.

Powell also finds himself growing closer to Prot, and possibly even starting to believe him.

Meanwhile, Prot is making friends with his fellow patients and is doing things with seemingly hopeless cases. Now showing signs of improvement, and even breakthroughs. He explains he can take only one person with him when he returns to K-PAX at the end of the month. Every patient is convinced they will be the one chosen. Powell is determined to get to the bottom of this case before his "beaming back to K-PAX" on July 27.

If one has seen films like "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Awakenings," they may not be as impressed with the mental hospital aspect of the film. But what is remarkable about "K-PAX" is that it relies solely on the two lead actors, Spacey and Bridges, to communicate all the ideas and emotions the filmmakers are shooting for.

And they succeed. Kevin Spacey is one of the most talented actors in the nation and Bridges holds his own when sharing the screen with him.

The script by Charles Leavitt provides excellent dialogue between the two characters, and even succeeds in convincing us Prot may have more to him than meets the eye.

Director Ian Powell also has an interesting theme of light running through his film. Notice the extensive use of prisms and different forms of lighting used throughout the film, specifically in scenes between Prot and Powell. It's obvious if one is paying attention to it.

The intriguing screenplay and the chemistry between Spacey and Bridges make "K-PAX" worth beaming in to your local theater to see.

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Injuries plaguing 4-14 Red Raider soccer season



TEXAS TECH SOCCER player Catie Arseneault sustained an injury after colliding with a West Texas A&M opponent on this play. Tech has had several injuries during its 4-14 season.

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MISFORTUNE: Six players have missed action during Tech's worst season in history.

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

In most sports, injuries are a part of life. Every team has players who suffer them and every team must deal with replacing those players when the injuries occur. But the injury bug has bitten the Texas Tech soccer player especially hard this season as six players have missed playing time because of injury.

Sophomore defender Lindsey Scott underwent ankle surgery two weeks before the preseason.

Sophomore midfielder/forward Tracy Loyd tore an ACL in the preseason.

Sophomore midfielder Catie Arseneault suffered an injury to her MCL against West Texas A&M.

Freshman defender Jordan Wicker suffered a separated shoulder early on in the season and did not return until Tech's match-up against Kansas on Oct. 12.

Senior forward Carrie Graham suf-

fered a knee injury in Tech's loss to Texas A&M on Sept. 28., and coach Felix Oskam said she may make her return in the Red Raider's final contest of the season against Colorado at 7 p.m. Friday at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

Tech is 4-14 on the year and 0-9 in Big 12 play heading into its final week of the season and Oskam said the injuries have played a key part in the Red Raiders' struggles this season.

"It has tremendously slowed us down," Oskam said of the injuries. "Four of our starters have been injured, so that is four starters we have been playing without. At times this season we have had only one or two field players on the bench. They are practicing almost every day and playing two or three games a week and it becomes very tough on them."

Tech goalkeeper Brittney Peese said the lack of healthy players has not only hurt the Red Raiders in games, but it has made practice more difficult because there are not enough players to simulate an actual game.

"We don't have enough players on the field for practice or games," Peese

said. "That really hurts us because the other teams keep substituting in fresh legs and we don't have that opportunity."

Tech forward Marie Valdez tore an ACL in a spring game and missed the first five games of her senior season.

Valdez said even though she has been able to return from her injury, missing four starters for most of the season has made establishing a consistent style of play as a team difficult.

"There is not a doubt in my mind that if we had those injured starters for the entire season our game would have been more consistent," Valdez said. "We would have had a much better season and been able to make a greater impact in the Big 12."

Though the Raiders have battled injuries to starters and have yet to claim a conference victory, Oskam has found a silver lining in the 2001 campaign for Tech in the form of players gaining experience for the future.

"A lot of the younger players are seeing a lot of playing time," Oskam said. "They have been thrown in there right away. They are getting valuable Big 12 experience this season."

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NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jordan returns to the NBA at the arena where he's had some of his greatest moments.

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triple-double in All-Star history.

"It enthused me to play there every chance I got," said Jordan, who makes his regular-season debut Tuesday night with the Washington Wizards. "There's a lot of memories of playing on that floor, and I'm not going to forget them."

After eight preseason games, it all begins to count now for the 38-year-old Jordan, whose second retirement lasted nearly 3 1/2 years. He will start at small forward, wearing a uniform other than Chicago's for the first time in his NBA career.

He returns with six championship

rings and with the fourth-highest scoring total in league history. But he is coming back with a team that was only 19 games last season when he won the team president.

"I go in with no preconceived ideas other than just to play hard, and whatever happens, happens," Jordan said Monday.

"I'm in better shape than I thought I would be. I feel really good right now — just want to go in and get off to a good start of the regular season, and hopefully the team feels the same way," Jordan said.

The job of defending Jordan will

fall to Latrell Sprewell, who is eager to play the game to end all the questions he's been hearing about Jordan.

Sprewell was also on the opposing team when Magic Johnson made his comeback in 1996 after a 4 1/2-year retirement. Sprewell recalled with a laugh Monday that Johnson made all the highlight reels that ended by making him look bad with a head fake.

"It's going to be fun. It's what everybody has wanted to see for some time now. I guess people are anxious to see how good he is," Sprewell said. "I expect him to play hard and to get a lot of shots off."

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Tech offense gaining confidence, numbers prove it



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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Ricky Williams breaks through a pile during the Red Raiders' 63-19 win against Baylor on Saturday. The high scoring Raider offense has helped Tech score 142 points in the last three games.

By Phil Riddle/Staff Reporter

In their last three games, the Texas Tech Red Raiders have faced two nationally ranked squads, won twice, took No. 1 Nebraska to the limit and scored 132 points.

Included in those results is Saturday's 63-19 slaughter of Baylor in Waco.

What is the reason for the team's recent success?

Quarterback Kliff Kingsbury says it all amounts to confidence.

"We've gotten a lot more confident," he said. "It's the best we've played in a long time. We're getting more and more comfortable."

Tech coach Mike Leach said staying intent on the job at hand has been the most important part in the Raiders' current run.

"Confidence and lack of confidence dance around the central issue of focus," Leach said. "You've got to be focused. We try to insure it in practice, drill-by-drill. We're pretty young team, and we're playing together better."

The second year Tech coach said attention to detail results in improved focus.

"We really emphasize technique," he said, "even little bit things like the way a guy's knees are bent."

With the new emphasis on focus, Tech beat then-No. 24 Kansas State, 38-19, behind a 409-yard passing effort from Kingsbury, then fell to top-ranked Ne-

braska, 41-31, in spite of Kingsbury's 353 yards in the air, then slapped Baylor behind a 153-yard rushing day by senior Ricky Williams.

As a result of their offensive prowess, the Raiders rest near the top of the Big 12 in most statistical categories.

Kingsbury's 6,120 yards of total of-

tions in 44 attempts for 245 yards and two touchdowns.

"It was a fun game," he said. "I've never beaten anybody like that. It's motivation playing on the road in their homecoming game. It was part of our plan to ruin 50,000 people's day."

The offense, though, counts on the defense to have a chance to score.

Against Baylor, the Tech defense posted seven straight three-and-out possessions and claimed five turnovers, including a touchdown off a Ryan Aycock interception.

"We want to have the ball," Kingsbury said. "If the other team has the ball, we can't do our thing. We count on the defense for that."

Williams, among the conference leaders in total yardage, rushed for over 100 yards for the first time since 1998. His rehab from knee surgery appears to be done.

"He is one of the big changes from last year," Kingsbury said. "Not just running the ball, but catching and blocking. He's doing it all."

Leach sees Williams' contributions to the offense as vital.

"The more ways you can do it the better," he said. "It all goes hand-in-hand. You have to keep those guys stretched out. He's another way to do it."

Tech returns home for the first time in two weeks when it faces No. 17 Texas A&M at 1 p.m. Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium.

"We've gotten a lot more confident. It's the best we've played in a long time. We're getting more and more comfortable."

— KLIFF KINGSBURY
Texas Tech Quarterback

fense are fourth in the conference, and his 6,069 passing yards are third.

Getting comfortable in the driver's seat of the Tech offense in his second season as starter, Kingsbury is enjoying the attention that comes with playing well, especially on the road.

The Baylor game was especially sweet to Kingsbury, who rolled for 27 comple-

Tech beginning to trash the word mediocre

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I never liked the coach-speak phrase, "We are improving every week."

What it means to me is a team is developing as the year goes along and then — the season is over. And, of

course, the same expression comes up in week three of the next season.

But by looking at the Texas Tech football team the last three weeks, it would be safe to say Tech is making major adjustments to its status in the ranks of college football.

After the loss to Kansas, quarterback Kliff Kingsbury said Lubbock is obsessed with mediocrity.

It was the most accurate statement Tech's triggerman has said in two years. So Tech did something about it.

At this point in the season, the Red Raiders are doing everything right to rid the Hub City of the "M" word.

Tech's last two wins were convinc-

ing victories; 38-19 against Kansas State was a good boost, but Saturday's mesmerizing 63-19 bear claw against Baylor told the Big 12 Conference the Raiders are for real.

A 15- or 20-point margin of victory would tell other football schools nothing. But a win of more than 40 points against any Big 12 school, even Baylor, proves something. It means Tech's near-upset against Nebraska two weeks ago was no fluke.

Reports within national media has Lubbock tabbed as not a football town, but a men's basketball school because of the arrival of Bob Knight and the hype surrounding him. Sure, Knight is big for this city, but Tech coach Mike Leach cannot let The General's arrival overshadow the Red Raider's success on the gridiron.

Leach saved Tech from another coaching hunt and a mediocre season. If athletics director Gerald Myers

had a list of coaching candidates written up following the Kansas loss, it now lies in the wastebasket right along with the "m" word.

And the sign I saw at the Kansas State game that read, "Knight please find us a football coach," is probably gone, too.

Now we look ahead to Texas A&M. The Aggies are ranked, but are as overrated as saddles with jeans and sweatshirts with shorts.

But let us not guarantee a win here. I think the Aggies have a 1 percent chance of beating Tech.

And in sports, percentages are just for the odds makers. That 1 percent is

so big you can probably march the Lubbock Bob Knight fan club through it. And like the Raiders are saying, they are forgetting about the Kansas loss. They need to forget about the wins, too.

Tech can win out. Oklahoma State and Stephen F. Austin are easy picks for wins. And like the Aggies, Oklahoma lost the last time they stepped foot in Jones SBC Stadium. Leach would probably love to beat the Sooners after they used his prime recruits and offensive scheme to win the national title last year.

If Tech can finish 8-3, the Raiders could get in the Cotton Bowl and rid the Raiders of their galleryfurniture.com bowl status. But most importantly, the word mediocre will be in the trash.

All Tech has to do is not recycle it.

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Golfers close fall season in 10th

The Red Raider men's golf squad fired a 14-over par 866-team score to finish in 10th place in the three-round Nelson Tournament this weekend in Palo Alto, Calif.

Tech entered the final round four-over par, but posted a 10-over par in the deciding round.

Brian Smith was the low-individual scorer for Tech firing a three-round total of 214, good enough for 21st place individually in the tournament. Smith closed the weekend with a one-over par 72. The sophomore just missed his second career top-20 finish.

Kyle Willman was flirting with his second consecutive top-30 finish going into the final round at even par. But the senior dropped off the pace when he shot a three-over par 74 to finish the week-end tied for 31st.

Brooks Kelly finished in 39th followed by David Bolen (43rd), Mark Hull (54th) and Brad Jacobson (59th).

The Nelson tournament represented the final outing of the fall season for the Raider golf squad.

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