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Plane crashes into NY neighborhood

American airliner goes down in NY suburb; terrorism not linked thus far

By Ron Fournier/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said there were no unusual communications from the cockpit of an American Airlines plane that crashed Monday in New York. The head of the U.S. safety board said, "All information we have currently is that this is an accident."

Fleischer said President Bush was informed of the crash within minutes of its occurrence and that Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge hastened to the White House Situation Room to confer with other senior officials on a conference call.

At a White House briefing, Fleischer said the National Transportation Safety Board had been named the lead investigative agency into the crash, in which an Airbus crashed shortly after takeoff from John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York.

The crash triggered moments of intense concern inside the administration, struggling to cope with the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks and the anthrax outbreak that followed a few weeks later.

But initial information seemed to allay concern that the American Airlines crash was another bout of terrorism. Several administration officials, including some at the White House, said the incident did not appear to be a terrorist attack.

Marion Blakey, chairwoman of the NTSB, said preliminary evidence suggests the crash was an accident. She announced that the plane's flight data recorder has been recovered.

Fleischer said there had been no credible threats against airplanes in advance of the crash. The White House spokesman declined to rule terrorism in or out as a possible cause of the crash but said he would not dispute the assessment of U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, who said there was no preliminary evidence of terrorism.

The airlines have taken a financial

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JASON ROBINSON, A senior business major from Lubbock, watches the T.V. coverage of the airplane crash in Queens, N.Y., on Monday afternoon in the University Center.

Airport officials report no problems; Tech students express travel concerns

By Melissa Guest and Jeff Stoughton/Staff Reporters

Officials at Lubbock International Airport said there were no problems or additional security measures taken in response to American Airlines flight 587's crash in a New York neighborhood yesterday.

John McGinley, deputy director for Operations and Safety for LIA, said it was business as usual at the airport.

"It's just another day," he said. "From watching the news it looks like an accident and they're treating it like an accident. It's been fairly routine."

Curtis Jefferson said he left his home in Dayton, Ohio around 7 a.m. and heard of the crash while traveling.

"Everyone was pretty calm, actually," he said. "I was just a little bit concerned, but I was already en route, so there wasn't much I could do."

On his way to Lubbock, Jefferson said he was selected to be randomly searched at DFW International Airport in Dallas.

"It did make me feel a little safer knowing how thorough they are," he said. "It didn't bother me at all."

Lubbock residents Deborah White and Brenda Mendez, who were traveling to Dallas for a seminar, said they were not particularly worried about safety, but had arrived extra early in case of delays or extra security.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
WILLIAM HASH, A security officer at Lubbock International Airport, searches the trunk of a car Monday afternoon in the airport parking lot.

"We were afraid they were going to close the airports again," Mendez said. "But we're just going to Dallas. We're thinking positive."

Nearly 20 restaurant, hotel and institutional management students are in New York City for a restaurant convention.

Beng Goh, professor of education and nutrition, said all the students

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U.S. bombs bin Laden's weapon sites

NO NUKES: Osama bin Laden's military arsenal likely only consists of chemical and biological material.

By Matt Kelley/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden probably does not have a nuclear weapon, but likely has chemical or biological weapons, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said.

U.S. forces have bombed some sites in Afghanistan that could have been involved in producing such weapons of mass destruction, Rumsfeld said Sunday. Some of them have been bombed, some of them have not and others have not been found, he said.

"If we had good information on a chemical or biological development area, we would do something about it," Rumsfeld said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "It is not an easy thing to do. We have every desire in the world to prevent the terrorists from using these capabilities."

Getting information that a site may be producing weapons of mass destruction "faces you with a situation, are you best taking it out or are you best learning more about it," Rumsfeld said earlier on "Fox News Sunday."

The New York Times reported Sunday that the United States had identified three possible chemical or biological weapons sites in Afghanistan used by al-Qaida, and had avoided bombing them.

Rumsfeld and other top Bush administration officials said they doubt bin Laden's claim that his al-Qaida network has a nuclear weapon.

"I think it's unlikely that they have a nuclear weapon, but on the other hand, with the determination they have, they may very well," Rumsfeld said on CBS.

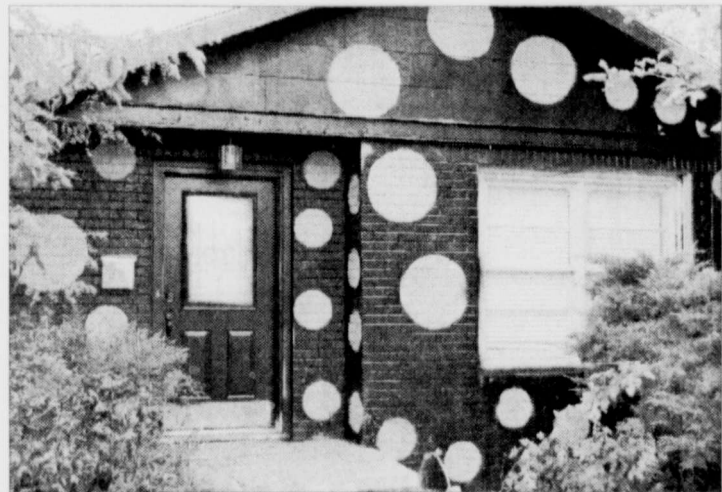
The defense secretary and other officials said weapons of mass destruction that possibly include radiological weapons — mixtures of conventional explosives and nuclear material designed to spread radiation without a nuclear detonation.

"We have every intelligence operation practically in the world on the problem of al-Qaida and the Taliban and their weapons of mass destruction at this point," the president's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, said on ABC's "This Week."

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Landlord uses Web site to paint fresh image about housing ordinance

THIS HOUSE AT the corner of 25th Street and Indiana Avenue has been at the center of controversy the entire semester surrounding a city living ordinance. The law prohibits more than two unrelated people from living in the same single-family residence. FILE PHOTO The University Daily



By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

While the paint job has been erased and the house remains empty, the once purple house has found a new life on the Internet.

A new Web site, www.mypurplehouse.net, was created by Bruce Rhyne, the nephew of the house's landlord, to keep attention focused on a Lubbock housing ordinance limiting the number of tenants who can live in a single-family residence. The Web site contains an album of the house and its paint jobs as well as information concerning the housing issue and links to stories written about it.

"He needed to get the house rented because it has been vacant for two months now," Rhyne said. "We wanted to keep the issue in the private eye."

While the purple paint is no longer, Texas Tech

with purple dots have been placed in the yard as a sign that the protest on the issue has not ended.

"I am willing to paint the house purple again at any second," said landlord Bill Davis. "If someone glances at me wrong or if I get a notice, the house will be purple again."

Davis said he has lost \$1,800 on the property since it has been vacant for the last two months. He said the house was rented to Tech students the day he painted it back to its original color.

"The house is being rented to two students until January," he said. "At that time, I believe they want to move in another related person with them."

With the Web site, Davis said, he hopes he will be able to reach people who have been affected by the housing ordinance. Since the Web site was posted Thursday, almost 600 people have visited it.

"Because of the Web site, we are starting to hear about what's going on," he said. "In the future, we would like to post the responses that we are getting on a special page."

Some of the people Davis said he is hoping to reach are many parents of Tech students who have purchased houses for their children and are receiving notices.

"We have already been getting students who are letting us know that they have been kicked out," he said. "We also want to get parents involved in this as well."

Rhyne said this has become an important aspect of the issue because many parents who have purchased houses for their children.

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Bright future awaits Raiderland as Carol of Lights tradition draws near

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

With the Christmas season just around the corner, the Texas Tech Residence Hall Association has begun planning for the 43rd annual Carol of Lights.

Preparation for this event, including its theme, lights and organization, began with a campus-wide meeting earlier this semester with all the organizations involved, said Alice Scott, co-adviser for the event.

The theme chosen for this year is "Carol of Lights: Forty-three Years of Celebrating Bright Futures."

"Stephanie Sanchez came up with this idea in hopes of celebrating the future that is ahead of us," said Kelli Stumbo, Carol of Lights chair-

woman. "With all the negative things that are going on in the world, we wanted to choose something uplifting and positive."

For the past two months, Tech Physical Plant workers have been placing lights on the buildings. More than 25,000 colored lights will light up the 13 buildings around Memorial Circle, the Engineering Key, and the Broadway entrance to campus.

Because of the construction last year, West Hall was not decorated with lights.

"It is such a gorgeous building, and we can't wait to see how pretty it will be all lit up," Stumbo said.

A 21-foot Christmas tree will be set up and decorated by the Carol of Lights Committee, Scott said. Members of the Women's Service Or-

ganization will hang a 20-foot wreath, made of fresh-cut pine limbs, on the Science building.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. Nov. 30 with the band, Mariachi Raiders Rojos. The band will be playing different Christmas tunes.

The music that will be played that night on the Carillon bells in the Administration building's bell tower will not be the usual music heard daily by Tech students traversing campus, Stumbo said. Live music will be playing on the bells starting at 6:30 p.m.

The student body is encouraged to come early and listen to the Mariachi Raiders Rojos and the bells.

"We are really excited because this year we

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LAST YEAR'S CAROL of Lights celebration featured thousands of people from surrounding areas joining together to celebrate the holiday season. This year's event will mark the 43rd time Texas Tech has held the event during the final days of the fall semester. FILE PHOTO The University Daily

PRSSA blood drive receives large turnout



By Laura Sepeda/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students turned up in unexpected numbers for a blood drive held in the Mass Communications building between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Monday.

Not only was the number of people a surprise, but Tracy Wright, a junior public relations major from San Antonio, said as many as 50 percent of the donors were first-timers. Wright is the president of the local PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) who worked with United Blood Services on the drive.

"We definitely can use the increased interest in blood donations this time of year," she said. "The holidays are usually a time for severe blood shortages."

Claudia De La Torre, a sophomore public relations major from Houston was one of the first time donors. "I am really nervous... but I need this for a civic duty credit," she said. "I am not really afraid of giving my blood, just the actual part of the needle going into my arm."

Afterward, De La Torre said the whole process went well besides her feeling a little lightheaded.

"It's really not worth all that worry beforehand," she said.

Tracy Wright said people can minimize side affects such as dizziness and faintness by eating a good meal and getting plenty to drink before donating.

Several veteran donors offered encouragement for first-time donors. Drew Pennington, a freshman public relations major from Mineral Wells, said she has donated blood two years ago but became a regular donor after his father had a kidney transplant and needed a transfusion.

"That motivated me to give as often as I can," he said. "It's an important thing we need to do to help people."

Shauna Clutts, a freshman pre-med major from Mineral Wells, said she has a rare blood type that keeps her going back to donate.

"It's really not that scary," she said.

Clutts and Pennington said they have nearly reached the gallon mark in donations.

Katie Wright, a freshman pre-physical therapy major from Shallowater, said she has never had problems donating in the past and encourages everyone who qualifies to donate.

"It went great," she said. "Everything

went really fast and I didn't feel anything afterwards. I always make sure I eat before I come and drink a lot of fluids. Unless you are one of those people who pass out easily or you're terrified of needles, it will all be fine. Don't watch them stick you."

United Blood Services has several other blood drives scheduled on campus during the rest of the month: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 13, in the Forum at the Texas Tech Law School; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Nov. 19, at the University Plaza in the United Blood Services Coach; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 26, at Stangel/Murdough in the Piano Lounge; and 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Nov. 27, at the Sports Studies Center Gym.

In order to qualify for donating blood, an individual must be 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. Donors must also show identification containing their legal name and at least one of the following: date of birth, social security number, United Blood Services assigned donor number or a photo ID. For more information call United Blood Services at (806) 797-6840, or attend one of the mentioned blood drives.

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Student Senate will present a discussion on understanding the Middle East at 7 p.m. today at the Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium in the Tech Museum. Gary Bell, dean of the Honors College, will speak on key elements that have shaped the Middle East. He has taught classes on Middle Eastern topics since 1976.

The College Republicans will be meeting at 7 p.m. today in 77 Holden Hall, where the featured guest speaker will be Lubbock City Councilman Marc McDougal.

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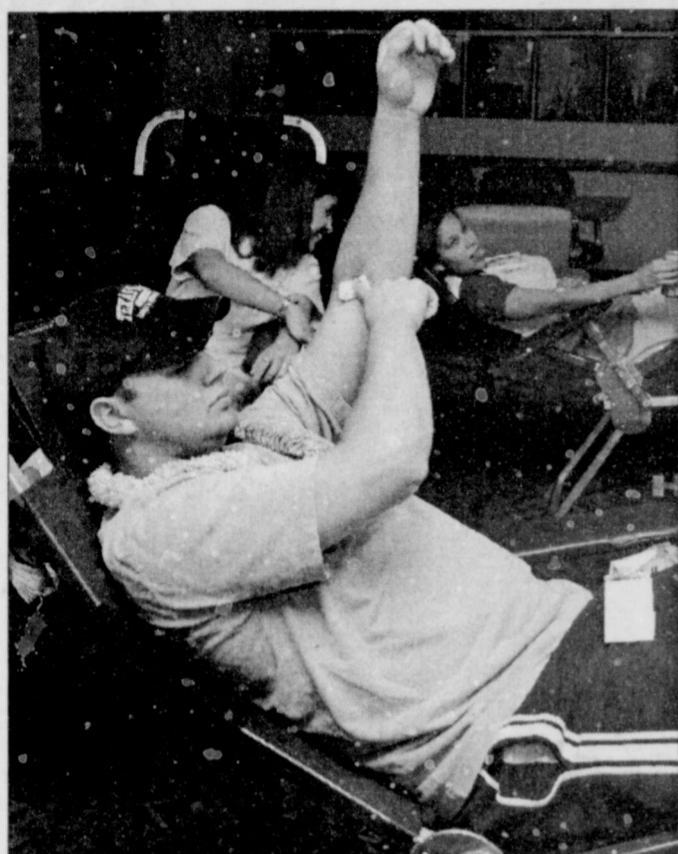
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RYAN VESTOL, A junior advertising major from Baird, holds up his harm after donating blood. The drive was hosted by PRSSA in Mass Comm. 223.

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House

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"One of the biggest issues is the parents who buy the houses for their kids and then two or three of their friends to help pay the rent," he said. "Then they start getting these notices."

Rhine said the Web site includes a section detailing a possible solution to the

housing ordinance - an amendment to the ordinance to allow one person per bedroom in a house.

"I don't think they are asking for much," he said. "If you can put a couple with four kids in a house, then you can also have three Tech students living there as well."

In the future, Davis said, he has told members of the Tech Student Government Association they are welcome to use the house

Crash

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beating since the suicide hijackings of Sept. 11, and officials have worked to rebuild public confidence in the industry. "The president continues to believe that people need to travel," said Fleischer.

An administration source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said preliminary reports led the FBI to believe there was an explosion aboard the plane, and was investigating whether it was an accident, mechanical failure or an act of sabotage. Fleischer said he could not confirm the report.

"There have been, according to eyewitnesses, information that an en-

gine was seen being detached from the plane and that it landed separately from the main body of the airplane," he said.

With the nation on high alert, a result of the Sept. 11 attacks, Fleischer said Bush was in the Situation Room, convening a national security meeting, when he was handed a note shortly before 9:30 a.m. that a plane had gone down.

Bush spoke with New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Gov. George Pataki and "expressed to both of them his deepest sympathy for the people of New York to be enduring any other trauma," Fleischer said.

The president also spoke with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who called to discuss U.S.-led military action in Afghanistan. Bush told Blair what he knew about the crash, a White House aide said.

The spokesman stepped to the microphones in the White House briefing room less than three hours after the plane crashed with 255 passengers and crew members aboard. Several eyewitnesses reported hearing explosions aboard the plane, and a piece of an engine came to rest outside a gas station.

"There were no unusual communications with the cockpit," Fleischer said. He said investigators had not yet found the "black box" that records important in-flight information.

Intelligence agencies, the FBI and the Federal Aviation Administration were reviewing all recent intelligence for any signs that terrorism was involved but an hour after the crash there was no evidence pointing to an attack, said a U.S. official speaking only on condition of anonymity.

"They are comparing information to see if it provides any insight into what transpired. At this point, there's no indication of a terrorist attack, but it certainly can't be ruled out in current environment," the official said.

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Texas educators make passing grade on performance

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Texas educators are teaching their future teachers well, a state official told the Associated Press on Monday.

According to the AP, the State Board for Educator Certification reported 88 percent of prospective Texas teachers passed the certification exam for the 2000-01 school year.

Texas has 86 teacher preparation programs at universities and colleges throughout the state. Of those 86, 75 are accredited, which is the highest rating of the agency.

Texas Tech is among the 75 accredited schools.

Peggy Johnson, associate dean of undergraduate studies and certification officer, said to become a teacher, Texas requires students to take two ExCET (Examination for the Certification of

Educators in Texas) exams, one in a content area, and one in pedagogy, or professional development.

Every year, the state board looks at the passing rate of the tests and determines accreditation status, Johnson said. A program can either be accredited, accredited under review or unaccredited.

Only 11 programs in Texas were rated accredited under review, according to the AP.

"Tech has always been accredited. We've never been under review," Johnson said.

Since 1998, an accountability system of teacher preparation programs has been used to rate colleges and universities in Texas.

"This accountability system holds teacher preparation programs accountable for the quality of their training

based on the success of those who take the exams," said Patrick Shaughnessy, spokesman for SBEC.

To receive a rating of accredited, 70 percent or more of people who take the test have to pass on the first attempt, or 80 percent must pass on the first or subsequent attempts, Shaughnessy said.

For the past school year, 84 percent of about 600 Tech students passed the exam on the first attempt and 92 percent passed the exam on subsequent attempts.

Greg Bowes, dean of Tech's College of Education, said there are a number of reasons why Tech students do so well on the ExCET exams, including a good staff and the way the program is run.

"Our programs are theory to practice," Bowes said. "Students get important field experiences combined with the knowledge from classes."

Bowes said the capabilities of faculty members aids in the success of the program.

Faculty members stay up to date on the research and current programs going on in the education field, he said.

They stay well informed as they teach undergraduate students, Bowes said.

However, the high percentage of those who pass the exam could fall with the implementation of a new teacher certification exam approved by SBEC. The Texas Examinations of Educator Standards will take the place of the ExCET test, beginning September 2002, Johnson said.

One of the differences is the subject matter on which the students will be tested.

"There is more of an emphasis on specific content areas than there were in the past," she said.

Those who want to teach grades four through eight, have to concentrate on one subject, such as math and science, social studies, or English and reading, whereas before, all subjects were taught, Johnson said.

Because of the changes to the exam, preparation methods for Tech students will be a little more difficult, she said.

"In the process of learning how to be a good, effective teachers in the classroom and in the field, they are also learning the type of information they need for the ExCET exam," she said.

Since the exam has been changed, it's hard to know how to prepare students, Johnson said.

However, for the first year of the new exam, the old ExCET exams will be given to those who are on their second or third attempts, Johnson said. After that, the new exam will take full affect.

Weapons

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President Bush has said the anti-Taliban northern alliance should not take over the Afghan capital of Kabul, preferring to wait until a broad-based, post-Taliban government can be formed. Rumsfeld said that was important to encourage anti-Taliban resistance by some tribes of the Taliban's Pashtun ethnic group in Afghanistan's south.

The northern alliance is largely made up of Tajiks, Uzbeks and Hazaras, not Afghanistan's main Pashtun ethnic group.

"We need them to oppose the Taliban, so they will have a voice in post-Taliban business," Rumsfeld said.

An official with the northern alliance said Sunday that "it would be ideal" if a broad coalition of all ethnic groups could come together before Kabul is taken. Abdullah, the opposition's foreign minister, said the alliance already includes some Pashtun leaders.

The United States has had difficulty recruiting anti-Taliban forces in Afghanistan's south. The Taliban captured and executed opposition Pashtun figure Abdul Haq last month, for example.

Besides, Rumsfeld said, "Kabul is not the military prize of prizes." The Taliban's capital is in the southern city of Kandahar, and Kabul has been so devastated by two decades of war that its 1 million people will need immediate humanitarian aid when the city changes hands, Rumsfeld said.

"The real prize of prizes is the Taliban leadership and the al-Qaida leadership and the Taliban fighting forces," Rumsfeld said. "And they are not, for the most part, in Kabul."

Catholic bishops address war on terrorism

By Rachel Zoll/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The outgoing president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops urged his fellow prelates Monday to help Americans regain their faith after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Bishop Joseph Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston, Texas, said clergy must respond to the "destructive power of hate" with the love of Christ, otherwise the spirituality that emerged in this country after the twin suicide hijackings will dissipate.

"If people don't find in the leaders of the church reasons for hope the world needs, we will have failed them in their time of great need," Fiorenza said, in the first day of the group's four-day meeting.

Just after his speech, Fiorenza learned that an American Airlines flight that had just taken off in New York crashed in the Queens section of the city. He announced the news to the bishops.

Later Monday, the clergymen will discuss a draft proclamation that would call for an end to the sanctions on Iraq, help for the poor and an end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The conference serves as the church's national voice on social, political and religious issues. They have previously urged U.S. leaders to avoid punishing innocent civilians in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

"Our military response must be guided by the traditional moral limits on the use of force," Fiorenza said in a statement after the U.S. airstrikes began Oct. 7. "Military action is always regrettable but it may be necessary to protect the innocent or to defend the common good."

On Tuesday, the conference will elect Fiorenza's successor. Bishop Wilton Gregory of Belleville, Ill., who now serves as vice president, is expected to become the first black to lead the group. Conference vice presidents traditionally are elected to the organization's top post.

Diversity will be a focus of much of the meeting.

The Roman Catholic Church in the United States is 78 percent white, according to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, and black Catholics have long sought recognition from church

leaders.

Estimates of the number of black Catholics range from 2 million to 3.5 million, out of 63.7 million nationwide. They welcome the upcoming election of Gregory as a sign their voices will be heard.

Gregory, a 53-year-old Chicago native, was ordained a priest in 1973 and later earned a doctorate in sacred liturgy from the Pontifical Liturgical Institute in Rome. He became a bishop in 1983, serving for 10 years as auxiliary bishop under the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin in Chicago.

Gregory was installed as the Belleville bishop seven years ago, becoming the spiritual leader for 105,000 Catholics in a diocese that covers roughly the southern third of Illinois.

The bishops also are concerned about serving the growing number of Asian Catholic immigrants. Fiorenza estimates 2.6 percent of U.S. Catholics are Asian or Pacific Islanders. The conference leaders are expected to issue a statement urging Catholics to welcome their Asian brethren and be attentive to their spiritual needs.

Reaction

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and faculty in New York are fine, and are scheduled to leave at 5 p.m. today.

"Their major concern is how long they're going to close the airport and if they do, how long they'll have to be there," he said. "Hopefully by then it will be open."

Marisa Ariaz, a sophomore political science and Latin American and Iberian studies major from Slaton, said she found out about the plane crash when she passed by a television in the University Center.

"At first, I thought it was another terrorist attack," she said. "I don't know if our country can take this right now."

She said Monday's crash and the attacks of Sept. 11 have made her more nervous about airline travel.

"They used to say air travel was the safest form of transportation," she said. "People might think differently now."

Rolf Gordhamer, director of the Counseling Center at Tech, said an increased number of students have visited the center this year. He said the events in New York may be related.

POLICE BLOTTER

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



Criminal mischief

An officer investigated an act of criminal mischief Nov. 8 in which chocolate syrup was poured over the exterior of a vehicle in the Z1-B parking lot.

Theft

An officer investigated the theft of four cans of orange juice from Sam's Place convenience store at the Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Complex on Oct. 9.

Lights

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plan on trying out a new tradition of fireworks," Stumbo said. Following the fireworks, the Saddle Tramps will start the Torch Light Processional.

Scott said this tradition is one of her favorites. "This is a wonderful long-lasting tradition that I hope will go on forever," she said.

Stumbo agreed with Scott's sentiments. "This is one of Tech's finest traditions," she said. "I really hope the student body comes out and takes part."

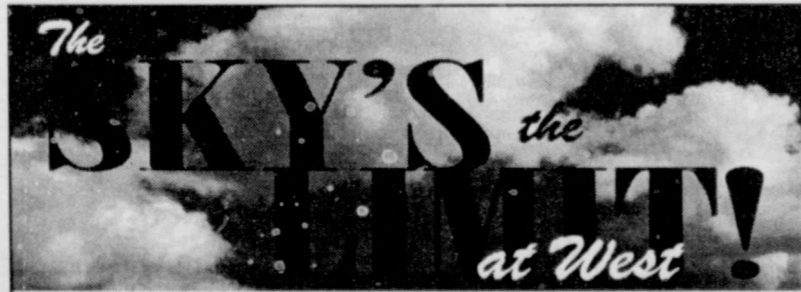
The Tech Police Department and security guards will be on hand for crowd control and to block the construction work on Memorial Circle.

"Safety is not a problem," Stumbo said. "If the student body feels scared about the safety issues at one of Tech's finest traditions, then I think that we all have something to worry about."

After the Carol of Lights, the student

body is invited to the Wall/Gates Residence Complex lobby for a Carol of Lights ball, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. There will be a disc jockey and refreshments. The dress for the ball is informal or formal, whatever the student's preference, Stumbo said.

The lights will be turned on from dusk to midnight, every day from Nov. 30, 2001 through Jan. 1, 2002.



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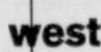
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Bush smart not to get carried away

COLUMN



KATIE HARRIS

After months of political harmony, though, it looks like Washington's commitment to togetherness may be showing signs of faltering. Congressmen, both Republican and Democrat, have been eager to push emergency relief funds to assist those affected by the terrorist attacks. Original allocations were estimated to be \$40 billion. Last Tuesday, President Bush said \$40 billion would be it, and he would veto any other bills passed by Congress for additional funds. This is stirring up debate in Congress. Instead of the usual disagreement between Republicans and Democrats, this fight is between Congress and the President. Many Democrats in Congress want \$20

billion more to give additional funds to fight Afghanistan and bio-terrorism, among other things. Many Republicans thought the \$40 billion was just the beginning of an extensive aid package. Bottom line, Congress thinks the government needs more money for defense and repair. President Bush will hear none of it. Last Tuesday, a White House administrator quoted Bush as saying, "I understand the intentions and goodwill, but if I need to I'll veto the bills." Bush as well as Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott agreed spending more than \$40 billion would be excessive. The attacks of Sept. 11 created so much damage and potential destruction there was no question it would take billions to rebuild and increase defense. America knew it was going to war. America knew the economy would take a severe hit. America knew families and buildings would have to be rebuilt. America reached out, though, and people donated incredible amounts of money. That money has gone to everything from relief aide, supporting families of victims, helping both fire and police departments and many other things. America's people are taking care of each other. Sure, the government will have to provide funds for military

attacks, defense, and homeland security, but how much is too much? With so much aid from the American people to the relief effort, should the government go deep into deficit? Bush is right to keep a level head about budget allocations. It is tempting to give as much aid, whether monetary or not, when tragedy strikes. Like Bush said, it is out of goodwill. But combined with the American people's financial and emotional support, will it take more than \$40 billion to repair and defend the country? Who knows, it just may, but it is better to take it one day at a time. It would not be wise to give Congress an outrageous amount of tax dollars to spend on things that may seem imperative at the moment, yet down the road will prove to be unimportant. Many readers will think the government should put all its resources toward stopping attacks like the Sept. 11 one from ever happening again.

However, it is doubtful that pouring more money into the FBI or airport security, for example, would have stopped the attacks from happening. Maybe \$60 billion will be needed to rebuild and protect our country. On the other hand, maybe only half that amount will be needed. No one can foretell the future, and it is best not to put all of one's eggs in one basket. In this case, it would not be practical for the government to allocate much of the United States' monetary resources into one area, especially during these unsure times. Congress only wants to do the best it can for the people, but Bush can see really the right solution is to make sure America stays financially secure through the unforeseeable future. America should take the rebuilding process one day at a time. ■ Katie Harris is a junior English major from Lubbock. She can be reached at raiderx81@cs.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plea for a new cheer

To the editor: I am writing, thank the Lord, not to discuss the post-game melee that ensued after the A&M game Nov. 3. Instead, I have a suggestion for a new tradition to begin for Texas Tech football. This tradition is a cheer that should get the fans even more energized just before kickoff. I am an avid New York Jets fan, and the Jets are well known for their J-E-T-S, JETS, JETS, JETS cheer that pumps up fans in the Meadowlands. Now in college football, practically every team does the less than thrilling, extended yelling of "oh" with emphasis placed at the moment of kickoff. This just isn't fun though, and so here's my idea. As the Raiders line up in kickoff coverage formation, the fans ought to yell R-A-I-D-E-R-S, then a prolonged "GO!" until "RAIDERS" is yelled at the moment of kickoff. I think this idea really has potential to become a good cheer and tradition for Red Raider fans.

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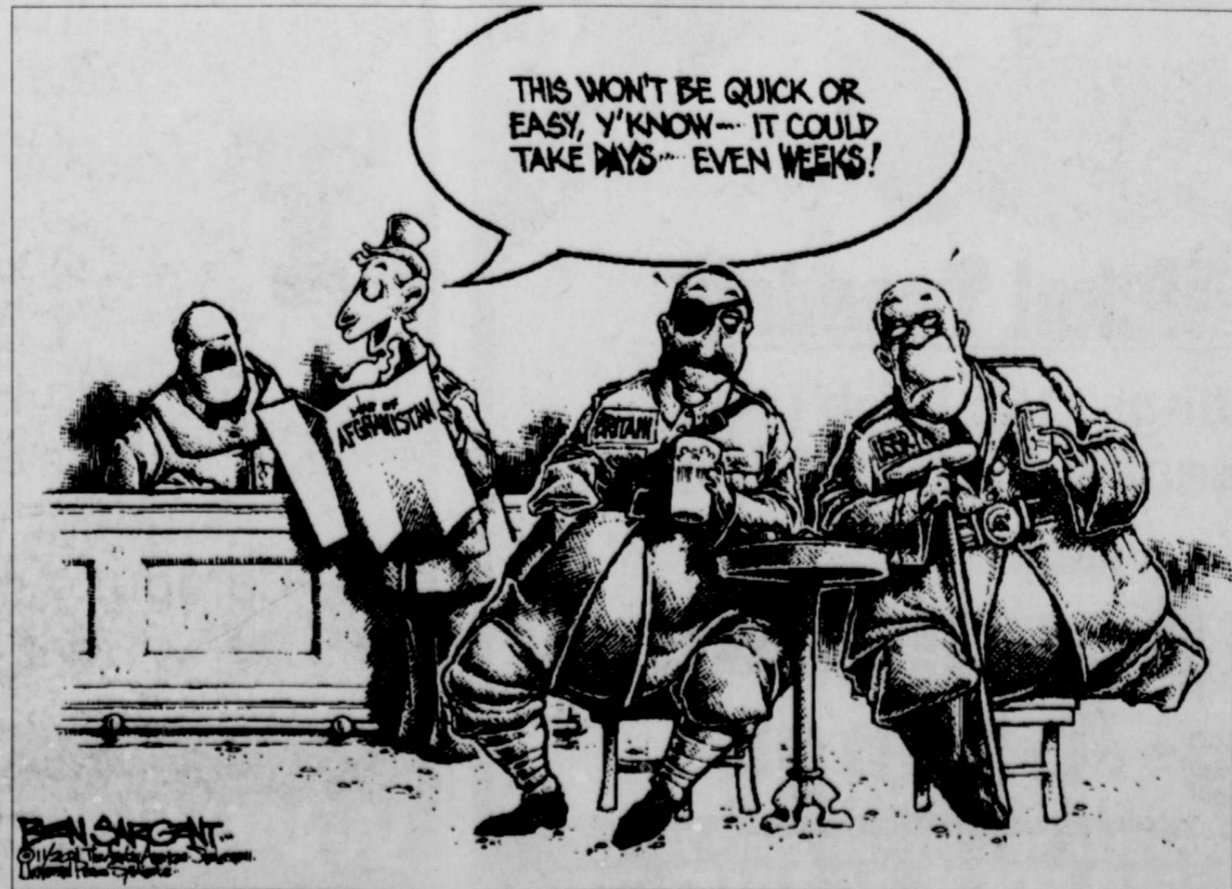
Wallace's admission an admirable action

To the editor: I want to come out and say that I laud Reggie Wallace, the Texas A&M student who stepped forward and told the truth about the altercation that happened on Nov. 3. From what was reported, I believe he embodies the spirit of the Aggie and

A&M students should be proud that such a noble person is among their ranks. With this I hope that we are able to put this act of indecency behind us and move on. Unfortunately, there is one thing that bugs me about the entire situation — the actions of Dr. Mike McKinney. The way I see it, McKinney is not just a representative of A&M, but also a representative of Texas, and I'm not

sure that I want such a scoundrel in office. The man not only raised a fist, or binoculars, against another Texan, but he also lied about the incident. He first stated that a Tech student hit him. I think this might have been a cheaply built ploy. What could be better for A&M's public relations, or worst for Tech's, than a parent of a football player and a government official to be hit by a Tech

student? I beg all Tech and A&M students to please write Gov. Rick Perry and let him know what you think of this binocular swinging savage. Because what it all comes down to is we are all Texans and McKinney is just a disgrace. Brian Ralph
 freshman
 journalism



Veterans Day policy worth rethinking

COLUMN



JODY SLAUGHTER

Around the nation Monday, schools, businesses, offices, government agencies and universities were closed in observation of Veteran's Day — Texas

Tech was not one of them. While thousands of troops are stationed in and around Afghanistan, fully prepared to die for our country, Tech administrators didn't feel the need to honor the people who had fought and died before them. If thousands of Americans hadn't fought for freedom in World War II, all of us might be speaking German and attending Texas Tech Nazi Training Academy right now (those of us that aren't minorities of course).

Let me tell you a little story. My grandfather, J.L. Slaughter, enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. He threw away a full college scholarship because his country needed him. My grandfather and his crew successfully fended off wave after wave of Japanese suicide bombers all over the Pacific Theatre. He served aboard the USS Alaska, the USS Washington and the USS Indianapolis. He was transferred off the Indianapolis just weeks before the ship was sunk and sharks ate many of the crew. Did I get to travel to his home in Kermit Monday to thank my grandfather for his sacrifices? No, because I had to go to school.

At this time in our nation's history, more than ever, our uniformed men and women deserve to be honored.

Since 1978, Veterans Day has been observed as a federal legal holiday. Did anyone check his or her mailboxes Monday? The reason you didn't have any mail is because the U.S. Postal Service chooses to dignify our men and women in uniform by giving their employees a day to pay tribute to them. At this time in our nation's history, more than ever, our uniformed men and women deserve to be honored. While citizens are still mourning the senseless deaths of thousands, and prepare for what could be many more deaths as the war on terrorism escalates, we could have one day off to honor our current military, and to remember those who have fought before.

Tech administrators should take a second look at this important holiday when preparing the academic calendar for 2002-03. People have sacrificed a lot so you and I can walk around and enjoy our university. Do not take that lightly. To be forced to go to class on one of the most important American holidays is a travesty. Jan. 21, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, is a university holiday — this day honors one man — yet we do not honor the millions of veterans that proudly served our nation? Some of these men traveled across the globe to fight for freedom, others had to defend their own homes from invaders. These men deserve just as much reverence as King does. The day our country's institutions of higher education stop celebrating our veterans is the day that our armed forces should lay down their weapons and surrender — because our enemies have already won.

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Strangefolk to perform in Lubbock tonight

By Damion Davis/Staff Reporter

Strangefolk will play at 9:30 p.m. today at the Pavilion, 602 E. 19 St.

Russ Weis, manager of Strangefolk's office in Winoski, Vt., said this show would be something people should come out and see.

"This is a band that is interesting and has a great appeal and a wide variety of style. They are nothing like the other jam bands," he said.

This band was originally formed as an acoustic duo in 1991. They were based in Burlington, Vt. Since then, they have grown to a five-member band and they are now adding keyboards and other instruments to the ensemble.

Strangefolk has become a band that is known for their creativity and longevity, Weis said.

"They are able to blend pop and a jam band together nicely. I think this is a very exciting thing for people to see," he said.

The band headlines for many festi-

vals and clubs nationwide. They have had three previous albums.

Sharon Miller, a long time fan of Strangefolk, said their most recent release, "Open Road," is one of the best albums they have done yet.

"I am excited they have come out with a new album. Their other albums were great, but I am very happy to see they have a new venture out," she said.

The band's five members are Jon Trafton, vocals and guitar; Erik Glocker, vocals and bass guitar; Luke Smith, drums; Luke Montgomery, vocals, acoustic and electric guitar; and Scott Shdeed, keyboards.

Strangefolk have been on tour since the middle of October and will end in mid-November. They have been to cities such as Denver, Seattle, and San Francisco. Their Lubbock performance will be the first in Texas on this tour.

For more information regarding Strangefolk, go to their Web site at www.strangefolk.com.



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'America's Sweethearts' goes sour; 'Tomb Raider' should be buried

MOVIE REVIEW

America's Sweethearts

A huge cast—Billy Crystal, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Julia Roberts, John Cusack, Stanley Tucci, Christopher Walken, Hank Azaria, and Seth Green star in this romantic comedy co-written and produced by Billy Crystal.

It tells the story of a Hollywood couple Gwen and Eddie Harris (Jones and Cusack) who have dazzled audiences for years with their movies and now are having marriage problems.

She's shackled up with her lover (Azaria going way over the top here) and he's in a mental institution for manic depression over their split.

Crystal plays Lee, a studio press agent who is assigned to get the two back together for one last public appearance to promote what may be Eddie and Gwen's last movie. But there are problems. First, the director of the film is holding the film hostage until the press can see it at the press junket.

Second, Eddie and Gwen can't stand each other.

So Lee enlists the help of Gwen's sister Kiki, (Roberts) to help convince Gwen to go along with the appearance.

Kiki is somewhat of a Cinderella story—she's recently lost 60 lbs. and is now a gorgeous beauty.

Sparks begin to fly when Eddie and Kiki meet up again after not seeing each other in more than a year.

The problem with "America's Sweethearts" is with the cast involved, it has the potential to be a really great movie. It settles for just being pretty good.

Unfortunately, it's obvious Crystal wrote it because he saves all the one-liners for himself.

There are also flashback scenes of Robert's character to a time when she was fat that just looks like a bad late-night infomercial.

They try to get us to feel sorry for Roberts, but we don't because hey, she's Julia Roberts.

If it were my call, I would have chosen Sandra Bullock for the role instead of the overrated Julia.

The film would have been much better if they had taken more shots at the film critics and entertainment writers. They play it relatively safe, though, probably because they don't want to make too many people upset.

Showing how easily manipulated the press is when given gifts and bribes would have been a nice touch.

In the end, the film resorts to jokes about penile deficiency and sight gags to get laughs. That really is a shame.

Just about all of the actors here are better than the material they are given. One wonders what it was in this average script that drew so many big names.

Regardless, it is still a cute movie, and the film seems to be content with being just that.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★★

Tomb Raider

This is a filmed video game. It's as simple as that.

Angelina Jolie cops a British accent and a downright distracting stuffed double D bra to play Laura Croft, the hero of the video game series of the same name.

The visuals are sometimes impressive, but the plot completely lacks originality as the Croft runs through different tombs battling mummy-like beings until she gets to the main villain of that particular tomb and guns it down.

The character of Croft is a butch girl with a daddy complex fighting against a bunch of men who want to take over the world.

But this is not at all a feminist statement.

The story picks up where the third video game left off with Croft trying to find two split halves of an ancient artifact which, when put together, gives its possessor control over the universe.

Jon Voight goes slumming here as Croft's dead father who randomly appears to her in visions.

This film really wants to franchise and be "The Mummy," which was trying really hard to be "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

So what we have here is a rip-off of a rip-off.

An overly glossy mess with lots of stunts and special effects that add up to nothing more than a video game starring Angelina Jolie.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★★

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Lady Raiders try to forget Duke loss

Texas Tech glad to be back on floor for exhibition contest with Houston Jaguars

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

The Lady Raiders will close out their exhibition schedule with a battle against the Houston Jaguars at 7 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena.

The contest with the Jaguars follows the Lady Raiders' first official regular season contest of the season, an 85-69 road loss at Duke last Sunday.

Texas Tech picked up a victory in its first exhibition contest of the season, defeating the Denmark Select team last week.

Tech forward Dionne Brown had six points and two rebounds in a losing effort against the Blue Devils.

Brown said the Lady Raiders are looking forward to getting back on the court after the loss to Duke.

"I am just glad that we get to come back as quickly as we can," Brown said. "It is good that we get to play a game after that game on Sunday. I know we just kind of need to refocus. Exhibition game, regular season game or whatever, I am just glad that we get to get back on the floor real quick."

Brown, a sophomore, said it is never good to get a loss, but she thinks the Lady Raiders will be able to use the Duke contest as a building block for the rest of the season.

"I think I can speak for the whole team when I say that we have had the loss on our mind ever since the game ended," Brown said. "The more I think about it, the more I realize that the game is going to be a good lesson for us. It will be something that we can look back on and know that we really learned from it. It is going to be something that we can look back on as a milestone in our success for the rest of the season."

Tech guard Jia Perkins led the Lady

Raider scoring effort in the loss against Duke.

Perkins poured in 27 points, grabbed eight boards, five steals and dished out four assists in the season opening loss to the Blue Devils.

Perkins said it does not matter that today's game is an exhibition; the Lady Raiders need to reestablish a winning attitude against the Jaguars.

"I just think we've got to get our focus back on winning," Perkins said. "I guess it is hard coming back and playing after a loss. But we have just got to go out there and play our game and play hard the whole game."

The Lady Raiders held Duke forward and preseason All-American Alana Beard to 10 points in the game, which was seven points below her average a year ago.

Perkins said the Lady Raiders' performance against Beard was a positive Tech is taking from the loss.

"I think we shut down one of their most successful players," Perkins said. "I think that is something that is going to help us this season if we can continue to shut down the key players of the other team and make them find other players to do the scoring."

Brown said she hopes the Lady Raiders can continue to contest of the season so they do not have to worry about that once the regular season resumes.

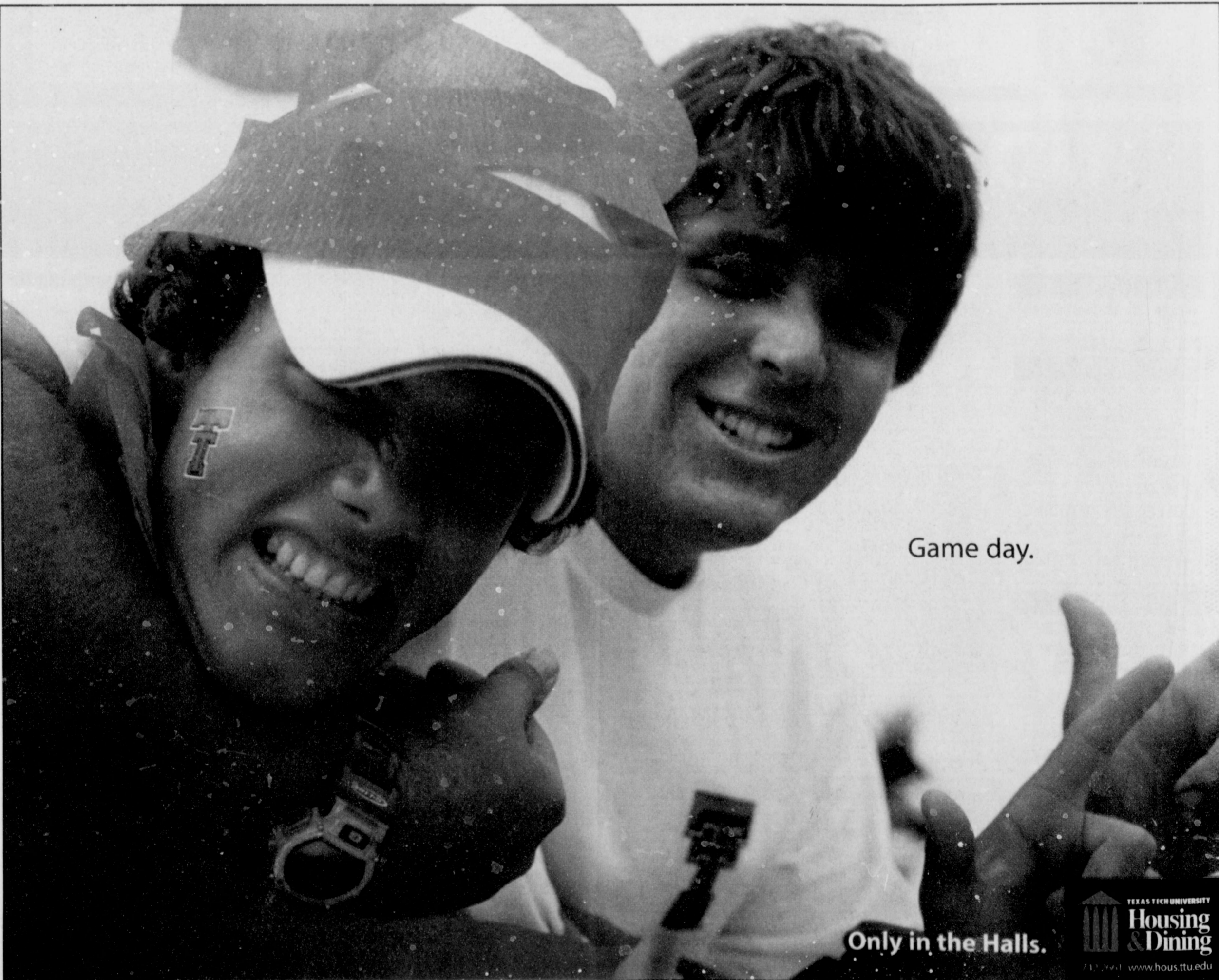
"The biggest focus in this game is probably going to be chemistry," Brown said. "I hope we can get together on what exactly we want out of certain plays. A lot of the time against Duke, we were just out-hustled on plays and I think that is something we will need to work on. We should be able to do those things as a team and we will just see what happens."



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH GUARD Jia Perkins drives past a Denmark Select defender during Tech's exhibition win last week. Perkins led Tech with 27 points in its season-opening loss to Duke on Sunday. The Lady Raiders will play their last exhibition game at 7 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena against the Houston Jaguars.

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