

U.S. soldiers add security to airfields

POSING A THREAT: American forces are at the Afghanistan bases to provide protective services if needed.

By Matt Kelley/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Small teams of Army soldiers are providing security at two airfields in northern Afghanistan, the Pentagon confirmed Thursday, while the number of Marines at a southern base climbed to more than 1,000.

Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters that the soldiers are from the Army's 10th Mountain Division. "They are there for security operations, and they are in two locations in the north," he said without providing details.

Other officials said the soldiers number at least two dozen at Bagram airfield north of the Afghan capital and a similar number are at an airfield near the city of Mazar-e-Sharif. Stufflebeem said similar security teams will be moved around northern Afghanistan to "increase the size of the footprint in one location and shrink it in others."

Meanwhile, U.S. officials said anti-Taliban forces captured an Osama bin Laden follower who is a son of Egyptian cleric Omar Abdel-Rahman. The elder Abdel-Rahman is jailed in the United States for plotting to blow up New York City landmarks.

Ahmed Abdel-Rahman was being held in Mazar-e-Sharif and his interrogators included Americans, said Cairo lawyer Montasser el-Zayat, who defends Islamic militant suspects. U.S. officials say Abdel-Rahman is an al-Qaida recruiter.

Stufflebeem said he had seen no U.S. intelligence reports to substantiate the capture of Abdel-Rahman.

In addition, a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said U.S. intelligence had received credible reports that a Taliban intelligence chief had defected to the Northern Alliance

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Paying early tuition equals party invite

By Melissa Guest/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's Student Business Services will host a tuition party promotion next week to encourage students to pay their tuition and fees before leaving for Christmas break.

Students can pay their tuition next week in the University Center and receive free drinks, snacks and university shirts and sweatshirts.

Students can stop by the SBS' booth from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to pay their tuition, which is due Jan. 3. SBS Director Becky Hyde said she encourages students to pay their tuition before leaving for Christmas break.

"It's a way to publicize and a thank you to those who pay on time," she said. "We're trying very hard to make this convenient for students to pay before they leave."

The deadline for tuition and fees was moved up this year to accommodate the need to maximize the number of available seats in class sections this spring.

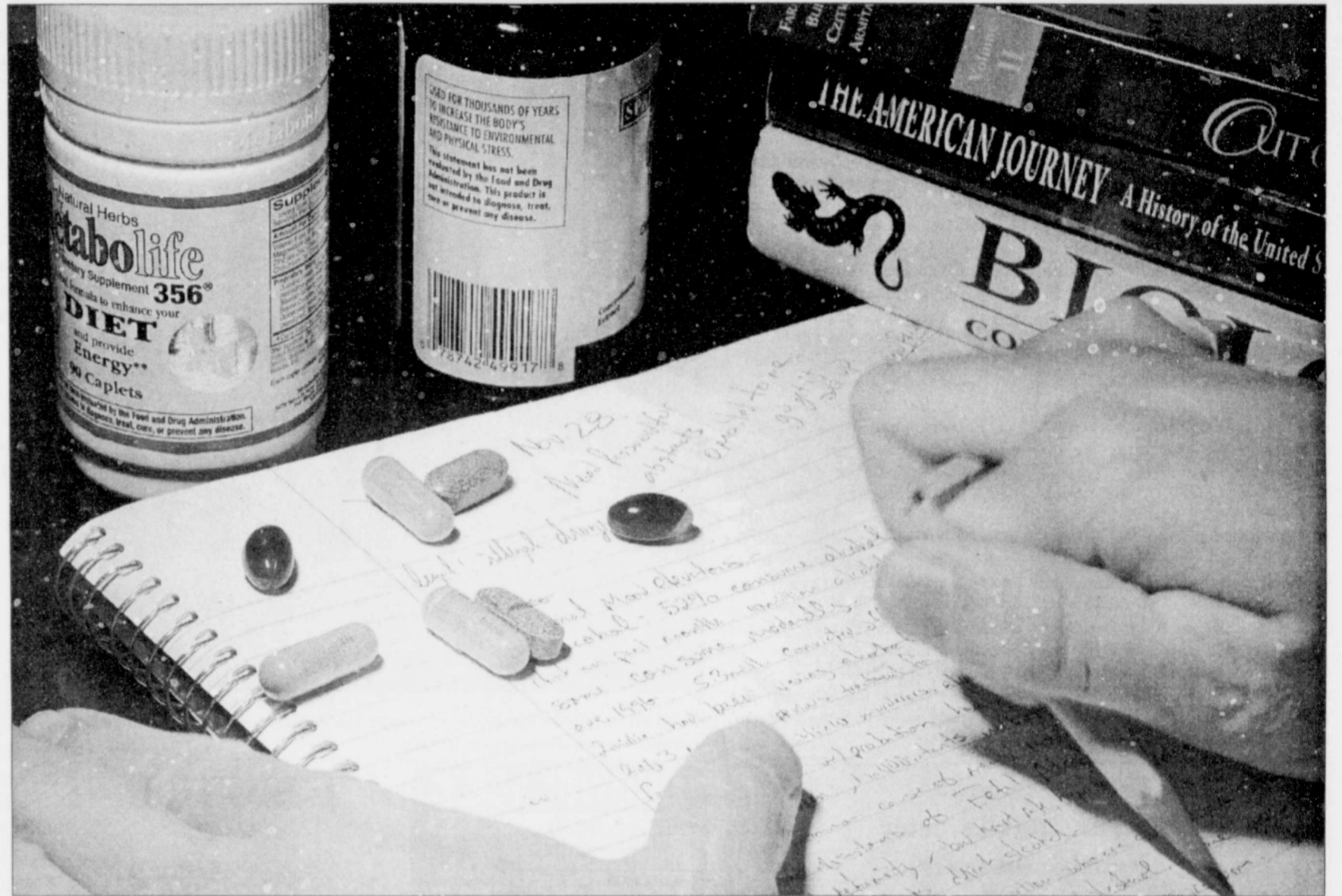
In addition, guidelines for paying tuition and fees have changed, Hyde said.

Students must pay 100 percent of their tuition by Jan. 3. There are a number of ways to arrange the payment, however.

Students must have at least 50 percent of their bill paid and sign a promissory note agreeing to pay the remainder on a pay-

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Supplement use has ups, downs



GREG KRELLER/Photo Illustration

WITH FINAL EXAMINATIONS approaching, students are turning to herbal supplements and caffeine-related products to provide additional energy during last-minute cram sessions. Despite the rise in popularity of the products in recent years, some experts say they can be extremely dangerous.

Experts say careless attempts to enhance study habits can produce harmful side effects

By Jeff Stoughton/Staff Reporter

As deadlines for final examinations and projects draw closer, many Texas Tech students may choose to turn toward herbal supplements and caffeine-related products to give them energy and concentration for studying.

Health officials advise students to use caution when using these products.

Amanda Gross, from Alternative Food Company in Lubbock, said several herbal products are available to people looking to increase their concentration. Most of these products contain ma huang, guarana, ginseng or ginkgo biloba. These chemicals

have varying effects on the human body, including increased blood flow, thinning of the blood and increased heart rate.

Dr. Alan Kaye, chairman of Tech's department of anesthesiology, said these chemicals, especially ephedra, could be dangerous.

"The problem is, the herbal industry is a \$15 billion a year industry and is not under FDA scrutiny," he said. "Some of these products have good effects, some of them have no effect and some of them have dangerous effects."

He said ephedra, normally marketed as a performance enhancer or a weight-loss supplement, is especially dangerous because

it can cause heart problems or sudden death. He said the recent death of Minnesota Vikings offensive tackle Corey Stringer raised suspicion about ephedra, which will be among the first herbal products to be regulated by the government. The product also is called ma huang.

"Ephedra is killing young people," Kaye said.

Beginning Jan. 1, ephedra and similar products must carry warnings explaining the risks associated with them and will no longer be available to consumers under the age of 18.

Another popular herbal product is ginkgo biloba, which increases blood flow

to the brain, enhancing mental performance. Kaye said the product works by thinning the blood, which can cause excessive bleeding.

Other products containing ginseng, guarana or vitamins are available as performance or mental enhancers. Kaye said consumers should be wary of herbal supplements because they are not regulated by any government agency.

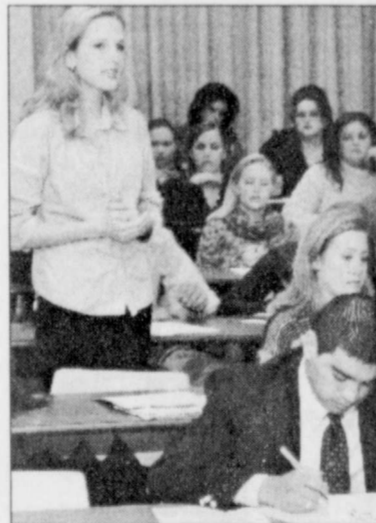
The lack of standardization and quality control among herbal products is cause for alarm, he said, citing an example in which an herbal supplement imported from China

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Senate changes schedule of SGA general election

By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

DARBARA DALY, A junior human sciences and family studies major from Friendswood and senator in the College of Human Sciences, addresses the Student Senate on Thursday during a meeting in the University Center's Senate Room. **CRAIG SWANSON**, The University Daily



In an effort to increase voter turnout, Texas Tech student senators passed a bill Thursday changing the schedule of the Student Government Association's general elections.

"Basically what this is going to change is the candidates enduring the anticipation over Spring Break if there is a run-off," said Senator-at-Large Jason Sharp. "It will also increase the number of students who vote because we are lucky if any students are back after Spring Break."

Last year, all three executive offices were determined in a run-off election that took place after Spring Break. In the general election, 2,700 students voted compared to about 300 in the run-off election after Spring Break.

The number of students who voted in the general election constituted 11 percent of the student body.

Sharp said the SGA has wanted to implement the change since this summer when a special committee was

formed to update the SGA Constitution.

"The Constitution Committee actually decided to implement this over the summer," he said. "However, the Senate had to vote on it before it could be implemented."

SGA President John Steinmetz said he believes the change will allow a more accurate representation of the student body because more students will turn out to vote.

"I think the Senate is making a good decision to change the election dates," he said. "If this increases the number of students who vote, a more proper representation of the student body can be determined."

Along with the possible increased turnout, Steinmetz said he believes it will benefit the student body and the people involved in the campaigns by bringing closure to the elections.

"An election affects the entire student body," he said.

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AIDS awareness takes worldwide stage Saturday

By Jeff Stoughton/Staff Reporter

People in the United States between the ages of 13 and 25 contract HIV at a rate of two every hour, according to a study published by the American Association of World Health.

The association is one of the organizations responsible for Saturday's World AIDS Day, which is designed to raise worldwide awareness of HIV and AIDS.

Dr. Robert Kimbrough, a professor of infectious diseases at Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center, said two methods of HIV transmission pose a threat to college students: sexual activity and use of intravenous drugs.

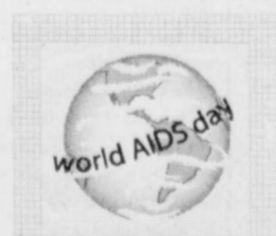
Kimbrough said people who share

needles when using drugs have a one in three chance of contracting the virus. Sexual contact is the second most prolific method of transmission.

Kimbrough said in a population where 100 percent of students are sexually active and 50 percent of them use a condom, the male-to-female transmission rate of HIV is 1 in 1,000. Additionally, the female-to-male transmission rate is 1 in 1,000, and the male-to-male transmission rate is 1 in 300. In comparison, HIV transmission from blood transfusions occurs in about 1 in 500,000 cases. These statistics are valid only in the United States.

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infected with the virus and not show symptoms for a long time, during which the individual could infect many others.

Also, HIV produces about 30 billion new copies of itself every day, so many mutations occur, some of which eventually make the virus resistant to any known drug treatment.

Kimbrough said current drug treatment,

known as highly active antiretroviral therapy or HART, dramatically extends life spans of infected individuals, often by eight to 10 years. Before HART was used, individuals could typically expect to live 10 to 18 months after diagnosis.

Kimbrough said three HIV vaccines are being tested, along with a type of treatment that replaces the damaged immune system in HIV patients.

Juli Benson, student health coordinator for Student Health Services at Tech, said SHS will provide free HIV testing for students from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the Red Raider Lounge in the University Center. Testing also will be available at Klusoz in

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NIGHT LIGHTS



TEXAS TECH CHOIR members and Tech administrators stand in front of a holiday wreath on the Geosciences building during last year's Carol of Lights festivities. For related story, see CAROL on page 7. **FILE PHOTO**, The University Daily

Raiders walking in higher cotton

Research to develop better yield, quality

By Joseph Baldaras/Staff Reporter

Two Texas Tech professors and their team will begin research to develop a cotton line capable of maintaining its yield and high fiber quality in fields experiencing drought conditions.

Randy Allen, professor of biology and plant and soil science, and David Tissue, assistant professor of biology, is coordinating the project titled Development of High-Yielding, High Quality, Dryland Cotton. The professors said they believe the depletion of ground-water supplies and increased energy costs will lead many farmers to seek more efficient cotton production in the High Plains.

"Many farmers will be going to look for alternative cotton because of the high cost of water that will also have high productivity," Tissue said.

The professors said the team had obtained the grant for the research in October and the funding will start Jan. 1. The Advanced Research Program/Advanced Technology Program awarded

the two-year, \$185,000 grant to the team.

Allen said the research would be a continuation of more than 10 years of work in related research in stress tolerance and fiber quality in cotton. A cotton plant with the identified gene to increase fiber length and quality and a cotton plant with the identified genes to increase stress tolerance will be combined to create the new hybrid plant.

The first year of research will focus on creating the hybrid cotton line, testing the hybrid for the wanted genes and self-pollinating the hybrid to produce additional plants with both traits.

The second year of research will focus on field tests of the hybrid cotton line. While lab results may demonstrate the success of the hybrid, field tests will be the ultimate test for the plant's fate.

"We will need to see if lab traits identified can actually make a difference in the field test," Allen said. "We should have enough seeds to do small-scale field testing this summer. The serious field testing will start next summer."



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KRIS ORTIZ, A junior Spanish education major from Abilene, prepares the Texas Tech Greenhouse for upcoming cotton research.

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NASA lends help to plane crash inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — National Transportation Safety Board investigators have asked NASA to help them find out why the tail of American Airlines Flight 587 fell off.

The board said Thursday that the vertical stabilizer and rudder are being sent to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's research center in Hampton, Va. The center has expertise in analyzing nonmetallic composite materials of the kind used to build the tail on the Airbus A300, the board said.

"We know the tail came off in flight and we're trying to find out why it happened," NTSB spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz said.

This is not the first time NASA has been asked to help with a safety board investigation, but it is the first time the focus has been on the lighter-weight composites increasingly used in airplane construction.

Investigators have been focusing on the tail, which sheared off the plane before it crashed Nov. 12 shortly after take-off from Kennedy Airport in New York. All 260 people on board and five on the ground were killed.

Aviation experts have said that the tail should not have fallen off the plane even though the aircraft hit two wakes from a Japan Air Lines 747 that took off before it. The FAA has ordered inspections of all Airbus A300-600 and A310 planes, which have similar tails. France's civil aviation authority ordered similar inspections.

Other NTSB investigators are in Tulsa, Okla., looking at the plane's engines, which also fell off before the crash. And some are in Toulouse, France, at Airbus' plant, looking at the various tests and simulations conducted to make sure the airplanes can handle turbulence and other forces.

Lubbock to offer flu shots Saturday

The city of Lubbock Health Department will be giving flu shots from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Lowe's Marketplace on 82nd Street and Slide Road. The shot costs \$10 per person.

There will be 200 doses of the vaccine available for Saturday's clinic.

If people want a flu shot they can stop by to get one, but they need to call first for clinic times.

For more information, call the health department at (806) 775-2939.

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BA offers help for physicians

BACK TO SCHOOL:
New program to give doctors training for field's business aspect.

By Jody Slaughter/Staff Reporter

The Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration has started a new program aimed at getting practicing physicians back in the classroom.

The Master's of Business Administration Program for Physician Leaders is designed to provide doctors with the training necessary to handle the business aspect of the medical field.

"I think there is a growing need for physicians, particularly ones who are moving into management positions, to have a thorough understanding of business practices, theories and activities," said Allen McInnes, dean of the college.

The program has been going since October with about 11 physicians participating. The course is unique in that it is the only one of its kind in the entire Southwest.

Jim Hoffman, director of the program, said the only other schools offering similar curricula are the universities of Tennessee, Auburn and Southern Florida. Total costs for the two-year program are \$29,000, including meals and books. Comparatively, other schools offering the course charge \$45,000 to \$50,000.

"We have developed a program that is reasonably priced compared to other physician MBA programs, and that is very convenient for Texas physicians, especially because they will not have to

travel out of state to pursue an MBA degree," Hoffman said.

The spring session begins Jan. 19. Classes are held Saturday and Sunday, one weekend per month and taught in executive format. The deadline to apply is Jan. 8. Applicants must have a medical degree and be either board certified or eligible for certification. An essay and a resume also must accompany applications.

Working with insurance claims, making contracts and personnel matters are just some of the business issues doctors must deal with on a daily basis.

"Medicine impacts so many areas of business," said Dr. Kathy Porter, the School of Medicine's OB/GYN department chairwoman and a student in the program. "It helps you to understand and communicate effectively with the business world."

Although the School of Medicine and College of Business Administration have offered an MD/MBA health organization management degree program for three years, Hoffman said the MD/MBA program is for students currently attending medical school. The new curriculum is targeted at practicing physicians who would like to obtain their MBA.

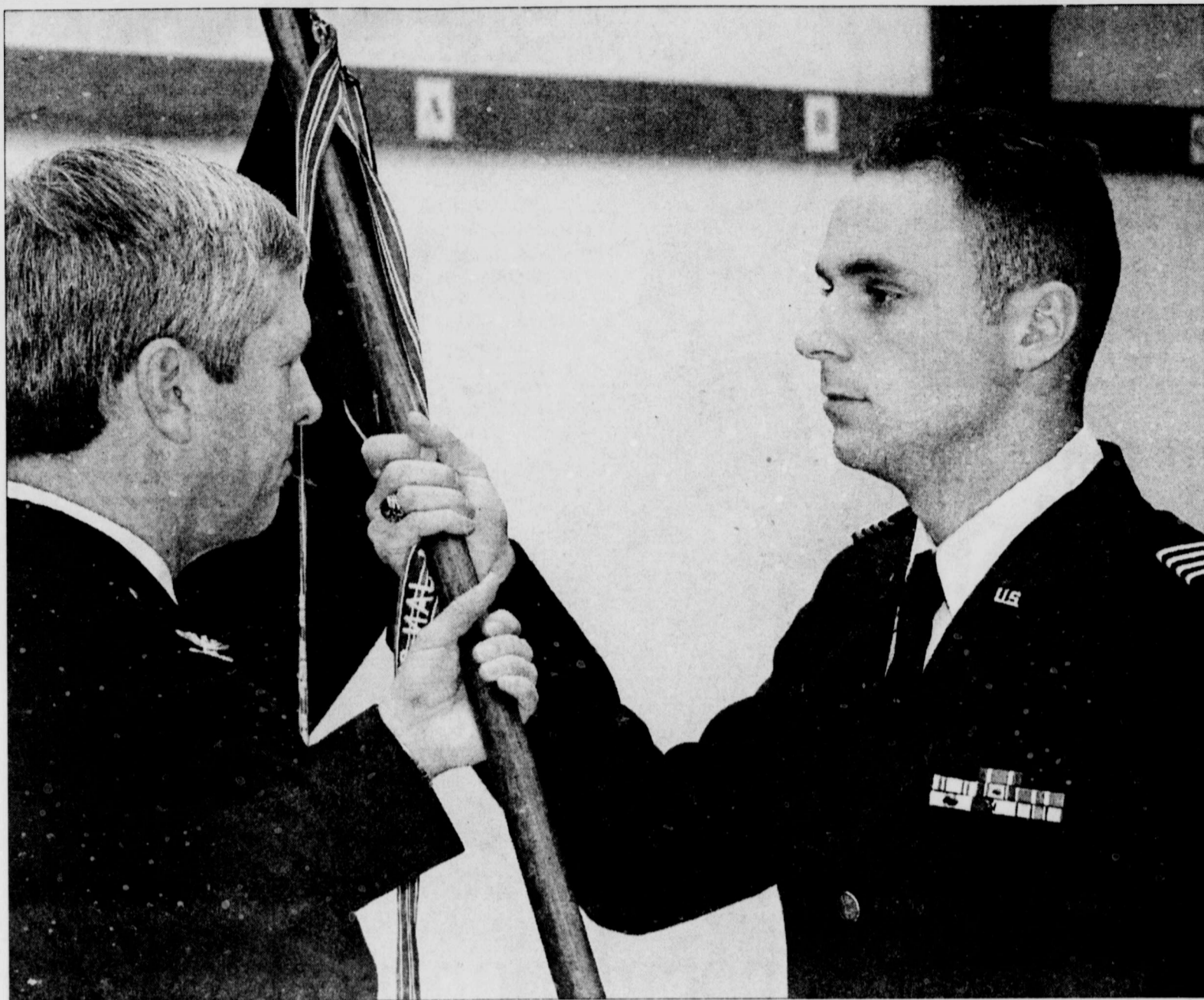
Currently, physicians from Lubbock, Amarillo, Midland, Odessa and smaller surrounding communities are enrolled in the course. Eventually, Hoffman said he would like to see physicians from all over Texas and the Southwest participating.

For more information, visit <http://mba4physicians.ba.ttu.edu> or e-mail mba4physicians@ba.ttu.edu. Those interested may also call (806) 742-1236.

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— ALLEN MCINNES
Business Administration Dean

COMMANDING THE CHANGE



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ROTC COL. BUDDY Knox, left, passes a flag to new Cadet Wing Cmdr. Nick Beihl, a senior electrical engineering major from Alado, during the change of command ceremony Thursday in Holden Hall.

Illinois grad students strike over union restrictions

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — Graduate assistants went on strike at the University of Illinois to protest the administration's refusal to recognize them as employees with the right to unionize.

The first-ever work stoppage at the Urbana-Champaign campus began with about 50 teaching assistants marching and waving handmade signs that read "No Union, No

Teach" and "The U of I works because we do."

The Graduate Employees Organization voted earlier to hold a two-day strike starting Wednesday as part of their fight to form a union for about 5,200 graduate student employees at the university.

"There is going to be more of this,

longer strikes and bigger demonstrations, until we are recognized by the administration," said Dave Kamper, a GEO organizer. "This will not stop."

The GEO asked teaching assistants in five of the school's main buildings to cancel classes and halt all teaching duties for two days, including grading pa-

pers, holding office hours and preparing class work.

It was not known how many teaching assistants participated. There are about 500 graduate employees who teach in the buildings, and Kamper said at least two-thirds had agreed to join the strike.

The administration continued its opposition to the union effort.

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Pet population problems preventable

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As the semester winds down, it is a virtual certainty the number of dumped and abandoned pets in Lubbock will increase. Once again, just as at the end of other semesters, the Lubbock Animal Services shelter will be overwhelmed with dogs and cats who have been surrendered by their owners, for any number of reasons.

While a few might make it into the shelter's no-kill adoption program, many more will be killed because there are not enough homes for all of them. These animals, believe it or not, are the lucky ones. Many dogs and cats will be left behind to fend for themselves when their owners move and do not take them along.

Unless a caring person finds and rescues them, they face slow death from starvation. Countless other pets will be driven by their owners to a location far from home, where they will be dumped by the side of the road to survive as best they can. They will likely either starve to death or be hit by a car.

As tragic as this may be, the situation is made even sadder by the fact that it is completely avoidable. However, it is up to each individual owner to take responsibility for the health and welfare of his or her

animal. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Consider all implications thoroughly before acquiring a cat, dog, or other pet. Animals are living, breathing beings who will require food, water, shelter and attention for the rest of their lives.

Caring properly for an animal can be expensive in terms of time and money. If you are not willing to commit to your pet's care for the rest of its life, then you are not ready to have a pet. If you are the kind of person who moves into a house or apartment that does not allow pets, then you are not ready to have a pet.

- Please get a stuffed animal or volunteer for one of the local shelters to get your animal "fix." Or spend time with a friend's pet who may need more attention than the friend can provide. I think you will be amazed at how much difference one person can make in the lives of animals.

- If you have a pet, please do not abandon it when you leave for the semester. If you are unable to find a home for your pet, and you cannot find any way you can keep it yourself, the kindest thing to do is to take your pet to Lubbock Animal Services shelter at 401 N. Ash.

There are new statistics showing that increased spaying and neutering has led to a decrease in the number of shelter animals destroyed in Texas over the past three years. One animal does make a difference.

If the pet is lucky, it will be placed into the adoption program. If not, and the pet has to be euthanized, this is still a better option than leaving the animal to starve on the streets.

Incidentally, if you have noticed a number of stray cats on campus, you know what happens to animals who are dumped. Now we have stray cats on campus who are reproducing every year and making more stray cats who barely survive. If these cats could be humanely trapped, vaccinated and spayed or neutered, we could stabilize the campus stray cat population.

Would this not be preferable to watching new kittens starve and freeze

each winter?

- The most important single thing you can do to help animals is to keep your own pets from breeding and exacerbating the overpopulation tragedy. If you truly love animals, you will value the animal's welfare over your own desire to have puppies or kittens. Every puppy or kitten that you allow to be born takes a home that might have gone to a shelter animal, saving that shelter animal's life. There are new statistics showing that increased spaying and neutering has led to a decrease in the number of shelter animals destroyed in Texas over the past three years. One animal does make a difference.

- Unfortunately, college students are known as some of the worst offenders when it comes to responsible pet ownership.

I would like to encourage Tech students to help me change that image by spaying and neutering their animals and doing whatever is possible to help those homeless animals who are already here.

One person really can make a tremendous difference for animals. Just imagine what we could do if we had all college students on the side of animals.

■ Maggie Durham is the undergraduate adviser in the Department of Psychology.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cancellation came late

To the editor: I wish to address the issue of canceling classes Wednesday. I woke up to a snow covered ground and icy streets like everyone else. I braved the weather and ventured into the white blue yonder on my way to class. Like every other Texas Tech student, I had class.

The roads had not been sanded and the first freeze of the season hit pretty hard. It took me 45 minutes to get to class. After class I came home to eat lunch and then was about to head back to class when I heard that classes after 1 p.m. had been canceled. Like many of you I am sure, I wondered who in the hell slept 'till noon and then decided to cancel classes.

By the time the cancellation of classes was announced, Lubbock's street department already had started sanding and the roads were only mildly icy — nothing like they were in the morning.

Next time it ices, I think it would be wise if we (the whole school) called whomever is in charge (Schmidly) and gave him a wake-up call so they can see the dangers or severity of inclement weather.

Michael Palmer
junior
restaurant, hotel and institutional
management

Angel column hilarious

To the editor: I have had the pleasure of reading several of your (Brandon Formby) opinion columns in your job

as editor of *The University Daily*.

However, the one I have enjoyed the most thus far was your column "Christmas Candy Canes and Whup Ass" (UD, 11-29).

I too, share your frustration about the "Scrooge-like" people at the Carol of Lights. You know, those people who

ruin the singing with their talking and those people who arrive late and still expect to stand in front of you (even though you were there about 30 minutes early to find a good spot).

I have to admit, I liked your personal story most of all. Not many people can relate to having an "atypical" family

Christmas, but those of us who can know exactly what you're talking about. Thanks again for writing an enjoyable column and keep up the good work!

Risë Lara
graduate student
communications studies



Snow means slow

COLUMN



DAVID WIECHMANN

If you haven't noticed, there's snow and ice on the roads. Every year in Lubbock when this happens, the people of the Hub City prove they have no idea

how to drive.

I'm from Lubbock and consider myself a good driver, but so does everyone else. But I was almost hit by a Toyota Forerunner that decided to go 40 mph on Brownfield Highway.

So what, you ask. It was on the other side of the road, and it lost control ending up on the median next to me.

Why do you go this fast in inclement weather? Why do people think they can drive normally? And as supported by the hundreds of accidents in the Hub City since Tuesday, am I the only person who knows how to drive on snow and ice?

In case you don't know how to avoid being one of those who spin through intersections, slide in to the other lane at a stop light, remain stationary at a stop light or, like my friend in the Forerunner, end up on the median, take this advice in to consideration.

1: Drive slow! Good Lord, people! If you hit a patch of ice at a high rate of speed, your chances of losing control are greatly increased, and your chances of gaining control are dramatically reduced. This should be obvious. Driving slower also will keep you from losing

If a light turns yellow, make sure the coast is clear before going. Don't accelerate or slam on the brakes.

control when you attempt to stop. You will not have to go from 40 mph to zero. Slamming on your brakes will cause your car to slide, and thus not stop.

2: Don't slam on your brakes so you don't end up sliding into another lane or fish tailing when you're trying to stop, take your time. A sudden change of speed will cause you to lose what little traction you've managed to find. If you brake at an easy, consistent rate you can coast to a stop and not have to brake harder near the end. If a light turns yellow, make sure the coast is clear before going. Don't accelerate or slam on the brakes. This will cause you to have an accident. Go through the intersection at the same speed and you should have no problems.

3: Weigh your car down. If you drive a truck, sports car or anything that's rear-wheel drive, put weight in the back. Ice does not like rear-wheel drive.

It's much easier to pull on ice than push. Put weight in your trunk to make it easier to gain traction, especially all you sweet little girls in Mustangs. I saw a girl spin out for 10 minutes Wednesday at University Avenue and Broadway. I must admit, I laughed. It was funny to see her go nowhere.

4: Don't be stupid. If you have the idea that nothing will happen to you, you're wrong. It's the people who think they don't have to be cautious that have accidents. If you get the inclination to drive like a maniac on the ice, do it when I'm not around because I'll only think you're an idiot for risking my life as well as yours.

■ David Wiechmann is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Lubbock. He has never received a ticket or had an accident, but admits he's not the best. Those who think they are better than they really are can reach him at wreckem_d_man@hotmail.com.

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Energy company Enron on verge of bankruptcy

By Kristen Hays/Associated Press

HOUSTON — Enron Corp. was pushed to the brink of bankruptcy after the once-mighty energy trading company's credit collapsed and its main rival backed out of an \$8.4 billion buyout plan.

News that Enron was being spurned by Dynegy Inc. sent its stock price spiraling 85 percent to close at 61 cents on Wednesday. The decline continued on Thursday as Enron shares fell 31.2 percent, or 19 cents a share, to 42 cents in heavy early afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Just a year ago, stock of the nation's largest buyer and seller of natural gas traded at \$85 per share.

The meltdown made bankruptcy seem inevitable for a company that just months ago was the country's seventh biggest in revenue — but crumbled after revealing questionable partnerships and admitting it overstated profits for four years.

"It's the end of Enron, no question about it," said Gordon Howald, an analyst at Credit Lyonnais Securities in New York. "I don't know who else could step in."

In quick succession Wednesday, two rating agencies dropped Enron's credit

rating, forcing it to pay billions of dollars in debt it probably can't afford. Dynegy immediately backed out of its acquisition plan after several days of efforts to renegotiate the deal.

Investors unloaded 339 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange — a record for one day — and sent Enron stock plummeting.

Enron said Thursday it was evaluating whether previously declared dividends will be paid on the corporation's common and preferred stock.

The company was valued at \$80 billion little more than a year ago, and in 1999 the company agreed to spend \$100

million over 30 years to put its name on Houston's major league ballpark. By Wednesday night, the company was worth about \$500 million — and one Enron share was worth less than one-sixth the price of a \$4 hot dog at Enron Field.

"I don't think that you see such a well-thought-of company falling down this quickly," said Robert Christmas, a bankruptcy lawyer with Nixon Peabody LLC in New York. "I can't think of one in recent history where it was this fast."

Enron, which was formed in 1985 and has 20,000 employees, was once the world's top buyer and seller of natural gas and the largest electricity marketer in the

United States. It also marketed coal, pulp, paper, plastics, metals and fiber-optic bandwidth.

Dazed workers trickled out of Enron's downtown Houston headquarters Wednesday afternoon, across the street from the company's new \$200 million, 40-story glass tower, saying they couldn't predict Enron's future — or their own.

"I don't know that there is a soft landing," said Enron employee David Picone. "Top to bottom, this is a hard landing for everybody."

In its heyday, Enron lavished contributions on politicians. The company and its employees have been the single big-

gest group of contributors to President George W. Bush's campaigns.

But even the company's political connections couldn't stop the slide. Enron's money-losing broadband unit and power operations in India and Brazil are up for sale, and analysts said Enron has no other obvious rescuers.

Enron and Dynegy, also based in Houston, had spent recent days trying to work out a revision to their Nov. 9 merger agreement, which valued Enron stock at more than \$10 per share. Dynegy finally scuttled the deal, saying some aspects of the takeover agreement had not been met.

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Snowstorms kill seven drivers in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — An arctic blast that invaded Texas with a hard freeze and up to a foot of snow has left at least seven motorists dead, including a woman who was 8 1/2 months pregnant, in wrecks blamed on icy bridges and slick roads. Dozens of airline flights were canceled or delayed.

Meteorologists said much of the Dallas area had dodged a bullet as the frigid blast moved into the state. The storm system powered by an upper-level low pressure system left thousands without electrical power before stalling over North Texas.

"This threat that the weather has caused certainly is not over yet," said Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange, warning that the sheen of ice coating roadways was not apparent to many motorists.

Senate

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"Students who have supported a candidate or who have worked on a campaign want to know the end result. This change will affect everyone equally."

With the passing of this bill, the general election for the SGA will be moved to the last Tuesday and Wednesday of February, instead of the first week in March. In the event of a run-off, the election would be determined before Spring

Break. The deadline for filing candidacy will be moved to the final Friday in January at 5 p.m. This would move any possible run-off date to the week preceding Spring Break.

For a candidate to win in the general election, he or she must obtain 51 percent of the vote. If none of the candidates secure this number, a run-off election is held to determine the winner. In the run-off, only a majority of the votes is needed.

"The anticipation of a run-off is antagonizing, but it was worth the wait when I won," said Steinmetz, who was

involved in a run-off last semester said. "It is tough to wait, Spring Break was very long this year."

External Vice President Channon Cain, who also experienced a run-off that took place after Spring Break, said the change would allow the candidates involved to be able to concentrate on other items during the holiday.

"During the break, (the candidates) have to stay in gear and stay focused on the elections," he said. "It's hard to concentrate on anything else, even school work."

Tuition

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ment plan schedule. Promissory note forms are available in the SBS office, Financial Aid and at the Registrar's office.

Students who cannot pay 50 percent by Jan. 3 may utilize an emergency enrollment loan for 90 days through SBS or Financial Aid.

Students receiving scholarships or financial aid will have their funds automatically applied to their tuition and fee bills. If the aid does not cover 100 per-

cent of the total, the student will need to cover the remaining cost with one of the other payment options. Students can come by the UC next week with proof of aid to receive their shirt.

Hyde said students could pay by cash, check, credit card, scholarship, payment plan or emergency enrollment loan in the UC next week.

Students can also pay online at <http://techsis.admin.ttu.edu/student> To receive a shirt, students must present a proof of payment by printing their online receipt.

"We're trying to make this as easy as possible," Hyde said.

Regardless of the payment method,

all students who meet the deadline may choose of five styles of Tech shirts, including embroidered golf shirts and sweatshirts.

"If we have 20,000 students come in, they will all get a shirt," Hyde said.

To receive a shirt, students can come by the UC next week, or stop by SBS in Drane Hall or Financial Aid in West Hall.

In addition to the tuition party next week, all those who pay their tuition and fees in full from non-university funds by Jan. 3 will be entered into a drawing for two iMac laptop computers.

Since the announcement of deadline changes in November, Hyde said, the

Supplements

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contained dangerous amounts of lead.

Kaye said people who already are taking prescription medication should consult their physician before taking any herbal product, because certain interactions between medications can be lethal.

"If you're taking any type of heart medicine especially, you should be very leery of these products and consult your health care provider," he said. "There are a number of potential drug interactions that could be fatal."

Kaye said the easiest way to increase physical and mental performance is to eat healthy foods, get plenty of sleep and take a multivitamin.

"It's easier to just get a good night's sleep than to experiment with all these products," he said. "It's easier than using a Chinese herb with magical properties."

Only half of those at risk for HIV have been tested

Study suggests infections could be higher

ATLANTA (AP) — Only about half the people at highest risk for HIV have been tested, suggesting U.S. infection rates could be higher than health experts thought, government researchers said Thursday.

Just 54 percent of people who reported being at high or medium risk said they had been tested for the virus that causes AIDS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

An even smaller proportion of the risk group — just 10 percent — said they had been tested in the previous year. The study was released in advance of World AIDS Day, which is Saturday.

also considered at risk.

The CDC study, conducted in 1999, asked more than 30,000 people whether they fit into any of the categories. Those who did were deemed at risk for HIV.

In encouraging news, about 30 percent of people in the study said they had been tested for HIV, up from 26 percent in 1995 and just 5 percent in 1987, when AIDS was perceived to be mostly isolated among homosexual men.

HIV testing rates appear to be higher for blacks than for whites. More than 70 percent of blacks at highest risk for HIV in the study said they had been tested, compared with 63 percent for Hispanics and just 50 percent for whites.

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The results underscore a problem that has concerned health officials for years: A substantial segment of people with HIV don't even realize they have it and are probably spreading the infection.

The study cited lack of access to testing centers and a perceived lack of confidentiality as reasons some people don't get tested.

The risk factors for HIV included injection drug users, people who trade sex for money or drugs, men who have sex with other men and people with blood-clotting problems. Anyone who had sex with someone in the risk categories was

The study also found that blacks were most likely to seek an HIV test because they just wanted to know their HIV status, while whites were most likely to test because it was required for a job, surgery, insurance or military service.

Hispanics were roughly split among those two reasons and testing because it was recommended by a doctor or a sexual partner.

Blacks and Hispanics have accounted for more than half of the 775,000 AIDS cases reported in the United States since the epidemic began 20 years ago.

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"It's quick, it's painless, and it requires no blood to be drawn," Benson said.

Kimbrough encourages people to get tested for HIV to protect themselves and potential sexual partners against infection. The stigma associated with HIV has decreased since the 1980s, Kimbrough said.

"Any physician or clinic can do an

HIV test, and nobody thinks anything about it," he said.

Benson said students should be aware HIV can be transmitted by oral and anal sex as well. Also, the presence of other sexually transmitted diseases increases the chance of HIV infection. SHS provided information to students in the UC this week, including instructions for using condoms and information on testing procedures.

SHS also will sponsor an AIDS memorial walk at 5:45 p.m. Saturday starting in Memorial Circle. After the event, a brief memorial service will be held at St. John's United Methodist Church. A panel from the AIDS quilt, made by a local woman who lost her son to AIDS, will be displayed.

Soldiers

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"but we have not been able to corroborate those reports yet."

Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke refused to comment on captured figures, but said there have been defections among important Taliban figures, "another sign that the Taliban continues to be degraded."

"There have been defections ... of some of the more senior people," Clarke said Thursday, declining to name them or say how many there were.

Highlighting the continuing danger of lawlessness and possible reprisals from the Taliban, the Pentagon has sent two units of about two dozen soldiers each to help guard U.S. military personnel helping to repair airfields in Mazar-e-Sharif and north of Kabul in Bagram, military officials said Wednesday. The soldiers are

from the 10th Mountain Division, which has about 1,000 soldiers providing security at an air base the Americans are using in Uzbekistan.

Near the southern city of Kandahar, more Marines and equipment have been ferried in to bring their strength to slightly more than 1,000. Clarke said in a Thursday briefing.

The Marines are the only substantial U.S. ground force in Afghanistan, although the Pentagon has not ruled out eventually putting more Army troops there if the current approach to rooting out al-Qaida and Taliban leadership fails.

For now, the Pentagon is content to seek information from local Afghans on the enemy's whereabouts and to bomb the caves, tunnels and other facilities in which they might be hiding.

In the north, soldiers also will help protect U.S. forces setting up field hospitals, coordinate food deliveries and advise anti-Taliban fighters, military of-

ficials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Similar security teams probably will be sent to other areas of Afghanistan, one official said.

Bagram's airfield, which had been a key base for the Soviet Union during its occupation of Afghanistan in the 1980s, eventually may be used to launch U.S. combat operations, officials said. It was not clear whether those missions would involve strike aircraft or ground troops.

The 10th Mountain units are too small to deal with large-scale threats, however, officials said.

Although the anti-Taliban northern alliance now controls the northern half of Afghanistan, the area is still dangerous. Taliban prisoners of war rioted at a fort near Mazar-e-Sharif this week, killing a CIA officer who became the first American killed in combat in Afghanistan during the anti-terrorism campaign that began Oct. 7.

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CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY member Pat Grey, a first year law student from Wink, collects bikes for the Salvation Army in the lobby of the School of Law Building. The school has received more bike donations than the rest of Tech's campus combined.

DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

Male athletes in date auction

By Stephanie Rosiles/Contributing Writer

Fifty Texas Tech male athletes will be in a date auction at 8 p.m. Monday in the University Center Matador Room. Basketball, baseball, football, golf, tennis and track athletes will participate.

The minimum bid is \$5. The athlete will tell the audience in one sentence why the bidders should bid on him. After the auction, the athletes and their dates for the evening will go to Mr. Gatti's for a group date. Dinner is included in the bid.

This is an inaugural fund raising event for the Tech Athletic Student Advisory Board. Some of the proceeds will be given to the Ronald McDonald House of Lubbock. There will be a canned food drive for the Ronald McDonald House, and ev-

eryone is encouraged to bring a non-perishable item.

Royce Ramey, president of the advisory board, said he is coordinating the auction and hopes everyone has a good time.

"This is the first time for something like this," Ramey said. "I hope everyone will have fun, and we will get a good response from the students."

Jenny Rubio, a sophomore from Austin, said she is going to attend the date auction, and she already has someone in mind on whom she wants to bid. "I think this is a great idea," Rubio said. "If I am going to bid on someone, then maybe I'll bid on Kevin Curtis."

BJ Symons, a junior Red Raider quarterback from Houston, said he thinks the auction will help him out a little.

"Hopefully it will be a good chance

for some of us who don't have any luck finding dates to get one," he said. "I just hope I don't go for the minimum."

Ivan Smith, a senior Red Raider for the Red Raider baseball team, said he is excited about the auction.

"I haven't been in an auction before, but I think it will be fun," he said.

Second baseman, said he is up for bids. He said he hopes he will have several people bid on him.

"I'm not too sure what exactly is going to happen," he said, "but I hope someone bids on me."

Cranford and Smith are roommates and said they have a bet going to see who will get the highest bid.

"I think I will get a bid for at least \$20," Cranford said. "If not, then more, because it's for a good cause and I'm a nice guy."

Dance

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Willis-Aarnio, who helped direct and choreograph the concert, is a two-time graduate of Texas Christian University with multiple degrees in ballet and theatre and a specialty in direction and choreography. She was a member of the Fort Worth Ballet and became a professional choreographer when she was 21.

"I've performed in about 3,000 performances," Willis-Aarnio said. "I've performed in Europe and all around the United States."

Willis-Aarnio has been teaching at Texas Tech for 30 years, and has choreographed more than 60 original ballets.

"Unfortunately, I had to stop dancing because of a back injury in 1976," she said.

Panova, one of two guest choreographers in the concert, is a visiting assistant professor in the dance program in the department of theatre and dance. She is internationally known and performed in various Broadway shows. In 1987, Panova started her teaching career in Lucern, Switzerland and was a ballet mistress and company coach for three seasons with the State Theatre Ballet in Germany.

Kleiman, another guest choreographer in the program, currently lives in San Francisco, where she is a cor-

porate facility-planning manager and certified interior designer. Kleiman is also a graduate of Texas Christian University with a major in ballet and a minor in theatre. She is a former soloist with the Fort Worth Ballet and performed in more than 150 ballet and modern productions.

"I really hope that people go to the Carol of Lights, then head over to watch the concert...it would be such an enjoyable evening."

— PEGGY WILLIS-AARNIO
Head of Dance Program

Carolyn Thompson, a senior dance major from Plano, is excited about performing in her fourth concert.

"All of my shows have been with Tech," said Thompson. "I'm in eight of the dances on Friday...we've practiced so much...usually from 6:00 p.m. until midnight."

Thompson took a chance on an interest and began dancing her sopho-

more year at Texas Tech.

"I've always been interested in dance," said Thompson. "My major used to be advertising. I just decided to try out ballet and I ended up loving it."

Along with the dance department, Thompson is also a member of the Willis Ballet, which is headed by Willis-Aarnio.

"She [Willis-Aarnio] watches everyone and then asks you to be a member," said Thompson. "I was so excited—I really wasn't expecting it. We've watched her company perform before. They are all professionals, and really talented. I didn't know that amateurs and pre-professionals could be apart of it."

Before each concert, Thompson does a series of things to relax her nerves.

"I always get nervous before I perform," said Thompson. "I think it's because I haven't been dancing for very long...I always say a prayer, and do a certain warm up. I don't feel complete if I don't do it."

Both Willis-Aarnio and Thompson share the love of dancing and performing and enjoy bringing their talents to the stage.

"Dancing is my passion," said Willis-Aarnio. "I know my students share the passion with me...I really hope that people go to the Carol of Lights, then head over to watch the concert...it would be such an enjoyable evening."

The Fall Dance Concert is \$5.00 for students with their Tech ID and open to the public.

Electric Kool-Aid to host music fest today at Einstein's

Electric Kool-Aid will sponsor a concert event starting at 7 p.m. today at Einstein's, located at 1824 Ave. G.

The homegrown music fest will showcase local bands from Lubbock and its surrounding communities.

Ryan Murray, a senior telecommunications major from Mansfield, said he thinks the show will be something stu-

dents will enjoy.

"This is will a good chance to see the kind of music that can be seen right here in Lubbock," he said.

Electric Kool-Aid is a show broadcast on KTX-FM Thursday beginning at 10 p.m. Ryan Murray, a senior telecommunications major from Mansfield, said he thinks the show will be something stu-

There will be five local bands play-

ing tonight at Einstein's, including Yellowhouse Canyon Boys; Dr. Scoob and the Revenge of the Snacktones; Sgt. Steve Monday; Watermelon Fastbass; and Cuttin' the Grass.

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Aretha Franklin files suit against tabloid

DETROIT (AP) — Aretha Franklin has filed a \$50 million defamation lawsuit against the publisher of the *Star* tabloid magazine, alleging it fabricated a report that she abuses alcohol.

The lawsuit against American Media Inc. stems from a December 2000 article titled "Aretha Franklin Drinking Herself into Grave," according to a statement from Franklin's attorneys, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP.

The article claimed excessive drinking "Queen of Soul" to cancel concerts and threatened her career and health.

The claim, filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Detroit, alleges the article has "subsequently impaired her ability to pursue her chosen profession."

"By publishing this vicious assault on a beloved cultural icon, the *Star* has reconfirmed that it has no journalistic standards," lawyer Barry Langberg said in a news release Wednesday evening.

Gerald McKelvey, a spokesman for Boca Raton, Fla.-based American Media, said company officials had not read the lawsuit and had no comment.

Johnny Carson goes ape for zoo chimps

ROYAL, Neb. (AP) — The former host of "The Tonight Show" is promoting some monkey business in northeast Nebraska.

The Johnny Carson Foundation has donated \$20,000 to Zoo Nebraska to renovate the primate building.

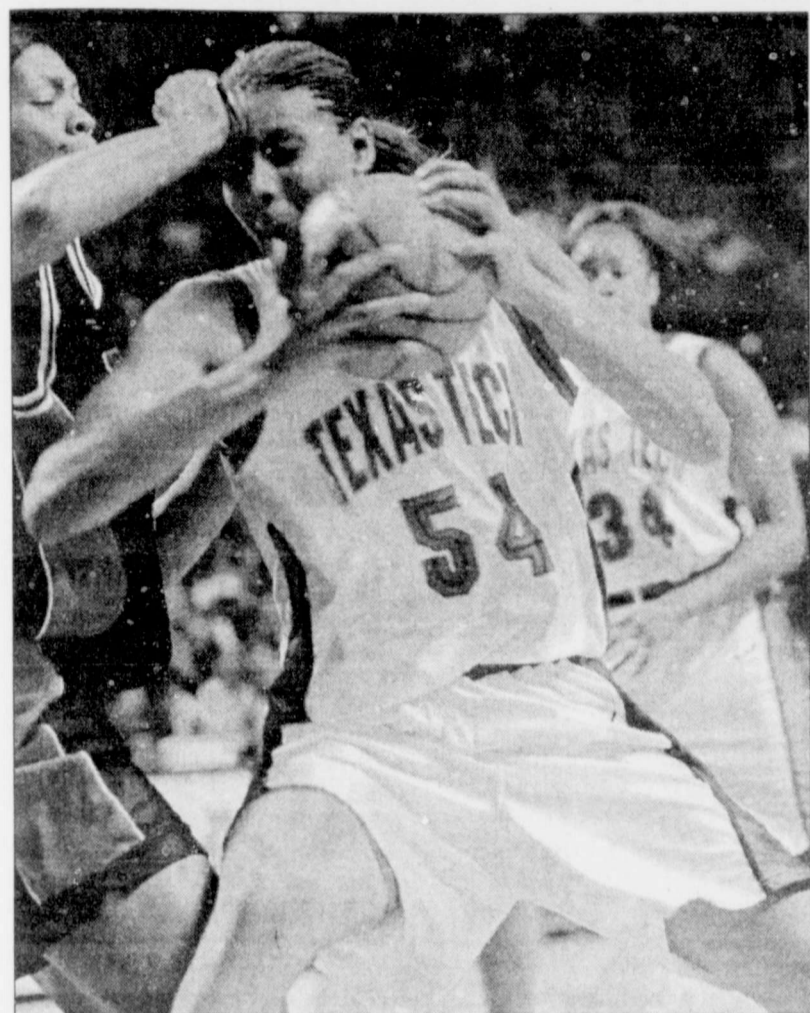
The building formerly housed capuchin monkeys and Reuben the Chimp. It will be converted into the new Carson Center for Chimps.

Zoo officials said the new complex will be the largest of its kind in the Midwest. Reuben and Jimmie Joe, a new chimp that recently arrived at the zoo, are using half the building while renovations are made.

Jimmie Joe is the first of four rescued chimps scheduled to arrive at the zoo in the next year.

Monday's donation follows many contributions the 76-year-old Carson has made to projects in his native Norfolk and the surrounding area.

Lady Raiders finish road trip tonight, at home Sunday



FILE PHOTO/Staff Photographer
TEXAS TECH FORWARD Plenette Pierson takes a shot in the forecourt during an exhibition game. Tech faces New Mexico tonight and North Texas on Sunday.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Lady Raiders finish their four-game road trip tonight at New Mexico.

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

A four-game road stretch will come to an end for the Lady Raiders as they take on the Lobos of New Mexico at 8 p.m. today in Albuquerque, N.M.

Texas Tech is 2-1 on the season thus far and will look for its third win of the season against a Lobo squad to which it has never lost.

The Lady Raiders have taken all nine of their contests with UNM throughout history but the last two trips to The Pit have resulted in close contests.

Tech has escaped the Land of En-

chantment with victories by an average of only five points the last two times it has played in New Mexico.

Both squads enter today's game coming off wins against Pac-10 Conference opponents.

The Lady Raiders claimed a 72-65 win against the Oregon Ducks Monday and the Lobos knocked off the Arizona Wildcats, 75-67, Tuesday.

The Pit in Albuquerque, N.M., holds 18,018 fans and the Lobos have been drawing well to their home games this season after making it to the championship game of the WNIT last season.

Tech forward Plenette Pierson led the Lady Raiders in scoring against the Ducks with 22 points and said she is expecting a formidable crowd and opponent when the Lady Raiders venture into Loboland.

"We are ready to go out there and play," Pierson said. "We know that they

are going to have a lot of fans and we are just ready to go out there and play our hardest."

The Lobos were led offensively by center Jordan Adams in their victory against Arizona. Adams poured in a game-high 21 points in the New Mexico win.

Pierson is averaging 17 points per game to lead the Lady Raider offensive attack this season and said Tech has improved on its team defense which should help against UNM.

"We have learned a lot from our last two away games," Pierson said. "We've learned that team defense will help you win a game. We've learned that if we just come together, we can do anything."

Sophomore Tech guard Jia Perkins said after beginning the season with four

consecutive road games, the Lady Raiders are pleased their traveling days are coming to an end for a while after the trip to New Mexico.

"I think we are looking forward to this being our final road game for a while," Perkins said. "It is time to play in front of our crowd. I think UNM is going to have a lot of people yelling and screaming at us because The Pit seats a lot of fans, too. So I think it is going to be fun just to play in that sort of environment and having those fans cheering against us. It will be something different."

The contest against the Lobos will be the first of two games Tech will play this weekend.

The Lady Raiders will open the home portion of their regular season schedule with a tilt against North Texas at 2 p.m. Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

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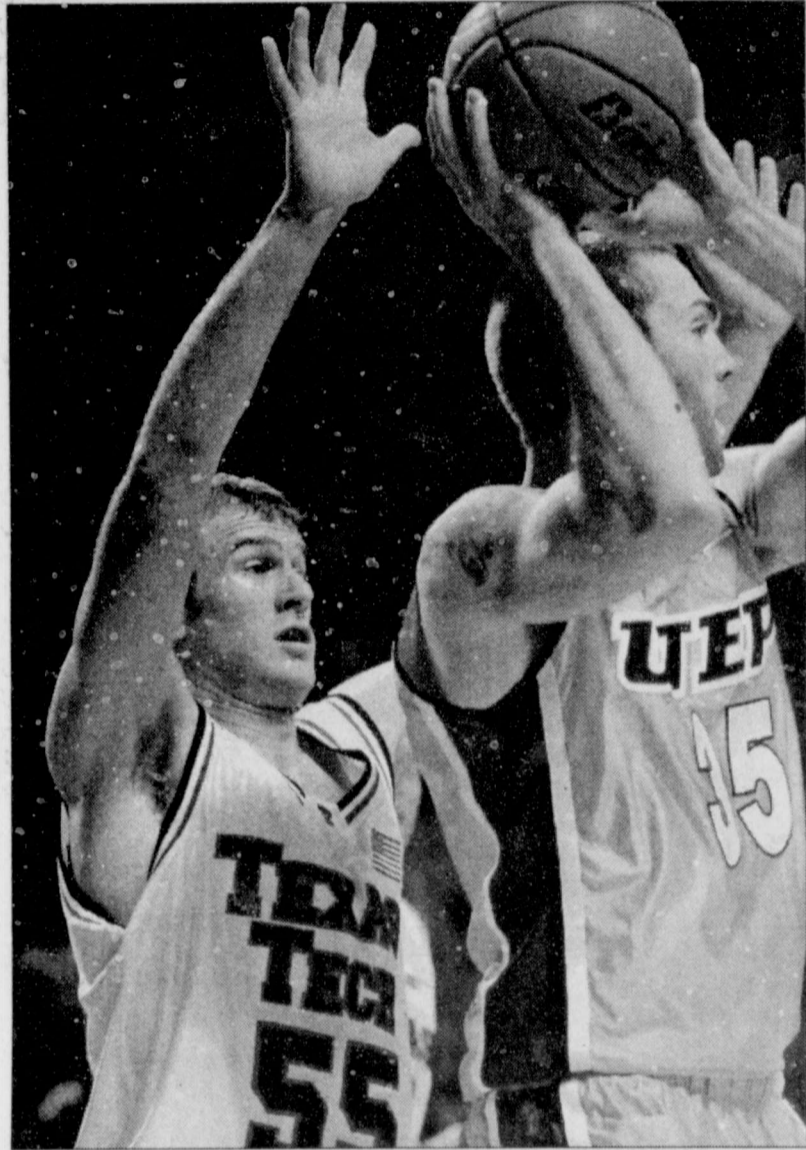
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Ellis, Powell look for TCU mismatch



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer
TECH CENTER ANDY Ellis guards Texas-El Paso center Brian Stewart during Tech's win on Monday. The Red Raiders face Texas Christian at 4 p.m. Saturday at the U.S.A.

Vitale, ESPN to broadcast Tech-TCU game

Tickets remain for Texas Tech's men's basketball game against Texas Christian University at 4 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena. 4,600 student tickets, 250 upper level reserved seats and 1,000 general admission upper deck seats still remain. Interested buyers can begin

purchasing seats at 10:30 a.m. today at the United Spirit Arena. The game will be broadcast nationally by ESPN (Cable 31 in Lubbock). Legendary broadcaster Dick Vitale will be court-side reporting the game for the network.

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

Texas Tech's Andy Ellis and Kasib Powell realize they are undersized at their positions.

"It doesn't matter," Powell said.

In comes Ellis.

"We have speed," he said.

The two backcourt Red Raiders (5-1) have had a disadvantage in the size department most of this season, but that hasn't stopped the two from producing on the hardwood.

The two hope to continue their stellar play when the Raiders square off with Texas Christian University at 4 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena. The game will be televised nationally by ESPN.

Ellis, the senior 6-foot-11-inch center said although he has the height, he knows he doesn't have the build advantage at 225 pounds.

"My whole career I have been undersized," Ellis said. "I have been tall, but not as big. But I just try to look for the mismatch. Kasib is the same way."

That mismatch, Powell said, is speed and range.

"I think that is the only smart way around it," said Powell, who stands at 6-foot-7-inches. "If they are bigger than we are, we are not just going to bang with them. We are going to run around them."

And the two showed the pair of qualities during Tech's 81-80 overtime win against New Mexico State on Wednesday, with Ellis scoring 28 points and Powell contributing 17.

Powell said Tech coach Bob Knight emphasizes mismatches. He said one mismatch Tech has had most of the season is forward Andre Emmett on opposing small forwards.

"We look at mismatches and we look at strengths," Powell said. "It helps out that Andre is bigger than most small forwards and he posts more than our center does at times."

Ellis agreed.

"We may not be big," he said, "but everybody plays a lot bigger than they are. One thing about this team is we are very versatile."

The Horned Frogs (4-2) don't pose much of a height disadvantage as other Tech opponents have this year, but Powell said TCU does have some size.

Post players Bingo Merrix and Corey Valsin both weigh about 225 pounds.

What does Powell say about the size disadvantage?

"Sometimes I look at guys that are bigger and stronger than me," said Powell, who weighs in at 198 pounds. "But I just say I am quicker."

Ellis said Knight has worked in the mismatches.

Ellis has shown some range this season by shooting from the outside more than

he has in previous seasons. So other than trying to post up, Ellis sits back and nails a jumper.

"Coach wanted that mismatch and he saw it," Ellis said. "This year I am more out there on the perimeter. And it seems like it is working. And Kasib (Powell) plays like a guard at the four spot. And that is working out for us."

Powell said Tech's motion offense creates the outside shots the pair attempts.

A lot of times, Powell said, he finds himself open near the perimeter.

"This offense makes you an all around player," Powell said. "At times I find myself playing point guard and running the offense. Right now I play whatever I have to play. And I am always ready."

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—KASIB POWELL
Texas Tech Forward

Attention women: Lay off men and their cars, sports and music

COLUMN

Hey guys, and I mean guys, do you ever get tired of women just ragging on you for everything you enjoy in life?



JEFF KELLER

If you are a red-blooded American male who has had any contact with females, then chances are, you have heard at least something close to that in your lifetime.

I personally get tired of women griping at men because we like to watch sports all day, listen to Van Halen at volume levels that make the neighbor's pets run away, or look at classic muscle cars and admire the fine American craftsmanship that used to go into powerful cars in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

On more than one occasion I am sure most men have heard this line.

"Why do you watch those stupid Rambo movies?" or "How come all you watch on television is cop shows and SportsCenter?" or "Why do you know all of the words to every Chris Farley movie ever made?"

WE JUST DO! These things are what make men and women different. Well, some of the things. It doesn't mean that men are

inferior or insensitive or that we don't pay attention to women's feelings.

Who are men killing by belching and leaving the toilet seat up? Do these things detract so much from society? Are we really ruining women's lives by taking pleasure in the finer things in life?

I don't think so. I mean, why do women get on men's backs for such things? Why can't they understand that Saturdays, Sundays and Monday nights are for football? Radios in cars are for cranking old-school rock 'n' roll like the aforementioned Van Halen brothers, Ted Nugent or maybe the occasional Motley Crue tune. Car radios are not for mellowing out to the annoying sounds of Matchbox 20 or Destiny's Child.

Men just find some things are worth taking up most of their thought process. In case women are feeling neglected by men because of any of the previously mentioned items, just relax. Trust me, women dominate most of the thought process for men most of the time. If we dropped all of those things that distract us from thinking about women, trust me, you would get real tired of us paying full attention to you all of the time.

The things most men derive enjoyment out of are no less or no more important than the things from which most women get pleasure. If men and women both enjoyed the same things all the time, what a boring world that would be. So I say, live and let live and the next time your man refuses to leave the ball game early or takes a second glance at a 1971 Chevelle, just let him be and I am sure the world will be a much better place.

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