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Schmidly to leave Tech

By Michael Castellon/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech President David Schmidly has accepted an offer to serve as Oklahoma State University's 17th president and chief executive officer of the university's system.

A 27-member search committee unanimously recommended Schmidly to the OSU Board of Regents on Monday afternoon.

"I felt it is time to serve a university as a chief executive officer," Schmidly said. "That opportunity does not exist at Texas Tech University because of the system organization. The time has come in my career to advance to the next level, and I'm eager to accept this new opportunity and challenge."

Schmidly said his appointment at OSU will take effect on or before Feb. 1.

Schmidly's departure from Tech follows allegations he played a role in a botched interim dean search at Tech's School of Law and made a remark to the school's former dean that "disparaged women."

Schmidly denied his departure was re-

lated to the allegations.

"There's no linkage between this issue and the law school controversy," he said. "I would never allow false allegations and slander to cause me to vacate a position."

Brent Gooden, a spokesman for OSU, said the search committee was aware of the allegations, but the controversy did not hinder Schmidly's qualifications.

Gooden said Schmidly met with faculty members Monday afternoon and discussed the allegations.

"I'm not aware of all the details involved in the allegations, but they were certainly present at the faculty forum," he said. "Everyone seems content about Dr. Schmidly's commitment to diversity. Everything went very well, and everyone here is very excited."

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said he met with Schmidly, and the two agreed accepting the offer was in Schmidly's best interest.

"We talked about it and of course, obviously at that point, there was quite a bit of

anticipation and excitement in David's life and (wife) Janet's," he said. "We talked about some things David really wanted in his career... David has an incredible opportunity to run an entire system, including a health sciences center. We couldn't do that here, and that was really the fundamental issue."

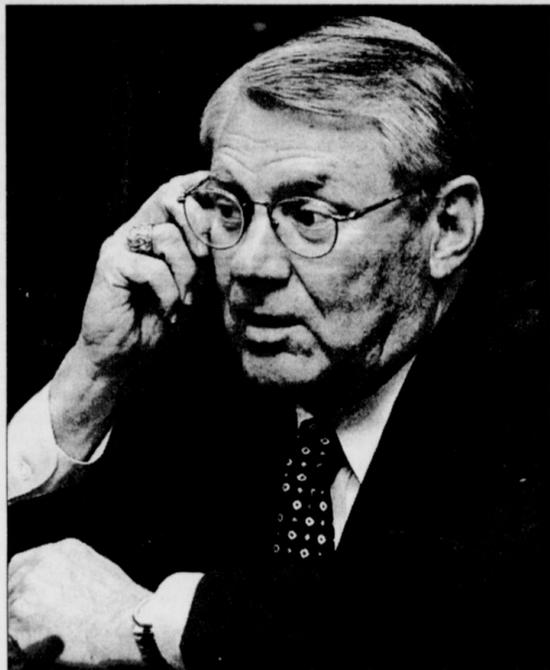
As President and CEO of OSU, Schmidly will be responsible for OSU campuses in Stillwater, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Okmulgee in addition to the university's Center for Health Sciences and Medical School.

Schmidly's annual base salary at Tech is \$245,440; at OSU, he will earn about \$250,000.

Smith said the university is prepared to move forward following Schmidly's departure.

"We're going to be looking at the previous process in which David was hired," he said. "We need to look at the configuration

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TEXAS TECH PRESIDENT
David Schmidly announces his acceptance of the position of president and CEO of Oklahoma State University on Monday evening in the Administration building.
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Home for the HOLIDAYS



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

FROM LEFT: JOANNA Jordan, a freshman food science nutrition major from Dallas, Angie Emerson, a freshman political science major from Mansfield, and Bekka Kotzur, a freshman architecture major from Corpus Christi, pack their Jeep Wrangler for the drive home to Dallas for the Thanksgiving holiday outside Chitwood/Weymouth on Monday afternoon.

Cold weather forecast for area could hinder students' traveling plans

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

The cold front that hit Lubbock on Sunday may bring some winter precipitation and some inconvenience for Texas Tech students traveling home for Thanksgiving.

Ed Calianese, the warning coordinating meteorologist for the National Weather Service, said the next few days should not be a problem for travelers.

"As far as I can see there are no watches, warnings or advisories up for the immediate area," he said.

The National Weather Service listed chances of snow and freezing drizzle in the next two days for the Lubbock area, but Calianese said it has pulled those predictions and expects the weather to be cloudy with no serious precipitation. There could be a few snow flurries, he said.

However, many students could run into bad weather on the return trip to Lubbock. He said there is a chance of wintry precipitation, which includes sleet, snow and freezing rain on Saturday and Sunday.

Students and others on the road can do several things to ensure they get to their destinations safely, Calianese said. Travelers need to know the weather where they are leaving from, where they are going and what is happening en route. Students also need to give themselves plenty of time to make the trip so they do not have to rush back.

"The biggest winter weather traveling tip is just slow down," Calianese said. Icy roads are especially a hazard, since it is difficult for all vehicles to get traction.

According to information from the Texas Department of Transportation, possible icy conditions were expected on several highways in Brewster County on Monday. However, the ice and snow is expected to be gone by Tuesday morning.

According to the National Weather Service's Web site, there are hazardous conditions in the regions south and west of the Lubbock area. Several surrounding areas, including Midland/Odessa and Fort Stockton, could also see some freezing rain to-

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day. The Amarillo area has a possible chance of snow Tuesday with a nighttime low of 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

The Dallas, Austin and San Antonio regions all have a possible chance for rain today and Wednesday, while the Houston area could see rain for the rest of the week.

According to the hazardous weather outlook from the Houston/Galveston area, temperatures are expected to remain above freezing for the rest of the week. However, the rain

combined with 15 to 20 mph winds could result in wind chills in the 20s. The North Texas region also could get freezing rain throughout the week.

Ray Bern of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation said the road conditions in Oklahoma were not hazardous, but the weather was very cold throughout the state. There could be light snow today,

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International grad students increase

AGAINST THE TREND: Despite decreasing numbers nationwide, Tech research fares well.

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Several major Texas universities are lacking in international graduate researchers since Sept. 11, 2001, but Texas Tech is not one of them.

According to the Associated Press, hundreds of students who were recruited to do university research were denied visas and could not get into the United States. Rice University, Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M University and the University of Texas all have lost graduate students because of a more difficult visa process.

However, Tech survived the carnage. Ann McGlynn, the assistant academic dean for recruitment and admissions for the graduate school, said the number of international students who have applied and have been accepted has increased, while very few are having a problem getting visas.

According to the State Department, the denial rate for visas has increased in every category, not just for students.

"We've heard about the concerns from the scientific community, and we

are looking at how we can accomplish our national security responsibilities and at the same time improve the visa process so there won't be undue delays," said Stuart Patt, spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Consular Affairs.

Robert Crosier, the assistant director for immigration services in the Office of International Affairs, said it is important to remember getting a visa has never been an easy process.

"The fact is, there has always been a fairly high refusal rate for visas, and part of that has always been the great demand for visas to study in the United States," he said.

The biggest affect has been on the time it takes to get a visa, Crosier said. Many students and researchers, including some who planned on attending Tech, did not apply for their visas soon enough to get them in time to start the fall semester. According to the AP, the visa process used to take two to three weeks but now takes three to five months.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has also implemented a

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U.N. team lands in Iraq for inspections

By Charles J. Hanley/
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The first team of U.N. inspectors landed in Iraq on Monday to resume the hunt for chemical, biological or nuclear arms programs, a search whose outcome could help determine the future of peace in the Middle East.

A white C-130 transport plane, emblazoned with a simple "UN," touched down at Saddam International Airport carrying 17 international arms monitors and their cargo of high-tech sensors, computers and other gear. They had assembled earlier at a U.N. rear base on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus.

The team comprised six nuclear experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna and 11 in-

spectors from the New York-based U.N. commission charged with searching for other weapons of mass destruction. Meetings were scheduled Monday night with liaisons from President Saddam Hussein's government.

After a four-year suspension, the crucial new round of surprise inspections will begin Wednesday, when they will likely revisit an unidentified Iraqi site previously inspected in the 1990s. Among other things, they may check on cameras and other monitoring equipment left behind by earlier inspectors.

Later, the inspectors will branch out to new or rebuilt sites — for example, suspected storage places for chemical weapons U.S. intelligence alleges are still held by Iraq.

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Texas Tech Women's Basketball

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The Rundown



Texas A&M football player dies Monday

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A Texas A&M freshman football player died Monday after complaining to his roommate he was having trouble breathing.

Brandon Fails, 18, died at St. Joseph Regional Health Center at 10:03 EST, school officials said.

The cause of death was not released by the school or the hospital.

The 6-foot-1, 307-pound Fails appeared in four games for the Aggies.

"Brandon was a bright-eyed young man with an engaging personality," Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said. "You couldn't be around Brandon for very long without smiling. He was an outstanding football player but an even better person."

Fails' parents rushed to College Station from their home near Fort Worth early Monday morning.

"Words cannot describe the pain and sorrow felt by our football family regarding the loss of this fine young man," Slocum said. "His family is in our thoughts and prayers."

Correction

In Monday's issue of *The University Daily*, Vice Provost James Brink's name was misspelled. The UD regrets the error.

Bush signs to create security department

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush signed legislation Monday creating a new Department of Homeland Security devoted to preventing domestic terror attacks. He promised it "will focus the full resources of the American government on the safety of the American people."

The president picked Tom Ridge as the department's first secretary.

Bush's signature launched the most sweeping federal reorganization since the Defense Department's birth in 1947, a process that his spokesman said could take up to two years to complete.

"Today we are taking historic action to defend the United States and protect our citizens against the dangers of a new era," Bush said. "With my signature, this act of Congress will create a new Department of Homeland Security, ensuring our efforts to protect this country are comprehensive and united."

Bush said he will nominate Navy Secretary Gordon England to be Ridge's deputy, and Asa Hutchinson, the head of the Drug Enforcement Administration, to be undersecretary of border and transportation security.

"With a vast nation to defend, we can neither predict nor prevent every conceivable attack in a free and open society," Bush said in an East Room event.

Palestinian boy shot in clash by Israeli troops

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — Israeli troops shot and killed an 8-year-old Palestinian boy in Nablus on Monday as hundreds of youths ignored a curfew and threw stones at soldiers on their way home from school, witnesses and hospital officials said.

The children gathered in the center of the city, hurling stones at an army jeep, witnesses said. The soldiers opened fire, killing the boy Jihad Faqeh, hospital officials said. Seven Palestinians were wounded, including two adults who were in serious condition.

The Israeli army said troops fired to disperse stone-throwers, and that two explosive devices were thrown toward soldiers.

Hundreds of other residents of the largest West Bank commercial center ventured out onto the streets, violating the curfew, to buy goods to prepare the evening meal that breaks the daylong fast during the holy month of Ramadan.

Observant Muslims do not eat, drink, smoke or have sex during daylight hours throughout Ramadan. Large dinners just after sundown are the norm, though the Israeli military presence in most West Bank towns, accompanied by a curfew that keeps shops closed, has made it difficult for many families to prepare the meals.

What do you think of Tech President David Schmidly's resignation?

"It sounds to me like he got a better deal at OSU. I think the university will be fine."



Brent Phelps
senior industrial engineering major from Panipa



Paul Bauer
senior English major from Houston

"If the allegations against him are true, he needs to step down. We're long past tolerating discrimination."

"Those are strong allegations against him. It may be time to give someone else a chance to increase diversity at Tech."



Lakysa Mosley
junior chemical engineering/pre-medicine major from Corpus Christi

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Task force looks into married, family housing

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

A task force sprung from a committee for gender-related issues will tackle the issue of married and family student housing in the spring.

Texas Tech currently has no housing designated for married students or students with families, according to Housing and Residence Life's Web site. Both the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M have housing for married students and students with families, with Texas boasting playgrounds and public schools nearby.

Professor Nancy Reed, chairwoman of the gender-related issues committee, said it seems no one has addressed building married and family student housing at Tech.

"The university needs to give a thought to this," Reed said. "We need them to know this is an issue that

needs to be addressed; it's an issue that's been floating around for a while."

Reed said the task force is making a recommendation to the provost to conduct a survey in order to find if there is a substantial number of Tech students who would use housing for married students or students with families.

Reed said a substantial number of graduate students and an increasing number of undergraduate students are married or have families.

Sean Duggan, director of Housing and Residence life, said the Housing office has considered married and family housing, stating it is "hard in the local housing market."

"We don't have the facilities and would have to build them," Duggan said. "All the other students (including nonmarried students without families) would have to subsidize that hous-

ing to offset costs."

Duggan said students married or with families could find more affordable housing off campus. He said while these particular students may be enthusiastic about the idea, they have not seen how much it would cost.

"I think the rates are too high for a young family to look at," he said. "It's ultimately a business decision."

Deidre Parish, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Government Association and a graduate student studying biology from Lubbock, is married to a Tech graduate student studying engineering and has two children. Parish is part of the task force recom-

mending a stronger effort be taken on the part of the university to encourage what she calls "family-friendly housing."

"It would be a huge attraction for graduate and international students,"

Parish said. "Undergrad students would probably benefit from it too."

Parish said she is familiar with several international students who came to Tech without plans or options for living, especially those who are married.

"They come here without a place to stay, and if we had this to offer, it'd be great for the university."

Parish pointed out several addi-

tional attractions to married and family housing, such as the opportunity for Tech to further diversify its population with the housing option, in addition to child care in the housing facility, which would provide job experience opportunities for students.

Parish said Tech is friendly and Lubbock is a good place to live.

"The engineering and biology programs are good here; it's just the place for us," she said. "We just wish they would offer more services."

Stefanie Moss, a graduate student studying accounting from Big Spring, is married to a Tech graduate student and said she agrees with the idea of having on-campus facilities for married/family students.

"It would be nice to live on campus," she said. "We had difficulty finding a place we could afford, as newlyweds, near campus. It would be nice to at least have the option."

Megan Gilbert, a senior human development and family sciences major from Wichita Falls, also is married to a fellow Tech student and agrees with the on-campus housing option.

"If it was reasonable in comparison to (off-campus) apartment housing, I think we would prefer to live on campus; it's more convenient," she said.

Student Government president Kelli Stumbo said with enrollment figures increasing, many Tech students need the convenience of living on campus, no matter if they are married, with families or not.

"Texas Tech needs to provide a home for them, not only in the classroom but on campus as well," she said.

Director of Institutional Research and Information Management Victoria West said there are no accurate figures available for the number of married students or students with families.



Schmidly

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of a search committee and whether or not we need to get a search firm."

While no specific timeline has been established, Smith said he will be considering the implementation of an interim president over the next several days.

"The clear message is the university wants to move forward with the momentum David has achieved," he said.

Schmidly will replace OSU President James Halligan, who resigned in May after serving nine years as president.

A native of nearby Levelland, Schmidly joined Tech in 1996 after serving 25 years with Texas A&M University's faculty and administration.

Prior to becoming Tech's 13th president, only the second Tech graduate to fill the position, he served as graduate dean and vice president for research and graduate studies.

Schmidly's accomplishments at the university include initiating the university's Strategic Plan, a process that outlines the long-term development of the university.

He also played a major role in advocating the hiring of hall of fame basketball coach Bob Knight.

"The things I'm proudest of are the things we've done for the students," Schmidly said.

Students

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new program to keep track of international students, called the Student and Exchange Visitor Information Systems. This program is an electronic tracking system that provides INS with real time information on admissions and the visa process.

Universities also report to SEVIS about their students so the INS can make sure the students are still enrolled and are in the same university.

A special registration program for high-risk people entering the United States also is being applied, Crosier said. High-risk categories include males 16 years of age and older from many Middle East countries and countries that sponsor terrorism, including Iraq, Iran, Libya, Sudan and Syria. Other countries that have recently been added to the list of countries to watch include Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia, Tunisia.

Those people in high-risk categories are not restricted from entering but are subjected to a more strict registration system. Ports of entry and

consulates in other nations require fingerprints, a photograph and more specific address information, Crosier said.

This also applies to people already in the United States, although not to permanent residents, diplomats or people with asylum, he said.

McGlynn said the INS also closely watches students who go into sensitive research areas, such as computer science.

"They watch areas where (students) could go back and cause some real damage," she said.

International faculty members and international students who leave the United States and come back also have run into difficulties obtaining visas.

Most international graduate students at Tech go into the engineering program, McGlynn said, with business as their second choice. The majority of Tech's international students are from India, while China seconds.

According to the AP, the American Physical Society surveyed 185 advanced-degree physics programs recently. Of the universities that responded, 123 of 595 international students the universities had admitted for the fall were denied visas.

Inspectors

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"We come here with, let's say, hope that things will go well this time, and we will get what is required of Iraq," said Melissa Fleming, a nuclear agency spokeswoman who flew in with the inspectors.

"We're aware that we will be

watched, every move. I think the Iraqis are also aware that the entire world is watching."

Hiro Ueki, Baghdad spokesman for the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, known as UNMOVIC, said the expert teams are empowered by the United Nations to inspect any site at any time, and secrecy in planning is paramount.

Weather

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but he did not expect it to pose a problem for drivers.

According to the New Mexico Department of Transportation, there are winter driving conditions on many of the roads and drivers need to be cautious while on the roads, but all major and secondary roads have passable conditions and should not be much of a hazard for drivers.

However, the National Weather Service Web site predicted possible snow for most of eastern New Mexico and other hazardous weather conditions for the region. There also is a strong chance of snow for much of northern New Mexico.

Tech students who get stranded can also use the Road Raiders Safe Travel Parent Network. Information for the program is available at <http://www.parent.ttu.edu>.

Students driving home also need to wear seat belts. According to a news release from TxDOT, Texas is launching the second phase of the "Click It or Ticket" national campaign, and state troopers and local law enforcement throughout the state will be cracking down on drivers and passengers who are not wearing seat belts.

FRAMING CHRISTMAS



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer
 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKERS from left, Gene Montalvo, Junior Calderon and Scott Redden place the top on the frame of a Christmas tree they are constructing in Memorial Circle Monday afternoon.

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PERSPECTIVES

Abortion should have been issue

When it comes to politics, I am what you would call an interested voter. I vote in every election, and I try to make informed decisions when I vote. I don't vote for either straight party ballot, and I choose strong individual candidates instead of looking at party labels. I think issues matter, and I'd like to see personalities de-emphasized in races.



William Mattiford
wamattifordj@yahoo.com

One thing I would like to see is more information given to voters before the elections so informed decisions can be made. That's why I was disappointed to read in *The University Daily* that the issues of abortion and women's reproductive rights were being discussed weeks after the November elections. The time to talk about the ramifications of an election is before the voting is done. Those who are interested in defending women's reproductive rights should have been more active on campus and around Lubbock before the election.

The Republicans who won so many races earlier this month are not friends of women's reproductive rights. Many of us who are engaged in the political process assume young people understand exactly where the two parties stand on some of these kinds of social issues.

Unfortunately, the many young people who get their information from Lubbock area sources often don't get the whole story. Because when the local Democratic Party has problems finding candidates for every position, the Republicans face no opposition. When this happens, we lose a chance to discuss important issues.

Around the country, women's reproductive rights are a hot topic. It takes a lot of work to build a political organization that can produce some results at the ballot box, but it is necessary when dealing with something that becomes a political football for conservative candidates.

If anyone is interested in preserving women's reproductive rights, they must become engaged in the political process.

I'm a registered voter, and during this past election I was contacted repeatedly by the Republican Party but had no contact with any Democrats or anyone supporting women's reproductive rights. I get around campus quite a bit and don't miss much.

A few months ago, I was handed a condom from a Planned Parenthood representative that had the word "vox" (vote in Latin) on the wrapper, but no one ever indicated whom supporters of reproductive rights supported in the election. This is not an effective way to inform young voters about issues.

What I suggest is a serious effort to spark positive interest on campus and throughout Lubbock. If someone really wants to defend re-

productive rights, this is how it should be done. The effort should be in exercise in getting people involved in the political process. Existing organizations with an interest in preserving reproductive rights can supply the base structure. From there, students should be informed about the importance of voting and (here's the local problem) choosing candidates who support reproductive rights.

We've been brainwashed into thinking voters need to see slick television ads or fancy brochures, but simple information can often be enough. Voters aren't as dumb as the professional politicians think they are, and if young people are given information about someone's voting record in a fair manner, some eyes will be opened. The key is you must let the voters decide for themselves based on the information provided. I think many young women (and a few men) at Texas Tech would strongly consider voting for different candidates if the facts were simply presented to them.

Also, you cannot assume every Republican voter in Lubbock is conservative. Many people register for the dominant party in an area to protect their employment or to ingratiate themselves with politically connected individuals. What they do in the private ballot box is a different matter. And many Lubbock residents are from outside the area. This means they may not share the conservative views of their neighbors. These people could be persuaded to vote for a candidate who supports reproductive rights.

Finally, even if only a few hundred people are added to the voter rolls that cast their ballots for reproductive right, this is progress. When you live in an area where one party controls almost everything, it is tough to win races, but if you can show local politicians there is support for reproductive rights, it will be easier to lobby for more funding for women's programs and you never know what can happen.

Once saw a Republican State Representative (in Pennsylvania) change her mind on the issue of abortion after a member of her family had problems obtaining a legal abortion. This all comes down to the fact that the time to energize people around an issue is before elections. There will be a presidential race in two years, with plenty of other offices up for grabs. Those who want to preserve reproductive rights need to start registering voters and getting information into the hands of these voters or there won't be any reproductive rights left to protect.



Ways to handle finals stress

So here I sit in our lovely ATLC, past my deadline and reeking of gasoline. Life, I tell you my friends, is good.

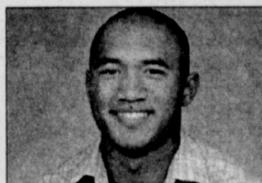
Seeing as how we all know what this week is, I figured I might as well avoid the topic of Thanksgiving all together, although by mentioning this action of avoidance I have already failed in said task, so basically 'this is a terrible article and you are a bad, bad person for reading it. But as my Uncle Tito always used to say, "If you're gonna do something badly, make sure you do it really badly because no one likes a slacker." Of course this was about a week before he died from eating too many hot dogs with mayonnaise, but that's a can of worms we just won't open right now.

One thing is for sure; the chill in the air means soon we slackers who have somehow stumbled through the semester will realize we are no smarter, and perhaps in fact stupider than we were when we started in August and must, therefore, cram like New Mexican roughnecks in a flat-bed Ford on pay day.

I personally attempt each year to procrastinate just one day longer in hopes that under an extremely traumatic load of work, I will spontaneously become an enlightened receptacle for all the knowledge in the universe, and therefore, never have to open a book again. Usually what ends up happening is a lot of crying at night, and eventually a strange smell starts permeating from my back seat, the source of which is still up in the air.

Personally, my favorite quote when it comes to the curse that is finals goes something like so: "Instead of studying for finals you should just move to the Bahamas. Sure you might fail, but you might have failed anyway." Amen.

There are a few things you can do, however, to take your mind off those seemingly life-force-draining hours (or minutes) we will spend



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in the upcoming two weeks. Now not all of these are healthy for every person, but I'm sure there are a few that will undoubtedly help in your pursuit of knowledge. Here, my constituency, are simple tasks to help kill the monotony of this scholastic hell.

Drink. Yes I know it seems simple-minded and self-destructive, but remember, so did Andre the Giant, and even he achieved stardom in "The Princess Bride."

I'm not endorsing drinking every day and every night, but never underestimate the calming effect of a shot-gunned Keystone or two in between subjects. Sure after a couple hours you'll probably pass out, but you might have passed out anyway.

Drop your keys in the toilet. Now many of you may think this is the dumbest advice you've ever heard, but hear me out.

Dropping your keys in your toilet isn't so much a stress reliever as it is a stress "re-router." If you've ever dropped your keys in your toilet, even if it was clean, you automatically realize the disgusting and putrid act you are about to engage in. For some reason you stand away from the bowl, close your eyes and make a strangle noise in your throat, as you delicately grasp the closest solid object and then jerk your hand out in panic. But over all, goal accomplished. After a 40-minute shower you feel much better and practically forget the whole ordeal.

Dropping your keys in the toilet instead of studying has almost limitless advantages over studying for your stats test. Most of all, the goal of retrieving your keys overshadows the fact you have no idea what variables

go where and that you've been staring at the girl sitting in front of you all year. All of your energy is focused on one tangible outcome, and you don't have wild cards like professors who hate life and all who chose to embrace it. Now if you drop your keys in the toilet during a study break and find the retrieval less than rewarding, you can up the ante and go to a public toilet. I promise if this doesn't work, either you are an incurable work-alcoholic or may not belong in college at all.

My personal favorite study-time killer has been a reliable friend for as long as I can remember. Ever since my days in kindergarten when I was struggling with the difference between purple and magenta crayons, I've turned to a tried and true practice I like to call "daydreaming."

Daydreaming isn't for everyone. It takes a stout imagination and an almost handicapped-level ability to ignore the world around you. But I can't think of anything more entertaining than staring at my notes while imagining I'm a Hawaiian racecar driver who has to save the Queen of England from killer clowns (those damn clowns). Or perhaps the duel with Mark Twain over the hand of the lovely Fairy Gumball Princess. Whatever your beautiful mind makes up, let yourself indulge, if just for a few minutes, in that deep, dark crevasse of your creativity. If you find you lack this canyon of limitless entertainment, you can always start drinking.

So my friends, I know many of you are probably taking off tonight to go home again or for the first time. Just remember studying for the end of the semester won't and shouldn't kill you, so you shouldn't stress while you are at home.

Give your mom a kiss because, unless she's an evil wench, she probably misses you. But keep in mind that out there are evil wenchies who miss their babies, too. Get as many leftovers as possible because anything re-heated from home is probably better than Ronald or Wendy can do.

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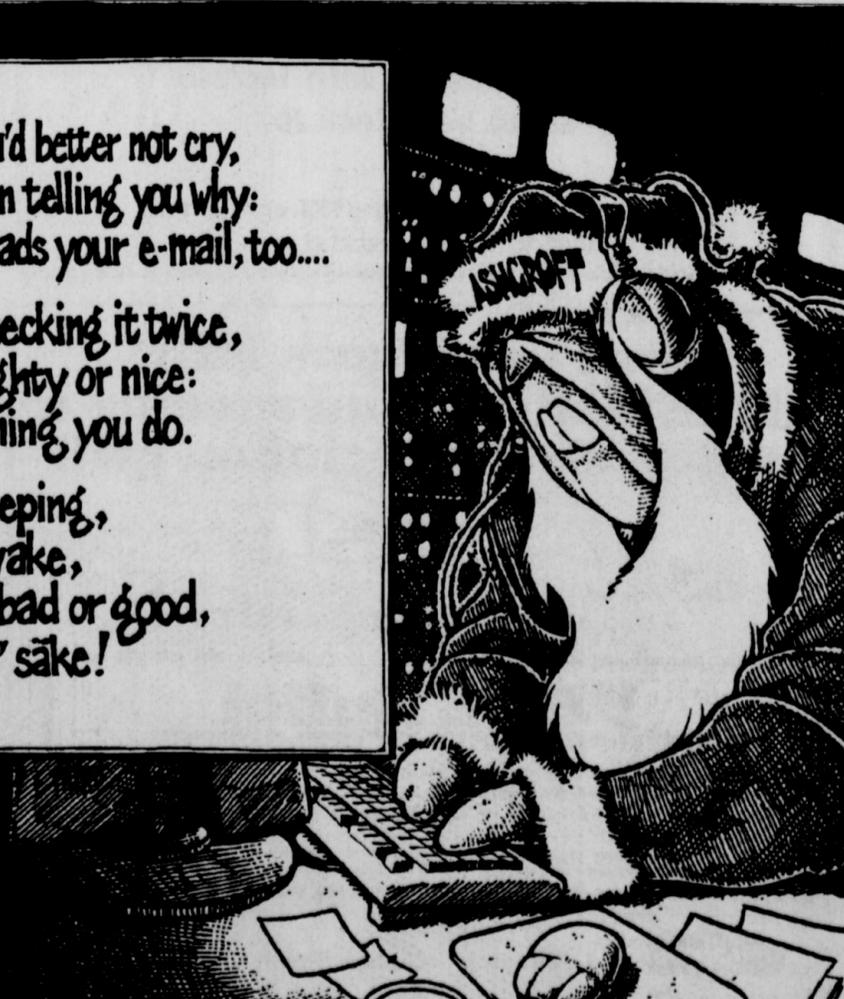
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BEN SARGENT



Raiders fans to get double dose of women's athletics

By David Wiechmann/Staff Writer

Texas Tech fans can see a double-header Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena, but there will be no base runners in a pickle this time. It will be a double header of a different kind. The Red Raider volleyball team will take on Iowa State at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Lady Raiders' basketball game against Valparaiso.

Both teams are looking forward to the opportunity to do something different for the fans, and Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp said she knows how big the game is for the volleyball team as well.

"I'm excited to try it," Sharp said. "It's an important game for our volleyball team to get one step closer to

reaching the NCAA Tournament." Tech volleyball coach Jeff Nelson said he hopes the back-to-back games will attract more fans, considering the holiday break.

"Playing Thanksgiving week is always tough to draw fans," he said. "I hope doubling up will help attendance, especially for our senior night."

Seniors Melissa McGehee, Stacey Poole and Ann Romjue will be honored by the team during the match.

Like Sharp said, the volleyball match bears heavy postseason impli-

cations for the Raiders. If Tech wins its two final matches, it will be eligible for the tournament, and the Cyclones are next in the way. Nelson said last week two teams are left, but he said ISU cannot be overlooked.

"Right now there's only one (team in the way)," he said. "Because if we don't win, we're not eligible. We have to take it one game at a time; keep chipping away and knocking teams off."

Nelson said the team's goal now is to finish sixth in the Big 12 Conference, and it is a possibility start-

ing with a win against Iowa State.

"We've got to finish one," he said. "We've got to get this sixth in the conference, and that means we have to win on Wednesday, and that will give us a shot to play Saturday for the postseason."

The Lady Raiders are hoping to ride momentum gained in its huge win against Washington on Sunday to the game Wednesday, and guard Erin Grant said being at home before the Thanksgiving break helps out the team.

"We had a great showing (Sun-

day), and I think we're going to perform well again on Wednesday before Thanksgiving break," she said. "You want to play well so you can feel good about your team and what you've done because you have a period to think about what you did."

The approach to the game will be the same for the Lady Raiders because the defense will play a big part of the game, and the offense will respond to it.

"When we're at home, our offense usually comes to us because we shoot

on these baskets day in and day out," Grant said. "If it doesn't, defense will allow it to."

The double header does not come without perks. Fans with a ticket to the volleyball match will be allowed to stick around for the basketball game free-of-charge. Ticket holders for the Lady Raider game will be given free admission to the volleyball match, too. Fans who bring an unwrapped toy also get in free. Toys for Tots will accept the donations.

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CAL TOPS 'CANES IN LATEST POLL



- 1 CAL
- 2 MIAMI (FL)
- 3 OKLAHOMA
- 4 COLORADO
- 5 TENNESSEE
- 6 TEXAS
- 7 FLORIDA STATE
- 8 FLORIDA
- 9 UCLA
- 10 UNIV. OF TOLEDO
- 11 WASHINGTON STATE
- 12 ALABAMA
- 13 OREGON
- 14 OHIO STATE
- 15 WASHINGTON
- 16 LSU
- 17 NEBRASKA
- 18 USC
- 19 BOISE STATE
- 20 AUBURN
- 21 SOUTH CAROLINA
- 22 MARSHALL
- 23 TEXAS A&M
- 24 LOUISVILLE
- 25 PENN STATE



Can the 'Canes repeat? Can the Sooners make it two out of the last three? Who will win the Heisman? How many polygons does a Butkus Award winner get? Where is Berkeley? The answers to these (No. No. Look to Texas. Thousands. Take I-80 west and follow the signs.) and other pressing questions can be found in this year's College Football Top 25 poll:

1 CAL

So they went 1-10 last year. Big deal. Serious time spent in the Blue Chip Recruiting Mode has made this team into a rough bunch on the gridiron. That combined with a new Power I formation adds an unexpected threat for this turn-around team.

2 MIAMI (FL)



How good is this team? Eight or nine of their starters should be in NFL GameDay™ next year. The 'Canes may have the toughest schedule in football, with games against the Florida Gators, Tennessee Volunteers, Virginia Tech Hokies and Florida State Seminoles. About the only quality teams not on their schedule are in the NFL.

3 OKLAHOMA

New Hot Routes can put the 2000 NCAA champs right back at the top. Which means almost as much to this Oklahoma Sooners team as beating their heated rival, the Nebraska Cornhuskers. But, kicking game may be a chink in the armor.

4 COLORADO

Will the Buffs defend their Big 12 crown using the wishbone? The flexbone? The full house? Only the coach controlling the playbook knows for sure.

5 TENNESSEE

New high-low tackling may allow the Volunteers to field their toughest defense in years. And defense wins championships. The question is: will their offense underachieve? A 0-0 game doesn't go down in the win column.

6 TEXAS

Can their quarterback capture the Heisman Trophy against what may be the toughest conference in Division I football? Can the defense come up big? Texas big? Not even our highly evolved artificial intelligence can answer that one.

7 FLORIDA STATE



Same coach. Same expectations. Same potential: Nothing but a national championship will do.

8 FLORIDA



New coach. Same expectations. Same potential: Nothing but a national championship will do.

9 UCLA



Look for the Bruins to utilize a sensational receiving core and Hot Routes to vie for a national championship. Then expect the Bruins to vie for a championship all over again in the NCAA® Final Four™ 2003 edition.

10 UNIV. OF TOLEDO

A great run in Career Mode gets these overachievers a major BCS Bowl bid and a Top 10 finish. And their coach the chance to take over a major college powerhouse. Enjoy that animated contract, coach.

11 WASHINGTON STATE

A strong passing offense makes them a team to beat. Explosive gameplay makes this perennial Pac 10 little brother into a legitimate head-turner. WAZZU is ready to tangle with the big boys.

12 ALABAMA



The Crimson Tide not only has the polygons but also offensive line to outmuscle anyone in college football. Not to mention an impressive amount of depth in the backfield. If that's not enough, new high-low tackling gives their defense the bite it needed. Roll, Tide, roll.

13 OREGON

Blue Chip recruiting made the loss of their 2001 Heisman candidate easier to stomach. A new wishbone offense could help the 2002 Ducks rain on just about anyone's parade.

14 OHIO STATE

More control over the running game puts them at the top of their conference. But they must beat archrival Michigan for the Big 10 Conference title first, which won't be easy, but definitely a possibility for the Ohio State Buckeyes.

15 WASHINGTON

Unproven defense must come through for a Rose Bowl berth. Total Control Passing gives this Husky team a very potent attack.

16 LSU

Tigers are looking to claw their way to another SEC title. Louisiana State University's pass- and run-blocking is top-notch this year.

17 NEBRASKA



Just avenge the CU mauling and beat the Oklahoma Sooners for all to be right in Huskerland.

18 USC



Must turn off "Injuries" for the thin Trojans to succeed. Controlling the playbook is crucial with USC's quarterback.

19 BOISE STATE

Say hello to the first "Houston Bowl" winner. Increased frame rates show that this year these boys are on their way up.

20 AUBURN



Old coach sacked in Career Mode. Team should improve.

21 SOUTH CAROLINA



Lots of excitement building for 'Cocks this year. Volatile offense could be a threat with the addition of a full-house formation.

22 MARSHALL

A weak schedule equals strong wins. Will Keith Jackson, in GameBreaker's booth, call them "rumbling" or "bumbling"?

23 TEXAS A&M

Several players converted to defense. Too bad they're in the country's toughest conference.

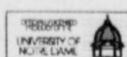
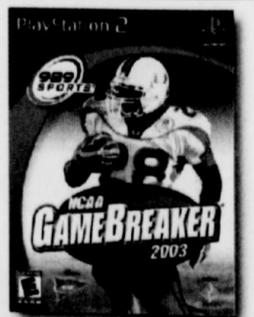
24 LOUISVILLE

Gamebreakers on both sides of the ball. Look for the Louisville Cardinals to go to their Wing T offense for big points.

25 PENN STATE



Same classic CGI uniforms. Same classic spot in polls.



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