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Rice: No intelligence foretold 9/11 attack

By Terence Hunt/Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under sharp questioning, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice insisted Thursday that President Bush fully understood the threat of terrorism before Sept. 11, 2001, but no intelligence foretold the deadliest attack ever on American soil.

Disputing criticism that Bush was negligent, Rice told a national commission "there was no silver bullet that could have prevented" the attacks that killed more than 3,000 people in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Broadcast live around the world, the hearing turned contentious as Democratic members questioned why alarms didn't ring when Bush was presented with an Aug. 6 classified memo entitled "Bin Laden determined to attack inside United States."

WAR ON TERROR

Former Sen. Bob Kerrey, a Democratic member of the commission, described the memo as saying that "the FBI indicates patterns of suspicious activity in the United States consistent with preparations for hijacking."

Rice dismissed the document as "historical information based on old reporting" and

said it did not warn of attacks inside the United States.

Commission members unanimously asked the White House to declassify the memo, which had not been revealed previously. Sean McCormack, a National Security Council spokesman, later said, "We have every intention to declassify it at this time."

Relatives of victims killed on Sept. 11 sat in the audience behind Rice, scribbling notes and shaking their heads at times as she rebutted accusations by former counterterrorism aide Richard Clarke that Bush had fumbled opportunities to eliminate al-Qaida.

Unlike Clarke, Rice offered no apology for the government's failure to prevent the attacks.

"Accountability, ma'am, accountability," called out Carie Lemack, whose mother died on the first hijacked plane to hit the World Trade Center. After three hours in the wit-

ness chair, Rice shook hands with a few family members and then reached out to embrace a few more.

With much at stake for the president, Rice appeared composed and unruffled even as members challenged her responses and accused her of filibustering with long answers. Rice carried the responsibility of defending Bush's credibility on the issue he has made the cornerstone of his re-election campaign.

After hearing from Rice, the commission met with former President Clinton for more than three hours and said he was "forthcoming and responsive to questions." Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney are to be questioned soon, also in private.

Rice, recalling a rash of vague warnings over the summer, said, "One of the problems here was there really was nothing that looked like it was going to happen inside the United

States." She said the threats pointed overseas to possible targets in the Persian Gulf, Israel or perhaps the summit in Genoa, Italy, of leaders of industrialized nations.

Bush and his wife, Laura, watched the testimony on television from their vacation home in Texas.

Rice was pressed on whether she had talked with the president about the existence of al-Qaida cells in the United States after being alerted by Clarke. She said she couldn't recall.

Rice also was challenged on why Bush's national security team met 100 times before it took up the subject of terrorism and whether she bore responsibility for the failure of FBI offices nationwide to be alerted about in-

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Campus ICON



MELISSA BLASSINGAME, A freshman music performance major from Houston, sings "Groove is in the Heart" by Deelitte in the Market during the Stangel/Murdough Idol competition.

Tech students perform during residence hall spoof of TV sensation

By Beth Aaron/The University Daily

Look out Simon, there's a new batch of idols ready to wreck the music world; either that, or sing some karaoke.

Tracie Hebisen, a freshman psychology major from Leander, got a second shot at becoming an idol, winning first place in the inaugural Stangel/Murdough Idol contest Thursday.

"I'm really excited," she said, "I hoped I would win. There were a lot of really funny people; a lot of people here are really good."

Hebisen dazzled the judges with her rendition of Martina McBride's "Independence Day," and she won a year's supply of textbooks donated by Texas Tech's Barnes & Noble campus bookstore.

Hebisen said she tried out for the second season of the television show, American Idol, making it into the top 230. No matter how big or small the

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STANGEL/MURDOUGH IDOL judge Mike Gunn from the Center for Campus Life, critiques a competitor's performance while judge Angela Forney, assistant coordinator for Coleman residence hall, listens to his commentary.

Campus News

Tech officials combat faculty raise concerns

CASH CONCERN: Whitmore said faculty salaries will be raised 3 percent in the fall.

By Michael Castellon/The University Daily

Some Texas Tech faculty say if the university's financial position does not improve in the near future, it is likely the quality of education offered to students will suffer.

Meeting the demands of faculty has become a greater challenge in recent years. A downturn economy has forced many people back into academia to refine and restructure their work skills. The result is booming student enrollment, but the trend of growth coupled with a near standstill in state and federal funding for universities has created a tough hill to climb for college administrators.

"Like every institution, we have faculty members who leave every year," said Tech President Jon Whitmore. "But we're attempting to address this issue with salary increases. We recently gave a 3-percent merit raise, and we plan to give another raise next fall. If you combine the two raises it represents a 6-percent on average increase, which if you ask me, is quite good."

The merit-based pay increase for faculty represents the first increase in nearly three years.

Whitmore said university officials have given the go-ahead nod to deans throughout campus to begin searching for replacements to departmental vacancies, and that plan, in conjunction with an aggressive goal of hiring 100 new faculty over the next several years will make Tech more appealing to potential academics.

But some concern remains that the plan to hire new faculty is only a temporary solution, at best, to addressing the problem of long-term tenured faculty departing for greener pastures.

"The fact of the matter is, we don't have lakes, we don't have mountains and we don't have ski slopes," said Vice Provost Jim Brink. "We can't do much about the unappealing geography of our location to the degree we can help meet salary offers and try to reduce the workloads of our faculty so they can devote more time to research."

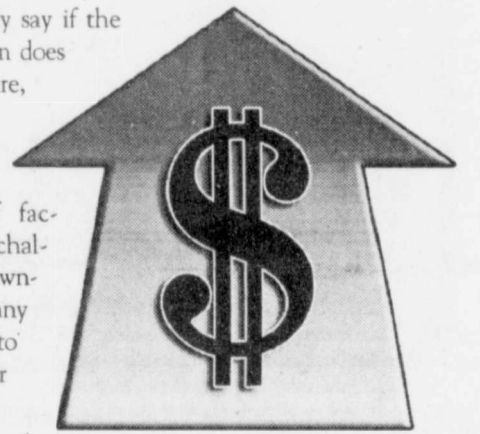
And research has become a major factor in Tech officials' push for funding. Hoping the promotion research, especially work related to bio-terror and anti-terrorism, will influence lawmakers to allocate funds to the university.

Brink said faculty attrition can be blamed on a myriad of reasons, and attrition has not dramatically fluctuated in either direction in recent years.

"We're giving out two raises in about a one-year time span, and we're adding 100 faculty, and we feel that should give some relief to our faculty who are working as hard as they possibly can," he said. "I'm passionate about this and I want to make sure we're doing what we can to meet these needs."

Attrition rates at the university, Brink said, have not fluctuated dramatically in recent years, the issue of retention may be isolated to certain departments.

"We have 885 faculty overall, and we experience about 75 to 85 vacancies each year," he said. "I think the issue is isolated to just a few departments. People leave (the university) for several reasons, a lot of which are things like they want to go to a school where they have a personal interest in or want to live in a certain geographic region."



Student Affairs

GPSA loses fight for increased funding at Senate meeting

By Andrew Bell/
The University Daily

In the last meeting for the 39th Session of the Student Government Association's Student Senate, the organization debated and appealed to finalize the student organization-funding bill for the organizations of Texas Tech.

Debates developed concerning the appropriate funding for the Graduate

and Professional Student Association at the meeting, held in the Lankford Lab of the Electrical Engineering Building Thursday night.

Since the first reading of the funding bill, student organizations have had the opportunity to appeal to the Senate for more money. At the meeting, Graduate Sen. Dustyn Webb used the chance to try and obtain \$8,477 for the GPSA.

Originally, the budget and finance committee proposed to allocate \$1,290

for the organization. Webb said the amount proposed would be 2.5 percent of the funds the organization received in the past two years.

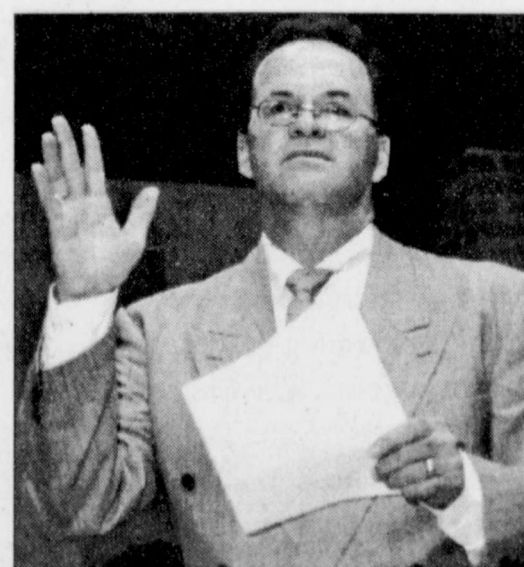
In the past, the funding for the GPSA originated from a percentage of the Student Services Fee. This year is the first year the GPSA has had to go through the SGA to receive funds.

Normally, in its first year an organization is able to receive funds from the Student Senate, the amount allo-

cated is \$430. However, Webb said the GPSA requires funds for travel, research presentations, guest speakers and supplies, among other things.

Sean Kilgore, a senator from the Tech School of Law, said the budget and finance committee did not have the funds to allocate the money that the GPSA believed it required. Instead, the amount of \$1,290 would be

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GRADUATE SENATOR DUSTYN Webb objects while appealing for the Graduate and Professional Student Association's funding during the Student Senate meeting in the Lankford Laboratory in the Engineering building. The Senate appropriated funds during the meeting. HUTCH STILGENBAUER/The University Daily

PULLING HIS WEIGHT



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

ZEDRICK APPLIN, A junior finance major from Houston, works on one of his 16 pull-ups he did at a booth set up the the U.S. Marine Officer Recruiters from Quantico, Va., while Shane Szymanski, a junior exercise and sports sciences major from Wichita Falls, looks on Thursday in the free speech area. Szymanski later completed 15 pull-ups. The Marines require officer recruits to complete no fewer than 15 during the physical tests.

Roman church opened to public for first time

ROME (AP) — Buried for 12 centuries by a landslide and closed to the public for 24 years, the oldest Christian church in the Roman Forum is being opened for a limited time, offering glimpses of Byzantine frescoes that changed scholars' views of medieval art.

Guided tours of the Santa Maria Antiqua, nestled under the imperial palaces of Rome's Palatine Hill, begin this weekend and continue through May while restoration efforts continue. Werner Schmid, a restoration expert working on the project, said Thursday the

tours will give visitors a chance to see frescoes from the mid-6th century to the mid-8th century.

Standing in the nave of the church amid the restorers' scaffolding, Schmid said the works are unusual because they show a loose, classical style once considered alien to medieval Rome.

Similar works in other churches of the same era were painted over or destroyed over the years, he said. Others were destroyed by iconoclasts who argued that the use of icons in religious worship was a pagan ritual.

In Rome, though, successive popes sought to keep classical traditions alive, paying artists to decorate churches in Byzantine styles.

The Rundown



State Bar takes action against McEachern

The State Bar of Texas has filed a disciplinary petition against the district attorney who prosecuted cases in the since-discredited Tulia drug busts, seeking sanctions that could include disbarment.

Terry McEachern is accused in the petition filed Wednesday with the Texas Supreme Court of not conveying information to defense attorneys about his knowledge of the criminal history of Tom Coleman, the lone undercover agent in the sting.

He also is accused of failing to correct testimony by Coleman that he knew was false. In five defendants' trials, Coleman said he had no criminal history and had never been arrested.

Coleman was arrested in August 1998 — before any trials — on theft and abuse of official capacity charges in Cochran County, where he worked previously. He paid \$7,000 in restitution for debts incurred while working as an officer in Cochran County and for his alleged theft of gasoline there.

McEachern's punishment could range from a public reprimand to loss of his law license if the finding goes against him. He said Thursday he had not seen the lawsuit.

"I can't comment because I haven't read it," he said.

He has 50 days to respond to the filing.

Following Coleman's 18-month undercover operation, which ended in July 1999, 46 people were arrested, 39 of them black. Civil rights groups said the busts were racially motivated. Coleman, 44 and white, is no longer in law enforcement.

Princeton ending trend of grade inflation

BOSTON (AP) — College grades have been creeping steadily upward for 30 years, but Princeton University may try to break the trend by rationing the number of A's that can be awarded. The proposal has academics wondering already about the possible impact at other schools.

In what would be the strongest measure to combat grade inflation by an elite university, Princeton faculty will vote later this month on a plan that would require each academic department to award an A-plus, A or A-minus for no more than 35 percent of its grades.

A's have been awarded 46 percent of the time in recent years at Princeton, up from 31 percent in the mid-1970s. Since 1998, the New Jersey school has been encouraging its faculty to crack down, but marks have kept rising. Finally, Princeton administrators decided that the only solution would be to ration top grades.

"I think it's tremendously significant that Princeton is doing this, and I do think it will have a ripple effect," said Bradford P. Wilson, executive director of the National Association of Scholars, a group that has spoken out against grade inflation, and also a part-time teacher at Princeton. "What goes on at the premier institutions sets the standard of quality for every institution in the country."

So far, most schools that have tried to stem grade inflation have little to show for it. Harvard University, criticized several years ago for allowing more than 90 percent of its students to graduate with honors, cut back its honors degrees but has not ordered faculty to lower or limit grades.

Korean missionaries released without harm

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Seven South Korean Christian missionaries detained in Iraq by armed men were released and in good condition, the Foreign Ministry told The Associated Press on Friday.

The group had been stopped at a checkpoint on a road from Amman, Jordan, to Baghdad, and were held for about nine hours, South Korea's SBS news network reported.

Eight missionaries had been traveling in two cars, but one managed to escape in one of the vehicles before gunmen took the others away.

South Korea's ambassador to Iraq, Im Hong-jae, who met the seven missionaries, said they had been given food and drink by their captors, said Lee Kwang-jae, director general of Middle Eastern Affairs at the Foreign Ministry.

Lee said the captors' identity was still unclear.

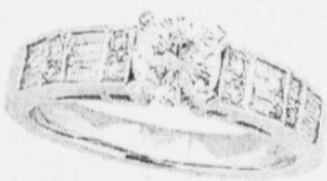
SBS said the kidnappers freed the South Koreans after learning they were ministers.

It said they were driven to a location near a U.S. military base where they were freed, and that a SBS correspondent met them.

With news of their capture, South Korea's National Security Council called a meeting for Friday morning to review the escalating violence in Iraq as it makes final preparations to deploy 3,600 troops there.

The eight South Koreans had been driving overnight Wednesday from Amman to Baghdad when armed men stopped their cars, dragged them from the vehicles and confiscated their passports, the ministry said in a statement.

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Correction

In Thursday's edition of The UD's story "Some Professors leaving Tech for More Money," Linda Donahue should have been identified as President of the Texas Tech Chapter of the American Association of University Professors. The UD regrets the error.

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Students use condoms to encourage voting

By Sally Gunter/
The University Daily

Making a Change Known.

The campaign to encourage voting among college students in Lubbock began as a project for a communication persuasion class. The assignment did not require the implementation of the campaign, but Kristina Thomas said the group did not want to see all their hard work be simply used as a class presentation.

"We chose to do something dif-

ferent," said Thomas, a senior human development and family studies major from Lake Dallas. "We wanted to get all of Tech involved instead of just our class."

The group modified voting campaigns from MTV called "Rock the Vote" and "Choose to Lose" so as to appeal to college-aged voters.

Using condoms in the campaign has a certain shock value that Thomas said would draw passers-by to the table.

Once attention is paid, the group encouraged the passers-by to fill out a voting survey.

The survey asked basic questions regarding voting history and plans to vote. The information gathered and each member of the group will write a 15-page report for class. Thomas said there are plans to create a Web site providing online visitors with the information gathered as well as additional voting statistics.

College students are more open to looking condoms as a symbol to Lubbock residents, but still no one wants to talk about it, said Lynda Bote, a senior communication studies major from Lubbock and member of the project group.

The campaign was effective in catching the eye of Billy Avent, a sophomore history major from Longview, as he passed by the free speech area between classes.

"I just saw the condoms and

thought 'hey, free condoms,'" Avent said. "Then I saw the voting sign and realized there's a catch."

Without the extra attraction, Avent said he would not have paid any attention to the table.

"It caught my eye," he said. "If it just said voting I wouldn't have looked at it twice."

Ana Stoyanova, a senior fashion design major from Bryan, said conservatives will freak out when they hear the word "condoms."

The open-minded ones will respect the open-minded, and they are the people who vote usually, she said.

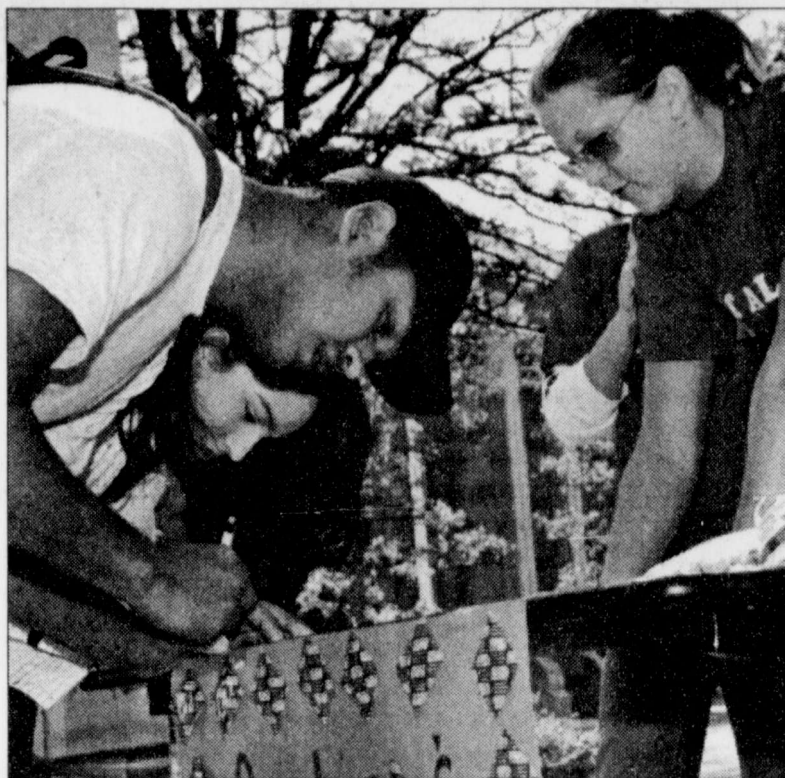
"I think this might help," Stoyanova said. "I really think young people should vote."

Jackie Ey, a senior general studies major from Round Rock, agreed the campaign is eye-catching because of the two different things.

"Nobody would have thought to put condoms and voting in the same campaign," she said. "(Condoms) makes it interesting. Just 'vote here' would be tedious."

The relationship between voting and using condoms did not make sense to Kirk Pack, an employee of Sam Pucko Group in Dallas, as he passed by the table on the way to the Student Union Building. The tacky use of condoms in the campaign overshadowed the promotion of voting, he said.

"I don't condone what they're doing," Pack said. "There's just a



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

JESÚS MORALES, A sophomore history major from Bryan, and Alex Olivarez, a freshman nursing student from Idalou, fill out the voter surveys promoted by the handing out of condoms Thursday in the free speech area.

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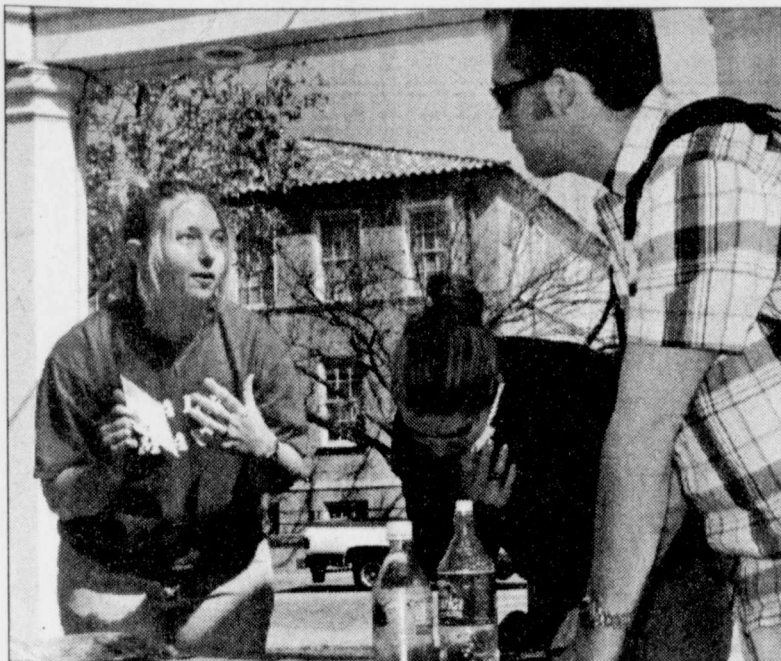
The use of condoms is not meant to scare people aware, said Nikki Pope, a senior communication studies major from Carrollton and member of the group.

"I think it is hilarious," she said. "I like the way people respond. I didn't think people would be that embarrassed about condoms."

Thomas agreed. She said most

students that stopped by the table did not take the condoms but did fill out the surveys. More than 50 students filled out surveys during the two-hour campaign promotion.

"We're not trying to embarrass people. We're just trying to get our point across," Thomas said. "I think it worked. It served our purpose."



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VOLUNTEER KRISTINA THOMAS, right, a senior human development and family studies major from Lake Dallas, talks with Daren Abney and Katie Kiser, both junior advertising majors from Midland, about the reason for the voting surveys and the information cards reminding about the general elections this year.

HSC offering new program in communications

By Beth Aaron/
The University Daily

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Allied Health Sciences will offer a new Ph.D. program in communication sciences and disorders to students in fall 2004.

Four students have already been chosen for the program, said Rajinder Koul, professor and chairman of the department of speech, language and hearing sciences at the Health Sciences Center.

Koul said four to five students will be chosen each semester hereafter for the program.

"We are very happy with the program," he said. "The School of Allied Health Sciences has the capacity and the resources to solve the growing number of shortage of faculty members in communication sciences and disorders."

Koul said the program's development came out of a need for higher numbers of qualified faculty to teach prospective practitioners.

"There's a critical and urgent need for new Ph.D.s in this field," he said. "This program will help very much. It's very timely."

Professions in the field of speech, language and hearing sciences include speech, language pathology, or speech therapy, and audiology, or the study of hearing and hearing defects and treatment.

Koul said such professions are some of the 30 fastest growing programs in the country.

Paul Brooke, dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences, said there is a nationwide shortage of faculty to staff the master of science program in speech language pathology.

"With all of the technological advances that are occurring in human sciences people are living longer," he said.

New technology in the field of communication sciences and disorders, specialists can intervene in more severe health conditions to try and remedy them, Brooke said.

Tech has one of the best speech and language pathology programs in the nation, Brooke said, with a solid ranking in the top five rankings.

"I am extremely happy," he said, "This is a program we have invested considerable amounts of resources in over the years."

Brooke said strategic development and planning for the new Ph.D. program began in 1999. The program was approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordination Board in January 2004.

College students throughout nation suffering from increasingly expensive books

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — College freshman Amy Connolly knows not to judge a book by its cover.

Instead, she judges the new Calculus 101 text by what's inside: a CD-ROM, flashy color photographs and a bubble-wrapped study manual. Those extras bring the price to \$126, she says.

"The textbook companies are adding bells and whistles that students don't need — it's making the cost of educa-

tion unaffordable," said Connolly, a student at Portland State University.

A study spearheaded by students in Oregon and California found that the cost of textbooks has skyrocketed because of the bundling of ancillary products like CD-ROMs. It also claims publishers roll out new editions year after year, forcing students to buy new books although the content scarcely changes.

Pat Schroeder, president of the As-

sociation of American Publishers and a former congresswoman, said the report was one-sided and flawed.

Fifteen members of Congress have asked for an investigation into the pricing policies of U.S. textbook publishers. The Government Accounting Office, which is the investigative arm of Congress, has given the request high priority, said Cornelia Ashby, the director of the office's education branch.

The study was conducted by the California Student Public Interest Research Group, Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group and the OSPIRG Foundation. The groups conducted a survey of the most widely assigned books in fall 2003 at 10 public colleges in Oregon and California.

According to the study, students today spend about \$900 on textbooks every year. On average, textbook publish-

ers keep books on the shelf for 3 1/2 years before issuing a new one. Over half of faculty members surveyed said the new editions are "rarely" to "never" justified.

"Calculus hasn't changed much since Isaac Newton. The question needs to be asked — do we really need a new edition every few years?" said U.S. Rep. David Wu, an Oregon Democrat who was the first lawmaker to ask for the investigation last fall.

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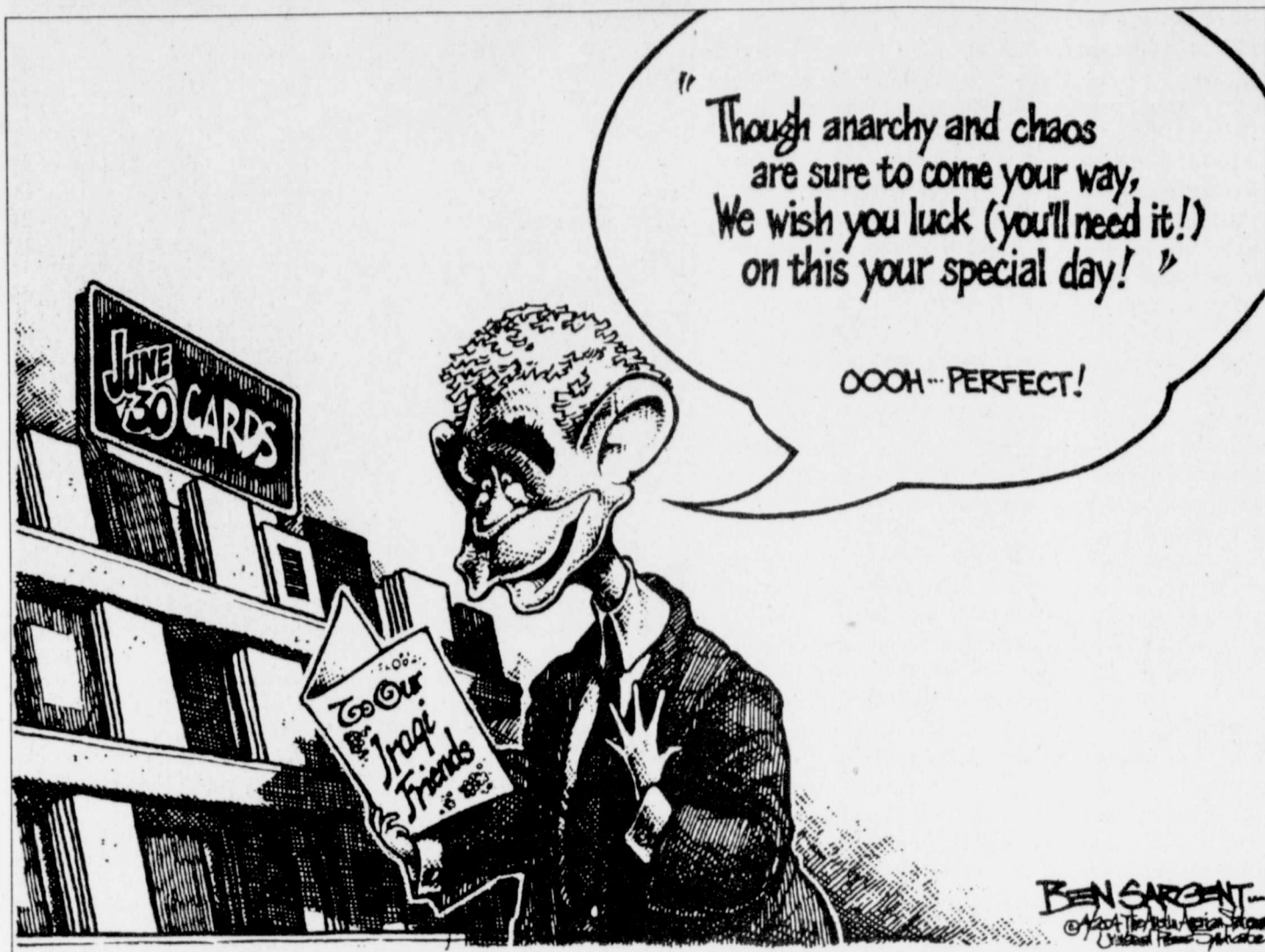
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War during an election year

June 30 deadline could decide Bush's fate

For Iraq and the world, June 30 looms as a potential day of doom or glory. It has been reported for a while now, this will be the day the U.S.-led coalition will transfer power to the interim government of Iraq.

How real can this deadline be, taking into account the past few days have been the bloodiest since major combat was declared over?

Every day the brutal deaths of soldiers, and even civilians, are being reported, and more and more as the soldiers move toward forgoing our occupation, it seems we are losing control of Iraq.

One solution may be to push back the deadline to add extra time to settle some of the current issues in Iraq, but this could just anger the insurgents more, and they may be in for way more than the soldiers bargained for.

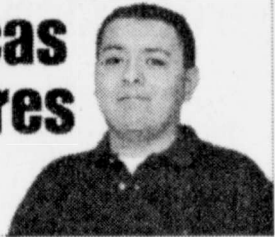
The choices President Bush will have to make will be very difficult and should be time consuming. The decisions will have multiple consequences.

Bush will have to think about how to resolve the many problems in Iraq without creating more problems for his campaign. These choices are also going to have to be made as soon as possible, but be as thought out as possible.

The admission has to be made that the Bush Administration has not handled the Iraq War as well as it could have. More of the other countries of the world needed to be involved because when the power is transferred back to Iraq, it will have major effects on the world, not just the countries of the coalition.

Bush could have had a less cavalier attitude about doing the job alone and made sure as many countries as possible would have a hand in the war in Iraq and, now, rebuilding

Lucas Flores



The war should have been protested more. As I just said, people are dying. Many more than should be. We could have had many more allies in this war, if a little more time would have been taken.

Now, I know what you are thinking. I can't believe *The University Daily* actually allows this Bush-hating, Kerry-loving liberal to write a column with these treasonous and slanderous thoughts. That was sarcastic, by the way. Don't start the e-mails yet.

I do think some things went wrong in the handling of Iraq, especially, with some wrongs going on with the over-politicizing of the war.

The major incident came just this week when Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts shared his views of the war in Iraq and the Bush White House's handling of the reconstruction of Iraq.

During the speech, Kennedy called Bush deceitful, comparing him to Richard Nixon. Kennedy said the American people cannot trust Bush. He also called the war in Iraq to "George Bush's Vietnam."

I think this equation went a little too far. If, and that is a big if, the war in Iraq is at that status, that is when the remarks should be allowed to get this harsh. Many people are dying, but that's war.

Now, get ready with the e-mails again because some of this may anger some of you.

The war should have been protested more. As I just said, people are dying. Many more than should be. We could have had many more allies in this war, if a little more time would have been taken.

We should have all of our attention on the war on terror. The terrorists are, in fact, the ones that made the fiercest attack on American civilians. Saddam Hussein had nothing to do with the attacks of September 11, and we should not have focused on him and Iraq as much.

Now, we have to plan on having a presence in Iraq for many years to come, but still hopefully not as long as in Vietnam. The overthrowing of Hussein may even put a bigger target for terrorism on the backs of Americans.

We will have to see what develops in the next two months that loom before the deadline. Much can happen in two months.

Even though the war in Iraq should not be over politicized, it is inevitable that it will. June 30, 2004, will be a major day in George W.'s presidency. The methods that are used to transfer control to Iraq could make or break Bush's 2004 presidential bid.

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View from another university

Terms conservatives must look up

By Sean Vivier/*The Daily Campus*

(U-WIRE) STORRS, Conn. — Today, I channel George Carlin.

Beginning throughout the preparation for our most recent war and continuing today, I have watched conservative hawks argue with a mix of shock and deep anger. As their arguments became more and more shrill, I could not believe their ignorance. It only furthered my belief that the vast majority of conservatives — especially the neocon variety — don't know what they're talking about. It's more than just their arguments. It's in the words they use.

Allow me to explain. One of the logical fallacies is called "Using the Wrong Definition." In this, someone uses two different definitions of the same word to try to make an argument work. An example would be: "Of all living beings, only man is intelligent. A woman is not a man. Therefore women are not intelligent." In one case, man means humanity. In the other, it means a male. It doesn't work.

More presently, many conservatives have abused the word support. Because protesters don't support (condone the actions of) the troops, these conservatives would have you believe they don't support (wish health and well-being toward) the troops. But their arguments go even beyond this, into a place where they never even used the proper definition in the first place.

Take for example the concept of pre-emption. To pre-empt is to "prevent from happening or taking place." Therefore pre-emption is the act of prevention. A pre-emptive strike is an attack to prevent an attack against our own country. We hit them before they can hit us. We take the fight to them.

The problem is, the other country has to be

on the verge of attack. Otherwise, it's not pre-emption. It's aggression. Pro-war conservatives never made a compelling case Iraq ever did or ever would pose a threat to us, imminent or otherwise. They can't call the war in Iraq a pre-emptive strike because it didn't pre-empt anything.

Likewise, they started throwing around the word appeasement in a transparent attempt to make us believe a petty dictator who posed no threat to us was tantamount to Hitler. The common usage of appeasement is pacification or conciliation, especially by giving concessions at the sacrifice of principles. The Allies appeased Hitler when they let him take the Sudetenland without protest. We did not appease Saddam Hussein. We gave him no concessions. We let him take no land. We just let him exist. That is not appeasement. Nor is voting your conscience, as in Spain. Appeasement would be more like when Bush supports China's Taiwan policy.

Then there is the term collateral damage, bane of my existence. Collateral damage means any damage caused on the side at the same time. A broken window could be collateral damage. You mean civilian deaths. Say civilian deaths. You won't say affirmative action instead of racial preferences, so why will you say collateral damage instead of civilian deaths? It only becomes more maddening to know the etymology. The term collateral damage came from Timothy McVeigh, a convicted terrorist, to describe the children he'd killed in the Oklahoma City bombing. We supposedly want to fight terrorism, but we'll use terrorism's comforting euphemisms.

It sickens me.

Furthermore, when conservative hawks couldn't back their claims, they became defensive and went on the attack. This brought the worst butchering of the English language, the misuse of the term treason. Ann Coulter is most guilty of this. The Constitution very specifically defines treason as one of two things. Either you must wage war against the United States or you must give aid and comfort to the enemy. When John Walker Lindh fought with the Taliban, that was treason. When Guardsman Ryan G. Anderson tried to give military secrets to al Qaeda, that was treason. Disagreeing with the government and holding protests is not treason. In fact, that very same Constitution outlines the right to speak our minds, to print what we like, to petition the government, and to gather peaceably, all in one handy amendment.

In the midst of all this hysteria, pro-war conservatives even tried to be fancy and call all war protesters a fifth column. People, really. The term fifth column originated in the Spanish Civil War. As Franco marched on Madrid with four columns, he expected a symbolic "fifth column" of supporters in the city to actively help him with espionage and sabotage. In other words, in order to be a fifth column, the people must engage in outright acts of war against their own homes in support of invaders. No protester would even dream of such a thing.

Words have meanings. They shape how we think and feel, and they can be abused by those who don't know what they're doing. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Drink deep, or taste not.

You can find dictionaries everywhere. If you don't have one, you can ask your neighbor, go to the library, buy one at a bookstore, or even go online. If you don't know what a word means, look it up.

Source:
The dictionary.

Cowboy up? Cowboy down

Rodeo contestants the real clowns in the inhumane sport

My dad, from a small town outside of Matador (near Childress), used to ride bulls. So did other members of my extended family.

When my parents moved to Amarillo from New York in 2001, I knew Texas would be a bit of a culture shock. It wasn't all that bad, as I was already accustomed to my father's West Texas ways: the slow drawl and random farm animal noises he regularly enlisted to entertain my northern friends.

Cowboy hats and draws I could handle. There was, however, one thing I refused to embrace, no matter how many times my parents begged me to: the rodeo.

A *Washington Post* article on April 7 touted bull riding, only one of several rodeo sports, as "America's original extreme sport." In this day and age of dangerous and extreme sports, Americans are apparently saddling up to their televisions to watch "men" engage in the most dangerous eight seconds of their lives. The *Post* reported Nielsen ratings that show bull riding now brings in more viewers than NBA games.

This past weekend this hit close to home when the ABC Rodeo bucked into the Lubbock Coliseum. The mere presence of the rodeo was painful for me. But it is the pain the animals endure that concerns me beyond what I can explain in this column.

Driving to work one rainy, windy day this past weekend, I passed horses tied up to trucks, just standing there in the rain, dangerously close to Brownfield Highway traffic. I knew then I had to learn more about rodeo abuses.

"Awe, it doesn't hurt 'em," is a statement several of my relatives in the area have used to convince me that rodeo sports are not harmful to animals.

I'm not convinced.

Showing Animals Respect and Kindness (SHARK), an organization that investigates animal cruelty, found alarming and heart-breaking videos of rodeo abuses throughout the nation. SHARK, at www.sharkonline.org, provides videos and a long list of documented occasions when the horror of rodeo abuse was found.

What are a few of these horrors?

Calf Roping

I remember seeing calf roping on television when I was very young; I have refused to view it willingly since, and the image still haunts me. The words to describe how ridiculous this particular sport is escapes me.

Roping calves are typically three to four months old — mere babies. These babies are repeatedly subjected to acts of cruelty: they are violently roped, normally becoming airborne, and slammed into the ground. Then, the rodeo contestant picks the baby up and slams it on the ground again, and ties up its tiny legs. All the while, its neck is squeezed by the rope tightly circling it.

As SHARK states, if this were done to cats or dogs the same young age as these calves, the offender would probably face charges.

But calf ropers get to perform their atrocities on television and in front of screaming fans.

Last I checked, the Lubbock Coliseum and other rodeo arenas aren't "out on the ranch" where runaway calves are roped to stay with the crew and not for cruel amusement.

Any man (or woman, as the case may be) who uses calf roping to prove masculinity is no man at all. They're not even human.

Tail Twisting, Pulling, and Raking

This was an aspect of rodeo sports I had to look into because I had never heard of it. This involves the raking, pulling or twisting of one of an animal's most sensitive body parts: its tail. The pulling, twisting and raking are done to make calves and steers run

Angela Timmons



Now, let me ask you something, cowboys: if someone yanked the most sensitive part of your body — your penis — over a fence, would you become hostile too?

chaotically from their enclosed chutes. SHARK caught rodeo contestants, even in the Olympic rodeo of 2002, using these methods to agitate the animals and make them more hostile.

Now, let me ask you something, cowboys: if someone yanked the most sensitive part of your body — your penis — over a fence, would you become hostile too? Probably. But not to worry — you would soon forget about your anguish when someone came along to slam you down on the ground while you were still in pain, tie up your hands and feet, and throw you around a few more times. Then you would be defenseless and in so much pain, you might just stop breathing. You would probably suffer a few broken bones and torn muscles, and maybe even die.

All in the name of sport.

Beating

While probably fairly uncommon in televised rodeos, a SHARK investigator documented a rodeo horse named Cinnebar being beaten to make the animal buck when it initially refused to. Cinnebar was kicked and punched, slapped and had his ears pulled. He was even kicked in the face.

Shocking

Another discovery for me was the use of electric prods in rodeos, which send about 5,000 volts of painful shocks into the animals. These prods are used to make the animals buck and run, controlling their bodies into the unnatural forms we often see flailing through rodeo arenas.

Shocking just made rodeo cruelty all the more shocking to me.

Disturbing

I do not have room to discuss all the exploits of rodeo cruelty. At SHARK's Web site, anybody can view numerous videos documenting cruelty the investigators have captured. But people should not need videos to convince them of the cruelty involved in this "sport." This is not a sport — this is sanctioned abuse. Animals are defenseless — even the largest, most powerful animals are defenseless to the cruel mechanisms designed by humans.

Humans are the real danger here. That anyone would consciously harm an innocent, living creature is unthinkable. How did such unspeakable abuse ever become OK?

If Americans want to watch "extreme" sports, let's cut out the rodeo and let humans beat the hell out of each other. At least then they'd be picking on someone their own size.

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Idol

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event, she said, performing in front of people is always nerve-wracking. "I think it's big every time," she said. "Every time I still get nervous."

"Ten contestants sang in the night's final round, and a total of 36 students auditioned.

Shawon Harris, a freshman from Abilene, runs hurdles for Tech's track team.

Harris walked away with a semester's supply of free textbooks after pumping up the crowd with Sisco's "The Thong Song."

"It's great; I just came out here to have fun," he said. "I really didn't expect to get to the finals."

Calculated dance moves coupled with a shower of underpants brought the audience to their feet when Harris took the stage. He said he chose to become involved in the Idol contest because he enjoyed a summer of karaoke with friends.

"There were a bunch of people out there with talent," he said. "I had fun doing it."

Armen Williams, a sophomore business management major from Arlington, kicked off the event singing Britney Spears' "Oops, I did it Again," setting the tone for the evening.

"You've never seen Britney Spears do this, have you," he said, "So what?!"

Williams said he did not expect to win; he just participated because it was an opportunity to hone his karaoke skills and impress the company of friends.

"It's entertaining," he said, "It's better than going out and drinking. I've never seen this many people at an RHA event."

Meagan Schaffner, a sophomore psychology major from Brady, said she liked the concept of the event because it brought students together.

"I think it's awesome that they're doing this," she said, "because you actually get to see some of the talent. It brings the crowd."

Cody Charles, B.J. Barton, Jeff Frazier and Cat Warren were the students responsible for putting together the event.

Judges for the night were Angela Forney, assistant area coordinator for Coleman residence hall, Mike Gunn, who works in the Center for Campus Life, and Mindy Rendon, a member of the Residence Hall Association.

Jennifer Hammat, assistant director of the Student Mediation Center, was master of ceremonies.

"The important thing is that you all came out and had some fun," she said.

Judges were asked to base their decisions on singing ability and stage presence, Charles said.

"We made it karaoke-style so that everyone has a chance," he said. "There's a lot of talent. We have people who can sing and who can entertain."

Lexi Hazel, a junior international business major from Houston, belted out Trick Pony's "Pour Me" and dazzled the judges with her confidence.

"I just like to show off," she said when asked why she wanted to be the Stangel/Murdough Idol.

"I have a karaoke machine at my house," she said, "I'm always singing for my friends."

Hazel was awarded third place and a prize of \$35 in Tech Express money.

Senate

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budget of the Student Senate.

Because of the work the GPSA accomplishes for the graduate population of the university, Graduate Sen. Jason McAfee proposed to amend the amount to \$2,580, which would double what the original bill provided.

However, Webb said the amount would not be adequate for the needs of the organization.

"Special priority is given to organizations who give recognition to Tech," he said. "And we do."

Senator-at-Large Chris Carr said the committee does not have the necessary funds to give the GPSA an increase from \$1,290 to \$8,477. As an example, if Carr had \$20 and a friend of his deserved \$25, he said he would not be able to give his friend what he deserved because he does not have the necessary funds.

After an hour and a half of debate, the Student Senate voted to allot the GPSA the original amount of \$1,290. Webb said the decision was unfortunate.

"Funding is important to graduate students. I could give squat about the GPSA and SGA, in name," he said. "It's what they represent that is important."

After the decision, the Student Senate considered the remainder of funds for student organizations who appealed since the introduction of the bill. As of press time, four other organizations were included in the final funding bill, and more were to be introduced.

The Senate also would have to debate and consider the proposal of five resolutions on the docket for Thursday night. As of press time, the resolutions were not brought to a final vote.

However, the resolutions included such topics as infrastructure for construction projects to the addition of more lighting throughout the campus.

Currently, there is no requirement that there should be appropriate parking or street infrastructure included in the planning and budgeting process of building a new structure at Tech. According to the resolution, the university should consider parking and road additions to construction planning to alleviate any parking or traffic problems caused by the additional building being placed on the campus.

As for the illumination of the campus, areas at Tech are darker than others at night and the resolution suggests creating more lights for the protection of those who walk throughout the campus after hours, according to the resolution.

Again, as of press time, the resolutions were not voted upon. However, the SGA can be contacted at (806) 742-3631 for any questions, concerns or results to the resolutions and bill brought before the Senate on Thursday night.

World Wars I and II. "Tragically, for all the language of war spoken before Sept. 11, this country simply was not on a war footing," Rice said.

Even so, Rice said, Bush "understood and threat and he understood its importance." She said Bush came into office determined to develop a "more robust" policy to combat al-Qaida and told his national security adviser he was "tired of swatting at flies."

Picking up her testimony, Kerrey noted Bush failed to order a military strike in response to a 2000 attack on the USS Cole that killed 17 sailors three months before Bush took office.

"Dr. Rice, we only swatted a fly once... How the hell could he be tired," Kerrey asked. That was a reference to a 1998

missile strike Clinton ordered against suspected terror training camps.

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Rice

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Rice sat alone at the witness table, her hands laced in front of her on a tablecloth as she read a statement.

Table said the United States, as far back as the Reagan administration more than 20 years ago, mounted an insufficient response to the gathering threat of terrorism. "The terrorists were at war with us but we were not yet at war with them," Rice said.

Historically, democratic societies have been slow to respond to threats, she said, citing provocations before

missile strike Clinton ordered against suspected terror training camps. Former Gov. Jim Thompson, a Republican commission member from Illinois, also expressed unhappiness about Bush's failure to respond to the Cole. "Blowing up our destroyers is an act of war against us, is it not?" he asked.

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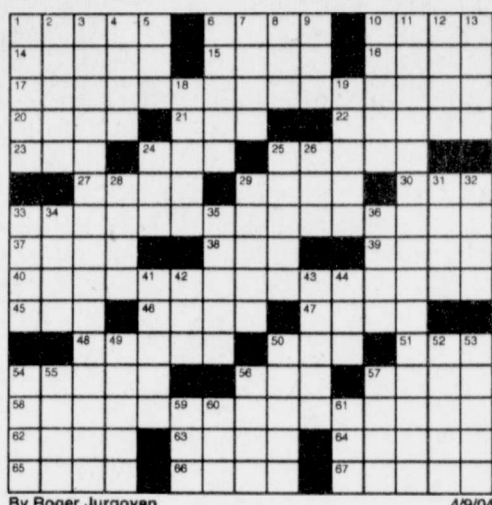
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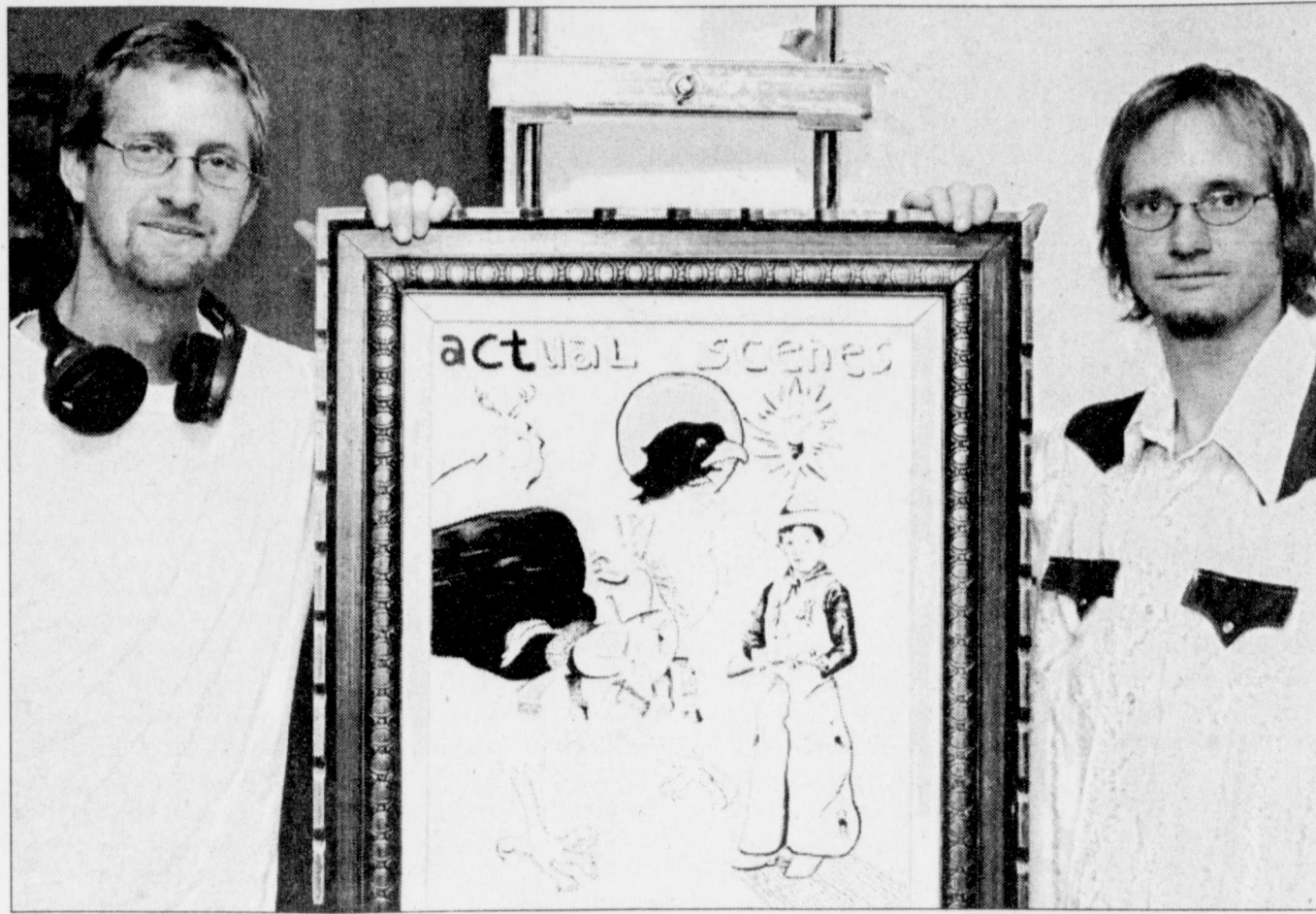


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Artistic EXPRESSIONS



BROTHERS BRYAN WHEELER and Jeff Wheeler of Wheeler Brothers Studios stand by a collaborative mixed media art work in progress in their studio Wednesday afternoon.

Wheeler Bros. looking to change, define Lubbock art scene

By Michael Castellon/
The University Daily

If Texas art has a last name, there's a good chance it's Wheeler. When you visit the Lubbock-based Wheeler Bros. Studio, there's an overwhelming sense of casual sophistication and a frustrating sense that these two guys are doing things you wish you thought of first.

Two brothers in this area have practically single-handedly defined the Lubbock arts scene, and their studio reflects their mission.

Based out of what used to be one of the first Furr's Cafeterias, Wheeler Bros. Studio is art, and it represents Lubbock. Their workspaces are laid back, cool and

carry a passionately deep sense of artful confidence. There is no arrogance, pretentiousness, neuroses or any of the other stigmas that dominate modern art.

"What we're trying to do is register the simplicity of pop art, meaning the subject matter is a little more searching, but we're rejecting the superficiality of pop art," said Bryan Wheeler. "We try to draw new connections and put them together."

And while Lubbock may not be best known for its art scene, Bryan and Jeff Wheeler may be on their way to changing that, and soon.

Tomorrow the Wheelers kick off their sixth annual Ulterior Motifs art show and anyone who has been to the event in the past knows their guest registry reads like a who's who of Texas cool. Last year, almost 2,000 people attended.

The event is open and free of charge to anyone wishing to come, and it is a rare opportunity to see eccentric artists,

cowboys, college students, academics and sophisticates come together. In fact, the guests represent the Wheeler Brothers' art.

Jeff Wheeler said the event serves to promote Lubbock artists. The event showcases several hundred pieces from all types of artists, be it of local or international fame. Jeff has been busy in recent years showcasing his work in galleries across the country in recent years.

"What I try to do, and have done since the beginning, is realize it's not the kind of art that I produce that matters, but it's what I put into the art when I create it that matters," he said. "The bottom line is to have fun doing it and make it look good. Many people are taught to view art for only a few seconds and try to capture what all that means, but what I want to do is try and trick people who look at my art into looking at it for a long time and keeping them there."

He does a good job of it, too. Jeff's work has several dominant themes: bare breasts, isolated undercommons and an ironic sense of sexual undercurrents. It's not uncommon to see a pair of woman's legs hovering over a Sonic Drive-In, in front of a backdrop of the South Plains, shaded with yellows and oranges.

Bryan's band, Los Sonsabitches, will play at the event, alongside Thriftstore Watermelon Fast Swag, Daddy, and Cowmelen, among others. The third Wheeler brother, Timmy, is a recent graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and will cater the event.

Success hasn't tempted two of West Texas' most talented sons to leave the area. Bryan credits Lubbock for serving as a springboard to the artists' success.

"We're committed to making Lubbock a base for our work," he said. "We're traveling more and more so there's a challenge in splitting up that time, but this is what we want," he said. "No matter where in the country we go, everywhere knows Lubbock. There's a compelling mystique here and it's that mystique that's causing us to rise. It's because we're in Lubbock we're getting noticed."

Ulterior Motifs is 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday at Wheeler Bros. Studio, located at 1106 Ave. K.

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PITCHER KASSY PLANK rears back to throw the ball during Tech's home series against New Mexico State last week. Tech swept the doubleheader. The Raiders hit the road to take on Baylor in a two-game series this weekend in Waco. Game times are 6 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday.



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Texas Tech softball coach Bobby Reeves can take solace even though his team has a losing record. He is feeling comfortable with his pitching staff going into Waco this weekend to play a two-game series against Baylor.

"I'll start Erin Crawford in the first game," he said. "She's used to it. When she's on she's as good as anybody anywhere. I'll probably start Julie Hauck in the second game and then maybe go to Kassy Plank. I'm not scared to throw any of them in there. That's a good feeling from a coach's standpoint."

The Red Raiders (19-22, 1-3 Big 12) will face a Baylor team that has lost three of its last four contests, but is 35-9 with a 5-2 conference mark.

"(Baylor's) a tremendous program," Reeves said. "They were young last year, but they're not young anymore. It's kind of where I hope I'll have our program in a year. They're a great team. They're very fast across the board, they can all run."

Reeves said the Bears are also

good hitting team, but the thing that catches his attention is the their pitchers.

Cristin Vitek and Lisa Ferguson have had stellar years so far. Vitek is 20-4 this season with a 0.91 ERA and Ferguson is 14-3 with a 0.96 ERA, something Reeves said will demand improvement at the plate from the Raiders.

"They're gonna pitch well," he said. "That means we've gotta swing the bats well, which is something we didn't do in Kansas. We're gonna learn their pitchers' strengths and their weaknesses, and hopefully we can exploit some of their weaknesses and get a chance to score some runs."

The run support the Raiders have provided lately may be disappointing, but it is something the team knows can be fixed.

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— **NATALIE KULA**
Tech Softball
Third Baseman

ting will come around."

Freshman third baseman Natalie Kula, who has been pacing the Raider offense recently, hitting .355 during the last 10 games, said she is ready to have another good round at Big 12 pitching.

"Our problem against Kansas was just adjusting to their pitcher," she said. "That was Big 12-type pitching and we just didn't adjust well enough."

She said she will be making her first trip to Waco and is excited to get her first intrastate conference matchup under her belt.

"We haven't played any conference-wise in Texas so I'm really excited about that," she said. "I've never been to Waco. I've never been to their facilities. So I'm just excited to go and prove what we have even though we're a young team."

Reeves said he expects his team to put up a good fight against the Bears and maybe surprise them.

"I just hope we go down there and compete, which I know we will," he said. "We never lay down. We play hard all the time. We're starting to work out these mistakes we make a lot. We need to prepare ourselves better mentally and good things will happen."

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Raiders tired of losing conference series

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

There is an illness among the Texas Tech baseball team, and Josh Brady said the Red Raiders hope to find the remedy this weekend.

"We're sick of losing these series," the junior first baseman said. "It's never fun to lose. We need to find a way to win."

In the past two conference series, Tech has fallen to Texas A&M in two of the three games played and to Texas in both games with the third cancelled, leaving the Raiders with a 1-4 Big 12 record thus far. If Brady and the Raiders can come out swinging against Nebraska, he said there might be a change in pace for Tech.

"We're gonna come out, and kick some butt this weekend," Brady said. "We've been playing aggressive, and we're being competitive, and it will continue against Nebraska."

Trying to gain positive ground in the wake of conference play, junior center fielder Cody Fuller said the losses hurt Tech, but it is part of the game, and the Raiders have to overcome it.

"Regardless of how many you lose, you still have to come out," he said. "It's part of your competitive nature. We're here for the long haul, and we have to make up ground."

Some of that ground was made up against Howard Payne on Wednesday with the Raiders' 17-5 win. Fuller said the next focus is to Nebraska.

"We better be (ready)," he said. "I know it sounds cliché, but we have to take it one game at a time, starting with Friday."

The Raiders travel to Lincoln, Neb., to face the Cornhuskers at 6:35 p.m. Friday at 2:05 p.m. Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday, for the three-game series. Tech (18-11, 1-4 Big 12) has struggled

against some competition, but junior second baseman Cameron Blair said he still considers Tech a high-caliber team.

"People might think we're a below average team because of our record," he said. "We've played some good teams, and there's no way it's possible 'cause we're an above average team."

With Nebraska ahead of the Raiders in Big 12 and national standings, Blair said all Tech can do is play.

"We have to go in there understanding that we can't do more than we've been doing," he said. "We've come out every game, and turned it around and made it hard for the other team to win."

Head coach Larry Hays said pitching has been one factor that has hurt Tech, and Nebraska is no different from the other teams it has played.

"They have some real good pitching. They're gonna be a threat," he said. "They also have a couple of guys capable of hit-

ting, and capable of hurting the Big 12."

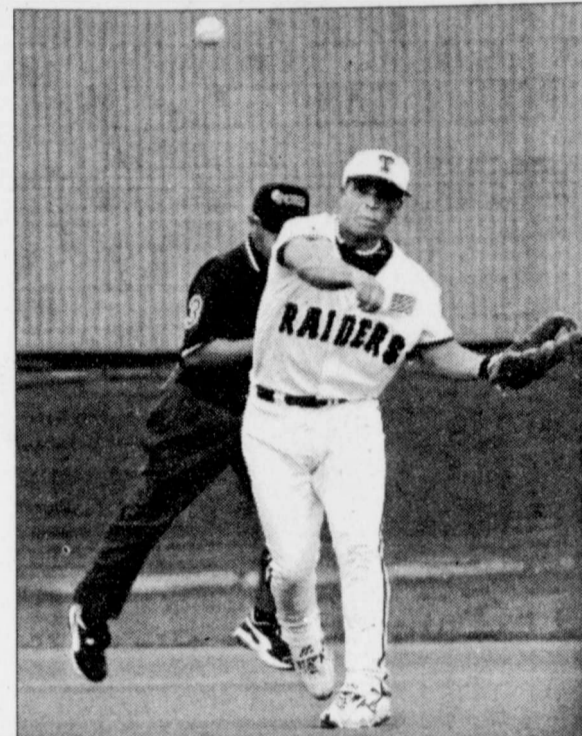
And they have completed that mission. Nebraska (23-5, 5-1) leads the Big 12 standings, and sits at No. 12 in the national poll. The Cornhuskers rank third in batting with a .297 average, just under Baylor and Missouri. The same goes for their pitching, standing at third, under Texas and Oklahoma, with a 3.81 ERA.

But statistics are statistics, and senior pitcher Steve Gooch said the Raiders don't worry about that.

"The big thing is we have to worry about ourselves. We've been too involved with the teams in past experiences," he said.

The way Tech can accomplish this, Gooch said, is to get on the diamond and take it slow.

"We have to relax when we step on the field," he said. "We'll go out to have fun, and it will make it interesting."



THIRD BASEMAN JOSH Haney throws the ball to first base for a putout during Tech's 17-5 win against Howard Payne on Wednesday. The Raiders travel to face No. 12 Nebraska this weekend for a three-game series Friday at 6:30 p.m., 2:05 p.m. Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday.

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Rangers celebrate Ballpark's 10th year

ARLINGTON (AP) — A big party is planned this weekend to mark the 10th anniversary of the opening of The Ballpark in Arlington.

But the Texas Rangers hope they have another reason to celebrate, despite a 1-2 start.

"I think it's how we start 1-2," manager Buck Showalter said. "We had an opportunity to win all three games."

Because of pitching, not big bats.

The pitching staff, so long the problem for the Rangers, has provided an early sign of optimism for the team playing its home opener Friday.

The pop in the bat was missing in the opening series at Oakland, when the Rangers were outscored 9-7. But Texas starters Kenny Rogers, Chan Ho Park and Colby Lewis held their own against the Athletics' top starting trio of Tim Hudson, Mark Mulder and Barry Zito.

Surprise homecoming could bode well

By Adam Boedeker/
The University Daily

Forget about trying to jump six feet, Texas Tech's Misty Coley has something else to anticipate — some good home cooking.

The freshman high jumper got a pleasant surprise earlier in the week when the team's cancelled meet in Norman, Okla., was rescheduled because of a delay in facility construction. Instead, the Red Raiders will travel to

San Angelo to compete in the 33rd Annual ASU David Noble Relays on Saturday, and Coley will return home for the first time since Christmas.

"Home cookin'! Yes, definitely, I've already made a little menu for whenever I get there, so that's exciting," she said.

Associate head coach Diane Wholey said the return home for Coley could result in a successful weekend for the freshman.

"I think that's always a possibility,"

she said. "It's something she's certainly familiar with, and I'm sure it will be a little more comfort for her. We're looking for her to do well. She certainly spent a significant amount of time on that surface so we'll see what she can do."

Wholey said she expects Coley and freshman teammate Lacy Wilson to have good performances and to continue building on what they have done so far this season.

"Both jumped 5-10, and they have a solid ranking on the national lists," she said. "They've both taken good shots at (six feet). The weather at Texas Relays was less than desirable so they didn't jump as well there, but she'll bounce back and jump well this weekend."

Coley said she has visions of an impressive performance on her hometown track.

"I know I can (get six feet) because (Wilson) and I did a really awesome job in El Paso," she said. "We tried at 6. That's my goal. It's been my goal for a while so I know I can get it. I just have to be conditioned and prepared and well-rested to get out there and do it, but I know I can get it."

Coley said aside from the excitement

of competing, she is mainly just excited to get back home.

"It'll be nice to go to my hometown and see friends and have coaches watch to see how I've improved," she said.

As for her old coaches from San Angelo Central, she wants to impress them but said it could make her nervous as well.

"Yeah, it'll be fun," she said laughing. "If I do good, cool, but if I don't do so hot it's like 'man, I could do better.' But it's mainly just good to go home and see friends and family."

Wholey said for her and the rest of the coaches to be happy with the weekend, there will be a few things they need to see.

"I think we need to get some more solid performances like we have been," she said. "We've worked very hard this week and to still be able to come out and compete well could make things very successful for us."

In the meet, Tech will face Angelo State, Abilene Christian, A&M-Commerce, A&M-Kingsville, A&M-Corpus Christi, Texas Lutheran, Dallas Baptist, Trinity, Southwestern, New Mexico Junior College, Northwood, Wayland Baptist and Tarleton State.

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