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SGA proposes change in funding off-campus bus routes

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

The Student Government Association has proposed bus route pay for the service instead of a change to the funding of the Texas Tech off-campus students.

Anne Hunninghake, Student Government Associa- she said. tion external vice president, said a student transportation fee funds the off-campus bus routes. This fee is \$3 per located on the Tech bus route to attend an semester credit hour, according to the Student Business

off-campus buses, charging everyone is not fair. She said SGA has proposed that housing complexes on the apartments that this is a service that students do utilize local housing developers decide not to continue the

"We're just trying to equalize things,

SGA has invited apartment complexes information meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in

Hunninghake said since not all students ride the bus routes should attend the meeting, she said.

"More student support is really going to show the ninghake said.

> Housing developments on the bus routes will be asked to fund 100 percent of said. "Things will be crowded." the costs, but Hunninghake said SGA will negotiate an agreement.

"We'll obviously ask for 100 percent, be developed. the Escondido Theatre. Students who are interested in and we'll go from there," she said. "Nothing is set in

Buddy Knox, director of traffic and parking, said if and that it's worth investing in," Hun- off-campus bus routes, Tech will have to make some

"It's going to force me to manage parking better," he

Knox said the parking situation will need to be studied, and a plan to accommodate more cars would

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Texas lawmakers consider increase of cigarette tax

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By April Castro/ Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Smokers beware: the Texas Legislature needs your money.

A \$1 per pack increase in the cigarette tax once again is on the table as part of a funding solution to help lawmakers address budget demands. While some hope the tax could help replace lower property taxes, others are eyeing the potential cash cow for health care costs.

"Simply put, every state that has raised its tobacco tax has seen revenues increase dramatically even as consumption declines," said Danny McGoldrick, research director for the Washington, D.C.-based Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

The proposed increase, which has been estimated to bring in as much as \$800 million a year, had interest groups lined up to testify Thursday before the House tax-writing Ways and Means Committee.

Opponents, such as tobacco giants R.J. Reynolds and Philip Morris, have hired big name lobbyists to make their cases to lawmakers. They argue the higher tax would fuel an already lucrative smuggling market, increase Internet sales and would drive Texas smokers to neighboring states and Mexico to buy cheaper cigarettes.

For instance, with a \$1 per pack increase, the price of a carton of cigarettes would be \$35 cheaper in Mexico than in Texas, Philip Morris said. For grocery and convenience stores along the border, that could mean a sharp decline in profits.

"This incentive for smokers to buy their cigarettes from neighboring states and Mexico could lead to a negative impact on excise tax-sensitive businesses," said Jamie Drogin, a spokeswoman for Philip Morris USA.

But, advocates of the measure, such as the coalition Texans Investing in Healthy Families, say the tax would persuade smokers in Texas to quit and discourage teenagers from ever lighting up. The group is made up of the Texas PTA, the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society, among others.

They also argue fewer smoking Texans would translate into a decrease in health care costs for the state. In the first five years of an increased tax, the state would see a projected \$90 million in health care cost savings, McGold-

rick said. "Some of the reduced health care costs will accrue quickly, as

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DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

AARON NORMENT, AN anthropology graduate student from Elgin, labels pieces of bone with a Smithsonian trinomial, or site and lot number. The pieces are were dug up last summer at the Texas Tech excavation site of Prisido San Saba, near Menard. Pottery, nails, animal bones and debit age has been uncovered. San Saba was established by the Spanish in 1757 and then abandoned in 1770. Tech has been excavating the site since 2000.

China sending envoy to North Korea as efforts build to revive nuclear talks

By Elaine Kurtenbach/Associated Press

a top communist party official to North Korea for talks not be independently verified. with its longtime ally in an effort to break a stalemate patience in its dealing with the volatile country.

seek help in persuading the isolated North to rejoin rity of the region." six-nation nuclear talks that were suspended in June. Those talks include the United States, the two Koreas, China, Russia and Japan.

China, the North's biggest backer and a major source of aid to the impoverished country, has been China could do more to win over the North. wary of openly testing its influence with Pyongyang. China urged patience with the unpredictable North,

which has rejected calls to return to the six-nation talks, accusing the United States of hostility. Last week, Pyongyang BEIIING (AP) — China said Thursday it will send announced it has produced nuclear weapons. The claim could

"We are of the view that we should not resort to sancover the North's nuclear program, but Beijing urged tions or pressure in international relations," Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan said at a regular briefing. "Further U.S. and South Korean envoys visited Beijing to complicating the issue will compromise the safety and secu-

Kong confirmed that Wang Jiarui, head of the communist party's international department, would visit North Korea this week, but he did not give specific dates.

Meanwhile, South Korean officials said they believed

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NASA heeds more advice for resuming shuttle flights

By Marcia Dunn/Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - NASA has met another one of the Columbia accident investigation board's recommendations for resuming space shuttle flights: developing better methods for inspecting the wing panels between



The task force overseeing NASA's effort to resume launches as early as mid-May said Thursday the space agency has fulfilled that recommendation.

During Columbia's doomed flight in 2003, a piece of fueltank foam pierced one of those panels along the edge of the left wing, causing a gash that led to the shuttle's destruction over Texas during re-entry, and the deaths of all seven crew

NASA has now met eight of the investigation board's recommendations. In the next few weeks, the task force hopes to get all the details it needs to decide whether NASA has met the remaining seven.

Among the recommendations already met by NASA: setting up cameras to provide sharp photographs of the fuel tank throughout the launch, and arranging to obtain pictures of the shuttle in orbit from spy satellites.

Among the recommendations still open: eliminating dangerously big pieces of foam from coming off the fuel tank, toughening the shuttle to better withstand debris, and developing ways for astronauts to inspect and repair their shuttles

At the space station, meanwhile, a NASA and Russian Space Agency investigation team concluded that miscommunication led astronaut Leroy Chiao to get too close to the orbiting craft's firing thrusters during a spacewalk three weeks ago.

At the time, the thrusters were being fired to stabilize the space station. Ground controllers thought Chiao was farther away based on what he told them, flight director Annette Hasbrook said.

Chiao's spacesuit could have been contaminated by propellant, but was not, Hasbrook said.

Better guidelines will be in place for the next spacewalk by Chiao and cosmonaut Salizhan Sharipov in late March,

VENUE OF VEINS



STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily

JEREMY FURGERSON, A donor care specialist with United Blood Services, draws blood from Paulus Adisoemarta, an assistant professor of petroleum engineering, during a blood drive in the MAC lounge of the Petroleum Engineering building Thursday afternoon.

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AUSTIN (AP) — More than Nov. 2 election. counted, a final statewide tally in the election. Of those, 7,770 Act, a federal law passed in

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had already been counted and were cast in Texas in the elec- tion. Last year was the first time included in election results, the tion. Texas Secretary of State's Office of Texas.

provisional votes in a lengthy she is qualified.

36,000 provisional ballots were The Texas Secretary of State's if it is determined the person was cast in Texas in the November Office released the statewide registered to vote. election, but only 20 percent tally Thursday showing there were
The voting method was creof those were deemed valid and 36,193 provisional ballots in Texas ated in the Help America Vote

A provisional vote may be cast elections. for more than three months did if a voter shows up on Election Before the new federal law, not have an exact figure on how Day but it isn't clear whether he a "challenge ballot" could be many such votes there were in all or she is eligible to vote. The voter cast in Texas if voter eligibil-Local officials had to report affidavit stating the reasons he or was tagged and counted, then

federal survey filled out after the The ballot is kept separate from to be invalid.

others and is only counted later

were eligible and were counted. 2002 after the Florida recount Although the provisional votes In all, some 7.4 million votes of the 2000 presidential elec-

Vatican decries 'religion of health' in affluent nations

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Vati- and Vatican academic, said John doctor said. Monsignor Elio Sgreccia, the can officials Thursday decried what Paul, who for years has struggled they called a "religion of health" with Parkinson's disease, was "the Vatican's chief bioethicist, said in affluent societies and held out living alternative to the people need to ponder the

as an antidote to the mentality that madness.' modern medicine must cure all. The pope's emer-"While millions of people in the gency hospitalization

world struggle to survive hunger earlier this month and disease, lacking even minimal for breathing probhealth care, in rich countries the lems fueled open concept of health as well-being discussion, including figures in creat-

ing unrealistic expectations The pope's about the possibility of medimessage is cine to respond to all needs and 'suffering is part desires," said the Rev. Maurizio of life and has Faggioni, a theologian and meaning." morality expert on the Vatican's Pontifical Acad-MANFRED LUTZ

emy for Life. Psychiatrist and Vatican "The medi-Academic cine of desires,

egged on by the health-care market, increases the problems bring. John Paul II, who within marriage was the best way request for pharmaceutical and also has knee and hip problems, to combat HIV contagion. medical-surgical services, soaks up no longer walks in public, and public resources beyond all reason- Parkinson's has left his speech often the 10th anniversary of the ableness," Faggioni said at a news unintelligible.

The theologian spoke in ad- the disease, in the pain, in old delivered the Catholic Church's vance of a debate in the academy age, in dying and death one can, most forceful condemnation of next week on politically hot issues instead, perceive the truth of life abortion, euthanasia and experisuch as the right to life and medi- in a clearer way," Lutz said.

cal care. Manfred Lutz, a psychiatrist is part of life and has meaning," the birth control.

the method was used in Texas

may cast a ballot with a signed ity was in question. The ballot excluded later if was determined

Pope John Paul II's stoic suffering prevailing health-fiend

question: "Does a right to health 'at all costs' exist? Or is it rather a

> right to treatment?" "Medicine has become impossible to manage because it can't fulfill the desires" of consumers for perfect health, said Sgreccia, who heads the academy,

a Vatican advisory body. Vatican officials stressed that dinals, over all people should have access to

whether he basic health care. "It is difficult to establish what should step down because a decent minimum is," said Fagof frail health. gioni, when asked about criticism Officials at over unaffordable health care for

the news con- many in the United States. ference took Asked about anti-AIDS meapains to put a sures, Sgreccia reiterated the positive spin Vatican's teaching against use on the limita- of condoms and the Church's tions health insistence that sexual faithfulness

The seminar next week marks pope's encyclical "Evangelium "Precisely in the handicap, in vitae" encyclical in which he mentation on human embryos, "The pope's message is 'suffering and restated the Vatican ban on

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Absent parents to Defense in terror Harari family wants still pay support trial calls informant murder investigation

AUSTIN (AP) — Mothers and key lawmaker said Thursday.

or neglected their child have more arms and fighters.

been many instances where we as a \$10 million." state have to go once again and strip taxpayers."

House Human Services Committee, fund the terror groups. which is reviewing reforms to the Texas Department of Family and more than \$20 million" before the Sept. involvement in the bombing.

The DFPS review comes after Afghanistan." several high profile child homicides or abuse at home and decided the the sheik said he personally handed \$20 children were safe to remain with million to bin Laden. their parents. Lawmakers also are reviewing the foster care system.

to continue paying child support wealth and U.S. citizenship. to the state. The judge, she said,

paying child support for a child they tirely on the Hamas allegations. had nothing to do with creating,"

rights. In the meantime, most chil- a Frankfurt, Germany, hotel. dren are placed in foster homes and to the foster care provider.

NEW YORK (AP) — An FBI inforparental rights because they abused he says gave Osama bin Laden money, country's pro-Syrian authorities.

"There seems to be no deterrent said through an Arabic-English interian government is the first of its kind to them just turning around and do-preter. "After I chase the terrorist and I since similar protests in 1992 forced that ing it all over again and there have bring him here to America I deserve even government to step down.

"He told me he gave bin Laden Both governments have denied any

state agency that investigates reports in federal court. "He told me he helps internationally led investigation into of child abuse and neglect. DFPS also al-Qaida with money and arms and he the blast that killed Hariri and 16 oth-

that occurred after state caseworkers of the government's most dramatic Swiss forensic and explosives experts, had investigated for possible neglect claims about al-Moayad, including that assist the inquiry.

ment's witness list after he set his clothing investigation commission, since the Hupp wants the legislature to al- on fire in front of the White House in assassination of Rafik Hariri is a terlow and encourage a judge to require November to protest what he called the rorist act targeting Lebanon's stability parents who lost their parental rights FBI's failure to make good on promises of and national unity," said a statement

Without Alanssi, who was burned would set the amount of money to over a third of his body, the government means to find the perpetrators of this "Effectively my taxpayers are and the case began to center almost en- is," the statement said.

Texas officials try to find adoptive gamble. They hoped to damage his cred-the devastating 1975-90 civil war, and homes for children of mothers and ibility and blunt the damage from the more than 200,000 mourners attended fathers who have lost their parental tapes, secretly recorded over four days in his funeral Wednesday. Government

Alanssi allegedly lured al-Moayad of Hariri's family. the state provides all of their medical, and his assistant, co-defendant Mohamdental and therapeutic services as med Mohsen Yahya Zayed, to Germany last year amid opposition to a Syrianwell as their basic needs. The state by posing as the fixer for another infor-backed constitutional amendment that also provides a daily reimbursement mant who wanted to donate \$2.5 million extended the presidency of his rival, to Hamas and al-Qaida.

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Mournfathers whose parental rights are mant who was set to be the star prosecu- ers unfurled a huge banner near former terminated by a judge should have tion witness in a terror trial until he set premier Rafik Hariri's grave Thursday to pay child support to the state, a himself ablaze outside the White House. calling on the Lebanese government. took the stand for the defense Thursday, to resign, and thousands signed the Rep. Suzanna Hupp, R-Lam- saying he had sought \$5 million for impromptu petition in the sharpest sign pasas, said often parents who lose leading prosecutors to a Yemeni sheik yet of popular discontent against the

> The spontaneous declaration against "I deserve that," Mohamed Alanssi Prime Minister Omar Karami's pro-Syr-

The resignation calls are sure to Alanssi quickly laid out some of the increase pressure on the government, them of their rights of those children government's most serious allegations which many accuse of involvement in as well," Hupp said. "I think it's bad against Sheik Mohammed Ali Hassan Hariri's killing, and its main powerbrofor the kids. I think it's bad for the al-Moayad, who is charged with sup- ker Syria, which also has been linked porting al-Qaida and Hamas, and with to the popular billionaire's death and is Hupp is chairwoman of the conspiring to fund and attempting to facing U.S. calls to withdraw its 15,000 soldiers from this country.

Protective Services, the parent of the 11, 2001, attacks, Alanssi told jurors Hariri's family has called for an oversees Texas' foster care system. send mujahedeen to Chechnya and ers Monday, but Lebanon's government opposes a foreign-led probe. It has re-Alanssi was the sole source of some quested foreign investigators, including

> "We call upon the international community to promptly take control Alanssi was dropped from the govern- of this issue and form an international released by Hariri's family.

"We will not spare any effort or relied more heavily on surveillance tapes crime no matter what their affiliation

Many Lebanese are seething over By calling Alannssi as a hostile the death of Hariri, whom they credit witness, defense lawyers were taking a with rebuilding their country following officials did not attend, at the insistence

Hariri resigned as prime minister Damascus ally Emile Lahoud.



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Senators say fall break is still possible

By Brandi Fleming/ The University Daily

Electrical Engineering building in room should be." 101 Thursday night. Legislation on the and two charges of impeachment.

Neither Sen. Clayton Isom nor Sen. it has not been done, she said. Matthew Sherwood were impeached by the Senate. Both senators had four ab-students want addressed, she said. sences to mandatory meetings, but all were

the student body about the continued ef- in their degree plans." forts by SGA to implement a fall break.

cause the Faculty Senate was not in favor ris said. next year's calendar.'

running for offices want the students to parking problem at Tech. be informed of their platforms before

important to the students.

"I passed out surveys last semester to a serious project." The Student Government Associa- get student opinions," she said. "That Lacy said after the death of Kedric getting it done, Clower said. tion Student Senate held a meeting in the is the way I decided what my stances Hobbs Feb. 7, bike safety should be a top

A big issue on her agenda is off-campus agenda included election code revisions bus routes, Harris said. New routes need to numbers should not be used for identificate remaining ternal vice president, said he agrees with be made, especially to North Quaker, but tion; unique test numbers would be a safer his opponent's stance on subsidizing busses

Class registration is another problem

excused through SGA administration. tion process," Harris said. "We need to it is, and the majority of students that I we should keep the student fee and use it Nathan Nash, internal vice president, make sure students can get into all the have spoken with feel the same way." for making further improvements in the encouraged the Senate to actively inform classes they need so they can move along Ryan Clower, candidate for SGA bus routes."

There is a rumor going around that fee, are another student concern that prospect of being voted into office. the fall break is dead," he said. "Just be-will be addressed in her legislation, Har-

does not mean it is over. We are going to "The students are already paying a go with it," he said. continue to work to get the fall break on lot of money, and they don't want to pay double for services," she said.

SGA elections will be held Tuesday J. Ross Lacy, candidate for SGA years, Clower said. and Wednesday, and the candidates president, said he wants to focus on the

Kelly Harris, candidate for president, issues to try and make it better," he said. been dropped. Student voices are the he said.

said her main goal is to find out what is "We keep talking about bike lanes, but we most important." haven't done it yet, and that needs to be

priority for Tech. He said he believes Social Security

way to keep track of students. "I want to help with a better registration," Lacy said. "The event is fine where at the complexes," he said. "But I think

Double fees, like the library printing senator for a year and is excited about the is private parking lots for students to use

guide the legislation and where we should more competitive, he said.

"SGA boxes for student comment

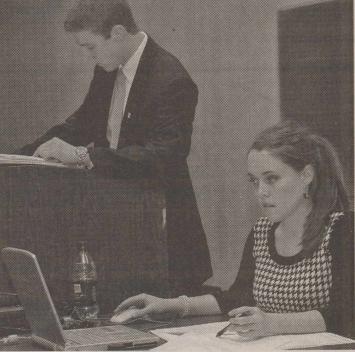
Committees need to be more involved in finding out what students want and

"Open communication between the Senate and the students is key," he said. Drew Slater, candidate for SGA ex-

back to the apartment complexes. "I am against legislation 40.05, to "I think the apartments should pay move RaiderGate from its current loca- because they advertise that the buses stop

internal vice president, said he has been a Another transportation improvement without going through Tech, Slater said. It "As president of the Senate, I will would make the pricing of parking permits

Having so many students at Tech is Student voice is an important factor expensive, but the university is not able that has been lost in the shuffle in past to cap enrollment because of the top 10 percent rule, Slater said.



LINC ARMES/The University Daily

"I support state Rep. Frank Brown's PRESIDENT OF THE Student Senate, Nathan Nash, a senior civil are not being used anymore, and we idea to repeal the 10 percent rule so that engeneering major from Lubbock, and Journal Clerk Casey Harmon, "Parking is always an issue with stu- need to get that going again," he said. we can cap enrollment and help keep a senior agricultural communications major from Amherst, follow dents, and I want to directly address those "Somewhere along the way the ball has the campus population under control," along while a senator discusses a topic during the SGA meeting

STD testing at no charge

By Lindsay Wharton/ The University Daily

option of free sexually transmitted with cream or frozen off, but disease testing at Student Health the disease usually will not be Services in Thompson Hall.

stress and tension if they get (the bacterial infections and can be testing) over with," said Dr. Court-treated with antibiotics, she said. ney Barton, a family medicine doc- However, Barton said they can tor for Student Health Services. be harmful if untreated.

Thompson Hall is readily avail- "We routinely check women able for students to get tested. who are under 21 or have had Barton said students usually can more than one sexual partner in get an appointment within two or the last year," said Lynne Franke, three days.

She said students should be specific about their concerns because different STDs require different

Barton said students could have a sexually transmitted disease without symptoms and spread it to others. She said knowing their STD status is important for sexually active people.

Students should remain careful about their sexual relations make becoming pregnant imposeven after they find out they do sible, she said. not have an STD, Barton said. The diseases and infections may cautious with Type-2 and Type-1 be dormant.

are capable of testing for almost participating in oral sex. every STD except hepatitis, she

said. best way to prevent obtaining an not do blood testing for herpes STD, Barton said the second-best because it is too expensive, genmethod is a barrier contraceptive erally costing about \$240. like a condom. Any area not cov- Dr. Kelly Bennett, medical ered by the condom still has the director of Student Health Serpotential to spread.

because some STDs are not treat- of the Big 12 schools. able, but all are preventable.

always going to have it," she said. take advantage of the free test-

AIDS/HIV, human papilloma- ing and always use condoms. virus and herpes can be managed

but never cured, Barton said.

HPV can cause warts but has many different sub-types, Barton Texas Tech students have the said. The lesions can be treated completely eliminated.

'Students will feel much less Gonorrhea and syphilis are

manager at

the Student Health Cen-

Chlamydia is the most common STD in the United States, Franke said. Most people who have it do not exhibit any symptoms, so knowing if they have it is virtually impossible for students, she said. The germ that causes chlamydia may cause scarring on a wom-

an's fallopian tube, which can

Students should be especially herpes, Franke said. A person Physicians at Thompson Hall can orally contract herpes by

Thompson Hall can only give herpes tests if the blisters are Although abstinence is the present, Franke said. They can-

vices, said Tech does not have Prevention is key, Barton said, any more STD cases than most

However, she said students "Once you have a virus you're who are sexually active should

Student Health offering | Microsoft recalls Xbox power cords because of fire fears

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft smoke damage or damage to their other arrangements. Corp. said Thursday it is recall- carpets or entertainment centers, Everywhere except Europe, the placement cord by going to www. ing 14.1 million power cords for Microsoft said. its Xbox game because they can Peter Moore, a corporate vice before Oct. 23, 2003. In Europe, it delivered, Xbox users should turn

30 customers have reported fire time and spent the past several The recall affects about 70 per- Moore declined to say how damage. Seven Xbox users burned months gearing up for the recall by cent of the approximately 20 mil- much the recall will cost the

president, said the company has affects those manufactured before off their game players when not in The software company said known about the problem for some Jan. 13, 2004.

recall affects Xboxes manufactured xbox.com. Until a new cord is

their hands, while 23 reported producing more cords and making lion consoles sold, Microsoft said. company.

Customers can order a free reuse, Microsoft said.

Texans lobby for medical defense of marijuana use

By Ken Tran/ Daily Texan

bill that would make it legal for medical marijuana. in cases of illegal possession.

in drugs and narcotics. It simply has medical benefits. provides legitimate patients with

patients to claim medical use of According to a recent Ameri- seem to be doing so well."

"Some older people have said news to some. (U-WIRE) AUSTIN — Tex- an affirmative defense if they are they won't try it because of the leans for Medical Marijuana are brought to trial. Patients will have gality, and that's their only reason," Texas Eagle Forum, opposes the lobbying at the Capitol today for to be able to prove they have their said Marcia Johnson, a long-time bill because, "if there is any truth the passage of House Bill 658, a doctor's recommendation to take medical marijuana user and advo- to the claim [that medical mari-

marijuana as a legitimate defense can Association of Retired Persons State Rep. Elliott Naishtat, something from it and used it in a poll, 69 percent of respondents 69 D-Austin, who co-authored the legal way?" Actually, it won't even legal- years or older approved of legalizing bill with state Rep. Terry Keel, R- This display of disinformation ize the possession of medical the use of medical marijuana if Austin, waxed prolific about the may be indicative of the negative marijuana, said Larry Sauer, approved by a physician. Fourty- myriad diseases marijuana could effects of extreme sobriety, a gate-Go Dark with Sun Sational

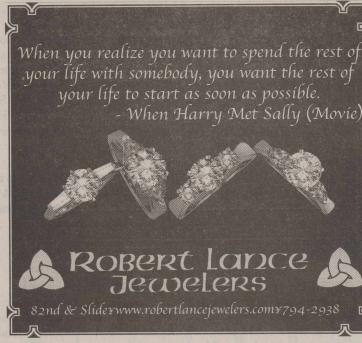
an Austin attorney specializing three percent thought marijuana body who has seen "Half-Baked" already knows this, but it may be

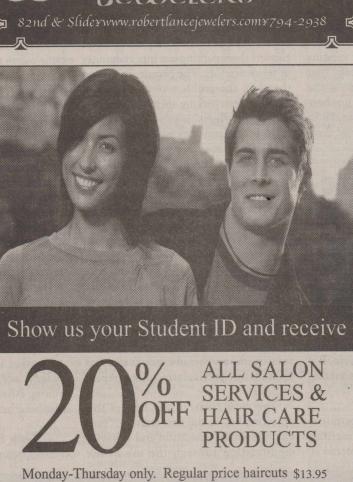
> Cathy Adams, president of the cate. "Then they tell me, 'But you juana works], why haven't pharmaceutical companies extracted

treat, including glaucoma. Any- way drug into conservatism.

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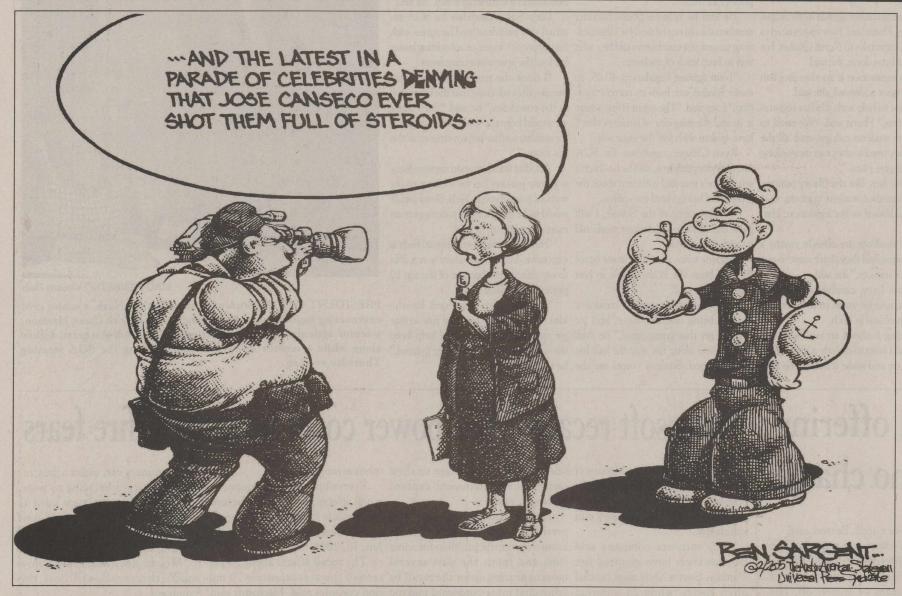
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Steroids suck splendor from pro athletes, misleads youths

T's no secret high school means a ton of peer pressure, forcing youths to make Labad decisions. Often, many of these peer pressure situations circle around the use of

Now, if I were to ask you who were applying the pressure, you'd pretty much unanimously answer classmates. In some cases, though, that just isn't true. There is a drug which can be pressured onto youths by parents, coaches or themselves. I'm talking about steroids.

High school sports has reached a level of popularity it has never known. More games are being televised and the market for recruiting has simply exploded. In turn, youths see this and immediately feel the pressure to excel at their respective sport so they can get a piece of the action.

As with most people, when they see an opportunity to take a short cut and achieve their goal, they're going to take it.

Steroids are illegal, but don't think they are hard to obtain. Just about anyone can purchase steroids using little to no effort. I knew more than a few cases in my high school where youths were able to purchase steroids easier than cigarettes or beer.

The worst part about this is most coaches look the other way. Their jobs are at stake when it comes to winning and losing, so if



So now the problem has been laid out, what can we do to stop it? Strict, mandatory testing and it has to start at the very top and work its way to the bottom.

a player shows up after a summer of working out and he's 20 or 30 pounds heavier and it's all muscle, good deal, he'll make an impact. They don't ask questions, they don't test; all they care about is the team will be

Then there are the parents. Sure, most parents might throw some kind of a fit, but if their

child turned into an all-star and had a chance for his college tuition to be paid, do you really think they'd ask too many questions? In most cases, they might ignore the obvious, stick their head in the sand and enjoy the spotlight their son or daughter has shone on them at that particular moment.

Role models are no better either. Look at professional baseball. A plethora of meatheads hitting baseballs 500 feet with seemingly little effort. Young athletes watch these guys, see their success, see the admiration they receive and follow suit.

So now the problem has been laid out, what can we do to stop it? Strict, mandatory testing and it has to start at the very top and work its way to the bottom. Major League Baseball recently has stepped up and begun testing on steroids. It's time for the minor leagues, college baseball and high school to

start a domino effect and follow in the MLB's Coaches and leagues may not be able to

stop the players from obtaining steroids, but they can keep them from playing if they test positive. The worst form of punishment you can give to a young athlete is to keep him out of the game. Bench them a few times, show them you're serious and that will change

It bugs me that for a while now, people have been taking this issue lightly. I remember a few years ago when MLB wanted their players to stop chewing tobacco, fearing it would cause many of their young fans to do the same. However, steroid

use seems perfectly fine. I guess whatever puts a little change in their pockets can't be too bad after all

Yet, with "tell all" books coming out and the steroid issue growing each day, sports no longer can turn a deaf ear. The war on steroids will soon be waged and, in order for it to work, it's going to have to be a serious one. Any half-hearted effort simply will not get the job done.

Steroids are destroying the bodies of athletes — some not yet done maturing — all throughout this country. Its prevention is something we owe athletes, sports and the families of steroid abusers throughout the nation. Steroid prevention may not seem like much, but it is one more step towards cleansing a problem that plagues this nation's youth.

■ Gardner is a junior English major from Tomball. E-mail him at william. l.gardner@ttu.edu.

SGA voters and duty

Choose who will work for the students

If you ask the average American what his government is doing for him on any given Lday, he probably will not know. Likewise, most Texas Tech students do not realize what Student Government Association is doing for them unless it is something tangible.

Lobbying for state funding. RaiderGate.



There is a myriad of things our SGA takes part in behind the scenes.

Student organization funding. Sitting on committees to fight for fees. Trying to get a fall break. There is a myriad of things our SGA takes part in behind the scenes.

While students sometimes see the SGA as a figurehead organization that simply acts as a rubber stamp for the administration, after visiting with several senators and officers, I see another side of the organization. The elected officers spend much of their down time sitting in committee meetings, drafting legislation and working to help students.

Several candidates for SGA positions realize that as the price of tuition has continued to rise, many of our scholarships have stayed at the same level, they want to look into raising more funds for scholarships as well as attempting to have our scholarships reflect the raising cost of attendance at Tech. With that sort of attitude, it is easy to realize SGA officers are just like you and me - average students trying to get through school and obtain a degree.

Another less glamorous but appreciated responsibility of the SGA is serving as student representatives on a number of university committees, including those that administer and implement a number of the student services fees we pay.

One goal for the upcoming year is to make sure a student is sitting on every committee to represent the student voice. One committee that did not have student representation last semester was the committee that implemented the new library printing fee. It is not to say the fee would not have been implemented if student representation has been in effect, but at least we would have had a voice in the matter.

Last week, SGA sent 50 students down to Austin to talk to senators and representatives

While this may not seem like much compared to our campus of 27,000, not going at all would have been detrimental because no one would be any the wiser about Lubbock.

By going to Austin, senators got to see faces, hear stories and learn about our school. I hope they will remember the presence of Tech descending on the capitol when they begin to dole out funding for the coming year.

Some think the SGA would be a better asset to the Tech community if people actually knew who they were and if they could come to them with their requests.

Throughout the past few years, the SGA has worked to increase its visibility to the student population by hosting events such at SGA Day to let students know that they are here to work for them. Big things, small things - SGA

wants to hear it all. Obviously, when some think of any sort of government, they think of politicians, which seems to invoke a variety of responses — most of them having negative connotation. One candidate put it best when he said the term politician should be synonymous with public

As SGA voting begins next week, I encourage everyone to vote for the students who are going to represent us best on a number of committees and campus issues. Get involved with the process if you feel so inclined, so when you complain you can help make a difference.

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TECH TALKS BACK

Students deserve answers, not excuses about parking situation at Tech

I would like to think I'm good with excuses. I like to think my dad actually believes me when I say I use my money for books instead of going out. I like to think my teachers believe me when I say that I forgot the attachment of my paper to the e-mail I sent them, instead of me just not doing it and buying myself

However, Buddy Knox is someone who is not good with excuses and simply needs to stop.

Tuesday's UD featured a story about Texas Tech's five-year parking plan. Within this parking plan, Knox offers a plethora of excuses to students and faculty why parking on campus is an issue. For example, "the amount of parking on campus is not the only problem; the location of available parking is undesirable."

Simply walking throughout campus, I notice an abundance of open reserved parking spaces that could be filled by students — who primarily give Knox his job in the first place.

In fact, in this year's strategic plan for the Office of Traffic and Parking, its fifth objective to "move toward a 100 percent area reserved parking system for faculty and staff reserved lots.

For an office under the most scrutiny from students, I find it humorous that attaining enough supply to meet the student parking demand is listed nowhere in this strategic plan. It seems similar to the "strategery" we hear George W. Bush talking about. Absolute nonsense.

When you uncover yourself from the endless yellow envelopes and monstrous headaches from parking nightmares, here is what you have left: A university is a place of higher edu-

Therefore, students should be the first priority. This means the first prior-

ity in everything, including parking. We already pay in excess of approximately \$3,075 dollars to attend Tech for one

While paying for a parking permit is objective lies in the first strategy, "prodefinitely a reasonable notion, inserting more park-and-pay lots is not. Instead of modification through the use of the

inserting more locations where students have to spend money they don't have, convert those parking lots into commuter or residence lots. The permit is paid for, therefore the problem of ensuring the "users of Tech parking are paying for their parking privileges" is solved.

If Traffic and Parking lit your torch in the first place, keep reading. There is fuel to add to your flame.

In reading the Strategic Plan for the Office of Traffic and Parking, their goals and objectives seem frivolous to the blatant problems the office is encountering.

The first objective of this plan states the need to "develop and implement educational programs aimed at

reducing the number of citations received by students, particularly among repeat violators." The most comical idea behind this

vide individual education and behavior

educational boot process."

I can't remember the last time I came out to my car to find there was a boot on my tire and said, "Well, boot, we meet again. Only this time I've learned..."

The Office of Traffic and Parking also plans to "develop and distribute a parking education CD for new students to educate them about the Texas Tech parking system before they arrive on campus."

Now you can see where your parking ticket money is going — to buy more boots and make a CD for you just in case you don't know how to

Here is the bottom line: stop worrying about how to make yourself look good while you sit in an office funded by students' misery and frus-

Do what it takes to make sure the students are the first and foremost priority. After all, we are at school to learn whether we like it or not.

— Leslie Brockman, sophomore advertising major from Flower Mound

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A recent bill, HR 857, has been proposed by Rep. John Sweeney, R-United States.

Susan Wagner, editor of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association newsletter, said the majority of TSCRA members are opposed to the bill because doing away with horses without slaughtering them would

Wagner said she believes slaughtering should be done on a voluntary basis.

"We don't want laws," she said.

Horses are regular menu items in France and Belgium, she said.

Louis Farr, veterinarian at the South Plains Veterinary Clinic, said he is opposed to the ban, but would never send a horse to be slaughtered or eat

He said while he was growing up, his family took care of their animals, which were considered part of

"Nobody cares more for animals than people in agriculture," he said.

Wagner said small producers would not know what to do if the option of slaughtering is taken away.

If the bill passes and horse slaughtering is banned, Wagner said in her editorial, she is afraid slaughtering will happen in Mexico where no fed-include penalties set in court, and people can be held accountable for violateral inspectors monitor treatment or TSCRA inspectors looking for stolen ing animal welfare statutes.

no sciențific basis for the bill.

States, and in 2001, 62,000 horses were sent for processing.

Kelli Ludlum, lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation, said N.Y., to ban the slaughtering of horses for human consumption outside the she is against the concept of restricting livestock owners and said there is exist.

> Ludlum said slaughtering does not cause the animals any pain. "It's done in a humane fashion," she

> > Livestock owners, Ludlum said, do not have any space for horses that no longer are useful. "We believe it can create

more inhumane conditions," she

Kayla Murray, a second-year law student from Dallas, said she supports

"Horses have never been raised in America for human consumption," Horses, Murray said, are shipped

long distances under inhumane conditions, and many horses get stolen because slaughtering them is profitable.

"It always comes down to money," she said.

Ludlum said consequences for people who inhumanely slaughter animals humane death possible," he said.

Todd McCartney, director of producer relations and education at TSCRA, Wagner also said in her editorial there are 6.9 million horses in the United said the bill may be dangerous because horse slaughtering is an emotionally driven issue.

He said an outlet for the many extra horses in the United States should

A percentage of all horses slaughtered goes to feed 200 animals, Mc-

Many organizations, he said, other than TSCRA, are opposed to the bill.

"We don't stand alone," (and) "I'm glad we're in the

camp with that good company," he said. McCartney said there are two processing units in Texas and one in Illinois.

"(There are) not enough horse rescue operations we can put these horses with," he said.

Feeding horses, he said, is costing millions of dollars

because people do not want to slaughter them. Brent Gattis, part of the house agriculture committee,

said he is against the bill and Sweeney introduced the latest version in the last congress. Cem Akin, research associate for People for the

Ethical Treatment of Animals, said he is for any bill that would spare animals from being slaughtered. Banning horse slaughter, he said, would improve

welfare and reduce suffering. "Anybody who's a responsible horse owner should provide the most

Akin said an alternative to slaughtering is a chemical injection by a

trained veterinarian.

New Army program helps injured soldiers

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) Mississippi, Tennessee and Ken-

realized he would be stuck there for bility to return home and a nurse more than a year, until his teeth and who monitors their progress. mouth fully healed.

The Army agreed.

health care initiative, Dunbar is combat by Guard and Reserve now in Tampa, Fla., being treated troops, said Lt. Col. Ken Bradby an Air Force doctor and getting dock, who oversees the commufamily help while remaining on nity-based health care programs for most of the eastern United active duty.

"This is really a godsend," Dun-States. bar said by telephone.

The Florida program is one of body is mobilized, they all come six established since January 2004 to war, they either win or lose and to serve injured National Guard come back. The war on terrorism and Reserve soldiers in 27 states. is a long-term war," Braddock said. The newest opened last week in "We've reached scales we haven't Birmingham, serving Alabama, seen since World War II."

-Sgt. Chris Dunbar was nursing a tucky. shattered jaw after fighting in Iraq. Each center has case workers Arriving at Fort Stewart, Ga., he who evaluate the soldiers' eligi-

The Army created the program He wanted to recover at home. to respond to the indefinite nature of the fighting in Iraq, mounting Under a new community-based injuries and multiple returns to

"The old concept was every-

Talks

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"I think China has a much bigger and biological weapons programs. ference Thursday in Seoul.

China, which hosted three Pyongyang. Korean peninsula.

rea to develop atomic weap-

CIA analysts believe the North plans to build a uranium-based CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 nuclear bomb in addition to plutonium-based weapons and chemical

> Speaking in Seoul, South Kotives" apart from sending Wang to

Ban did not elaborate, but Kim, resulted in little progress, has con- the South Korean ambassador to sistently said it favors a nuclear-free Beijing, noted Beijing's role as the North's main supplier of fuel, aid Though China helped defend and other imports.

China is

believed to

supply Pyong-

yang with up

to one-third

of its food and

one-quarter of

its energy. The

North's farm

system col-

lapsed in the

1990s, forcing

the country to

depend on for-

eign aid to feed

its people.

I think China has a much bigger card to play than we

KIM HA-JOONG South Korea's Ambassador to China

"There are currently

sisted it has little influence over the North Korea expelled the last Stalinist regime of North Korean

relationship with the North," Kim

that the North has been developing, delegates traveled separately to making, deploying and selling bal- Beijing to confer with Chinese officials Thursday.

FEBRUARY 19, 2005

Buses

Nobody cares

animals than

people in

— LOUIS FARR

Veterinarian at the South

Plains Veterinary Clinic

agriculture.

more for

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Knox said he hopes housing developers in the areas choose to fund the bus routes to keep them in operation.

"I really hope that they do," he said. "I think the bus routes are a good idea."

Megan Lish, a junior marketing major from Plano, said housing developers should pay the price for the off-campus bus routes.

"I think it's a good idea," she said. "It sounds fair that they should. They can include it in their rent." Dusti Bennett, a junior biology

major from Austin, said she uses the off-campus buses regularly.

"Usually, I park at the Wal-Mart on 4th Street and ride the West 4th Street bus," she said.

The new proposal will be beneficial to those who live on campus because they would not have to pay for services they do not use, she said.

Hunninghake said students should not be concerned about the off-campus bus routes stopping.

"Students don't need to worry about the buses going away tomorrow," she said. "We don't anticipate the buses going away. We would like to expand the buses."

If the housing developments take over the off-campus bus routes, students may pay a lower transportation fee, Hunninghake said.

"We will be able to decrease the transportation fee," she said. The funding of the off-campus

bus routes is a part of the whole traffic and parking plan, Hunninghake said.

"This is actually a small piece of a larger puzzle," she said. "All of this ties together with Texas Tech's vision of traffic and parking on campus." SUNDAY

PBS

Tax

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heart attacks and strokes are reduced and fewer babies are born to mothers who smoke," he said.

The current cigarette tax is 41 cents and a \$1 per pack increase would make Texas the most expensive among bordering states for smokers.

Cigarette makers argued that a tobacco tax is not a stable revenue source because it will decline as the number of smokers dwindles. But, proponents such as McGoldrick say the anticipated revenue decrease has been factored into their revenue projections.

A tentative plan filed last month to fund

sive overhaul of the public school finance system includes the \$1 per pack cigarette increase. But the author of the plan, Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, cautioned that the bill would likely change significantly before it gets a

Keffer is chairman of the committee that must make a recommendation to the full House.

A cigarette tax also was included as an option in the Senate school funding plan, but specifics were not addressed.

For updates on campus and local news read The UD every day.

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30 Destinos Paid Program AM Windmill Cafe

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:30 McLaughlin 2 PM Spartans Tracing the history of the militaristic Greek

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Woman sells abstinence in Vegas LAS VEGAS (AP) — Yvette have to remind ourselves what Thomas is betting that abstinence our values are," Thomas said

Her wholesome wares stood have walked by and said, 'I like

at the Las Vegas Convention five years ago. Without prior Center. company's T-shirts and pant- company through online sales ies adorned with slogans such and displays at youth events. as "Virginity Lane: Exit When

Anderson. "We have so much of the op- to Las Vegas. The show ends

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posite out there, sometimes we Thursday.

Monday. "A number of people out at MAGIC Marketplace, your message."

an intimate apparel trade show Thomas launched Wait Wear fashion experience, she slowly Thomas quietly hawked her built her Los Angeles-based

This week marks Wait Wear's Married" and "No vows, no first appearance at MAGIC sex," amid booths sponsored by Marketplace, which draws the likes of Playboy and Pamela 93,000 visitors and \$129.7 million in non-gambling revenue

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card to play than we expect. The question is whether it will play it," rean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon South Korea's ambassador to China, said Thursday that China told his Kim Ha-joong, said at a news con-government it plans "other initia-

earlier rounds of nuclear talks that

North Korea in the 1950-53 Korean War, Beijing worries that a nucleararmed North would raise tensions in the region and prompt Japan and South Ko-

Whileworking to resolve the standoff,

"the Chinese side requires that the DPRK side a few railways and 15 unofficial and United States show more flex-roads connecting North Korea and ibility and sincerity," Kong said, China," Kim said. "Imagine what using the acronym for the North's kind of situation will arise in North formal name, the Democratic Korea if China decides one day to

People's Republic of Korea. Washington views North Korea for a couple of months."

a nuclear capability. U.N. nuclear monitors in late 2002. leader Kim Jong Il and has resisted It is not known to have tested an U.S. appeals to pressure its ally. atomic bomb, although international officials have long suspected whether playing that card will it has one or two nuclear weapons hurt their 55 years of amicable

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	Everyday Food					Paid Program
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	Find!	NBC News	CBS News		World News	Raymond
6PM	Destinos	News	Paid Program	Extra	News	CSI: "Cross-Juris- dictions"
:30	Destinos	Wheel Fortune	Paid Program		Special Menu	
7 PM :30	Lawrence Welk "Show Stoppers"	Law & Order "Cry Wolf" (HD)	Wicked Perfect	Women's Basket- ball Texas A&M	★★★ "The Green Mile" ('99)	Cops "Las Vegas Heat"
8 PM :30	Austin City Limits	Law & Order: CI "Happy Family"	Without a Trace "Risen" (HD)	at Texas Tech (Live)	Tom Hanks. Guards realize doomed man is	America's Most Wanted
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Comedian Wendi Fox talks candidly about addiction

By Jeremy Martin/ The University Daily

is impossible, comedian Wendi

sanity Tour, the show she performed lucky." Wednesday night at Texas Tech is not to get students to stop using alcohol, but ing standup comto get them to make more responsible edy after studying

"I'm not an idiot," Fox, a moti- due University for vational speaker who circulates to three years. Her different college campuses, said at her act was mostly show. "You guys are in college. I'm not observational hugoing to tell you not to drink. I know mor with a few if there were no such thing as alcohol references to her you guys would be doing Jell-O shots of Nyquil."

While this may not be the typical approach to educating students on 1989, her career alcohol abuse, Fox said it is more effective. In her presentation, Fox tells stories about her experiences with alcohol. She uses stories from her life, detailing both her personal struggle with alcoholism and her family's history of

done drunk," she said at Wednesday's but the positive responses she got after to laugh. She can be funny about show. "Every stupid person I've done, her first show made her consider doing anything." I've done drunk.'

Fox said sharing her experiences with alcohol makes her presentation both tragic and humorous, with her

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reeping students from drinking said. "But I've been their age, done what her show, by combining comedy and The purpose of her Alcohol In- that I've come to — I've been very alcohol would

> Fox began do-Every stupid thing psychology at Pur-I've done, I've done drunk. Every stupid person I've done, I've done personal life and drunk. her childhood.

However, in changed directions. She had

been touring college campuses as a comic, but when the person scheduled to give a talk on alcohol abuse canceled his show, Fox's agent called.

In the beginning, Fox said, she was "Every stupid thing I've done, I've less than enthusiastic about the idea, a different kind of presentation.

By mixing her personal experiences,

"If I've never done what they've diction, she created a different kind of inebriated uncle murdering her aunt, done, they're not going to listen," she presentation. She said the message of they've done and thought what they've education, seemed to affect people more ous and the tragic can make her act difthought. (My show) is the conclusion than a serious lecture on the dangers of ficult. Alcohol can make people behave

> "I got really good reports back," dents) said, 'This the hardest. is the best speaker our campus." While finding

family's history of task, Dushan Galic, Fox's friend of 20

to the challenge

knew Fox when she was starting out as a standup comic, said she has a natural ability to be funny, and she can make almost any subject a laughing matter.

- WENDI FOX

Comedian

"Michael Jordan was born to play basketball," he said. "She was born

equipped with punch lines, drawing laughter from the audience. Other of kind of jokes," she said.

are not intended to be funny. Fox said finding the balance between the hilariin funny ways, but it also ruins lives.

For this reason, Fox said although she gives five different presentations on she said. "(The stu-college campuses, her talk on alcohol is

"The alcohol show is the most difwe've ever had at ficult," she said. "You can be funny with some things, but you have to be very delicate with others. That show, if it the humor in her doesn't go well, can be a train wreck."

Though the alcohol presentation alcohol abuse may gives her the most problems, Fox seem like a difficult said it is her most popular show. She said she prefers the program she gave Thursday, "Self Esteem Thru the Spirit years said she is up of Child." The program deals with her struggle to find the person she used to Galic, who be when she was happier and did not need stimulants.

> No matter how difficult the material is, Fox said she finds giving her educational speeches more rewarding than her career as a standup comic.

> "I would rather do observational humor that may change the world than the stupid kind of 'Did you ever notice



CAITY COLVARD/The University Daily

Many of Fox's anecdotes came that when you have one sock in the WENDI FOX PRESENTS a photo of her 5-year-old self during her dryer, you can't ever find the other one' comedic Alcohol Insanity Tour lecture Wednesday. Her demonstration was to clarify an important message to college students about alcohol abuse.



LINC ARMES/The University Daily CHRISTINE FIXES LEA'S hair in "My Sister in this House," although the two conflict about how it should be done.

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issues of insanity, witchcraft, malice, murder and incest. And they are not wasting any time getting to the edgy material. The first show of the spring semester,

"My Sister in this House" by Wendy Kesselman, finishing its run Friday through Sunday, is based on a true story that occurred in 1930s France.

promises to raise a few eyebrows.

Two sisters work as maids in an upper-class home. The sisters, Christine commit a heinous crime against their employer, Madame Danzard, and her daughter Isabelle.

Director Jonathan Marks does an about-face from his production of the poppy musical "Anything Goes," with "Sister," a gloomy piece he hopes will inspire thought and discussion.

"It's a very thought-provoking tering." night of theater," Marks said. "It's quite funny and becomes quite shat-

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Scheduled productions range from issues of insanity, witchcraft, malice, murder and incest. And they are not wasting any time getting to the edgy material.

Marks said he realized the material in "Sister" is challenging, which he says is one of the main purposes of theater.

an itch to challenge," Marks said. "Theater shouldn't just amuse and please. It's not doing its job if it only text.

There's even more incest in "The House of Yes," (Feb. 27-March 6) a dark comedy by Wendy MacLeod. When Marty Pascal brings his new fiancée, Lesly, home for Thanksgiving to meet his family, no one is thankful. Especially Marty's twin sister, Jackie-O.

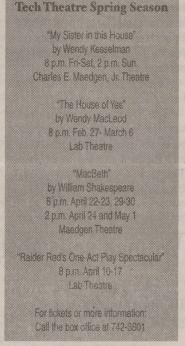
As one may guess from Jackie-O's name, the Pascal family has an affinity for the Kennedys, especially the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Marty and Jackie-O sometimes re-enact the shooting as

Bill Gelber, assistant professor of theatre and dance, said he has been vaiting for more than 20 years to direct William Shakespeare's "Macbeth." "Macbeth" (April 22-24 and April 29-May 1) is Shakespeare's ultra-violent tragedy and is the shortest of the bard's tragedies. But it may also be the most astonishing.

Scotland by killing the king, under military aspect of the show." the influence of prophesying witches and an "unsexed" wife.

"We have the responsibility and Anne Frank" two years ago, said he and his wife. wants to deal with the issues in the play without updating the actual rial, Gelber is also bringing in a fight

"I'm leaning toward looking like his actors.



The play finds military leader turn-of-the-century, 1900s military," Macbeth usurping the throne of he said. "I want to try to stress the

Gelber also promises he has a few surprises up his sleeve for his "Mac-Gelber, who earned strong reviews beth," including the treatment of the for his production of "The Diary of witches and the casting of Macbeth

Dealing with highly violent matedirector from Chicago to work with

"This is the most exciting and the shortest of Shakespeare's plays," Gelber said. "It's a great challenge for the actors and designers."

More challenges are in store for "Raider Red's One-Act Play Spectacular," a collection of plays written and directed by students. Marks said the "Spectacular" will feature a variety of works.

"It's a mixed bag," he said. "And that's the way theater should be."

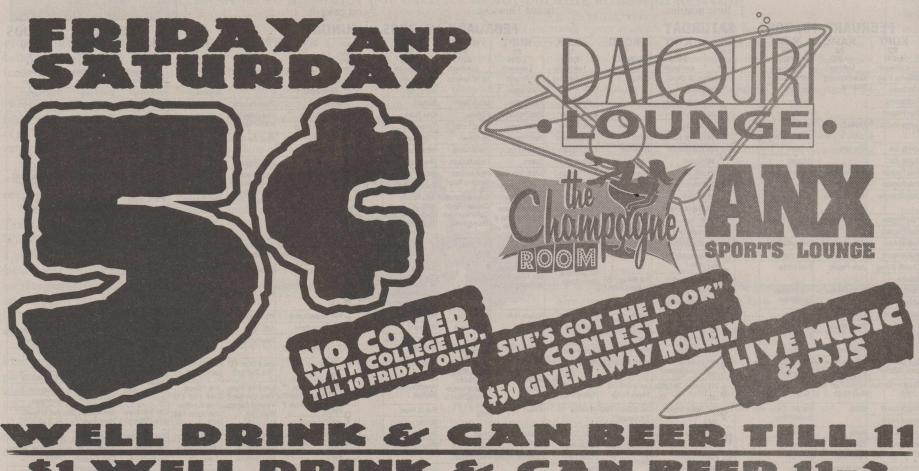
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PBS warning stations about war documentary containing swear words

NEW YORK (AP) — Worried about the FCC, PBS is taking the words out of the mouths of some soldiers filmed during combat in Iraq.

The public broadcaster is distributing "clean" and "raw" versions of next Tuesday's "Frontline" documentary about the Iraq war, titled "A Company of Soldiers," and is warning it can't insure stations against FCC fines stemming from the language.

It's an example of the television's industry's continued uncertainty about Federal Communications Commission standards for language and content, and a real-life echo of last fall's decision by 66 ABC affiliates not to air the movie "Saving Private Ryan."



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Leach in contract negotiations after third consecutive bowl win

By Joey Kirk/ The University Daily

After signing a new contract in April, Texas Tech ball season speaks highly of his coaching football coach Mike Leach is in negotiations with ability and his career at Tech. campus officials to lengthen his time in Lubbock.

Tech currently is working to increase Leach's came here," he said. "We are pleased base salary, which is \$300,000. In 2004, he earned to have him be our coach, and we approximately \$1 million after including income want him to be our coach for a long from outside sources.

The contract Leach signed earlier last year was a five-year deal, amounting to a total of \$5.675 million figure, the contract is turned over to through 2009.

With the new contract in the making, Athletic Board of Regents. Director Gerald Myers said he could not give specifics because it has not been completed.

"After every season, we look at what our coaches have done, and we evaluate them," he said.

As for Leach, Myers said the 2004 foot-

"He's done a great job since he

Once Myers and Leach agree on a Tech President Jon Whitmore and the

"(Whitmore's) the final, and it has to be approved Myers said. "I know they did a lot of preparing for by the board," Myers said.

The Red Raiders finished the 2004 season with Dec. 30.

Tech defeated the No. 4-ranked

Myers said the victory displays potential he has with the future of

"He and his staff did an outstanding job coaching the football team," the Holiday Bowl, and it worked well.'

Prior to that, Tech defeated Clemson in the 2002 an 8-4 record, earning a bid to the Pacific Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Fla., and it beat Navy Life Holiday Bowl in San Diego, Calif., in the EV1.net Houston Bowl in Houston during the 2003 season.

While coaching at Tech during the past five sea-California Golden Bears, 45-31, with sons, Leach has a record of 39-25, and Tech has been Leach winning his third consecutive the only bowl-eligible team every year since the Big 12 Conference was established in 1996.

Throughout the rest of Leach's current contract the ability Leach possesses and the and including income from outside sources, he will earn slightly more than \$1 million next season, approximately \$1.15 million in 2006, \$1.2 million in 2007 and \$1.3 million in 2008.

> Tech Athletic Director of Media Relations Chris Cook said Leach would not comment about the contract negotiations.

Portrait of Pop: A reader of personalities, a pusher of buttons | Men's tennis continues early dominance

(AP) — Gregg Popovich is not exactly Popovich is about. Equal parts sports psycholoentails. thrilled to be coaching the Western Conference team in the All-Star game, and on this for the promotion of glitz over grit. subject — as with many others — he is not afraid to say how he feels.

league's second-most tenured coach.

A gray-haired basketball lifer with a ruddy face and a worldly vision, he is not one to indulge in the bacchanal of self-promotion that the NBA showcases once a year.

"When I first came into the league about 15 years ago, I went to one, and that showed me I'd never need to go had the movies underlined, all the independent perstar did not want to be coddled but wanted

The league's showcase event traditionally is a weekend of extravagance, star worship and the endless demands on his time and count-ferent in the sense of being sensitive to certain

gist and strategist, Popovich has no patience

He will be in Denver to perform the chore that his team, the San Antonio Spurs, forced There is not a whole lot of phoniness to the him into by having the West's best record

through games of Feb. 6. But he will also spends secluded with his wife of 29 years, Erin, each February.

"Every year we go away for four hour and a half on work stuff," Popovich said. "I had dinner reservations, I movies that are showing in San Francisco."

Instead, Popovich will submit himself to scene making that runs counter to everything less tests of his patience the All-Star weekend types of criticism," he said.

Now in his ninth season with the Spurs, he is most appreciated by his players for his people skills — whether berating or flattering, he knows which buttons to press to make different players perform.

"Pop will get on Timmy (Duncan) as much be lamenting the lost leisure time he or more as any player on the team, and when the other players — particularly new guys — see Timmy getting jumped on for something he doesn't do correctly, right away they see days, and I spend no more than an that the tone is set," Spurs assistant coach P.J. Carlesimo said.

With Duncan, Popovich recognized his su-

"I do really believe that every player is dif-

By Trey Shipman/ The University Daily

The Abilene Christian men's tennis team has to be getting tired of everything associated with Texas

After losing 7-0 to Tech last Thursday in Abilene, déjà vu sank in as ACU traveled to Lubbock Wednesday and suffered a similar defeat, falling to the Red Raiders, 4-1.

Senior Jakob Paulsen and freshman Adrian Prpic handled 6-2, 6-1, respectively.

Dimitrio Martinez also came out on Lafayette on Sunday.

top by a score of 6-3, 6-2, while Teddy DiBlasi captured the final victory for Tech winning 7-5, 6-1.

Chris Ramsey suffered the only loss for the Red Raiders, falling to William McDonald of Abilene 3-6, 7-5, 7-6.

> feated as it heads to San Antonio this weekend to take on two of the top teams in the country: Louisiana-Lafayette and Texas A&M—Corpus

their opponents, winning 6-2, 6-0 and more Radek Nijaki, is expected to see his first action of the season against

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Men's Basketball Standings

School	Conf. W-L	Over. W-L	
Kansas	10-1	20-2	
Okla State	9-2	19-3	
TX Tech	8-3	16-6	
Oklahoma	7-4	18-6	
Texas	6-5	17-7	
Iowa State	6-5	14-8	
TX A&M	4-7	15-7	
Colorado	4-7	13-10	
Nebraska	4-7	11-11	
Mizzou	4-7	12-13	
Kan. State	4-8	14-9	
Baylor	1-10	9-13	

Women's Basketball Standings

School	Conf. W-L	Over. W-L	
Baylor	10-2	20-3	
Iowa State	9-3	19-4	
TX Tech	9-3	18-5	
Texas	9-3	16-7	
Kan, State	8-4	17-6	
Nebraska	8-4	16-8	
Oklahoma	6-6	14-9	
Kansas	4-8	11-12	
TX A&M	3-9	13-10	
Missouri	3-9	9-14	
Okla State	2-10	7-15	
Colorado	1-11	8-15	

Men's Basketball Schedule Saturday

Datarday
Iowa State at Kansas (ABC)Noon
Oklahoma at Kan. State 12:30 p.m.
Texas Tech at OSU (CBS)2:30 p.m.
TX A&M at Colorado 3 p.m.
Missouri at Nebraska 8 p.m.
Texas at Baylor 8 p.m.
Monday

Kansas at Oklahoma (ESPN)...... 8 p.m. Tuesday

Colorado at Missouri 6 p.m
Texas at Texas Tech (ESPN) 7 p.m
OSU at Nebraska7:05 p.m.
Iowa State at TX A&M 8 p.m
Wednesday

Baylor at Kan. State All times central.

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Lady Raiders host Aggies

By David Wiechmann/ The University Daily

After taking the first step of hardest and win." accomplishing their goal to win at United Spirit Arena. The game will

pit a stingy press defense against the No. 3 scoring offense in the Big 12 Conference. Tech (18-5, 9-3

Big 12) will have to close the season strong if it expects to have a shot at a conference title, and the

next team standing in the Lady water, Okla. Raiders' way is A&M (13-10,

rest of the season.

"I think if we want to be on ning out right, it's a must win for ings. The team currently sits in a important."

the rest of the conference season," three-way tie for second. she said. "We have to go out every

Coach Marsha Sharp and her way tie. the rest of the regular season at squad have one more home game Kansas Wednesday, the No. 15 after this matchup, and she said State on Saturday as well, which Texas Tech Lady Raiders will she is glad the two opponents could knock the Cyclones out host Texas A&M 7 p.m. Saturday coming to Lubbock are from the of the tie for second or result in Big 12 South.

makes preparation for the games easier because a familiarity factor is involved.

State visits Tech defeated earlier gies. in the year by 48 points in Still-

The road to the Big 12 Conference tournament is getting Senior center Cisti Greenwalt shorter with each game played, round bye.

No. 13 Texas beat No. 18 Kangame knowing we have to play our sas State on Wednesday to knock the Wildcats out of the then four-

> No. 7 Baylor faces No. 19 Iowa another congested tie for first with Sharp said it an Iowa State victory.

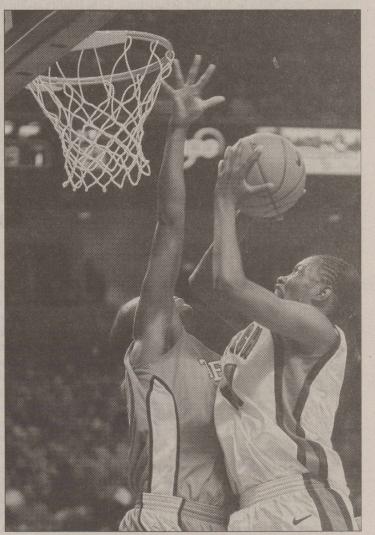
> > The conference standings are guaranteed to receive more rumblings in the closing weeks.

Iowa State still must face K-State one more time, and Tech Oklahoma closes the season at Baylor.

To have any hope of being in next week, a team any sort of tie after this weekend, the Lady Raiders Tech has to first defeat the Ag-

Sharp said she believes this would help her team in the long run since it has to focus on one game at a time, much like the postseason.

"Our focus is totally on the said every game is as important and the Lady Raiders would like next game we play," she said. "The to her and her teammates for the to claim the title or at least a first way you handle this is similar to how you handle the NCAA To do so, Tech will have to fin- Tournament. If we don't win the top and have a chance of win- ish fourth or higher in the stand- next game, the next one's not as



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily

LATOYA DAVIS TAKES the ball up against a Texas defender in Tech's win against the Longhorns, 79-62, at the United Spirit Arena Jan. 12.

Red Raider baseball team brings Men's basketball team ready strong start home for weekend

By Bryan Wendell/ The University Daily

not know exactly what the identity of his Texas Tech baseball team is yet, he is pleased with the results thus far.

time since 1999 when the team started 6-0, and rowdy and to come through and get it but the fifth win was the most meaningful, done the way we were supposed to get it Hays said. In that fifth victory Tuesday, Tech done is real good for the club." defeated No. 22 TCU, 7-4.

team, it was at their house, they had a sellout crowd and they were set up to get us," he said. "They really promoted the game keeps swinging the bat the way he is, and and were throwing out one of their top pitchers."

returns to Dan Law Field for the weekend.

Tech will host the Western Illinois Leathernecks at 3 p.m. today, noon Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday in the Red Raiders' second weekend series of the season. This is the first meeting between the Leathernecks and the Raiders.

Richburg, a true freshman, is leading the out senior Michael McGowan (0-0, 0.00 team offensively with 12 RBIs and two home runs. Also a member of the Tech football team, Richburg said he is glad to be able to pitching for his team's future success. start for the baseball team.

bat," he said. "I'm just glad to get the chance

Despite his strong play, Richburg, a first baseman, said he is not letting up as other strong members of the team can take his picked up the save in Tuesday's game, said spot at any time.

way; there's a lot of guys behind me who during a game. can definitely get the job done," he said. "I guess I'm a little more relaxed, I'd say, but go," he said. "If they need me to start, I'll

Richburg did not let up in Tuesday's in and try to help them win."

win against TCU, providing 3 RBIs for the Raiders.

Senior shortstop Cameron Blair said the Though coach Larry Hays said he does importance of this victory is multifaceted. "Going down there put us through a lot of adversity," Blair said. "I think going down and going away for the first time and playing Hays and his Raiders are 5-0 for the first in front of a stadium that was packed out

Blair also had some advice and accolades "It's the best one, because it's a Top 25 for Richburg, one of his counterparts in the

"I hope for his sake and for ours that he he's gotta understand that baseball doesn't come easy and it's a game of failure," Blair After that one game on the road, Tech said. "It's hard to accept that failure as a freshman in this league, because it's such a competitive and compelling league."

Tech's pitchers for this weekend certainly have that competitive spirit Blair alludes to. Friday will feature sophomore Randy Gattis (1-0, 2.57 ERA), Saturday will showcase senior Joe McCoy (2-0, Frenship High School graduate Chris 1.80 ERA) and on Sunday Hays will send

Hays stressed the importance of starting

"In this game, you're only as good as "I didn't really expect to start off the who is pitching that day, and he's gotta be having a good day or you've got a battle on your hands," Hays said. "It all starts on the mound."

Junior pitcher Adam Lawford, who he is ready to step in and put his cleats on "I think I gotta keep playing the same the pitching rubber whenever he is needed

> "Whenever they need me, I'm good to do it. Just wherever they need me, I'll come

for rematch against Cowboys

By Joey Kirk/ The University Daily

Texas Tech must travel yet again. And the competition the Red Raiders will meet in Stillwater, Okla., has proven it

can defeat them. Tech plays Oklahoma State at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, and the game will be broadcast

In the last matchup between the Raiders

halftime lead, losing 76-66, Jan. 8 at the United Spirit Arena.

n, scoring 25 points and going 100 percent from the free-throw line. Guard John Lucas hit 6-of-9 3-pointers en route to scoring his 20 points during that game.

Although Lucas is a factor from behind the arc, Tech still MGI leads the Big 12 in 3-point shooting with 43.8 percent, and

average.

team hit 8-of-11 3-pointers against Baylor and Iowa State Feb. 12. Feb. 9, he still does not like the Raiders trying to hit 3-pointers like other Big 12 teams, this week either. Oklahoma State beat Texas but it helps when needed.

"It sure as hell is better than going 3-forwhen you make a lot of 3s it helps you. No matter how much I dislike the shot."

But now, the Raiders are coming off an 80-79 win against conference-leading Kanopportunity to tie the Cowboys in the Big 12 Conference standings with a win.

The Cowboys are ranked No. 8 in the the conference. Tech is below Oklahoma season.

Bleu Edmondson

State at No. 3.

Players were not available for comment

So, after facing more competition in conference and taking a look at statistics, both teams have advantages going into the

Tech (16-5, 8-3 Big 12) is the conference leader in scoring offense, averaging 82.3 points per game. Countering that is Oklahoma State's No. 2 ranking in scoring and the Cowboys, Tech dropped a 7-point defense, only allowing 62.2 point per game against Big 12 opponents.

Graham and Lucas are No. 1 and No. 3, Forward Joey Graham led OSU to that respectively, in the conference for scoring, averaging 18.5 and 17.6 points IEXAS IECII per contest.

> Tech guard Ronald Ross is ranked fourth with 17.3 points

> Since the last time these two teams met, the first conference game for each, Tech has played in five road games.

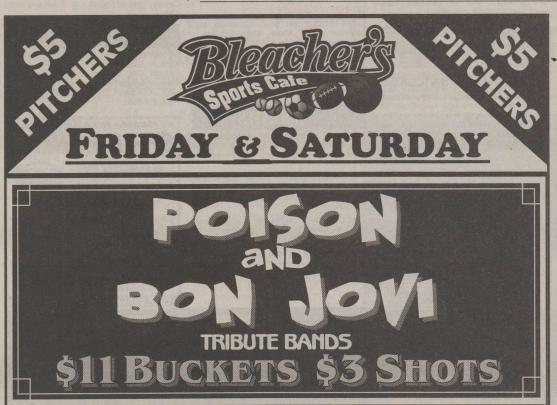
Baske In those, the Raiders have OSU comes in second with a 42.8 percent won three, defeating Kansas State Jan. 12, Missouri Jan. 19, and ranked Oklahoma Feb. Tech coach Bob Knight said, after his 5. But Tech dropped a win to Texas Jan. 25

> Both teams have not played any games A&M Feb. 12, and Tech won Monday.

Since Tech began playing the Cowboys 11," he said. "There isn't any question that in 1937, the Raiders have won 10 games. Oklahoma State remains strong at Gallagher-Iba Arena, winning 13 of 17 games played there.

The outcome of the game could detersas on Monday night, and they will have the mine the positions going into the Big 12 tournament, but it still is yet to be determined.

It all comes down to how the Raiders nation, and they fall into the No. 2 spot in compete on the road at this point in the



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Rogers in camp for Texas Rangers, but not on the mound SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Kenny extension from the team after winning

SATURDAY

Rogers was in camp for the Texas Rang- 18 games and being an All-Star last ers, but not on the mound Thursday. season, took part in the first full spring Rogers, who had sought a contract workout for pitchers. He was among 34

The left-hander took part in conditioning work, fielding drills and long toss. But the Rangers held Rogers out of his scheduled throwing session off the mound pending a routine medical exam.

"Kenny was scheduled to throw today, but he needs to have an orthopedic exam first," manager Buck Showalter

