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Board of Regents approve tuition increase

MORE MONEY: Texas Tech students should expect to pay \$3 more per credit hour and increases in seven fees with the proposed 4.9 percent increase.

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

With members of the administration present and members of the Board of Regents on a conference call, appointed late last year. tuition and fees for fall 2005 were approved.

for Texas Tech included an increase of \$3 per credit hour the five Regents have been eligible and increases in seven fees.

The proposed increases for the Texas Tech University only regent not up for confirmation is Health Sciences Center totaled approximately \$2 per credit hour for all schools except the School of Medicine. It also included a \$900 flat rate for the School of raising the tuition is a blind leap of Medicine and \$20 per hour for the nursing and pharmacy

Also discussed at the meeting was the fact that eight the state to compensate for the decreased revenue.

of the nine Tech regents will go up for Senate conformation Monday in Austin. The three new regents are among the eight as well as the five regents

The regents were appointed after The proposed 4.9 percent increase in tuition and fees the legislative session concluded, so to vote and serve on the board. The Robert Black.

> Tech President Ion Whitmore said faith, and hopes the students will realize this. He said he is hoping to get money from

"Our tuition and fees recommendation has come necessary new faculty. through the Budget Advisory Committee," he

the state will increase their support time of day classes are taken.

for Texas Tech." cussed alternative types of tuition to structures implemented. explore for the 2006-2007 academic

because it ultimately could result in the funds necessary to both maintain the campus and add the

Alternative suggested include flat-rate tuition, which said. "I asked them to look at a rate no higher would be a set fee for all students equating to 15 credit than 5 percent. We raised a lot last year, hours, differential tuition, which would entail different but this year we would like to keep the costs of classes in different colleges or classes in general, increase relatively low and hopefully and tuition based on classification or determined by the

Chancellor Dr. David Smith addressed the board's Members of the administration questions, many of which were aimed at wondering and the Board of Regents also dis- why other state institutions already have new tuition

"For us, our difficulty is that we don't think our year. This was a highly-debated topic, students' financial statuses are parallel to that of the

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Coach shot at East Texas high school

By Lisa Falkenberg/Associated Press

CANTON (AP) — The father of a high school football player shot and wounded the team's coach Thursday, fled in a truck loaded with weapons, and then tried to kill himself by slashing his wrists, authorities said.

Jeffrey Doyle Robertson, 45, apparently went to Canton High School just after classes started and shot coach Gary Joe Kinne in the school's field house, authorities said. Kinne was shot in the chest, apparently with a .45caliber pistol, Canton Police Chief Mike Echols said.

Robertson then fled, and about two hours later the pickup was found abandoned on a rural road next to a golf course a few miles outside of town. Robertson was later found in the woods with self-inflicted wounds, including cuts to his wrists, said Tom Vinger, a spokesman with the Department of Public Safety.

Television footage captured Robertson being carried to an ambulance on a stretcher and he seemed semiconscious. A balding man with a goatee, Robertson had a tattoo on his arm of cartoon character Yosemite Sam brandishing two guns and the words "Born to Raise Hell."

Kinne, who also is the Canton High School athletic director, was airlifted to a hospital in nearby Tyler. Truman Oakley, a spokesman for Kinne's family, said the coach was in critical condition, but provided no other details. Police were investigating a possible motive.

On Wednesday, Robertson's son, Baron, had apparently been banned from playing all school athletics, said Steve Smith Jr., a senior who was a defensive end and kicker on the team. He said another coach told players

that after Kinne was shot but he didn't know specifics. Robertson had been banned from the school's campus and told not to attend school functions after several confrontations with coaches over the

past year, Echols said. Echols said officers did not find a hit list on Robertson when he was arrested, but authorities were trying to get a warrant to search his truck, where several guns were visible.

Greatest fans of his life

Red Raiders befriend 10-year-old boy with cancer



By Trey Shipman/ The University Daily

When the Texas Tech softball team traveled to Stanford in February to compete in a tournament, the players had an experience none of them will soon

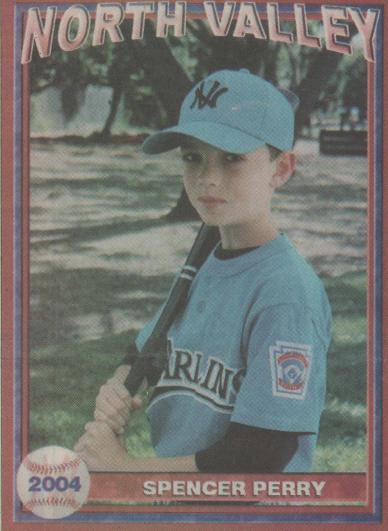
It wasn't a no-hitter, or a game-winning home run; it came in the form of 10-year-old Spencer Perry.

The team was in Las Vegas about to board a connecting flight to California when the women saw Spencer sitting in a wheelchair next to his mother. Just by looking at him, they could tell he had experienced a long day and needed a little cheering up.

A group of the girls walked over to him and handed him a ball the entire team had signed, immediately bringing a smile to his face.

What they didn't know at the time was that Spencer was on his way back to a hospital where he and his mother

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TEN-YEAR-OLD Spencer Perry was diagnosed with medulloblastoma, a type of brain cancer, on April 16, 2004. The Texas Tech softball team met Perry and his mother in Las Vegas while waiting for a flight and since has kept in touch with both.

EAGER ELECTRICIAN



VANESSA VELA/The University Daily

KENDALL JAMES, A senior electrical engineering major from Houston, assembles a circuit for his lab group assignment robot in the Electrical Engineering building Wednesday afternoon.

Construction accidents raise safety concerns

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

Several construction accidents in West Texas in the last 72 hours have raised questions about the level of safety that can be achieved when weather conditions are not ideal.

while working on a construction project near and incidents require thorough investigation." Tahoka. Authorities initially reported Castillo trench the crew was working on collapsed.

case is ongoing, but likely will take up to three factor. weeks to identify a conclusive result.

"We're collecting evidence on what appears to phases of the investigation are underway," he



be a failure on the south side of the trench," he Tuesday morning, Rafael Castillo was buried said. "Construction is a very high hazard industry

Tapio said two other incidents have occurred was trapped beneath 10 feet of dirt, when the in the past couple days in West Texas. He said a construction worker fell three-stories from a Rich Tapio, area director of West Texas scaffold at the Sterling Apartment complexes branch of the Occupational Safety and Health Wednesday. Wind is a suspected factor in the Administration, said investigations into Castillo's incident, but he said it was likely not the only

"I was on the scene and the preliminary

said. "The victim broke his pelvis along with other injuries."

The victim is hospitalized and Tapio said he is unaware of his current condition, but he

Tapio said the third incident, similar to the second, occurred in Amarillo when a worker fell from a seven-story scaffold. The initial cause of the accident as identified by the supervisor stated the employee fell after he was hit on the head

with debris. The victim also is in the hospital. "Construction is one of the most dangerous occupations and workers should take every precaution possible," he said. "Right now we're trying to find out why, given the conditions, the

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Nursing shortage continues to affect local hospitals

By Lindsay Wharton/ The University Daily

going problem affecting hospitals of the increased birth rate, across the United States.

Annette Hallman, director of are getting older and are the School of Nursing at Cov-requiring more medical enant hospital, said the lack of attention, she said. The nurses has been a problem for older the generation gets, several years.

quite some time," she said.

The nursing shortage is caused by retiring. Hallman said nursing school not entering the field. several factors, Hallman said.

The baby boomers, or The nursing shortage is an on- those born during a time Nurse work force.

following World War II,

the more medical time and attention "It's not going to get better for it needs.

Also, a large number of nurses are

was more popular when women were not allowed into other areas of the more nurses, but the need is not

Shortage

was a point when the

going into retirement, which is de- at one time. pleting the nursing population, while a proportionate number of nurses are

Covenant Hospital could use as dire as other parts of the nation, Hallman said there Hallman said.

All hospitals have patient to majority of women in the nurse ratios that are necessary, Hallworkplace were either man said. Meeting this requirement teachers or nurses. Now, is difficult for some facilities, espethese women are older and cially if there is an influx of patients

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The Rundown







WACO (AP) — A man was sentenced to life in federal prison for the beating death of his 2-year-old stepdaughter while her mother was serving in Iraq.

John Dale Mayer Jr., 30, also was authorities said. sentenced Wednesday to two terms of more than 30 years, one for each conviction on charges of sexually assaulting the girl and her sister, said assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Frazier. The sentences are to run concurrently.

Mayer, who lived on the Army post Fort Hood in Killeen, pleaded guilty in details. The suspect did not know any February. Because the government did of the victims. not pursue the death penalty, a mandatory life sentence was imposed.

Mayer had watched the 2-year-old and her two siblings since their mother was deployed in April 2003. One month later, Mayer sexually assaulted two of the children more than once, according to an FBI affidavit.

Mayer told investigators he was Oldham said. changing the toddler's diaper but she was fussy, so he hit her head on the linoleum floor, the affidavit said. The child became unresponsive, but Mayer said he did not take her to the hospital because she had bruises from earlier abuse.

Man sentenced to Man kills, wounds Pope considered life for killing child six during rampage resigning his post

LAUREL, Del. (AP) — A man

Police said the suspect also carjacked a vehicle, shot and killed a dog, and rammed a sport utility vehicle into a house during the crime spree. Delaware State Police Cpl. Jeff Oldham said authorities have determined a motive for the attacks, but are not releasing

"Quite a morning for a little rural town," said Laurel's mayor, John Shwed.

The attacks started in Laurel, where three men were shot, and continued across the border in Maryland, where the suspect fled on foot before being caught. Salisbury, Md., including one who died,

man in his late teens or early 20s. A wit- in Poland, asking that the opinion of ness said police told her that the suspect his fellow countrymen be taken into was trying to shoot into an apartment in account by the cardinals. Three years Laurel where his girlfriend lived when later, however, he said the cardinals had

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope wearing a bulletproof vest killed two John Paul II suggested in his last will people and wounded four others Thurs- and testament that he considered the day during a rampage in Maryland and possibility of resigning in 2000, at a time Delaware before police arrested him, when he was already ailing and when the Roman Catholic Church began its new millennium.

The document was released by the Vatican on Thursday as a steady stream of new pilgrims joined the masses of people crowding the world's smallest state for the pontiff's funeral. Some 4 million pilgrims have visited Vatican City and its surroundings since the pope died Saturday, police chief Marcello Fulvi said.

John Paul's will, which he wrote over the course of his 26-year pontificate, said he had left no material property and had asked that all his personal notes be burned. It mentioned only two living people: his personal secretary and the The three other people were shot in chief rabbi of Rome who welcomed him to Rome's synagogue in 1986.

The Polish-born pope in 1982 also Police identified the suspect only as a had considered the possibility of a funeral no obligation to sound out the Poles but could do so.

EGHTWORK



STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily

A LUBBOCK POLICE officer watches the intersection of 19th Street and Flint Avenue Thursday morning while Lubbock Power and Light employees update software for the traffic lights.

Warden, wife return to Oklahoma

Parker and his wife, Bobbi Parker, peared with an escaping inmate.

Monday at an East Texas ranch afderer Randolph Dial. The FBI said the initial investigation showed she was a captive who stayed with to maintain their privacy and secu-

-Oklahoma prison warden Randy would be harmed if she escaped.

The Parkers' two daughters, who returned home early Thursday, were 8 and 10 when Dial escaped nearly 11 years after she disap- with Bobbi Parker in 1994, were at the warden's residence Thursday at the Bobbi Parker, 42, was found William S. Key Correctional Center in this matter would be greatly apin Fort Supply in northwestern Oklater authorities arrested the escaped homa. The Parker couple returned to inmate, 60-year-old convicted murthe home at 1 a.m., said corrections at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in department spokesman Jerry Massie.

"Warden Parker and Bobbi want

FORT SUPPLY, Okla. (AP) Dial all this time out of fear her family rity with their family," he said. "They would like to express their gratitude for everyone for their prayers and outpouring of support. The Parker family would like for everyone to respect their need for privacy. Your understanding preciated."

Dial waived extradition and arrived McAlester early Wednesday and was placed in the top-security unit. He is alone in a cell in a portion of the prison containing death row inmates. Inmates there receive meals in their cells and are locked up 23 hours a day.

Bobbi's sister-in-law, Tanya Parker, who was at another Parker family home in Carmen, also in northwestern Oklahoma, said Wednesday the family had long hoped for Bobbi Parker's

"We have kept the faith," she

The FBI used a tip to track down Dial and Bobbi Parker in Campti, a tiny community deep in the southeast Texas Piney Woods, near the Louisiana

Dial told reporters he abducted her at knifepoint during his escape from the Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite, where her husband was a deputy warden. He said he brainwashed her into staying with him in Texas as they moved from Houston to Crockett to Nacogdoches, and then the chicken farm five years ago.

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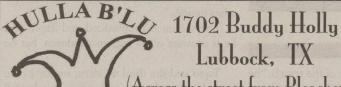
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SGA discusses organization funding

By Travis Cram/ The University Daily

The Student Government Association met Thursday night in the Lankford Lab inside the Electrical Engineering building to discuss a Funding Bill.

amounts they will receive include the Tech Habitat for Humanity, which will receive \$13, 750, the meat judging team, \$12,500, Tech Forensics Union, \$9,400 and Saddle Tramps will receive oriented." \$9,375.

Nash, who presided over his final senate meeting for the 40th session, said the legislative process is one that has been the amount they request, then we try to graduate students." going on throughout the year.

"It starts in the fall with representatives from each organization proposing an amount that they would like to receive from the student government,"

assigned to evaluate the amounts that the organizations ask for. Member of the committee recommend an amount to the senate if the original amount is too much or not enough.

"Committee members are assigned budget packets for the student organiza- ate bicycle routes for areas like Flint tions that then go through an interview Avenue between 18th and 19th street, process in order to receive a certain which will keep them on the paths amount," he said.

through a process during the meeting said this is the fourth time since 1970 number of legislation items, including in which senate members from the there has been an interest expressed the 2005-2006 Student Organization colleges that represent the organizations in bicycle safety throughout the cammay amend the proposed bill in order pus and surrounding area. Some the organizations and the to see that certain organizations may receive sufficient funds.

look at what the organization does for graduate students. Nash said that for the university," he said. "Most of \$10,000, the livestockjudging team, the organizations are mainly service. XII to address this proposal.

Internal Vice President Nathan allocate the money to the various or separate ceremonies for their graduate ganizations as best as is possible.

make sure we get it to them," he said.

Art Glick, executive associate to the vice president of operations, spoke to the senate early in the meeting about a safe bicycle access system at Texas Tech. committee heads and members," The plan, Glick said, hopes to create she said. Nash said it is a long process and safer bicycle routes not just around the senate committee members then are Tech campus but also around the com- expanding the amount of members on munity surrounding the university.

"The plan is for appropriately designated routes for bicyclists to have access to," he said. "We are also trying to address the pedestrian problem."

The plan, Glick says, hopes to credesignated for them and off the streets Members of the senate then go away from dangerous accidents. He

The senate also discussed other bills including one that would propose "The committee representatives a separate commencement ceremony Tech is not the only school in the Big

"From what I understand, seven Nash said that the senate tries to out of the 12 schools already have students," he said. "We should have "If the organization is entitled to a ceremony that just focuses on the

Casey Harmon will take over as internal president in the next meeting April 27.

"First thing we will do is pick new Another proposed legislature was

each committee in order to match the growth of members in the senate.

"There are a larger amount of senators now," she said. "This is just a formality of the rules."

Gas prices to keep rising

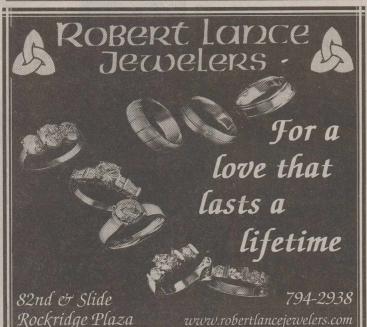
WASHINGTON (AP) —While gasoline costs have reached record levels, prices at the pump are forecast to go even higher in coming weeks because of growing demand, government forecasters said Thursday.

The Energy Information Administration projected that average gasoline prices will peak at \$2.35 a gallon in May. Motorists paid an average of \$2.22 a gallon last week.

The statistical agency said that despite soaring costs at the pump, motorists are not easing off the roads. It projected demand for gasoline this summer at 9.3 million barrels a day, a 1.8

pre-pharmacy major from Santa Anna. The sale is sponsored by the Tech Women's Service Organization and proceeds go to tsunami victims. The sale will continue in the free speech area through next week.

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BOUNTIFUL BRACELETS



Nolde, a senior history and political science major from San Antonio; Annie Lin, a freshman pre-med major

from Abilene; Morgan Perry, a junior clinical lab science major from Amarillo; and Jenna Hensley, a junior

JENNIFER CHITWOOD, A freshman biochemistry major from Lubbock, buys a wrist band from Katie

Student chases suspicious-looking man

By Brittany Barrientos/ The University Daily

A Texas Tech student took matters into his own hands Monday as he reportedly chased down a suspicious male in the Architecture

According to Texas Tech Police Department incident reports, the Davin Hoyt while he was on the altercation. eighth floor. According to the incident report, Hoyt was suspicious of certain activities on the floor stopped to check it out, the suspect throughout the semester.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman with the Tech Police Department said the incident still is under investigation, but police have leads and a possible

Hoffman said the suspect was a

white male approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall. He said the suspect had son on the eighth floor and was brown hair and a beard, and was last suspicious," Hoffman said. "The seen wearing jeans and a gray shirt. suspect ran toward 18th Street and

The vehicle in question is a sil- Flint and Hoyt chased him. This ver, four-door Hyundai Elantra with is when the officer encountered a Texas license plate.

Hoffman said an officer patrol- into a scuffle, when the suspect ling the area surrounding Hulen- yelled that he had a gun. Hoyt Clement residence hall spotted the immediately backed away and the suspect confronted Tech sophomore two men in what appeared to be an suspect escaped."

> males jogging and scuffling, when he roundings. sped away," he said.

Hoyt suffered minor injuries, but did 3931 or call 911. not require medical treatment. After the suspect fled the scene, the suspect or the vehicle, contact

Hoffman said Hoyt spoke to the the Tech Police Department at police about the incident.

"(Hoyt) encountered the perthe situation. The two men got

Hoffman said students should "The officer noticed two white continue to be aware of their sur-

If suspicious activity is spotted, students are encouraged to call the According to the incident report, Tech Police Department at 742-

To report information on either percent increase over last summer. 742-3391.

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NASA: the corporate frontier

Is NASA no longer our guide to the stars?

ot too long ago in a nation called the United States of America, the people of this democratic republic said, "What the heck?"

They grew tired of waiting for NASA to launch new shuttles and decided to build their own ships. They would populate the vast expanse of the universe even if McDonald's footed the bill.

Of course, if Burger King paid the costs, the people could have it their

Bad puns out of the way, with our space program moving more slowly than a snail on a strip of flypaper, private corporations make strides to make it to the cosmos. I'm all about it. If I have to book a flight on south galactic airlines to see what lies beyond, just tell me where

With so many private companies shelling out the dough, citizens of earth could be curious to see if NASA will take a back seat to major discovery and exploration.

Virgin Galactic represents one such company with plans to create vessels that will revolutionize global travel by using the upper atmosphere to speed

This is great news because instead of a small crew, hundreds of individuals will witness the feat all at once.

On the Virgin Galactic Web page the company promises to take the average



NASA seems to be funding more projects rather than taking them on. Sure, we may see that planned trip to Mars within 25 years, but they aren't taking any chances.

I like this option, because putting all your shuttles in one program is why we wish instead of obtain.

At www.virgingalactic.com, you can sign up for updates from the company and sign up for a change to be one of the Heck, this may give me the perfect opportunity to be the first columnist in the great beyond.

I'm not putting down "Star Wars: Episode III," but that seems a bit tame to actually going there.

The corporate race to space heated up in 2004, when the Ansari X-Prize pitted several companies against each other in a contest to see who could send the first private craft past the upper atmosphere. SpaceShipOne claimed the \$10 million prize in October, when it flew three times in the contest supported by the Federal Aviation Admin-

istration and The X Prize foundation. Virgin Galactic provided the funding for Space-ShipOne's endeavor.

More than 26 other teams competed, giving man's dream to see the stars a much-needed

I don't believe this spells doom for NASA, but I see a new direction in our exploration among the planets.

Years ago, only the best of the best made it into outer space and now with forces outside of the government working hard to change the pace, we may yet see things thought impossible in our

I see NASA becoming more of a gov-

first to ride where few have gone before. erning body, regulating and monitoring travel by millions of future astronauts. NASA will not close its doors, merely change the jobs around.

NASA seems to be funding more projects rather than taking them on. Sure, we may see that planned trip to Mars within 25 years, but they aren't

taking any chances. I like this option, because putting all your shuttles in one program is

why we wish instead of obtain. Outside projects such as a space elevator, new booster research and additional shuttle changes enjoy the thumbs up to continue work.

> The issue no longer is if but how missions can be brought within a closer time frame.

> > Many can dream of reaching for the stars, but to realize that goal and within a timetable makes the success all that more

I don't believe NASA will fade out of the picture, but I do see changes. With corporations now involved in the space race, the common man now can see what seemed only for the elite.

I'm ready to see that dream come true - now all I have to do is wait.

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TECH TALKS BACK

Kubler fails to see the purpose of well-rounded education in college

Daniel Kubler's reflections (UD, 4/6) regarding the difference between higher education in the United States and the United Kingdom raises issues often debated among students pursuing a bachelor's degree in the liberal arts versus students pursuing a bachelor's degree in one of the professional schools such as business.

What is the purpose of a college education? Must courses be related to a major? Must courses "add value" in terms of the market place? This is an old question.

Henry David Thoreau wrote, "We seem to have forgotten that the expression liberal education, originally meant among the Romans one worthy of free men; while the learning of trades and professions by which to get your livelihood merely was considered worthy of slaves only."

Our comfortable sense of completeness leads us largely to exclude from our visions of human behavior a second grand tradition for understanding, motivating and justifying

This tradition sees action based not on anticipations of consequences, but on attempts to fulfill the obligations of personal and social identities and senses of self, particularly as those obligations and senses are informed by the ethos and practices of great human institutions. This tradition speaks of self-conceptions, identities and proper behavior, rather than expectations, incentives and desires.

This second vision has become somewhat obscured in contemporary life, and particularly in the halls of business schools; but it has a long and distinguished pedigree.

Consistent with March's view, and in answer to Kubler's query, courses in the liberal arts and outside your major need no justification. They are what they are, and if you are lucky, in the realm of time they may add to your sense of self and help you answer, "Who am I?"

- Kimberly B. Boal, organizational studies and strategic management

University must work to keep bus routes

I am writing this letter in regard to the "SGA plans to cut funding for off-campus bus routes" article written by Meghann Lora in The University Daily on April 6.

Being I will be living at Raiders Pass next year and most likely the rest of my college career, this article caught my attention and made me think about my future transportation to and from school.

As a current student who pays a transportation fee of \$3 per credit hour, I expect, use and greatly appreciate the bus routes on and off campus - more so on campus, because I live on campus and am too lazy to walk to class.

However, I will be living off campus now and will expect and be more dependent on the off-campus service more than before, which has been provided to students by Citibus since 1968. I feel it is more so the responsibility of the university than the apartment complexes to continue to provide this service.

From my understanding, SGA's intents are to invest the money saved from off-campus bus routes to build a new parking garage. Though I am aware most students want this, SGA's direction in doing this is unfair to students who use the off-campus bus routes. As it is the mission of SGA to "serve and protect the student body and its interest," I believe this is more in the interest of the university than the student body.

A huge percent of students live off campus. Wouldn't it be in the best interest of the student body to keep something as essential as the off-campus bus routes to students who don't have other means of transportation?

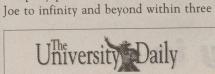
OK, so what if this parking garage was built? Will the commuter or garage permit be a reasonable price? I don't see the point in paying a \$3 transportation fee for each credit hour just to have a parking garage built and then pay another estimated \$250 for commuter or garage parking.

Better for the students? I think not.

I commend the efforts of the SGA in getting a parking garage, but to take away what a lot of students depend on, expect and appreciate is unfair.

I would suggest re-examining the budget. I am sure cuts can be made to the budget where funds are not needed. An example would be the Saddle Tramps. Almost a \$10,000 budget just to hang and decorate the campus with red and black paper prior to games and whatnot is not my idea of good use of student fees.

- José Hernández, sophomore management information system major from Lubbock



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Softball

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reside in California, to receive treatment for a type of brain cancer called medulloblastoma. He was diagnosed with the disease Spencer through a tough experience. on April 16, 2004, only 16 days after his 10th birthday.

began with no symptoms other than an occasional headache. His mother, Heidi Perry, took him to the doctor for what she thought was a form of the flu. The doctor suggested an MRI to check for what she felt was the able to help Spencer is a special opportudevelopment of migraines.

When the results were received, they detected a huge mass in his brain, and he thing where you can cheer someone was immediately sent to Lucile Packard up," she said. Children's Hospital. Three days later, a team of doctors preformed surgery and removed 80 percent of the tumor, though the cancer had already spread down his spine and wrapped around his brain stem.

After the surgery, Spencer underwent 31 days of emergency radiation, then began chemotherapy and will start his fifth cycle

The day the Raiders and he were united, he wasn't feeling well from the treatment, and he also was upset because he knew the trip would be his last for a while.

He held the ball the team gave him the entire trip, and his mother said he began

"It was perfect timing and very special," Heidi Perry said. "He loves baseball, and the girls couldn't have come at a better time; it really picked his spirits up. He even took the autographed ball to show the doctors have developed with the team has been and nurses at the hospital."

Sophomore Brandy Moulin recalled talking baseball with Spencer in the

"You could tell he really loved baseball," she said. "He said his favorite player was Barry Bonds, and I told him I had the same number and he smiled, so it was

The friendship between the team and Spencer didn't end at the airport.

sent him cards, letters and even a team jersey the plate with two outs and two runners with his favorite number. Also included in on base. After getting down two strikes one of the care packages was a ball signed in the count she stepped out of the box by the entire Tech baseball team.

Being a normal 11-year old isn't easy for rubbing her hand on the Tug McGraw Spencer. He is unable to walk, movement on the left side of his body is limited and his speech is slowed. There are times when he help," Stewart said. misses his friends and gets bored because he is unable to be around a lot of people during sent a game winning home run sailing treatments. The gifts have been a bright spot over the left-field wall.

for him, perking him up every time he receives something.

"It makes me feel happy," he said

Coach Teresa Wilson said the team is grateful for the opportunity to help

"If someone on a team is going through a really hard time, their team-He has an aggressive form of cancer that mates pick them up," Wilson said. "So what we thought we could do was just give him some teammates from long

> Junior Heather Freeman said being nity that often doesn't come along.

"It feels good to be a part of some-

Spencer and his mother also did something for the team to show their appreciation for their kindness. Country music superstar Tim McGraw has a foundation in honor of McGraw's father, Tug, who was a former pitcher for the Phillies and also suffered from brain cancer.

The organization features baseball bracelets that represent brain cancer, so the Perry family sent a band to each of the Raider players and coaches.

Senior Lisa Lawler said meeting Spencer has given the team motivation both on and off the field.

"It encourages us to play our best and always give it our all," she said. "When you know someone that's going through something like that, it makes you want do everything you can to help."

Heidi Perry said the friendship they a great blessing.

"I honestly feel the team was sent to Spencer from a very special place," she said. "We are blessed by their support, and their compassion and empathy has been amazing.'

Last weekend in the Raiders' contest with Iowa State, they also received a blessing that seemed to come from an

The Raiders were down 1-0 in the Since that meeting, the women have final inning of play when Lawler came to and saw first base coach Jennifer Stewart bracelet Spencer had sent them.

"Come on Spencer, give us some

Lawler stepped back in the box and

Knight, Smith have public altercation

Nurses

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Nurses are vital to hospitals and other health care facilities because they perform many important tasks, she said. Responsibilities of nurses include bathing patients,

medication and coordinating care. Hallman said some nurses go to cause of insurance requirements patients have to leave the hospital before their treatment and recovery time is complete.

Nursing is a good field to go into because of the job security, Hallman said. Also, nurses can move anywhere in the nation to ment of Criminal Justice, Fry said. find a job because of the high demand.

people, Hallman said. The job is rewarding if one genuinely enjoys helping people.

Regents

David Fry, assistant vice president for human resources at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said is a current deficit.

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University of Texas and other uni-

versities," he said. "What we need to

know are the financial implications

(of alternate tuition methods) for our

members of the administration to

profile students and pinpointing their

needs both financially and education-

pleted and analyzed by the November

board meeting. This was the main

reason for the quick approval of both

the proposed tuition for Tech and the

The study is expected to be com-

A study has been suggested by

the school is suffering a shortage, but is still meeting its clinical needs.

"It seems to work in a cycle," he said In the last 17 years the HSC has had three time periods where they have not had enough nurses, Fry said. During this time, it takes longer to find new nurses.

When the HSC does not have its full bedside care, procedures, administering requirement of nurses, other employees will cover needed positions.

Usually the problem is solved by a patients' homes to continue treatment. Be-new graduating class of nurses who fill the vacated positions, Fry said.

The main area where nurses are needed is in correctional facilities, because of the nature of the job, it takes a certain type of person to be interested in working in the Texas Depart-

According to the U.S. Bureau of La-Tech students should consider working as bor Statistics, the job demand for nurses a nurse if they care about the welfare of other decreased during 1992-1997 to 2.7 percent annually. The years 1986-1991 had a 3.6 percent annual job demand. This shows the interest in nursing has decreased in past decades and could explain why there

could yield, but wished results could

skepticism among the Regents, but was

Whitmore said he did not sense

"I think the regents approved what

we recommended, which is what we

agree that we need a firmer decision

Whitmore said he hopes the con-

Despite the ongoing debate about

Tech, incoming freshman still are tak-

ing a higher average of hours, possibly

about alternate tuition systems."

he seen sooner

Emergency siren to be tested today

Texas Tech will once again sound a little bit," he said. "The emergency sirens at 10 a.m. wind."

week's tests were delayed because of a ceremony in Me-

Hoffman said he hopes the weather conditions will be in their favor.

try to conduct a test of its sounds tend to go with the

Hoffman said they chose to The test will last approxi- wait till there is good weather to mately one minute, said Maj. avoid confusing anyone about Gordon Hoffman of the Texas whether or not it is a drill. He Tech Police Department. Last also said the problem has been fixed from the last test.

"We suspected that there was morial Circle for the moving a cable that had been cut, which provides a communication link to one of the sirens," he said. "The whole point of the test is to make sure everything is working

"The wind can affect the properly."

The average number of hours taken by freshman has increased from 13.95 hours to 14.47 hours per semester.

Smith said he is happy with the depleased with the approval of tuition cisions made by the regents, and hopes senate to support Tech.

"I think they gave a reassured, meashould always hope for," he said. "I sured response to our needs," he said. "I was happy with the dialogue we had with the board."

Smith said generating revenue clusion of the study will be helpful in is still a necessity for the school, to indicating how tuition hikes will affect increase faculty to a more acceptable students and will hopefully show results student-to-faculty ratio, while decreas-

"We need to position ourselves so which tuition system will work best for we don't position ourselves so we don't price our parents and students out," he said. "The Senate numbers have \$500 million allocated for public education. I don't think we'll get the Senate num-

bers, but I hope so."

Smith said he is comfortable with where Tech is, and wants to be careful when increasing tuition.

"We want to support aspirations, students will take part in lobbying the not limit them," he said. "We don't want to see privatization of public

Smith said if all tuition and fees were reported from all Texas public universities, Tech would rank forth, behind The University of Texas-Austin, Texas A&M University and UT-Dallas.

Also approved at the meeting, was a \$300,000 proposal for an additional 150 parking spaces at Murray Hall. There are currently 283 spaces, and 516 students are expected to reside in the building. The ideal ratio of parking spaces to students is one to one.

All of the items on the agenda were passed with unanimous consent.

Accidents

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doing, and if it was safe.' Tapio said in West Texas, there is an average of 25 constructionrelated fatalities per year.

Cpl. Brett Heilman, an accident investigator for the Lubbock Police Department, said the police department responds to these incidents primarily for documentasupport to the workers and all wit- enue to inspect construction rial fun has been set in honor of nice.'

nesses on the scene.

The Regents did seem skeptical in part to the new Graduate on Time

about the actual results the survey contracts, implemented last fall.

"Mostly we are there to document information and talk to wit- risk management also is an area nesses, and provide support for the workers were doing what they were family," he said. "Anything we can and money. offer, we do."

fire department and Emergency inside on bad weather days."

Medical Services are called to.

the unstable profession. He said OSHA to which he devotes time

Heilman said he does not be- eliminate some of the risks for the the Utility Center of America." lieve the accidents are common, jobs and provide a job safety analybut when they do occur, they are sis," he said. "The site supervisors the community has been incredtragic. He said the police depart- also do their best to reduce risks, ment responds to all incidents the many times letting workers work

Teresa Hoffman, the retail Lubbock. Tapio said OSHA allocates service manager for the American tion, but also to provide emotional roughly 50 percent of their rev- Bank of Commerce, said a memo-

sites to help provide safety in Castillo, and will go toward his wife and one-year-old daughter.

'The fund is set up and we will continue to accept donations as long as the public is willing to give 'We do risk management to them," she said. "It was set up by

Hoffman said the response from ible and that more donations can be dropped off at all American Bank of Commerce locations in

"The response has been remarkable," she said. "It has been very

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BALANCING ACT: Tech moms talk about juggling career, class and children

By Clara Cobb/ The University Daily

Then many Texas Tech get home. I help students are getting them with their ready to go to the bar or homework, then to a party, Pearl Madrid is getting take them to ready to hit the books.

Madrid, a junior marketing them and then major from Lubbock, is the mother put them to of three; she has a 13-year-old bed. stepson, a 7-year-old daughter and a 4-year-old son. She pulls she usually a second shift working as both a does not start mother and a student.

"It's hard enough to find time to until after her give enough time to my children, children are as well as coming here to do off asleep. campus stuff," Madrid said. "(My children) are involved in sports. nights where I stay It's hard to juggle their practices up till 3 'o clock and games with school."

Madrid decided to go back to writing papers or school in 2002. She does not work studying for tests," outside of going to school and be- she said. "It's really ing a mother.

She gets up early in the morning to get her children ready for son, assistant school. After she takes her chil- director of the dren to school, she gets ready to Child Developleave New Deal and drive to Tech ment and Reto go to class herself. After class, search Center, said being a mother personal belief we can't ever pershe returns home right before and a student is a balancing act. her children are dismissed from

"I go home, I have to do house- demands of what they need to do ing a good parent to our own

my children to practice, bathe

Madrid said her homework

"I've had in the morning

Stacy John-

work," she said. "Then, I wait for outside of the home with meeting children." the needs of the

and families."

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lar basis.

The greatest challenge to any parent, any mom, is balancing the demands of what they need to do outside of the

home with meeting the needs of the guilt no matter their children and what they do." Johnson said families.

- STACY JOHNSON Assistant Director of the Child Development and Research Center

"I have this sonally repay our parents for what "The greatest challenge to any they did for us," Johnson said. parent, any mom, is balancing the "We honor (our parents) by be-

Jeré Webber, a part-time their children instructor and local business owner, said she was pregnant Johnson said with her first child as a stushe personally dent. She dropped from 18 does not feel hours a semester to five.

"It is important not to but believes give up," Webber said. "It's many mothers needed for the mother to feel guilty and feel good about herself. That unappreciated. self-confidence is good for " Moth - the family."

Webber said the mother whether they're should pursue her dreams if doing the right that is what will make her thing," she happy. She agreed sometimes said. "Mothers it is hard to find the time to suffer a lot of strike a perfect balance.

"It's very important to maintain balance," she said. "Create a plan - plans can she relates to always change - and don't student parents give up."

Webber said motherhood the opportunity is a honorable position.

Madrid said she works hard them on a regu- to strike a balance in her own life. "Actual one-on-one time, personal time, I don't have that with each child," Madrid said. "I would like to spend more time with them."

> Madrid said she is proud to be a mother.

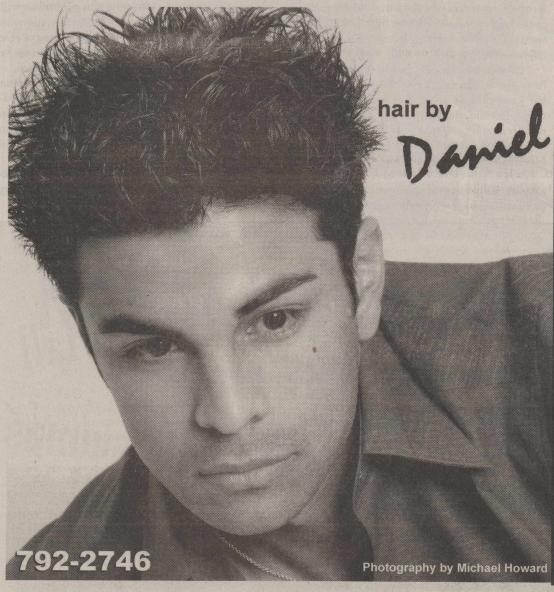
"My greatest joy is watching my children grow up," she said. "I'm shaping and molding these little people, hopefully, into something great. That's my ment she has with her children. greatest joy and my greatest chal-

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THREE-YEAR-OLD OWEN WOODWARD lifts the curtain up on the bottom enclosed area of a play structure to find Wrye Acres, 3-year-old, along with other friends at the Child Development and Research Center Thursday afternoon. A number of the children cared for at the facility are the children of non-traditional Tech students.

She said she cherishes every mo-

blue, they come up to and say, 'Mommy, I love you,' and for them to know what that means," Madrid "It is great when out of the said. "They grow up so fast."



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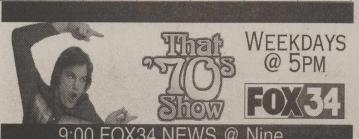
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One actor makes this remake worth seeing: 'Guess who?'

Tor those who have not seen the 1967 film "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," "Guess Who" might feel like a retread of "Meet the Parents" with a racial twist.

No need to decry this remake too much because it never bothers to take itself seriously.

The 1967 film featured Spencer Tracey and Katharine Hepburn as parents whose daughter brings home a black man (Sidney Poitier) she's dating. In "Guess Who," the racial roles are reversed, but little is done to promote the idea that we've come a long way since 1967.

Because we have ... haven't we? "Guess Who" prefers to laugh at racial

stereotypes rather than attacking them, and who better for the job than comedian Bernie Mac?

Mac is one of the only reasons to see this thin comedy, providing a boisterous edge to an otherwise dull-witted script.

a New Jersey loan officer who is ready and his wife (Judith Scott) will be cel- dana proves a beautiful force to be reck-



In 'Guess Who,' the racial roles are reversed. but little is done to promote the idea that we've come a long way since 1967. Because we have... haven't we?

to meet his daughter's boyfriend. She is Mac is right at home as Percy Jones, bringing him for the weekend, as Percy abuse of her boyfriend lying down. Sal-

ebrating their 25th anniversary.

He's thrown off, though, when the eat Simon alive. Denzel Washington he'd hoped for turns out to be lanky Ashton Kutcher.

mild-mannered and toned-down perfor- sleeping in the pull-out bed with Simon mance to date. He has been dating Percy's daughter,

Theresa (Zoe Saldana), for a while, and has recently quit his job as an investment banker, unbeknownst to Theresa, for reasons that will later cause conflict.

As expected, Percy and Simon get off to a rocky start. Percy tor- at adments Simon with loaded questions that head-on, but it falls flat. are met with consistent stumblings that give Percy a certain sadistic pleasure.

Not that Theresa is taking her father's

oned with, and Theresa could probably typical buddy comedy where everything

When they are not butting heads during the day, Simon and Percy are rubbing Kutcher plays Simon Green in his most shoulders at night as Percy insists on A tall bottle of vodka. (ahem) chastity.

Some of Percy's antagonizing is

cial jokes, and then with the screenplay. It's all charisma. when he goes too That scene is the hope. film's biggest attempt dressing the race issue

Many of the gags misfire because they feel so forced. A go-cart racing scene is useless, as is a scene where Mac and Kutcher do the tango.

"Guess Who" eventually turns into a D.Eppler@ttu.edu.

is painfully predictable and little is taken

The film's solution to the race issue?

Kutcher proves he has the ability to in the basement to protect his daughter's play it straight as the likable nice guy, but

in so doing, comes off rather blandly. But Bernie Mac is reason enough to see just downright evil. Consider a "Guess Who." One of the most talented dinner table scene where comedians working today, Mac is consis-Percy provokes Si-tently funny as the old-school Percy Jones, mon into telling ra- earning big laughs that have nothing to do

> "Guess Who" may not be as bad as far, gets offended. you'd fear, but it's never as good as you'd



Eppler is The UD's movie critic. E-mail comments and questions to James.

Former Neverland guard says he saw Jackson molest boy in '90s

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — A former sedon, Chacon told of looking through a window one curity guard at Michael Jackson's Neverland ranch night at Jackson's pool house in late 1992 or early told a lurid story Thursday about seeing the singer 1993 and seeing him perform oral sex on a 10-yearkiss, fondle and perform oral sex on a boy who later old boy. received a financial settlement from the pop star.

ecution witness who testified seeing Jackson fondle boy took a dip in an outdoor Jacuzzi and showered. boys took an enormous hit during cross-examination by defense lawyer Thomas Mesereau Jr.

the singer and portrayed the other witness, former Jackson maid Adrian McManus, as a thief and a liar. He accused Chacon of having tried to "extort" \$16 million from Jackson in a lawsuit and lengthy trial that he, McManus and other ex-employees lost.

They ultimately were ordered to pay more than \$1.4 million in a judgment won by Jackson.

"After a six-month trial, this is a good way to get even with him, isn't it?" Mesereau asked Chacon, drawing a strong objection from the prosecution.

The testimony is part of a prosecution attempt to show that the current molestation allegations it was innocent. against Jackson are part of a pattern of inappropriate sexual contact with little boys dating back more 1994, also testified Thursday that she saw the pop THE INDVIE:

In questioning by District Attorney Tom Sned- his hand was on Culkin's bottom.

Chacon said he saw Jackson engage in activities But the credibility of the guard and another pros- he described as "passionate" after the singer and the

He said he saw Jackson kiss the boy's head and shoulders and later moved his hands "down to his He attacked the security guard, Ralph Chacon, private area." He also said there was another incident as making the whole thing up "'to get even" with in which Jackson took the boy away in a golf cart and kissed him in front of a Peter Pan display.

The boy received a financial settlement, reportedly between \$15 million and \$20 million, from Jackson in 1994. The boy did not cooperate with a police investigation and no charges were filed against Jackson. The boy is not scheduled to testify in the trial.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy in 2003, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the boy's family captive to get them to make a video rebutting a TV documentary in which Jackson said he allowed children to sleep in his bed but that

McManus, a Jackson maid between 1990 and star kiss actor Macaulay Culkin on the cheek while **Opinion Piece**

Cookie Monster: 'Me eat less cookies'

NEW YORK (AP) — Something must be wrong in and up popped a press release about the show's "Healthy the land of Muppets.

First PBS announced that "Sesame Street" would kick off its 36th season this week with a multiyear story arc about healthy habits. No problem there; childhood obesity rates are soaring.

Then I learned of changes that turned my "Sesame Street" world upside-down.

My beloved blue, furry monster — who sang "C is for cookie, that's good enough for me" — is now advocating eating healthy. There's even a new song — "A Cookie Is vice president of research and education. a Sometimes Food," where Cookie Monster learns there are "anytime" foods and "sometimes" foods.

looks. But I didn't care.)

Being a journalist, I did the only thing I knew how to do. I investigated why "Sesame Street" gave Cookie Monster a health makeover.

The answer would lead me into a world where television producers worked with health experts and politiparodies, such as "American Fruit Stand." cians, a place where Cookie Monster does care about his health, and by association, the health of children.

The first place I headed was the Internet. On the of physical activity. Sesame Street Web site, little had changed. There was Cookie Monster, in all his blue furriness.

on a cookie. He still looked the same. But as we all know, looks can be deceiving.

So I searched the site for news on Cookie Monster the various textures and tastes of foods

Habits for Life" emphasis. Buried near the bottom was a one-sentence mention about Cookie Monster eating

But what did that mean? Scarfing one plateful instead

I picked up the telephone. "What's going on with Cookie Monster?" I asked the "Sesame Street" press office. "Why are you doing this?"

They sent me to Dr. Rosemarie T. Truglio, the show's

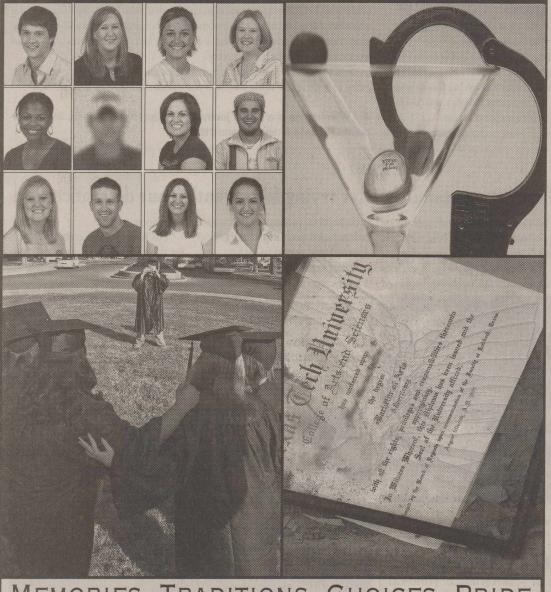
She said the show changes every year, focusing not just on teaching numbers and letters but also emotional and "Sacrilege!" I cried. "That's akin to Oscar the Grouch physical health. With the rise in childhood obesity, Truglio being nice and clean." (Co-workers gave me strange said "Sesame Street" is concentrating on the need to teach children about healthy foods and physical activity.

This season, each episode opens with a "health tip" about nutrition, exercise, hygiene and rest.

Truglio said "Sesame Street" also will introduce new characters, such as talking eggplants and carrots, and offer

Even guest stars will address healthy activities, such as Alicia Keys talking and singing about the importance

Even politicians have gotten into the act, filming public service announcements with "Sesame Street" residents. He was holding a plate of cookies. He was chomping In one taping, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist taught Elmo to exercise — jumping up and down. In another, Sen. Hillary Clinton and the small red monster discuss

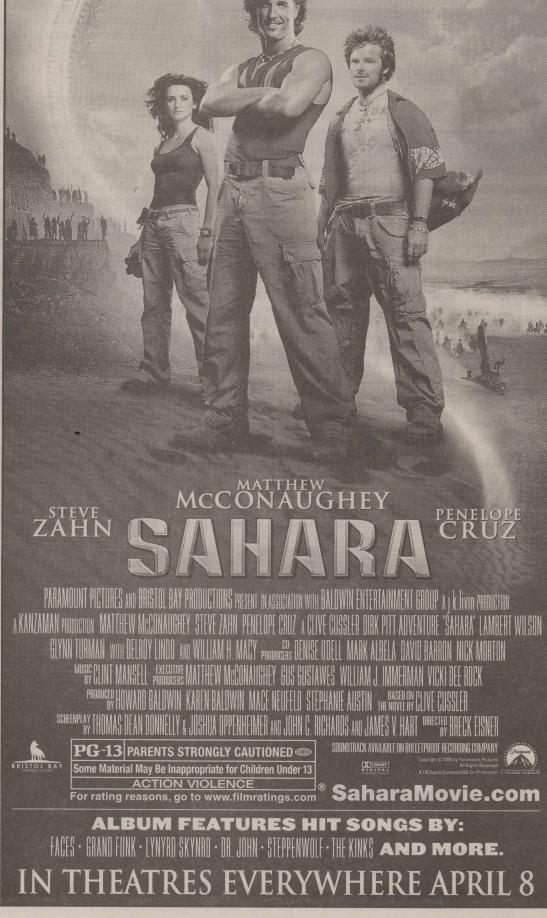


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BASEBALL

Travis Walden, the Texas Tech baseball team's pitching coach, resigned from the team Thursday, according to a statement released by the athletic media relations department.

Walden was in his second season as the Red Raider pitching coach and served as the team's second recruiter, according to the team's Web site.

The reasons behind his resignation were to "pursue other interests," according to the release.

Walden did not return to phone calls from The University Daily and could not be reached for comment. Members of the baseball team's staff and team members also were staff, and two of Tech's pitchers not made available for comment.

Walden's resignation is effective immediately, and his replacement will not be named until the end of



coach Brandon Roberson will Walden

the season,

according to

the release.

Coach Lar-

ry Hays and

volunteer

assistant

take over the pitching duties. Walden, a graduate from Mon-

terey High School in Lubbock, helped lead the Plainsmen to the 1981 state championship.

He immediately brought success to the Red Raider pitching were taken in the Major League Baseball draft in 2004.

- Bryan Wendell

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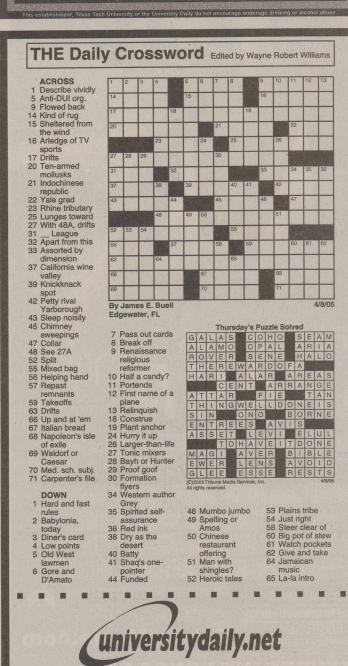
HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets forward Juwan Howard will miss the rest of the season because of a viral infection in his heart.

Out of the lineup the last three weeks because of a sprained right knee, Howard developed an infection that could keep him from physical activity for the next four to six months. The ailment, viral myocarditis, has symptoms that include fever, heart palpitations and mild chest pains.

"This will prevent me from participating in conditioning workouts and games for the next few months," Howard said in a statement released Thursday. "On the advice of my doctors, I will take a conservative approach for resuming my regular training regimen in order to ensure a full recovery so that I can be ready for the start of next season. My physicians have reassured me that there should be no long-term consequences.

"Anytime you lose someone like him, it's very difficult," Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson said.





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Pitching coach resigns Red Raiders continue Big 12 play

The University Daily

Revenge is a dish best served cold, but the Texas Tech baseball team is hoping to serve some lukewarm leftovers to the Oklahoma State Cowboys in a three-game series at Dan Law Field beginning today.

Tech still is reeling from a 25-0 pounding laid on by Missouri April 1. The Tigers scored 17 runs in the second inning, a Big 12 record. The Red Raiders also fell in the second game of that series, 7-2

Tech got some of its pride back by conference games. fending off a series sweep and winning the third game.

A wind-whipped Wednesday victory against Angelo State gave looking to let up.

"We want to come in here this weekend and take it to OSU the way Missouri took it to us, you know, just jump on them from the start," said infielder Carey Avants.

In the Wednesday game, the Raiders saw the majority of their production come from the bottom half of the order.

a home run in that game, said topto-bottom output is crucial during and said he is prepared for whatever

"That's really important, especially Tech its first winning streak since ing on all eight cylinders like that, it

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going into this next series," he said. "It's always good to have all eight guys hitting, and when you're workthe pitchers."

Pitchers struggled in we never know.' the two losses to Mispitchers giving up at least four runs each. Casey Zachry allowed 12 earned runs and six walks in 3

2/3 innings of work. Wednesday, however, a pitcher who did not make the traveling

squad came through for the Red Catcher Matt Smith, who had Raiders. Right-hander Billy Carnline of three games in Stillwater, Okla. pitched 4 2/3 innings of shutout relief role the team needs him to fulfill during this weekend's series.

what my role is going to be," he said. "They may already have their starters in mind. They may want me for some need that. It could be a save situation; one with a series sweep.

Coach Larry Hays stressed the souri, with four Tech importance of playing clean defense and pitching effectively. He said the team is defined by whose foot is on the pitching rubber.

"We'll be whatever our pitchers are," he said. "If we've got a guy out there on the mound helping, we'll be confident."

Tech was successful in last year's series against the Cowboys, winning two

After losing the first game May 14, 14-2, Tech came back to win the next two, 6-2 and 10-7.

Conference records are on the line "This weekend I'm uncertain about in this series as each team can greatly improve its position in the Big 12 standings with victories.

Tech has the opportunity to turn its mid-March, and the Raiders are not really opens up the game and helps long relief, but hopefully we won't 3-5 conference record into a winning

SPORTS OPINION

Foul shot: Early entry into WNBA not a good idea

umors are swirling, and fans are on their knees to pray the superstars from their teams will stick around and not leave school early to pursue professional careers with eligibility remaining with the NCAA. But for the first time, fans have to wonder about women leaving school early for the

Duke's Monique Curry announced Wednesday she will come back to Cameron Indoor Stadium to pursue a national title for the Blue Devils. Curry was eligible for the WNBA Draft since she was a fourth-year junior; she missed her sophomore season because of a knee injury.

Would leaving college early for a women's basketball player be a wise move? Do the benefits of the WNBA outweigh those of the NCAA?

The answer, in plain English, is no.

Women's basketball obviously is a growing sport with more and more phenomenal athletes coming out of high school these days and bringing parity to the game in a way many thought would take a few more years. For the third time in 11 years, UConn or Tennessee did not win the

However much the game grows, it will not make it able to compete with the men, and WNBA stars can only dream of making money

The fact of the matter is there is not enough money to go around to entice young women out of college early.

Rutgers star guard Cappie Pondexter knows this. She also passed up a chance to go to the WNBA, and she even has the league's logo tattooed on her bicep. It's been there since her freshman year.

Pondexter was an NCAA partial qualifier, meaning she did not score high enough on entrance exams to be eligible right away. She was forced to red-shirt her freshman year and graduate in four years in order to earn her fourth year of eligibility. Having done so, she will return to the Scarlet Knights and coach C. Vivian Stringer to build on their Elite Eight appearance this year.

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than an education; and the WNBA, which introduces an expansion team in Chicago next year and could looking for a point guard that can take command of a game like Pondexter,

The endorsements aren't there like they are for the men, and those that are do not pay in the millions of dollars. Diana Turasi is not all over the television pushing Pepsi, Coke or Sprite. The Miller twins are not chewing Doublemint gum for extra change.

Most WNBA stars make extra money during the offseason playing in smaller semi-pro leagues. Sheryl Swoopes plays for the Lubbock Hawks just to mention one.

But a lot of them have gone onto to television for their second

Kara Lawson (Sacramento Monarchs) is a color commentator on ESPN for NCAA women's games. Lisa Leslie (Los Angeles Sparks) co-hosted the pre-game and halftime show with Rece Davis and Stacey Dales-Schuman (Washington Mystics). Dales-Schuman also writes for

ESPN.com regularly. With so many jumping at the chance to make a name for themselves in analysis and commentary, staying in college that fourth year for women is the wisest bet. More and more young women are becoming reporters and anchors for sports networks, and getting a degree could only help these athletes springboard their careers after playing basketball.

So Currie and Pondexter may be bound for the WNBA, but not yet. They're going to get the one thing you can't put a price tag on — an education.

■ Wiechmann is a senior journalism major from Lubbock. Send com-

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Lance Armstrong: Retirement a possibility after trying for seventh Tour de France title

tries for a record seventh straight Tour bid. "I am still thinking about that." de France victory this July.

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Comments Armstrong, 33, made to "It's a possibility," Armstrong said Italian media last week that he missed Air Brush

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NEW YORK (AP) — Lance Arm- Thursday at a Central Park appearance his kids and the pressure was taking a toll dello Sport. strong is considering retiring after he to support New York's 2012 Olympic on him fueled speculation that this year's Tour de France would be his last.

> "Four more months and it's over ...," he was quoted as saying in Gazzetta France.

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DiMarco on top in rain-delayed first round of Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — What started as a wet When it ended in darkness with 66 players still on the putt that went off the green and into the water, an Stuart Appleby. Masters soon turned into a wacky one.

Tiger Woods hit a shot into Rae's Creek — with his lia, who had a 3-under 69 in his Masters debut.

Billy Casper hit five shots into the water on one hole such a demanding golf course," Hensby and took a 14, the highest score on any hole. He made said. history, but not the record books, because after adding up his score of 106, he decided not to turn in it.

David Toms was standing over a putt on the 14th hole when a gust blew it back into the fairway.

Ernie Els spent more time in the trees than in the

About the only thing that restored some semblance of order Thursday at Augusta National was the rain — and having Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh and Retief Goosen on the leaderboard.

The long day began with a 5 1/2-hour rain delay.

"It's hard to have expectations on

Indeed opening day at the Masters was full of surprises. This was the fourth straight week, and ninth time out of 15 tourna- MASTERS have to be firm and fast to be punishments this year, that bad weather delayed a

Chris DiMarco birdied three straight holes and was at 4 under par with four holes still to play, and that wasn't terribly alarming. He played with Mickelson last year, and even gave Lefty the right line on the winning putt.

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course, the clubhouse leader was Mark Hensby of Austra- approach that hit the pin and went into the bunker, DiMarco shrugged.

> "He's got a few good breaks over his career," Di-Marco said. "So you know what? Darn. It's golf."

Hensby was one of only 24 players who

"You can play good shots and get rewarded, and then you can hit good shots and not get rewarded," he said.

first round, while the group at 2 under

When told about Woods' misfortunes — an eagle included Mickelson, Singh, Palmer, Retief Goosen and have missed it tomorrow."

Players were to return at 9:45 a.m. Friday to complete the first round, and barring any more weather delays, the tournament should be back to normal — if there is such a thing at Augusta — by the weekend.

Trying to hold down his No. 1 ranking, Singh was finished the first round, and his hard-earned a model of consistency in a first round that was out of 69 showed that Augusta National doesn't whack before players even arrived at Augusta National. Along with picking up three birdies on the front nine, Singh twice saved par with 10-foot putts. His only bogey came on the 11th hole, a three-putt from about 100 feet, missing a 5-footer for par.

"I played pretty well today," Singh said. "I hit my Luke Donald of England was another driver beautifully and had some good saves. It was just shot behind with four holes left in his disappointing how I finished. Maybe I should have waited ... on the second putt from 5 feet. But who knows? I may

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NO. 57 TEXAS TECH VS.

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Where: George P. Mitchell

By Anne Gepford/ The University Daily

team already has taken a leap of faith, who's the No. 15 team in the nation, outside of the Big 12. The conference including an 18-spot jump in the tomorrow.' rankings.

While they already have played four Browning said the Raidranked teams in the conference this ers' previous schedule season thus far, Tech travels south to has played a role in their take on two more.

It is a battle of the numbers this weekend as No. 57 Tech faces off against No. out, we weren't really 15 Baylor and No. 37 Texas A&M.

The Red Raiders first travel to Waco in their first weekend on the road since tough," Browning said. Spring Break. The Bears come off a win against No. 10 Texas Thursday in anything, but there's which Baylor (16-3, 7-0) took the top still a long way to go for goals and not the only numbers at work this seed in the Big 12 conference away everything."

Kansas and No. 56 Colorado.

Coach Cari Groce said the ranking match played. does not play a role in the matches Tech

"I think we enjoyed the ranking for all of five minutes," she said. "We've

Team captain Tara ranking now.

"When we started getting that many wins, but our schedule was "We're not No. 1 or

While hard work and determination Tech (7-9, 4-3) hits the road after have played a role in the better ranking, wins at home last weekend against Groce said the number is not what in the nation. matters — it is about each and every

"I think our schedule to this point

has prepared us for Big 12 play," she said. gether," Groce said. "They complement "We've got to be prepared to play."

The schedule for the spring season deserve it." The Texas Tech women's tennis got a very tough match against Baylor, included many high-ranking opponents

seven teams in the top 75.

> high rankings indicate is playing. the level of tennis at

"We hope this is the start of a lot of good things to come," Groce said.

weekend, however.

Tech's doubles pair of Lakann anticipation. Wagley and Browning is ranked 26th

Groce said the duo has worked hard all season in order to play better.

"They have a lot of experience to-

each other very well. They certainly

While there are three doubles matches in any given dual, a team must itself currently boasts win at least two out of three to win the doubles point.

Browning said the doubles point is Groce said the a hard fight, no matter what team Tech

"I just think doubles is a good head which Tech has been start," Browning said. "The singles matches are just as tough."

The Raiders will attempt to send a tough message this weekend, as after Friday's match against Baylor, Tech travels to College Station to take on Team numbers are the Aggies on Saturday.

> Browning said the team is ready for its matches because of the other team's

"We know they're nervous about us, and that's awesome," she said. "We're we were probably a team they didn't even think twice about."



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not giving them anything. In the past, SOPHOMORE LAKANN WAGLEY readies a swing during the Red Raiders' 4-3 win against the Kansas Jayhawks Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

Men's Tennis

Red Raiders travel to Austin, College Station for tough conference matches

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The No. 10 Texas Tech tennis team continues down the ing to defeat a conference foe. grueling road that is the Big 12 conference as it prepares to take on No. 14 Texas A&M and No. 38 Texas this weekend.

The Red Raiders travel to Austin today and will put their 19-1 record on the line as they square off with the Longhorns (8-5, 0-2 Big 12). Saturday the team will head south down Highway 71 to face the Aggies (9-5, 2-0) in College Station.

Coach Tim Siegel said the team is battle tested and prepared for the confrontation that lies before them.

"We've played a very tough schedule, so we're certainly a big crowd at both places and we're looking forward to the we play hard every match."

The Raiders are led this season by a duo of sophomores and Oklahoma State. in Bojan Suzmanski and Radek Nijaki. Suzmanski is ranked No. 37 in the country and posts a singles record of 13-1, while who is No. 25 in the nation. Nijaki sits at No. 40 with a record of 8-3.

two nationally-ranked opponents this season in No. 30 Mark the match as the reigning Big 12 player of the week and is also Van Elden of Oklahoma State and No.20 Fabrizio Sestini nationally ranked at No. 20.

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Siegel said the matches have importance outside of want-

'These matches will help determine where we'll be in the NCAA tournament, as far as the possibility of hosting a

The atmosphere at both matches is expected to be hostile and Siegel said handling that would be the key to the

"These will be some of the biggest crowds that we've seen all year, and we expect them to be rowdy," he said. "But I know what to expect from this team and I have confidence ready to play two good teams," he said. "We'll be ready for in them. The one thing that's been constant all year is that

Texas is coming off back-to-back losses against Oklahoma

The 'Horns are led this season by Junior Callum Beale,

The Aggies take on the Raiders coming off a 5-2 win over Playing in the No. 1 spot for Tech, Nijaki has defeated No. 11 Oklahoma State. Sophomore Brett Joelson comes into

he Spoon's'

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Sports Opinion

When passion for sports goes too far

7 hat kind of world are we living in? Seriously — I think

sports are important. They are a huge part of my life - I love to play them, I love to watch them, I love writing, talking and screaming at the TV about them.

But at no point in my life have I thought of shooting my coach.

At no point in my parents' lives of society than in the past. have they thought about shooting

I asked them. No matter how entertained the thought.

I want to know what this world is coming to.

Texas can't be that different from Kansas.

I know I'm a "foreigner." I know football is a big deal here. But do y'all (yes, I said y'all) seriously feel the need to shoot somebody over

Thirty-seven-year-old Gary Joe and athletic director, was shot bleachers. below the ribs in Canton.



Ever since Columbine, school shootings have been a larger part

This one, which happened at frustrated they may have been 9:20 a.m. Thursday at Canton High during all those years, never once School, had authorities identifying did they get so mad that they even a 45-year-old as the suspect. Jeffrey my coach, and therefore, they Doyal Robertson, the suspect, was knew they weren't experts on the later carried on a stretcher to a subject. helicopter.

involving a parent?

Where do we draw the line in parent involvement in sports?

I didn't graduate that long ago, and I know that when I was in an altercation better left out on high school, the parents were the

Kinne Jr., the head football coach other way. Parents stayed in the violence.

better believe that anything said or are, you won't be hiding for long). done at practice or during a meet Take a lesson from your children was not subject to parental review. and realize it's only a game.

If it's to the point where you

Being a redhead, I know the terms "hot head," "firecracker" and "temper" very well. Most people know how to control their temper, but they refrain from using an assault rifle and a hit

"altercation" after a coach takes

over a program, I'd say that's a cue

to be careful of that person.

list to solve disagreements. I love my parents because they Usually, however, they involve know sports and understood what I was going through when I swam

- my mom swam for her high school too. But they knew they weren't

If a parent becomes a coach, A high school shooting possibly then I'd say it's OK to coach your

> own kid. But, at the same time, isn't that a slight conflict of interest?

> Either way, parents are too involved in the lives of their children when it comes to sports.

If you have a problem, solve My coach wouldn't have it any it through words, not physical

Don't pick up an AK-47 and They weren't coaches, and you hide behind it (because chances

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