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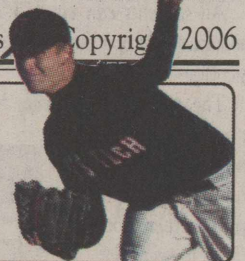


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Tech baseball goes one out shy of a no hitter in win.
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"I sting those who rattle me. Don't mess with me Condoleezza."

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez warning Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that her diplomatic efforts to turn Latin American nations against Venezuela would fail. (AP)

"I have sworn to only live free. Even if I find bitter the taste of death, I don't want to die humiliated or deceived."

Osama bin Laden, promising an audiotape that he will never be captured alive. (AP)

"It's disappointing. I think a lot of Jimmie Johnson and his talent, but I'm pretty sure at least three of his last four wins have had conflicts with the cars being illegal. You know, it's not necessarily good for the sport."

Ryan Newman, who finished third in NASCAR's Daytona 500, reacting to Johnson's win less than a week after his crew chief was kicked out for illegally altering his car. (AP)

STATE

Death row inmate ruled mentally incompetent

(AP) — An inmate set to die for the slaying of a Fort Worth restaurant manager during a botched robbery won a reprieve when a judge withdrew his Thursday execution date after ruling the convicted killer is incompetent to be executed.

Judge Wayne Salvant in Tarrant County signed an order Friday canceling the punishment of Steven Kenneth Staley, 43, at least temporarily, after psychologists for the inmate and prosecutors determined he was incompetent.

In 1986, the U.S. Supreme Court held the Eighth Amendment's cruel and unusual punishment clause bars states from executing prisoners who aren't aware of the punishment they are about to face and don't understand why they are facing it.

NATION

Dance Marathon nets \$4M for Penn State

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Their feet may be sore, but Penn State students grooved their way to another record over the weekend in their annual Dance Marathon.

The Penn State Intergovernmental Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon says the 700 dancers raised more than \$4.2 million in the 48-hour event.

The announcement Sunday night set off a celebration by the capacity crowd. Since its inception in the early 1970s, the student-run philanthropy has raised more than \$30 million to help children battling cancer.

Disc jockey Larry Moore, who ended off the marathon with Elton John's "I'm Still Standing" said more than 15,000 people from about 30 countries watched via the Internet this year.

WORLD

Workers try to free 65 Mexican miners

SAN JUAN DE SABINAS, Mexico (AP) — Emergency crews using picks, shovels and their hands tunneled feverishly through dirt, wood, metal and rock on Monday in an attempt to reach 65 coal miners trapped by a gas explosion 600 feet underground.

Officials said that while it was unlikely the miners were still alive, there was still a chance of finding survivors.

Above ground, priests and pastors led hundreds of the miners' friends and relatives in prayer for the men trapped by Sunday morning's explosion at the Pasta de Conchos mine near the town of San Juan de Sabinas, 85 miles southwest of Eagle Pass.

Women wept openly and swayed with their arms in the air as the religious leaders spoke, and men wiped tears.

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Bush: U.S. on verge of energy breakthrough

By DEB RIECHMANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Saying the nation is on the verge of technological breakthroughs that would "startle" most Americans, President Bush on Monday outlined his energy proposals to help wean the country off foreign oil.

Less than half the crude oil used by refineries is produced in the United States, while 60 percent comes from foreign nations, Bush said during the first stop on a two-day trip to

talk about energy.

Some of these foreign suppliers have "unstable" governments that have fundamental differences with America, he said.

"It creates a national security issue and we're held hostage for energy by foreign nations that may not like us," Bush said.

Bush is focusing on energy at a time when Americans are paying high power bills to heat their homes this winter and have only recently seen a decrease in gasoline prices.

One of Bush's proposals would expand research into smaller, longer-lasting batteries for

electric-gas hybrid cars, including plug-ins. He highlighted that initiative with a visit Monday to the battery center at Milwaukee-based auto-parts supplier Johnson Controls Inc.

During his trip, Bush is also focusing on a proposal to increase investment in development of clean electric power sources, and proposals to speed the development of biofuels such as "cellulosic" ethanol made from wood chips or sawgrass.

Energy conservation groups and environmentalists say they're pleased that the president, a former oil man in Texas, is stress-

ing alternative sources of energy, but they contend his proposals don't go far enough. They say the administration must consider greater fuel-efficiency standards for cars, and some economists believe it's best to increase the gas tax to force consumers to change their driving habits.

During his visit to Johnson Controls' new hybrid battery laboratory, Bush checked out two Ford Escapes — one with a nickel-metal-hybrid battery, the kind that powers

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Red Raiders erase late deficit but can't hang on as Sooners get game-winning tip-in.



TEXAS TECH'S MICHAEL Prince rebounds a missed shot and falls to floor in front of Oklahoma forward Taj Grey (21), during the first half of the men's basketball game against Oklahoma Monday evening at the United Spirit Arena. Tech lost, 71-70 on a last-second tip-in by OU Sooner Kevin Bookout.

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By MATT MUENCH
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Jarius Jackson almost had the perfect encore performance. Coming off of a career high 41-point game on Saturday, the junior Texas Tech guard came inches away from being the hero again Monday night at the United Spirit Arena. But his buzzer beater fell short as the No. 22 Oklahoma Sooners (18-6, 9-4 Big 12) survived a scare and won 71-70.

Sooner center Kevin Bookout was the hero on this night as he tipped in the game winning shot with 4.5 seconds left following a missed jump shot by Terrell Everett. Tech then inbounded the ball to Jackson who ran the

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Covenant cancer program deemed 'Outstanding'

By CARLOS BERGFELD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Some people have to travel hundreds or thousands of miles to reach an award-winning cancer center.

Those concerned with cancer in Lubbock can just drive downtown.

Covenant Health System received an Outstanding Achievement Award for its cancer program last week from American College of Surgeon's Commission on Cancer.

"If you looked at it 15 years ago, really the trend was to go to MD Anderson," said Charlie Wasson, manager of patient and community services at Covenant's Joe Arrington Cancer Center. "In today's world, places like Joe Arrington Cancer bring treatments home."

Covenant Health System in Lubbock, a member of the Saint Joseph Health System based out of Orange, Calif., holds the Joe Arrington Research and Treatment

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Recent area drug busts are result of agency teamwork

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock law enforcement teamed up with the Department of Public Safety on a number of occasions during the past two weeks to arrest a handful of suspects busted for possession of drugs, mainly methamphetamine.

The DPS narcotics division arrested Joel Garza with possession of more than four pounds of "ice," a more pure form of methamphetamine, a DPS narcotics officer said.

The officer, who asked to remain confidential, said the four pounds of ice was valued at more than \$180,000. The arrest was made Thursday at an auto body shop at 2319 114th Street.

The DPS officer said Garza, who is believed to be the owner of the auto body shop, was using the business as a front.

The DPS officer said the sale of
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External VP must work to promote Tech issues to city officials

By MICHAEL CARDELL
STAFF WRITER

External Vice Presidential candidates Mason Moses, Chris Huff and Kyle Gilliam said they are looking forward to having the opportunity to serve as the liaison between Texas Tech students and the Lubbock community.

Current External Vice President Ryan Worley said one of the biggest jobs of external vice president is to work closely with city

officials to promote the issues concerning Tech students.

"As external VP, you have to be honest and dependable when dealing with the community," Worley said. "That allows them to respect you more, and then they will be invest more in you."

The external vice president also is focused on off-campus transportation, he said. This includes the Tech bus system, Safe Ride, the night shuttle and bike lanes.

Worley said the external vice president

serves as the chairman of the transportation committee, which determines any changes in existing fees.

Moses said his biggest initiative is to publicize the Safe Ride program more than it has been in the past.

"A lot of students are not fully informed about this program and when they are allowed to use it," he said. "I also want to go around to the bars and start putting up Safe Ride signs and work with owners so they can encourage students to use the Safe Ride program."

Moses said the experience he has gained while working with Worley will help him with the procedures of getting things done.

"I think my ambition for this university is what will make me a good external VP," Moses said. "I have an emotional attachment to this university, and I truly believe in the slogan, 'From Here, it's Possible.'"

Another initiative he would focus on is zoning laws and finding an agreement the city

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SGA Candidates In Brief

After weeks of seeing signs and hearing speeches and debates, the Student Government Association elections begin today.

Voting is online at www.sga.ttu.edu, and begins at 9 a.m. and goes through 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Announcements of winners will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

All students can vote for executive candidates, but only can vote for senators by college.

The executive candidates have gone through several interviews, and have many concerns and ideas they want to bring to their potential offices, for example:

President:

Greg McEvilly:

- Take a bold stand with the administration when concerning the students' best interests.
- Continue with the SGA's scholarship campaign and make it a high priority to the administration.
- Present a strong legislative agenda to the Texas Legislature in January 2007.
- Work to find a solution to the parking problem.
- Take steps to create an internship program between Tech and the capitol.

Marc Orgass:

- The Grab-and-Go breakfast program. Place breakfast kiosks around campus so students can eat before class and will in turn help with students' GPAs.
- To continue the scholarship campaign started by the SGA and Nathan Nash.
- To have a strong legislative agenda to present to the Texas Legislature in January 2007.
- Make senators more goal-oriented.
- Make a communications committee to keep the president in touch with student issues.

Ryan Worley:

- Continuing to lower fees so students can receive the best education at an acceptable price.
- Continuing the SGA scholarship campaign.
- OIL project. Program designed to unite all the schools of Texas and go before the state senate with a united front instead of every school having its own opinion, he said.
- Continue work with Career Center.
- Keep working with the United Way. Worley said Tech helped raise \$30,000 in sales for Katrina victims.
- Find a way to keep the athletic-oriented reputation Tech has, while also focusing on creating an academic image, as well.

External VP

Kyle Gilliam:

- Improve safety around campus. Currently, half of the blue light phones on campus do not work, and the phones that do work take too long to connect.
- Decrease the amount paid for by the students for transportation costs.
- Increase better parking on campus. "We have enough parking, we just don't have enough good parking," he said.

Chris Huff:

- Implement Committees and delegate them properly.
- Promote the Safe Ride program. Encourage students to use it more often and have bars encourage students to use it as well. This will lower the drunken driving rate by Tech students.
- Keep the bus system and work out a deal to have the apartment complexes on the Tech bus route pay a premium to stay on the bus route. Pro rate price for smaller apartments whose occupants do not all use the bus system.

Mason Moses:

- Promote the Safe Ride program, put signs in bars to remind students and have bar owners remind students about the program.
- Laptop registration. Students sometimes walk off with wrong laptop because

Internal VP

Matthew Fowler:

- Institute a fall break for the Fall 2006 semester or as soon as possible and find a way to address all academic fallbacks that come with having a fall break.
- Push recruitment. Increase recruitment in counties farther from Lubbock County. Get the student body more involved in the recruitment process.
- Increase research funding by having a strong legislative agenda for the 80th session of the Texas Legislature in January 2007.
- Work with the state legislature and try to approve tax-free textbooks for students.

Suzette Matthews:

- Develop better relationships with the faculty and staff senates as well as student body associations.
- Motivate the students to go to more sporting events and increase sportsmanship.
- Motivate the student senators to go talk directly to high-ranking administrative officials and make sure that their constituents' needs are met.

Graduate VP

Zeb Alexander:

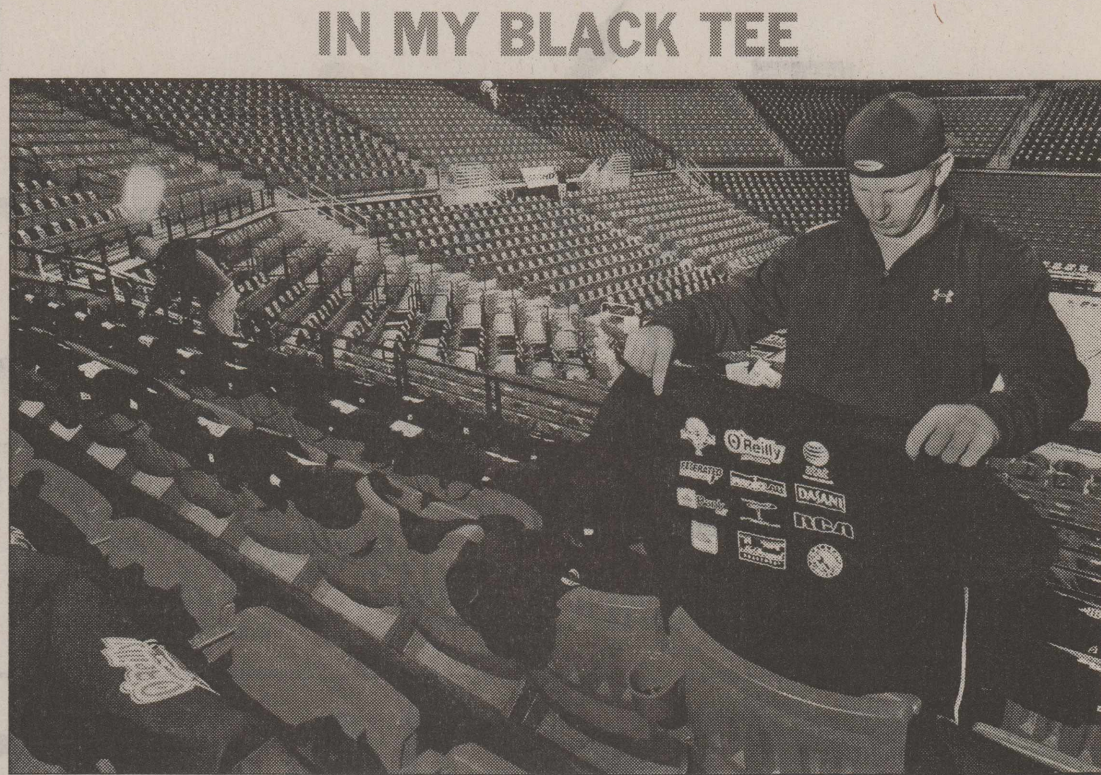
- Unify graduate and undergraduate students.
- Have more job fairs for graduate students.
- Continue the fight to fix healthcare issues with international students.
- Make all graduate students feel like Red Raiders.
- Be ready to implement other programs that could be beneficial to both graduate and undergraduate students.
- Continue the recycling initiative with a step-by-step approach.

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SGA PRESIDENT

Ryan Worley
 Greg McEvilly
 Marc Orgass

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JASON CHOATE, A senior exercise and sports sciences major from Big Spring, puts T-shirts on the seats in the United Spirit Arena Monday afternoon. Approximately 10,000 shirts were laid out in the lower bowl of the arena for ESPN's "Big Monday" game between Texas Tech and Oklahoma.

GoalQuest: Tech's new facebook?

Program shows how to succeed in college with facebook-like format

By KATIE KINNEY
STAFF WRITER

The housing and hospitality departments at Texas Tech have developed a new way for incoming freshmen to become more acclimated into the Tech community and learn about services to help them adjust to college life.

GoalQuest is a program that specializes in providing students ways to succeed in higher education.

Sean Duggan, managing director of Housing and Dining, said the program has two separate parts, one for underclassman and one for upperclassman.

"This program definitely has the potential for students that want the help," Duggan said. "It has great contact information and can answer students' questions."

D'aun Green, associate director of housing dining, said there are modules on the program that provide students with helpful studying tips, information about their major, advice about their adviser and much more.

"I'm hoping students look at the modules and are able to improve on their skills," Green said.

Green said the Web-based program runs like facebook, since it is programmed with Upeers and Uscene, the same as facebook.

On the program, there are overview keys for success. It includes points about high vs. college, time management, activities to get involved in on campus, how to have a job and go to school, how to deal with a roommate and

academics.

"Research has shown that students do better if they are engaged and connected to their university," Green said. "This may be a way to be connected and have a better college experience."

Ryan McGee, freshman journalism major from Austin, said he believes this is a good program for students, especially freshmen.

"I think it is definitely helpful because some students can get confused when they get up here to college and this may help them get on the right track," he said.

Freshman should take advantage of this program, McGee said.

"I would say that students should use this program so they know they are doing things right before they end up doing things that won't help them in the long run," he said.

Duggan also said they are hoping to use this program in the future at orientations for students so the presentation looks more organized and makes the college look more appealing.

But educational purposes are not the only reasons that the program is important.

"We just want to help the students, and we hope this is just another way to do that," Green said.

Duggan said the program is up and running and can be used by students as of now.

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7 AM	Today This venerable morning show is TV's longest-running daytime series.	Early Show A segment on taxes.	Believers Voice Life Today	(5:00) Daily Buzz	Good Morning America (HD)	Animal Adv Sabrina
8 AM			Armer. Athlete	Recipe TV		Roseanne
8:30 AM			Paid Program	Critter Gitters		Roseanne
9 AM			Paid Program	Infomercial "Fire Your Guns"	Tony Danza	Martha
9:30 AM			Price Is Right	Judge Joe Texas Justice	The View	Tyra Banks
10 AM	Regis & Kelly Marcia Cross.		Judge Joe Texas Justice			Starting Over
11 AM	Jeopardy!	Young and the Restless (HD)	Judge Hatchett	Cops	Paid Program	
12 PM	News	KLBK 13 News	Jerry Springer	Cosby Show	All My Children	Access Hollywood Extra
1:30 PM	Days of Our Lives	As the World Turns	Eye for an Eye	Mad About You	One Life to Live	People's Court
2 PM	Passions	Guiding Light	Paid Program	ER "Dead of Winter"	General Hospital	Judge Alex
3 PM	Oprah Winfrey	Maury	Just Shoot Me	8 Simple Rules	Montel Williams	Elen DeGeneres Simon Cowell
4 PM	Winter Olympics (HD)	Judge Judy	That '70s Show	Bernie Mac	Insider	Fox 34 News First@Four
5 PM	News	KLBK 13 News	Access Hollywood	Yes, Dear	News	That '70s Show
5:30 PM	Nightly News	Evening News	Family Feud	Yes, Dear	World News	Simpsons
6 PM	News	KLBK 13 News	Family Feud	King of Queens	News	Friends
6:30 PM	Wheel Fortune	Millionaire	Extra	King of Queens	Entertainment	Raymond
7 PM	Winter Olympics (HD)	NCIS "Probie" (HD)	Get this Party Started	* "Final Destination 2" (03)	Jim (HD)	American Idol The 12 female semifinalists perform. (HD)
8 PM	News	NCIS "Model Behavior" (HD)	Get this Party Started	Reaper.	George Lopez	
9 PM	CSI: Crime "Hollywood Brass"	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Boston Legal	"Live Big" (HD)	Fox 34 News@Nine
10 PM	News	KLBK 13 News	King of Hill	Sex and City	News	Seinfeld
10:30 PM	Winter Olympics (HD)	David Letterman	Malcolm	Sex and City	(35) Nightline	Sinfeld
11 PM	Winter Olympics (HD)	Figure-skating highlights (HD)	Fear Factor	Cheaters	(45) ET	Fraser
12 AM	Olympics (HD)	Paid Program	Blind Date	Med About You	Paid Program	Paid Program

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Energy

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hybrid-electric vehicles, and one with a lithium-ion battery, which Johnson Controls believes are the wave of the future. The lithium-ion battery was about half the size of the older-model battery. In 2004, Johnson Controls received a government contract to develop the lithium-ion batteries.

On Tuesday, Bush plans to visit the Energy Department's National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo., to talk about speeding the development of biofuels.

The lab, with a looming \$28 million budget shortfall, had announced it was cutting its staff by 32 people, including eight researchers. But in advance of Bush's visit, Energy Secretary Samuel

Bodman over the weekend directed the transfer of \$5 million to the private contractor that runs the lab, so the jobs can be saved.

The department "has been informed that the NREL lab director will use these funds to immediately restore all of the jobs that were cut earlier this month due to budget shortfalls," the department said in a statement Monday.

"Our nation is on the threshold of new energy technology that I think will startle the American people," Bush said. "We're on the edge of some amazing breakthroughs — breakthroughs all aimed at enhancing our national security and our economic security and the quality of life of the folks who live here in the United States."

Later Monday, Bush visited the United Solar Ovonic Plant, which makes solar panels, in Auburn Hills, Mich., outside Detroit. "This technology right here is going to help us change the way we live in our homes," Bush told reporters.

Bush said he was impressed with the growing commercial uses of solar energy.

"Roof makers will one day be able to make a solar roof that protects you from the elements and at the same time, powers your house," Bush said. "The vision is this — that technology will become so efficient that you'll become a little power generator in your home, and if you don't use the energy you generate you'll be able to feed it back into the electricity grid."

Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., questioned Bush's energy policies Monday, saying the administration also supports subsidies for luxury SUVs.

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Bust

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methamphetamine is a statewide problem. The charges already are filed, and the Lubbock district attorney is expected to be handling this case soon. If Garza is convicted, he could face jail time of five years to a life sentence.

The DPS officer said a number of law enforcement divisions assisted in this arrest.

He said the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department played a role as well as two U.S. Marshals and a Levelland police officer.

He said it was a unique opportunity for the Levelland police officer to take part in the investigation. The DPS officer said the Levelland police officer has access to a number of resources the Levelland Police Department does not have, like a crime lab.

The Lubbock K-9 unit also aided

in the arrest.

The DPS officer said he was pleased to see many divisions "step up to bat" to assist in the drug bust.

The DPS arrested four more people Friday evening. According to reports, DPS were notified of a stolen vehicle packed with drugs and weapons that was on its way to Lubbock. DPS Troopers made the arrest just off Interstate 27.

In a separate incident, a Lubbock man was arrested last Wednesday for his alleged involvement with a shooting that took place at the 7700 block of Memphis Avenue.

According to police reports, a woman called the police to report a shooting. Once the police arrived to the location, they located the victim with a gunshot wound in his leg. Upon further inspection, the police found drugs and a number of guns at the residence.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of David Earnest, and the 31-year-old was arrested Wednesday. He was charged for possession of a controlled substance and aggravated assault.

According to a Web site for the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, in 2004, almost 1.5 million people over the age of 12 had used methamphetamine in the past year, and 600,000 had used it in the past month.

The number of past-month methamphetamine users increased from 164,000 in 2002 to 346,000 in 2004.

The Web site also states the rate of past-year methamphetamine use was higher in counties in small metropolitan areas and counties not in large metropolitan areas.

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Lubbock not considered high-risk area for bird flu, but officials say if it happens, West Texas is ready

By DANIELLE NOVY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Some of the most prominent figures making headlines this year are not human; it seems all one needs to secure a place under the spotlight is a layer of feathers and a case of the flu.

The media attention and continuous expansion of the avian influenza virus has experts discussing both the severity of the virus and how it can potentially affect the United States and the Hub City.

There have been 38 documented illnesses in the past 25 years that originated in the animal world and then mutated into a form that were infectious to humans, according to *The Associated Press*. This fact has some wondering if the bird flu virus will soon do the same.

Leslie Thompson, associate chair and an associate professor in the department of animal and food sciences, said although some animal viruses do mutate into forms that can be spread from human to human, it is not an especially common occurrence.

She said she believes there is a possibility that the avian influenza virus could mutate into a form that is transferable from individual to individual as well as a possibility that it could spread to the United States in coming months.

"One thing to remember is that we have not yet seen transmission documented from person to person," Thompson said. "So that's a very good thing."

She said people should bear in mind that there are two forms of the bird flu: low pathogenicity and high pathogenicity.

The dominant threat of avian flu spreading across eastern Asia and Europe is a highly pathogenic form of avian H5N1, according to www.pandemicflu.gov.

A representative from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who, according to policy can only be referred to by her identification number, 18611450, said there is a concern about the avian flu becoming a global problem and taking the U.S. under its wing, so to speak.

She said if the virus does arrive in the U.S., many birds, including turkeys and chickens, may have to be slaughtered.

"The flu virus has potential to change and gain the ability to spread to people," the representative said. "It is important to monitor for a spread."

If the virus does hop across the pond to the United States, the Lubbock community and the surrounding egg and poultry farms will be

prepared; representatives from the Idalou Egg Ranch, located just outside Lubbock, said employees of the ranch are already taking the necessary precautions to ensure a safe environment.

The representative said even exotic birds, such as parakeets, are at risk if the bird flu should reach the South Plains region.

Christine Alvarado, an assistant professor in the department of animal and food sciences, said although the South Plains is not one of the areas in the U.S. at the highest risk for the bird flu, the migration patterns of certain birds could still bring it to West Texas.

"We get a lot of Canadian geese and different kinds of birds that migrate here," she said.

Thompson said certain measures should be taken at the nearby poultry farms and ranches, in the name of safety.

"Probably the biggest thing for our poultry producers is as soon as they see birds with flu-like symptoms, they need to notify the health authority in the state," she said.

Additionally, if the bird flu does spread to the U.S., Thompson said people who have commercial flocks should not make contact with other flocks and the feed trucks will have to be cleaned and sanitized before they move from poultry producer to poultry producer.

While such measures may mean extra work, they were deemed "necessary" by a representative from Idalou Egg Farm; more than 90 people across the globe have been killed by the bird flu since 2003 according to *The AP*.

For more information visit the Web site, www.pandemicflu.gov.

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Associate Professor
Animal and Food Science

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Center among its facilities.

The award, given to 40 cancer program facilities, including two others in Texas, requires a cancer program to be compliant with seven standards, including committee leadership, data management and community outreach.

Although accredited by the commission in past years, this marks the first time the cancer program has received the Outstanding Achievement Award.

"Receiving this award taught us about our commitment to care because it is a voluntary process to go through this," Wasson said.

Attributing the hospital's success to several factors, Wasson said the main reasons the hospital won the award are their thorough methods in patient care.

"What makes us really a unique place is our holistic approach to caring for the patients," he said. "Being a faith-based ministry, we also take care of that spiritual side."

The center opened in 1995 and has seen more than 300 patients a day in

collaboration with Covenant's other cancer facilities.

Although the Joe Arrington Center of Covenant Health Systems specializes in cancer treatment, the commission gave the award to Covenant's entire cancer program.

"If you look at how we're set up here, we service about 1.5 million people if you look at the rural area," said Roxie Taylor-Welt, vice president of oncology and ancillary services at Covenant.

While the cancer program has not made any radical changes in the past few years, Taylor-Welt attributes the new commendation to Covenant's staff of oncologists and hematologists.

"I think we've just got more physician involvement than we have before," Taylor-Welt said.

Wasson also said the quality of doctors at the center and at Covenant served an integral role in allowing the hospital system to excel.

"We have two hematologists that are probably two of the finest hematologists you will come across," Wasson said. "The groups of physicians we have as a team are second-to-none."

Covenant has eight adult and two pediatric cancer specialists on staff, in addition to three radiation oncologists.

On the horizon for Covenant is a stem cell research program, which will be internally funded and located in Lubbock's Covenant Lakeside facility.

"It was just approved this year, and it's totally in the developmental phases now," said Michelle Stephens, spokesperson for Covenant Health Systems.

Stephens said Covenant's future work in this area will be integrated into providing alternate solutions for cancer patients and others.

"We really have a very outstanding program here at Covenant, and I think receiving this award proves we're second-to-none here," she said.

The facility will be housed in a renovated wing of Covenant Lakeside.

The Covenant system employs about 450 physicians and works with 100 allied health care providers.

The Commission on Cancer was formed by the American College of Surgeons in 1922 to set standards through surveys for improving cancer care.

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External

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is willing to work out with Tech, he said.

"We have a strong relationship with Lubbock," Moses said. "Lubbock loves Tech, and we want Lubbock to continue viewing Tech students as good."

His other goals include laptop registration so students can keep track of their laptops, he said, and to continue working with apartment complexes to save students money on transportation fees.

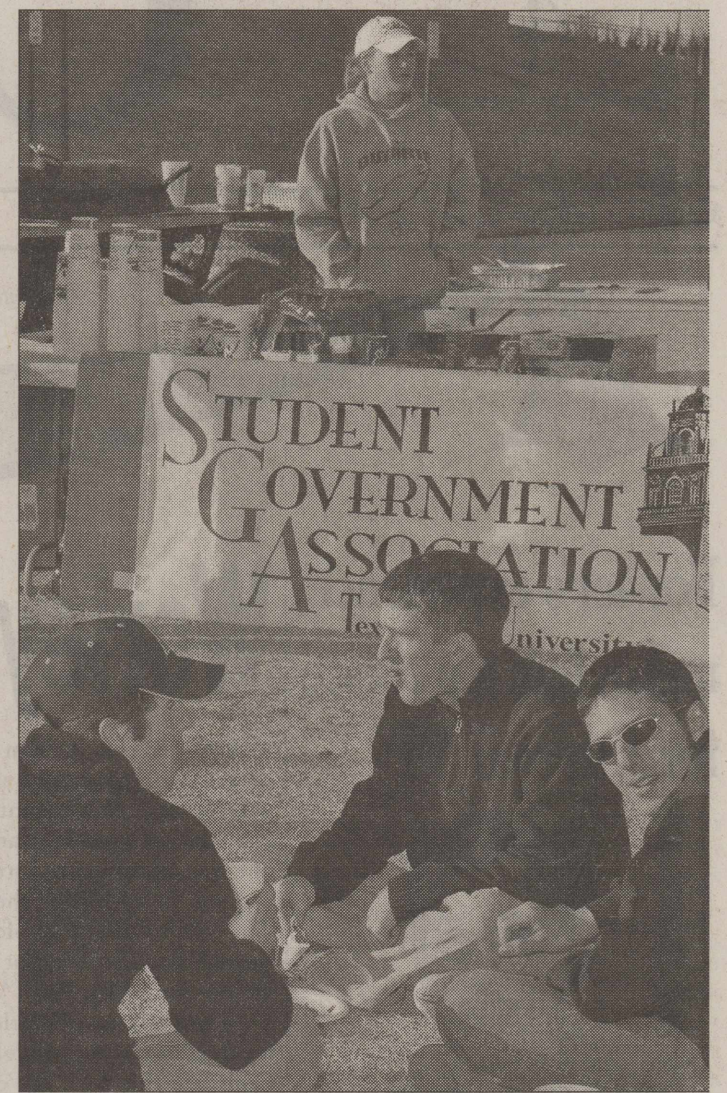
Huff said he can bring many solid ideas that will directly benefit students.

"This comes from working directly with many student organizations," Huff said. "I've had leadership roles in College of Business Ambassadors, President Select, Alpha Phi Omega, Delta Sigma Pi and I am currently the president of Kappa Alpha Order."

He said his main focus would be implementing his committees and delegating them properly.

For instance, the Safe Ride

JUST GRILLIN'



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FROM LEFT, CHRIS Wyne, a freshman biology major, Peter Smuda, a sophomore architecture major, and John Gutierrez, a sophomore undecided major, all from Albuquerque, enjoy an SGA barbecue Monday afternoon at the rugby field outside the United Spirit Arena.

program needs to be promoted more around campus, he said.

"In Lubbock, the largest percentage of drunken driving incidents come from Tech students," Huff said. "There is at least one DUI on campus per night and that is unacceptable."

Huff said he wants to publicize the Safe Ride program at bars to inform students at last call that Safe Ride is available and have the bars encourage its use.

He said another initiative is the bus system.

"There has been discussion among students about whether the bus will be running next semester," Huff said. "We are going to keep the bus system because it is a great bus system."

Huff said he wants to work more on the program that charges the apartment complexes a premium to stay on the Tech bus route.

Another goal is continue the student life committee, which includes take a kid to the game and drowsy drivers, Huff said.

He also wants to have a campuswide database to keep track of extracurricular

activities of students, he said. This is for prospective employers to look at when considering an application.

Gilliam, currently a College of Agriculture senator, said he has experience with working with people of all ages and backgrounds.

"This will help me keep good relationships with city officials because our relationship will be decided on how they think of me," Gilliam said.

One of his biggest initiatives is campus safety, he said. More than half of the blue light phones on campus do not work, and the phones that do work take too long to connect.

Gilliam said he believes students pay far too much for transportation. "We have to go directly to the source to solve this problem, which entails holding negotiations with Citibus," Gilliam said.

The other problems he wishes to address, if elected, is taking a hard look at the benefits of keeping the Texas A&M game a home game and the parking situation on campus.

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After interviewing all the candidates for president, internal, external and graduate vice president,
The Daily Toreador editorial staff makes the following

SGA endorsements

Fowler's experience makes him top choice for Internal VP



His experience is unparalleled, and his dedication is without peer.

Because of his desire and ability to lead, we the members of *The Daily Toreador* editorial board wholly endorse Matt Fowler for internal vice president of the SGA.

After an extensive interview with the two candidates for the position, the board believes Fowler will best represent the students as president of the student senate, which is the top duty of the internal vice president.

We believe he will serve this position well because he understands the need for all SGA senators to stay involved and attend all meetings.

You, the student-voters, are in effect wasting your vote if an elected senator does not attend the biweekly meetings.

Fowler promises he will give the nonperforming senators more opportunities for involvement and get a record of participation, not just attendance.

If that does not work, he says he will talk to the defunct senators before their impeachment hearings to see if they can get involved.

If they cannot, he will impeach them or ask them to step down to get them out of the way for the senators who want to be there.

His leadership ability clearly is superior, but Fowler is the top candidate for this position because he has accurately measured the pulse of students at Tech.

For instance, he knows that on-campus events will be better attended if food is offered. Other candidates in his and other positions have great ideas for activities and event planning, but only Fowler knows how to get results.

As proof, he successfully spearheaded the RaiderGate program in 2005, operating with the same amount of money as RaiderGate had in 2004.

What's impressive about that? Just that Fowler and his team had to stretch that money over seven games in '05 instead of just four in '04.

He knows how to handle finances and knows what works. He has authored and sponsored countless legislative, and so he knows how to run a student government.

Also, Fowler should be elected because he is leading the charge for a Fall Break.

He and current SGA President Nathan Nash worked together to write the 26-page proposal for the autumn sista.

Fowler says "we're close to it," and electing him will help ensure that this momentum does not slow.

So look at Fowler's understanding of student government and couple it with his track record; considering that, the editorial board thinks Fowler is by far the best candidate for the job.

Worley's enthusiasm presidential

President — a term that implies leader or organizer of a specific group. The Texas Tech, Student Government Association president arguably is one of the most influential student roles on campus. Who will be the next leader? This was a difficult choice for the editorial board to make, but in the end we are our endorsing Ryan Worley.

When talking to Worley, his passion for the school immediately is apparent. Combine this with the experience he has gained as external vice president for the SGA, and he seems to be the man.

We do not believe his experience will be a disadvantage to him, as he comes into the office with ideas on what should stay and what should go. Notably, his focus on recruitment and image. He has plans to keep the athletic image the Red Raiders have built while creating another focus to spotlight the academic side of Tech. On this note, he also said he has hopes to move Tech up from a Tier-Three school, but is realistic enough to see this must come with time.

Recruiting is key to continuing the progress Tech has made and Worley wants SGA to play a bigger role in bringing high school graduates and transfer students here. Hard-working students become distinguished alumni and contribute to the prestige and respect of the university. Worley wants to instill the love of Tech's traditions in the next generation of Red Raiders.

To help these students finance their educations, Worley intends to continue and build upon the scholarship initiatives started by current SGA president



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Nathan Nash. Scholarships are one of the key means of attracting top students to Tech, Worley knows this and intends to capitalize on it.

Worley also wants to work to ap-

pease students' best interests. For instance keeping the Tech-A&M football game in Lubbock, trying to find a way to stabilize tuition and fees, parking and showing students the power they can have with issues in the local government.

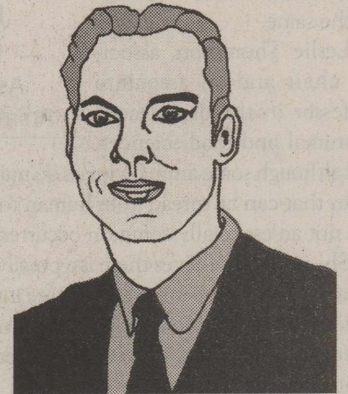
Other initiatives he has planned are continuing student-led community service efforts since the Katrina campaign and rallying a large group together to lobby state legislators for more funding. Worley has worked with the United Way and would like to use Tech's large number of students to be an influence in the community.

But Worley's competition will give him a run for his money, particularly Greg McEvilly. He could come in with a fresh spirit and new ideas. One of the ideas we were the most impressed by was an internship program between Tech students and the state capitol. He said he believes this would get Tech faces in Austin, where the primary faces to this point have been those of UT and A&M students. Why is this not already in place? It seems like a brilliant idea.

McEvilly and Worley have many of the same ideas and views, which is what made the choice so difficult for us to make. In the end it was the smaller shift Worley would make from external vice president to president that gave him the edge.

From this standpoint, we can only hope whoever does not win will stay in close contact with the new president and exchange ideas. All three candidates are qualified; no one can argue with that.

Huff most prepared, knowledgeable to be external vice president



When watching the amazing ski jumps or graceful dashes across the ice in the Olympics, it is hard not to think of the massive amounts of time spent by the athletes to be able to perform like they do. Similarly, when looking over Chris Huff's qualifications for the office of external vice president, we were impressed with the amount of time he has taken to design a vision for the university and prepare himself to achieve it.

The external vice president is primarily concerned with Tech's relations to the city of Lubbock and the non-academic affairs of students such as parking and safety on campus. Huff has established ties with city leaders and would like to see the mayor and the City Council become more involved with Tech. One of his ideas is to work with local businesses to establish internships for students for which they can receive credit as well as work experience. Additionally, he would like to encourage student voting by having voting registration available at the student union year-round. He hopes this will help students realize their potential to become a force in Lubbock city politics.

His agenda makes student safety a priority and believes students driving drunk are one of our biggest problems. He calls Safe Ride, a service that takes intoxicated students to their homes via taxi, possibly "the best program the school offers." Huff wants to promote Safe Ride and make sure all students know about this service.

He also wants to allow one free parking ticket dismissal per Tech student each semester. Huff would like to see non-students who attend events on campus charged a premium to use our lots and thus lower the cost of parking for students.

The other candidates Mason Moses and Kyle Gilliam both have good ideas like improving the quality of the blue light phones and expanding the bike lanes, respectively, but only Huff has spent the time not only constructing a well-researched plan for Tech, but also has the confidence and knowledge to actually accomplish his goals.

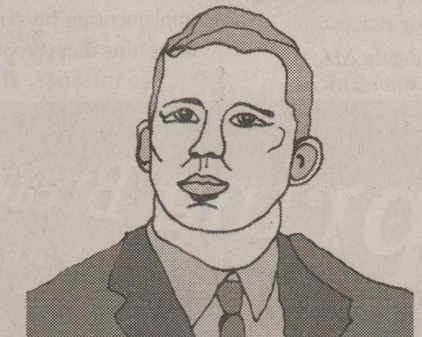
Alexander will be great as grad VP

When a candidate who runs unopposed fills an office, it sometimes can cause concern that the position won't necessarily be filled by the best person for the job. In the case of graduate vice president, we at *The Daily Toreador* do not believe this is the case.

Zeb Alexander, running unopposed, will assume the role of graduate vice president once elections are complete.

In Alexander, the Student Government Association will be gaining an individual who can boast more life experience than most, wants to address pertinent issues facing Tech students immediately and knows where he is going in life.

After completing his degree plan at Howard Payne University, Alexander spent 14 months in Iraq working as a contractor. All students at Tech are here so they can prepare themselves for real world experiences, but Alexander already has been there and done it in an environment that would be hard for many to comprehend.



He arrived at Tech last August and has been in love with the campus and being a Red Raider ever since.

He plans to use his position to narrow the gap between graduate and undergraduate students to create a more unified Raider atmosphere.

An issue he is already addressing is the problem international students often face when attempting to obtain health insurance that is required to attend this university. These students face an immediate \$865 fee to begin the process and

even then are not guaranteed the process will flow smoothly because to a limited number of providers. Alexander said he believes this needs to be remedied now.

He also has a plan to improve Tech's recycling program by not being overly ambitious and trying to solve the entire problem at once, but instead to start with something small such as recycling newspapers and work up.

The experience he will gain as graduate vice president only can better prepare him for his own future as he serves under other officers but still has a great deal of responsibility. A situation similar to a school system in which a principal answers to a superintendent — Alexander is an aspiring principal.

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Basketball

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floor before missing the attempted game-winner.

Tech coach Bob Knight said the ball just bounced the right way for Oklahoma when he spoke of Bookout's final shot.

"There was no missed block out on our part," he said. "The ball just happened to land in their hands. If it lands in our hands we win. If it lands in their hands they win. They won."

Enter Bookout. He agreed. "I was lucky enough to be in position," he said.

It was Bookout's only offensive board of the game and the more surprising thing is he tipped the ball in with his left hand — a broken hand.

"That's the amazing thing," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said.

It was a wild game — possibly the loudest crowd of the year for the Raiders. Check the highlights.

It looked as if Tech (14-13, 6-7) had made a big momentum switch after Jackson converted a 4-point play to give the Raiders a 46-44 lead with 11:58 lead. But momentum favored Oklahoma more on this night. The rowdy crowd of 8,424 was quickly silenced thanks to the shooting touch of Sooner guard Michael Neal, who reeled off three consecutive treys from the same spot to help spark a 16-5 run. At that time, the Sooners lead 60-50 with 7:45 to play.

"We just got going," Sampson said. "Everything we had, we were running for Michael Neal."

Knight gave his team a pep talk at that time.

"I told them if we hang in there we would have a chance to win the game," he said. "Which we did. We just fell short."

The crowd got back into the game after a Martin Zeno 3-point play cut the lead down to 66-63 with 3:42 lead.

"I don't know how we blew that lead," Sampson said.

Tech then tied the game after Jackson nailed a 3-pointer with 1:28

to play as the shot clock expired.

"That kid made a lot of big shots," Sampson said. "That is a sign of a good player and also a sign of a team who knows who their best player is."

The Raiders took their first lead of the second half after two Zeno free throws giving Tech a 70-68 lead. The Sooners followed with one free throw by David Godbold. Tech had a chance to increase the lead but a Daryl Dora shot fell short, and then it was Bookout.

"It was a big win for us on the road," Sampson said. "But you have to give Tech credit. They have improved as much as any team we have played the second time around."

The Raiders missed an opportunity to get a big lead on the Sooners in the first half after they posted a 16-9 lead early. But then the Raiders hit a domino effect of missed shots by going scoreless for six minutes, missing eight-consecutive shots.

The drought helped the Sooners get back into the game and eventually grab their first lead of the game at 19-18 after a 10-2 surge with seven minutes left until halftime.

"Anytime a game is won at the end, you put too much emphasis on what happens in the end," Knight said. "We made a lot of mistakes throughout the course of the game."

No team made a big run to close the half as the final seven minutes in the opening frame saw six lead changes.

Jackson once again put up big numbers with a game-high 27 points following his 41-point effort during Saturday's win at Iowa State. But he may have tried to do too much during his encore effort as he looked like he forced too many shots missing 11 of his 21 attempts. Neal was the Sooners' leading scorer with 18 points, all by way of the 3-point shot.

The loss crushes Tech's (14-13, 6-7) chances of receiving an at-large bid into the NCAA Tournament, even if the Raiders win its remaining three conference games. Their only hope is receiving an automatic bid by winning the Big 12 Conference Tournament in March.

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Richardson and Co. silence Eastern

By TREY SHIPMAN
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It's been said baseball is a simple game: You throw the ball. You catch the ball. You hit the ball. On Monday afternoon, Texas Tech pitcher Dustin Richardson made sure the latter wasn't so easy for Eastern New Mexico at Dan Law Field.

Richardson struck out 11 and no-hit the Greyhounds through six innings of work to lead the Raiders to a 16-0 victory. To make the outing more impressive, Richardson had been battling flu-like symptoms throughout the day.

"I probably could have gone the distance, but unfortunately I woke up this morning with the flu or something, and I've been throwing up since 4 a.m.," the 6-foot-6 left-handed senior said.

Wishing an illness upon someone is never an admirable trait, but coach Larry Hays is not worried about it.

"We're gonna get him sick next time," he said jokingly. "I'm gonna give him something."

Richardson's effort was not wasted by his teammates as the Raiders recorded 18 hits en route to 16 runs and forced the Greyhounds to use five different pitchers.

Tech (6-3) jumped out to an early lead in the first inning behind seniors Joey Callender and Brian Capps as both singled and stole a base on their way to scoring the first two runs of the ballgame.

The Raiders would tack on two more runs in the third before exploding for a five-run inning in the fourth.

ENMU pitcher Seth Clabaugh walked catcher Matt Smith to load the bases for left fielder Roger Kieschnick who reached on an error to put two more runs on the board.

Raider first baseman James Levertton capped off the inning with a two-run single but was thrown out trying to advance to second.

Levertton would prove to have

the big bat for the Raiders as he went 4-for-5 with five RBIs, bumping his batting average for the season to .367, good for third on the team.

Up 9-0 with the game in hand, Tech added a run in the fifth and sixth innings and another five in the seventh to bury the Greyhounds, who entered the contest 10-1.

"Eastern's not that bad of a team, we just overloaded them," Hays said. "What (Richardson) was throwing up there today would overload anybody."

Though the Raider bats were dominant, the Tech pitching staff almost grabbed the headlines.

Along with Richardson, relievers Jason Seefeld and Brian Cloud held Eastern hitless until there were two outs in the top of the ninth.

With Cloud on the mound, Eastern right fielder Justin Gee hit a grounder up the middle just out of the reach of diving Tech second baseman David Groener for a single, ending the no-hit bid.

Greyhound second baseman Mike McDuffie followed his teammate with a single to center before Cloud got third baseman Mick Letofsky to fly out to end the game.

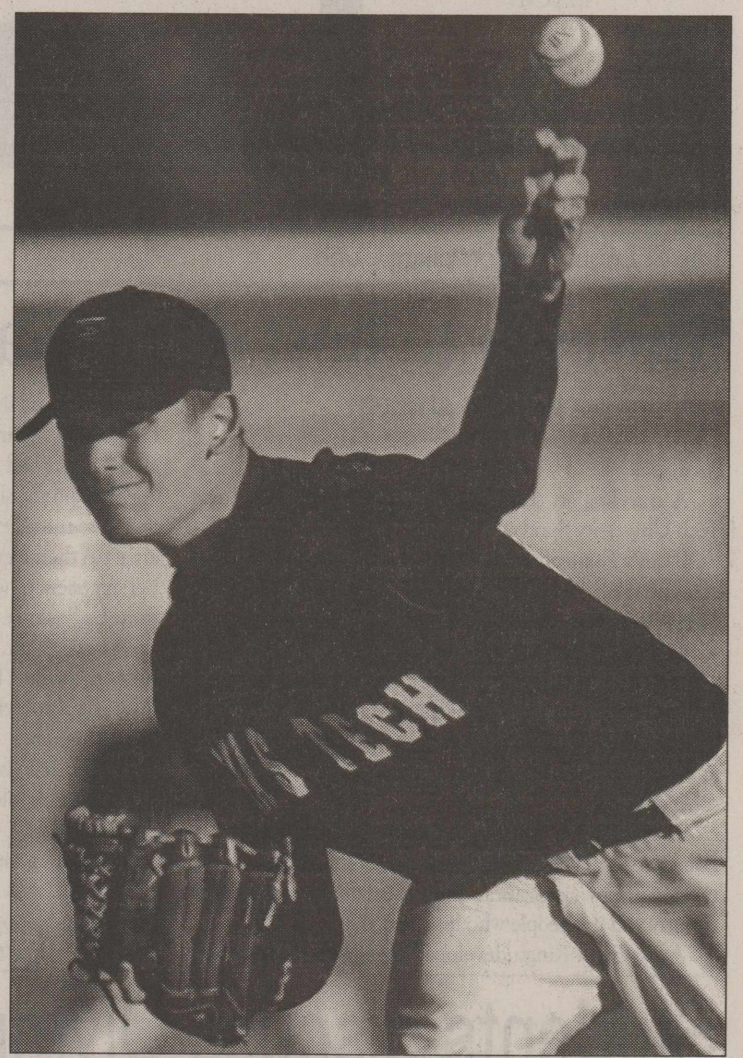
Playing a team in a lower division, like D-II Eastern, can sometimes cause a group to play down to its competition. Hays said he was glad that did not happen with his Raiders.

"You just handle the game and don't worry about who you're playing, and I thought we handled it," he said. "It's nice to get to relax midway through the game and still play well and not get sloppy."

If Tech can continue to get efforts like Richardson's, it might be able to relax more often.

"The last inning I was pretty tired, I had a little incident in the bathroom throwing up," he said. "It took me a little time to get settled on the mound out there but I just focused on throwing strikes."

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TEXAS TECH SENIOR Dustin Richardson delivers a pitch in the Raiders' 16-0 win over Eastern New Mexico Wednesday at Dan Law Field. Richardson recorded 10 strikeouts and did not allow a hit before flu-like symptoms forced him to leave after six innings of work. Jason Seefeld and Brian Cloud combined with Richardson to keep the Greyhounds hitless until there were two outs in the ninth inning when Cloud allowed a single up the middle.

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Museum to host diverse art exhibition

By CHRIS ATWOOD
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A traveling art show opened at the Museum of Texas Tech University Sunday.

Eleanor Flomenhaft, show curator, said she handpicked all of the art used in the show and went to each artist individually to visit their home studios. She said her biggest goal for the show was to encompass the diversity of the country.

"I wanted to be sure it was ethnically cohesive," she said. "I wanted to be sure was ethnically diverse."

Flomenhaft said diversity among the pieces was important and therefore included photography, sculpture, paintings and other art pieces.

The show has history and really shows the fabric of America, she said. The diversity among the artists and the types of pieces are meant to show the different facets of the country and the people who live here.

Artist Faith Ringo developed the show's message and

theme. She said she thought the show was needed in society. Flomenhaft began planning the show in 1999 and secured all the artists and finalized the venues in 2005.

She said the show will feature photos from Flomenhaft's travels to the different artists' homes and studios to show the artists in their element and not just their art work. She said her experiences with the artists were moving and that the show has become personal.

At one point, the show looked like it was not going to happen, she said, but the show did come through and is now traveling across the nation to seven venues, including the Tech Museum.

Flomenhaft is unable to attend the show in Lubbock, but offers condolences for not being able to see her work come together.

"I just hope it looks as beautiful in Texas as it is envisioned," she said.

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Students discuss Olympic favorites

By LINDSAY WHARTON
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Although this winter has not produced any snow, Texas Tech students can view snow every day during the 2006 Winter Olympics, which began Feb. 10 and will end on Sunday.

Crystal Jordan, a sophomore restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Fort Worth, said it is difficult to find time to view the sports events because of her hectic student schedule.

However, she said, when she does have a few moments to spare she enjoys the event.

"I enjoyed speedskating," Jordan said. "Especially when that lady ate it."

Besides speedskating, she said bobsledding is an event she looks forward to.

Jordan said her interest in bobsledding began with the film "Cool Runnings," based on a Jamaican bobsledding team.

"It's just more fun to watch," she said. "It's quick and painless."

Patrick Murphy, a junior business management major from Dallas, said he believes Tech students are less interested in winter sports than summer sports.

"Not many of us have actually done winter sports," he said.

Because of the inaccessibility of the snow sports, he said, most Texans can relate more to the Summer Olympics. Swimming, cycling, and basketball are more common athletic events.

"Summer Olympics are more mainstream," he said. "People can relate to that kind of material."

Murphy said he has experienced winter sports on an Olympic level. He visited an Olympic park in Calgary, Canada, where he participated in bobsledding and other snow sports. For a fee, he bobsledded on the actual Olympic track. He said it was an interesting experience people from Texas seldom enjoy.

Adam Sapp, a junior mechanical engineering major from Fort Worth, said he agrees with Murphy. Sapp said he watches the Judo event in the Summer Olympics because he has studied this

form of martial arts. He said he believes that more of the winter events should cater to a general crowd.

"Judo on ice, that would be interesting," Sapp said.

Although he has not spent much time watching the winter events, Sapp said he did view the opening ceremonies. He said he thought it was important to support the U.S. team.

Murphy said he felt sorry for Michelle Kwan who was the American skating representative who could no longer compete because of a training injury.

Sapp likes some of the more innovative events. He said curling is exciting; it is a unique sport that he enjoys viewing.

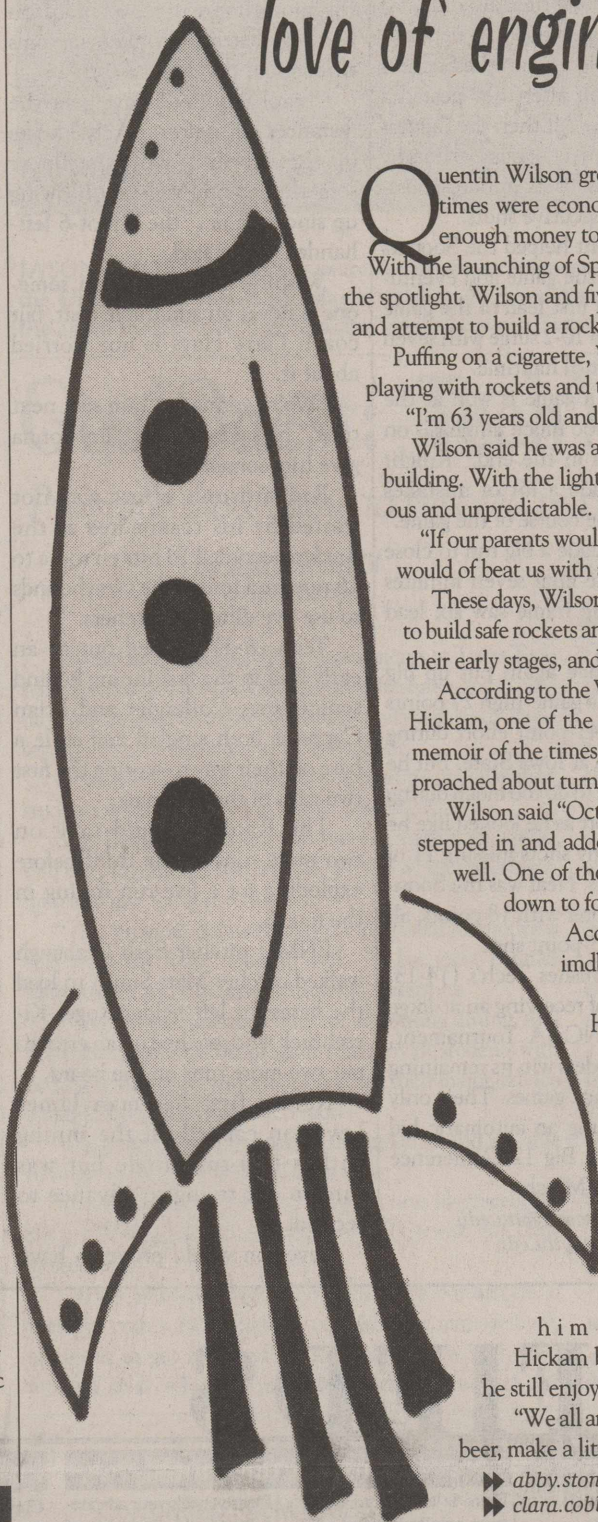
Jordan said she agrees. "It looks just like shuffleboard, except it's body shuffleboard," she said.

Jordan plans to continue watching the Olympics, and she said she is looking forward to the upcoming athletic activities.

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Fueling dreams: 'Rocket Boy' shares life, love of engineering with Tech

By ABBY STONE
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Quentin Wilson grew up in the coal fields of southern West Virginia. The times were economically depressing and his biggest struggle was finding enough money to buy food.

With the launching of Sputnik in 1957, the science and rocketry industry were in the spotlight. Wilson and five of his friends decided to engulf themselves in this fad and attempt to build a rocket of their own.

Puffing on a cigarette, Wilson, a grown-up "Rocket Boy," reflects on his years of playing with rockets and the fact that he is still alive.

"I'm 63 years old and I'm proud of it," he said. Wilson said he was amazed no one was hurt in the early stages of their rocket building. With the lighting of the fuse, their homemade rockets became dangerous and unpredictable.

"If our parents would of really understood what we were doing, they probably would of beat us with a stick and locked us up some place," he said.

These days, Wilson said, young people can join rocketry clubs and learn how to build safe rockets and safely launch them. This was not how they acted during their early stages, and this is where many of their memories were built.

According to the Web site, www.homerhickam.com/books/rb.shtml, Homer Hickam, one of the original six, wrote the book, "Rocket Boys," which is a memoir of the times they spent working on the rocket. Hickam was later approached about turning his story into the 1999 movie "October Sky."

Wilson said "October Sky" got the core of their story right, but Hollywood stepped in and added quite a bit of nonsense and took out a lot of stuff as well. One of the major changes was cutting the original six rocket boys down to four.

According to the Internet Movie Database's Web site, www.imdb.com, Wilson's character was played by Chris Owen.

By adding glasses to his nose and pimples to his cheeks, Hollywood labeled Wilson's character as the nerd of the group. He said the actor looked nothing like he did growing up.

"Guess who has glasses and pimples?" he said. "The hero, Homer."

Wilson said he enjoyed the movie, but he believes the book is a good read and has a more realistic account.

The book and the movie have created a profile for Wilson, and he said he enjoys the fact that it has made

him a bit of a celebrity.

Hickam belongs to a rocket club in Amarillo, and it is something he still enjoys and finds interesting.

"We all are a bunch of geeks having fun," Wilson said. "Drink a little beer, make a little fuel, and have a good time."

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