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QUOTABLES

“We believe an overwhelming majority will vote to end the deal.”

Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, speaking after a House panel dominated by Republicans voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to block a Dubai-owned firm from taking control of some U.S. port operations. (AP)

“It was completely chaotic. Everyone was trying to get out; people were yelling and shouting; people were trying to carry out the injured.”

Fire and rescue chief Joseph Mugisa of Kampala, Uganda, speaking after a brick wall at a partly constructed church in Uganda's capital collapsed onto the congregation Wednesday, killing at least 27 people and injuring dozens more. (AP)

“There's still a lot of work to be done, no question about it.”

President Bush, speaking during a trip to New Orleans six months after Hurricane Katrina. (AP)

STATE

Former Gov. Richards diagnosed with cancer

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Gov. Ann Richards has cancer of the esophagus and will undergo treatment at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, she announced Wednesday.

Richards, 72, went in for tests Monday and got the results Tuesday, said spokesman Bill Maddox. She is waiting to learn from officials at M.D. Anderson as to when she can check in.

Richards announced her condition through a written statement to *The Associated Press*.

Richards, a Democrat, was the 45th Texas governor, serving from 1991 to 1995. She lost a re-election bid to George W. Bush in 1994. Since 2001, she has been a senior adviser at Public Strategies Inc.

NATION

Three students held in Ala. church fires

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Three college students, including two aspiring actors known around campus as pranksters, were arrested Wednesday in a string of nine church fires that spread fear across Alabama last month.

Federal agents said the defendants claimed that the first few blazes were set as “a joke” and that the others were started to throw investigators off the track.

Gov. Bob Riley said the fires did not appear to be “any type of conspiracy against organized religion” or the Baptist faith.

The suspects are Benjamin Nathan Moseley and Russell Lee Debusk Jr., students at Birmingham-Southern College, and Matthew Lee Cloyd, a student at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

WORLD

Dozens abducted from Iraq security firm

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen in Interior Ministry commando uniforms stormed the offices of a private security company and kidnapped as many as 50 employees Wednesday.

Unidentified attackers hit the al-Rawafid Security Co. at 4:30 p.m. and forced the workers into seven vehicles, including several white SUVs, said Interior Ministry Maj. Falah al-Mohammedawi. The victims, including bodyguards, drivers, computer technicians and other employees, did not resist because they assumed their abductors were police special forces working for the Interior Ministry.

Interior Ministry Undersecretary Maj. Gen. Ahmed al-Khefaji denied any involvement by his department.

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WORLEY WINS

SGA president-elect overcomes 7 percent first-round deficit to win in close runoff

By MICHAEL CARDELL
STAFF WRITER

Feelings of excitement and disappointment flared in the Student Union Building Wednesday night as Ethan Logan announced Ryan Worley as new Student Government Association president.

Logan, adviser to the Election Commission, said Worley received 53.15 percent of the vote, leaving Greg McEvilly with the remaining 46.85 percent.

When Worley heard the news, his emotions erupted. He was overwhelmed with excitement as he walked around the room hugging all of his friends and supporters.

SGA President-elect Worley said this was not at all what he expected.

“It wasn't me at all,” he said. “I had so many people helping, and it's just unbelievable.”

With the election finally finished, what's next for Worley?

“The first thing I intend on focusing on is to make sure we get more quality job recruiters to come to Texas Tech,” Worley said.

Worley said the transition to president should be easy because of the experience he has had working in the executive office.

McEvilly said he is disappointed, but Worley will have all of his support.

“It's sad because we've definitely been working hard, but Ryan, he's the man for

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SGA PRESIDENT-ELECT Ryan Worley gets a congratulatory hug from outgoing Internal Vice President Casey Harmon while supporters Amanda Puett, center, a senior human development and family studies major from Mesquite, and architecture senator Ralph Pettingill, look on. The results of the runoff were announced Wednesday evening in the basement of the Student Union Building.

STRIKING A BALANCE



Graphic by SHANNON ADAMS/
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By JEREMY REYNOLDS
FEATURES WRITER

From now on any member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity who says, “Thank you sir, may I have another?” will be doing so at the dinner table.

The fraternity, which lost its charter in 1996 for hazing, has put into effect the Balanced Man Program, which is based on the idea of universal respect for self and others, according to www.sigep.org. The national program began in 1992 to help Sigma Phi Epsilon members grow into “great community leaders.”

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Study: Girls go wild during Spring Break, regret doing so

By DANIELLE NOVY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

To some college students, the words “wild” and “Spring Break” are as frequently paired as the words “bikini” and “sunshine,” yet the American Medical Association's recent study is trying to engrave one more word into college students' vocabularies: “caution.”

More than 80 percent of college women and recent graduates who participated in the AMA's new survey reported increased drinking habits during Spring Break, and nearly 75 percent reported the weeklong vacation increased sexual activity.

The study, which polled 644 randomly selected college women and graduates from across the nation, was conducted to uncover the female outlook on the issue, said Richard Yoast, director of the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse with the American Medical Association.

“The way Spring Break is portrayed in the media encourages outrageous behavior and promotes a negative perception of women,” Yoast said. “No one had really asked students what they think about this, so what we wanted to do was find the perspective of women.”

He said females are the more victimized gender in the media's portrayal of what goes on under the sweltering sun.

Roughly 40 percent of the study's participants said they regretted pass-

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Study ties drop in Texas teen abortion rate to notification law

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
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(AP) — Abortion rates declined significantly among Texas girls — though some got riskier abortions later in pregnancy — after the state enacted a parental notification law, researchers say.

The findings could have a strong influence on the abortion debate. Texas is the biggest of 35 states that require minors to notify their parents or get their consent before obtaining an abortion, although a judge can usually grant a waiver.

Researchers at Baruch College at City University of New York studied the records of teen abortions and births for the two years before the Texas law took effect on Jan. 1,

2000, and for three years afterward.

Abortion rates dropped for girls ages 15 through 18, even though the 18-year-olds were not subject to the law. But the drop was more pronounced among the younger girls. Their rates fell 11 percent to 20 percent more than the rate among the 18-year-olds did.

“The law has definite behavioral effects,” said lead researcher Ted Joyce, a Baruch professor of economics.

The study was reported in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

In the study, birth rates declined for all ages in the 15- to 18-year-old group. At the same time, the abortion rate among 18-year-olds fell from 27.7 abortions per 1,000 girls before the law to 25.8 afterward. The rate dropped from 18.7 to 14.5 among 17-year-

olds; 12.1 to 9.0 among 16-year-olds; and 6.5 to 5.4 among 15-year-olds.

Texas state Sen. Florence Shapiro, who sponsored the notification law, said the findings show that more parents are becoming involved in their daughters' “life-altering decisions.”

“That was my intent,” she said. Last year, Texas went further and enacted a law requiring parental consent.

In the study, girls 17 1/2 or slightly older were one-third more likely to have an abortion in the second trimester than girls already 18 when they became pregnant, indicating many waited until they turned 18 to escape the notification requirement.

Abortion later in pregnancy carries a much higher rate of deadly complications, though

the overall risk is still extremely small.

The study “draws attention to the way that these kinds of laws can put teens in a compromised position that puts their health at risk,” said Lawrence Finer, director of domestic research at the Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit research group that specializes in reproductive issues.

The abortion rate has been falling among all girls since 1991 both nationally and in Texas, as have teen birth rates, for reasons that are believed to include greater use of birth control, more effective methods and a delay in first-time intercourse.

The Baruch researchers studied Texas because of its large and ethnically diverse population.

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Lubbock County voters surpass statewide numbers by 7 percent

By BRITTANY BARRIENTOS
NEWS EDITOR

With the Texas primary results 100 percent returned, the dust begins to clear on which elected officials could fill the next term. But the next step, Election Day still is a ways away.

Some of the races, like Republican Incumbent Gov. Rick Perry, were obvious as he took 84.2 percent of the statewide votes, or 220,095 votes. For the Republican gubernatorial primary, 5.62 percent of the nearly 12 million voters went to the polls.

Craig Goodman, assistant professor of political science, said the low voter turnout was not surprising.

"I think a lot of it had to do with Gov. Perry didn't have much competition in the primary," Goodman said. "Had Carole Keeton Strayhorn been on the ballot, the turnout would have been much higher."

In the Democratic gubernatorial primary, Chris Bell won with 62 percent of the votes statewide, which consisted of 4.2 percent of registered voters. Locally, Bell also took the crown with just more than 61 percent of the vote, or 1,614 votes.

Other races, like that of U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, who critics have long wondered to what extent his illegal campaign finance charges, didn't seem as simple as they turned out to be. DeLay won his Republican primary for the 22nd Congressional District with 62 percent of the vote.

Goodman said he believes this was unexpected.

"I think I'm a little surprised DeLay won by 62 percent," Goodman said. "He benefited from low turnout."

Goodman said the expectation was Tom Campbell, one of DeLay's Republican competitors, spent a large amount of money on campaign ads on both radio and television.

"DeLay ran no advertising. He concentrated on face-to-face contact and getting his supporters out to vote," he said. "There weren't a lot of races to bring out a big Republican turnout (in DeLay's district)."

Locally, 1.85 percent, or 2,867, of registered voters voted in the Democratic primary, while 12.8 percent, or 19,877 voters, went to the polls in the Republican primary.

That made the turnout for the local Republican primary approximately 7 percent higher.

Goodman said with some of the major races, such as district attorney and District 83 state representative, it's not surprising Lubbock had a higher voter turnout than the state total.

"We had that competitive race in District 83 (Delwin Jones, Van Wilson and Frank Morrison) ... so that might have driven up voter turnout a little bit," he said. "It was a competitive Republican primary."

In the District 83 race, Jones won with nearly 61 percent, it looks like Matt Powell will retain his position as criminal district attorney as he took nearly 75 percent of the vote over competitor Tommy Turner. But until the actual election, no results are official, since technically a write-in could win.

Both of these races had television ads associated with them, but Goodman said he doesn't believe it made an impact.

"There's no proof either way that those affect people," he said. "It's just a matter of who saw them."

In 2004, approximately 64 percent of people eligible to vote nationwide voted in the presidential election. This was up from 60 percent in the 2000 election, according to a report by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The report also stated 72 percent of eligible voters are registered to vote, and 89 percent of that group voted.

Minnesota had the highest voter turnout in that election, with 79 percent of registered voters casting their vote, while Texas lagged toward the bottom of the pack with a 52 percent voter turnout, beating out only Hawaii, Arkansas and South Carolina.

In these primaries though, Goodman said the seemingly low 15 percent turnout is not how it seems nor abnormal.

"Primary elections tend not to receive the same level of coverage as other races do," he said, and pointed out Texas had one of the first primary elections in the U.S. this year. "People haven't necessarily started paying attention to politics yet."

Runoff elections will be held April 11, and statewide Election Day is Nov. 7. Lubbock city elections are scheduled for May 13.

To see the complete local primary election results visit, www.co.lubbock.us.tx, or for statewide primary results, go to <http://enr.sos.state.tx.us/enr06prirep.htm>.

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In Brief

NASA collaborates on supercomputing

Under NASA's National Leadership Computing System initiative, the association has lent approximately 4.65 million supercomputing hours to other researchers.

The researchers will be able to use Columbia, a supercomputer of the NASA Advanced Supercomputing Division located in Moffett Field, Calif.

Researchers from the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md., the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in San Francisco and Georgetown University in Washington will be the first to receive supercomputing support at this time, the release states.

These researchers will be studying topics like hurricane variability, cement-based materials, combustion burners and high-temperature superconductors.

Study pays smokers \$300

Tech's psychology department is studying the effects of tobacco and chewing gum.

The department needs people who smoke or chew gum regularly, according to a recent news release, and they will be compensated with \$300.

In the study, smokers will have to give up their habit for four different times in four-week span, the news release states.

Contact the psychology department at (806) 742-3711 for more information.

Diversity award nominations due soon

The Office of the President is issuing an "Office of the President Excellence In Diversity and Equity Award" for students and employees at Tech.

The award is given to people who push for more diversity on and off the Tech campus, according to a news release.

The faculty stipend is \$2,500, while staff members can receive \$1,500, and \$500 is given to students.

The deadline for nominations is March 27.

Register for Seven Habits program

A new "Seven Habits Signature Program" for

Tech employees is underway, and is expected to have a stronger emphasis on effectiveness in the workplace, according to a news release.

At the seminar, people will learn how to focus on priorities, build win-win relationships and how to take responsibility, the news release states.

Although the registration is \$289, people who register before Tuesday only pay \$239.

The seminar will be conducted on 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., March 24, March 31 and April 7 in Room 218 at Tech Plaza.

Easter Lillies on sale

Easter is approaching and the grounds maintenance department is selling Easter Lillies.

Delivery will begin April 10, according to a news release, and the flowers cost \$11.75.

To purchase the lillies, send a check to the department, at mail stop 3144.

Call (806) 742-3801 for more information.

Center for Campus Life "Celebrating Diversity"

The Center for Campus Life is hosting the "Celebrating Diversity" bus wrap design contest. Jobi Martinez, assistant director of the Center for Campus Life, said Texas Tech students have the opportunity to submit a graphic design to be placed on one of the campus buses.

Students are required to design the two sides and back of the bus in a culturally diverse theme.

"It's what they feel represents diversity at Texas Tech," she said.

Contestants must submit three color copy forms, an electronic format and an essay that explains the design and the student's views on diversity.

The Center for Campus Life will present the winning design to Mountain Commercial Graphics. The company will then translate the student's design into a Citibus bus that will circulate the campus.

Applications are due on Friday. Applications are available at the Center for Campus Life. For more information contact Jobi Martinez (806) 742-LIFE.

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Unfolding Origami

Microsoft's secretive Origami Project will be unveiled later this week, according to the viral marketing site for the project, www.origami-project.com.

A link to the site was posted on Microsoft's Mobile Developer Center Web site on Feb. 24, and the link took viewers to a flash animation on Origami Project site.

The original animation asked users questions like "Do you know me?" and "Do you know what I can do?" before telling visitors to "Learn more on 3.2.06."

On Thursday, a second animation was added with the message "Wondering where to find me?" and then it displayed a series of exotic locations saying "I am here."

This last animation ended with a message telling visitors to find out what the project is on Thursday.

Viewing the site's HTML source code reveals more about the project, as "Origami Project: the Mobile PC running Windows XP" appears as a comment in the source code.

Other sites have posted a Microsoft ad for the Origami Project showing it to be a smaller, tablet-like PC with advanced networking capabilities.

NASA finds ice loss in Antarctica

Researchers from the University of Colorado found Antarctica has lost a significant amount of ice sheet mass since 2002.

The researchers used NASA data from the NASA/German Aerospace Center Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment to calculate the amount of ice lost in Antarctica between 2002 and 2005, according to a NASA release.

Antarctica has lost approximately 152 cubic kilometers of ice, about 40.1 trillion gallons of water, which would raise the sea level approximately 1.2 millimeters worldwide.

During the period of study, the change in sea level would account for 13 percent of the actual sea level change.

The amount of water corresponds approximately to the amount of drinking water consumed in a three-month period in the U.S., the release states.

World Kidney Day aims to bring awareness to kidney disease

The first World Kidney Day will be observed today. The month of March already was Kidney Awareness Month, but officials from the National Kidney Foundation believed having one day dedicated to education and discussion would yield better results.

"Setting aside and having one day kind of just strengthens the effort," said Nicole Harmon, executive director of the National Kidney Foundation of West Texas.

Harmon said the foundation is having a "patient symposium" where people can go and learn more about kidney disease in Amarillo.

Harmon said Austin branch of the National Kidney Foundation branch was celebrating its

victories in the fight for equal rights for people with kidney disease.

"They fought and advocated for dialysis patients to be considered disabled and be afforded the same rights by the government as other disabled persons," she said.

Twenty million people in America currently are living with kidney disease and 20 million more are considered "at-risk" for kidney disease.

"We say people are at risk because the two leading factors for determining if someone has kidney disease are high blood pressure and diabetes," Harmon said. "When you look at those two groups, you're talking about a lot of people."

Organ donation and education of what kidney

disease entails are encouraged topics of discussion on World Kidney Day.

"There are no early symptoms, so early detection is key to helping those affected," Harmon said.

She went on to say a new statistic recently was released stating the same number of people who died in the attacks of Sept. 11 die every six months from kidney disease.

"Kidney disease is a disease many people don't understand, so it's exciting when we get a chance to educate people about how to take care of their kidneys," Harmon said.

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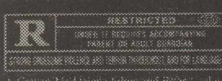
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Texas Tech physics professor takes on incumbent for City Council position

By MICHELLE CASADY
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech professor of physics Richard Quade has announced his candidacy for City Council representative for District 3. Gary Boren currently represents that district.

Quade has been a resident of the Tech Terrace neighborhood since 1965, and he does not believe he has been well represented by the current councilman.

"With regard to Gary Boren, I can think of only one place where he has been involved, and it was in an adverse manner," he said. "I think his intentions were good, I really do, but politically it was a mistake, and it was bad for our community."

Quade said he decided to run after he felt like his community was not being represented.

"I really don't think anyone on City Council is in a position to truly understand what is going on in (Tech Terrace)," he said. "I really feel that's what the situation is."

When asked how he felt about this comment, Boren said he was strongly opposed to Quade's position.

"I don't have to be a drug dealer to know the dangers of drugs," Boren said, illustrating he did not need to live in the Tech Terrace neighborhood to

accurately represent its residents.

Boren said he sympathizes with the residents of Tech Terrace.

"I believe the UNIT (University Avenue, 19th Street, Indiana Avenue, 34th Street) neighborhood has been ignored for the last 20 years, minimum," he said. "I really understand (Quade's) frustrations, but there's been more change in the past three years in that neighborhood than there has been in the last 15."

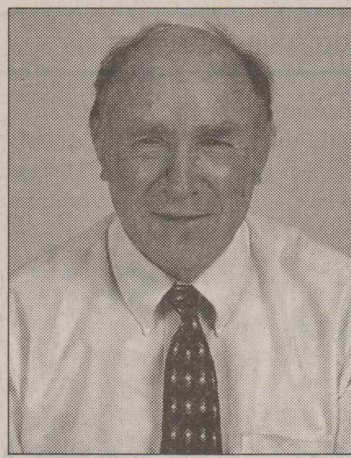
The councilman said though he respectfully agrees with Quade's concerns, he respectfully disagrees with his statements about Boren's involvement in the community.

Quade's main qualm with the current situation in the Tech Terrace neighborhood is the ordinance that states no more than two unrelated people can live in the same house.

"Most communities have procedures which allow for code variances," he said. "The idea is to keep the spirit of the law alive."

Several issues have resulted from these variances. Boren defended his actions on the Council against comments that he has not effectively enforced the code.

"Problems are very complex in that neighborhood, but they are also easy to solve if we listen to the citizens of Tech Terrace," Boren said. "I'm sorry it's not



Quade always simple and easy, but sometimes you have to get in there and make something happen."

Quade said he is in favor of the code staying as it is.

"Parking is a big problem night and day in the Tech Terrace neighborhood," he said referencing the fact several homes in the neighborhood were not built to accommodate more than two vehicles.

"The trash situation is really terrible, too. We find 10 to 15 beer cans in the yard next door," Quade said. "But this is not a student versus permanent residents situation, because we can oftentimes have permanent residents who don't get along with each other."

"People also tend to drink more when they are with their friends instead of their parents," she said.

Nick Smith, a sophomore mass communications major from Eules, said people drink more because they are free of their regular responsibilities for a week.

"People can just let loose," he said. "They don't have to worry about anything."

Yoast said the AMA is striving to inform students there are safe alternatives to a week of pure drinking-related festivities.

Do not go to a Spring Break location where alcohol is heavily promoted, he said. Instead, there are plenty of ways one can volunteer or enjoy the break with friends and fun — minus the binge drinking, he said.

Spring Break

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ing out, or not remembering what they did after having too much to drink during the break, meanwhile 13 percent stated they had been sexually involved with more than one partner in the span of the single week, according to the report.

Additionally, more than half of respondents admitted to being underage when they first consumed alcohol during the famous mid-semester vacation, according to the report.

Yoast said although he does not believe the level of binge drinking has increased dramatically during the past few years, he does notice that media coverage of the event has

continued to grow.

"The impression is it's gotten a lot worse lately," he said. "It's really just increased media coverage."


Indeed, it seems plenty of college students have been absorbing the message the media is sending; according to the study, 30 percent of women said Spring Break trips complete with alcohol and sun are a necessary part of the college life.

Some Texas Tech students offered similar opinions on what exactly Spring Break entails and why it goes hand-in-hand with drinking.

Darci Lampman, a sophomore fashion design major from San Antonio, said people tend to drink more during the break because they spend the day at the beach and cap their nights off with a trip to the nightclubs.

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With the Balanced Man Program, Sigma Phi Epsilon has eliminated the pledge process completely, according to the Web site.

Neil Armstrong, president of the alumni association for Sigma Phi Epsilon, said the fraternity began looking into the Balanced Man Program in 2003 when it began applying for a new charter.

"I think the only reason they were able to bounce back was because of the Balanced Man Program," Armstrong said. "It is much easier to implement the program when starting from scratch."

Armstrong said the program started in Washington and has since spread to 85 percent of Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters around the country.

"I think it is an absolute outstanding program," he said. "I was a SigEp in the 70s."

Armstrong said he took part in the process of starting the fraternity on the Texas Tech campus.

"What I like about the program is it is a continuous single-peered development program that is really focused on building good mind and sound body young men," he said.

From the day a member joins Sigma Phi Epsilon, he is an active member and is allowed to vote on any of the issues at hand. The pledge period goes from the first day a member joins to the last. He always is learning new material, but never once is he hazed.

"There is no hazing or 'character building,' as other fraternities call it," Armstrong said. "The program is really important in today's world, and I'm happy with the direction it

has taken."

The program has been a topic of discussion in the university world for a few years now, Armstrong said. Members of other Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters have appeared on NBC's "Today" show to talk about how unique the program is and how it has helped their fraternity.

Tyler Harrell, a junior psychology major from Abilene and vice president for member of development for Sigma Phi Epsilon, said the retention rate of its members has gone through the roof since the fraternity has put the program into effect.

"There has been other programs here at Tech that have taken an interest in the Balanced Man Program," Harrell said. "Our members enjoy it thoroughly. The opportunity it brings to the members is great."

As a part of these opportunities, Harrell said the fraternity brings in guest speakers to speak. Topics include safe sex, etiquette workshops and resume building.

The days of the ideal fraternity life might be over. Harrell said the fraternity is not all about partying now, and there is a mandatory grade point average all members have to maintain to stay in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"We're just proud that we're different," Harrell said. "We kind of take pride in that fact. When people join us we tell them we're going to be treated with respect. We don't make pledges life a living hell."

Daryll Gremillion, a sophomore political science major from Round Rock and vice president of communications for Sigma Phi Epsilon, said the Balanced Man program has given his Greek life a new reputation.

He said his fraternity is one of the only fraternities of any kind on the Tech campus that has a strict no hazing policy.

"We don't allow any hazing of any kind," he said. "It's kind of like using God's name in vain at a church."

Because there is no pledge period, there are different levels of the fraternity someone can reach by demonstrating aspects of sound mind and body, Gremillion said. As a part of developing a sound body, the fraternity has basketball tournaments in which members can participate.

"After you graduate from college you can become a community mentor and be a chapter adviser," Gremillion said. "It's an on going process until you die."

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Tech PD performing siren test today

Texas Tech police will initiate a siren test today to make sure emergency sirens are functioning properly, Tech Police Maj. Gordon Hoffman said.

"Every year we test the sirens for one minute, to make sure everything is working," Hoffman said.

The siren test will begin at 10 a.m. and will last for one minute.

He said electricians would aid the test by monitoring each siren. There are four sirens located

throughout campus. Hoffman said the residence halls will use the alarm with the Public Address system.

Hoffman said he believes the sirens are important to the safety of the students.

"The purpose of the alarm is to protect people's lives," Hoffman said. "They give people a chance to reach shelter."

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Walk a mile in our shoes

Many complaints about campus newspaper uninformed

When I sat down to write this week, I found myself at a loss for words. I seemed to be suffering from writer's block. So, I began to think about how difficult it is for *Daily Toreador* staff writers, columnists and editors to do their job, in spite of growing criticism from our Texas Tech fans.

Raven Morgan



Let me start by saying I am not writing this to "toot" *The DT's* horn. It would be far too easy to give all around congratulations to everyone. The fact is sometimes we do write crap. Sometimes we can be a little too left or a little too right. However, as columnists we try to write an honest account of the world as we see it and that is all that can be asked of us. I'm sure the same can be said for the staff reporters as well.

Actually, a lot can be said for the reporters. The College of Mass Communications offers an intense reporting class. In it students learn to be truthful, unbiased and open reporters. They learn a whole new style of writing, and believe me, it's not as simple as writing a weak paper at 2 a.m. for your English class. For those students who survive the class, they move on to more intense writings and develop reporting skills that are quite handy for memorizing exactly what your friends say and throwing it back in their faces. (Journalists and elephants never forget!)

They also balance several stories a week with gathering information and interviewing sources. They do their best to report accurate and important stories, as well as meet crushing deadlines. People, I think a little (actually a lot) of respect is deserved here.

As for the columnists, we may have it a little easier than the reporters, but we do put our necks out on the line for *The DT*. I'm sure many of you have read an article that really ticked you off. Some of you may have written in to voice your dismay. But have you ever considered the strength it takes for columnists to write about their own personal beliefs? Most of us know in advance if our columns are going to be controversial, but we write them anyway and pray (for those of us who believe in God, a supreme being or the Blue Chipmunk) we don't get shunned, lynched or have a burning cross put in our yard.

I'll admit many of us have more liberal views than the rest of Tech. I myself am a democrat, or a republican, or an inde-mopublicat. Then again, I choose to stay away from the political arena unless it is an issue that deeply upsets me or a political situation that is extremely hilarious (like President Bush and his hip-hop gangsta

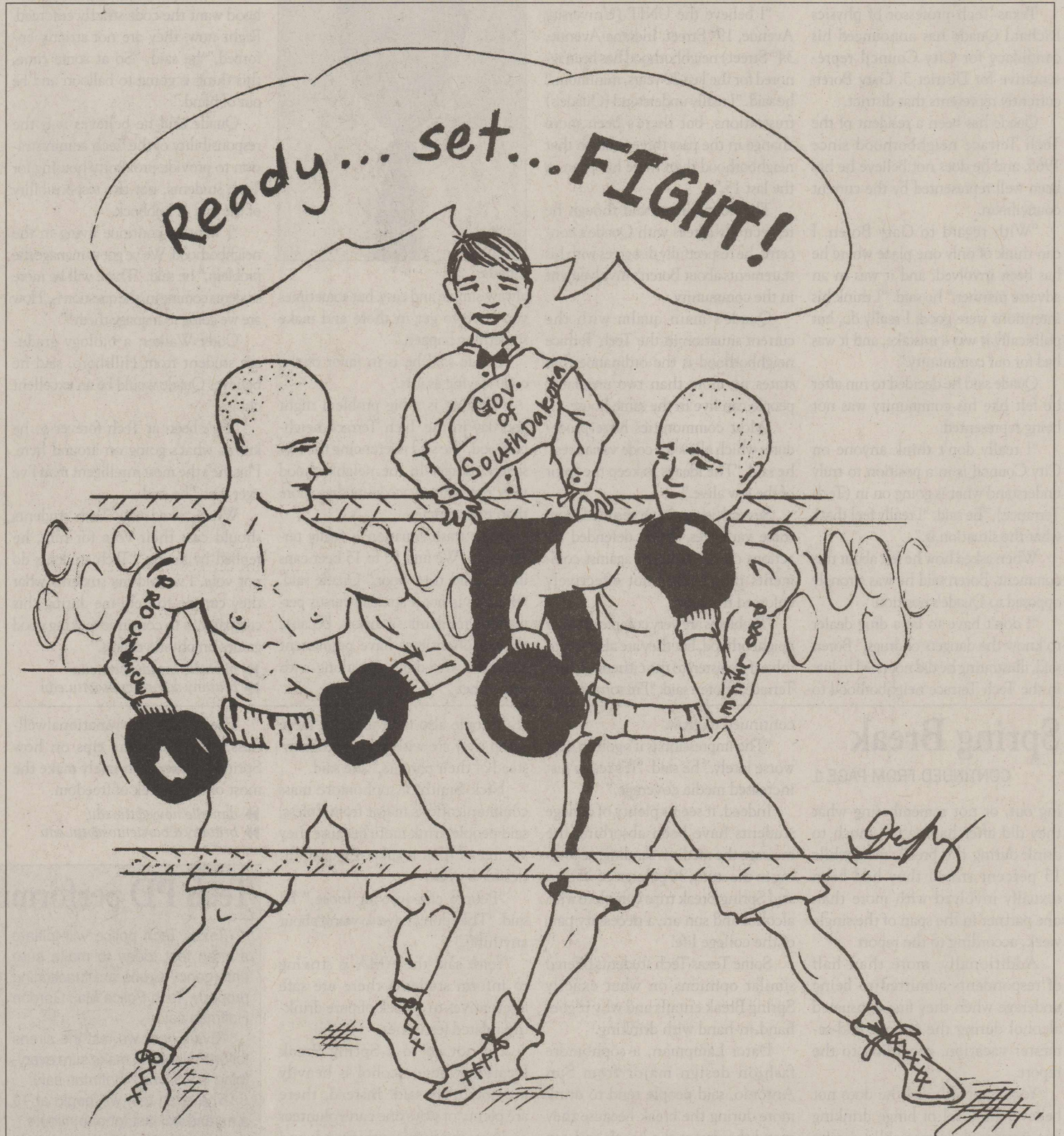
status, which now is elevated since his "homie" Cheney-Cent has shot someone). However, many columnists aren't afraid to put themselves in the line of fire (he-he) and take aim at hot issues like, abortion, hurricane relief and the leadership of this country. These columnists should be respected for their opinions and applauded for their courage to speak out in an atmosphere where even the Saddle Tramps are getting flack. (Granted, they made some foolish decisions, but hey, if you can't trust a Tramp, who can you trust?)

Finally, I've gotta give a shout out to the editors. These people are fabulous. They are the poor souls who sort through the streaming piles of (sometimes) crap we write in order to fix our errors and make our work presentable. They spend hours organizing and doing page layouts. If you think *The DT* sucks now, just imagine what it would be like if we didn't have student editors that are dedicated to excellence (or at least the pursuit of it). The image comes to my mind of the monkeys in the beginning of "2001: A Space Odyssey," (If you don't know, rent the movie and get back to me!) It would be just like that, except we have no monolith, but lots of flying feces. And, nobody likes feces!

In summation (I came to college so I could use the big words), it is important to remember that the entire staff of *The DT* works for you. We don't balance school, work, finances, extracurricular activities and writing for *The DT* for nothing; we all feel a responsibility to share the world around us. Whether through unbiased reporting or sharing our views important or comical issues, we all work hard to ensure the quality of *The DT*. At times the quality is better than others, but our mission never changes, just our schedules.

If you truly believe that our staff is horrible and our writing is too "liberal" and you think you can do a better job; then join our staff. Or perhaps you could start your own newspaper, but wait, that's already been done and they tried their best but failed miserably. The lesson: never try!

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VIEW FROM THE BIG 12

Jury nullification widely unknown, underused right

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(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION — Most people know that jurors have the authority to find a defendant innocent or guilty according to the facts of the case. Many are unaware of a juror's right to declare someone innocent despite having broken the law. This essential and widely unknown ability is referred to as "jury nullification." The vast majority of judges do not

only neglect to inform their jurors about jury nullification, but also prevent attorneys from informing juries of this right. Instead, judges habitually misinform juries, telling them that they are only permitted to judge the facts of the case and not the law itself.

The most famous application of jury nullification took place before the writing of the Constitution, during the trial of John Peter Zenger, a journalist brought to trial in 1735 for libel against the governor of the colony of New York, William Cosby. Although the jury found Zenger to be guilty of the charges brought against him, they

returned with a verdict of "not guilty" due to the law's unjust nature and application. Juries were also seen exercising this right to nullify the law during the Prohibition Era, refusing to convict defendants for the possession or consumption of alcohol.

To protect the constitutionally enumerated rights of the accused, judges are responsible for fully and honestly informing jurors on their rights and responsibilities, including their ability to judge the law itself aside from the facts of the case.

Norman Singleton, legislative director for Congressman Ron Paul, was dismissed as

a potential juror simply for knowing about and supporting jury nullification.

"I walked up to the judge and told him I believed in nullification and that I would have a problem voting to convict someone of what I felt was an unjust law," Singleton said.

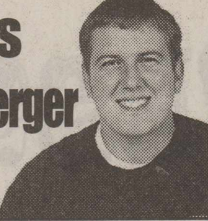
The judge replied that this was a problem, and Singleton was consequently dismissed.

The deliberate concealment of information on jury nullification and the prevention of its application in any circumstances are blatantly unjust and unconstitutional.

Soft vigilantism beneficial to U.S.

"And Shepherds we shall be, for thee, my Lord, for thee. Power hath descended forth from thy hand, our feet may swiftly carry out thy commands. So we shall flow a river forth to thee and teeming with souls shall it ever be. In Nomen Patri Et Fili Spiritus Sancti."

James Hershberger



"The Boondock Saints" is a popular film among Texas Tech students. The film is a tale of two Irish brothers in Boston delivering bloody justice to mobsters who the law can't touch. Audiences cheer the heroes on as powerful gangsters meet their ends by righteous bullets.

Of course in the real world, this sort of hard vigilantism is wrong. Individuals taking the law into their own hands and serving as judge, jury and executioner creates anarchy, breaking civilization apart. However, there is a new trend of softer vigilantism in America. Rather than take justice into their own hands, groups like Perverted-Justice and the Minutemen guide criminals into the laps of law enforcement officers.

Perverted-Justice is an organization that uses interactive Internet sites like Myspace.com and AOL Instant Messenger to identify pedophiles seeking minors. They pose as underage girls and boys and wait for the advances of sexually interested strangers. After gaining extensive transcripts of conversations demonstrating intent, the volunteers at Perverted-Justice turn the evidence over to police. If the person is convicted, they alert the person's employer, neighbors and family and put their name and picture online.

In 2004, Perverted-Justice was featured on "Dateline NBC." A news team videotaped and attempted to interview 18 people who came to a house they rented at the invitation of an online persona who they believed to be a minor.

To date, they have identified 769 people and assisted in the convictions of 48. They also are credited with finding a 14-year-old girl who was abducted, tortured and raped by a man she met online.

There is some criticism of the group. *The Orange County Register* of Monday, quoted Arizona's assistant attorney general Gail Thackery who said, "Law-enforcement agencies that I am personally familiar with, around the country, are extremely frustrated with Perverted-Justice's vigilante tactics. Their tactics only warn the Internet bad guys, and drive them further underground. We, on the other hand, have a terrific arrest and conviction rate when using proper investigative methods."

On the other hand, Rosanne Froeberg, Orange County assistant district attorney, appreciates the help of Perverted-Justice and credits them with assisting a massive bust of 51 men who sought sex with minors online in Laguna Beach, Calif.

Molestation of children is a ter-

rible problem that has increased with the advent of the Internet. With it being so unfortunately rampant, I think the police need all the help they can get to suppress the problem.

Another controversial group of soft vigilantes is the Minutemen Project of Arizona. It is a group of private citizens who try to curb illegal immigration into the U.S. by patrolling Arizona's border with Mexico. When they come into contact with someone trying to cross the border, as has been the case 18 times in Naco, Ariz., since they were established in April of last year. They have been establishing groups in other states including New Mexico, California and Texas and are trying to rally volunteers to patrol the border with Canada.

Like Perverted-Justice, the Minutemen also face criticism. They have been accused of xenophobia and racism and have been endorsed by white supremacy groups.

While I disagree with some of the U.S.'s immigration policy, for instance I believe in guest worker programs and that all children born here should be made citizens as should their parents, and I think white supremacists are idiots, I think the Minutemen perform an important service.

In his masterpiece exposé "Fahrenheit 9/11," Michael Moore interviews an Oregon highway patrolman who is responsible for monitoring more than 100 miles of coastline by himself due to budget cuts. He and Moore reflect on the fact that "anyone could be doing anything" on the unprotected border and no one would know.

This is where the Minutemen come in. The reality is there are terrorist groups wishing to do harm to the U.S. Contrary to what President Bush said, they are not "going to Iraq to fight us over there." It is likely there are some who desire to attack this country again while the Bush administration preoccupied with invading countries with no ties to Osama Bin Laden. They are playing blind offense, but what we need in the war on terror is smart defense. While I don't agree with the motives of some individual Minutemen, they are picking up the slack left by a fiscally irresponsible government's budget cuts.

Both Perverted-Justice and the Minutemen Project realize with problems as large as child predators and unprotected borders, law enforcement needs help. It is important these groups don't overstep their boundaries and not get out of hand. But as Froeberg said, the attorney general's office is "well aware" of Perverted-Justice's "methods" and Jon Dougherty, a columnist for World-NetDaily.com, said most Minutemen are "retired firefighters, cops and other professionals" who know the law and what they are doing.

So long as soft vigilantism remains lawful and sincere, I think the public should be supportive of them. They seek to protect the U.S., not because of money, but genuine concern for the safety of our citizens.

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Professors discuss state of university

By KATIE KINNEY
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The members of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce had their annual power breakfast Wednesday at the Market Alumni Center with guest speakers and Texas Tech professors Bill Dean and Gary Bell.

Dean, executive vice president and CEO of the Alumni Association, spoke about the recent changes and improvements to the university.

"This is a pretty exciting time to be a part of Texas Tech University," Dean said, "Tech has \$549 million worth of new construction going on and our new system endowments at

the end of the fiscal year stand at \$500 million."

Dean said the entering freshmen SAT scores have increased to 1131, and graduate student enrollment now is at 4,294.

He mentioned how Tech welcomed various teams from Tulane University, and Tech went to the Cotton Bowl after a great season.

Dean said the Alumni Association now has 28,000 members and continues to help the university.

"The Alumni Association wants to be bold and introduce new ideas and offer new initiatives for the university," he said.

Bell, dean of the Honors College, spoke after Dean about the university

as well, and about progress of the Tech Honors program.

"We want Texas Tech to be the undergraduate school of choice in this region," Bell said. "We want students to think about starting and concluding their education here at Tech."

Bell said one of the most significant changes to the university has been the quality of its students and that it has increased dramatically.

"In 1993 SAT scores for freshmen were at 963. Today they are at 1131. That is a 17 percent increase in 13 years," he said. "That kind of SAT score increase brings enormous credibility to a school."

Bell also said Tech gives fairly generous scholarships to students that help them out financially.

Besides talking about the academic improvements to the university as a whole, Bell mentioned the accomplishments of the honors program.

"The average SAT score for our students is 1348," Bell said. "Ninety-two percent of all freshman stay through their sophomore year, and 84 percent ultimately graduate in five years."

Bell said there are many advantages that the honor students get, including early registration with the athletes and better housing. The honors program also is the sixth-highest ranked school for the Bullwater scholarship.

"We encourage non-honor students to visit our classrooms, and also to study abroad with our students so they see what we are doing in the school," he said.

At the end of the meeting, the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce said it would be donating money to both the Alumni Association and the Honors College to help both continue to grow. The amount was not disclosed during the meeting, but the donations have been made.

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"We want Texas Tech to be the undergraduate school of choice in this region."

— GARY BELL
Dean
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JUSTIN KAUFMAN, A sophomore pre-med major from El Paso, and Adam Mata, a sophomore business and political science major from El Paso, show off their acrobatic skills at Raiders Pass Apartment Complex Tuesday afternoon.

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Faculty senate elects officers, discusses parking, ethics

By KATIE KINNEY
STAFF WRITER

The faculty senate met Wednesday to discuss various topics that have been on its agenda.

Senate President John Howe introduced Jonathan Marks, interim dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts and director of the Ethics Initiative, who spoke about the progress of the ethics program.

"The Ethics Initiative has matured as a body of its own," Marks said. "Our concentration is on ethics because ethics is a good thing, and is something our nation needs, as well as our students, faculty and the university."

Marks said the program is currently in the preparatory stages and has four main parts including ethics in curriculum, ethical institution, academic integrity and ethics of diversity.

The program has teamed up with engineering professionals to help move this initiative along.

"We will be having Ethics Day, which was formerly Engineering Day, on April 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium," Marks said. "We will have a former Tech graduate, Dawn Cash, speak and also Lynn Brewer who wrote 'Confessions of an Enron Executive.' Parts covered will be law, business and engineering."

Marks also mentioned the policy on academic integrity might change.

"We are re-examining our current policy, and we are thinking of changing it completely to where it would deal with the lack of academic integrity by students and even by faculty," he said.

Lynn Denton, associate vice chancellor of Communications and Marketing, spoke at the meeting about new policies concerning faculty.

"If you are interviewed by a media member or a reporter, just e-mail us and let us know who interviewed you and what it was about," Denton said, "We keep up with all the hits Texas

Tech gets by the media, and we send a list out to the faculty so they can see how often Tech is written about."

Denton also said if a reporter asks a faculty member about something controversial, they should contact the Communications and Marketing department so it can get in touch with the people best capable to handle the situation.

The senate discussed a parking committee meeting on Feb. 23 where preferred parking signs for pregnant women were approved.

Rosa Hernandez, senator from the College of Education, was concerned with another parking issue.

"I work in the College of Education, and the people who pay to park in the garage will see an increase from \$300 to \$900 next year," she said.

Hernandez said she believes different colleges are paying different prices and does not believe it is not fair.

Howe said he knew of no difference in people from different colleges paying varying prices and said it is something that could be

looked into.

Elections for faculty senate officers took place at the meeting. The new secretary is Christine Alvarado from the department of Animal and Food Sciences; Shane C. Blum of Nutrition, Hospitality and Retailing was elected vice president; and James H. Smith from Agricultural Education and Communications was elected president.

Before the election results were announced, Howe made some announcements including a meet-the-president town hall meeting March 23, a new award for excellent academic advisers and the organization of the chancellor search committee.

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the job," he said. "It's comforting to know that God has a plan and all the guys who were elected are going to do everything they can in the best interest of the students."

McEvilly said he plans to go ahead and graduate in August and is going to try to stay involved as much as he can with SGA.

He said there is no chance he will

file a complaint.

Internal Vice President-elect Matt Fowler said he is looking forward to working with Worley this year.

"The voters made up their minds," Fowler said. "Ryan will do an awesome job and everyone's first priority is the students."

External Vice President-elect Chris Huff, who had been campaigning with McEvilly and Fowler, said he is looking forward to working with Ryan. The complaint filed against Huff by Mason Moses was dropped

Monday night.

"Ryan is very qualified and knowledgeable," he said. "It's time to get to work."

SGA President Nathan Nash said the newly elected officials would take office in mid April.

"I think Ryan has got a positive and energetic spirit, and the experience to serve the students this next year for the university's benefit," Nash said.

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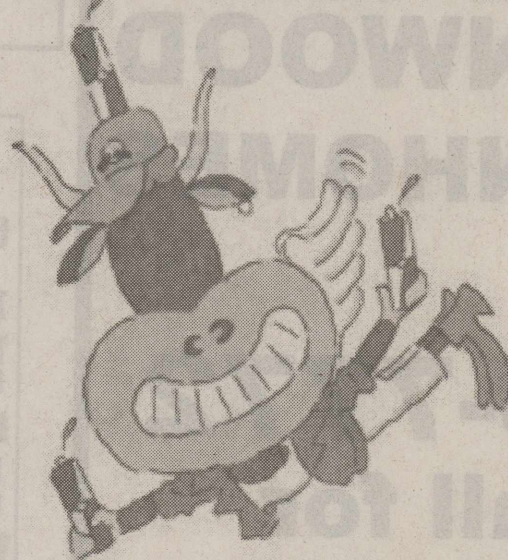
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SELIG, PLAYERS REACT TO LATEST BONDS DRAMA

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)—Bud Selig wants to read the book before making any decisions about Barry Bonds.

On a day when Bonds was in California for a child custody hearing, baseball kept buzzing about him Wednesday—specifically, about an upcoming book that describes in vivid detail the slugger's alleged steroids use.

Selig has no plans to meet with the San Francisco star. Instead, the commissioner will wait.

"I will review all the material that's relative in every way," he said. "Obviously, we've only seen parts of things."

"The book itself doesn't come out until the end of the month," he said in Phoenix at the World Baseball Classic game between Canada and the United States. "But we will review everything there is to look at and at some appropriate time I'll have further comment, but I don't have any further comment at this point."

Bonds, who has repeatedly denied using performance-enhancing drugs, posted a note on his Web site thanking fans for their support without mentioning the newest allegations. His lawyer, meanwhile, questioned the book's credibility.

All around baseball, Bonds was topic No. 1.

Boston pitcher David Wells said Bonds should "be a man and come out and say that he did it" if he used steroids. Wells said Bonds "probably" used them.

"If you're guilty and you got caught, come clean. I think you can get a lot more respect from people than (by) lying," Wells said.

Roger Clemens offered another opinion.

"I worry more about the man's health than I do about him hitting home runs or whatever this witch hunt we're on," the Team USA ace said.

"I think he got hammered pretty good last year, and it seems to be happening again this year. I don't know if it's going to change anything," he said.

Yankees manager Joe Torre said Bonds' Hall of Fame status was up to individual voters. He said the overall steroids scandal had given the sport "a black eye" and watered down the home run mark.

"I think right now we have already diluted that," he said.

Bonds, with 708 home runs and only 48 shy of breaking Hank Aaron's career record, was absent from Giants' camp because of a hearing that was scheduled more than a month ago. But it certainly fell at the right time to provide him a brief respite, a day after Sports Illustrated released excerpts from "Game of Shadows," written by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters.

The waiting game: Loss to Tigers puts Tech in tricky spot

By **TRAVIS CRAM**
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Sitting, waiting and crossing their fingers.

That is about all the Lady Raiders and coach Marsha Sharp can do now after losing 81-75 to Missouri in the Big 12 Tournament quarterfinals Wednesday at Reunion Arena in Dallas.

LaToya Bond led the Tigers with 24 points while four other Mizzou players also finished with double-digit point totals.

Sharp and her players will now anxiously wait for the NCAA to give them a no or a go, on a 17th-consecutive national tournament appearance.

Tech (15-14, 9-7 Big 12) could not find basket inside the paint in the second half and watched Missouri (21-8, 10-6) nail shot after shot from the field, hitting 15-of-25 in the final 20 minutes.

Tech took the first advantage of the match going up by 10 on a 14-4 run in the first seven minutes of the opening period.

Mizzou would climb back to take their first lead of the game on a jumper by EeTisha Riddle at the 8:30 mark.

Mizzou coach Cindy Stein said she and her players feel sentimental for Sharp and Tech, but this game was about the Tigers showing everyone what their team is about.

"We had to make sure we made our presence known," she said.

And their presence was felt.

Bond stole the ball three times from Tech and hit 4-of-5 from the field in the second half, allowing the Tigers to go up by as many as 11 points.

Tech pulled within two points of Mizzou before the Tigers called a timeout for what Stein said was a reassessment of the game.

"We just tried to keep every-

thing simple," she said. "I would like to say that I gave them such inspiration, but I know better."

Whatever she said, it worked.

Mizzou erased any thoughts of a lead for Tech in the second half, scoring on six of their next seven possessions following the timeout to take a 10-point lead with nine minutes to play.

The Lady Raiders again tried to climb back in the game but Sharp said the Mizzou strength and overall physical play proved to be too much for them in the end.

"They curled off of some things that we had difficulty trying to defend because of their size and strength and athleticism," she said.

Questionable calls by the officials made the game frustrating for both teams, and for Alesha Robertson, it was more about finding a way to deal with it — or else.

"As a player, you just got to learn how to cope with those officials," she said. "You just got to play like they're going to call it, so if they're not going to call anything you might as well foul."

Missed inside shots and fouls made the difference in the first half for the two teams, as Mizzou shot 9-of-10 from the charity stripe to take a 37-33 lead at the half.

Robertson led all Lady Raiders with 17 points but made only 6-of-17 from the field.

With an automatic bid now out-of-reach, Sharp and her players hope their strength of schedule and wins will be enough for the NCAA to allow at least five teams from the Big 12 into the national tournament.

Stein said not only should Tech be in the Big Dance because of its schedule and the conference's RPI (No. 3), but there should maybe be another team going from this



TEXAS TECH COACH Marsha Sharp reacts to a call during the last minutes of the Lady Raiders' game against Missouri in the quarterfinals of the Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship Wednesday at Reunion Arena in Dallas. Sharp and her squad will endure a nervous few days as the Lady Raiders are on the bubble to make the NCAA tournament in what is Sharp's 24th and final season as the Tech coach. The NCAA will select teams for the tournament field Monday.

conference, as well.

"This league is very tough," she said. "And I think that we would be doing a disservice if they didn't take six, at least."

Although players said they will not be sweating any bullets until the decision is made by the NCAA on Monday, Sharp said she wishes she already knew since this is a different position than she has ever had in the past 15 years.

"That's been something that we haven't been that concerned about," she said about the team's thoughts on seeding and getting into the tournament. "It'll be a little nervous and anxious for a few days here."

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Tech baseball returns home, hosts UNC-Ashville today

While most Texas Tech students are counting down the hours until their departures for various Spring Break locations, the Red Raider baseball team has to be thrilled to be back in the Hub City.

The Raiders (12-6) take on UNC-Ashville (4-9) at 6:30 p.m. today at Dan Law Field after traveling to Las Vegas Monday and Tuesday for a two-game series with UNLV.

Tech's trip to the city that never sleeps was similar to many vacationers that visit; they started out winning big, but their good fortune did not last.

Redshirt freshman Miles Morgan turned in seven shutout innings Monday to lead Tech to a 9-0 victory over the Rebels. Though, Tuesday the Raiders committed two errors and Dustin Richardson and David Dinsmoore combined

to allow 13 runs, six earned, resulting in a 16-11 loss for the Raiders.

Fortunately for Tech, what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. They get a chance to get back to their winning ways at home today where they are 7-1 on the year.

The Raiders and Bulldogs will play a three-game series continuing at 6:30 p.m. Friday and wraps up with a 2 p.m. contest Saturday.

The Bulldogs are led by sophomore outfielder Kevin Mattison who is batting .435 with four home runs and 12 RBI's through five games.

During Spring Break the Raiders will take on New Mexico at home Tuesday, serving as a tune-up for its conference opening series with No. 21 Texas at 6:30 p.m. March 17 at Dan Law Field.

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KENT PEARCE AND Michael Van Kleec, a senior history major and theater major from Houston, get haircuts by Bob King and Garry Curry, respectively, at Howard's Barber Shop on 34th Street Wednesday afternoon.

BARBERSHOPS: BACK IN BUSINESS

By CHRIS ATWOOD
FEATURES WRITER

Red-and-white spinning poles, \$8 haircuts and hours of good conversation — these are the components of an old style barbershop where one can go in for a haircut, a shave and at least an hour of interesting conversation.

Garry Curry, a local barber, has been cutting hair since 1963 and has cut hair in Lubbock since 1983. He said he started cutting hair in Lubbock with a friend and still cuts at the same shop where he began his Lubbock career.

He said most of his clientele is families who have been coming for generations, but they do have a few Texas Tech students who come in for a visit.

Though barbershops used to be a social attraction where people could sit around for hours and chat with their friends, Curry said that does not take place as often anymore.

"I dunno, people got better things to do now," he said. "They don't

hang around anymore like they used to."

Curry said most salons and chain haircut stores do not offer the same services as a barbershop. Barbershop customers are able to receive added bonuses such as shaving, that are not offered at other stores because there is extra training involved and one needs a different license to use a razor. This license is not included in the standard beautician or cosmetologist license.

Curry said many of new salons are opening up in high-priced areas of town, and they charge much higher prices.

"If you really want a haircut, you don't have to pay \$30," he said.

Van Brown is a local business owner who said he has been coming to Curry for his haircuts for the past five years. He said he enjoys coming to the shop because it's conveniently located near his office and the barbers are

always friendly.

Brown said he used to visit chains to get his haircut, but after getting skipped over in the waiting lines and putting up with long wait times, he started calling the chains' main offices to complain. He said he likes the barbershops because they never make him wait too long.

"You walk in, (there are) four barbers — not too long a wait," he said.

Brown said another reason he keeps coming back to the shop is because he is comfortable with who is cutting his hair. He said he also likes to chat when he is there.

"I've had a lot of interesting conversations," Brown said. Although many barbershops have closed to make way for big salons and retail chains to cut hair, some places such as Curry's shop still have their striped barber's pole spinning.

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Women-only exhibit appeals to diverse crowd

By LAUREN SCOTT
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There is not a better way to celebrate Women's History Month than by going to see "Women Only! In Their Studios" at the Museum of Texas Tech until April 16.

After several years in the making, "Women Only" finally is on display. Following the Sept. 11, terror attacks, Eleanor Flomenhaft, the exhibit's curator, said many museums did not want to carry the exhibit. In 2002, she got some bites.

Flomenhaft's friend, Faith Ringgold, who has artwork on display at the exhibit, is the one who gave her the inspiration for this exhibit in 1999.

"She called and said she had been speaking to the artists, and she said (museums) had a need for this kind of exhibit," Flomenhaft said.

The exhibit, which opened in February, has different kinds of art on display, she said.

"There will be paintings, oils, quilts and sculptures," Flomenhaft said. "There is a wood sculpture from a leading African American sculptor as well."

The artists are from across the country, from New York to San Francisco, and from Seattle to New Mexico. Each artist brings with her a different interpretation of ethnicities, histories and cultures, which is why this exhibit is so amazing, Flomenhaft said.

"Each (artist) has crashed through a glass ceiling," she said of the artists' accomplishments.

While many mediums of art are on display, one particular type is catching

many viewers' attention. The quilts are eye catching, said Rizza Stevens, a sophomore accounting major from Brownfield.

"I like the exhibit. It's great for women," she said. "It's really cool the way women get to show off their art this way. I like all the different fabrics they used."

Even though the exhibit is all women's art, Flomenhaft said men will enjoy the art as much as women.

"There is great art history here that has been overlooked," she said, "which is why both men and women will enjoy the show. Anyone with any curiosity for art should go. The artwork is eye popping."

And adults are not the only ones who will enjoy the exhibit. Tracy

Davidson is a sixth-grade teacher at Stewart Middle School, and her students took a field trip to the museum. Some of the students liked the paintings and quilts best, while others described the exhibit as having "beautiful designs."

Davidson said one of the paintings looked like Claude Monet inspired it.

Flomenhaft has a great amount of respect and admiration of the women whose artwork is on display.

"These women who are loved by curators aren't household names," she said, "but they should be."

The museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 to 5 p.m., Thursday until 8:30 p.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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Appeals judge candidate pleads his case for election

By MICHELLE CASADY
STAFF WRITER

Current judge of Criminal District Court No. 3, Robert Francis, is running for judge position No. 8 on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

The primary election yielded no winner, so there now will be a runoff race between Charles Holcomb, the current seat holder and Francis. Holcomb received 45.79 percent of the vote while Francis snagged 32.98 percent, and Terry Keel received the lowest percentage of the vote with 21.24 percent.

Francis and Holcomb will compete in a runoff April 11, but no results will be official until Election

Day, which is Nov. 7. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals is much like another Supreme Court for the state of Texas because the Supreme Court does not hear criminal cases.

"For what I do, I'm relatively young, and to serve on the highest court in the state of Texas would be an honor," Francis said.

Francis was the assistant district attorney for Dallas County

from 1985 until 1990; he then started a private law practice in 1991 until 1996, and from 1997 until now he has been a state district judge for the Criminal District Court No. 3.

"You have to always be looking ahead, or you'll die. I don't have goals set in stone, but I'm not closed-minded either."

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— ROBERT FRANCIS
Runoff Candidate
Court of Criminal Appeals

because the current judge, though running for re-election will only be able to serve 17 months of his two-year term because of mandatory retirement laws in place.

"I respect Judge Holcomb, but think of it like this: If you were going to have open heart surgery, would you want someone who would start the process, open up your chest, then leave to play golf? Or would you rather someone who could stay and finish the job?" Francis said.

Francis also expressed concern about possibly electing Holcomb then leaving the appointment of another judge to a currently unknown Governor (pending elections).

Texas District Representative Terrence Keel also ran for position No. 8 on the Criminal Court of Appeals, which Francis said created a problem for him.

Francis said a lawsuit filed by Keel about the nature of the paperwork he filed allowing him to run for the position of judge in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. He said there often are problems with paperwork, but he chose not to take action against any of his competitors.

"All that happened was I didn't write the specific position I was running for on the form (No. 8). He tried to have me removed from the race based on that, and the Supreme Court ruled against that.

Everyone's documents had mistakes," Francis said. "It's impossible to get it completely correct; I chose not to sue Keel because frankly, it's beneath me."

If elected Francis said he plans to establish sound, working relationships with the other judges on the bench.

"You have to play nice with the people you plan on working with," he said. "You've got to craft relationships."

"I think I have the best qualifications out of all the candidates. For one I can serve the full term," Francis said. "I'm also the only one board certified in criminal law."

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Transcripts, video shows what the government knew about breach of levees — and when

WASHINGTON (AP) — Much of the controversy has focused on 10 words: "I don't think anybody anticipated the breach of the levees."

President Bush made the statement in a television interview last Sept. 1, three days after Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast and inundated much of New Orleans.

Now, the disclosure of videotapes and transcripts of meetings among federal and state disaster-management officials just before and during the storm's Aug. 29 landfall has refreshed the debate over what the government knew about the levees protecting New Orleans — and when.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan has said Bush's comments were not intended to suggest that no one had anticipated levee failures. Instead, McClellan says, the president meant that once the storm had initially passed many people believed the region had escaped the "worst-case scenario."

The transcripts and videotapes have touched off a brushfire among liberal and conservative bloggers, provided midterm election-year ammunition to Democrats and brought

a defense by the White House.

There is no specific mention of levees being breached at Bush's videoconference with federal, state and local disaster management officials on Aug. 28, the day before Katrina's landfall. A videotape of that meeting was one of two videos and seven transcripts of Katrina-related briefings reported by The Associated Press last week.

But there were dire warnings of a gigantic storm that could overflow the levees at that session and at other pre-landfall conferences. And specific mention of possible breaches was raised at an Aug. 29 teleconference that included Joe Hagin, deputy White House chief of staff.

The Army Corps of Engineers considers a breach a hole developing in a levee rather than an overrun, or water flowing over the top.

But civil engineers understand that once a levee is "topped," floodwaters can rapidly erode the structural base of the levee and nearly always result in a breach, according to AP interviews with officials from the Corps of Engineers and others.

The White House's own "lessons learned" review of the federal

response issued last month compared overtopping to a breach of a levee.

"Overtopping is a term used to describe the situation where the water level rises above the height of the levee or floodwall and consequently overtops, or flows over the structure. A breach is a break in the levee or floodwall. A prolonged overtopping can actually cause a levee or floodwall breach," the report said.

"In general, a breach can lead to more significant flooding than an overtopping since breaches take time to repair and until repaired continue to allow water to flow until the water level has receded below the height of the breach. Overtopping, on the other hand, will stop as soon as the water level recedes below the top of the levee or floodwall."

"Although the consequences are significantly different, from outward appearances, it is often difficult to differentiate a breach from an overtopping," the White House report said.

Charles Aubeny, an engineer at Texas A&M University, said that if levees are overtopped that "will usually erode out the levees." Breaches can also occur when the water seeps

through the levees or if the water weakens the soil and a "stability failure" follows. Some experts say that this may take some time to happen — days, weeks or even months.

There's a long history to concerns about the reliability of New Orleans' levees.

In 1965, after Hurricane Betsy caused extensive flooding, Congress ordered the levees to be reinforced to withstand the equivalent of a Category 3 hurricane. In July 2004, FEMA sponsored a "Hurricane Pam" exercise that simulated massive flooding that could kill up to 60,000 people and destroy buildings and roads.

According to a GOP-written House of Representatives report released in February, the main reason for the Hurricane Pam exercise "was the well-known potential for levee failure and catastrophic flooding in the metropolitan area."

For years, the Army Corps of Engineers and others warned that New Orleans levees might not withstand a major storm, according to the House report. "Levees were designed for a 'standard' hurricane, not the most severe hurricanes."

THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2006. Table listing TV programs and channels (KCBT, KLBK, KUPT, KWBZ, KAMC, KJTV) with time slots.

BIG 12 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ROUND 1 11:30AM. Includes UPN Lubbock logo.

Cricket's Grill advertisement for Thursday Ladies Night and Friday Power Hour. Features \$2.50 Flavored Oodkas & Rams and \$1 Domestic Power Hour 2-3!

Carl's Corner Weekend Special advertisement. Lists various beer and liquor deals like 30-packs, Longnecks, and McCormick Vodka.

Graham Central Station advertisement. Promotes '\$300 Sweeties in bikinis' every Thursday night with free cover and college ID. Includes contact info for Spur 327 & Iola.

University Fountains advertisement. Features the slogan 'There's no Place Like Home' and lists amenities like town homes, TV, fitness center, and pool. Includes contact info for University Fountains.