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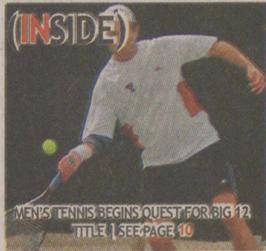


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Sect children can go to foster homes

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Dozens of mothers from a polygamist retreat were bused away from their children Thursday, their legal efforts to stay united rejected as Texas officials sort out their massive custody case. Two buses took the women from the San Angelo Coliseum, where they had been temporarily housed with their children. Texas officials were preparing to move the last of more than 400 children to group homes, shelters and residences, some hundreds of miles away, over the next few days.

NATION

N. Carolina GOP divided over ad

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina Republican leaders are standing by a TV ad critical of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama despite dissension in their own ranks and one station's refusal to air it. Republican National Committee member Linda Shaw said Thursday she was shocked that her colleagues decided to produce and air the ad, which shows Obama with his former pastor, Jeremiah Wright, and a clip of Wright's anti-U.S. comments. "I do not support it," Shaw said. "I had nothing to do with it ... and I'm very disappointed."

WORLD

Opposition won Zimbabwe presidency

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — The top U.S. envoy on Africa says the Zimbabwean opposition leader won presidential elections. Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for African Affairs Jendayi Frazer was speaking in South Africa Thursday at the start of a visit to bolster international pressure on Zimbabwe's government to release election results from March 29 voting. Frazer says opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai was the "clear" victor.

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White House says Syria 'must come clean'

By PAMELA HESS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said Thursday that North Korea's secret work on a nuclear reactor with Syria was "a dangerous and potentially destabilizing development for the world," raising doubts about Pyongyang's intention to carry through with a promised disclosure of its nuclear activities.

Seven months after Israel bombed the reactor, the White

House broke its silence and said North Korea assisted Syria's secret nuclear program and that the destroyed facility was not intended for "peaceful purposes."

The disclosure could undermine six-party negotiations to try to resolve the nuclear standoff with North Korea. The White House issued a two-page statement after lawmakers were given details about the reactor in a series of briefings on Capitol Hill. The White House said the International Atomic Energy Agency also was being briefed on

the intelligence.

While calling North Korea's nuclear assistance to Syria a "dangerous manifestation" of Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program and its proliferation activities, the U.S. said it remained committed to the talks.

The administration said that after the reactor was damaged beyond repair, Syria tried to bury evidence of its existence.

"This cover-up only served to reinforce our confidence that this reactor was not intended for peace-

ful activities," White House press secretary Dana Perino said. "The Syrian regime must come clean before the world regarding its illicit nuclear activities."

The Syrian nuclear reactor destroyed by Israeli jets was within weeks or months of being functional, a top U.S. official told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter. The official said the facility was mostly completed but still needed significant testing before it could

be declared operational.

No uranium, which is needed to fuel a reactor, was evident at the site, a remote area of eastern Syria along the Euphrates River. But the U.S. official said the reactor was similar in design to a North Korean reactor at Yongbyon, which has in the past produced small amounts of plutonium, the material needed to make powerful nuclear weapons.

Top members of the House Intelligence Committee said the reactor posed a serious threat of spreading dangerous nuclear materials.

THE BIG SQUEEZE



University officials examine on-campus ketchup waste, possible solutions

By ANN LUU
STAFF WRITER

Burgers, chicken strips, chicken wings, fries, corn dogs, hash browns, hot dogs, onion rings, pizza rolls, sausages and scrambled eggs — the list of food that ketchup is eaten with goes on forever. With such a large list, the amount of ketchup consumed in a given time must be astounding.

However, how much ketchup that is not eaten is the more important issue. In every dining facility, ketchup is readily available for everyone's use and enjoyment. Nevertheless, everyone most likely has been either a witness to the crime of ketchup wasting or the criminal.

"With the portion-control ketchup packets used in the Student Union, Sam's Places and the Market, it is almost inevitable to waste," said Samuel Bennett, director of Hospitality Services.

After tearing into the packets and squeezing out the tomato sauce, there always seems to be a little sauce left hanging in the corner. In a school of approximately 28,000 students, most are probably ketchup users. How much wasted ketchup possibly could be accumulated?

"When you look at the various condiments, ketchup use is the biggest," said Kirk Rodriguez, associate director of retail sales for the Department of Hospitality Services.

Between Aug. 15, 2007, and Dec. 31, 2007, Rodriguez said approximately \$13,000 was spent on ketchup. For the Student Union, Sam's Places and Market, 818 cases were ordered, with 1,000 packets per case.

"The biggest user is the SUB," Rodriguez said. "They went through about two to three cases a day. The Market used about one to one-and-a-half a day, and for Sam's Places, about three a day. The Sam's in Chitwood/Weymouth alone goes through about one a day."

With merely a measuring cup and a plastic knife as a scraper, an unscientific research was conducted to see how much ketchup was wasted during the high-traffic lunch hour between noon and 1 p.m. at the Student Union Building during a Monday and a Tuesday.

By collecting empty ketchup packets from various lunch eaters, cutting them open and scraping them into a measuring cup, it took 286 leftover ketchup packets to get approximately one-sixth of a cup.

With its bustling lines and crowded tables, the popularity of the Student Union Building for lunch is visible. To quickly grab a table before someone else, most students grab handfuls of ketchup packets and run.

"Once students take ketchup, the ketchup is still sound to use," Rodriguez said about the unopened packets left on the table, "but most people think, 'Ugh, it's been handled by



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UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS ARE considering a change from ketchup portion packets to bulk-ketchup distribution.

someone else."

Bennett said he also sees this as a waste. "It is excessive in the number of packets they take," Bennett said. "It's easy to waste when students grab 25 packets."

The two directors of Hospitality Services compared ketchup uses to fast-food restaurants. They said from their experiences, they only will get one ketchup packet per order of fries or two packets for a burger and fries.

To cut down costs and waste, Bennett said the department has considered resorting to bulk

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Tech receives \$2.7 million education grant

By ADAM YOUNG
NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech was awarded a \$2.7 million grant from the National Science Foundation to promote math and science education for school children.

The grant will fund the Building Bridges: Integrating Math, Science and Engineering Education on the South Plains program, an initiative designed to bridge the importance of learning math for its practical application in science for children in elementary through high school, according to a university news release. The grant is one of 26 awarded nationally.

Dominick Casadonte, chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and lead investigator for the program, said he believes Tech's cooperation attracted the funding.

"One of the things I think was very attractive is the strong relationship that we have between the sciences, engineering and the College of Education," he said. "That was something that was very appealing to the National Science Foundation, and it's something that we've found very attractive."

Tech's program will join approximately 150 across the country, Casadonte said, but is unique in that it will offer a multidisciplinary approach to teaching math, science and engineering.

"It's multidisciplinary also in the sense that we have mathematicians, engineers, scientists and education specialists working together to look at methods for bridging the gap between math and science," he said.

As part of the program, graduate students in the STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering and math will work with students and teachers in the Lubbock Independent School District and other school districts in the region.

The grant will fund \$30,000 a year stipends and cover tuition, fees and health care for eight to 10 graduate students per year for participating in two summer institutes.

Graduate students in the program make a commitment to spend 10 hours a week in a K-12 classroom and five hours of collaboration with a teacher outside the classroom.

But the award is not a teacher training grant, Casadonte said, as it is designed for science and engineering graduate students who are research-active and are anticipating a research career.

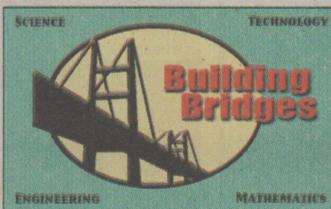
Jerry Dwyer, an assistant professor of mathematics at Tech, said he believes the program will introduce school children to real-life applications for topics that can be difficult to apply outside classes.

"We feel that by showing them applications, it will motivate students to pursue mathematics," Dwyer said.

Another objective of the program, Casadonte said, is to improve the ability of Tech graduate students to communicate with the public.

"At the end of the day, what we're also hoping is when graduate students get their research degrees and they either go to a university or they go to the industry or whatever path they take, that they might be more interested in becoming integrated into the community..." he said.

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Britain: No troop withdrawals until security improves

By ROBERT H. REID
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BAGHDAD (AP) — Britain said Thursday it will keep its troop withdrawals from Iraq on hold until security improves, following the flare-up in fighting between government forces and Shiite militiamen.

At least 13 people were killed Thursday as U.S. and Iraqi troops battled Shiite gunmen in Baghdad, where the fighting spread last month after erupting in the southern city of Basra, where Britain's 4,000 soldiers are based.

Several rockets or mortar shells slammed into the U.S.-controlled Green Zone, sending diplomats and government officials scurrying for concrete bunkers. One projectile hit the roof of the building housing the Polish Embassy's security staff, slightly wounding one person.

British Defense Secretary Des Browne said in London that Britain still hopes to remove hundreds of soldiers this year, but the pullout will stay frozen because of the surge in fighting.

Lifelong Learning Institute awarded \$1 million endowment for service

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Texas Tech was awarded a \$1 million endowment to continue serving Lubbock residents age 50 and older.

The Bernard Osher Foundation, headquartered in San Francisco, first awarded funds to the institute in fall 2003, according to a university news release. These funds allowed Tech's Lifelong Learning Community to become the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, permitting growth in membership numbers, as well as classes and activities offered.

The Bernard Osher Foundation is growing a network of lifelong learning programs from Maine to Hawaii, with a purpose of providing social and educational opportunities for adults age 50 and older, according to information provided by Tech Outreach Services.

Tech's Director of Outreach Services, Birgit Green, said the program offers a range of activities to lifelong learners.

The purpose of the institute, Green said, is to "combine social interaction with intellectual stimulation." The members of the institute take classes covering topics such as photography, current affairs and world religions.

While the OLLI classes do not administer tests or give grades, students in the classes cover a variety of topics from music and art to law and politics.

Green said she believes the classes offer students the joy of learning in a socially diverse atmosphere and usually are taught by active and retired faculty.

With 525 members, she said, semester enrollment ranges from 1,200 to 1,500, with some students enrolling in more than one class.

Mary Asbell, a member of the OLLI, said her favorite classes are current events, Spanish and French.

"I'm very supportive of the institute and everyone connected with it," Asbell said. "I could take classes at other places, but Osher is more flexible with payment."

Students in the program do not pay as much as university students,

Asbell said, making the classes popular and easily available.

Asbell and her husband Alan McKenzie have been members of the institute since it began, and they have participated in much more than class work. Through the Osher Institute, the couple has visited Germany and Italy, taken sculpture tours at the Tech campus and been a part of the Community Medical School offered on campus.

Along with planning activities for the group, Asbell said the OLLI "keeps us informed about other things in the community."

"You're not really part of news announcements when you're retired," she said. "It's nice to know what's going on around town and around Tech."

Along with increasing the program's offerings and supporting operating costs, Green said the endowment will allow for the institute to continue the classes and activities that people like Asbell and McKenzie enjoy.

Because the institute serves people who are in their 60s and 70s, Green said she believes the programs it offers contribute to the quality of life for the members.

"Members tell us it's enriched the community," she added. "Our participants have made friends over the years and have been growing with excitement over the programs."

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Local outreach group begins 10th annual Blue Ribbon Rally today

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STAFF WRITER

To raise awareness and money for child abuse and neglect, the Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock will host the 10th annual Blue Ribbon Rally this weekend.

Kim Davis, the development and marketing coordinator for the center, said this is the organization's only fundraiser of the year and the organization hopes to have Texas Tech students participate.

"We're really trying to incorporate the Tech students and bring a new audience," Davis said, "and have them become aware of what's going on in the community and what they can do to be involved."

The first event will occur from 10 p.m. to midnight Friday, as participating Depot District venues will donate \$1 from each collected cover charge to the Guidance and Outreach Center.

The second event is a free car and bike show, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 7

p.m. at the Depot District, according to an outreach center news release.

The final event is a Jay Boy Adams concert with a \$30 cover charge. The event will last from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Cactus Courtyard. All guests have a chance to win a Harley-Davidson Road King motorcycle.

The money that is raised will go to the organization's educational and community outreach program, Davis said.

"Our ultimate goal is just to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect," she said, "and our mission is to promote child abuse prevention and build strong families."

The Tech Matador Mustang student organization is supporting the event for the third year, and it has five to 10 vehicles registered for the car and bike show.

Seth Corrigan, president of the Matador Mustang Club, said the organization joined the event three years ago as

part of the community service requirements for Tech student organizations.

"It seemed like the most logical one at the time, being that it dealt with cars and a car show, and we're a car club on campus," said Corrigan, a senior history major from Slaton. "So it was kind of help the community and show our cars — you just couldn't beat it."

He said he hopes Tech becomes more aware of the cause, the Matador Mustang organization and what it does to help the community.

The majority of venues in the Depot District will participate, Corrigan said, including Melt, a bar and grill.

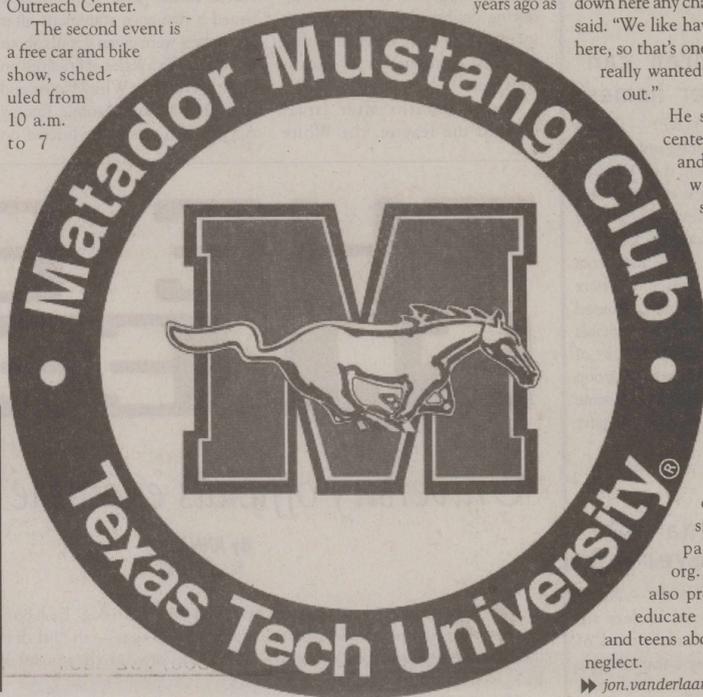
Dustin Stone, the owner and manager of Melt, said this is the third year his business has participated in the event, and he hopes to donate \$500 from the cover charges, plus any extra donations from customers.

"We enjoy doing charity work down here any chance we get," Stone said. "We like having benefits down here, so that's one of the reasons we really wanted to do it and help out."

He said the outreach center is a good charity, and he hopes people will come out and support it.

The Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 that is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect, according to the organization's Web site, www.lubbock-parentconnection.org. The organization also provides services to educate parents, children and teens about such abuse and neglect.

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LA VIDA

Comic book crossovers provide the best of both worlds

Comic book crossovers are a weird — but often cool — tactic used by companies both to please fans and to attract new audiences to a property.

Most of the time, crossovers occur within universes owned by one company. For instance, DC Comics' "Justice League" brings together DC icons like Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman all into one place. Marvel Comics' recent "Civil War" series did the same thing for beloved greats like Spider-Man and Captain America.

But sometimes two or more companies decide they want to form an unholy alliance and bring some of their universes together. While usually very surprising, these sometimes can be very cool, such as in the first-ever intercompany crossover, "Superman versus The Amazing Spider-Man."

But other times, the crossover is just plain weird. Batman has

Britton Peele



fought the Predator and met Tarzan. G.I. Joe has fought the Transformers. Superman has met The Terminator. Archie has met The Punisher — yes, you read that last one right.

Crossovers aren't exactly new to video games either. Nintendo's "Super Smash Bros." series is a popular example of this, with the most recent entry including not only various Nintendo characters, but also bringing in characters from other companies as well. Square-Enix also has formed a partnership with Disney to create the "Kingdom Hearts" games, which merge beloved Disney worlds with characters from the "Final Fan-

tasy" universe.

So when you look at all of that, maybe it's not so weird that, this week, Midway announced the next game in its popular, ultra-violent fighting game series "Mortal Kombat" would be "Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe."

Or maybe it's just absolutely insane.

It wasn't bad enough that "Star Wars" characters Darth Vader and Yoda would be characters in the next "Soul Calibur" fighting game, I guess. But then, maybe Batman beating up Sub-Zero is more realistic than a steel blade being able to block a light saber ... maybe.

This sort of thing isn't exactly

unprecedented. Capcom, makers of the "Street Fighter" games, made a similar deal with Marvel years back to develop the "Marvel vs. Capcom" series, which was actually quite good.

But there are a lot of things

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that need to be worked out before the idea of a "Mortal Kombat" and DC crossover even starts to make sense. How did these two worlds merge? Why can't Superman just destroy everybody in his

path, as they probably don't have Kryptonite handy? If Wonder Woman's ship is invisible, how can she find it?

Maybe they don't need to worry about that last one. But if they could answer that age-old question, they'd have a hit on their hands. As for the others, "Mortal Kombat" creator Ed Boon assures us that things will make sense when we play the single-player story mode.

Apparently there's magic involved.

Despite bearing the "Mortal Kombat" name — a name associated with buckets of blood and gory "fatality" finishing moves — the team at Midway is looking to make this a "teen" rated game. The game supposedly still will maintain the "Mortal Kombat" brutality and intensity of the fights, but you won't see Batman rip off Scorpion's head. There apparently still will be finishing moves, but the likes of them

haven't been specified.

The fighting engine also is being revamped, allowing for standard fighting and fighting styles, but also adding things like "Klose Kombat," where the camera pulls in close and changes things up, and "Freefall Kombat," where you can grapple with your opponent even when in midair after falling off a building.

This early on, it's hard to say whether "Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe" will be a success or a failure. Maybe it will be another great character crossover? Maybe it will just be a very solid fighting game? Maybe the storyline actually will make some degree of sense?

Regardless, I just kind of hope that Aquaman is in the game, so I can punch him in the face.

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Yoko Ono sues in NY over song in movie challenging evolution

NEW YORK (AP) — Yoko Ono is suing the producers of a movie that challenges the concept of Darwinian evolution, saying they used the song "Imagine" without her permission and led the blogosphere to accuse her of "selling out."

In a lawsuit filed in federal court in Manhattan, Ono accuses the producers of "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed" of suggesting to viewers that those who guard John Lennon's legacy somehow authorized or sponsored the film.

The producers of the film, which features Ben Stein challenging Darwinian theories that prevail in academic circles and suggesting that life could have emerged through in-

telligent design, said they used only "a very small portion of the song."

"Based on the fair use doctrine, news commentators and film documentarians regularly use material in the same way we do," Premise Media said in a statement. "Unbiased viewers of the film will see that the 'Imagine' clip was used as part of a social commentary in the exercise of free speech and freedom of inquiry."

Ono's lawsuit claims the producers did not ask for permission either because they knew they couldn't get it or because they did not want to pay for the rights. It objects to the way "Imagine" is listed in the film's credits, saying it suggested

to members of the news media and others that the song's use had been approved.

"Internet 'bloggers' immediately began accusing Mrs. Lennon of 'selling out' by licensing the song to defendants," says the complaint, filed this week.

The lawsuit calls "Imagine" Lennon's signature song, saying it "has become closely associated with and is synonymous with John Lennon."

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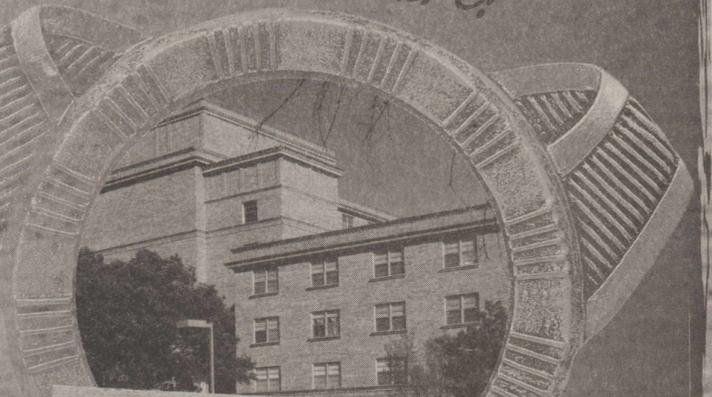
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance should be applauded for making it clear that his budget proposal to the Board of Regents will include a salary increase for the faculty in the coming year and for his desire "to help transform TTU into a top-tier research university." Given his intentions, can you imagine seeing the following headline this summer: "TTU Faculty to Take Real Pay Cut"? Unless the salary increase is about 4 percent or higher, such a headline would be accurate. How? Since inflation is running at about 4 percent annually, a nominal wage increase less than 4 percent would lead to an inflation-adjusted cut in pay.

The inflation index used by the federal government to adjust Social Security benefits for cost-of-living increases (CPI-W) has increased, year-over-year, by more than 4 percent in each of the last five months. It was 4.65 percent in January!

Therefore, a nominal salary increase of 2 percent — a "whisper" number now being discussed on campus — would result in a real pay cut exceeding 2 percent. For the sake of TTU's future, let us hope that the chancellor and the regents recognize the detrimental and significant impact of inflation on faculty salaries.

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I would like to commend Officer Fox of the Texas Tech Police. My car died on me in 5 p.m. traffic while I was waiting to turn on the Tech Parkway from behind HSC Tuesday. When Officer Fox noticed my hazard lights, he immediately turned around and asked if I needed help. He called my automotive repair shop and a wrecker service, and stayed behind my car so no one would run into me. I really appreciated his help and concern. While we are so quick to complain today, I wanted to show something positive for a change.



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So long, in the spirit of cooperation

I don't know if I've ever looked forward to the end of semester with as much anticipation as I have this one.

Oh, how excited I was back in January, when I began this column! How charged up I was to defy my old-man status and get back into the campus newspaper game like I'd once done as a bright-eyed undergraduate. At this point, though, this weekly exercise has come to fill me with dread.

A fellow recognized me in the Barnes and Noble café on campus last week and I swear I recoiled when he brought up my column. "Alas," I thought, "here, finally, is my Travis Bickle or my Rupert Pupkin. Goodbye, cruel world." But, of course, no threat followed, and no act of violence ensued. My paranoia was unfounded. And the guy even complimented me on my work.

All of this is to say that, while the writing has been fun this semester—if only because I love writing in general—the emotional reactions that this column has evoked at times have not been. For any of us, I imagine.

Indeed, I've particularly been dismayed by certain misunderstandings about me that have arisen out of pieces I've written. There are recurring motifs that have made me hang my head, and quoting T.S. Eliot, mutter, "That is not what I meant at all. That is not it, at all."

So, in the spirit of good-natured closure — or maybe just a bull-headed aspiration to have the last word — I want to address some of these misconceptions:

1. "Dr. Borshuk does not like the United States of America." This

Michael Borshuk



is absolutely not true. I have deep affection for many things about the United States. Meet me for a coffee and I'd be happy to wax rhapsodic about Elizabeth Bishop's poetry or Duke Ellington's songwriting or Joe DiMaggio's swing. I love reading, and rereading, the Declaration of Independence. I get chills just about every time I hear Ray Charles sing "America the Beautiful." By virtue of the fact that my family has spent several generations living on the Ontario-Michigan border, my family tree includes Canadian and American citizens. Heck, some of my best friends are ... Er, you get the point. But just because you like something doesn't mean you shouldn't suspend your critical faculties about it, especially when you encounter something that you think is flawed. I thought that's what this whole democracy bag was supposed to be about, no?

2. "Dr. Borshuk wants to take away the constitutional right to free speech." Again, no. Am I troubled by the fact that free speech allows for displays I find personally disgusting? Absolutely. But I'll concede to the necessity of the constitutional right; I realize you've got to take your 2 Live Crew sometimes to have your Public Enemy.

3. "Dr. Borshuk is a tweedy, elitist snob who disdains popular culture." I've admitted I hate "American Idol."

I find most reality television torturous. Laugh tracks are the sound of our brains rotting. But I'm also fond of Facebook, Batman comics, Sonic Burgers, Vampire Weekend and those cool Todd McFarlane sports star action figures that only a willfully self-inflated sense of maturity inhibits me from buying. I do wear tweed though, sometimes. Sue me.

4. "Dr. Borshuk has unequivocal contempt for the privileged." Um, I'm a white, male, middle-class college professor. To be contemptuous of privilege would be either deliberately self-deceiving or intentionally self-negating. I really don't aspire to be either.

5. "Dr. Borshuk can't admit when he is wrong."

On this last point I feel I need to make the greatest effort to dismiss with my usual ironic tone and offer the most sincerity. Allow me to cry "mea culpa" here.

I began this column in January decrying the perennial binary divide that characterizes contemporary political discourse. I lamented that none of us seems able to listen to each other and engage in meaningful dialogue. Whatever happened to conversation, I wondered, amidst all the yelling and posturing and accusing by so-called liberals and conservatives alike.

And yet, I admit, in retrospect and complete apology, that at times I have helped inflame this already blazing culture of hostility. I was too sarcastic at times. I came out with my fists out rather than my hands extended in handshake, in benevolence. In this way, I was wrong.

Does that mean, even in this

contrite state, that I think the often personal responses I received to this column were justified? To date, I've been accused of immorality, virtual terrorism, malicious loquacity, assaults against the Constitution and, in one particularly ungrammatical message, a physically unlikely form of sexual self-gratification. Nope. But I can admit that I suspended my sense of diplomacy in places, and if I offended anybody along the way, then I ask their forgiveness.

My favorite writer, Ralph Ellison, offers what, to me, is still the best and most concise description of what democracy should be and how it might best succeed: "antagonistic cooperation." For Ellison, democracy works when its practitioners affirm their shared commitment to its inclusive ideals. We don't have to agree. We don't even have to like each other. But we do need to approach each other in terms that convey mutual respect and — perhaps more importantly — an undying mutual devotion to the faith that we can make our society ever better through thoughtful, if not uniform, interaction.

So, in the spirit of antagonistic cooperation, I bid you adieu.

While this column is coming to end, my hope for conversation isn't. E-mail me and I'd be happy to continue any of the dialogues that got so rudely interrupted or pre-empted with all of the incendiary discourse along the way.

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What's really so green about Arbor Day?

OK, so what do Arbor Day and masturbation have in common? Answer: they're both amusing, but they're both absolutely pointless.

Don't get me wrong, I love Arbor Day — hot dogs, free T-shirts, live music, bicycle rallies, even people tossing Frisbees on Memorial Circle. People who've never even held a trowel get to experience the joys of planting. There's an atmosphere of congeniality that one simply doesn't see every day.

Last year, I observed the holiday by running around with pals and soliciting people to sign a petition to get a recycling program going. We got a great response. It was like in the movies, where college students spend time in public areas and hang out with people they don't know. It was beautiful.

But Arbor Day is flawed because it is ephemeral. Sure, it's nice to see Greeks, student organizations and departments rubbing elbows and getting dirt on their faces, but what it amounts to is a mass planting of flowers destined to be torn out.

J. Sterling Morton initiated the first Arbor Day in 1872. Bless him. As a prominent resident of the Nebraska Territory, well, he felt the place could use some more trees. As a newspaperman, perhaps he felt some guilt at all the trees lost in the name of good reporting. Perhaps, anyway, he planted a seed, if you will, that eventually would grow into an internationally recognized holiday.

Cut to March 2, 1938, when Bradford Knapp, president of what was then Texas Technological College, decided a day of planting trees could



do some good. He dismissed class at noon and had 20,000 trees and shrubs brought in, to be planted by 1,000 students, faculty and staff. At that point, Tech's campus looked like the desert planet of Tatooine, so it needed some work. By all accounts, it was a swell time, just like Arbor Day today. A chuck wagon was even on hand to dole out coffee and doughnuts.

"In not more than three or four years," predicted O.B. Howell, horticulture professor and the project's earnest director, "the campus will be practically transformed."

That didn't happen. Turns out it takes more than a day of shoveling and doughnut-eating to keep trees alive, and many of them died. When Elo Urbanovsky arrived 10 years later as Tech's first landscape architect, Tech scrapped the tradition, only to exhume it in 1999, 50 years later.

I'm afraid not much has changed since then. Besides the boost in morale, Arbor Day does little to make Tech better. The planting sites are prepared by grounds maintenance people, who will soon rip out all those flowers for the next batch, which they plant themselves, because hey, it can't be Arbor Day every day.

Meanwhile, countless thousands of gallons of precious water are wasted. The Ogallala Aquifer is massive,

but it's depleting fast and cannot be replenished. Not only is Arbor Day inane, but it's pernicious.

The trouble with celebrating Arbor Day in Lubbock lies in the name. Trees don't really belong here, save the occasional cottonwood. Squirrels, believe it or not, are not native. Not that we plant trees on Arbor Day anyway. But to insist on a day in which we arbitrarily plant non-native flowering plants just to "beautify" Tech is pure lunacy.

The Sustainable Endowments Institute publishes something called the College Sustainability Report Card. It's the largest comparative study of its kind. Schools are graded in eight categories, from Food & Recycling to Endowment Transparency. This year, Tech received an overall grade of D.

That includes F's in Administration, Climate Change & Energy, Green Building and Transportation. The report generously granted Tech a D in Food & Recycling, saying that "the university's dining services department does not offer any notable amount of local or organic foods; however, a recycling program is in place."

I don't know where they got that idea — we're actually the only school in the Big 12 without a comprehensive recycling program. Meanwhile, even our foes over at Texas A&M received a C- on the same report. Their campus hosts a weekly farmer's market, featuring locally grown produce. They even have an organic eatery on campus. The cooking oil is used to fuel the delivery truck. And they have policies in place to make sure new buildings are green. Tech

doesn't.

Last year's Arbor Day T-shirts featured the slogan "Keep Tech Green." But for Tech to stay green, it would have to be green in the first place. It's terribly frustrating, because there's so much that's great about Tech, including a student body with real potential for energizing itself — look no further than the football stadium or even the library on the night before a final. But with an administration so lazy and nearsighted that it can't even manage to draft a policy on campus sustainability, can you really say it's the students who are apathetic?

I ask the administration, SGA and the Tech Activities Board to explain to the students, for starters, exactly how our Arbor Day festivities help better Tech or the environment. My editor's mailbox awaits your letter.

Meanwhile, please do away with the bombastic Arbor Day celebration. Instead of spending one day feigning concern, let's focus on long-term goals and things we can do to make Tech authentically green — like putting recycling bins in every building, installing waterless urinals and banning Styrofoam to-go containers.

Admittedly, it would be a shame to lose the day of camaraderie and Frisbee-throwing that Arbor Day generates. Fortunately, there's another holiday we can replace it with that isn't so tree-centric, and it's already celebrated during the same week: Earth Day.

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Keep the internet neutral

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The Internet is something like a large, elusive thread that stitches information and entertainment through our lives.

There's MapQuest directions, YouTube videos, e-mails and instant messenger conversations; there's Facebook and MySpace friends, Skype telephone conversations and iTunes and Ruckus music files.

The number of ways our generation uses the Internet is practically unlimited. It's our primary tool of exploration, education and communication; it's the way we learn about people we could never meet face-to-face and the way we explore ideas and things far away from home.

You could say the Internet has allowed us to become a generation of Magellans; just as he was the first explorer to enter the Pacific Ocean by cutting through South America, we have become the first generation to enter the digital medium. And I don't think it's too much of a risk to say we're all interested in protecting it.

Unfortunately, some members of Congress are interested in regulating our exploration and restricting our freedom; they're interested in regulating the flow of the Internet and skewing bandwidth speeds toward corporate, well-known Web sites and away from the smaller, personality-driven Web communities.

And, this is wrong-headed. It's important that we support net neutrality, the notion that all legal content on the Internet should stand on equal footing. This is a

fundamental issue of fairness; all people should have the freedom to speak on the Web. We all deserve the opportunity to adapt the Web with new, innovative technologies or to adapt the current technologies to our uses.

This is about the freedom to create something new and cool and release it to the world, and it must not be stifled.

Consider what Justine Bateman, a former "Family Ties" actress and current partner in a new, online media venture, recently said to Congress: "The idea of your site succeeding or failing based upon whether or not you paid the telecom companies enough to carry your material or allow quick access is appalling."

If we follow the path of Internet regulators then we would be hurting freedom of speech because those lacking the money to pay for corporate backing would have their Web sites regulated to the slow-loading, unmapped, dark corners of the Internet. This would essentially amount to a legal requirement making the small guys pay a tax to the big guys simply so they can compete.

Like many other fields, the free market works best on the Internet; it allows us to be innovative and develop new types of technology, and it allows us to adapt the current technology to new uses. But the free market can only exist within the context of freedom. Introducing new regulations onto the Internet will have a chilling effect on the creation of new technologies.

After all the amazing products Internet content creators have dreamed up during the past few years — many of them sitting in dorm rooms — it seems unbelievable that anyone would want to change direction. Less surprising is the fact they're in Congress.

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School closes: life, music continues

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "Take a music bath once or twice a week for a few seasons. You will find it is to the soul what a water bath is to the body."

The absence of academic responsibility — even if for only a few weeks — leaves plenty of time to cleanse oneself. Now is the time of the year when the creativity that has been festering for months comes to a boil. Summer is the season when the city becomes showered with talent, not only from within, but from the outside as well.

The Lonestar Pavilion is the first place to look this summer. Saturday, the Pavilion will host the Get a Life College Tour, featuring The Used, Straylight Run, Army of Me and Street Drum Corps. Texas Tech was one of 25 colleges chosen for the three-week run — the first of what the organizers hope will be an annual tour.

Chelsea Roe



Tickets can be purchased at Select-A-Seat locations for \$20.50. Rockstar Energy Drink is the title sponsor of the 2008 tour. Representatives will hand out samples of products and present surprises for show attendees.

In addition to the Get a Life College Tour, Old Town, located at 2402 Ave. J, will give a second try to the music festival that previously was canceled because Jake's Sports Café lost its liquor license.

Hideous Liquor will sponsor this year's music festival. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10, and the show will begin at 3 p.m.

Also positive for Lubbock's psyche is that artists originating from Lubbock will be recognized at the Sandstorm Picnic, which will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at the Moose Lodge in Austin.

Sponsored by Christopher Oglesby — author of "Fire in the Water, Earth in the Air" — the party is, in some ways, a passing-of-the-torch from musicians like Tommy X Hancock and Joe Ely to the new generation of Lubbock greats. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.

Three big events for Lubbock are all in one weekend — and that's only scratching the surface of it. Just because the school year is coming to a close does not mean life around here is.

In fact, it means quite the opposite.

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Ketchup

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ketchup, where students pump out the amount they need.

Michelle Rogers, manager of Wendy's at 19th Street and University Avenue, said bulk is easier to use. According to the Actual Inventory Usage documents of Wendy's, between April 14, 2007, and April 20, 2007, it only cost the fast food chain \$38.12 to use 10.5 gallons of ketchup.

Bennett said he is open to the change of method for providing ketchup.

"There is a little doubt that we will try out bulk ketchup in a couple of locations in the fall," he said. "We fully intend to see the impact it makes on consumption."

Bennett said the portion-control packets do have their advantages.

"They do have their place," Bennett said. "They're easy for picnics and caterings, for example. They're easy to transport."

On the other hand, he said, bulk

ketchup also has disadvantages.

"There's going to be waste at the end of the day, always," Bennett said, "because you have to wash the bulk containers and there will be leftover ketchup."

Rodriguez said he agrees there will be leftover ketchup.

"It's not out of line to have wasted ketchup. It's just the way it is," he said. "We expect some numbers will change and some numbers won't. Whenever we run the numbers of our cost, we're always surprised at the expense."

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China reports it's tied US for most Internet users

BEIJING (AP) — By some measures, China has tied the United States as the online population leader with its government reporting that the number of Internet users there has soared to 221 million.

The figure, reported Thursday by the Xinhua News Agency, reflects China's explosive growth in Internet use despite government efforts to block access to material considered subversive or pornographic. It was a 61 percent increase over the 137 million Internet users reported at the start of 2007.

But the numbers alone can be deceiving.

Nielsen Online estimates the U.S. online population at 221 million as well, but it counts only those with home or work access, as the vast majority of U.S. Internet users do. By con-

trast, one-third of Chinese Internet users surf through cybercafes.

And China's Internet penetration is still low, with 16 percent of people online, compared with a world average of 19 percent, Xinhua said. The Pew Internet and American Life Project places U.S. online penetration at 71 percent.

China still lags the United States, South Korea and other markets in online commerce and other financial measures, though e-commerce, video-sharing and other businesses are growing quickly, and companies have raised millions of dollars from investors.

"We'll see this growth continuing," said Duncan Clark, chairman of BDA China Ltd., a Beijing technology company. "Even though China might overtake the United States in total (Internet) population, it still lags in the size of its Internet industries, and there will be a lot more opportunities."

Beijing promotes Internet use for business and education but operates extensive online censorship. Web surfers have been jailed for posting or e-mailing material that criticizes Communist rule or is deemed a violation of vague national security laws.

Judge sentences Snipes to 3 years for tax convictions

OCALA, Fla. (AP) — Wesley Snipes was sentenced to three years in prison on tax charges Thursday, a victory for prosecutors who sought to make an example of the action star by aggressively pursuing the maximum penalty.

Snipes' lawyers had spent much of the day in court offering dozens of letters from family members, friends — even fellow actors Woody Harrelson and Denzel Washington — attesting to the good character of the "Blade" star and asking for leniency. They argued he should get only probation because his three convictions were all misdemeanors and the actor had no previous criminal record.

But U.S. District Judge William Terrell Hodges said Snipes exhib-

ited a "history of contempt over a period of time" for U.S. tax laws, and granted prosecutors the three year sentence they requested — one year for each of Snipes' convictions of willfully failing to file a tax return.

"In my mind these are serious crimes, albeit misdemeanors," Hodges said.

Snipes apologized while reading from a written statement for his "costly mistakes," but never mentioned the word taxes.

"I am an idealistic, naive, passionate, truth-seeking, spiritually motivated artist, unschooled in the science of law and finance," Snipes said.

Snipes said his wealth and celebrity attracted "wolves and jackals

like flies are attracted to meat." He called himself "well-intentioned, but miseducated."

Snipes was the highest-profile criminal tax target in years, and prosecutors called for a heavy sentence to deter others from trying to obstruct the IRS. The government alleged Snipes made at least \$13.8 million for the years in question and owed \$2.7 million in back taxes.

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3rd Place- Triple J Chophouse

Best Hamburger

Spanky's
2nd Place-Fuddrucker's,
3rd Place-Sonic

Best Pizza

One Guy From Italy
2nd Place-Papa John's,
3rd Place-Double Daves

Best Buffet

Cici's Pizza
2nd Place-Mr. Gatti's,
3rd Place - Furr's

Best Mexican Food

Abuelo's
2nd Place-Rosa's,
3rd Place-Ruby Tequila's

Best Italian Food

Orlando's
2nd Place-Olive Garden,
3rd Place-Carino's

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Shogun
2nd Place-O'Hana,
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Best Margarita

Chimy's
2nd Place-Ruby Tequila's,
3rd Place-On the Border

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Cricket's Drafthouse
2nd Place-Buffalo Wild Wings
3rd Place- Bash Riprocks

Best Happy Hour

Chimy's
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3rd Place- Cricket's Drafthouse

Best Fast Food

Rosa's
2nd Place-Subway,
3rd Place-Sonic

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Whataburger
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CiCi's Pizza
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3rd Place- Furr's

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BEST SHOPPINGBest Sporting Goods

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2nd Place-Mountain Hideaway
3rd Place-Outdoorsman

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Dillard's
2nd Place-DSW
3rd Place-Chrome

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Dillard's
2nd Place-Journey's
3rd Place-Academy

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3rd Place-JC Penny

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2nd Place-Firestone,
3rd Place - Rick's Tire Warehouse

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Express
2nd Place-Dillard's
3rd Place-Banana Republic

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2nd Place-American Eagle
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2nd Place-Banana Republic
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2nd Place-J&B Coffee
3rd Place-TTU Student Union Building

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Cafe J
2nd Place-Stars & Stripes,
3rd Place- Orlando's

Best Place to Work

TTU
2nd Place-TTU Rec Center
3rd Place-Body Bronze

Best Night Club

Wild West
2nd Place-Daiquiri Lounge
3rd Place-Library

Best Bar

Chimy's
2nd Place-Cricket's Drafthouse
3rd Place- Blue Light

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Doc's
2nd Place-Crossed Keys
3rd Place-Double T Liquor Store

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2nd Place-Briteway,
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X-treme Wash
2nd Place-Quick Quack
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2nd Place-Big Daddy's
3rd Place-Collision King

Best Haircut

Supercuts
2nd Place-Andropolis
3rd Place-Aalon Salon

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Always Tan
2nd Place-Body Bronze,
3rd Place- Pacific Sun

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The Centre
2nd Place-University Courtyard
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2nd Place-United Supermarkets
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First Baptist
2nd Place- First United Methodist
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3rd Place-Sky Views

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TTU Recreational Center
2nd Place-Body Works
3rd Place-Flex Fitness

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2nd Place-Starbucks
3rd Place-TTU Recreational Center

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2nd Place-J&B Coffee
3rd Place-Daybreak

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Best Residence Hall

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3rd Place-Horn/Knapp

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2nd Place-Guns Up,
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Football
2nd Place-Basketball,
3rd Place-Baseball

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2nd Place-Newsriting,
3rd Place-Intro to Mass Comm

Best Major

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2nd Place-Marketing,
3rd Place-Finance

Most Helpful Department

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2nd Place-English
3rd Place-Center for Campus Life

Best Athletic Coach

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2nd Place-Pat Knight,
3rd Place-Kristy Curry

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Will Rogers & Soapsuds
2nd Place-Memorial Circle
3rd Place-Jones Stadium

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Tech golf begins quest for first Big 12 Championship

By KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's and women's golf teams are attempting to make history.

The Big 12 Championships begin today for the men in Trinity and for the women in Stillwater, Okla. Neither team ever has won a Big 12 Championship.

The No. 27 Red Raiders enter the Big 12 Championships as the third-highest ranked team in the field, behind No. 5 Oklahoma State and No. 16 Texas A&M.

OSU boasts the No. 1 golfer in the nation in Rickie Fowler, while Tech's highest individually ranked golfer is Will Griffin at No. 93.

Tech coach Greg Sands said his

team has an asset in its experience, but that will not be the only determining factor.

"I think (the experience) is good," he said. "A few of these guys have played in several Big 12 Championships. So I think that will help us. It's hard to factor in experience because, you know, with golf, if you are playing good and sharp, it usually doesn't matter."

Although the spring season brought a few disappointing finishes for the Red Raiders in tournaments they felt they should have won, Sands said the team is confident heading into the competitive field.

"We are still a little confident," he said. "We feel like that if we play well, we will win for sure. It's just a matter of playing well at the right time."

The tournament features a new format this year as the teams will play 36 holes Friday, followed by 18 each Saturday and Sunday.

The four rounds will be played at the Whispering Pines Golf Club, a tough course in Sands' opinion.

"It's a good test all the way around," he said. "I think it's a positive. It's a good, tough golf course and we seem to play those better. I'm not worried about anything that the golf course presents at all."

The No. 47 Lady Raiders enter the first round of the Big 12 Championships today, having finished in the Top 5 in their last four tournaments.

The strong finish was the product of great play from juniors

Megan Dowdy and Ulrika Van Niekerk, sophomore Rosalyn Kim and freshmen Robyn Scott and Stephanie Smith.

"I think the group that we have going is overall experienced enough as far as just other tournaments that we have been playing in throughout the year," Tech coach Stacy Totman said. "I'm hoping that the younger ones will lean on that and not overplay the championship too much into their head and get nervous and things."

The women's tournament is a different format than the men's. The women will play one round, 18 holes, on each of the three days of competition.

The tournament will take place at the Karsten Creek Golf Course

in Stillwater, which is a different course than many other Big 12 schools' courses.

"The only thing that may take some time to get adjusted to is that the grass up there is a little bit different than what we normally play on," Totman said. "But it's a type of grass that I think most of the other schools in the Big 12, besides obviously Oklahoma State, will not be that familiar with."

The strengths of the Lady Raiders are well-suited for this course, Totman said.

"The one thing about this group is that they are pretty accurate off the tee," she said. "I think if you can keep the ball in the fairway off

the tee at the course, then I think you have a pretty good chance at putting up a good number."

One key in performing well in golf is the mental aspect of the competition. This is something Tech is going to focus on as it moves forward.

"I think the thing that would be most disappointing is if we didn't perform because we let outside factors dictate how we play, like nerves or uncertainty," Totman said. "I think if we can go into the practice round and get a really solid gameplan and execute, if we can do that then I think the week will be successful."

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Tech softball aims to continue winnings ways

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

A strong non-conference schedule either can help or hurt a season, and in Texas Tech softball's case, it has done a little of both.

Tech (18-33, 5-9 in Big 12 Conference play) is the winner of five-straight in Big 12 play, which is the highest total since 2002, and it ranks sixth in the standings, as of Thursday.

Coach Teresa Wilson said with how her team has played recently,

this season has left a bittersweet taste in her mouth.

"You look at, once again, the strength of schedule that we play," she said. "If we go out to play a schedule that if we finish one game over .500, nobody will doubt that we should be there, because we played. Everybody there is to play. There is a purpose to that."

Tech will put its strength of schedule to the test against Iowa State at 2 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

Tech catcher Robyn Wike said

the team's sweep of Baylor sparked a sense of urgency that can help lead to a repeat Big 12 Championship appearance.

"We're going to be way more pumped than we are on the road, that's just how most teams work," said Wike, who is on a seven-game hitting streak and had a two-run home run against UTA Tuesday. "These games are so important because we're sitting sixth place right now. We want to get to fifth, so we can have some good games in the Big 12 Tournament."

Iowa State (26-23, 3-10) has three wins in its last 15 games. Coming off a sweep of Missouri and OU in Ames, Iowa, the Cyclones will try to muscle themselves up from ninth in the Big 12 to seventh, ahead of Baylor and Kansas.

Tech is trying to position itself into fourth place at the highest, but it will have to face ISU's Rachel Zabriskie (12-10, 2.87 ERA), who has performed well this season with

123 strikeouts and 45 walks in 139 innings.

Alex Johnson leads the Cyclones with 30 RBIs, while Ariel Coburn has eight home runs and a .347 batting average.

"I know they've done well this year," Wilson said of ISU. "I know they've had a better year than they've had in quite some time. They're excited, they're aggressive, they're hoping to move up the ladder."

Tech pitcher Ashly Jacobs (8-13, 2.27 ERA) will try to bounce back from her appearance against UTA, in which she gave up the game-winning three-run home run in extra innings.

"The Big 12 is a conference that is a battle, and it's very close and there's a lot of parity in this conference," Wilson said. "Teams capitalize on one mistake, so you have to be the team that capitalizes, and you have to be the team that stays focused enough to miss in the right direction."

Tech will play a doubleheader against New Mexico at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday at Rocky Johnson Field before finishing the Big 12 schedule against Oklahoma State at home May 3 and 4.

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SPORTS

Men's tennis begins quest for Big 12 title

By KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's tennis team controls its own fate.

The No. 4-seeded Red Raiders (19-4, 4-2 in Big 12 Conference play) take on No. 5-seeded Texas A&M (11-10, 2-4) in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament at 3 p.m. today in College Station.

With the Red Raiders sitting at No. 16 in the country, Tech coach Tim Siegel said he believes this match will go a long way in determining the NCAA Tournament seeding.

"We believe that if we win this match, we will be one of the Top 16 teams," he said. "So actually, we would get to host (the first round of the NCAA tournament) if we win this match. Basically we believe we control our own destiny as far as that is concerned."

In their last meeting March 22, the Red Raiders defeated the

Aggies 4-3 at the McLeod Tennis Center in Lubbock.

"Nobody is gonna go into this match intimidated because we are playing in College Station."

—TIM SIEGEL
TEXAS TECH
TENNIS COACH

This time around, the Aggies find themselves in the friendly confines of the George P. Mitchell Tennis Center.

"Nobody is gonna go into this match intimidated because we are playing in College Station," Siegel said. "It's gonna be a very difficult match. A&M just lost 4-3 at Austin, at UT, so we know that they're good."

Tech has an experienced group heading into the Big 12 Tournament, something Siegel said is a big factor in determining success.

Senior Bojan Szumanski leads the group of experienced players as the No. 1 singles player. He posted a 14-7 singles record and the No. 39 ranking in the nation. He also teams with Christian Rojmar to comprise the No. 14 doubles team in the nation.

"Certainly experience helps," he said. "It helps that we have the guy at the top who this is his fifth year. He knows how to win. He knows how to help the team get ready for this match. We are gonna play well, and if we lose, it's because A&M plays better, I can tell you that."

The Red Raiders practiced lightly this week in preparation for the tournament, hoping much-needed rest will help them make a run.

"The thing you're careful about this late in the season is not overworking guys," Siegel said. "I know some guys are a little beat up. Just working on some specific things is what we've been doing."

The winner of today's contest will advance to face No. 1-seeded Texas, who Tech beat 4-3 April 12 in what Siegel called the biggest win in program history.

The mindset of the Red Raiders heading into the postseason is no different than the regular season.

"It's another match," Siegel said. "We play Texas A&M. It's all the same."

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Women's tennis advances to second round of Big 12 Tourney

By KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

Redemption is a great feeling.

The Texas Tech women's tennis team (12-11) had that exact feeling after it took down Oklahoma (11-12) by a score of 4-1 Thursday in the first round of the Big 12 Championships in College Station.

The win comes after Oklahoma beat Tech 5-2 in the pair's last meeting, April 13.

"They are feeling vindicated for sure and very happy," said Tech coach Cari Groce. "They played well, and they deserved the win today. It was a very good match. I think that they came out and they wanted it extremely bad and played very, very well."

Tech took the doubles point once again, making it the fourth consecutive doubles point the Red Raiders have won.

Groce recently shifted her lineup to combat recent struggles in singles. She gave the most experienced player, senior Janet Durham, the No. 2 spot, in which she beat Oklahoma's Chelsea Orr.

The move bumped the less-experienced freshman, Kelsy Garland, down to the No. 3 spot.

Tech's other senior, Brenna Jackson, was moved into the No. 6 spot for yesterday's match — a move that proved to be critical to Tech's win.

"Obviously there was a lot of motivation to come out and get the win," Groce said. "Basically, putting Janet at No. 2 and Kelsey at No. 3 and facing a different opponent. Having Brenna in at No. 6 certainly proves to be something we should have done a long time ago. It was a completely different match."

The turn-around is something Groce attributed to her players' mind sets.

"The mentality and the attitude that we took going onto the court was much different," she said. "So, I think obviously that controlled the outcome."

The road does not get easier for as Tech faces No. 1-seeded Baylor at 9 a.m. today. Baylor also is the No. 3 team in the country.

The Bears beat Tech 7-0 March 22, which Groce said she sees as a positive rather than a negative.

"It's always good when you've played a team before, recently," she

said. "Give Baylor a lot of credit. They are a Top 5 team in the country and very good. We are just gonna go out and fight just like we did (Thursday). We are gonna give it our all. This is the Big 12 Tournament, anything can happen, but you also know that you better leave it all on the court because you are only given one shot here. If you lose, you go home."

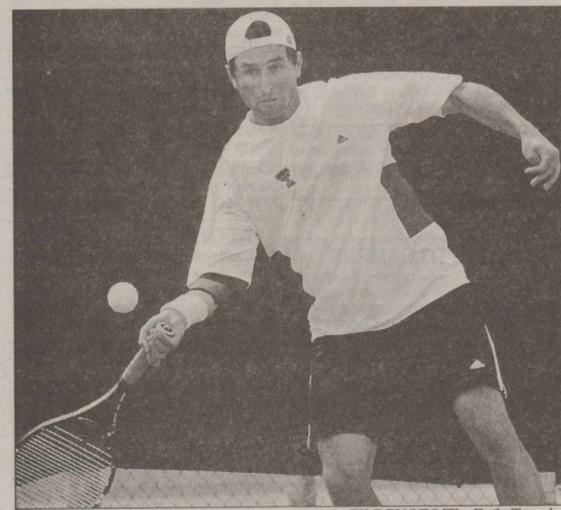
Hoping to produce a different outcome from the last meeting, Groce will keep the lineup as it is for the match against Baylor.

"Our team is very confident with our lineup now," she said. "We finally have a No. 6 that we can count on that can produce a win for us. Janet is playing extremely well and Kelsy is playing strong. Sam (van der Drift) had a good match last time."

The players' attitudes are one thing Groce said she has no worries about.

"I think that we are ready," she said. "The players feel that this is the time of the year that you better be playing your best tennis or you're gonna be going home. They're fired up and ready, and I think they're doing a great job. I'm very pleased."

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TEXAS TECH'S BOJAN Szumanski plays on pairs against Denver earlier this season at the McLeod Tennis Center.

Pacman-to-Cowboys deal proceeds slowly, carefully

IRVING (AP) — Considering all the baggage Adam "Pacman" Jones carries, maybe it should be no surprise that his move to the Dallas Cowboys is going slowly — and carefully.

The Tennessee Titans agreed Wednesday to a deal sending the rights to the suspended cornerback to the Cowboys. But there are so many loose ends that need to be tied down that the trade was not finalized Thursday.

It might not happen Friday, either. Yet it seems likely to be settled by early afternoon Saturday, in time for the start of the NFL draft. After all, the Titans are supposed to get Dallas' fourth-round pick.

"We're still in the process of finalizing the trade papers, the contracts, so it's a very complicated process with Dallas, the NFL, the player, ourselves," Titans general manager Mike

Reinfeldt said Thursday. "So until that situation is finalized, we will not comment on it. However, as soon as it is finalized, we will have some type of get-together to address the situation in detail."

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said team owner Jerry Jones likely will discuss the trade once it's done. However, he doesn't expect Pacman Jones to comment any time soon.

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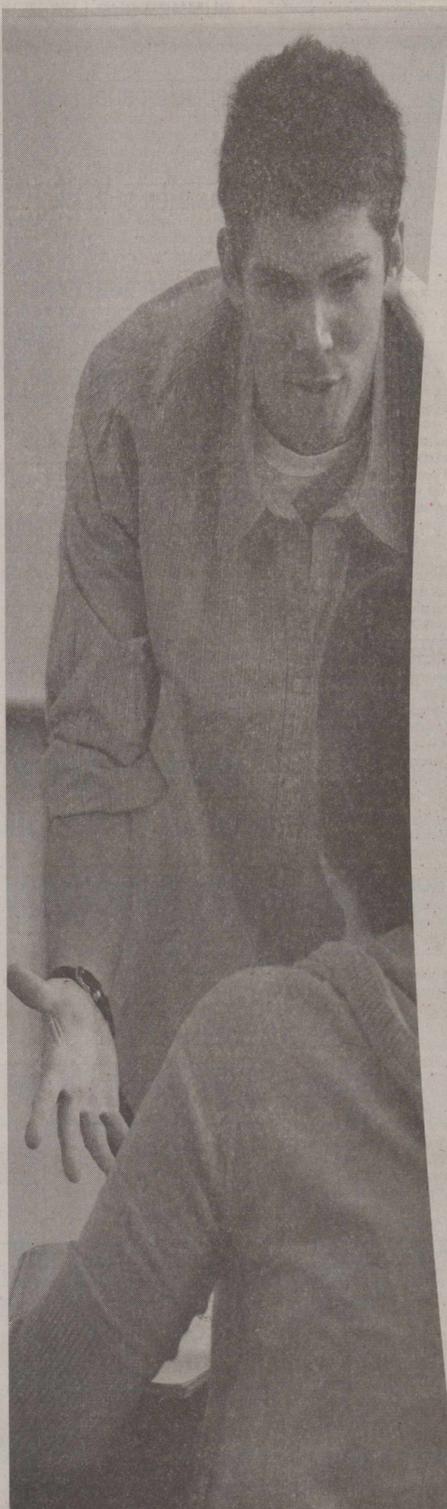
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