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Staff senators discuss privatization

By Ginger Pope Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Staff Senate has developed an enquiring mind about privatization issues on campus.

Senators met Wednesday and voted on a recommendation asking Tech administrators to allow the Staff Senators to review any findings, conclusions or decisions in the area of privatization and to be given an opportunity to provide feedback, before

a final decision is made.

The vote came after Senate members heard an update on privatization, or outsourcing, from Gene West, vice president for opera-

"What I know about outsourcing is that there is a group of regents interested in it," West said. "It's alive and well."

Outsourcing would bring a contractor to campus to do the work currently done by Tech personnel. Areas

for consideration of privatization are grounds maintenance, Department of Housing and Dining, the Tech campus and Tech Health Sciences Center physical plants.

West said he is not in favor of outsourcing, largely because there are so many contractual details to work out.

"When you contract out for work, you better have some real specifications, or you could be out of a lot of money," he said.

Senators brought up concerns about the sale of Tech-owned equipment and whether customer relations would be sincere if administrators decided to privatize.

West said Tech Regent Jim Sowell is concerned about the quality of Tech maintenance.

While no presentations are scheduled for the Board of Regents, West is scheduled to speak at their May 14 meeting.

Sen. Kerry Billingsly said she

hopes Tech administrators and regents would give West and Tech operations a chance to present their case against outsourcing, should the need arise.

Tech Deputy Chancellor Jim Crowson said the Chancellor's Office will deal with the Staff Senate's recommendation once it comes to them, and any plans to outsource would have to go before Tech opera-

While discussions have occurred,

Crowson said no one is convinced it is a good idea.

In other business, Tech Staff Senators approved a resolution asking administrators to delay the presentation of a traffic and parking plan, scheduled to be made to regents in May.

Senators do not think there is enough information available for the plan, and they want students, faculty and staff to have an opportunity to view the plans before final approval.

Regents

approve

changes

Texas Tech Regents Alan White and

Mike Weiss approved refinancing of

bonds, Wednesday, to save the university about \$100,000 a year, for the next

bond

By Ginger Pope

20 years. Regents

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Weiss said.

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lion in bonds were

sold, and Tech has

2.4 percent savings.

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been able to borrow money with an

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home at 8 percent, and you had the

chance to refinance it at 7 percent,"

an absolute savings of about \$1.2 mil-

large portion of the English/Philoso-

phy/Education Complex, said Tech

bonds at advantageous interest rates.

These are historic lows," Crowson said.

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Company of Dallas, and Solomon,

Smith and Barney are underwriters.

Deputy Chancellor Jim Crowson.

"It's the same as if you owned a

The sale of these bonds will lead to

These bonds will help pay for a

"We're refunding part of the 1995

Tech has enlisted consultation

Smith to serve on Senate board

By Greg Okuhara

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and congressional committees now go hand in hand.

HSC President David Smith has been named to his fourth congressional committee, the current one dealing with immunization policy and funding.

The committee was requested by he Senate Appropriations Commit tee and is sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and the Institute of Medicine. Smith and the committee will present their findings in a report to Congress and the CDC.

"This one is a mandate of Congress to take a look at vaccine policy and payment for the nation," Smith said. "Specifically looking at how we fund at the state and national level and private immunizations for children and are we using those dollars efficiently."

Smith travelled to Washington D.C. to present a preliminary report to the CDC Wednesday.

The committee is made up of a combination of physicians, health policy and finance representatives and pediatricians. Smith is the only representative from Texas in the

"We will look at how immunizations are financed, are states living up to their commitments and how well we are using federal money," Smith said.

The committee has already met once and will acquire additional information through state surveys, commissioning papers and conducting hearings in Washington D.C.

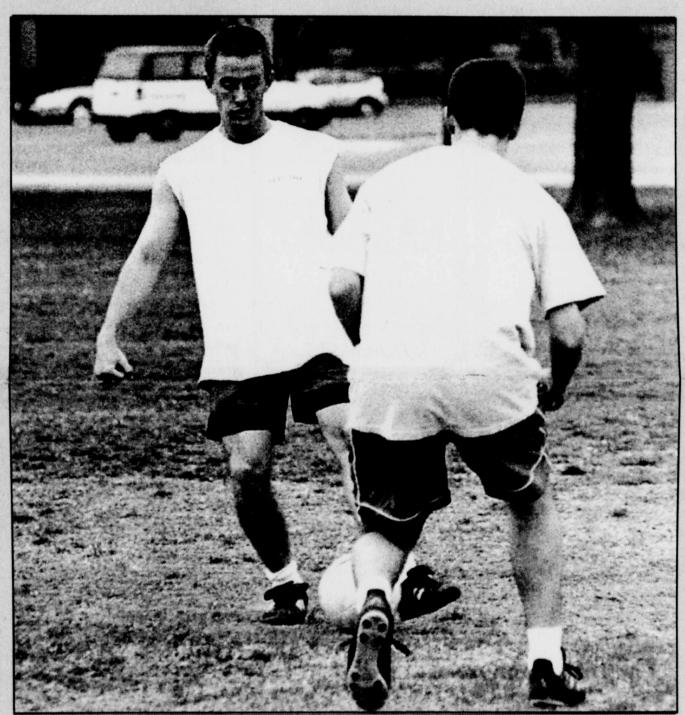
While the study will focus mainly on children, the committee will have a chance to evaluate adult immunizations as well.

"We will probably look at whether we should make recommendations for adult immunizations," Smith said. "Cattle are immunized better than adults.'

College students' immunization rates also will be looked at, especially hepatitis B.

"College students do very well for what they require when they got to school," Smith said. "We do find that they don't keep up their tetanus

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Kickin' It Around: Texas Tech students Travis Cochrane and Paul Maney face off at a practice for their indoor soccer

Proposal could leave Tech under-funded

By Apu Naik

As the Senate Finance Committee continues to convene in Austin regarding the allocation of Higher Education Funds to Texas universities, Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, outlined a proposal Tuesday, which would leave Texas Tech and other

state schools under-funded. Beginning this Friday, the Finance Committee will begin voting on its 1999 budget, which includes higher education.

Because Ratliff is the chairman of the finance committee, he, nor his representatives, could be reached for See Smith, page 2 comment Wednesday.

junior and community college schools in Texas would stand to reap in the majority of the benefits from this legislature's biennial funding, said Charles Zucker, Texas Faculty Association representative.

team, Intervarsity.

But larger state schools, such as Tech, would be left waiting for the state's usual amount of funds until the state's next legislative session in 2001.

"(TFA) acknowledges the fact that junior and community colleges in recent years have not been included as much as larger universities because the interests of senators in those districts have had more control over the allocation of funds," Zucker said. "But in order for the larger universi-

Under Ratliff's proposal, smaller ties to remain competitive, in terms of research with the rest of the nation's state schools, we can't afford to cut the amount they are funded."

> Zucker pointed to the fact that during the 75th legislative session in 1997, public universities received about \$199 million of the state's funds.

Public junior and community colleges received about \$167 million, and health related institutions were given about \$61 million of the state's

But under Ratliff's proposal Tuesday, universities would stand to receive about \$120 million from the state, which is about \$80 million less than the 75th legislative session allocated to public universities.

But Sen. Robert Duncan's, R-Lubbock, office is still optimistic that higher education dollars will find their way to Tech as well as other Texas public universities. Porter Wilson, a legislative aide to

Duncan, said the days preceding the hearing Friday on the Senate Appropriations Bill is still a long way from any decision being made as to the fate of higher education funding. "Right now, these are just options

we're looking at," Wilson said. "We're still confident, and everything will be considered before any decisions are made."

Another legislator's office, Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, said some progress is being made. Barrientos recently added a rider to the Senate Appropriations Bill, which calls for a 7 percent pay increase for Texas university faculty members.

"We were able to get part of our rider passed today (Wednesday), which will require all public universities to report pay raises at the end of each fiscal year so that schools can no longer spend funding dollars in other areas without considering salary raises," said Steve Kester, a legislative aide to Barrientos. "But the 7 percent increase that we're asking for involves about \$179 million to be spent on faculty salaries in each of the next two years. So, we'd be overly optimistic right now to say that we're

Student Senators vote to change SGA election codes

By Christi Biddy

Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Student Senate passed a bill April 1 to change the Student Government Association

Election Code. The bill. Senate Bill 34.06, brought seven changes ranging from a required registration fee for candidates to a restriction of passing out hand-

bills on the day of election. Title 1 of the bill struck-out Chapter IV, subchapter D, from the Student Election Code.

Originally, the code read, "Any individual found guilty of willful and wanton vote fraud may be restricted to voting only under direct supervision of the Election Commission during any and all elections for the duration of their education at Texas

The senators proposed the strikeout of the section because SGA elections are a secret ballot and to be able to determine who cast double vote would negate that.

"It would destroy the spirit of the secret ballot," said Ryan Lunsford, SGA internal vice-president.

Title 2 of the bill would change Chapter V of the Student Election Code to add Section 5.09, which reads, "No candidate shall register for any Student Government Association office with the premeditated intention of leaving office before the end of his or her term."

Lunsford said the title was added to prevent the loss of senators at midterm due to graduation or other rea-

"We can't enforce it if someone leaves, it's really added in for effect," Lunsford said.

"It really hurts our momentum when someone leaves."

Title 3 requires all candidates running for Senate or executive offices to pay a registration fee.

"Elections are expensive and we

don't expect the University Center 7.12 of the Student Election Code to should have to pay for them," Lunsford said. "There would be an additional budget, and this would make them think twice before deciding to run."

Lunsford said the fee should deter people from running who are not

serious about the job. The fees will be \$10 for senators,

\$15 for senator-at-large and \$20 for executive office. Title 4 of the bill amends Section

read, "Posters must be approved and stamped by the election commission at a time and place designated by the Commission on the first weekend at least seven days preceding the elec-

Previously, the section did not specify the number of days prior to the election the posters should be approved and stamped.

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Tech Forensic Union ranks high in nation

By J. D. Boswell

While some people have the gift of talking themselves out of things, one group of Texas Tech students has the gift of talking themselves into

Nine members of the Forensic Union took their vocal chords April 1-4 to the University of Alabama for the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament, the national championship for speaking.

They came back with something to talk about.

Of the more than 100 teams competing, the Tech team combined to earn a 20th-place finish, led by the

team's seniors. From League City, Paul dePadua's efforts in after-dinner speaking and impromptu speaking earned him spots in the quarter finals, placing him in the nation's top 24 for both categories. Will Edwards, from El Paso, also advanced to the quarter finals in informative speaking, as did Jessica Nelson, from Cedar Hill, in communication analysis.

In order for students to participate in the national individual competition, they had to have accumulated no more than eight legs in any three tournaments throughout the competitive year. A leg is received for the position in which a competitor finishes, for example fourth place, four legs. The team travels to about 12 to 14 tournaments per year.

"We had a total of 26 events qualified for in the national tournament," said David Williams, director of forensics and associate professor of communication studies. "This was the second year in a row the team finished in the top 20.'

Other top-20 finishes for Big 12 and Texas schools are: University of Texas - second, Kansas State eighth, Rice University- 16th and UT Arlington-19th.

The team also competed at the National Parliamentary Debate Association championship tournament March 27-31 at Point Loma Nazarene in San Diego.

Tech's three teams achieved an 11th place finish at the tournament and ended the competitive season sixth in the nation in the NPDA. A to-senior Melissa tal of 245 teams competed for points in the NPDA.

The Tech team was the highest finisher of Big 12 and Texas schools. Others were: University of Colorado -28th, Nebraska - 93rd, University of Houston - 119th, University of Oklahoma — 151st and Texas A&M finished 25 spots from the bottom at

"It's incredible," Williams said. "It's great to finish sixth in the nation. We have a tradition of finishing in the top 10 in the NPDA for a number of years

Tech sent three teams of two debaters to the tournament: Edwards and dePadua, Nelson and senior Autumn Edwards from Plainview, and Locke from Lubbock and sophomore Kyle Myers

from Wolfford. The teams debate against

other schools over current events, with one team being the government and

gets 15 minutes to prepare. Edwards and dePadua advanced to the round of the final 32 with a record of six and two.

the other the opposition. Each team

The other two teams advanced to the final 64 before being eliminated. The total amount of teams in the

It's great to finish sixth in the nation." David Williams

forensic director

tournament was 205.

Williams credited the team's success to good coaching and hardworking students.

"What's really incredible is to finish in the top 20 in both (competitions)," he said.

"Only a few schools in the nation can do that."

Students heard, Senate takes action

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Senate Bill from page 1

Lunsford said if a candidate is serious about running, they will campaign before hand.

Title 5 requires materials passed out to support candidates during election time may not be passed out "in any form during the week of elections beginning on that Monday at 1 a.m.'

Restricted items include handbills, buttons, pencils and other paign materials, according to Section 7.11 of the election

code. Lunsford said the restriction of the handbills is in answer to students complaints over the past

few years. "The Senate has heard the students gripe about (the handbills) for

years," Lunsford said. "And they finally decided to do something about it.'

Title 6 of the bill changed the absentee voting from the Thursday, Friday and Monday before any general or special election to the Monday or Tuesday before the election.

The final title to the bill, Title 7, changed the amount of time in which items, such as a referendum, could be placed on a ballot from 14 days to 21 days.

New buses to roll onto campus

By Tia McCutcheon Contributing Writer

Eight new Citibuses will circulate around the Texas Tech campus within the next year, possibly as early as the 1999 fall semester. The new buses will replace the current 1980 model in order to cut back on maintenance costs

It is possible the buses could be in use by December of 1999, and the worst case scenario would be March of 2000, said Merideth Fody, Citibus transit planner.

The estimated cost is \$2,080,000 for the new buses, which will be paid for by a combination of state and federal money.

Bryan Adams, Tech external vice

president for the Student Government Association, said students should not see an increase in fees due to the new buses.

The maintenance cost of the buses is high because parts are expensive and gas mileage is low. It is estimated that each year the 1980 buses cost \$10,000 for maintenance.

When the required parts to fix the old buses are found they are typically expensive.

"Some of the parts are not even being manufactured anymore," said John Wilson, general manager for Wilson said once the new buses

arrive from the manufacturer they will "be put into immediate use."

The maintenance cost of the re-

placement buses is low when compared to the older models.

"The buses are under warranty for the first 12 months, or first 100,000 miles," Fody said.

"It cost less than \$500 a year to maintain the new buses for the first two years, and \$2,000 to \$3,000 to maintain the buses for the next three to four years."

Wilson said once the new buses are in use the old buses will not circulate unless bus routes are expanded.

About 2,800 students ride Citibus off-campus routes, reducing the number of vehicles on campus by about 1,400.

There are six buses that serve offcampus routes and 15 buses circulating the Tech campus.

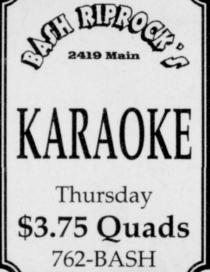
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Tech gains notoriety through appointment

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shots. Many of them do not have hepatitis B (shots). (Hepatitis B) is still the leading cause of liver failure, which is preventable. They don't keep up their status as well as they should after (they get to college)."

Smith is very pleased to be named

to his fourth committee by the Institute of Medicine and Congress.

The appointment to the committee also gains respect and recognition for Tech.

"More importantly, it has Tech playing in a big sandbox with other universities, who I think we're equal to," Smith said.

"And, Congress is using Tech as an expert and that's always nice."

Dr. Joel Kupersmith, dean of the School of Medicine, agrees.

"It gives input on national policy," Kupersmith said. "Dr. Smith has been a leader on vaccinations in Texas when he was health commissioner. This helps Tech's national recognition."

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The Crowes embark on a new journey

By Sebastian Kitchen

The Black Crowes are motivated motivated to be the best rock 'n' roll band in the world. That is the one thing all of the band members have in common.

"It's all about the music, the journey," said drummer Steve Gorman. "It's not about the destination."

The band wants to take its music in as many directions as possible.

And in 10 years, the Black Crowes have taken it pretty far.

"We have been given space to be as creative as we want to be," he said.

The band always thought if they could be the best band it could be, everything else would take care of itself, Gorman said.

Inner turmoil, drugs, years together on the road and line-up changes may have slowed the band down at one time, but now, they are back on the road.

The road will bring the Black Crowes through Texas this week with a show tonight in Austin, Friday in San Antonio and Saturday in Dallas.

Joining the Black Crowes on the tour are two new members, including bassist Sven Pipien and touring guitarist Audley Freed.

The band did not perform any shows for a year while the members were writing and recording the latest release By Your Side.

Gorman said when no one else is paying attention to what your are doing, you can focus.

By Your Side includes a compilation of great songs, such as the Black Crowes' latest radio hit "Kicking My Heart Around.'

The Black Crowes recorded an album it's proud of, and with the new members and the live show, Gorman said they feel better about the band than they ever have.

Gorman met fellow band members when he moved to Atlanta to start a band with friends. That is when he met future Crowes lead singer Chris Robinson.

Robinson's brother, Rich, is the guitarist for the band. At 30, Rich Robinson is the youngest member of the band. The brothers write all of the music together, and Chris Robinson writes the lyrics.

In the beginning, many of the Black Crowes' problems stemmed from the personal problems of the two brothers.

"One of them is going to eventually get their way," the drummer said. Gorman said when the brothers

could not work well together, everyone else was ready to perform. The Black Crowes still were able to produce great albums with hit

songs pouring from within. Popular Crowes songs included "Remedy," "She Talks To Angels" and "Blackberry."

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The band still managed to sell out tours and sell millions of albums, even with the problems.

"Even when they were at their worst, the rest of the band was still plugging away," Gorman said.

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3604 50th St., 10 p.m., \$3



Zone-Fat Katz, 2608 Salem Ave., BigLoo-Texas Cafe, 3604 50th St.,

10 p.m., \$3 Intake Solo-Caprock Cafe, 34th Street & Indiana Ave., 10 p.m., \$3

Mike Williams Band-Bleacher's,

1719 Buddy Holly Ave., 9 p.m., \$3 Wade Parks and Brian Findley-1807 Buddy Holly

, no cover Cary Swinney & Doug Smith-

Clousseau's, 1802 Buddy Holly Ave., 10 p.m., \$3

Buddha Brothers-Bash's Power Hour, 2419 Main St., 3 p.m. -5 p.m., no

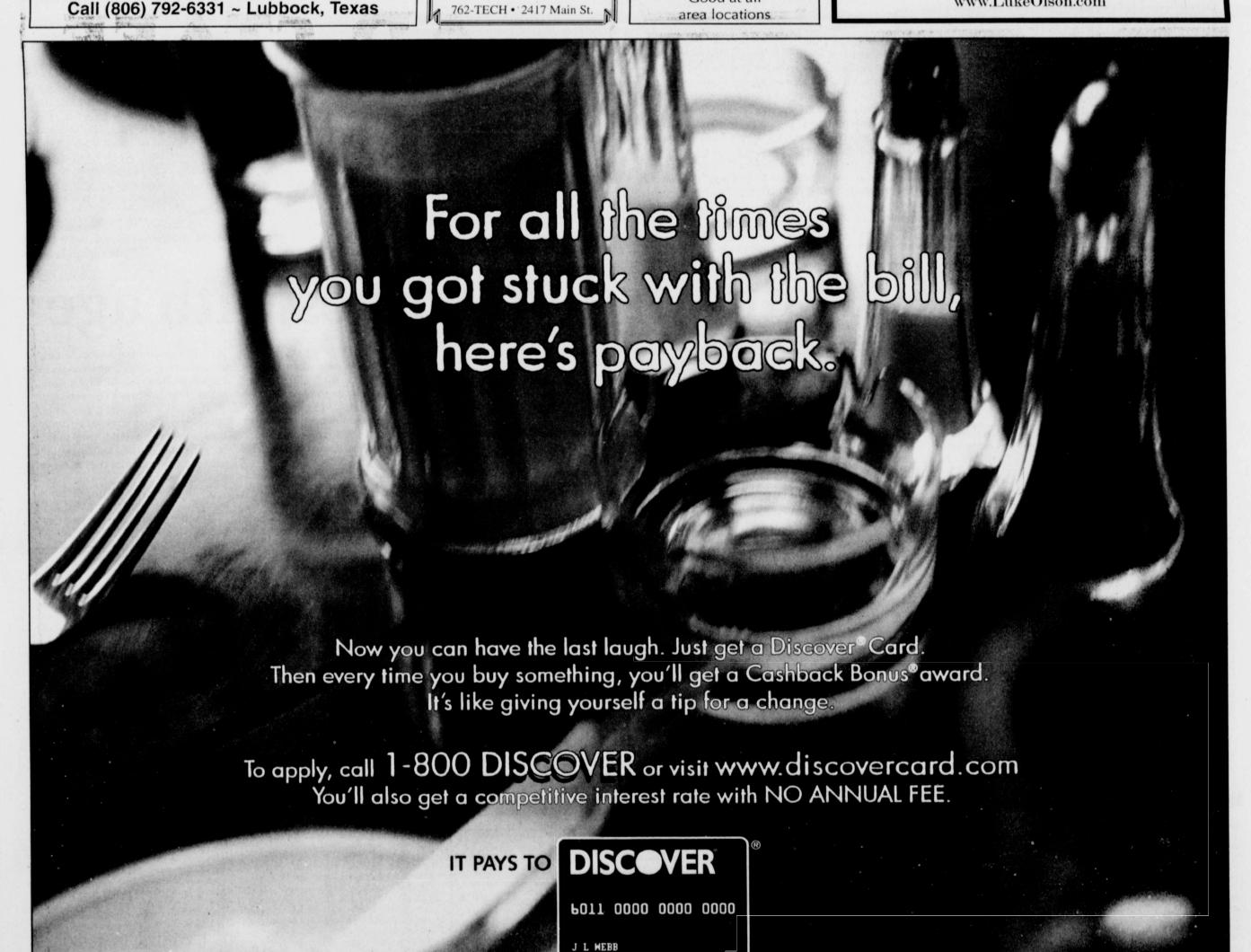
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VIEWPOINTS

Do you Yahoo often?

ow updated is your Yahoo profile? Believe it or not, Internet chat rooms are no longer exclusively the dens of the social outcasts and computer junkies.

The Internet is now the most "in" way to meet people around the world.

Boasting hundreds to thousands of chat rooms at a time, large chat centers, Yahoo and Lycos, have become a flurry of action in the past few years as people find an entirely new way to reach out and

touch someone. Both services allow the user to choose a screen name, which is displayed in the chat room, so they can

talk to one another. People who talk on these chat rooms frequently say the practice

becomes almost addictive. Particularly, shy people and those who are insecure tend to use these services more often because of the added personal security it

However, attractive and outgoing Columnist people also use these services in order to meet more people and if they are attractive and intelligent, see if they can meet some-

Thomas D.

Tucker

one for who they are and not what they look like. Perhaps the Internet chatroom is the only true bas-

tion from bigotry of all sorts. If people do not know that the person on the other

end is a certain color, sexual preference or attractive, then they cannot judge them by those standards any longer. What results is a completely new system of judging a

person's character. Perhaps this is the key to an unbias the world of Internet chat, is an architecture student

Scott spends hours at a time on Yahoo chat service talking to people (mostly women) from around the world.

He once asked me: "Why is it that all the wonderful girls I meet live half way around the world?" I simply replied "Because those are the only ones that

you spend hours talking to. You don't know any other

When out on the town on a weeknight or messing around in the dorm, Scott is notorious for jumping up and saying: "What time is it!?! Oh no, I was supposed to meet (any name here) online at nine."

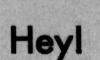
It gives everyone else a good laugh, and apparently he feels like he has committed a horrendous crime.

It might interest females to know that some guys, like Scott, still have a soft spot where they are vulnerable that soft spot is a chat room.

Men have a tendency to be brute and tough when around other men, but they always soften up and talk very gently when their girlfriend calls or if they are on the computer.

Clearly, this whole Internet chat concept might be a step in the right direction. So, 'Do you Yahoo?'

Thomas D. Tucker is a junior general studies major from Midland.



Do you have an opinion? Is anyone trying for a millennium baby? Share your thoughts with us. Drop them by 211 journalism or e-mail The University Daily @ttu.edu.



EDITORIAL

Students should chance online registration

After years of promises, Texas Tech has finally come through with results. Online registration is taking its first to register through the web system. steps into students' lives.

The Department of Admissions and Records is testing the online registration process for students to sign up for summer and fall classes. Students interested can just ask to participate and point and click their way into the class of their choice — as long as there are no holds on your records or professors barring you from the class.

Though some community colleges have surpassed Tech on the information superhighway, officials are putting it in gear and slowly swerving into the passing lane.

And they're making this move intelligently by having pioneering students to test the system. If it does not work for them, a staff member is there to register them the oldfashioned way.

If you would like to register via Tech's new web registration system, here's what you need to do:

• Bypass the line and tell some official you would like means the bugs could be worked out before the system

 A person will direct you to someone who will ask you a few questions and give you a personal identification

· After you receive your PIN, you will have to look up a specific call number that corresponds to the class you want. (To skip this process, if you still have your "Schedule of Classes," the call number for each class is the fivedigit number beside the class section in the magazine.) Next, just wait your turn to register.

You will have to key in your Social Security Number, the PIN you were given, and at this point, you will find out if you have any holds on your records.

If you do have a hold you cannot go any further and will have to take care of the hold before you can move

Tech is actually taking time to test the system. This

is flooded by thousands of students next year. This may mean no more "computer glitches" to mess things up.

But officials must be prepared for the potential problems when summer or fall classes begin. If the willing volunteers' names are not on the profes-

sors' rolls when the doors open, that straw will break the

Students are still bitter from the financial aid fiasco and any major problems with this will push students too

So, when you're standing in that long line, go ahead and take a risk. Be one of the firsts to register online. It's a chance to be part of Tech history, and it'll get you out of the University Center faster.

> The University Daily editorial board voted 7-0 in favor of this issue.

Certain wisdom comes with age



Andrew Schoppe Columnist

ter and jelly sandwich and might think, "Boy that tastes

A teenager sees a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and might think, "Boy that's quick and easy to make, and it tastes pretty good."

A parent sees a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and might think, "If I give this to my child for lunch, it will be easy to make but is it going to give him the vitamins and minerals he needs? Is it the healthiest thing I can make my child for lunch?"

When deciding whether to make and eat a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, the one thing that will vary during different stages in life are the factors the person will consider when making the decision. The reason for these different perceptions of the same situation is that as we grow older, we are exposed to more information we consider when making decisions. Often, parents will try to avoid flooding their children with a lot of information early in life so life's decisions seem a bit easier.

You certainly can't fault parents and other adults for trying to help

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little kid sees a peanut but- their children maintain their innocent, carefree outlook on life for as long as possible.

> Since the early years are so critical to the development of humans, it's important to keep a good handle on what kids learn about and how they learn about these things.

When a kid learns of something that disagrees with an earlier belief, a feeling of confusion sets, causing the kid to either turn to others or look within to decipher the confusion.

The one thing that will monopolize the kids thoughts more than all others when this confusion sets in is the urge to get rid of the confusion.

Our desire to avoid confusion and pain doesn't end with our childhood but continues in our lives as adults.

For example, consider how many times you know you won't be able to do something but instead of saying "no" to someone, you say "yes" to avoid upsetting them.

Wanting to avoid a conflict is one of the main reasons people have a difficult time saying "no."

In a class discussion last semester, several Tech students were faced with a rather challenging question: Is America a Christian nation? As youngsters in grade school our understanding of American history probably began with Christopher Columbus's discovery of America.

This was followed by the Pilgrims fleeing England in search of America to escape religious persecution. Later, we learned about the American Revolution and the early years of the United States.

From all the information we were exposed to, we likely made the assumption that our early presidents were Christian, but is this the case?

In fact, George Washington proclaimed to be a follower of Latitudinarian Anglicanism.

This is a form of deism, which professes a belief that God created the world, but that's where God's involvement stopped.

Another early president, Thomas Jefferson, expressly denied he was a Christian.

These discoveries are a bit shocking the first time you learn of them and make you wonder why you always believed these men were Chris-

This is where it helps to understand that children are often pro-

tected from learning further details about certain things in order to avoid confusion. Adults don't have a similar luxury but often wish they still did.

That's why so many times when adults are confronted with things they don't understand, they crawl back in their shell and feel frustrated with the new material they're faced

People's ability to understand computers is a good example of this.

Another good example is our tendency to blow off political issues because fully understanding such issues would require a great deal of thought and effort.

In reality, these issues will probably have a tremendous bearing on humanity in the future.

It's nice to be protected from confusion as children, and sometimes adults want to withdraw to this feeling of protection as well.

But as adults, it's up to us to step outside our comfort zone and confront the things that confuse us so we can understand them better.

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Astros' stadium to be Enron Field

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corporation that spearheaded a private effort to build a retractable-roof downtown ballpark agreed Wednesday to pay more than \$100 million to name the stadium Enron Field.

Officials for Enron and the Houston Astros declined to be specific on financial details, except to say the naming rights fee would be paid over 30 years and that Enron also would

build a large parking garage worth another \$30 million or

The deal also includes the right for Enron Energy Services. a subsidiary, to manage the facility.

That could include providing power if the Texas Legislature deregulates the electricity industry as expected.

"We'll do what we do best, which is manage energy and facilities, and we'll let the Astros do what they do best, which is winning baseball games," said Ken Lay, Enron's chairman.

The 30-year management contract could run about \$200 million, said Lou Pai, chief executive officer of Enron Energy Services.

His company has a similar agreement with the San Francisco Giants and is pursuing such deals with other stadium projects nationwide.

The estimated \$300 million Houston stadium complex had gone by the working title "Ballpark at Union Station" until Wednesday.

Officials dropped the name of the 88-year-old train depot, which shadows left field.

"Union Station still is an important component," Astros owner

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Drayton McLane Jr. said of the historic building, which will house the team's offices. "We went with Enron Field because it's straightforward."

A handful of major companies were vying for naming rights, but Enron long had been thought to have the inside track because of its intimate involvement in the stadium.

When McLane considered moving the club to the Washington, D.C.,

area in 1996, Lay recruited several other area companies to provide a no-interest loan of \$34.7 million for stadium-related costs.

The businesses insisted that the park be built downtown rather than next to the aging As-

trodome in south Houston. This summer, Enron plans to break ground on a second downtown office building.

Ken Lay

Enron's chairman

Voters narrowly approved the ballpark in 1996, accepting McLane's pleas that the Astrodome no longer was financially viable to support a competitive franchise.

'The new stadium will be to Houston today what the Astrodome was to Houston 35 years ago," Mayor Lee Brown said.

With \$31.3 billion in revenues last year, Enron ranks among the nation's 30 largest corporations and has natural gas and electricity operations around the world.

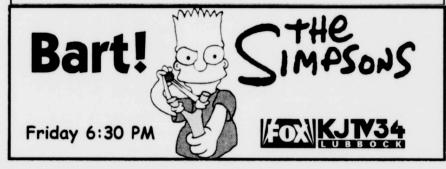
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Rockets' Price right after surgery

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Tech fastpitch splits twinbill

By Brent Dirks Staff Writer

After finding offense in game one, the Texas Tech fastpitch softball team fizzled in the second game and ended up splitting a twinbill with Texas-San Antonio Wednesday at the Tech Rec Softball Fields.

"Our head and our base runningskills were the difference," Red Raider coach Renee Luers-Gillispie said of

"We just didn't make the adjustment at the plate. We had a slower pitcher who was throwing curves at us, and we couldn't sit back on them."

The Red Raiders racked up the hits in a 5-4 win in game one, but Roadrunner pitcher Denise Briggs (5-5) shut the Tech offense down in the second game, while helping her team cruise to a 4-1 victory.

Briggs allowed only three Red Raider hits, none past the fifth inning, while striking out four.

But, the Red Raiders (25-22 overall) did have a chance for a comeback in the bottom of the seventh.

After getting two walks, Tech had the tying run at the plate twice, but Jennifer Beach struck out, and Eva Harshman grounded out the end of the game.

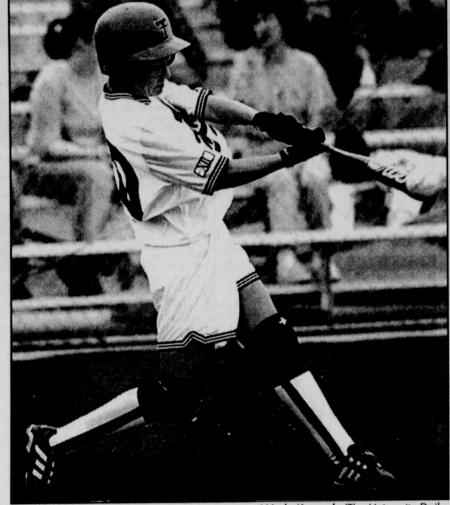
"It shouldn't have come down to that last inning for us," Red Raider infielder Kim Martinez said of Tech's effort in game two.

"We had plenty of opportunities during the game. We had problems getting our first couple of runners on, but we couldn't do anything. When you get your lead-off or second batter up, you've got to move her. Somebody's got to get it done."

While Tech had offensive problems in the second game, the Red Raider pitching staff was stretched

Wednesday. Starting pitcher Amanda Renfro was suffering from an illness and could only pitch a combined four innings in relief for Emily Hayes during the two games.





Wade Kennedy/The University Daily

Smooth Swing: Tech infielder Tamara Harrington records one of her two hits in the Red Raider's 5-4 win over Texas-San Antonio on Wednesday.

Hayes (10-9) started both games, giving up five runs and striking out five Roadrunners.

"It wasn't so much a factor her not starting," Luers-Gillispie said of

"Emily did a great job keeping us in that first game. She just got a little tired and wasn't able to keep her strength and stamina in the second game. It would have been nice to have Amanda full strength for that second game." In the first game, things went

more Tech's way. Both teams went scoreless during the first two innings, but both broke

out in the third. The Roadrunners (20-15 overall) used three hits and a Tech error to take a 4-0 lead. But, the Red Raiders had an answer.

After scoring two runs in the bottom of the third, Martinez hit her seventh home run of the season in the fifth, a solo shot, to bring the Red Raiders within 4-3.

In the sixth, an RBI single by Beach scored Tamara Harrington for Tech's game winner. Renfro came in to pick up the save in the seventh.

The four-run deficit was the biggest Tech had overcome this season.

"It's been a long time since we've seen one that we come back on especially 4-0," Luers-Gillispie said. "I was very pleased with them in the first game. It was very tough to be pleased with them one moment, and then, you're shaking your head.

There's no explanation for how you can play so well one game and then in 15 minutes, turn around and can't stay consistent in the second

Angelic curse hits slugger Mo Vaughn

come to the club, Mo. The jinxed club known as the Anaheim An-

It took Mo Vaughn mere minutes to initiate himself as a member of the Angels' walking wounded.

Two batters into the season opener, Vaughn sprinted to the Cleveland dugout for a foul pop, tumbled down the steps and sprained his left ankle.

After a few moments, Vaughn got from the dugout floor, made it up the steps and onto the field. But he was limping.

His next time at-bat, the Angels first baseman hit a fly to left

and crumpled in a heap in the batter's box, his ankle giving way. Then he told manager Terry

Collins he couldn't go any more. By the time Troy Glaus hit an-RBI double in the eighth for the go-ahead run in Anaheim's 6-5 win Tuesday, Vaughn was at the hospital being X-rayed to survey the damage.

"No one likes to go to the hospital," he said.

"A lot of things go through your mind on the drive."

"Fracture" was probably one of those things.

But the X-rays were negative and the diagnosis was a sprain for the new Angel slugger.

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