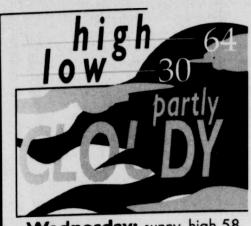


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### STATENEWS -

### Company denies benefits to gay employees' partners

DALLAS (AP) - ExxonMobil Corp. has adopted a policy against giving benefits to the partners of newly hired gay employees, breaking with a policy at Mobil before the companies merged last week.

The oil giant said Monday it would continue Exxon's long-standing policy of extending spousal benefits only to couples in legally recognized marriages. It will also continue to extend benefits to same-sex partners of Mobil employees who were receiving benefits before the merger, a spokesman said.

Human Rights Campaign, the largest gayrights group in the nation, accused Exxon Mobil of taking a step backward from the trend of offering benefits to partners of gay employees, a policy followed by about half the country's largest corporations.

"Rollbacks or cancellations of these types of policies are very rare, and we don't understand why Exxon is doing this," said David M. Smith, a spokesman for the group in Washington. "Gay people don't have access (to legally recognized marriages), so they are being denied a benefit made available to other employees in the workplace."

### **NATIONAL**NEWS

### Authorities search for runaway boys in Utah desert

CEDAR CITY, Utah (AP) - One of a group of teen-age boys who fled a camp for troubled youth after allegedly beating a counselor and tying another to a tree turned himself in Monday after apparently trudging 30 miles across the frosty desert.

Six other boys who fled Saturday remained at large in the southern Utah desert, and authorities were concerned about their ability to survive in the rugged wilderness after two nights in the bitter cold.

We're absolutely worried about them," said Iron County Sheriff David "Dude" Benson. "They've done some stupid things, but they're just kids."

Another boy turned himself in Saturday after he became ill and was abandoned by the others. He was charged with felony aggravated assault, simple assault and theft.

The other boys, between the ages of 14 and 16, had some survival gear, wool coats, blankets and a two-way radio, but only one-day ration packs of food.

### WORLDNEWS —

### Police detain two in search for self-confessed serial killer

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) - While on the trail of the self-confessed killer of 100 children, Pakistani police have detained two men who admitted they had sex with many

of the alleged serial killer's victims. Police are hunting for a man who identified himself as Javed Iqbal in a letter he sent to police last week in which he said he killed the children, then disposed of their bodies

Police spokesman Ashiq Marath said Monday that police in the eastern city of Lahore have two men in custody who say they are friends of Iqbal. The two men confessed that they had sexually assaulted 25 of the children, but both denied killing their captives, according to Marath.

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# \$16-million lab finally opens

### Ribbon-cutting ceremony honors new USDA research facility

by Ashley Johnson Staff Writer

After more than two years of construction, the \$16-million USDA Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory was officially opened Monday during a ribboncutting ceremony.

The lab is one of the 19 research locations that includes Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Panama.

The 64,000-square-foot facility, located at 3810 4th St., contains two research labs and employs 22 scientists, some of which are Texas Tech students. One lab will conduct research on plant stress and germplasm development. The second lab will focus the lab's efforts on wind erosion and water conversation.

The plant stress research will examine new techniques for water conversation and allow a better understanding of dust storms that affect urban areas.

"All the water used in Lubbock comes from a giant underground lake, called the Ogalalla aquifer. It supplies water to areas all the way to Nebraska," said John Burke, research lead of the plant stress lab. "The more we use the aquifer, the less water there will be in the future. We need to conserve it now because this specific water source is very slow in replenishing."

Burke said the new facility also will research ways to manage crops in the extreme temperatures in Lubbock.

"Currently, the problem is focused on prevention of damage due to the cold temperatures we are experiencing," he said.

Burke said the choice to build the lab in Lubbock is because of the extensive agricultural industry and the semiarid condition.

"Semiarid describes the amount of rainfall we get and since Lubbock cannot depend on rain, we have no choice but to irrigate,"

Funding for the research facility was made possible by Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, said John Abernathy, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

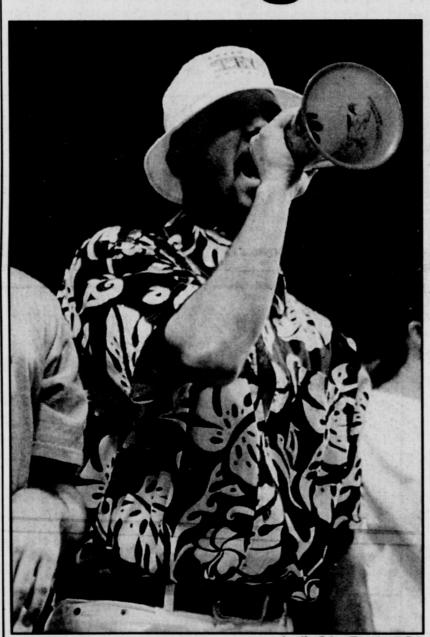
"Congressman Combest secured the funding that made it happen," Abernathy

He said a variety of members from the USDA and other universities contributed to the opening of the new building.

Jim Butler, the assistant vice chancellor at

see FACILITY, p. 2

# Leading the Charge!



Ronny Daigle, a teaching assistant in the College of Business Administration, can always be found in the student section during Tech men's basketball games. He often heckles opposing teams' coaches and players.

### Red Raider supporter often spotted at Tech athletic events "It really wasn't until last

by Eric Shaw Contributing Writer

T e's loud, clever, funny and harassing all wrapped into one exuberant package. He's hard to miss at any Texas Tech athletic event in his normal garb of Hawaiian shirts or camouflage.

least, with red-and-black rather than watching them paint covering his face.

He could be found during football season on the front row in the far south corner at Jones Stadium leaning over the railing, doing the best he could to annoy and distract the opposing team.

This man is not your ordinary student.

Ronny Daigle, a teaching assistant at Tech, spends much of his time cheering for Tech athletics and heckling opposing players when he is not busy teaching financial accounting to his students and working on his doctorate degree in accounting.

It was not until last year that Daigle introduced his heckling skills to Tech fans and athletes.

"When I first got out here as a student, I pretty much laid low in terms of being out there," Daigle said.

year that I got into that corner and really became vo-

Growing up, Daigle spent a lot of time watching and attending professional wrestling. From this, he picked up a lot of "smack" talking skills. He still enjoys listening to the He's a vocal man to say the comments wrestlers make

> "It doesn't matter what they do in the ring.

"It's what they do with the microphone in their hands," Daigle said with a

While growing up in Mobile, Ala., Daigle attended Southeastern Conference sporting events with his brothers, where he learned to be a vocal supporter.

When he came to Tech, it just seemed there was a little something missing from what he was used to hearing and seeing at SEC

"I just decided I was going to inject my own style out there at the games and just be vocal and be a heckler," Daigle said.

see HECKLER, p. 9

# Rodriguez to remain at Clemson

### Football assistant cites family as deciding factor

by Patrick Gonzales Staff Writer

Rich Rodriguez, the offensive coordinator who helped lead the 1998 Tulane football squad to a 12-0 record, will not be Texas Tech's new head football coach.

Rodriguez, who was the only applicant to have been interviewed twice by Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers, said Monday he will no longer pursue the position.

"I have made a decision to stay at Clemson University," Rodriguez said in a statement released by Clemson Athletic Media Relations. "I really think that we have a great thing go-

ing here and feel fortunate to be a part of the Clemson family, and I am no longer pursuing or am interested in the job at Texas Tech University."

Myers could not be reached for comment but Rodriguez said on Thursday the announcement of the new coach will be made sometime in the

middle of this week. The job officially was posted Nov. 22 but cannot be legally filled until today, as state law requires the job opening to be available

for 10 working days. Myers also said only four candidates officially have been interviewed: Oklahoma offensive coordinator Mike Leach, New Mexico State head coach Tony Samuel, Rodriguez and another who wished to remain anonymous.

Samuel also withdrew his candidacy ear lier in the week

As of yesterday, Rodriguez said he hadn't been offered the job but many close to the situation viewed him as the front-runner.

Rodriguez, 36, had an interview in Dallas and visited Lubbock on Nov.21 and Nov. 26, with his last visit including a tour of the Tech athletic facilities.

Myers said he was looking for an offensive-minded coach who would bring a wide open passing game, and according to him,

Rodriguez fit the bill. Rodriguez helped lead Clemson to a 6-5 record and a Peach Bowl appearance this season, while the offense averaged more than

400 yards-per-contest. Under one year with Rodriguez, Clemson's offense improved in nine different statistical categories.

Rodriguez said his decision had nothing to do with his visits with Tech.

"You couldn't be more first class or more

professional in the way they treated me," Rodriguez said. "Everything went really well during the interview and the visit. It was a very, very tough decision for me not to pursue the job any further."

# Spirituality — a mainstay in busy holiday season at Tech

by Lisa Marie Lachmann Contributing Writer

Around the holiday season, many people feel the urge to offer some kind of service to help those in need.

Students at Texas Tech, especially during the holiday season, often develop a sense of spiritually through ser-

During the holidays, organizations offer to help others who are less fortu-

In a recent study conducted on different college campuses, scientists found that religion affects students' actions and daily religious worship.

Conrad Cherry, a researcher at the American Academy of Religion, said students are much more likely to consider themselves spiritual than reli-

"Spirituality and social services are often strongly connected," Cherry said. "Students may be individualistic in their approach to religion, but still consider public service a central form of religious expression."

Some Tech students feel service is performed more around the holiday season because the spirit of the season puts them in a service frame of mind.

Dawson Bean, a senior family studies major from Celina, said service is valuable to do, learn and experience, but said it is difficult to separate spirituality and worship.



that service is increased during the holidays because it is a time when God is on their minds," Bean said.

"It's more in our face. Christmas is about celebrating Jesus' birth

and helping others who are less fortu-Different Tech organizations offer stu-

dents a chance to participate in different types of fellowship, worship and social ser-Adam Looney, director of Christ in Ac-

tion, said he thinks service is very acceptable in this generation and that in order to have spiritual feeling, students need to stop focusing on themselves and start focusing on others.

"Students are more open and willing to help because it's real," Looney said.

That's why they came to school, to learn, but you can't learn religion in a class you have to experience it. In the spirit of Christmas, Christ in Ac-

tion Student Ministries has adopted three families for the holidays. The group also has an Angel Tree for students to pick out a name and deliver

gifts to underprivileged children on Dec.

Tech has 34 registered religious organizations that welcome students to experience the meaning of service and self-satisfaction. "I think that the giver of community service gets more out of it than the receiver," said Andrew Greene, a junior marketing major from Arlington.

> "When you can see those in need benefit from something you have directly taken part in, the spiritual rewards are phenomenal.'

Ed Youngblood, Tech adviser for the Hillel Jewish Organization, said he believes students can grow spiritually by being involved in community service

"The Jewish version of service is rebuilding the world and making it a better place ... it makes the individual better," Youngblood said.

Hillel has worked with other religions in conjunction to Christmas and community service.

Working with interfaiths is the best way to learn about and serve yourself and others," Youngblood said.

The common factor of these religious groups is reaching out to others. Danielle Barnes, a senior medical ma-

jor from Amarillo, said she is equally spiritual in doing service as well as worship during the year.

"At our age it is easy to stray away from faith, but at this moment in our lives, this is when we need to stay in the right direction." Barnes said.

# TABC may stay clear of report

### Toxicology report on 12th victim up in air

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — State agents investigating the drinking of alcohol before the Texas A&M University bonfire collapse have not decided whether to seek toxicology reports on the 12th person killed in the Nov. 18 accident, officials said Monday.

Tests released Friday showed of the 11 people who died at the scene, three had been drinking and two had blood-alcohol levels well above .08 — the legal benchmark for intoxication in Texas.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission has confirmed it will investigate the source of the alcohol.

The 12th victim, Tim Kerlee, 17, of Bartlett, Tenn., died at St. Joseph's Hospital the day after the accident.

Brazos County Justice of the Peace George H. Boyett, who ordered the other tests, said Monday he did not have jurisdiction to request blood tests on Kerlee.

"If any toxicology work was done it was done as a medical procedure in the hospital and was not part of my purview," he said.

Privacy laws prevent hospitals from revealing a patient's medical records. St. Joseph's spokesman Tim Ottinger said toxicology tests are performed at a doctor's request and only can be released through a court subpoena.

### FACILITY, from p. 1

Texas A&M, as well as Floyd Horn, the administrator of the USDA Agriculture Research Service, were also involved with the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Floyd said in a written statement that the new facility will allow cooperative research with the USDA and the scientists that con-

"Drawing the USDA, Texas

Tech and Texas A&M University staffs together at one facility will optimize sharing of equipment and other resources," he said in the statement.

"It will also stimulate cooperative interaction within and between the USDA and university research teams."

The ceremony concluded with the raising of a U.S. flag that had once flown over the U.S. Capitol

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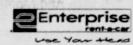
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# Parents to offer rest stops for tired student travelers

by Andy Jones Staff Writer

Texas Tech students now have access to a list of Tech parents' names who will provide assistance and shelter to students traveling across the state during the Winter Break.

In response to recent incidents caused by drowsy driving, the Texas Tech Association of Parents began the Safe Travel Parent Network.

Recent ads in The University Daily have shown a partial list of the names and numbers of parents who have offered their services to the program.

Trudy Putteet, executive assistant to the dean students and director of the Association of Parents, said the program began to take shape during an association meeting.

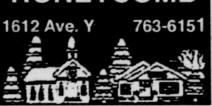
"It started at Family Day with a suggestion from one of our members during a meeting," Putteet said. "Then we put together a network for the (University of Texas) game at Aus-

Putteet said since the initial weekend, many names have been added to the list of parents. She said students could obtain an up-to-date copy of the list at the Dean of Student's Office, the Student Recreation Center and residence halls. The list also can be found on the Association of Parents' Web site at www.ttu.edwparentspage.

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positive so far, Putteet said.

"We don't have any feedback except from students telling us what a great thing it was," Putteet said. "If it made people feel better and made them more alert about what they are doing, then a goal has been accomplished."

Brandon Nix, a sophomore horticulture major from Texarkana, said the program sounds like something he would use in an emergency situa-

"That's pretty cool, if I needed it," Nix said. "It sounds like a good idea." The parents involved in the net-

work thought it was a good idea, too. Barbara Pharis, an Association of Parents member from Vernon, said she and her husband Doug are participating in the network because

same for their own children. "Our child is going to Tech, and he travels in a very desolate area," Pharis said. "We hope somebody would

they feel other people would do the

Reaction to the program has been help him if we weren't available." Ellen Cassatt, a member of the

Dallas chapter of the association, said she and her husband Dennis joined for similar reasons.

"I have two students (at Tech) and I hope someone would do the same for them," Cassatt said. "We needed a network like this to give students a place to stay for free and hang out."

Cassatt said students have not called her, but is looking forward to being able to help if needed.

"I hope the students who need it will utilize it," Cassatt said.

Putteet said everyone involved in the network are parents' association members at this point, but they would be happy to include other people willing to lend their assis-

"We're excited and we would love to hear from students and parents who have used the network," she

For more information, contact Putteet at 742-2192.

### Library hours extended during finals

The Texas Tech Library will a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 16 and 17; 1 have extended hours for finals through Dec. 14.

The building will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 a.m. today through Friday; 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday; and 7:30 a.m to 3 a.m. next Monday and Tuesday.

The library also will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 15; 8 1-2.

p.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 18 and 19; and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 20-23.

The library will be closed Winter Break, Dec. 24-26.

Hours of operation will resume from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 27-30 and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on New Year's

The building will be closed Jan.

### Association offers mascot information

The Masked Rider Association will host an informational meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Masked Rider Room of the University Center.

The meeting will be open to all students who are interested in becoming the next Masked

Officials will be available to answer student's questions about the selection process.

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# Outdoor Programs trips, classes offered

by Andrew Schoppe Contributing Writer

Students now can sign up for Texas Tech's Recreational Sports Outdoor programs for the spring semes-

The trips and programs offered by Rec Sports usually fill up quickly, said Jordan Messerer, director of the Outdoor Program.

"This fall semester, all the trips filled up in just one month," Messerer said. "Hopefully, all the spring trips will be full by the end of February."

The Outdoor Programs' spring schedule offers trips and programs for people with a variety of interests. The classes offered will cover topics such as fly fishing, bicycle maintenance, kayaking and rappelling.



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The trips include adventures such as a New Mexico skiing and snowboarding trip in February, a Lower Canyons canoeing trip during Spring Break and two backpacking trips in

Most trips and programs still have space available, but the kayaking class is already full.

The first Outdoor Program trip of

the spring semester, the skiing and snow-boarding trip, costs \$95 and will be Feb. 8-20. Twelve spaces are available for the trip. The cost covers transportation, rental equipment and lodging for the participants, but does not cover lift tickets or food. Messerer said he will wait to see how snow conditions are before choosing a final skiing destination, but it will likely be in the Santa Fe and Angel Fire area.

The Lower Canyons canoeing trip during the week of Spring Break, March 10-18, costs \$195 per person and has nine spots remaining. The group will travel to La Linda and begin their 85-mile journey on the Rio Grande River. Messerer said each day the group will travel about 12 miles by canoe and encounter several areas of rapids. The participants also will have one day on the trip to rest and relax in some warm springs located along the way.

Messerer said one of the great things about the Lower Canyons Canoeing trip is the beauty of the area.

"It's one of the many different ecosystems here in Texas," Messerer said. "It just blows my mind every time I go down there."

Over Thanksgiving break, nine

Tech students and two volunteer student leaders traveled to the Grand Canyon for a six-day, 40-mile backpacking trip. About half of the trip participants

had done some hiking before, but all were in awe of the Grand Canyon.

"I was just blown away, because once you get in there you feel like

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nothing," said Ryan Oles, a freshman computer science major from Lubbock. "It's kind of hard to put into words. It's almost like a religious ex-

The backpacking trip allowed other students to escape the Hub City's landscape.

For Jacob Kelly, a junior biochemistry major from Bedford, the Grand Canyon backpacking trip allowed him to get away.

"I'd definitely go on another trip," said Jacob Kelly, a junior biochemistry major from Bedford. "It revives you. It charges your battery. It gets you away from the monotony of Lubbock and puts you in focus."

For more information on the trips and programs offered by the Outdoor Program in the spring, call 742-2949.

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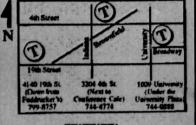
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# Greek community participates in food drive

by Brian Bell

Contributing Writer

Texas Tech sororities and fraternities compete in various events throughout the year. One such event is the U-Can-Share Food Drive.

The food drive began Monday and

will continue through Dec. 11 at the United Supermarket at 82nd Street and Boston Avenue. Today is College Day, in which different campus organizations can

drop off donations between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. The sororities and fraternities are competing to see which organization

can raise the most amount of food for

the charity.

"This is a chance for the Greek community to participate in an event such as the U-Can-Share Food Drive to benefit the Lubbock community and those who need our assistance," said Jeff Sanantonio, Interfraternity Council public relations and community service chairman.

Last year, fraternities donated and bought record amounts of food for the event. The Greek system donated 47,236 pounds of food, one of the largest donations in the history of the Greek community.

"We raised over 47,000 pounds last year, which was the first time that the Greek system had collected over Sanantonio said.

However, some fraternity members donate the food not for the competition but to help needy families.

"I have participated by volunteering my time the past three years," said Ray

Karlowicz, a senior advertising major from Katy. "I feel great about helping collect and donate such a large amount of food for families in need."

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uted to the food bank. "Earlier this year there was a shortage at the food bank and Pi Kappa Phi did their own individual food drive to help the food bank," said Lisa Gonzalez, Panhellenic community service and public relations chairwoman. "People can get involved by contributing to the food drive and volunteer at the food bank, as well as by distributing food to houses."

Despite last year's record contribution, the Greek community is looking to top those numbers this year.

"We are expecting more of a turnout this year than last," said Brent Archer, IFC president.

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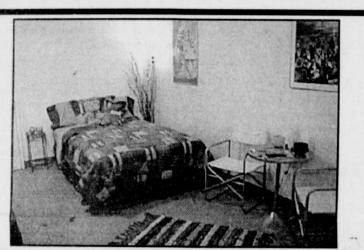
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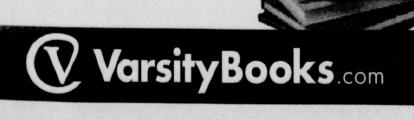
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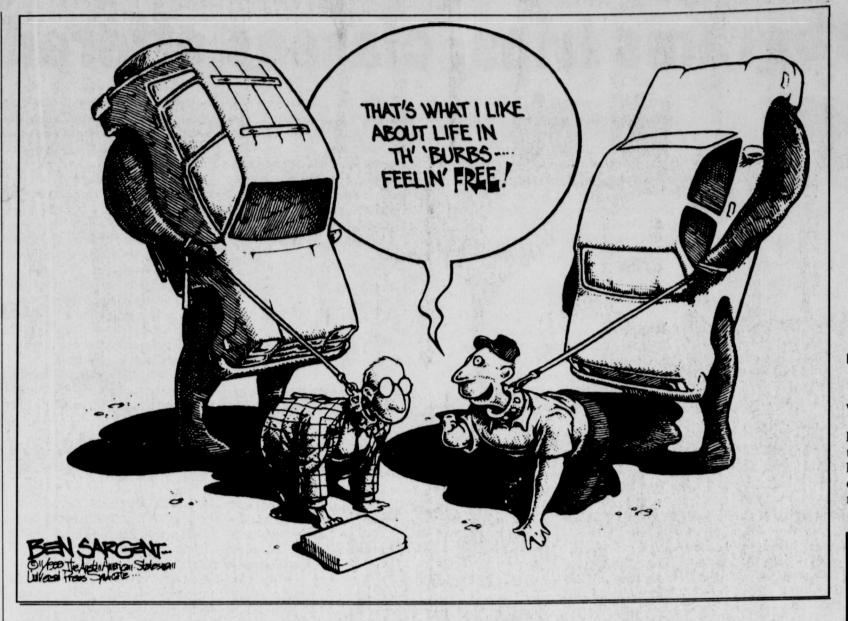
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# Clinton's actions do not compare with his skill

on't know how many of you heard President Clinton's speech at the World Trade Organization. Except for C-SPAN junkies, I doubt anyone was watching. But it is high time somebody said the obvious out loud: The son of a gun is

How long has it been since you heard Clinton make a whole speech? I've been catching him on the tube in snippets for so long that I'd forgotten just how effortlessly

> persuasive he actually is. There he stood, the No. 1 free-trader in the whole world, facing all the opposition. By the time he finished, he was on their side, and they were on his side. He is a superb politi-

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agree with him 50 per-

Molly **lvins** Columnist

cent of the time.

He's not my kind of Democrat and never has been. But at least I have the sense to recognize the man's merits, whatever his fail-

He is an amazingly skilled pol at the top of his game. I know - everybody hates politicians so much that to say someone is a great one is a form of cussin' him out. Nevertheless, I do admire real political skill, and Clinton has it in spades.

I'm not sure I've ever seen anyone better. Maybe Lyndon Johnson on a roll, or Bob Bullock in good health. Too bad that Clinton had to spend most of his presidency on defense. I would have liked to see him quarterback a Democratic Congress for the sheer interest of the exercise.

Don't ask me to explain what went wrong between Clinton and the Washington press corps. I've never understood it. I don't want to drag anyone through the Late Unpleasantness again, but as near as I can tell, about half the D.C. press corps is totally wiggy on the subject of Clinton. Otherwise rational people like Chris Matthews, Chris Hitchens, George Will, there's an army of them — are so obsessed by Clinton's moral failings that they cannot see his performance, what he actually does with the job.

I'm sorry that Clinton is so flawed. That's

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TO THE EDITOR

truly a shame. As Mr. Shakespeare said, " ... and the elements, So mixed in him." But I still don't see why that prevents people who presume to have some grasp of objectivity from seeing what's right in front of them.

Clinton is such a master that he has played a Republican Congress to a dead standstill for six years now - and often with no cards at all in his hand (mostly due to his own stupidity during the Late Unpleasantness).

And what a set of Republicans. It's not as though he's had to deal with constructive citizens who happen to differ with him on the s or such as that. Newt God save us.

Lord knows, the Republicans have saved Bill Clinton. Time after time after time, they are so blinded by their hatred of Clinton that they do themselves in. I'm sure it's a mercy,

but it's also a peculiar phenomenon. I've already said my piece on the Clintonhaters. I suspect it has something to do with sex or sexual envy, which always makes people irrational.

But there has already been far too much parlor psychoanalysis and idiot psychobabble about Clinton. When the content-analysis mavens at the schools of communication go through coverage of the Clinton administration, my bet is that they find a lot more psychobabble than they do actual reporting on what he's done:

 A seven-year economic boom (and some of the credit for that should go to George Bush the elder), marred by a terrible maldistribution of wealth, mostly caused by stupid tax policies. If Clinton had had a better Congress, it wouldn't be such a problem.

· Some nice peace work here and there -Northern Ireland, the Middle East.

 One bozo military adventure. Clinton's bombing of the drug factory in Sudan ranks right up there with the time that Ronald Reagan invaded Grenada to save us all from some Cuban construction workers. Kosovo is a disaster, but Kosovo was going to be a disaster no matter what we did.

· Almost certainly should have done better with Russia; there was an awful lot of capitalist hubris in this country after the Cold War

 Some very graceful and deft diplomatic work. The Republicans keep complaining that Clinton apologizes for our foreign policy mistakes when he goes abroad. We had a lot of mistakes to apologize for. What, you thought the Greek junta was a swell bunch?

· A big failure on health-care reform, though I still think that lobby money is what really killed that bill. But note the interesting way that Clinton works as a pol. He really is an incrementalist. He got a full children's health insurance program through a Republican Congress (much credit to Ted Kennedy and Orrin Hatch). He signed a lousy welfare reform bill and then quietly went back and fixed many of the worst provisions in it. The guy just keeps chipping away.

The best description of Clinton I ever heard was from an Arkansas state senator who issues - your Robert Tafts, your Bob Doles, said: "He's like one of those broad-bottomed children's toys. You tump him over, and he Gingrich and the Republican Revolution — pops back up. You tump him over again, and he pops back up again."

Given the amount of personal abuse the man has taken, his resilience is just extraordinary. Apparently, he really does get up every day and start over.

We've never seen him get mad in public as the president, and I have often wanted to congratulate his late mother on his manners. Given the circumstances of his presidency, Clinton deserves a medal just for being generally cheerful.

On the sleaze factor, I don't know that one can blame Clinton so much as the whole system of campaign financing. By 1996, the floodgates were wide open; it was ally-ally-in free on the money.

The Republicans didn't look any better. Who can forget the immortal testimony of Haley Barbour that while sitting on the deck of a junk in Hong Kong harbor, he had no idea he was being offered foreign money?

This administration's indictment count still is well under the glorious benchmarks set by Nixon and Reagan. (Although, I think we're going to have to put Nixon in a permanent separate category.

Did you read the transcripts of the tapes they just released? What a despicable human. In the long history of rationalization, have you ever seen anything more bizarre than someone as intelligent as William Safire carrying on about the moral leprosy of Clinton while still defending Nixon?)

Whatever Clinton's mistakes, they don't seem to have stemmed from malice. I may be wrong, but I don't see much mean in him.

Whoever wins the election next year, I give him six weeks and one good screw-up before someone in Washington has the simple honesty to say, "You know, Clinton coulda handled that with his eyes shut."

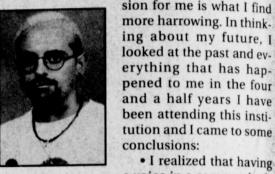
Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

# Columnist offers last words of advice

The day has finally come - graduation. which means two things: this is my last article, and now I have to come to grips with life-changing choices.

The first part is probably something that a lot of you have been hoping for. All I can say is that I hope someone else in the student body has enough courage to express the minority opinion. Hopefully that person will be a little more successful as well.

The second part of this momentous occasion for me is what I find more harrowing. In think-



Dwayne Mamo Columnist

erything that has happened to me in the four and a half years I have been attending this institution and I came to some conclusions: • I realized that having a voice in a community is invigorating, especially one that goes against the

tide. However, I also real-

ized that what I speak is

opinion and so it is not fully correct - after all, what really is. So, what I want others to learn is that no opinion is right or wrong, but if you decide to express your opinion to large numbers of people, please research your findings and use credible, unbiased sources.

· I enjoyed my stay here at Texas Tech, but not because I gained an education, rather because I grew up I did while attending class. I enjoyed the things I've accomplished, the friends I've made and the things I learned about people. The knowledge I gained here did not come from the actual classes I took, but rather from the students I interacted with, the personal conversations I've had with professors, staff and administrators, and all the sources outside of class that I used, which were (granted) cultivated from lectures.

• Everywhere I go now, people ask me where I go to school and I reply "Texas Tech," to which they give the standard answer, "I'm sorry." This is something I've gotten used to, and I under-

stand that every college has its mistakes (some more than us, and I spent three years letting you know about them), the difference is that it doesn't take most colleges years to rectify an ailment. However, I am glad that I went school here

because un-

Now that I have to make bigger decisions ... l find myself a little anxious about where I'm going to take my life.

like other colleges, this one is situated in a town; wherein there is nothing to do (except have sex and get drunk), therefore less distraction helped me get work done.

Through all this, it makes more and more sense to me that what you learn in college is not your about your field, but rather yourself, and how you operate in this world. I also know that we really do learn things in the classroom. But the fact that you do the same thing over and over, the information becomes rote, and it doesn't seem like anything has been accomplished. This is providing that you were taught by good instructors.

Now that I have to make bigger decisions than I did when I graduated high school, I find myself a little anxious about where I'm going to take my life.

The easiest thing to do would be defer the loans, get out of this over-glorified small town and go where opportunity lurks, and hope for Lady Luck to hand you a pot of gold. Of course, I always have the opportunity to capitalize on my free plugs to the squeezable food product industry and see what kind of offers it would have for me.

In the end, all I'm saying is this: through my tenure here at Texas Tech, I've done what I can to make myself a better person and others, too. Often I have been misjudged, misanalyzed and misunderstood. People have to realize that sometimes people complain about things because they honestly want to see things change, rather than stagnate like they so often do in places like this.

I leave this institution and this place (hopefully) with the hope that I have made some small mark, at least in my immediate history, and that some people understood what I have been doing. Having people out there with different opinions is not something anyone should admonish - without them there wouldn't be people like me, and our lives would be calculated and very boring.

Dwayne Mamo is a senior creative writing and philosophy major from Malta.

Letter of thanks To the editor: I just wanted to take this time to thank the Texas Tech student body and administration for all of the hospital-

It is always great to visit a school and have the opportunity to interact with awesome student leaders.

ity that was afforded us during our visit to

work on drowsy driving awareness last

Carrie Evans, your student government internal vice president, deserves the utmost respect for organizing and implementing your campus' first drowsy driving awareness day.

It was an ultimate success, and I want to thank her immensely for the hard work and effort she put forth. I am truly excited about the solid partnership that has been formed between Texas A&M, Baylor and Texas Tech on this issue. As the holiday season approaches, please remember, "Drive Alert ... Arrive Alive." Rob Ferguson

Texas A&M University Founder, The Lupe Medina Program

### Character traits

To the editor: I would like to take a minute to remind everybody what Spike Dykes means to the people of Texas Tech and Lubbock. While I concede that he was not the motivator like Lou Holtz and not a strategist like Joe Paterno, he had an intelligence about the game that I would rival with anybody. He also had the intangibles that no one seems to consider: genuine concern for his players (he cannot control every action they make, just like the most well-intentioned parents cannot control a normally well-behaved child) and a great amount of affection for Lubbock and most certainly Texas Tech.

I also want to remind everybody that Spike stepped in under difficult times after the 1986

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season when David McWilliams left the university while Tech was preparing to play in a bowl game. Has everybody forgotten that Spike has survived through 13 years of heavy losses and great victories? Has everybody forgotten that Spike didn't bail at the first sign of trouble or controversy? Has everybody forgotten that Spike possessed something that seemingly so many people don't seem to possess? Character. Pride. Commitment. Loyalty. I could go on, but I will not. I know that these traits don't win ball games, but they are important in life, and I don't want to impugn Spike's coaching ability, but like I said, he's no Tom Osborne.

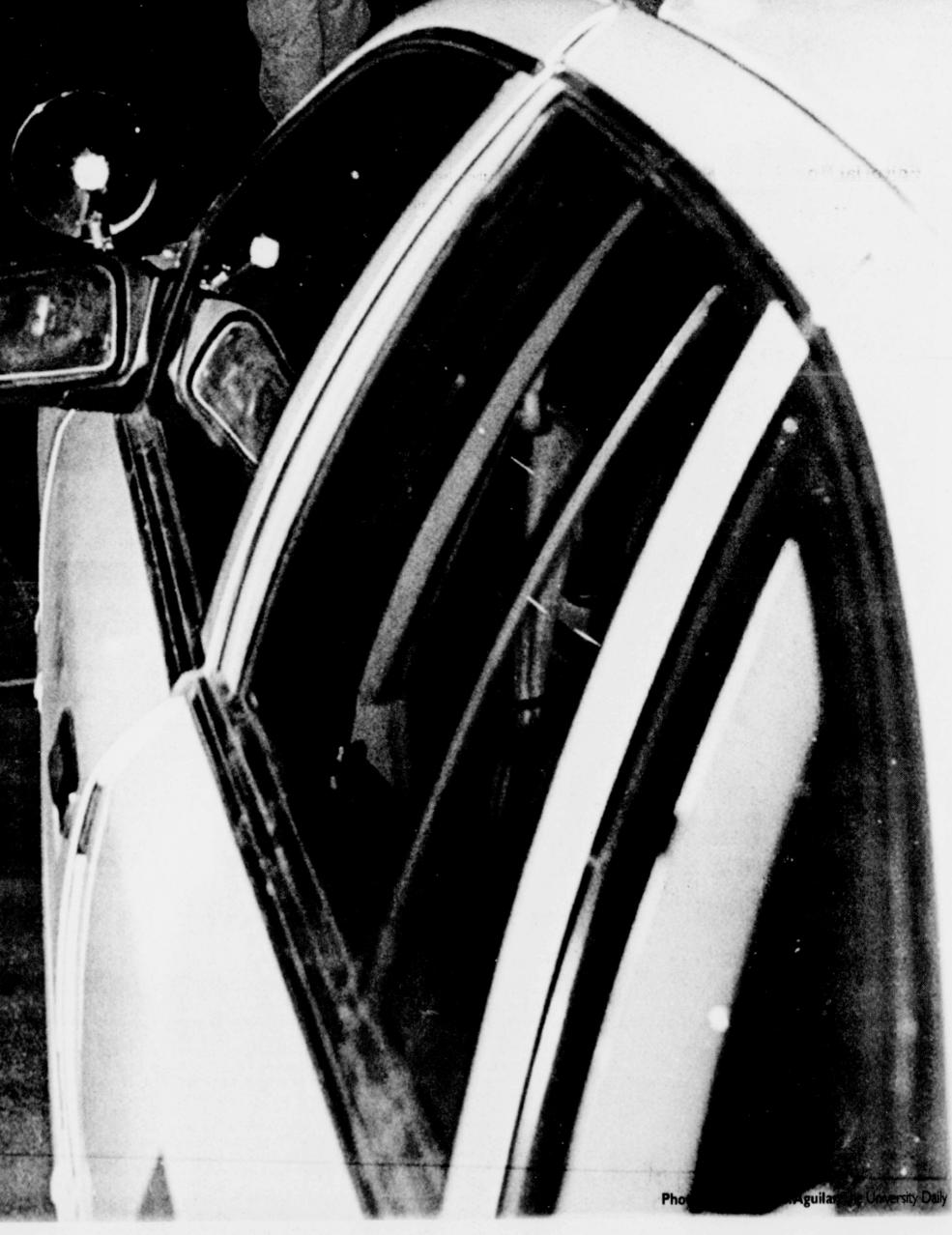
Maybe Gerald Meyers could consider these traits in his hiring process, as well as the ability to bring home the Big 12 Championship. Spike Dykes is a good man and a good athletic coach and, more importantly, a good life coach.

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# TAPPING special issue the university daily THE STATE CONTROLL T

n college campuses across the nation, alcohol increasingly is becoming a hazardous entity.

Many students don't think the rules apply to them—what they don't think about is the consequences.



# Choosing not to consume

# Students find ways to have fun, without liquor on weekends



Heather Dougherty/The University Daily

A resident of Hulen/Clement residence hall mixes a virgin Piña Colada drink at a mocktail's function, where non-alcoholic beverages are made.

Universities unite to

awareness on campus

Texas Tech is not alone in its efforts to communicate drug and

Texas A&M University and the University of Texas both have

Like Tech, both universities participate in National Collegiate

Lorna Breault, coordinator of first-year student education in

kM's Alcohol and Drug Education Program, said she and her

act as a counselors for students with alcohol and drug prob-

Earlier this semester, A&M administrators passed the Buckley dment. Under the new policy, the parents of students un-

er 21 in violation of A&M's alcohol policy are notified by letter of

This makes A&M the first public university in the state to enact

It said the Alcohol and Drug Education Program was in-

auch a policy. Texas Christian University, a private school, is the

cluded in the new policy, but it was not something the department initiated. The letter cannot be mailed until a student has

ne through the university's non-judicial disciplinary process. "Once a student is found in violation of policy, they are en-

She said students will either go to their residence hall's judicial

rd or another campus judicial board. The nature of the cir-

Both A&M and UT offer educational programs to their students

Courtney Cording, coordinator of alcohol and drug education with University Health Services at UT, said her department also

works to counsel students about the dangers of alcohol abuse and

"A lot of our programs are done through peer-adviser pro-

She said student peer advisers go through a semester of train-

g during which they receive class credit. The students spend the

at two semesters participating in alcohol education and out-

Like impact Tech, the UT program works with registered stu-ent organizations performing skits and playing games.

"Cooling said, "We offer basic infor-

"It's fun while learning." Cording said. "We offer basic infor-ation on alcohol management, educational pamphlets and per-

Like A&M and Tech, UT refers students in violation of alcohol olicy to special counseling sessions.

"I do individual consults with students in trouble with alco-

hol," Cording said. "I do an assessment to see if there is a serious

The program also can be accessed by a student seeking help, but Cording said most students come in on disciplinary referrals.

Alcohol awareness classes at A&M also are attended mainly by students there for disciplinary reasons, Breault said.

"Typically, (students not referred for disciplinary reasons) don't

She said her department is realistic about its job and the goals

I would say our main mission is to give people knowledge to

She said her office tries to take care of the students. One of the

department's primary targets is alcohol poisoning and any other

danger that may occur as a result of excessive alcohol use.

"For the most part, the majority of students here are making good decisions," Breault said.

Ithy decisions," she said. "We are really not an office that

es abstinence. We don't tell students 'don't drink."

ance depends on which hearing board hears a student's

ily other school in the state to have a similar policy.

in much of the same way Impact Tech does at Tech.

Alcohol Awareness Week and both have education departments

programs that pursue getting the message out to students.

to provide students with information concerning alcohol.

improve alcohol

alcohol awareness to students.

itled to a hearing," Breault said.

by Angela Loston

Staff Writer

It's a typical Friday night and Rosalinda Natividad and a group of her friends are going out on the party scene.

After becoming tired from dancing at a night club, she breaks away from the dance floor to purchase a drink from the bar. With the beverage in her hand, she maneuvers through the crowd. Natividad takes a sip from her glass of a nonalcoholic beverage - wa-

"(Drinking) just doesn't appeal to me," Natividad said. "I basically have fun just dancing and getting to know new people.

Natividad, a freshman English major from El Paso, is among some Texas Tech students who choose not to indulge in alcohol.

"I think you can have fun without drinking," Natividad

Natividad said she prefers pre-medical student not to drink because she wants to be conscious about what is happening in her surroundings.

She said another factor that has influenced her decision on abstaining from alcohol is knowing about people who have received alcohol poi-

"If I'm at a party, I want to be aware of what is going on, especially if I'm with a group of people

that I don't know," Natividad said "If my friends are drunk, then I can take care of them by taking them home.'

Even though some non-drinkers go to social gatherings where alcohol is abundant, they are still able to restrain from consuming alcoholic

In the past, Brent Cotten, a sophomore premed major from Fort Worth, said he has been pressured into drinking while at a party. Typically, when a person persistently tries to persuade him to drink, Cotten said he is able to maintain his belief in not drinking.

"It doesn't bug me that other people drink," Cotten said. "I just decided not to drink. I can have fun without it."

When going to a party, Sarah Birdwell, a sophomore music and business major from Fort Worth, said she chooses to either be the designated driver or she will leave the party early.

Through personal observation, Birdwell said she does not see a disproportion between students who do drink and those who do not consume alcohol.

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"I think it's really important for people to know that there's a good part of the campus that doesn't drink," Birdwell said. "People shouldn't feel pressured to drink to feel accepted."

There are other alternatives for people who choose not to drink.

Randa Copeland, a senior nursing major from Fort Worth, said some non-alcoholic related activities include going to a bowling alley or skating rink.

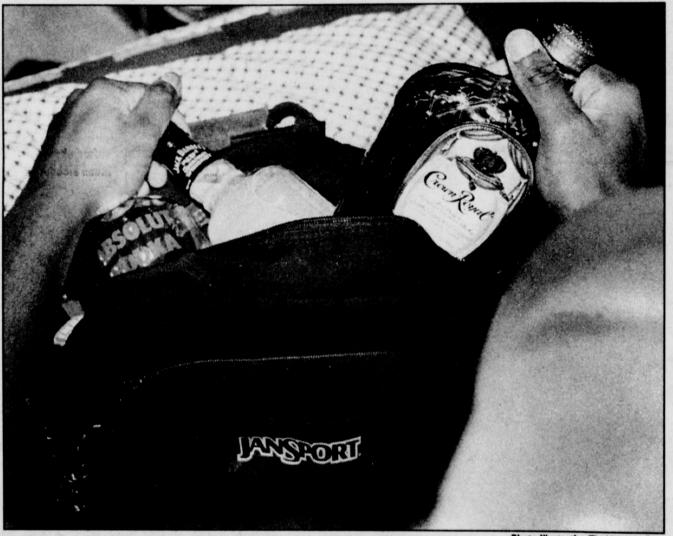
Although she has attended a party where alcohol was served in the past, Copeland, who is president of Tech's chapter of Sigma Phi Lambda, said she enjoys going to social events where drinking is not permitted rather than going to those that do allow alcohol consumption.

"I don't have a problem with people who drink because it's their personal preference," Copeland said.

"I have more fun at parties where there's no alcohol because I feel more comfortable there. The people are more fun.'

In Copeland's eyes, a factor that adds to the excitement of a party is not alcohol. Instead, she said the people at the party can make it entertaining.

"The fellowship provides the fun, not the alcohol," Copeland said. "Drinking alcohol may bring a buzz, but it only lasts for a short time. Having fellowship with friends is a bond that can last for a lifetime."



Sneaking alcohol may be an easy alternative for underage drinkers, but residence halls can punish those who get caught.

# Residence halls to help curb sneaking in alcohol

by Jamie Laubhan Staff Writer

A student passes a resident assistant in the hall. A worried look settles over the student's face as the RA's eyes wander to the brown bag in the girl's backpack, but the RA does not give a second glance. The student steps into her room and breaks out the bottle of

The same backpack that transports books to class at Texas Tech during the week sometimes harbors alcoholic contraband on the weekends.

Mandy Treadaway, a sophomore design communications major from Monahans, said she relates to the scenario of sneaking alcohol into the residence halls.

"We never worried or even thought we would get caught," Treadaway said. "We just acted as though we

were coming back from class.' While a survey administered to Tech freshman each year reveals that 47.6 percent choose not to consume alcohol, the issue is still a problem at Tech residence halls.

"We don't tell students not to drink," said Candice Troke, coordinator of Residence Education and Academic Development. "We just say if you choose to drink, make responsible choices.'

According to the Residence Hall Calender/Handbook, issued by Tech's Housing and Dining Services, a student would be subject to a judiciary hearing for the possession of alcohol, including cans, kegs, bottles, whether empty or full in either rooms or the

"Most universities have a standard as to the penalties for offenses," Troke said. "At Tech, we have a

educational judicial process. Instead of punishment being punitive, it is educational."

If found guilty, first-time offenders must appear before the Residence Life Judicial Board, who in turn refers the student to the Tech Educating on Alcohol Matters class for counseling, or may be asked to write a paper to reflect their actions.

If a student is continually caught with alcohol, they will possibly be asked to leave the residence halls.

"Because we do have an obligation to the other people who live there, we must do what is in their best interest," Troke said. "If someone is constantly disruptive, measures will be taken and they will be asked to leave the residence halls.'

Texas Tech does not notify parents or guardians of an alcohol offense. Alcohol Awareness Week and other various measures are taken to prevent student code violations. RA training and other alcohol awareness programs are offered throughout the year.

"We try to get the RAs to take a proactive role as far as getting them to do programming with their residents," said Amy Maynard, graduate assistant for Student Leadership for Housing and Dining. "Alcohol Awareness Week gives them an opportunity to let their residents know the policy.'

The RA training, which is given in the fall and spring semesters, also teaches safety issues. RAs are taught to assist students who have too much to drink, and who might show signs of alcohol poisoning. Their training also encourages them to call the Tech police when such matters arise.

"We want students to think of the possible consequences in hopes of them taking responsibility if and when they decide to drink," Troke said.

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### **Programs** offered to help control alcohol abuse

by Adrienne Gaviglio Staff Writer

In order to help some Texas Tech students cope with alcohol abuse, programs have been implemented to provide assistance if necessary.

One of the programs is called Tech Educating on Alcohol Matters, sponsored by Student Health Services and the Dean of Students Office.

"TEAM is a class that we have organized for students who are caught in the residence halls or are referred by the dean of students," said Jo Henderson, health education coordinator for SHS.

"The TEAM class has to be attended by the student who has been referred to the program for a minimum of two weeks."

The class also provides additional information on alcohol counseling.

"TEAM also makes available for students the names of counselors and support groups if further attention is required," Henderson

"In Student Health, we also offer free education programs to various classes, residence halls and student organizations throughout the year."

If a student is caught with alcohol, each situation is handled differently, depending on the amount of alcohol consumed or confiscated, said James Burkhalter, director of Housing and Dining at Tech.

If referred to the TEAM class, the class is designed to educate students on the effects of excessive alcohol abuse on young people, he said.

Students in the residence halls might feel that having to attend the TEAM class is a little unreasonable, said Elisa Porterfield, a freshman pre-physical therapy major from Austin. "The class is a little extreme for a firsttime offender, but I guess it is fair because

classes could prove to be beneficial to someone who needs help, and I guess you need to start somewhere.' The other program offered at Tech is designed for students who are recovering

we are all under 21," Porterfield said. "The

The Center for the Study of Addiction, located in 172 Human Sciences building. provides a more intensive recovery program for alcoholics or drug users, said Carl Anderson, director of the Center for the Study of Addiction. "We are here to offer support groups

from alcohol or drug abuse.

and some therapy for students who admit they have a problem and are ready to get help," Anderson said. "We have Alcoholics Anonymous meet-

ings and Narcotics Anonymous meetings for individuals."

More than 100 individuals are a part of the program, he said.

"We offer the kind of support that is needed for individuals to stay in recovery," Anderson said.

"We also have available full academic scholarships to give support ... and motivation for recoveries."

For less serious cases, counselors are available free of charge in the University Counseling Center, located in 214 West

For more information on AA or NA meetings, or for general help, call the Center for the Study of Addiction at 742-2891.

### Just the Facts

In 1995, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported that alcohol continued to be a significant contributor to traffic crashes and collisions in the state. Statistics for 1994 revealed that:

•More than 37 percent of all traffic fatalities were alcohol-related. This percentage has remained fairly consistent over the years, even though the total number of tragic fatalities continues to de-

·A fatal crash involving DWI was most likely to occur on a rural section of the U.S. or state highways between I a.m. and 3 a.m. ·July was the deadliest month, with 194 DWI-related crashes claiming a total of 117 lives.

•In July, nearly nine out of 10 breath tests given by the Department of Public Safety personnel showed blood-alcohol concentrations over the legal limit.

 The lives of 74 Texans between the ages of 15 and 20 were wasted in DWI-related crashes and collisions that month.

·For the entire year, alcohol-related crashes wasted the lives of 183 Texans between the ages of 15 and 20.

Statistics provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

# Bar personnel under strict TABC guidelines

by Andrew Thompson Staff Writer

ake IDs, nervous stares, underage marks on hands and hidden beer bottles are all part of Mike's job.

(Mike wished to remain anonymous for personal reasons.)

For some Texas Tech students, a night out consists of food, fun and alcohol. However, student's partying can cause major headaches for Mike.

As a junior at Tech, Mike works as a bartender in Lubbock. His duty is to serve people mixed drinks, buckets of beer and shots, and to do so legally.

Like all bartenders in the state of Texas, Mike is certified by the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission. He said he has to keep state laws in mind before reaching for his bottle opener or another shot glass.

"The guys at the front check IDs, so that takes a little pressure off me," Mike said. "But if someone comes up to me who is obviously intoxicated, it's the law that I must tell them no."

TABC laws require bartenders, waiters and waitresses to exercise their best judgment when unsure about serving a student who appears to be intoxicated.

"Slurred speech, eyes that look heavy and uncontrolled balance are some of the signs I have to look for and it isn't that easy when I have to

"It's my job to give (the bartenders) a hand in identifying who is illegally drinking or purchasing alcohol."

Marc Villarreal bouncer, Tech student

worry about mixing drinks at the same time." Mike said.

However, he also said he has never had a problem with an intoxicated customer who he has refused further

"They've never had anything to say toward me, and I've never really had a problem with people that I refuse to serve," Mike said. "Their friends usually take the hint from me and other bouncers, and leave."

Marc Villarreal, a senior psychology major from Denton and a bouncer at Bleachers Sports Cafe, said his job is as difficult as any bartender's duty.

"There are a lot of different signs I have to look for when walking

"There are a lot of fake IDs and a lot of minors who come in with older people. We really tend to watch these groups because the older ones usually try to buy shots for the minors, which they can consume quickly and get away with it."

Villarreal also said he has to hunt for minors who try to wash off large, black "Xs" on their hands, marking them as too young to drink.

"Minors usually try anything, from hiding a drink to pushing away a bottle of beer right before I walk by, and then it's easy to tell," he said. "The people that are 21 don't (care) when I walk by, but the minors usually stare and get nervous looks on their faces and stay really quiet."

Villarreal said even though he wouldn't get into trouble if a minor was caught drinking in the bar, he still needs to protect the bartenders from possibly serving a minor.

"It's my job to give (the bartenders) a hand in identifying who is illegally drinking or purchasing alcohol," he said. "And if I catch someone, it's basically time to go."

Mike agreed with Villarreal's com-

"They can go to jail, get a ticket, and if TABC catches them drinking in my presence I get a citation as well, which can be hundreds of dollars,"



A bartender pours another beer for a customer at a local bar. All Texas bartenders are certified by the TABC and abide by state laws. Slurred speech and heavy eyes are some signs that bartenders and waitresses look for when serving alcoholic beverages.

# Strip officers deter minors

by Brandon Rice

Contributing Writer

Unknown to some students, a plain-clothes officer might be keeping an eye on students headed back from the Strip with alcohol. Since 1972, when Lubbock became a dry city, these officers have been trying to prevent certain laws from being broken.

In April 1972, residents of the Hub City approved an ordinance legalizing the sale of mixed beverages within city limits. Included in the ordinance was a "no-carry-out rule," which prevents convenience and grocery stores from selling alcoholic beverages.

The rule did not prohibit Lubbock residents from traveling outside city limits to purchase alcohol, but did set limits as to how much could be brought back into the city by one person. The ordinance allows only one case of beer or one quart of liquor per resident to be carried back into the city.

The penalty for carrying more than the limit is punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$1,000, and no more than one year in jail.

It is at the officer's discretion to stop a resident who does happen to cross

city limits with more than the legal amount of al-

"What strikes our attention is if someone hauls out four or five cases of beer, and then it becomes a judgment call," said Capt. Dan Cullers with the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission. "We are more concerned with someone buying

several cases of beer and a case of liquor for bootlegging purposes."

Bootlegging is defined as buying a massive amount of alcohol at the Strip

The Short Road at the Strip offers alcohol buyers many options. In addition to deterring minors, **TABC** officers also enforce how much alcohol is brought into the **Hub City by one** person. Greg Kreller

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and selling it for profit. Those types of purchases are the ones the TABC TABC deputies drive unmarked

frowns on.

cars. They also "What strikes wear regular clothes and usually have their our attention badges showing. The surprise of is if someone the unknown is what makes them so effective, hauls out four Cullers said. "There's not a or five cases

of beer."

substantial amount of these types of cases in Lubbock. We probably file two Capt. Dan Cullers or three of these TABC a month," said Lubbock County

Deputy District Attorney Clay Abbott. "There are very few of these cases unless there is a bootlegging operation

However, a citation could be issued to a student, even if they are not stopped for suspicion of carrying too much alcohol across city limits.

If a student is pulled over for speeding or is not wearing their seat belt, then they can be cited for that offense as well. Bill Morgan, Lubbock Police Department public information officer, said that situation is called "encounter enforcement."

The same situation could apply if a Tech student is pulled over for speeding, and the officer also sees too much alcohol in the car.

Morgan also said LPD could set up an operation at the city limits and search cars if bootlegging becomes a

If Lubbock county residents wished, the laws could be changed and Lubbock-area stores could sell alcohol. Ten or more voters who are registered in Lubbock could start a petition to bring the measure before

county officials. However, to change the law, 35 percent of registered voters would have to approve the measure. That means about 69,000 Lubbock residents

Previous attempts to change the law have failed in the past, but many Tech students did not take part in the elections, said Sgt. Dan Hale, public information officer for the Texas Tech Police Department.

would have to vote for the change.

"The students could have a bearing on an election, but a lot of them do not register themselves to vote in Lubbock," Hale said.

Despite the attempts to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at stores within the Lubbock city limits, Hale said people will continue to drive out to the Strip for beer and liquor.

"Although being able to buy alcohol at a corner store would increase easy access, I personally doubt that someone with intent of obtaining it is stopped by having to drive a little further," Hale said.

Kelly Padgett contributed to this

# Abuse center offers help to students

by Cory Chandler **StaffWriter** 

Students who feel like they might have a drinking problem now have a resource to turn to on campus.

The Alcohol Intervention Program recently was developed by the Counseling Center in response to statistics showing a high rate of alcohol use among college students nationwide. The project is facilitated in conjunction with the Dean of Students Office.

The program originally began as a discipline program for students caught with alcohol on campus, but has been expanded to provide services to any students who are curious about their risk of substance abuse.

"We are open to any students who might have questions about the role of alcohol in their lives," said Rolf Gordhamer, director of the Counseling Center.

The initial appointment takes about an hour. Students are asked to sit down and discuss their drinking habits with a counselor. They also take the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory, which is a brief paper and pencil test that attempts to determine individuals who are at high risk for developing a substance abuse problem. A 93-percent accuracy rate on the inventory places individuals in the high-risk category.

After completing the test, students then schedule a follow-up

appointment, which lasts around 30 minutes, to go over their results with a counselor. Depending on the results, counselors then decide if treatment is necessary and can recommend various treatment options if they feel it is "तंत्रपादार प्रचानक चर्च

Some short-term treatments, such as individual or group sessions, can be conducted within the Counseling Center.

Each session is conducted by two people, a graduate student and a full-time psychologist.

Rich Lennox, a staff psychologist with the center, said there are eight full-time psychologists, four doctoral interns and 10 graduate students on hand to provide help to students.

If a student requires more help than the Counseling Center can provide, referrals are made to the appropriate community resources.

Gordhamer said the Counseling Center is not actively advertising. They are, however, contacting deans, professors and anyone who might come into contact with students that have drinking problems.

'We are expecting approximately 100 students this year," Gordhamer said.

For more information on the Alcohol Intervention Program, students can come by the Counseling Center in 214 West Hall or call 742-3674 and ask to be scheduled for an alcohol assessment.

# Chemical-creativity link may be folklore

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle gave us a body of riveting stories about Sherlock Holmes, detective, master of deductive reasoning - and drug addict. As "The Sign of Four" opens, Holmes punctures his arm with a hypodermic needle and savors a seven percent solution of cocaine. His partner, Dr. Watson, scolds him. Holmes admits that the drug could damage his health but adds that cocaine is "so transcendentally stimulating and clarifying that its secondary action is a matter of small moment.' People in real life have made a similar claim — that

alcohol or other drugs stimulate creativity. On the surface, this idea seems to ring true. The list of creative people who abused alcohol or other drugs as long. Among writers it includes Sinclair Lewis, Jack London, Thomas Wolfe, Truman Capote, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Eugene O'Neill, Hart Crane, John Cheever, John Berryman and William Faulkner. You can add numerous painters, musicians, and other artists to that list.

Faulkner captures his fondness for alcohol when he remarked that "civilization begins with distillation." Fitzgerald said, "Drinking heightens feeling. When I drink, it heightens my emotions and I put it in a story. My stories written when sober are stupid ... all reasoned out, not felt.'

Behind such comments is a theory about the nature of creativity. According to this theory, creativity is the



ability to see ordinary things in an extraordinary way. Chemical use leads to altered states of consciousness and helps the artist look at everyday life and fresh eyes. "When you work hard all day with your head and know you must work again the next day," wrote Ernest Hemingway, "what else can change your ideas and make them run on a different plane like whiskey?'

Alcohol and drugs are often part of an artist's working routine. Faulkner wrote with a bottle of whiskey in reach. Poet Stephen Spender admitted that he drank endless cups of coffee when writing and sometimes wanted to smoke two to three cigarettes at once.

There's no disputing the genius of writers such as Hemingway, Fitzgerald, and others. However, in all probability, great artists create great works in spite of, not because of, their heavy use of alcohol. This conclusion is supported by empirical evidence, including a study led by Ernest Noble and associates from the Alcohol Research Center at the University of California, Los Angeles ("Creativity in Alcoholic and Nonalcoholic Families," published in the journal Alcohol, Vol 10, pp 317-322,

Noble's study found that, based on a battery of creativity tests, alcoholic fathers and sons had generally lower creativity scores than nonalcoholic fathers and sons. The alcoholic fathers and sons scored significantly lower on most of the personality questionnaires, which have been found to be reasonably valid measures of creativity.

The most consistent conclusion to be drawn from Noble's research and other studies examining the creativity-chemical link is summed up best in Noble's study: "Whereas creative people may sometimes be alcoholic, alcoholics are seldom creative.'

In the "The Thirsty Muse: Alcohol and the American Writer" (Ticknor and Fields, 1989), author Tom Dardis pokes holes at he creativity-creative link. In his book, Dardis, a professor of English, reviews the work and lives of Hemingway, Faulkner, Fitzgerald and O'Neill. All were alcoholic. He suggests that addiction may have diminished

the creativity of several writers from this group later in life. Dardis argues that Hemingway's most notable writ-

ing ended during his 41st year with "For Whom the Bell Tolls." And after the publication of "Go Down, Moses" when he was 44, Faulkner's' work declined Often artists return to the work they did while intoxi-

cated and end up disappointed. Even Fitzgerald regretted that he wrote the second half of "Tender Is The Night" while drinking. In many cases, alcoholism and other drug use probably contributed to circumstances to circumstances that ended the lives of artists. Hemingway committed suicide. So did London, Crane and Berryman.

Even if we agree with the theory that some chemical use promotes creativity, there is no proof that addiction does so. In addiction, we find a formula for creative burn-

out, rather than creative inspiration. Among the writers Dardis studied, O'Neill was the only one to choose the path of recovery. When he turned 38, the playwright decided that alcoholism would devour his writing talent and lead to suicide or insanity. He stopped drinking. During his years of sobriety he produced two classics of American drama: "The Iceman Cometh" and

"Long Day's Journey Into Night." Alive & Free is a chemical health column provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency offering information and services relating to addiction and recovery.

# Alcohol policies determined by universities, not NCAA rulebooks

by Jeff Keller Staff Writer

in college athletics today, some athletes are awarded scholarships to attend the school and make use of their athletic talents as they compete in the sport they

Nevertheless, these athletes are students and many of them are under 21 and are subject to the same laws concerning alcohol consumption as other students at

At Texas Tech, in addition to the rules enforced by state and national laws, student athletes must comply with team

There are no rules set up by the NCAA concerning athletes who are of the legal age who drink alcohol, said Shane Lyons, Tech associate athletic director of compli-

"For player eligibility, there are no NCAA rules prohibiting the use of alcohol," Lyons said.

"Obviously, the NCAA and the institution of Texas Tech do not promote or condone that type of behavior. But there are no NCAA rules, such as drug testing or

things like that, that they do for alcohol." However, Lyons said different univer-

sities have different policies regarding student athletes' use of alcohol.

"At the University of Kentucky last year there was an

auto accident in which alcohol was involved and some student athletes were killed," Lyons said.

"Now they have developed a no-tolerance for alcohol use. If (an athlete) is ever caught drunk driving or gets a DWI at that institution, they will be immediately suspended from competition. It doesn't make a difference if they are of age or not."

Lyons said if a student athlete at Tech is convicted of a crime involving alcohol or drugs, there are written policies that could result in the athlete's suspension or removal from the team.

Tech volleyball coach Jeff Nelson said his team has policies regarding alcohol use and consequences they face if they do not follow the policies.

"Whenever we are practicing fulltime or in season, we have zero tolerance for alcohol use," Nelson said.

"We have different consequences and the players have kind of established them. They might have to run the entire Jones Stadium. We have a thing called the pit drill which is pretty brutal. If they are caught with alcohol in season, it's a one-game suspension, and if it continues then they miss the season."

Twenty-one-year-old junior Colleen Smith plays volleyball for Tech and is in her first season in the program after transferring from Washington State University.

Smith also played volleyball at WSU and said the team had no rules regarding alcohol use during the season and she did not enjoy it.

"Here during the season, we're not allowed to drink, and I think it is a great rule," Smith said.

"At Washington State, there were too many girls on the team that weren't serious about volleyball. They would go out and party until like four in the morning the night before a

"It takes you away from the sport and it also takes a lot out of you because it is dehydrating for one thing. It's just not a good thing. During the off-season, I think if you are of age, alcohol use is all right but not during the

Cross country coach David Smith, who is in his second season with the Tech track and field program, said the track season runs almost year round. During the season, he said alcohol consumption by athletes is prohibited.

"During the season, we have a zerotolerance policy," Smith said.

"In the off-season, if they're over 21, it is up to them. I kind of discourage it, but some of them drink anyway, moderately, and I don't have a problem with

Smith said his cross country squad is made up of mostly juniors and seniors who are of legal drinking age.

Smith also said since he has been at Tech, none of the players have violated the rules regarding alcohol, and he has not had a problem with his underage athletes consuming alcohol.

"It hasn't been a problem here, at least to our knowledge," Lyons said, referring to underage drinking.

"If it were to happen, obviously, it would be looked at on a case-by-case basis and actions would be taken by the athletic department."

# Organizations take stand against liquor

by Ashley Johnson Staff Writer

Although many social student groups on the Texas Tech campus choose to include alcohol at some of their functions, there are a handful of organizations who choose not to.

One such organization is FarmHouse fraternity, which has been a dry organization since its inception at Tech in 1978.

The national fraternity has prohibited the use of alcohol at their functions since the first chapter was founded in 1905, said Jason Stockstill, president of the Tech chapter of

We feel that there is a time and place for alcohol, and that it is not a necessity for us to have a good time," Stockstill said. "We're not distracted by alcohol, which is at our advantage because it keeps us from being held liable on a lot of things."

Other fraternities have followed suit and have voted to become dry organizations.

Phi Gamma Delta fraternity's headquarters in Lexington, Ky., also has chosen not to include alcohol at their events, but for reasons unrelated to FarmHouse's.

Tech FIJI members voted on July 1, 1998, to become dry. They passed a measure which prohibited members from consuming alcohol in or near the fraternity lodge.

A majority of the members voted for the measure because of past incidences involving alcohol, said Scott Sproat, president of Tech's FIJI chapter.

"It's very beneficial toward us for many reasons," Sproat said. "Past social activities held at the lodge that included alcohol led to the destruction of property.

"Also, the insurance payments of FIJI have been greatly

Other groups on the Tech campus not affiliated with the Greek system also prefer not to include alcohol at their func-

Chi Alpha, an organization based on Christian fundamentals, is one such group. There is no rule within the group pro-

### hibiting the consumption of alcohol. Members simply choose not to, said Sandra Hill, president of Chi Alpha. 'We truly believe that alcohol isn't needed to enhance our fun," she said.

# Binge drinking strikes colleges nationwide

### One in five college students binge drink, study finds

When police found Bradley McCue, a student at the University of Michigan, they saw that he was unconscious, his nose was painted red, and the words "24 shots" were scribbled across his forehead.

An autopsy revealed that McCue had a blood alcohol level of .44 percent. Witnesses said that he drank 24 shots of liquor in less than two hours. He dies of acute alcohol intoxication also known as alcohol poisoning.

Friends had taken McCue out drinking to celebrate his 21st birthday.

Cases such as McCue's are rare. However, each year several alcohol poisoning deaths on college campuses gain national attention. And the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc., reports that hundreds die each year from acute alcohol intoxication.

Research reveals that binge drinking — consuming five or more drinks in a row on a single occasion - is common among college students. In 1997, the Harvard School of Public Health published the results of its College Alcohol Study.

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According to the NCADD, many student are surprised to learn that they can die from an overdose of alcohol. Often, the worst they expect from a night of binge drinking is a blackout and bad hangover.

Common attitudes toward binge drinking don't help: "It's a rite of passage." "If you pass out from drinking, you just

Changing these attitudes starts with knowing some facts. Blood alcohol levels skyrocket during binge drinking. When people who weigh 160 pounds take a single drink, their blood alcohol level rises .025 percent, on average. But for inexperienced drinkers, or those sensitive to alcohol, blood alcohol levels elevate faster and acute intoxication can result more quickly. Because of differences in body chemistry, women can overdose after drinking lesser amounts than men.

"If you binge drink six or eight drinks within an hour, this can take you to a blood alcohol level that is potentially fatal by sedating the breathing mechanism or causing cardiac irregularity," said Max Schneider, MD, chairman of NCADD's Board of Directors.

"Anywhere from four to five drinks a day is toxic to the body," Schneider said. "Some students say, 'I won't drink every day; I'll just take six or seven drinks on Saturday night.' That's very toxic."

It is important to remember that the amount of alcohol in standard servings of wine (5 oz.), beer (12 oz.) and distilled spirits (1.5 oz., 80 proof) is the same. This fact refutes the myth that beer or wine present less danger to the binge drinker than "hard" liquor. NCADD notes that the federal government is spending

\$195 million on anti-drug ads aimed at young people. In response, NCADD adopted a slogan for Alcohol Awareness Month, April 1999 — "Drinking Too Much Too Fast Can Kill

Alive & Free is a chemical health column provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency offering information and services relating to addiction and recovery.

Drinking part of Jones Stadium fun Students admit to smuggling alcohol into Red Raider football games

by Patrick Gonzales Staff Writer

Throughout the years, Texas Tech officials have been able to eliminate, or at least slow down, student behavior they deem

Whether it be throwing tortillas onto the field or tearing down a goal post, certain consequences have been placed to stop students' actions which might be considered offensive to some. But on any given Saturday at Red Raider

football games, some of the finest strategic game plans can be found off the football field as students try to smuggle alcohol into Jones Stadium. According to the Tech Code of Student

Conduct, the use, possession, sale, delivery or distribution of alcoholic beverages on

campus is prohibited. This includes Jones Stadium.

But despite the legal ramifications involved, the smuggling of alcohol has been a constant behavior among some students throughout the year.

Jeff Gunter, a 1999 Tech graduate, said he started smuggling alcohol to football games during his freshman year.

"It was like everybody did it, so I didn't feel any different," Gunter said. "It was pretty commonplace, and I never found any difficulty."

The situation can become difficult when a student gets caught by a Tech or TABC officer, said Sgt. Dan Hale, public information officer for the Texas Tech Police Depart-

Minors in possession of alcohol could face a \$500 fine, a mandatory driver's license suspension and counseling, he said.

He also said students over the age of 21 caught in possession could be charged with public intoxication, which also carries a

Students also will be asked to empty their containers, and their names are given

to the Office of Student Affairs, Hale said.

"It always scared the hell out of me, but it always seemed like it was worth the risk," Gunter said, referring to the conse-

However, the risk became a reality when he was caught three times for alcohol possession at Tech football games twice as a senior and once as sophomore.

When he got caught as a senior, Gunter said he was already 21, and therefore the officers only poured the contents of his flask out and took his name and social security number.

Even though the officers said they were going to give the information to the school, Gunter said nothing ever hap-

His sophomore conviction was a little

"When I got caught as a sophomore, I was a minor so I just threw the flask down and ran away," Gunter said.

Overall, Gunter said he had very few problems hiding his flasks, and he discovered his boot was the perfect hiding place for his contraband. "I would put my flask inside my boot

then pull my jeans over them," he said. "When all the students would stand up, I'd sit down and pour."

during the Tech football season, said Johnny Stone, manager of Doc's Liquor "We sell flasks year round, but we do

season," Stone said. "I don't have a certain percentage, but

I do know it's a lot." Stone also said the best-selling flasks in the store are 16-ounce plastic flasks that extra, but it isn't like 15 to 20 more. I'd cost about \$3.

The store also has metal flasks, and they both range in size from 6 to 16 do not steadily increase is because stu-

ounces, he said.



The sale of flasks seems to increase Students over the age of 21 can be charged for bringing alcohol into Jones Stadium. They can be assessed a \$500 fine.

see such drastic increases.

"We sell flasks year round and don't see an increase in sales during football see marked increases during football season, as much as we do during Christmas, " said Gary King, owner of The Buffalo Beano Company.

"On game day, we might sell a few like it to be, but we just don't."

One reason King said he thinks sales dents do not need flasks to smuggle al-However, not all stores that sell flasks cohol into games anymore.

"Students could just use a sports bottle and put it in their boot, and until they start strip searching at the games, they'll never get caught," King said.

However, strip searching, or even a quick frisk, is not a position the TTPD wants to take, Hale said. "It can be done, don't get me wrong,"

Hale said. "To be 99.9 percent sure, we would need 20 officers at every gate, and that type of labor force is astronomical. "It's a long-term occurrence that

looks like it can't be solved."

# Advertisers target college students with alcohol promotions, campaigns

by Amy Curry

Alcoholic beverage advertisements at intercollegiate athletic events have sparked controversy over the past few years, and much of the debate surrounds the question of who alcoholic beverage companies are targeting with their advertising and promotions. Unlike soft drink and clothing companies, alcoholic

a percentage of the student body to possess or con-The primary audience for alcohol marketers are individuals of legal drinking age, but advertisers attempt to zero in on 21- to 35-year-old males, a representative

beverage companies supply a product that is illegal for

from Coors Brewing Co. said. National companies often manufacture specialty beer cans or fund construction for stadiums while other distributorships sponsor half-time contests for spectators or outfit teams, providing equipment and uni-

Some universities have resorted to alcoholic beverage distributorships and brewing companies to spon-

sor athletic events, tournaments or teams. Other schools, like Texas Tech, have established policies that prohibit such partnerships.

Byron Waters, director of marketing for Tech Athletics, said Tech's policy concerning alcohol advertisements at sporting events has been an unwritten policy since he has been employed by the university.

any of our athletic facilities," Waters said. "In fact, the only alcohol ad we have, I think, is one beer advertisement in the (football) Game Day program."

The NCAA does not pro-

hibit institutions from entering partnerships with alcoholic beverage companies, nor does it restrict advertising of alcoholic beverages on campus, said

Wallace Renfro, NCAA director of public relations. The association does, however, restrict advertising of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with NCAA champion-"I think the issue is more about abuse," Renfro said. "Alcohol is not an illegal product, but the abuse of al-

cohol is something we should stand opposed to." Tech also has a policy prohibiting the unlawful possession, use or distribution of alcohol and illegal drugs by employees and students on the Tech property, or as part of any officially-sponsored Tech activities.

College Marketing Code sets voluntary limits on how and when the company and its distributors can promote alcoholic beverages. Company sponsorships of teams are allowed under the Beer Industry Code, if permitted by the university.

In 1997, a survey by the Federal Trade Commission

"We have no signage at found that 72 percent of 300 college campuses prohibited any form of on-campus alcohol advertisements. The same survey also found 62 percent of those campuses prohibited alcohol industrysponsored events.

Starla Halfmann, a sophomore design communications major from Garden City, said even though sponsorships and advertisements from alcoholic beverage establishments and companies would bring in much-needed revenue, this kind of promotion would reflect poorly upon Tech.

"If people are going to drink, they're going to drink, with or without the advertisement," Halfmann said. "But I agree with university policy because this sort of advertising makes it look like Texas Tech ... promotes the use of alcohol. That is not the reputation we want here."

Donna Shalala, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, has gone on record as saying that she realizes the various demands of Division I athletic programs, but she believes ties between college sports and drinking should be severed completely.

"I believe that the time has come for voluntary guidelines that say no alcohol advertising on the premises of intercollegiate athletic events," she said. "No bringing alcohol to the site of an event. No turning a blind-eye to underage drinking at tailgate parties, and no alcohol sponsorships of intercollegiate sporting events."

# Art inspired by blank spaces

by Angela Loston Staff Writer

different objects.

ith a stroke of a paint brush, Charlene Engel can transform a tranquil scene of nature into her own personal microcosm filled with bright colors and accentuated outlines of

Engel, a curator of the Hyde Gallery for Grossmont College in El Cajon, Calif., expresses her interpretations of the world through watercolor paintings.

"(My paintings) are not duplications of something," Engel said. "They kind of grow out of what I saw."

An opening for Engel's work, "In Spaces Between," will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday at Landmark Arts: The Galleries of Texas Tech University, located at 18th Street and Flint Avenue.

Engel said the exhibit will feature nine 30-by-36 watercolor paintings. Engel said each of the paintings are based on various and color that realistically portrays

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\* Quaker State

"In Spaces Between" watercolor by Charlene Engel Landmark Art Gallery opening Dec. 10 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

landscapes.

When creating the pieces for the display, Engel said she tries to select scenery that is not only appealing to her but also chooses striking images.

"I try to pick scenes that are not only interesting to me because I have past memories of the place, but because I'm interested in the shapes, colors and some other aspects of what I'm seeing," she said.

"Everything is based on my reaction to the landscape. It isn't a matter of reproducing what the landscape actually looks like."

Engel said most of her work is composed of calligraphic drawings her reaction to nature.

She chooses to use flat, white paper to create her body of work. 'Some of the drawings are very

calligraphic, meaning that I work with long strokes," she said. "At other times, I use short strokes."

For more than 20 years, she has used watercolor in her paintings. Throughout her professional career as an artist, Engel said she has preferred to use this style of artistic expression since watercolor combines both drawing and paint-

Engel has published both prints and paintings in a variety of American and European journals.

"Watercolor allows me to combine both the graphic quality of drawings and color when working with paintings and acrylic or oil," she said.

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Engel also has taught art courses. She teaches art history and watercolor painting at the San Diego Museum of Art and Mira Costa College.

Ken Bloom, director of Landmark Arts, said one aspect of Engel's work is that she makes use of negative space, which is all of the area that is surrounding the subject of the painting.

"The artist's work is elegant, calligraphic and highly personal," Bloom said. "These four elements are what characterize her work."

The "In Spaces Between" exhibit will be on display through Jan. 29.

The exhibit at the gallery will be open and free to the public from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. The Landmark Galley is located on the first floor of the Art building.

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Heather Howard, a senior chemistry major from Plainview, thinks it is great that Daigle takes time to cheer for Tech.

"I think it is really cool that he is willing to take time to show his school spirit," she said. "I think that it would be neat to see more faculty getting involved like he does."

He and other members of his heckling group, which include other doctoral students and friends, have made it a rule to keep their comments free of obscenities and to not get personal with any of the players.

Some fans might not think we have any class, but at least they can't say that we are tasteless and vulgar," Daigle said. "When you say something without using obscenities, you

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get a lot more mileage out of that than you would if you just blatantly use a lot of four-letter words."

Daigle enjoys getting a rise out of the players that he heckles. He loves it when the opposing players get upset with him.

"When you get players mad at you, that's when you know you've done your job."

Although Daigle is very loud and his voice and appearance stand out at football and basketball games, he doesn't want to do all of the dirty work himself.

"If you need me to get (students) fired up for Texas A&M, then there's something wrong with you," he said. "I am only one person. There's only so much I can do."

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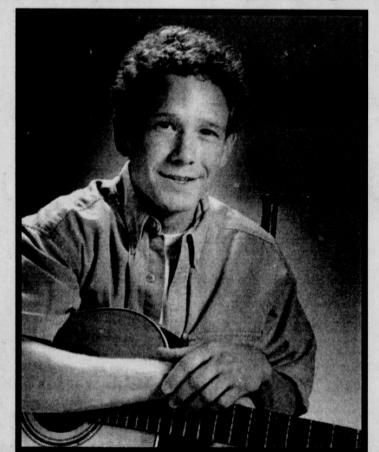
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# Red Raider football has roller-coaster season

by Patrick Gonzales

Staff Writer

The 1999 Texas Tech football season could be summed up by the events of the past two weeks.

The Red Raiders ended their season on a winning note, upsetting the Oklahoma Sooners 38-28 Nov. 20, but then learned two weeks later they would not ning road games. play in a postseason bowl game for only the second time in seven years.

This high-and-low scenario is only part of the up-and-down season the Raiders endured throughout the year.

Senior middle linebacker Kyle Shipley said the key to the squad's inconsistent season was their lack of win-

"Things didn't work out the way we wanted them on road games," Shipley said. "In the Big 12, only the dominant teams can go out and win on the road."

Tech began the season on Labor Day, with a 31-13 loss to then-No. 25 Arizona State.

Senior cornerback Oscar Solis said

losing the season opener was tough, but actually made the squad stronger.

"You always want to start off on the right foot," he said. "But then again, it made us realize that we would have to

The next two weeks began the inconsistency that would last the Red Raiders' whole season.

They beat Louisiana-Lafayette 38-17 in the second contest of the season but were upended the following week by North Texas, 21-14 at Jones Stadium.

After a bye week, Tech collected perhaps their greatest victory of the season, upsetting then-No. 5 Texas A&M in front of more than 53,000 fans, who celebrated the win by tearing down a Jones Stadium goal post.

"Beating A&M was certainly a high-

light of the season," Shipley said. "It was the best crowd I've ever played in front of. I think we knocked them (A&M) off course. Who knows what they would have done if they had won."

The victory lasted for only a week, as Tech lost the following Saturday to Oklahoma State 41-21. But continuing with their win-loss pattern, they won the next week against Colorado, 31-10.

The Red Raiders strayed away from inconsistency for one week, when they defeated Baylor 35-7 to garner their first consecutive victories of the year.

However, the team got back off track the next week, losing 34-7 to Missouri, then defeating Iowa State 28-16 the following week.

Despite its roller-coaster season, the victory against Iowa State kept Tech in contention for the Big 12 South Championship.

With consecutive victories to end the season, the Red Raiders could have been the outright South champions.

But that scenario was destroyed the following week, when Tech was demolished by Texas 58-7 — the worst loss in school history.

Oklahoma in the season finale, which also marked the retirement of Tech coach Spike Dykes.

Solis said his season highlight came on the last game of the year.

The Red Raiders rebounded to beat

"The Oklahoma contest was a feeling that I'm going to cherish," Solis said. "You always seem to remember your last game in your career, and I'm sure I will always remember that one."



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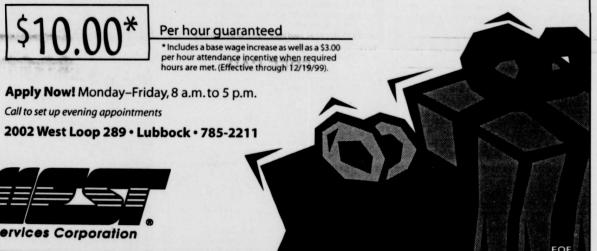
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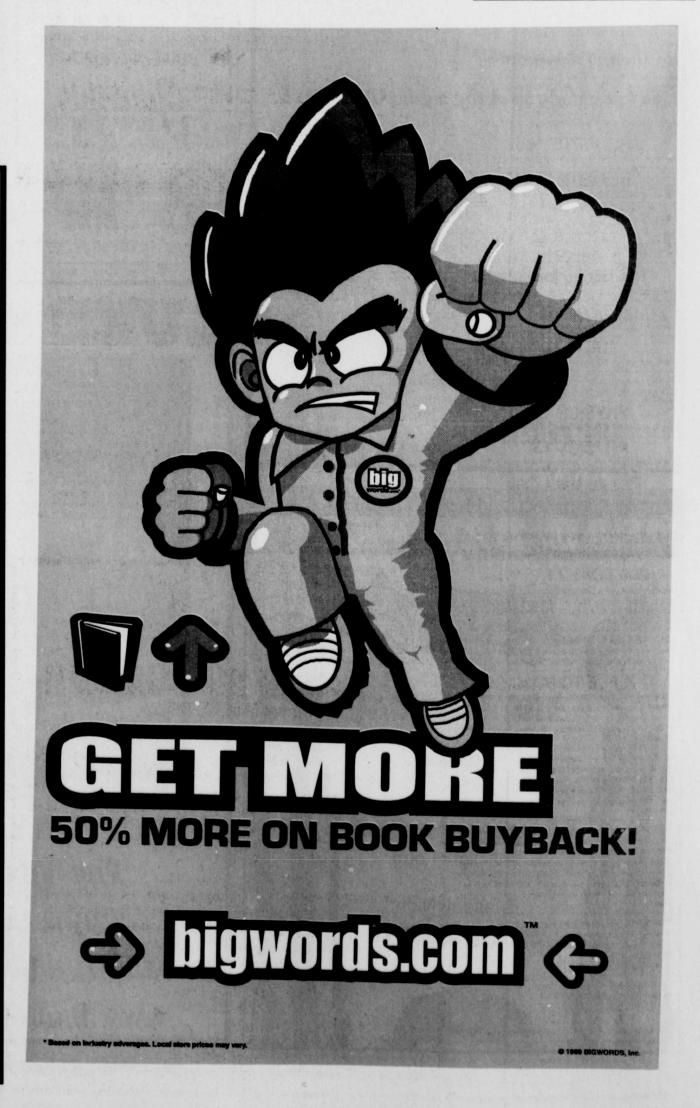
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# Lady Raiders can learn from USA stomping

magine winning five games straight, including one against a nationally-ranked team, and then getting thrashed by the next opponent you face. I think it's safe to say it would be a little demoralizing.

And no, this is not about the football team. Thank God that's

The Lady Raiders picked up their first loss of the season Sunday when they tried their luck against the USA Senior National team.

outrebounded and simply outplayed, they learned some very valuable lessons.

Though Tech was outshot,

No.1, and most importantly. they saw they're not where they want to be.

Fortunately, the loss will not taint their still unblemished



### Amy Curry Staff Writer

of cruising along. And most athletes can identify with

But speak-

what it's like to

play on a team

who is just kind

You're on a winning streak, beating teams without putting forth much effort, playing well enough to win but not even close to your potential.

And then, when you least expect it, some other team comes in and "kicks your teeth in," as my high

school softball coach would say.

It's entirely too easy to get comfortable and become satisfied with your level of play when you're win-

That old saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," doesn't always apply in sports. There always is room for improvement.

But in the Lady Raiders' case, I think this loss can be understood.

I mean, they were playing against the best in the country after all.

I can't even begin to imagine what it would be like trying to get the ball down the floor when you have Ruthie Bolton-Holifield looking you dead in the eye, shadowing your every move or what it would be like to try to juke and score over Lisa Leslie. Talk about intimidation.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said, "great teams will exploit your weak-

And judging by the final score, the National team was successful in doing just that.

sively, and against **But with their** team USA, it was

The National team only allowed Tech to score 39

their worst offensive

performance of the

points. They shot just 25 percent from the floor and continued in every game they've played this to suffer at the charity stripe, shooting only 41 percent.

Tech's perimeter game just isn't where is should be, and that's where all their experience lies.

The Lady Raiders are young in the post position, so it will be essential for their outside shooters to be on the

mark, especially when the conference season starts.

Though there are several aspects The Lady Raiders haven't quite of the Lady Raiders' game that could played to their full capability offen- use some tweaking, these girls do not

heart and

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rest will come.

lack talent. The skills are there.

Tech has an excellent defensive and rebounding team. And that's what has made the difference

But with their heart and dedica-

tion, the rest will come.

I think it's good for every team to lose at least one game before the conference begins.

There's nothing like a good ol' fashioned country ass kickin' to show a team they're not quite as good as they think they are, and there's still work to be done.

The thing that always kept me working hard was something else my softball coach told us.

"Just when you think you're the best, remember, you're not. There is always someone else out there who is better than you," he'd say.

It's never fun to get beat, especially by 49 points. But good teams can respond to defeat by doing the same thing that was done to them tox their

next opponent. All the Lady Raiders have to do is regroup, continue to work hard and never forget how it felt to get schooled by team USA.

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# Warrant issued for Mavs player

CHICAGO (AP) — A judge said he would issue an arrest warrant for Leon Smith after learning the Dallas Mavericks' rookie forward left Illinois to receive psychiatric treatment in

"His bond slip states that he can't leave the jurisdiction of this court," Circuit Judge George J.W. Smith said Monday.

The judge said the troubled 19year-old, who signed a \$1.45 million, three-year pro contract out of high school, should have gotten court permission before leaving his jurisdiction.

Defense attorney Dennis A. Berkson said Smith was in a Dallasarea hospital receiving psychiatric treatment under an NBA Players Association program. Berkson urged the judge to hold off on the warrant, saying Smith was "in the best place possible for himself and society."

Smith faces charges of aggravated assault, criminal damage to property and protective order violation. He is accused of threatening his former girlfriend with a gun and only days later ramming her mother's car and smashing its windows.

Berkson said he would press for a court order blocking execution of the warrant but expressed doubt that Smith would be arrested in the hospital in any case. He said if the courts insist on bringing his client to Chicago he would find a way to surren-

Smith was drafted last June by the San Antonio Spurs who traded him to Dallas, but he has yet to play for the Mavericks. He is on the team's injured list because of a back strain, but personal problems have plagued him for the past month.

He was arrested Nov. 14 and placed in a psychiatric ward after Dallas police found him overdosed on aspirin. He was charged with criminal mischief after he reportedly smashed the rear window of a friend's sport utility vehicle.

Berkson and Smith's former high school coach, Landon "Sonny" Cox, were critical of the Mavericks for not doing more to help Smith adjust to the NBA, saying he arrived in Dallas the product of 15 years in a group home and with emotional difficul-

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# K-State deserving of BCS bowl bid

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Kansas State have to do to get into a BCS bowl game? Last season, the Wildcats went 11-0 in the regular season but lost to Texas



Bowl. I am Jeff not putting down the Keller Alamo Bowl. Staff Writer but I think Kansas State

was deserving of a BCS bowl bid last season.

This season, the 'Cats went 10-1 with their only loss coming at the hands of the Big 12 Champion Nebraska Cornhuskers. Their reward this season — a trip to the Holiday Bowl. Again, I am not taking anything away from the Holiday Bowl, but aren't these players deserving of a BCS Bowl game? I guess not, according to the BCS selection committee.

The only reason I can see for the 'Cats not making it to a BCS Bowl game is their non-conference schedule. Last season, their nonconference schedule consisted of Indiana State whom they beat 66-0, Northern Illinois whom they destroyed 73-7 and Northeastern Louisiana whom they only managed to beat 62-7.

I know those are not tough opponents, but Kansas State did what they were supposed to do to inferior opponents — they stomped them into the ground. But still there was no BCS bid for the 'Cats. This season was more of the same for Kansas State. They destroyed Temple, Texas-El Paso and Utah State but were not rewarded with a BCS bowl berth.

Over the past two seasons, the

Thave a question. What does one of the toughest conferences in football. But it seems that their non-conference schedule has kept them from playing in a major bowl game once again.

> This is a travesty. I guess next season Kansas State better schedule the likes of Florida State, Penn State and maybe throw in some NFL teams so the BCS committee won't cheat them out of a BCS bowl game again.

> One reason the Red Raiders deserve a bowl bid more this year than they did last season is because of the way they finished. They knocked off Oklahoma by 10 points when they knew their bowl eligibility was at stake. That showed they could perform under pressure. Last season, that was not evident as Tech sprinted out to a 6-0 start, only to drop four of their last five contests, including the season finale against the Sooners.

The second reason is because of the caliber of teams the Red Raiders defeated this season. Tech knocked off three bowl-bound teams as opposed to defeating only one bowl team a season ago. The Red Raiders also knocked off a top 5-ranked team in Texas A&M which is an accomplishment Tech had not achieved since 1978.

The final reason is because I think Spike Dykes deserved to coach his team one more time in a bowl game. He began his head coaching career at Tech in a bowl game, and I think it would have been fitting for him to finish his career coaching the Red Raiders in a bowl game.

But unfortunately, it appears the North Texas loss kept Tech from securing its seventh bowl berth under Dykes. How bizarre is it that Dykes went 6-7 against Texas in his career at Tech, 8-5 against Baylor and 6-7 against A&M, but struggled to a 1-3 mark against North Texas? I'm still having trouble wrapping my mind around that one.

Jeff Keller is a sophomore broadcast journalism major lar season conference matchups in from Cloudcroft, N.M.

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