

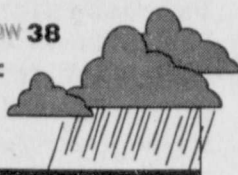
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**STATE**

**Six-year-old forbidden from attending school**

DeSOTO (AP) — In a move that appears inconsistent with state law, the DeSoto Independent School District has prohibited a 6-year-old girl with sickle cell anemia from coming to class.

School officials say she has too many absences. The family of UnQuinette Lacy say the child should be in kindergarten even if she can't be there all the time.

School officials withdrew the girl from classes at Cockrell Hill Elementary in November because of "excessive absences." She hasn't been back since.

"The principal called and told me out of the clear blue sky that this will be the last day for UnQuinette," said Marilyn Wheaton, the child's great-aunt and guardian.

School officials said Wheaton did not provide notes from a doctor sufficiently documenting the child's illness or absences.

"We withdrew her because she wasn't coming to school," said Sharon Price, DeSoto assistant superintendent for administration and operations. "The parent was told she could re-enroll anytime if she would be attending regularly."

**NATIONAL**

**Mississippi storms destroy homes, kill 10**

PONTOTOC, Miss. (AP) — A powerful storm system killed at least 10 people, injured dozens more and destroyed hundreds of homes in Mississippi, authorities said Sunday.

The dead, whose names were not released, included men, women and children, said Pontotoc County Sheriff Leo Mask.

Ricky Jagers, Pontotoc County's emergency management director, said the death toll had risen to 10 from an earlier estimate of 7.

Emergency officials said they believe two tornados ripped through a densely populated part of this north Mississippi community Saturday night, blowing houses off their foundations. The National Weather Service could not immediately confirm that tornados had struck the area.

Former Pontotoc County Supervisor Keith Herring said the area "looks like an atomic bomb hit it."

**WORLD**

**Mid-East celebrates Gulf War anniversary**

KUWAIT (AP) — As allied war jets flew overhead, Kuwaitis raised their flag and performed a traditional victory dance Sunday to mark the 10th anniversary of the end of the Gulf War and freedom from Iraqi occupation.

Security was tight as Gulf War heroes — including former President George Bush and former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher — watched men in robes perform the arda, the Gulf's traditional dance depicting the "joy of victory," with swords and rifles.

Kuwait, which has held off on such galas for a decade out of respect for its war missing, is celebrating liberation day with pomp and parades for the first time since the war's end in 1991.

"It's a glorious day," said Salem Abdullah, a 47-year-old civil servant. "But one thing is missing — our POWs."

Kuwait accuses Baghdad of holding some 600 people captive. Iraq insists, however, that it has released all war prisoners.



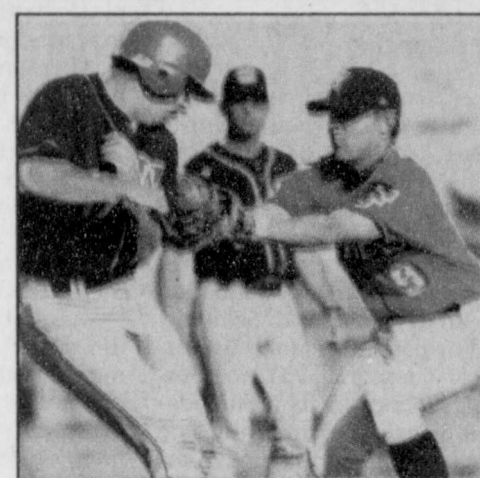
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**INSIDE TODAY'S ISSUE**



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## Funding issues circle theater, dance

By Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

Members of the Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance met Friday to discuss funding cuts that could jeopardize the department's future.

A meeting between new department chair Garry Owens, who replaced Norman Bert on Wednesday, Provost John Burns and the faculty and staff of the theater department is scheduled for Tuesday.

While no agenda for the meeting has been made available, Jonathan Marks, associate professor of theater and dance, said the funding situation would be mentioned. A second meeting will take place Thursday between the department members and students to

update them about the situation.

"Since this has happened, there have been a lot of rumors, but there really haven't been a lot of answers," Marks said. "One reason for these meetings is because we don't know a lot, and we realized that the students know a whole lot less than we do. We wanted to bring them to the same level."

Last week, Bert was removed from office after writing a memo to Gene Binder, chief of staff for Tech President David Schmidly. The memo stated the theater department would not be allotted \$50,000 from the Student Services Fee Committee.

"The reason we are not eligible for funding from the Student Services Fee Committee is because our producing and performing of plays is part of our academic mission," said

Fred Christoffel, professor in the theater department. "When they look at cutting funding, they are looking for programs that are academic."

While the department will not receive the funding from the Student Services Fee Committee, theater department members are hoping the money will be funded from some other source.

Christoffel said ideally the money would come from the administration because the theatre program is an academic program.

"We are hoping there is a line item in the administration's budget for \$50,000," he said.

Christoffel also said he believes the people on the Student Services Fee Committee made the decision to cut the funding because they had less money to allocate this year than they have had in previous years.

He said one reason the situation has developed is because many graduate students who serve as teaching or research assistants are no longer required to pay student services fees.

"I think the cut was made because there was less money to go out," he said. "Because less graduate students are required to pay student service fees, there is less money to go out. I think they are having to prioritize things."

If the theater department does not find additional funding through university means, Christoffel said, the season would go unaffected next year because funding already is in place.

However, some special student options will be cut from the theater department when the

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### Aiming high



JENNIFER GALVAN/The University Daily

Air Force ROTC member Matthew Robins, a senior mechanical engineering major from Marshall, inspects a cadet from Sandia High School in Albuquerque, N.M., during the Junior ROTC competition at Reese Air Force Base on Saturday morning. The competition was attended by high school students from Texas, New Mexico and Colorado.

## Wreck hurts cheer team members

**Hydroplaning truck flips, sending two Texas Tech cheerleaders to the hospital for treatment.**

By Kristina Thomas  
Staff Writer

A pickup truck carrying two Texas Tech student cheerleaders hydroplaned and flipped Friday afternoon southeast of Lubbock.

Michael Hernandez and Nicholas Davaul were treated at University Medical Center and released Saturday.

Davaul sustained a separated shoulder and a fractured clavicle, and Hernandez walked away with a bruised collarbone, compounded strains in his neck and a concussion. Hernandez said he also hyperextended his back.

The driver, Hernandez, a junior international business major from Plano, and Davaul, a senior engineering major from Abilene, were traveling on a recruiting assignment when Hernandez said he lost control of his black Ford Ranger about 20 miles outside of Post on U.S. Highway 84.

He said the truck hydroplaned and spun into oncoming traffic before flipping 3 1/2 times and landing 60 yards from the road.

Shortly after the wreck, Hernandez said, a man who claimed to be a doctor drove by and saw the two of them by the road.

"I do not remember much, but somehow we managed to kick the door open and crawl out," Hernandez said. "We went to the street, and this guy laid us down and stabilized us. The man who helped us just came out of nowhere."

Davaul said he was asleep on the passen-

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## Driving courses initiating change

By Cory Chandler  
Staff Writer

Some people think defensive driving means being stuck in a room for six hours while an instructor drones on about death on the highway.

However, some have found it can be a good way to laugh — or eat — blemishes off of their driving record.

Defensive driving schools have begun to find new twists to help keep their students interested while teaching them to be more aware of driving safety.

These twists include providing free meals to their students or having stand-up comedians teach the classes.

Froggy Bottoms and Comedy Defensive Driving are two defensive driving schools in Lubbock that give students a way to clear their driving records, while getting to watch professional comedians do stand-up routines.

Sherri Warren, president of Froggy Bottoms, Inc., in Lubbock, said her students seem to appreciate having comedians present the material instead of regular instructors.



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

An instructor illustrates the proper way to steer a motor vehicle as two students observe during a recent defensive driving class at Froggy Bottoms.

"We try to put a spin of humor on the traditional lessons," she said. "We try to keep people involved with the material, and this is a lot more fun than having someone reading out of a textbook for six hours."

Warren said Froggy Bottoms is certified and governed by the Texas Educational Agency, and it still teaches the same material as is taught in regular defensive driving classes, just in a

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## Memo sparks Bert's removal

By Whitney Wyatt  
Staff Writer

Norman Bert, former chairman for the Texas Tech Department of Theater and Dance, was removed from office Feb. 21 by Jane Winer, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, because of a memo he sent to Tech administrators.



Bert

Bert said his removal came earlier than he expected because he tendered his resignation Feb. 2, and his resignation was not effective until Aug. 31, 2001.

He said he tendered his resignation because of the lack of departmental support from the administration.

The memo, Bert said, was written Feb. 16 at the re-

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quest of Gene Binder, chief of staff and senior executive assistant to Tech President David Schmidly. Bert said Binder asked him for feedback after a Feb. 13 meeting regarding a Moody Gardens summer programming concept for the department.

Bert said the Moody Foundation has been in contact with Schmidly about the possibility of the Department of Theatre and Dance performing productions for the foundation and Tech students interning during the summer at Moody Gardens, a tourist attraction in Galveston.

Bert stated in the memo, "It is unlikely that Theatre and Dance will be able to carry through on the attached concept for performances at Moody Gardens. Theatre and Dance is a department in crisis due to unresponsiveness and lack of support from the administration at the level of the offices of the president and provost."

In the memo, Bert cited three events he said exemplifies the problem: no response or acknowledgement to the graduate program review, which was initiated by Schmidly for recommendations of additional support; the phasing out of student service fees, with only a "stop-gap promise of funding for next year" and no long-range solution; and the postponing of hiring an

assistant professor of dance to replace a faculty member who retired in Spring 2000.

After Binder received the memo, he said he turned it over to Provost John Burns for his review.

"It was certainly not what I asked for," Binder said.

Bert said he only was stating the problems facing the department and does not understand why the memo was deemed inappropriate.

"As to what the provost and president find inappropriate in the memo, I can't find," he said. "It simply states the problems we have."

Burns said after reading the memo, he believed Bert would provide negative leadership to the program, and because he already had resigned, the administration decided to call for the resignation sooner.

"The tone of the letter was very negative," Burns said. "There are personality issues that I don't want to discuss."

Schmidly was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Bert said he thinks something is missing about his removal from office.

"I don't know what it is. It doesn't make sense to me," he said. "A memo that basically sketches out the problems in our department—I don't see why that would remove a person from chair."

However, Bert said, department chairmen may be removed from office without cause and without knowledge. It is at the discretion of the dean.

"If I had been doing a lousy job, then there would be other reasons," he said. "I have gotten excellent feedback from the department, the dean and others across campus."

Bert also said in recent years the department has received support from the administration.

He said former Tech President Donald Haragan was instrumental in the department receiving a \$1-million gift for the Charles E. Maedgan Theatre. Bert said the department also received a new \$250,000 lighting system, added three new staff members and one new faculty position.

"At this point, it doesn't seem to be happening anymore," Bert said. "It has been increasingly difficult to receive responses from the administration."

Bert said he believes he was doing a good job as chair but is now suffering for speaking the truth.

He also said he will lose about \$20,000 in pay if he continued his duties as chairman of the department until his official resignation in August.

"I don't know if that was part of the motivation, but it was the effect," Bert said. "It seems to me that I was removed from office for doing what I was supposed to be doing."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This story was rewritten and run again because the article appearing in Thursday's UD was inaccurate due to poor editing and because sufficient information was withheld from the reporter.

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ger side of the truck and woke up when the truck turned sideways and thrust into the other lane of traffic.

"I felt it start to tip, and I just closed my eyes," he said. "I just felt everything crash around us."

Davaul said when he finally opened his eyes, he saw shattered glass and smelled something he was not familiar with. That was what prompted him to get out of the car.

"I knew that we had to get out," he said. "I don't remember exactly how we got out, but I walked toward the road because I wanted to lay down."

The next thing Davaul said he remembered was opening his eyes and seeing paramedics and doctors helping him and asking him questions.

Sernandez and Davaul said the ambulance carrying them arrived at UMC at about 6 p.m. Friday.

"I have no idea how we even walked away from there," Sernandez said. "The car is completely smashed."

Davaul said both he and Sernandez were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the accident.

"When the paramedics saw the car, they said that we were lucky to come out with just the (injuries) that we had," he said. "Without the seatbelts, we would have been dead. Those seatbelts really did save our lives."

The wreck not only has impacted the two students involved but the entire Tech nationals cheerleading competition squad as well. With national competition approaching in April, the team is now faced with the task of changing the routine to accommodate the loss of the two athletes.

Davaul said neither he nor Sernandez are going to be able to do anything cheerleading related for another four to six weeks.

"This is going to be very detrimental to the squad," Davaul said. "We were both in a lot of stunts and pyramids. I am not sure what they are going to do."

Sernandez said he agreed. "I am not sure what they are going to do, but it definitely hinders our national hopes," he said.

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student service fee is cut.

"Next year we will not do Sneak Peak," he said. "Also, we will not do student rush when they stop giving us funding."

So far, raising ticket prices or eliminating a student discount has not been discussed.

Theater student Elaine Bates said she believes the key to saving the department and ensuring future funding is to get theater students more involved in the Tech community and the committees that make these decisions.

She said she already has applied to be on the Student Services Fee Committee next year and she hopes others will do the same.

"The more people we have on

these committees, the more influence we can have in the community," she said. "We need to get theater people out there."

One thing theater Professor George Sorenson said he did not want was for students who are upset about the situation to place themselves in a bad position because of their desire to rebel against the university for the cut.

Sorenson said while the first reaction would be to protest, it might not be the wisest way to reach a solution.

"A major act of protest would be seen as something done for publicity, but the administration probably wouldn't look out of the window," he said. "Instead, I urge (students) to ask people questions and find out the information about this that a lot of us don't know."

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humorous way.

"Our instructors do a good job of relaying the information," she said. "Anytime you can keep an audience captivated by humor, they are going to pay attention."

Froggy Bottoms began as a comedy club in Lubbock in 1988, but, Warren said, they began incorporating defensive driving classes into their program 10 years ago.

She said Froggy Bottoms is not providing comedy classes at the moment, but she hopes it will begin offering them again later this year.

She also said Froggy Bottoms will continue to provide regular defensive

driving classes until then, though.

Bill Dodgin, owner of Comedy Defensive Driving, said he feels having professional comedians teaching his courses helps students retain what they hear because they are actually paying attention to the material.

"By the end of class most people are tickled pink and having a good time," he said. "The hours just seem to fly by, and we've never had anybody fall asleep on us."

Dodgin, who also works as a comedian at the club, said most students enjoy the class because the comedians keep it interesting.

"You can tell the difference between a comedian doing stand-up and a boring teacher who tells jokes," he said.

He said getting the students in-

volved is difficult sometimes because they do not want to be there.

"The people coming in are usually in a bad mood," he said. "The judge is making them take the class, and they don't want to be here on a Saturday. By the end of the six hours they are laughing and acting like friends though."

Comedy Defensive Driving meets at Mr. Gatti's Pizza, so students who choose to eat lunch there during the break as well.

Dodgin said the cost of the meal is not included in the class fees.

Another choice defensive driving students have is Free Meal Defensive Driving.

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# Raider basketball faces OSU

This season, the Texas Tech men's basketball squad is 3-0 in weekday home Big 12 Conference contests.

The Red Raiders will look to move that mark to 4-0 when they face the Oklahoma State Cowboys at 7 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech's home contest against the Cowboys was scheduled to take place Jan. 30 but was postponed because of the Jan. 27 plane crash that took the lives of eight members of

the Oklahoma State basketball family. The Red Raiders are coming off a 62-52 road loss at the hands of the Texas A&M Aggies on Saturday at Reed Arena in College Station.

Though Tech lost the contest to the Aggies, the Red Raiders did win the battle underneath the boards, claiming a 38-36 victory against the Aggies in the rebounding war.

Oklahoma State comes into the contest with a 17-7 overall record

and an 8-5 mark in Big 12 Conference action.

Oklahoma State knocked off the Red Raiders when the two squads met in Stillwater, Okla., on Jan. 13.

The Cowboys are coming off a 52-47 win against Kansas State on Saturday in Stillwater.

Oklahoma State has not lost to the Red Raiders since the 1996-97 season when the Red Raiders swept the season series with the Cowboys.

Following the contest with Oklahoma State, the Red Raiders will have two contests remaining on their regular season schedule.

Tech will travel to Ames, Iowa to battle Iowa State at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The Red Raiders will close out their regular season with a home bout with the Texas Longhorns at 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

# Yossef leads Tech track at Big 12 meet

Texas Tech senior Gezachw Yossef posted a conference-record 4:02.25 time in the mile run to claim first place in the event at the weekend Big 12 Indoor Track Championships.

The Tech men and women each claimed 10th place overall at the conference gathering, which took place this weekend at the Devaney Center in Lincoln, Neb.

Senior sprinter Reggie Hill was runner-up in the 60-meter dash, with a 6.66 clocking. Freshman teammate Saidric Williams took fifth in the event with a 6.78 time.

Michael Beasley's 6 11-1/2 jump was good for second in the high jump.

The men's mile relay team of Antonio Franklin, Jon Decker, Orin Darrington and John Ritter came in fifth with a 3:14.13 time,

and Dwayne Benoit finished seventh in the mile with his 4:19.41 finish.

In women's competition, Ngozi Iwu was third in the 600-yard run with a 1:20.38, breaking the school mark she set just three weeks ago.

Sophomore Shannon Spaulding was third with a 2:08.89, a new personal best, freshman Rachelle Evans claimed eighth position in the 400-meter dash with her 55.81.

The women's mile relay team of Iwu, Evans, Melonie Barrow and D'Andria Brigham were sixth with a 3:46.27 clocking in their event.

The Tech harriers will compete in the NCAA Last Chance USA Indoor March 2-3, in Ames, Iowa.

# Tech men's tennis drops two in D/FW

The injury plagued Texas Tech men's tennis squad dropped both matches this weekend in the Dallas/Forth Worth area.

Without their top two competitors, the Red Raiders fell to UT-Arlington, 4-2, on Friday and could not rebound as they lost to No. 6 TCU,

4-1, on Saturday. The losses drop Tech's record to 2-4 on the year.

The two victories for the Red Raiders on Friday came in the No. 2 and 3 positions. Freshman Ben Gudzelak defeated Per-Erik Karlsson of UTA in three-sets, 2-6, 6-4, 10-8.

In the No. 3 position, sophomore

John Walker beat Tom Zarzeczny of UTA in three-sets, 4-6, 6-3, 10-8.

Walker improves to 4-1 on the year and 1-0 in the No. 3 position.

In the No. 1 position, senior Borut Martincevic dropped his fourth straight match of the season, falling to Andy Leber in straight sets, 7-5, 7-

6. Martincevic's record drops to 1-4 with his lone victory coming against Julien Curutella of ACU.

On Saturday, the Red Raiders only mustered one win. It came in the No. 3 position when junior Richard Crabtree defeated Scott Eddings in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2.

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### Column

## Some risks aren't worth it

When Texas Tech student Travis Gilpin's truck slammed into a house, injuring a 10-year-old girl, his life undoubtedly changed forever. As the aftermath of the accident plays out, there are more questions than answers.

What should happen to the 20-year-old Gilpin? Is it his fraternity's fault that he was reportedly drunk since he admitted to the girl's mother he had just left a fraternity party?

This past weekend, in Isla Vista, Calif., an 18-year-old University of California at Santa Barbara student, David Attias, allegedly slammed his car into nine cars and five pedestrians, killing four of them. The scene took place in an area known as party neighborhood where revelers were constantly crossing the streets to attend parties.

According to witnesses and near-by residents, glass, bodies and body parts were strewn across the street after the accident. Some witnesses allege they heard Attias say he was the "angel of death," after the accident.

He refused a breathalyzer test, and results from his blood test will not reveal if he was intoxicated or under the influence of drugs for a few days. But one drug-recognition expert believed he was under the influence of controlled substances.

Obviously, there are laws against drinking and driving and narcotics for a reason. Take Gilpin — he is only 20, and not legally of age to consume alcohol. But being 21 does not all of a sudden, magically give you the ability to drink and drive without incident. Also, you have to admit, especially in Gilpin's case, that this could have been just about any of us.

How many times have you left a party, club or bar after drinking to drive home? Odds are, all of us know someone.

It's easy to think that when you're drunk you drive better than when you're sober, right? Because you don't want to get pulled over and taken to jail, you pay extra-close attention to what you are doing. What people aren't thinking, though, is that it's not getting pulled over that's the real problem — it's killing somebody.

No one who gets behind the wheel drunk ever intends to injure or kill someone. And when they get behind the wheel, they are not monstrous, heartless people they are easily assumed to be. Instead, they are just like everyone else.

Before this incident, like all of us, Gilpin was a Tech student. He had classes he had to attend. He had homework to do. He had friends to hang out with. He had parents. He was a member of a fraternity. Now his life is extremely different, and not just because he allegedly drove drunk. But because he got caught allegedly driving drunk.

There is a big difference, and it is like Russian roulette when you drive drunk. It seems to me that people don't just get caught after swerving down the street. It seems they also can get caught after hitting objects, people or other cars and possibly killing them. At that point, you'd think one would wish for a DUI rather than a charge that contains the word homicide or manslaughter in it.

When you drink or do drugs, you are not yourself, which is half the appeal to people. If it turns out Attias was on drugs or was drunk, you would have to wonder if he would have acted the way he allegedly did had he been sober.

The answer would probably be no. He allegedly said he was the angel of death. How many of us have said screwed up things when we're under the influence of anything? Most of the time it's funny. When dead bodies are littering the street, though, it's probably not going to draw a bunch of laughs.

It is becoming clearer that is not just enough to designate a driver. It is not enough to only have a few drinks, then drive home. It is not enough to say, "Oh, but I live two minutes away." The only thing that is enough is to not do it at all. And sure, we do have impaired judgment when we're in that state.

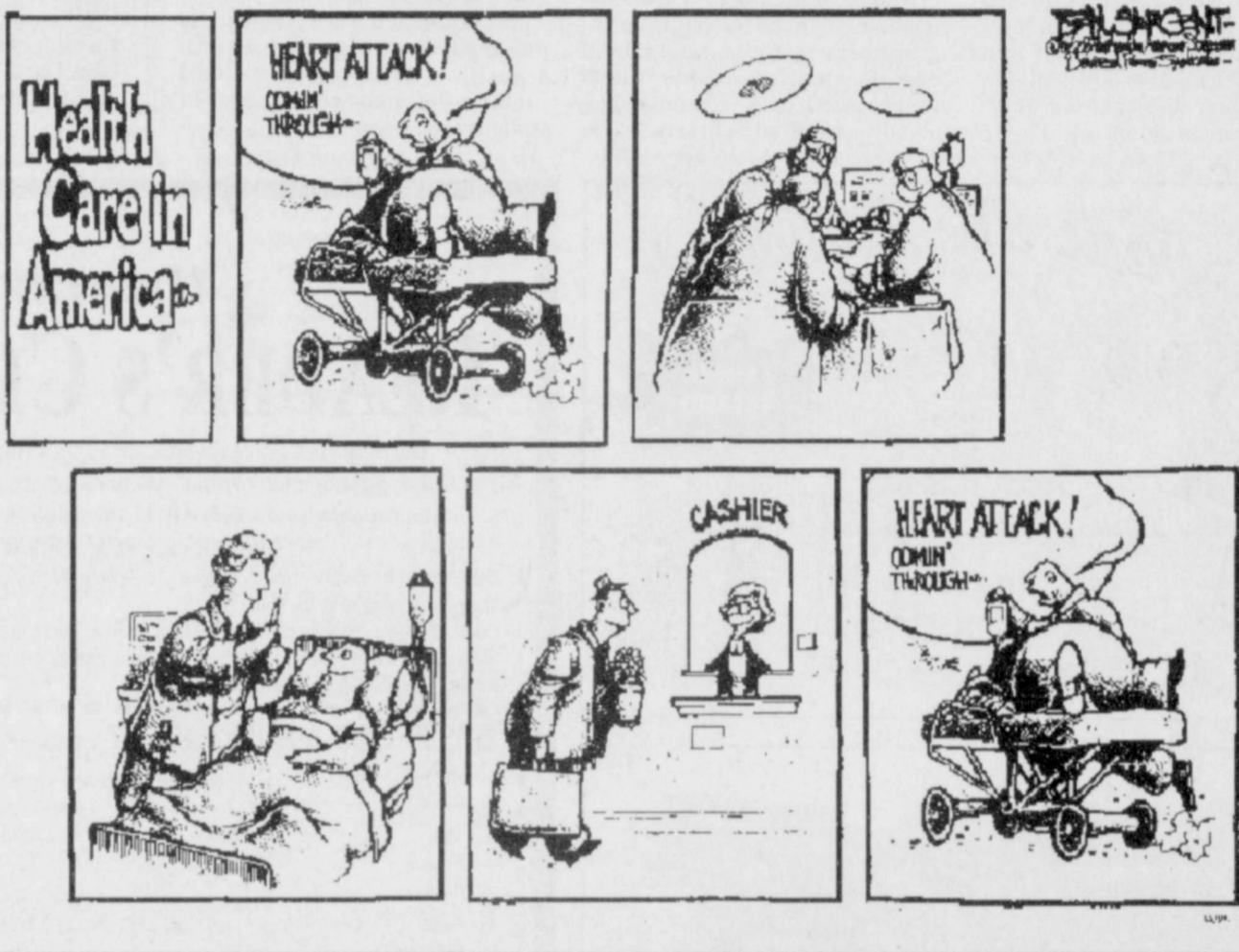
That's why we should surround ourselves with friends that are willing to kick our drunk asses before letting us pull a stunt like driving anywhere.

Then again we could risk it because we could end up safely in our driveway, stumbling to our front door thinking, "See, I can drive while drinking." Then again, if we risk it, we could just as easily end up at our parents' house, sitting around waiting for the trial to begin.

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Brandon Formby



### Letters to the editor

#### Policy causes rebellion

To the editor: I am writing in regards to the article in *The UD* (2/19). I was reading the article on the proposition to ban smoking on campus. I do not think they should do so. If Texas Tech tried to ban smoking on campus, it would not help. The smoking ban will only cause students to rebel, which will result in more students smoking. This will also cost more money to be spent on enforcement. With all the projects going on at TTU, we sure do not need to add another. Why should smokers lose their privilege? Smokers already stand outside in the cold. Nonsmokers can easily avoid smokers on the large campus. People say that second-hand smoke is worse than someone smoking. I cannot seem to see that because when a person smokes, he or she inhales first-hand and second-hand smoke. There are not many cases where someone died of lung cancer caused from second hand smoke. The cases that have formulated through this cause are due to long periods of time, not by walking next to someone smoking. This smoking ban is like giving a kid candy and taking it away from them. In my judgement, that is wrong!

Dustin Anderson  
freshmen  
pre-law

To the editor: I am writing to voice my support for the ordinance to ban smoking in Lubbock public places. Having lived in a Texas City where public places were non-smoking, I can attest to the fact that it was advantageous to the citizens and business owners alike.

Naturally, smokers are not bothered by second-hand smoke, but it affects everyone when gathered in a confined space. For example, adults have the choice to sit in smoking or non-smoking areas in restaurants, but children are subject to where their parents want to sit. Some children suffer from allergies to smoke or have asthma, both of which are exacerbated by second-hand smoke. If our goal is to raise healthy children, do we really want to continue to expose them and others to the byproducts of adult habits?

Additionally, there would be positive outcomes for businesses as well. I can think of many times when I had to wait for non-smoking tables in restaurants, while tables were open in the smoking section. Those empty tables could be filled with customers and turn over more quickly, thus increasing profits. Also people who are sensitive to smoke would be able to visit all establishments in town, increasing the customer base. In closing, I would like to encourage everyone in Lubbock and those who

visit Lubbock to consider the advantages to citizens and businesses were the ordinance to be passed.

Amanda Salanitro  
first-year medical student

#### Non-students respond

To the editor: My husband and I attend Lady Raider home games and haven't missed one in the United Spirit Arena. We have general admission tickets and last year dutifully sat upstairs where the general admission seats are located. Because my husband has wearisome knees, he uses the ramps and elevators. One day, a member of Boren's finest told us we could sit downstairs since the students don't use all of their designated seats. What an understatement (Anyone attending the games knows the students don't turn out; the area is usually embarrassingly empty)! Well, we've enjoyed sitting in their end zone seats most of this season. Guess what? Some students suddenly expressed shock that the gray-hairs were encroaching on their seats. So, last Saturday we were returned to the upper floor (the view is excellent). Got there 90 minutes before game time to get wearisome-knee-accessible seats. With anticipation we waited for those thousands of students to appear to claim their seats down below. Guess what? It never happened. We watched as the usual 500 or so students showed up, and 15 minutes before game time, the healthy-kneed general admission folks clamored for seats in the student section much like the Oklahoma land grab. (Remember, our view was excellent) We saw it all. So, as we prepare for what might be the most important game of the season for the Lady Raiders so far at the USA — Iowa State — next week, we wonder — will the students turn out to claim their seats? Will the gray-hairs infiltrate at the sound of the 15-mintues-til-game time-gong? Will the ushers manage to hold back the throngs of testy oldtimers until the Brownies march in with the flag? Tune in Wednesday night for the showdown. Oh, and please support the team by turning out for the game — no matter where you sit. Trust me, the view is excellent from the top, or the sides, or their seats. Go Tech!

Derrick Crowe  
senior  
political science

truth no matter where it leads to. However, Ulrich could use some cultural sensitivity. I am referring to his statement that "If I believe that everyone else's truth is equal to my truth, that means absolute truth doesn't really exist. Sounds ridiculous, doesn't it?" What Ulrich fails to realize is that this isn't just a tenet of postmodernism, but also an important facet of Hinduism, which holds that all paths lead to truth. A similar doctrine I've heard in Christian churches is that "all truth is God's truth." Now, I am a Christian, but I also believe that it would be extremely arrogant of me to think that, in the 70-odd years that nature's going to allow me to live on this Earth, I'll have time to figure out "the Truth." The best we can do with the time we're allowed is to figure out as much as we can, and hope we get the important parts right. Everything else is just details. And as for Mr. Ulrich's column, I'd suggest that he take time to look into more than just Islam and Christianity before his next column to avoid ridiculing beliefs that were ancient before Moses stepped foot on Mount Sinai.

Derrick Crowe  
senior  
political science

#### IFC's rules inadequate

To the editor: First of all, I would like to start off by saying that the IFC is a big joke. After a flood of publicity concerning the wreck involving Travis Gilpin, I have come to several conclusions. We have these fraternity nobodies saying how they "have rules against underage drinking." Is this sort of like the rules against hazing because everyone knows that one doesn't get enforced. These rules are in place, but nobody abides by them, and they are all too willing to break them without fear of repercussion. Oh, and about these fraternities having security guards at their parties, that is an even bigger joke. Texas Tech is not blameless in all of this either. The big wigs at Tech need to step up and take some serious action and get past this slap on the wrist crap that they do when there are hazing allegations or fraternity members are caught stealing lumber for homecoming. They have turned the other way far too many times and should have a hard time sleeping at night because they are not doing anything about this illegal activity. John Montford, Travis Gilpin, and his fraternity need to be the ones out rebuilding that house.

Brandon Smith  
senior  
petroleum engineering

#### Culture shock needed

To the editor: This letter is in response to Brian Ulrich's "Search for Absolute Truth" column (*UD*, 2/22). I applaud Ulrich's admonition to search for the

[www.universitydaily.net](http://www.universitydaily.net)

### Man on the street

Do you think the Student Government Association is a governing body?



Andrea Latham  
a junior  
history major  
from  
Fort Worth

"Yes, they have a say of what goes on, on the campus."



Paul Keierleber  
a sophomore  
mechanical  
engineering  
major from  
Dallas

"If you elect people to represent yourself, of course it's a governing body"



Shila Davidson  
a junior  
public  
relations  
major from  
Lubbock

"Yes, they work together well to get the students what they need."



Cole Younger  
a sophomore  
industrial  
engineering  
major from  
Artesia, N.M.

"Yes, I read about stuff they pass, and we elect them."



Charles Claunch  
a junior  
computer  
science major  
from Deer Park

"It seems to me more like a political platform for the people after college."

compiled by Christi Davidson

## A&M defeats Tech

The Texas A&M men's basketball squad completed a season sweep of the Red Raiders with a 62-52 win over Texas Tech on Saturday at Reed Arena in College Station.

With the loss, the Red Raiders fall to 9-15 overall and 3-10 in Big 12 Conference action.

The Aggies improve to 10-17 overall and 3-11 in Big 12 Conference play with the victory.

Tech jumped out to an early lead in the contest with baskets from forward Cliff Owens and center Andy Ellis.

But the Aggies claimed a 7-6 lead after the initial Red Raider surge and never trailed again.

Tech forward Brannon Hays hit a shot as time expired in the first half to pull Tech within nine points of the Aggies at 33-24.

The Red Raiders pulled to within three at 51-48 late in the contest but drew no closer as they dropped their 10th conference tilt of the season.

Owens led Tech in rebounds with nine and also contributed 12 points in the losing effort.

Ellis led the Raiders in scoring with 14 points.

Freshman Red Raider forward Andre Emmett continued his steady play, pouring in nine points off the bench.

Emmett also was responsible for one of the two 3-point shots Tech canned in the contest as the Red Raiders struggled from the outside, hitting only two of the 14 3-pointers they attempted.

Tech hit only 32 percent of its shots from the floor in the contest while the Aggies connected on 44 percent of their attempts in the game.

The Aggies were led offensively by guard Bernard King, who had a game-high 18 points and a game-high seven assists.

With the win, the Aggies claimed their first regular season sweep of Tech since the 1989-1990 season.

## Lady Raiders avenge loss to 'Horns

It was payback time for the Lady Raiders.

Two weeks after rival Texas Tech dropped Texas Tech on its home floor, Tech reversed the roles by knocking off the Lady 'Horns, 76-60, on Saturday in Austin.

Both teams exchanged buckets throughout most of the contest, but Tech started to pull away after freshman Natalie Ritchie converted a rare four-point play that broke a 44-44 tie with more than 12 minutes left in the contest.

Ritchie's conversion sparked a 32-16 run to lead Tech (21-5 overall, 12-



3 Big 12 Conference) to its fourth consecutive Big 12 road win.

Before the play, neither squad held more than a six-point advantage.

After Ritchie's shot, Tech led by more than three the remainder of the way.

Ritchie hit 3-of-6 behind the 3-

point arc, giving her 14 points in a career-high 30 minutes of playing time.

Also playing a major role in Tech's win was Lady Raider post Plenette Pierson.

In the last meeting between the Lady 'Horns (19-10 overall, 7-8 Big 12), Pierson played just 23 minutes because of early foul trouble.

However, Pierson continued her dominance in the paint Saturday by scoring a game-high 24 points complemented by 12 rebounds.

Pierson now has led the Lady Raiders in scoring in six of the last

seven contests.

She paces Tech with 14.5 points per game.

The win for the Lady Raiders keeps them in a second-place tie with Iowa State. The two will square off at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena. Tech will look to begin another home winning streak as they have lost the last two at the arena.

The second seed in the Big 12 Tournament will be on the line in the contest. The game will be senior Katrina O'Neal's final regular season home game.

## UT baseball drops Kansas State

AUSTIN (AP) — Ray Clark pitched more than six innings to guide Texas to a 13-3 victory against Kansas State on Sunday.

The Longhorns pounded out a season-high 13 hits and scored 13 runs. The game ended in the seventh inning due to the NCAA 10-run rule.

Clark (1-2) allowed only three

runs on six hits while striking out five.

Kansas State's James Brazeal (0-1) was tagged with the loss.

Kasey Weishaar went 2-for-4 with a run scored for Kansas State, and Nick Sorenson went 3-for-3, scoring two runs and driving in two more.

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Shakespeare comes to life in "MacHomer: The Simpsons Do MacBeth," starring one-man comic tour-de force Rick Miller at 8 p.m. March 27 in the UC Allen Theatre.

## Jerry to Scream About Ice Cream

What do the phrases "Cherry Garcia," social responsibility and business philosophy have in common? They all relate to Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc., one of the most talked about and unconventional success stories in American business. And NightLife is proud to present Jerry Greenfield at 8 p.m. March 7 in the University Center Allen Theatre. (He'd be the Jerry in Ben & Jerry's.)

As co-founder of Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc., Greenfield has helped to build a store-front venture into a \$160-million ice cream empire by making social responsibility and creative management the cornerstones of the company.

Still looking the part of a hippie, dressed in a tie-dye T-shirt and jeans, Greenfield gives the audience "the scoop" on being a values-based business



Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, of Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc., have a success story to tell. Greenfield will speak on the Texas Tech campus March 7.

and the growing international influence of the socially conscious corporation.

"Business has an incredible influence

on society," Greenfield said. "In addition to getting bigger and more powerful, we believe the mission of every business

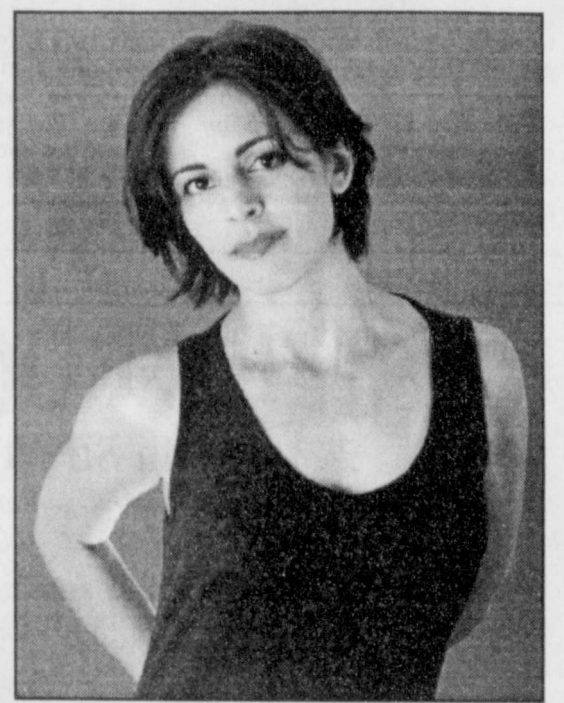
should be to help mankind."

Greenfield also will address the great sense of fun that is the company's trademark. He'll talk about how business doesn't have to mean three-piece suits, silk ties and meetings; it can be laid-back and even goofy, while still being profitable and socially responsible.

He gives tribute to America's entrepreneurial spirit, full of hilarious anecdotes and radical business philosophy.

If you are up for some unconventionality and out-of-the-box thinking, stop by the UC Ticket Booth or call 742-3610 for tickets. Tickets prices are \$6.50 for Tech students and \$13 for the general public.

Oh, and did we mention that everyone who attends gets free ice cream? Just for kicks, check out the Ben & Jerry's Web site at [www.benjerry.com](http://www.benjerry.com).



## Jen Cohen Band to Play 'That THING'

Jen Cohen, a popular fixture on the Nashville club scene, has established a unique position on the musical spectrum of Music City.

Her focus on pop, folk and blues has created a large, loyal following. True music-lovers flock to hear her soulful and soaring renditions of thoughtful songs by the finest writers. At once bluesy and tender, her voice has a resonance that is striking. As legendary singer-songwriter Janis Ian has said, "In my next life, I'm coming back with Jen Cohen's voice."

Originally scheduled to perform in the University Center Red Raider Ballroom, the Jen Cohen Band will perform at noon Thursday in the UC Courtyard as part of the "That THING In The Courtyard" series and will be a free performance.

For more information on the Jen Cohen Band, visit [www.jencohen.com](http://www.jencohen.com). For more information about the Texas Tech Student Activities Board, call 742-3621.

## Media Violence Topic of Discussion

Does it affect us to be exposed to violence on television, in our music, in the games we play?

This is a hard question and one that will be debated for many years to come. But you can form your opinion, armed with more information, thanks to a few members of both the campus and local communities who have volunteered to share their information and thoughts.

Texas Tech Student Activities Board is presenting "Contemporary Topics: Violence in the Media" at 6:45 p.m. March 8 in the University Center Matador Room.

This program will be presented in the form of a

panel discussion, but you also will be able to ask questions and express your comments. There is a lot more to it than just good or bad and we have brought together a panel of professionals who can give us some insight into these questions.

Panelists will include Rosemary Cogan, from Texas Tech's psychology department, Rhonda Gibson, from the School of Mass Communications, Jeff Klotzman, anchor for Fox 34 News, Rodric Schoen, from Texas Tech's Law School, and Mike Puma, station manager of KLBK Channel 13.

For more information, call 742-3621 or e-mail at [studentactivities.board@uc.ttu.edu](mailto:studentactivities.board@uc.ttu.edu).

## Get Ready for Spring Break

Chances are that many students will manage to find their way to one of the national hot spots like South Padre Island or Daytona Beach for Spring Break; and some will seek refuge with friends and family back home.

Regardless of where you end up, there is a great likelihood that you might find yourself dealing with issues and circumstances that potentially could be hazardous to your health. That is why Leadership Tech, in collaboration with Student Health Service's Impact Tech, Residence Life, Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Recreation Center have teamed together to offer "Surf, Sun, Sand and Sex" at 7:30 p.m. March 6 at the Student Recreation Center.

As you enter the Student Recreation Center, a mocktail cabana will greet you with tastefully mixed non-alcoholic refreshments. Then you will have the

opportunity to stroll into the aerobics room for a chance to compete in Spring Break Olympics, which will feature a variety of interactive games with the opportunity to win free prizes that have been donated by the campus and community.

After the games you can rest on a beach towel and enjoy a presentation by Health Educator Jo Henderson and Dr. Kelly Bennett from Student Health Services who will informally open the program for dialogue in an effort to better prepare you for your Spring Break trip.

KTXT-88.1, Tech's radio station, is doing a live remote, which is sure to add some fun and spice to the program. So as you drag yourself over to the SRC for those final Spring Break fitness touches, be sure to make a bit of time to enjoy this program, which is being presented as part of Leadership Tech's Leadership and Personal Development Series, Me Inc.

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Housing & Dining





seeking

Maiden seeking Mullet  
taldude to hook up with  
ou are my density.

SM bodybuilder seeks SF  
with soft eyes and body.  
body. Will you be my  
spotter for life? Call Bolt

Sci-fi geek seeks  
Barbarella lookalike to  
explore the final frontier,  
sci-fi conventions and "Dr.  
Who" marathons. If your  
mouth says, 'Shields up!',  
but your eyes say, 'A h  
breach is imminent,' I'm the  
droid you're looking for.

sweet, ...  
loving...who am I kidding  
Just a breathing SF of the  
same species will do.

### GIMME SHELTER!

Co-ed in search of the  
good life in a world of  
educational splendor  
and harmony. Yearning  
for a new & unique  
social environment with  
exciting individuals. Do  
you have what it takes to  
make the next four years  
the happiest of my life?

Little Red Riding Hood  
seeks Big Bad Wolf. Let's  
put a happy ending to this  
fairy tale!

Oh let me be  
Bear". Call if you like  
who are stuffed with fluff.

God of Thunder seek  
Luck  
and roll all night and  
every day.

Do you like  
Getting caught  
rain? If you're  
yoga, if you ha  
brain...

SM smoker  
smoker SF to

#### RESIDENCE HALLS

Same Room  
Feb. 26-27, 2001  
Same Hall, New Room  
Feb. 28, 2001

New Hall  
March 1-2, 2001

#### CARPENTER/WELLS\*

Same Room  
Feb. 26-27, 2001

New Room  
Feb. 28, 2001

New Apartment  
March 1-2, 2001

\*Applies to current residents of Carpenter/Wells  
only. Any other available space will be offered to  
those on the waiting list.

#### GASTON APARTMENTS\*\*

Same Apartment  
Feb. 26-27, 2001

New Apartment  
March 1-2, 2001

\*\*Applies to current residents of Gaston  
Apartments only. Any other available space will  
be offered to those on the waiting list.

All sign-ups begin at 10am at the  
respective hall offices.



*gimme shelter.*  
*early fall 2001 sign-ups*