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Pediatricians reject children on new plan

EL PASO (AP) — Children newly enrolled in Texas' health plans for the poor are being turned away by a third of the pediatricians in this West Texas city.

The doctors say they are paid too little to see the overwhelming numbers who need their help. Other pediatricians are warning they will follow suit, threatening access to health care for some of El Paso's most vulnerable children, the El Paso Times reported in Sunday's editions.

Seven doctors at El Paso Pediatric Associates no longer take new patients enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program. Some doctors have left El Paso in recent months for jobs in other cities because of the low reimbursements.

"Taking care of them is strictly a break-even proposition," said Dr. Stuart Kahn, one of the seven doctors. "They utilize services more, and they're sicker than our other patients.

NATIONAL

Napster still trading, users await blocking

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) -Copyright music flowed freely on the Napster tune-swapping service Sunday afternoon as users waited to see if the company would fulfill a promise to block ometime over the weekend using a new screening

All the top 10 songs listed on the Billboard Hot 100 list were available on the company's servers, including the No. 1 "Stutter" by Joe featuring Mystikal. Songs by longtime Napster foe Metallica also showed up in searches.

The company will not comment on the screening plan until it begins, spokeswoman Karen DeMarco said Sunday. She would not say when that would be.

With the service facing imminent change, usage was soaring. More than 11,100 people shared a total of 2.2 million files Sunday afternoon on just one of dozens of servers used by Napster.

"I am kind of watching it and trying to get my last efforts in quickly," said Thor Nelson, a user from St. Paul, Minn.

Napster's Web site said the process of screening out file names. song titles and artists won't be easy.

WORLD

Bomb kills 3, injures other in suicide try

NETANYA, Israel (AP) - A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up and killed three Israelis at a bustling intersection Sunday, the second lethal explosion in four days as militant Islamic groups vowed more attacks against Israel's incoming government.

With Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon preparing to assume power, possibly this week, the pair of bombings has shown that Israel remains vulnerable despite sealing off Palestinian areas in a bid to keep out militants.

Sharon, a former general who says he will restore security to Israel after five months of fighting, said "the terror attack is a very serious one that shows that the Palestinian Authority is not taking the necessary steps" to halt violence.

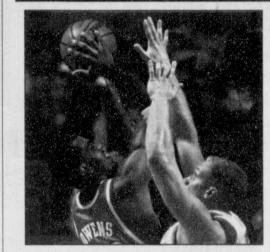
"We know very well that the most loyal forces of (Palestinian leader Yasser) Arafat are involved in attacks," Sharon said. However, he did not directly link Arafat lovalists to Sunday's bombing.

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Lubbock, Texas

UC expansion forcing groups out

By Pam Smith Staff Writer

Students accustomed to finding the offices of three particular student organizations in the University Center will soon have to look elsewhere in order to contact them.

Because of the UC expansion project scheduled to begin at the end of April or the beginning of May, the Saddle Tramps, Women's Service Organization and the High Riders will have to relocate their offices.

Once the first phase is complete, the organizations will be allowed to return to the office space. building until the first phase of construction is finished," said Tom Shubert, UC director. "That phase should take about a year.'

High Riders member Laura Husfeld said her organization was given extra time to remain in the UC.

"We were contacted a few weeks ago and were originally told that we needed to be out of the office by the end of March," she said. "However, now we can stay in the office until April 19, which is better because there will only be two or three weeks of school left.

Once the High Riders do move

'They'll need to be out of the out of the office, Husfeld said, they will not immediately move into another office. She said the organization will probably put most of its possessions in storage and work without an office.

Husfeld said since High Rider members did not use the office much, it would not be much of an inconvenience.

"If people want to contact the High Riders, they can still get a hold of me or our adviser," she said. "This shouldn't hurt us a whole lot."

She said the situation may become more difficult in the fall when the organization begins pledge classes that usually meet in the UC office.

However, she said, the organization has the entire summer to plan where a temporary office may be located if needed.

If this happens, Shubert said, the university will do everything it can to accommodate these organizations and to help them find a new place to locate their offices. He said while no places have been found, they are exploring several options.

"We are making all the best efforts to keep this as easy as possible for them," he said. "If it turns out that they have to pay for their temporary office space, we'll look into

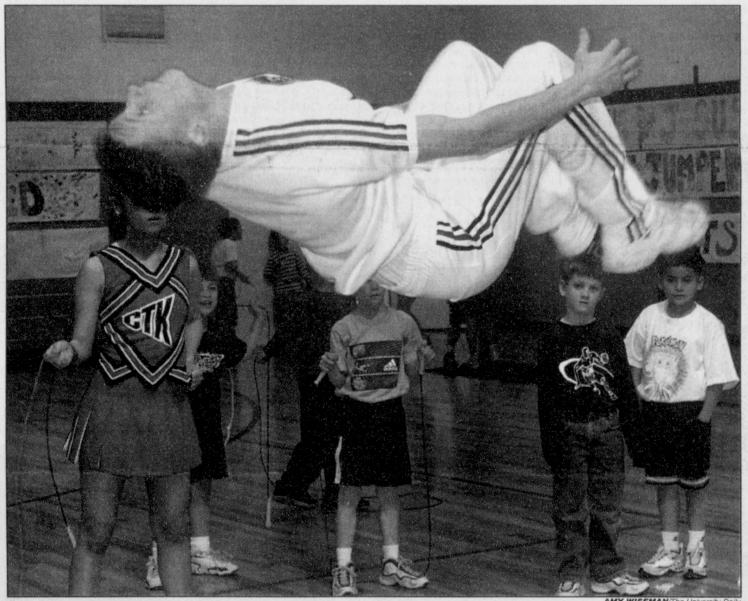
picking up the costs."

Chris Keith, president of the Saddle Tramps, said his organization plans to relocate its office to the paint room in Wiggins Dining Hall. He said officials are already planning to equip the paint room with a phone line so people can stay in contact with the organization.

Keith said while the move will not hinder the organization, it will take away some of the convenience of the location at the UC.

"In the UC we had a central location for our members to meet and

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Nathan Newsom, a freshman agriculture education major from Lubbock, turns a reverse flip while jumping rope for students at Christ the King Cathedral School on Friday during the annual Jump Rope for Heart charity fund-raiser.

Trying to save a life

Red Raiders use spirit, athletic ability to raise money for fighting disease

By Whitney Wyatt Staff Writer

aider Red and Texas Tech cheerleaders jumped at the opportunity to help fight heart disease Friday. Tech cheerleaders and Raider Red jumped rope with elementary students of Christ the King Cathedral School in the annual Jump Rope For Heart. The event

was a fund-raising event co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health

Alicia Knight, board member of the American Heart Association, said the money raised by the elementary students will go toward the American Heart Association's research and educational programs.

"We hope through events like this we can increase the awareness of living a

healthy life," Knight said. "This is the time to do it - when they are this young."

She said it is important for Tech organizations to get involved in events like this in the Lubbock community.

"(The Tech cheerleaders and Raider Red) serve as good role models," Knight said. "They are also good ambassadors of

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Senator explains tax plan

■ Phil Gramm uses Lubbock families to demonstrate the president's proposal.

By Whitney Wyatt Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, used three Lubbock area families as examples Saturday of the president's \$1.6-trillion tax cut plan to put a "human face on this tax-relief debate."

Gramm spoke to Lubbock citizens, including members of the College Republicans of Texas Tech, at Sarchet Printing Co., located at 919 31st St., about restructuring the income tax rates, reducing the marriage penalty tax and eliminating the death tax.

Jerry and Elta Sarchet, owners of Sarchet Printing Co., were part of one Lubbock family used by Gramm as an example of eliminating the death tax.

With the approval of President George W. Bush's plan of eliminating the death tax, Gramm said, a family like the Sarchet's would not have to worry about their three sons taking over their business.

"Part of the American dream is to help our kids do better than we have," Jerry Sarchet said.

However, without the approval of Bush's plan, Sarchet said, it would be a difficult situation for his sons to take over the family business because the death tax could force he and his wife to sell the business.

Mike and Esmeralda Arismendez, who live in Shallowater, argued against the marriage penalty tax and said they do not think it is fair they have to pay more money in taxes because they are married.

"We are the typical middle-class Texas family," said Mike Arismendez, an employee at Incode Inc. in South Lubbock, referring to his wife, a teacher, and their two children.

With the possible reduction of the

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Juárez mayor speaks politics

By Kim Wilson

As part of International Week at Texas Tech, Mayor Gustavo Elizondo of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, lectured Friday in the University Center Matador Room about "Literature and Politics in Mexico."

A translator converted Elizondo's Spanish to English, making it easier for everyone in attendance to understand the goals he has for his city. More than 250 Tech students, faculty and community members attended the lecture.

Elizondo gave facts about Ciudad Juárez, which is

populated with about 1.3 million people and contributes to 2 percent of Mexico's gross domestic product. The city is located near El Paso and Las Cruces.

The mayors from Ciudad Juárez, El Paso and Las Cruces, N.M., met in 1999 to solve common problems jointly, which, Elizondo said, has brought the United States and Mexico together.

"We're united as a community instead of two countries," he said.

Elizondo said Mexico has been robbed of its riches, but now it is becoming the leader of the new Mexican

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Gustavo Elizondo, mayor of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, lectures to a crowd in the University **Center Matador** Room on Friday in what was the last event celebrating International Week. AMY WISEMAN

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that was really easy for students to communicate with us," he said. "While it isn't the best, it will end up being better in the long run for all students.

Keith said he is referring to the fact that once the first phase of the construction is complete, 60 new offices will be available for his and other organizations to use.

Shubert said these offices will better accommodate all the student organizations than the offices currently in place.

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"These offices will offer even more to the student organizations once they are completed," he said. "They will all have room for desks, lock boxes and closets that the offices they are in don't have now. When they come back, they will be really happy with what we are able to provide."

Husfeld said the High Riders organization is looking forward to the new officers because the office they have now does not offer a lot as far as comfort is concerned.

"Our office doesn't have any heating or cooling," she said. "We look at this move as the little we have to sacrifice in the beginning to get a lot in the end.

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marriage penalty tax under Bush's proposed plan, the Arismendez family would receive \$2,400 more per year, which Mike Arismendez said, would go toward his children's education expenses.

Teri Trammel, a single mother of two children who lives in Lubbock, said it is possible that she would receive about \$1,000 back in income taxes under Bush's proposed tax plan, instead of the \$200 she said she will receive back this year.

'An extra \$800 to \$1,000 would be a tremendous savings for me," Trammel said. "For my family, it is a tremendous amount.

Gramm said the average Texas family with two children and two incomes earning \$48,000 per year would receive an extra \$1,600 in tax relief under Bush's proposed plan.

Not only will families be affected by the tax cut, Gramm said, but also college students.

'This is something that anyone in college should be interested in because they will be out working when this tax cut passes," he said. "This will strongly affect them.

Gramm said he likes to see college students interested in government. 'I think Tech has the largest Re-

publican program in the state,' Gramm said, referring to College Republicans of Tech.

Gilland Chenault, a senior history major from Inez and president of College Republicans of Tech, said there are more than 400 members in the organization, which campaigns for Republicans during election time and attends speeches given by republicans.

Chenault said he enjoyed listening to Gramm speak.

Taxes involve us," he said. "A the new tax plan really well," Lim said.



U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, speaks about President George W. Bush's proposed tax cut plan Saturday afternoon at Sarchet Printing Co. Several members of the Lubbock community, as well as members of College Republicans of Tech, were in attendance.

couple hundred-dollar tax cut is a month's rent payment when you are a college student. Taxes will affect us

more and more as we get older." Lloyd Lim, a junior political science major from El Paso and a member of College Republicans of Tech, said Gramm gave a good speech.

"I think he (Gramm) really outlined

"It should have no problem passing." According to the U.S. House of Representatives' Web site, both houses of Congress will now develop their own versions of a budget resolution, which will spell out spending limits for broad categories, including national defense and tax revenues.

The Web site states both houses aim to adopt a budget resolution, which does not require the president's signature nor does it need to correspond to his recommendations, by April or May.

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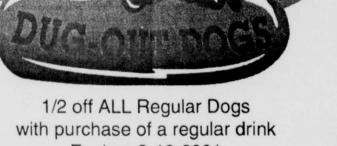
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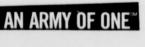
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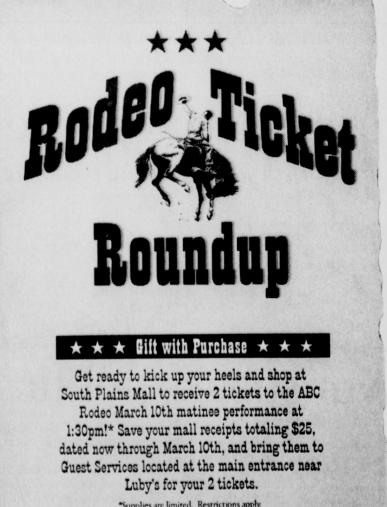
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Alzheimer's play focuses on disease's lighter side

Review

By Linda Robertson Staff Writer

Sometimes, the best way to cope with the effects of an illness is to laugh at the funnier aspects of it, rather than to cry all the time.

Saturday night at the Maedgen Theatre on the Texas Tech campus, the three-member cast of "Last Lists of My Mad Mother," written by Julie Jensen, did just that.

Using a stage that became more and more devoid of props as the play progressed, the cast of three women took the audience into the life of a person with Alzheimer's disease, and the effect sees a once-vital, beautiful the disease has not only on the woman become disheveled,

person with it, but also on the people charged with taking care of them.

The play opened with

Ma, played to frail perfection by Jeanne Evans, listing English phrases people often get wrong that drive her crazy. She looks healthy and happy, so a person does not really know what is happening until her daughter, Dot, played by Kimberly Ansolabehere, starts describing the oddities of

thought that Ma has. Since Ma has a memory deficit, the only way she can remember to do things is to plan her day to the minute, a chore that drives Dot crazy. In the opening scene alone, they spend nearly five minutes arguing about who will drive to the post office, where the mail has to be picked up by 10:30 a.m. every day

Most of the play focused on the emotions experienced by Dot, who is given the task of caring for two frail parents at the same time, ostensibly because she is single, and doesn't have a "real" career, being a freelance writer.

married with children, and lives far enough away so as not to experience the same level of pain that Dot does. A hopeless devotee of the positivity movement, Sis is sure that Ma will be better if she puts on make-up and dresses nicer.

Sis brings onto the stage her own dimension of suffering, however, how does one cope with the impending loss of someone dear? How does one cope with the changes occurring in a person who, until then, never did change?

Between each scene, Ma comes out under the spotlight on the stage and tries to fail to recite more and more from memory. As the play progresses, the audience

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Alzheimer's. Eventually, toward the end of the play. Ma is reduced to repeating phrases, is unable to eat and forgets what Dot's name is, an event that reduces Dot to tears.

What makes this play so significant is the simplicity in the way in which it was presented. The stage only has five pieces of furniture on it in the beginning, and by the end, the stage is empty except for two kitchen chairs that serve as a car, taking Ma for the last drive of her life.

The further the illness progressed, the emptier the stage became, which was a metaphor for the changes occurring in Ma's mind.

This play feels real. The author, Julie Jensen, and the director, Ginger Perkins, both watched as their mothers died of Alzheimer's and had to experience first hand what the audience can only see and hope never to experience - the feeling of hopeless helplessness associated with watching a become a person who looks familiar, but is not the same ever again.

Service program to grow leaders

EADERSHIP

Campus Activities and Involvment

By Mara McCoy Staff Writer

In tune with Texas Tech President David Schmidly's goal to give students the opportunity to engage in community-service learning, a program on the Tech campus to promote leadership and leadership

Will Kayatin, associate director of Campus Activities and Involvement, said Leadership Tech was designed to promote leadership and service learning among students.

"Community service is woven into the fabric of the program's offering," he said. "We are trying to grow leaders to prepare them for the world after graduation. This program helps facilitate that outcome."

Kayatin said he worked with several student organizations while creating the program.

"Leadership has been done here forever," he said. "There have been smatterings all over campus, but there has never been an initiative to provide a far reaching umbrella to incorporate it all.'

ter, personality and service." Kayatin said Leadership Tech will

by giving points for involvement.

Leadership Tech programs, commu-

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pus and community involvement.

Leadership Tech programs are of-

fered throughout the year in several

areas, such as the woman's leader-

ship program, the emerging leaders

started this spring aimed at first- and

second-year students," Kayatin said.

"Me Inc., is a new program we

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help to give students an edge in life. Kayatin said the program works The program gives students the Points are obtained through opportunity to grow as leaders while they are here," he said. "Employers want students"

> The program is broken into three levels. Each level requires a certain number of points to complete and advance to the next level

Stefan Sapundzhiev, a senior finance major from Sofia, Bulgaria, who has been involved with the program since the Fall 2000 semester, said he has completed the first level.

"All of our programs incorporate the "I was really involved at my other college," he said. "When I heard leadership components of characabout Leadership Tech at my orientation, I was very interested."

Sapundzhiev said he thinks the program is very beneficial.

"The program really enriches you in terms of leadership skills," he said. "You may not realize how they specifically apply right now, but it will later on in life. Leadership is more than just being say, a CEO of a company. You have to lead by example,

Sapundzhiev said Leadership Tech has helped him learn more about himself.

'The program shows how important it is to be a well-rounded individual," he said. "I have done some self-reflection on my abilities and skills. Taking a look inside myself makes me think about myself. How I can better develop as a person and gain skills to best market myself? The program isn't simply resume building. It's a way to show students what leadership is about and how to incorporate it into their life."

For more information about Leadership Tech, contact Campus Activities and Involvement at 742-3621 or by e-mail at campusactivitiesinvolvement@ttu.edu.

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Veronica Lozano, a Spanish doctoral student from Ciudad Juárez and founder of the Mexican Graduate Students Association, said Elizondo has changed a lot in her home city since he became mayor.

"There used to be a lot of corruption, but now he is changing all those things," she said.

Elizondo said Ciudad Juárez previously had insufficient economic resources and it needed improvement. He said about 50 percent of the city's roads are unpaved, and by the end of this year, all public schools in

Ciudad Juárez should be built from solid material rather than cardboard. 'The industry has shifted to hightech industry," he said.

There are many challenges still facing Ciudad Juárez that Elizondo discussed during his lecture. Water and housing needs are two of the problems, along with high air pollution, which is because of increased

Elizondo said illegal border crossing still is a constant problem, and crime also has been a focus of the city.

"Juárez invests more than anyone else in the police department," he said. Elizondo also said he is working toward cleaning up the town and improving its image.

After the lecture, the audience was given the opportunity to ask questions of Elizondo. One question asked by an audience member was whether or not drugs should be legalized because of the increasing problems with drugs in the United

States and Mexico.

Elizondo said legalization would not be a good idea but enforcement of the issue must remain strong.

"Legalizing drugs would be very risky," he said. "We just need to be

Lozano said Elizondo's visit to Tech was good because he addressed many of the problems in towns along the Mexican border.

"This was a successful event," she said. "He spoke the truth and is trying to change the image of border

chronically declining, ill parent Sis, played by Marsha Baca, is

is in financial straits, officials say.

"That's the last thing we want to be doing as we prepare to open our new facility," Rainwater said. "We expect to see more people coming through our doors.'

Phase I of the Harrington Hope Center will open May 1, replacing

Tech cheerleader Jennifer Buell, a sophomore design communications major from Kerrville, said it is fun to have the opportunity to do cheer-related events in the commu-

"It's great supporting a good cause while getting to have fun with kids at the same time." Buell said.

The Tech cheerleaders led the el-

ementary students in a yell of "Go Heart" in place of the Tech yell, "Go Tech.

Nathan Newsom, a freshman agriculture education major from Lubbock and a Tech cheerleader, said he can remember gathering money and jumping rope at this event when he was in elementary school.

He said he had fun jumping rope with the children.

"It's a blast," Newsom said. "I'm

pretty much a big kid myself."

Students in first grade through fourth grade, who participated in Jump Rope For Heart, competed in jump roping contests, poster contests and a donation contest between each student and each homeroom class.

Diane Leatherwood, the physical education teacher for Christ the King Cathedral School, said the students collected more than \$1,400 in

donations for the American Heart Association before the jump roping contest started Friday.

"It's great community service for the kids," Leatherwood said. "We do this to make the kids aware of heart disease. We want to get them active."

She said she was excited about the Tech cheerleaders and Raider Red participating in the event because they are an example for the elementary students.

Salvation Army faces funding shortfall AMARILLO (AP) — Despite a \$3 for utility assistance, he said.

million fund-raising campaign last year, the Salvation Army in Amarillo

Decreasing donations coupled with high fuel costs have sent the Salvation Army dipping into its reserves, Capt. Tom Rainwater said. He said unless things change, the Salvation Army will have to cut back on

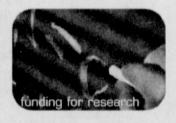
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Column

It is time to spring-clean

fter recent newspaper articles, rumors are now flying about men's basketball coach James Dickey's future at Texas Tech. Plus, the weather is seeming to get warmer — well, in between random cold fronts, that is. Most people would think these two events are unrelated. Being the conspiracy theorist I am, though, I know better.

The gradually nicer weather and possibility of Dickey's exit are not unrelated. They add up to one thing - it is spring-cleaning season.

I personally intend on getting rid of the Coke



Brandon Formby

bottles in my car, the sappy love letters from Julia (she left me for some "Law and Order" star named Benjamin) and all of the outstanding warrants I've accumulated over the years. The Tech campus, however, has a lot more trash than this to take to the curb.

First of all, something needs to be done about the quality of campus streets. Potholes the size of the athletic department's deficit can be fun when you are riding in an SUV the size of the

United Spirit Arena. But those of us with normal sized cars (i.e., those of us who do not have compensation issues) are becoming a little tired of busting our heads open on the windshield when driving to school. Do not even begin to tell us there are no resources to complete this project. There are enough tractors and construction materials on this campus right now to build a life-size replica of the Roman empire.

And what about all this stadium talk? Nicer bathrooms? Cool. Nicer concession stands? Cool. Less commuter lot parking? Not cool, Yet, in addition to the stadium there is a planned practice area for the football team. In order to build it, the parking lot north of Eighth Street, used for students living in the Gordon/Sneed/Bledsoe Residence Complex, will have to be torn down. But the spots will be replaced in a new parking lot, which will be built where practice fields open to all students just south of Eighth Street now lie. That means students who live on the east side of campus will now have to trek all the way over to the recreation fields west of Flint Avenue. Once again, common students are ignored and passed over so we can increase recruiting and the athletic department can get what it wants. Yup, this attitude definitely

But that is not the only backward attitude that needs to be tossed out. With graduate students now having the option of paying certain fees that come along with tuition, Tech administrators are planning for money shortage problems. Rather than planning for this or spreading the loss across the board, what do they do? Cut \$50,000 from the theater department. It seems the arts are always the first to get the raw end of any revenue-loss deal. And what happened to department head Norman Bert, who voiced the effects of the cut in a memo? He was removed from his position. Although he already had announced his resignation, he was removed more than six months before the day his resignation was to take affect.

College campuses are supposed to be the last bastion for free thought, higher learning and freedom of expression. Be forewarned: Whoever attempts to make this theory a reality be damned, because the administration has stadiums to renovate and could care less about academics. The most ironic thing about this is, Tech should revel in the theater and dance department. You would think that with President David Schmidly emphasizing diversity and academic excellence, he would want to see a department such as this one succeed, not get the shaft. You would also think, though, that after building the \$392gabillion arena, people in wheelchairs would be able to access all levels of the massive structure. Wrong again. The funny thing is, I'll bet the only thing Tech manages to actually get rid of is Dickey. It is pretty sad if you think about it. This whole list is, because athletics are rooted in there somewhere. I'm not saying Dickey is the world's best basketball coach. Yes, his team needs to start winning. But for this to be a major administration focus is sad.

Of course, a winning team would help with recruiting. So will the renovated football stadium. But what is going to happen to all these recruits once they get here? It seems the administration is working backward. You can not become the No. 1 institution for higher learning in the state if your main focus is athletics. This constant cold shoulder to academics and the student body is the piece of trash that needs to be taken to the curb worse than any other. Unless, of course, you want everyone to keep complaining about the smell.

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Column

Let's make our forefathers proud

or the past two weeks I have been suffering with what is commonly known as writer's block. I found my journalistic muse to be, at last, inspired after reading about a gang of larcenous monkeys that have beset the city of Durban, South Africa. The monkeys have even gone so far as to break into houses, and steal from the pantries of the cities residents. I began to wonder why was it that a gang monkeys inspired me and not the ongoing Middle East crisis or some other noteworthy event. Really, other than

Andrew Seger

the sheer hilarity of the idea, why would anyone residing in Lubbock, Texas, care to read about the larcenous monkeys of Durban?

The only immediate answer I could think of is; that the thought of large numbers of monkeys robbing and stealing, maybe

even smoking cigarettes and drinking afterward, is probably a lot more entertaining than listening to the lecture in

But this wasn't it. I do not write a column solely for the purposes of entertainment. The monkeys were trying to tell me something, but what could it be? Is this a preview of things to come? Does some sort of Charlton Heston-esque "Planet of the Apes" confrontation loom in the future? Then it hit me. It wasn't the monkeys menacing our cities which I found troubling. I don't believe man ever will find himself uttering the words "Keep your hands off me, you damn dirty ape!" Quite the contrary, I believe the ape may one day say of man, in much the same manner as Mel Brooks' classic lampoon,

"Spaceballs, oh shit, there goes the neighborhood." I realized the idea that was troubling me was my preconception of man, as being the master of all he surveyed, was being challenged. I realize the idea of animals stealing food from humans is by no means a new one. In fact, the theft of food while faced with starvation is really not viewed as being a crime throughout most of the world. However, the situation in Durban is quite different. Here we find that the monkeys have actually organized themselves into gangs, perhaps on much the same lines of the Droogs of Stanley Kubric's classic "A Clockwork Orange." A recent article in the London Telegraph surmises the situation, " There are some areas of the city where the larcenous monkeys can flourish. Durban's many golf courses and parks are havens where they can raise their young and find temporary refuge from the hazards of urban life." So if anyone is out at Meadowbrook this weekend and Mango asks to play through, please let him. Monkey-see, monkey-do. The Industrial Age we were born into has now come to an end. The completion of the human genome, despite the high irony of its size, marks the beginning of the Genetic Age. The preconceptions of society which were all ingrained upon our minds as children will, over time, be overturned. But this is not an another column about genetics. This is about the upcoming century of iconoclastic discoveries and events which

our generation rings in. A recent United Nations environmental survey has predicted that England's climate will be tropical and the Sahara Desert will have advanced into southern Europe by the year 2100. Incidentally, the cities of Venice, Italy, and New Orleans will be submerged underwater because of a melting polar ice cap. Tuesday, it was announced that a genetically human female reproductive egg was grown in the

womb of a lab mouse. Good news for those who find their biological clocks a tic-ticticking away.

However, it represents bad news for the philosopher who sees the line of distinction between man and animal blurred yet even further. But that is assuming that he is a glass-is-half-empty kind of guy. All of these events have occurred within the first few months of our Genetic Age and already have raised a slew of moral and ethical questions. As time goes by, the number of these ethical quagmires we will encounter will increase by exponential numbers. It will be up to the minds, which our generation will inevitably produce, to deal with these moral dilemmas

Societal responsibility is my last and final point. In the course of civilization, our generation is the best educated than any in history. Never has education been readily available to so many in the history of human civilization. But our discovery and advancements always will come at the price of the practicalities of our technology's implications. For example, the Internet was supposed to have liberated the minds of humanity. However, the practical implications of the technology revealed that it only made it easier to keep

society under surveillance. Continuing technological advances place our generation in the unique position to shape the course of the next century. The decisions we make when considering the practical applications of new technologies will most certainly shape the course of things to come. Lets not let all those insomniac nights spent watching reruns of the "Twilight Zone" and "The Outer Limits" be for naught.

Let us be the vocal, opinionated citizenpoliticians, the likes of which kicked ass and took names when founding this great nation some 200 years ago.

Andrew Seger is a senior history major from Lubbock.

Your View

Do you agree or disagree with The **University Daily** deciding not to endorse any SGA candidates?



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"The UD is a way to let students know what's going on. The UD should endorse candidates so that students will know whose running for what and why they're



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good idea that The UD does not endorse anyone until the SGA starts becoming a Derrick little more Crowe forthcoming with The UD."

running."

"I think it's a



Steven Prater a junior Math major from Coahoma

"I don't think it's a good idea. A lot of students read The UD, and it's a good way for them to get information on the candidates."



Jayna Watkins a sophomore pre-physical therapy major from Auburn,

"I really don't see it matters either way. They should endorse everyone or no one to give everyone an equal opportunity."

compiled by Christi Davidson

Letters to the editor Supporting the arts

To the editor: I disagree with the \$50,000 cut for the Theatre and Dance Department budget. If nothing further is done, students in the theater department will lose the chance to gain valuable experience and also will lose faith in the Texas Tech administration. Young people from other colleges also will lose their opportunity to become exposed to the arts, and, thus, will lose a valuable part of their university "experience." The young people who do get a chance to see a

play, for the first time, may discover that they enjoy live theater. This could lead to them supporting the arts throughout their lifetimes. With all of this potential harm coming from one budget cut, I wonder if it is right for the leadership of the theater department to just accept the cut, slash services to students and take no further action? Why don't they try to raise the money needed through fundraisers, benefit shows and some oldfashion resourcefulness? The College of Business Administration can't put on a recital to raise money (the Dance of the Sugar Plum CPAs?), but the theater department is capable of doing this. Also, this could be an opportunity

for theater majors to learn some important facts about their future jobs. As the theater students go out into the world they will discover that funding for the arts is rarely a top priority for school districts, the federal or state governments or the university systems. They will have to fight for every dollar they get, and, will always need more. Why not form a committee of faculty, and students, in the theater department and let everyone gain some valuable experience in the field of fund raising? Clearly this is a talent that, in the world of the arts, is just as valuable as acting, painting or singing skills. Let the students see what works (and doesn't work) in the area of financing the arts

and the experience will help them throughout their careers. It was wrong for the Texas Tech administration to cut the theater department's budget, but the theatre department should try to fill the budget gap with some creative fund raising before running up the white flag. If they give the students, faculty and the Lubbock community a chance to help them out, a potentially disastrous budget cut could be turned into a positive experience for everyone.

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Jerry Greenfield of Ben & Jerry's 8 p.m. March 7 UC Allen Theatre



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Acting up

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Tech graduate and Los Angeles-based actor Damon Williams works with Christine Cooper, a senior public relations major from Baytown, as she auditions at an acting workshop Friday at Robert Spence Agency.

Kidnapped foreign oil workers released

Four American captives on their way home from Ecuador following release

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Seven foreign oil workers — including four Americans — kidnapped last October in Ecuador's petroleum-rich northeast jungle were freed Thursday in exchange for \$13 million, military and police officials said.

Rear Adm. Craig Quigley, spokesman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, said in Washington that the captives had been freed, but offered no details. Abducted with the four Americans were a Chilean, an Argentine and a New Zealander.

Ecuadorean television reports said the captives were freed Thursday morning near Santa Rosa de Cascales, a few miles from Ecuador's northern border with Colombia, about 90 miles east of Quito.

An Ecuadorean military intelligence officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told *The Associated Press* that all seven were picked up by a military patrol and taken to

Lago Agrio, 110 miles northeast of the capital, Quito.

They were being treated for exhaustion, cuts and bruises, he said. The men had marched a long distance through the jungle to a prearranged rendezvous point for their release, he said.

It was not immediately clear when the men would be flown to the capital.

Ten foreign oil workers were kidnapped Oct. 12 from an oil camp in the Pompeya jungle region, about 45 miles south of the border with Colombia and 150 miles east of the capital, Quito. Two French captives escaped a few days later.

The body of kidnap victim Ronald Sander, 54, an employee of Tulsa, Okla., oil company Helmerich & Payne, Inc., was found on a jungle road lan, 31.

Sander, of Sunrise Beach, Mo., had been shot five times in the back and was covered in a white sheet scrawled with the words in Spanish: "I am a

gringo. For nonpayment of ransom. HP company."

Military and oil industry sources said the killing came after the kidnappers refused to budge from an \$80 million ransom demand.

Police sources told *The Associated Press* that negotiators settled on a \$13 million ransom in mid-February, just ahead of the kidnappers' deadline to kill a second captive.

An oil industry source from a company that employs one of the captives told *The Associated Press* that the ransom was wrapped in plastic and delivered last Thursday, thrown from a helicopter near the Ecuadorean banks of the San Miguel River, which separates Ecuador from Colombia.

El Comercio, Quito's leading daily, reported the ransom was paid in non-sequential \$100 bills.

Jimmie Gimmeson, the mother of kidnapping victim David Bradley, another Helmerich & Payne employee, said last week that she had received confirmation from the company that ransom was paid after the kidnappers sent back answers to questions she provided — answers only her son could know.

The American captives have been identified as Bradley of Casper, Wyo., and Arnold Alford, Steve Derry and Jason Weber of Gold Hill, Ore., all employees of Erickson Air-Crane, a helicopter company.

The other hostages are Dennis Corrin of New Zealand, an Erickson employee; German Scholz of Chile, a consultant for energy giant Repsol-YPF SA; and Juan Rodriguez of Argentina, an employee of a subsidiary for Schlumberger Ltd., a New York-based oil field services company.

Authorities believe the kidnappers are members of the same criminal gang that held seven Canadians and an American for ransom for 100 days in 1999.

Duo makes Jazz Fest Small Group Concert worthwhile

By Kim Wilson

Staff Writer

The combination of Frank
Mantooth's piano playing and Kevin
Mahogany's vocals made the Jazz
Fest Small Group Concert on Friday
a worthwhile concert.

Mahogany didn't sing until the third song. The first song entitled "Emily" showed off Royce Chambers' prowess on the tenor saxophone, and a piano solo by Mantooth. Mantooth's quality piano playing was evident throughout the music and solos he played.

The second song the ensemble performed was more upbeat and had a faster tempo. Each player showed off his playing abilities during improvised solos.

During the third song, Kevin Mahogany sang and scatted, a vocal technique in which lyrics aren't used. His deep, rich voice made the beat swing and kept audience members tapping their feet. Mahogany's next song was with the piano and featured a slower tempo.

Mahogany sang one song he composed. Overall, Mahogany brought a bold beat to the concert. People who aren't big fans of jazz would have enjoyed the concert because it featured great rhythm. The show entertained the audience and made them want to come back Saturday night to hear more.

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Drummer Alan Shinn used such techniques as ride rhythms, which allowed him to keep time and propel the performance. Every player was skilled and contributed to the music being produced.

The \$4 price of admission for students was well worth it. Friday night's show was an appetizer for what was in store for Saturday night.

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fice went south of the border as "The Mexican" knocked "Hannibal" from the No. 1 spot after three weeks.

The mob comedy, starring Julia Roberts, Brad Pitt and James Gandolfini of TV's "The Sopranos," debuted with \$20.3 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The gross-out comedy "See Spot Run" overcame generally harsh reviews to debut in second place with

\$10.2 million.
"Hannibal" slipped to third place with \$10.1 million.

The overall box office was up again, with the top 12 movies grossing \$76 million - a 29 percent increase from the same weekend last year. Theater revenues have risen every weekend this year.

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Despite mixed reviews, "The Mexican" averaged a solid \$6,879 a theater playing in 2,951 cinemas.





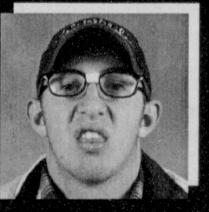
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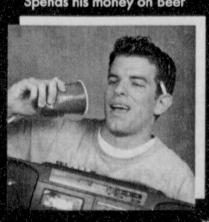
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The Queen of Two Kings

Julie Taymor Masks to Appear in NightLife Play

he American Repertory Theater presents "The King Stag," one of the last NightLife series performances of the 2000-01 season, April 3.

"The King Stag" is an oriental fantasy with Commedia dell-Arte influences. The production is under the direction of Andre Serben, but it is Julie Taymor's task to create a unifying style for the magical array of characters, animals and spectres that blend the Eastern and Western aesthetics of the fairy tale. Taymor designed the costumes, which just happened to garner her yet another Tony, and co-designed the masks and puppets for play.

Taymor, one of the most

imaginative, multi-talented artists in performing arts today, could easily be dubbed the Queen of the Creative for both "The King Stag" and "The Lion King." She has received numerous awards including a Tony for her direction of "The Lion King" on Broadway, becoming the first woman to receive this award. Although she regularly designs, directs and writes, she is primarily known for her work in the realm of puppetry and masks.

Taymor created her own major in the ritual origins of theater through the study of folklore and mythology at Oberlin College. After her senior year, she spent a summer in

Seattle where she studied Javanese shadow puppetry and wood carving. Her work there enabled her to travel to Eastern Europe, Japan and Indonesia.

"I have never seen theater as potent, powerful and overwhelmingly theatrical as I have in Indonesia. It's part of the every day fabric of society," Taymor said.

In addition to "The King Stag," one of Taymor's most popular successes was her production of Igor Stravinsky's "Oedipus Rex." In truly epic rendition, she designed stone heads for the actors to wear on top of their own heads. This created a particularly exciting moment when Oedipus

blinded himself by stabbing pins into the eyes of the stone mask.

As her name becomes more and more commonplace in the discussion of theater, it is almost a royal certainty that she will continue her dynasty as Queen of Creative.

You have chance to see some of Taymor's costumes and puppets when Texas Tech NightLife brings the American Repertory Theatre's production of "The King Stag" at 8 p.m. April 3 in the University Center Allen Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for Tech students and \$19 for the general public. They are available by calling the UCTicket Booth at 742-3610.



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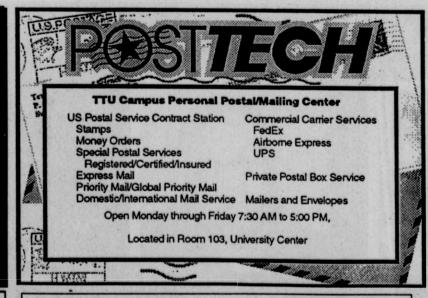
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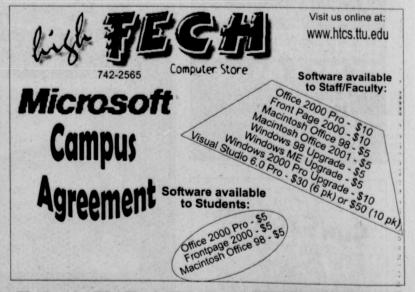
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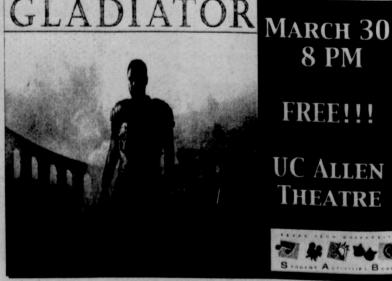




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NMSU takes doubleheader with Raiders

The New Mexico State Aggies avenged two losses Texas Tech dealt them last month by knocking off the Red Raider softball squad, 3-0 and 7-3, in Saturday's twinbill in Las Cruces, NM.

Tech (8-8) beat the Aggies, 3-0 and 5-3, Feb. 3 in Lubbock, but could not get the bats going in New

In game one, Aggie pitcher Amber Mosher (4-4) scattered three hits and struck out one in the complete game while Tech starter Amanda Renfro suffered the loss.

Renfro (8-6) allowed three runs, six hits and struck out 11.

The Aggies put their runs on the



board with a solo home run by Heather Nobbe in the fourth and a two-run single to left by Mel Briggs in the fifth.

In the nightcap, Tech fielding errors resulted in the doubleheader sweep for NMSU (9-18).

Tech opened the contest with

throwing error by Tech infielder Ashley Ready allowed the Aggies to keep their inning alive and score four runs in the bottom half of the first frame.

three runs in the first inning. A

Tech hurler Maggie Ayres (0-2) suffered the loss for Tech.

Avres allowed seven runs, two earned, in four plus innings of work. Ayres walked five and struck out

Tech will continue their road trip this weekend when it takes part in the Speedline Invitational in Tampa Bay, Fla.

The trip to Tampa Bay will be the fifth consecutive weekend away

from home for the Raiders. Tech is 6-8 on the current road trip and closes it out in two weeks when it makes a trip to Sacramento, Calf.

The Red Raiders have played two home contests this season.

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Tech is scheduled to have only 10

home games this season with its next home contest planned for March, 28 against the Texas A&M Aggies.

The Red Raiders are a little more than three weeks away from beginning their Big 12 Conference sched-

Iowa State top seed for Big 12 men

champion Iowa State will go into the Big 12 tournament as the top seed. The tournament starts Thursday at day: Kansas City's Kemper Arena.

On Friday, the Cyclones (25-4, 13-3 Big 12) will face the winner of Thursday's first-round game between eighth-seeded Baylor and ninth-seeded Colorado. The Bears and Buffaloes play at noon.

The other top seeds - No. 2 Kansas (23-5, 12-4), No. 3 Oklahoma (23-

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- also won first-round byes.

Other first-round games Thurs-

No. 12 seed Texas Tech (9-18, 3-13) faces fifth-seeded Oklahoma State (19-8, 10-6), scheduled for 2:20 p.m. The winner faces Texas.

Tenth-seeded Kansas State (10-17, 4-12) faces No. 7 Nebraska (14-15, 7-9), scheduled for 6 p.m., with the winner to face Kansas.

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DALLAS (AP) — Defending 6, 12-4) and No. 4 Texas (23-7, 12-4) No. 11, will face No. 6 Missouri (18-72-67, No. 25 Texas beat Texas Tech, 11, 9-7) at 8:20 p.m. The winner plays Oklahoma.

Semifinals are scheduled for Saturday, with the final on Sunday. The winner receives an auto-

matic bid to NCAA tournament. In this weekend's regular-season finales Saturday, No. 17 Oklahoma beat Oklahoma State, 68-56, No. 8

Iowa State wrapped up its second

straight title by whipping Nebraska,

86-73; Kansas State got by Colorado,

78-55, and Baylor overcame Texas A&M, 85-59. On Sunday, No. 10 Kansas outscored Missouri 21-7 in the key stretch of the second half and beat the Tigers, 75-59.

Oklahoma decided to concentrate its defense on the inside play of Oklahoma State's Fredrik Jonzen. and it worked. Oklahoma State's Maurice Baker had a career-high 31 points, but Jonzen struggled and the Sooners got the win.



THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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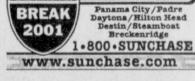
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UT spoils senior day

By Jeff Keller

The Texas Longhorns spoiled senior day for the Texas Tech men's basketball as they thrashed the Red Raiders, 78-55, on Saturday at the United

The 23-point loss was the worst of the season for the Red Raiders as they dropped to 9-18 overall and 3-13 in Big 12 Conference play with the loss.

The Longhorns were paced offensively by center Chris Owens who poured in a game-high 22 points and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds.

The Red Raiders fell behind early in the first half but fought their way back to tie the score at 20-20.

From that point the Longhorns turned the intensity up and closed the frame on a 20-5 run to claim a 40-25 lead at the break.

Tech guard Jayson Mitchell had 10 points in the contest and two steals in his final home game as a Red Raider.

strayed from their game plan in the closing minutes of the first half, allowing Texas to go on its run.

"I think we just stepped away from what we were doing," Mitchell said. "We started rushing shots, and they

they went 8-for-9 on possessions. We just didn't do the things that we needed to do that had got us to that

In the second half the Red Raiders were not able to close the Longhorn lead to single-digits as they dropped their final regular season game of the

points and grabbed eight rebounds in time toward the end of the game. his final home game at Tech.

Owens is the only member of the Red Raider squad who has been on a team that defeated the Longhorns. He was on the 1996-97 edition of Tech men's basketball that defeated Texas

Owens said he was focused on defeating the Longhorns throughout the game, but at the end of the contest, the reality of the contest representing his final home game at Tech set in.

"When you've got a task like the Mitchell said the Red Raiders Longhorns, you really can't focus on anything but the game," Owens said. For 40 minutes that was all I really thought about. Pregame was pretty emotional with the introduction of the seniors, but I don't think until the final buzzer sounded and I was walk-

capitalized on them. We had a few ing down the line congratulating the turnovers, and we went 1-for-11 and Longhorns that it really hit me. Then, walking off the floor and seeing my parents in the stands for the last time, it was a very emotional day for me and my family.

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Tech coach James Dickey took each senior out before the end of the game and the crowd showed appreciation for them with standing ovations.

Mitchell said his emotions took Tech forward Cliff Owens scored 21 over as he left the court for the final

> 'I think that was really when I realized that it was over for me," Mitchell said of leaving the game. "I always said that I wasn't going to get very emotional, but I did. It was like a part of me was dying right there, and I had to walk off the court trying to fight back the tears. It is something that I am going to remember for the rest of my

> Tech center Johnny Phillips' four years of playing in Lubbock came to an end in the Longhorn contest as

> Phillips got the starting nod in his final contest at home and said it was hard to believe he had just played his final game at home for the Red Raid-

"It went by a lot faster than I thought it would," Phillips said. "I think about when I was just a freshman and sophomore and it felt like I had forever, but time came and went. All of it wasn't good, but all of it wasn't

The Red Raiders have gone 54-58 in Cliff Owens' career at Tech.

He said even though the Red Raiders have had a rough go of it in the last couple of seasons, he will always be proud to have represented the Red

This was a very frustrating end to a very frustrating last couple of sea-



Texas Tech center Johnny Phillips blocks a shot from Texas guard Royal Ivey in the Red Raiders' loss to the Longhorns on Saturday at the United Spirit Arena. Phillips, Cliff Owens and Jayson Mitchell played their final home games as Red Raiders against Texas.

going to be associated with a great am or what I am doing, I will always bittersweet day, but I am very proud university for the rest of my life. I think be able to say that I represented this of my university.

sons," Owens said. "But I wouldn't the Double T is something we can all university. Though I wasn't always suctrade it for anything in the world. I am be very proud of. No matter where I cessful, I always tried hard. This was a

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Tech baseball drops three against Nebraska

By Phil Riddle

Staff Writer

All the cliches came to mind. "We gave them all they wanted."

"They won't take us for granted any

But the one fact was, "Close, but no

Texas Tech was swept in a threegame Big 12 baseball series by No. 12ranked Nebraska, including losses Saturday and Sunday in which the Raiders relinquished leads in the late inpitcher Shane Komine, held off Tech, plate.

3-2, in Friday's opener. Nebraska overcame a 4-2 Raider advantage to win, 8-7, Saturday. Sunday, Tech held a 7-4 lead after seven innings then lost, 10-8, after a Ne-

braska rally "There is no such thing as a moral victory," Tech coach Larry Hays said following Sunday's loss. "We really needed a win, but if you look at it from the standpoint where we've come from, this team got out and played them toe-to-toe. All three games

The Cornhuskers plated five eighth-inning runs on seven hits to wrestle the lead away from Tech on

In the bottom or the ninth, trailing by three, Austin Cranford slammed an RBI double to close the gap to two runs. Cranford drove in Gera Alvarez, who had slapped a leadoff single, then went to second on a passed ball.

Cranford and Chad Landry, who had walked, were stranded on the bases as the game ended with a

The 'Huskers, behind All-American ended with the winning run at the groundout to second from Bryon

Smith. "We had a legitimate shot at winning one, two or three games," Hays said. "That's the way we've got to look at it. We can't get on a gloom-anddoom trip here. We've got to battle and

work our way through this.' The weekend sweep was the first home sweep suffered by the Raiders since 1990 when Texas held them winless in a three-game set and the first conference sweep by an opponent since Baylor accomplished the

feat in 1999. Tech was led offensively by third baseman Nick Blankenship, who registered an 8-of-13 series with two doubles, a triple and two RBI. First baseman Landry hammered two homers, a two-run blast in the ninth inning of game two and a two-run shot in game three that gave the Raiders a 2-0 second-inning lead.

Landry's game two home run ended a nine-game stretch without a round-tripper for Tech.

Second baseman Smith also ripped a homer, a first-inning dinger in game three that plated Cranford, who had doubled, and Jason Rainey, who had followed with a single. Smith's shot ricocheted off the middle

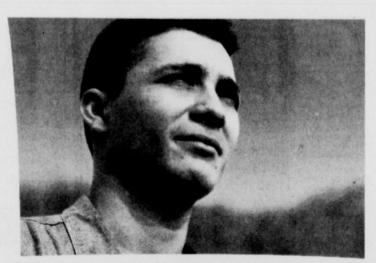
bank of lights in the leftfield standard. "The whole weekend was just a battle," the Raider second sacker said. "We got up, and we played well. We played great defense. We had to battle an All-American the first night, the next day we got on them pretty good. they just battled back. They're a tough team. But this team's going to be OK."

Smith, 4-for-9 with five RBI in the series, said he was not impressed with his own statistics after three straight loses to open Big 12 play.

"I only play to win," he said. "Individual stuff doesn't matter. If we had won, I probably would have thought about it more. I can't really pat myself on the back since we lost like we did."

Smith said the Raiders' on-field huddle following the third game was very quiet. He said Hays imparted a message to the gathered team.

"He just told us to keep our heads up," Smith said. "We played with one of the toughest teams in the nation. You've got to give them credit. We had them down pretty good today, but they battled back.'



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