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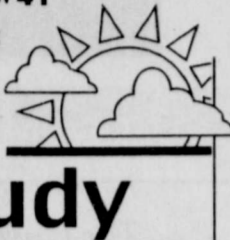
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STATE

Sponsor ousts plans to change water use

AUSTIN (AP) — The sponsor of a Senate measure to help prioritize planning and pay for future water projects has abandoned a plan to change the rights of small communities to use water in their river basins.

Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, said Thursday his bill would not eliminate so-called "junior water rights" as he had originally hoped.

Lawmakers created junior water rights in 1997 to protect people who live near river basins from having their water pumped away in times of drought.

Junior rights are subject to reduction or termination by the primary water rights holder during periods of drought.

The plan to eliminate junior rights drew protests from residents in East Texas, who came to the Capitol on Tuesday to fight the proposal.

Without junior water rights, areas with a lot of water could see it sold off to the highest bidder, most likely large metropolitan areas, said Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine.

NATIONAL

Student punished for alleged gay conduct

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Mormon church-owned Brigham Young University has suspended one student for alleged homosexual conduct and a second has withdrawn from school under threat of suspension.

Richard Escoto said being gay without engaging in homosexual activity may be permitted, but students risk being sanctioned for even talking about same-sex attraction or associating — however chastely — with other gays or lesbians.

On March 13, the school suspended Escoto, a sophomore from Los Angeles, on four counts: that he received gifts from other men, visited gay-oriented Internet chat rooms, was seen on "dates" with at least three different men and was found "making out" with another male in his apartment. The two-semester suspension begins April 25.

Escoto, 21, disputes the allegations. He said the school relied on the false testimony of "bigoted" roommates.

WORLD

Journalist dies while covering NATO troops

KRIVENIK, Yugoslavia (AP) — An Associated Press Television News producer was killed Thursday near the Kosovo-Macedonia border as he arrived to cover the deployment of NATO-led peacekeepers monitoring fighting between Macedonian troops and ethnic Albanian rebels.

Kerem Lawton, 30, a British national, died of shrapnel wounds he suffered when a mortar shell hit his vehicle as he arrived in mid-morning in the village of Krivenik, about three-quarters of a mile inside the Kosovo border. NATO said one other civilian was killed and U.N. police said 16 other people were wounded in the assault.

Sylejman "Suki" Kllokoqi, an APTN cameraman who was working with Lawton but had left the car moments before it was struck, was uninjured.

NATO medics treated Lawton at the scene, then took him by road to Camp Bondsteel, the U.S. military base in Kosovo.

Police indict freshman for stabbing

Student charged with aggravated assault in slashing of football player.

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

A Texas Tech student who allegedly slashed and stabbed another student was indicted Wednesday on aggravated assault charges.

Vickeita Streeter, a freshman Arts and Sciences major from Atlanta, was indicted on two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The indictment stems from a March 9 incident during which Streeter allegedly slashed and stabbed fellow student and Red Raider football player Trevor McKenzie, a freshman Arts and Sciences major from Dickinson.

Tech Police Department Capt. Gordon Hoffman said police were called at 1:49 a.m. March 9 to the sixth floor of Weymouth Residence Hall.

"The officers were met by a group of people who witnessed an assault on a male student," Hoffman said. "(Streeter and McKenzie) had been

involved in some kind of domestic dispute."

Streeter, who lives in Chitwood Residence Hall, allegedly slashed McKenzie twice in the chest area and stabbed him once in the abdomen near his navel.

The altercation took place in the doorway of a sixth-floor dorm room. "(McKenzie) was taken by ambulance to UMC where he underwent emergency surgery," Hoffman said. "The knife had apparently penetrated some internal organs."

Hoffman said McKenzie was released from the hospital a few days after his surgery. He also said he be-

lieved the knife was a folding type with about a three-inch blade.

Streeter was taken into custody on the afternoon of March 9, Hoffman said, and was released from the Lubbock County Jail on a \$2,500 bond March 10 pending the filing of charges.

Charges were filed March 22, by officials with the Lubbock County district attorney's office.

Following the incident, Hoffman said numerous witnesses were interviewed.

Officers located Streeter at another residence hall and arrested her for questioning. A warrant was

issued for Streeter on March 9 and she was arrested for questioning.

Hoffman said TTPD closed its investigation after the charges were filed.

Streeter is still listed as an enrolled student in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Greg Elkins, associate dean of students, said he is aware of the situation.

"We are looking into the situation and are in the process of gathering information," he said. "I think, within two to three or four weeks, the information will be received, and we will progress and make a decision."

Tech frats awaiting their fate

Status could be in jeopardy as officials prepare to weigh accusations.

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

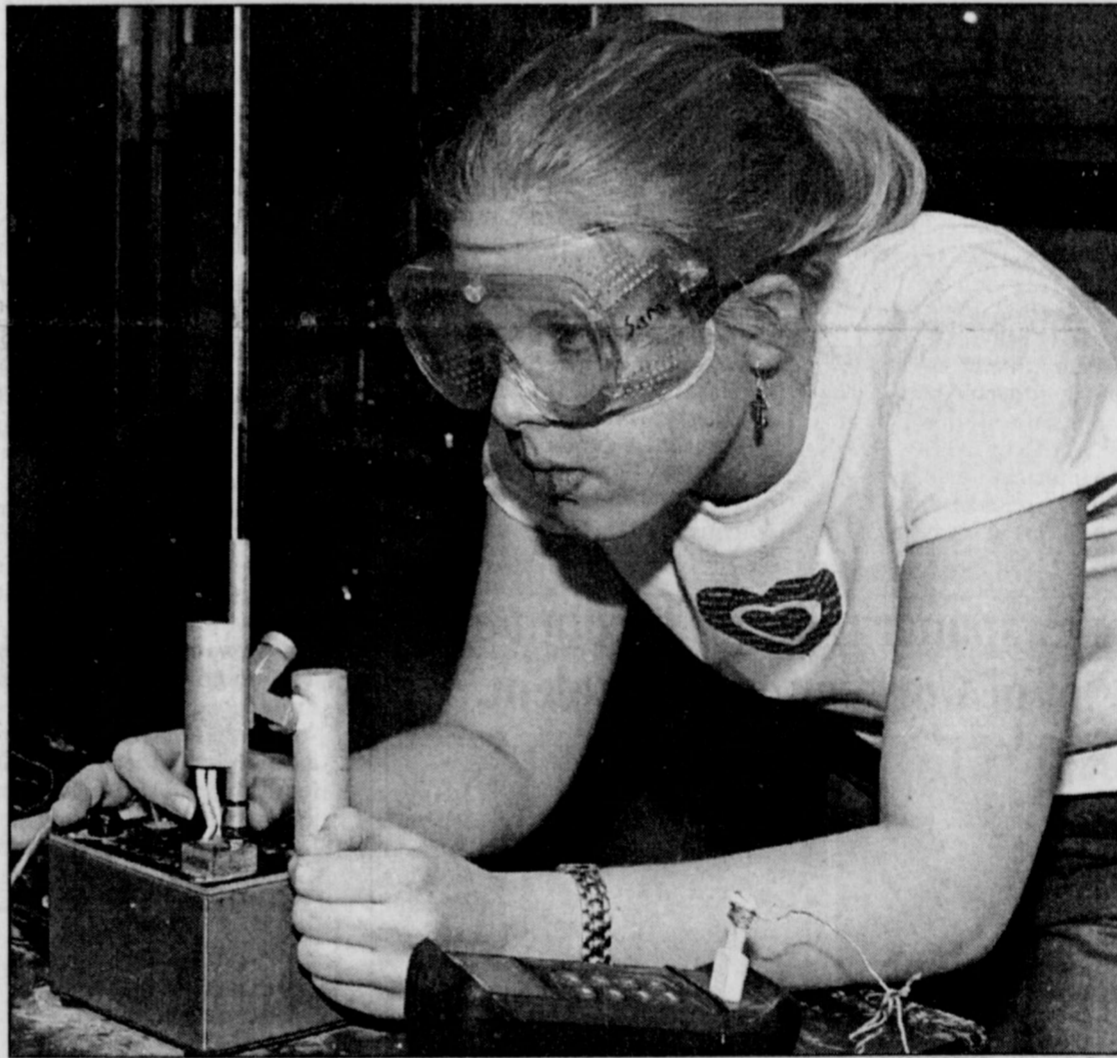
University officials are preparing to conduct disciplinary hearings for two Texas Tech fraternities and decide if the organizations participated in any activities that could jeopardize their student organization status.

Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Lambda Beta will participate in separate disciplinary hearings stemming from separate fraternity parties.

Last month, former Tech student and Phi Delta Theta member Travis Gilpin, 20, was charged with intoxicated assault and aggravated assault after his truck crashed into a house on his way home from a Phi Delta Theta fraternity party. Last weekend, three members of Sigma Lambda Beta were arrested for selling alcohol without a permit at a fra-

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Chemical verification



Sara Schweers, a junior pre-veterinary medicine major from Lamesa, checks the melting point of an unknown substance Thursday during her chemistry class in the Chemistry building.

Mother blames Aggies

Bonfire victim's parent files lawsuit against Texas A&M for wrongful death.

FORT WORTH (AP) — The mother of an engineering student killed in Texas A&M University's deadly bonfire tragedy has become the first to file a lawsuit, seeking damages on behalf of her son.

Family members of several of the other victims say while they respect the decision to file a lawsuit, they are concerned such litigation will cause more harm than good.

The lawsuit was filed Wednesday by Fort Worth lawyer Darrell Keith on behalf of Jacquelynn Kay Self, mother of Texas A&M student Jerry Don Self, 20, of Arlington.

The suit comes 16 months after the log collapse killed 12 Aggies and injured 27 others Nov. 18, 1999. The suit seeks unspecified monetary damages from the university and from individuals for the collapse.

"She believes the Aggies wrongfully took her son, and she doesn't want any other parent to lose a child to this risky tradition," Keith told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Thursday's editions.

Attempts by the Associated Press to reach Keith were unsuccessful.

The father of one of the other vic-

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Tech Credit Union returns to business

By Christi Davidson
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Federal Credit Union officially opened its new building Thursday during a ribbon cutting ceremony. The building, located at 18th Street and Knoxville Avenue, will open for business 9 a.m. April 2.

Allan Kuethe, chairman of the board of directors for the credit union, began the ceremony, said the main reason for the new building because of a lack of space the credit union faced in its previous location in the Administration building.

"The credit union has grown to \$37 million, with more than 90,000 members," Kuethe said. "We just didn't have enough space."

He said the building was built at the best location that could have been found.

"The Health Sciences Center is close, we're next to the student parking lot and the public is right behind (the building)," he said. "We are fortunate to have this ideal location."

Tech President David Schmidly, who arrived just in time for the ribbon cutting, said he was impressed with the building's beautiful architecture that matches the rest of the campus.

He said the new building will be a great asset for faculty, students and staff.

"It's great that we'll be able to provide service like this close to the campus," he said. "It will be a real asset to the whole Lubbock community."

Ellen Hein, manager and chief executive officer for the credit union, said the main reason for the credit union's expansion was because of a recent 1998 credit union bill.

House Bill 1151 allowed credit unions to open membership more easily, which allowed Tech's credit union to offer membership to Tech students.

"We had no space in the Administration building for an expansion for students," Hein said. "This was all for the students."



Deputy Chancellor Jim Crowson, Texas Tech President David Schmidly and Allan Kuethe, chairman of the board for the Tech Credit Union, cut the ribbon during a ceremony Thursday afternoon honoring the opening of the new facility.

With the new building, the Tech credit union now will accept student memberships and accounts. This will allow students to obtain checking and savings accounts, as well as loan accounts and student loans from the credit union.

The building, which is 6,000 square feet, cost about \$1.7 million to build. Along with indoor offices and teller counters, the building also will provide drive-through service.

Edna Maritt, assistant manager

for the credit union, said the old credit union location did not have ample space for the employees. With the new building, she said, the credit union will be able to provide better services for expansion.

"We're a \$37-million operation," she said. "This new building will definitely give us room for growth."

Students can go online at www.texastechfcu.org for more information about Tech's credit union and account memberships.

Smoking talk of UC meeting

By Jeff Stoughton
Staff Writer

Experts on both sides of the public smoking issue voiced their opinions Thursday as part of a debate hosted by the Young Conservatives of Texas in the University Center Matador Room.

David Rogers, a third-year law student and spokesman for YCT, said he believed a ban on smoking would be a topic of interest to Texas Tech students because a large number of students either smoke or frequent

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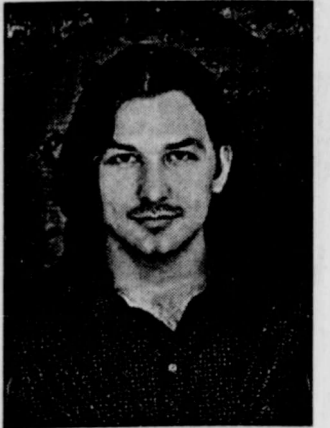
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Austin-based GOVINDA

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in the UC Courtyard



Wood named as LV editor

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

Texas Tech's Student Publications Committee named Amy Wood as the 2001-2002 *La Ventana* editor Thursday. Wood ran against Jessica Ingram for the position.

"Amy is one of the busiest and poised students that I have ever met," said Gerald Dolter, chairman of the committee. "She already manages to balance a part-time job with her time at the yearbook and still maintains outstanding grades."

As part of the application process, candidates interviewed with both the management of Student Publications and with the Student Publi-



Wood

while they are editor.

Dolter said the committee was looking for a candidate who possessed experience, creativity and management skills. He said both candidates impressed the committee.

"I am very excited about this opportunity," Wood said. "I am looking forward to working with the staff next year."

Next year, Wood said, she wants to work on the motivation and communication of the *La Ventana* staff.

"I would also like to increase the communication the *La Ventana* has with the rest of the departments in Student Publications," she said. "With Brandon (Formby) as the editor of *The University Daily*, it will be easier."

Formby, current *La Ventana* editor, said Wood already has done an outstanding job while she has been on the yearbook staff and said he has no doubt she will do an excellent job next year.

MADD not entirely for moms anymore

By Jeff Stoughton
Staff Writer

The Lubbock chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving is attempting to increase its presence on the Texas Tech campus by recruiting student volunteers.

Brandt Beal, a freshman economic business major from Paris, is trying to get Tech students involved with the organization to

increase student awareness of alcohol-related issues. Beal said his experience with MADD began in Fall 2000 when he worked as a motivational speaker for the organization. He said students would be effective in reaching his/her peers.

"It's easier to reach everybody with a diverse group," he said. Clint McQuerry, an English graduate student from Olney, said although he thinks the organization is worthwhile, it has a stigma attached to it that it only is for women.

Beal said one of his goals for MADD on campus is to get rid of that idea.

"There are actually a lot of guys in it," Beal said. Currently, students can only sign up to volunteer for the Lubbock chapter of MADD, but Beal said he eventually plans to bring MADD to campus as a registered organization.

Shannon Beals, spokeswoman for MADD, said the organization is trying to branch out to the Tech campus to give students an alternative to drinking.

"We want to show that there's a group on campus that doesn't drink," Beals said. She said MADD plans to rent a booth at Raider Alley before football games and make appearances at other sporting events to raise students' awareness of the

organization. Beals also said the organization would sponsor events such as bicycle races to raise money.

Beal said he has been trying to get MADD involved on campus since Fall 2000, but the accident involving former Tech student and Phi Delta Theta member Travis Gilpin increased the urgency of the situation.

"It definitely added fuel to the fire," Beal said.

Beals said the accident, in which Gilpin crashed into a house af-

ter leaving a fraternity party, helped to raise the public's awareness of drunk driving in Lubbock.

"Sometimes it takes something that terrible," she said.

Janessa Leisy, a junior finance major from Lubbock, said she would support MADD's involvement on campus.

"I think it would make a lot of impact," she said.

Leisy, who also is a member of Miller Girls, said several MADD members spoke at some of her organization's meetings.

She said when she attended Frenship High School, members from the Lubbock chapter of MADD placed a car wrecked by a drunken driver on the campus for students to view.

Beals said MADD would consider something similar for Tech.

George Barre, a sophomore business major from Wichita Falls, said he would get involved in the organization if he had the time.

"I think it's a great idea to show freshmen they don't have to drink," he said.

Ethan Logan, adviser for Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol, said his organization promotes alcohol awareness to Tech students — mainly Greeks.

"It's not a prohibitive group," he said.



TechNotes!

■ **Society for Technical Communication** will have a job fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in 223 Mass Communications. Call Lean Richardson at 771-1737 for more information.

■ **Block and Bridle** will have its annual Spring Bash at 9 p.m. Saturday at Old Town Cafe, 2402 Ave. J. Admission is \$10. For more information, contact Greg Durbin at 796-2499.

■ **Student Government Association** will give away a \$300 spirit award at Saturday's track meet. Please come show your support for the Tech track teams at their home meet at R.P. Fuller Stadium. One lucky student in attendance will be chosen to receive an SGA spirit award good for \$300 to the Tech Bookstore. For more information, contact the SGA office at 742-3631. Go Tech! The track meet runs all day.

■ **Phi Theta Kappa** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in 8 Holden Hall. Call Richard Ashmore for more information at 829-2837.

■ **Order of Omega** will meet at 6:30

p.m. Tuesday in the Pi Phi lodge, 17 Greek Circle. For more information, contact Michelle Banta at 745-7524.

■ **Rho Lambda** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Pi Phi lodge, 17 Greek Circle. For more information, contact Kelley Sanders at 797-0387.

■ **Student organization registration** will be from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday in the University

Center Matador Room. For more information, call Kelly Miller in the Office of Campus Activities and Involvement at 742-3621.

■ **Student Government Association** scholarship applications for any student are available in 230 University Center and are due April 5. Contact the SGA office for more information at 742-3631.

■ **Texas Tech Athletic Services** is recruiting mentors for 2001-2002. An information session will be at 6:30 p.m. April 5 in 109 Law School. For more information or for applications, contact Felicia Martin at 742-0150. Deadline is April 13.

■ **Tech-Lubbock Community Day** is April 7. Applications are available in 210 or 230 University Center. For more information, contact Ryan Weller at 742-3621.

■ **Texas Tech cheerleader and pom squad** tryouts will be April 20-21. For more information, contact Billy Smith or Angie Labaj at 742-1195 or log on to www.texastech.com and click on traditions. Applications are due April 13.

■ **The Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation** will have its annual scholarship awards banquet from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 21 in United Spirit Arena conference rooms B and C. Tickets cost \$10 for students and \$15 for faculty, staff and parents. For more information, contact John Miller at 742-3361.

■ **Tech Arbor Day** will be April 27. Application for individuals and/or organizations can be picked up in 210 University Center. Deadline is April 13. For more information, contact the Office of Campus Activities and Involvement at 742-3621.

Putting together a newspaper thousands count on every day takes a lot of work, sweat and talent.



Think you have what it takes?

The University Daily is now accepting applications for Summer 2001 and Fall 2001 semesters. Students interested in being a part of the staff that produces Tech's student-run newspaper are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in 103 Journalism—editor applications are due April 4; general staff applications are due April 13. Applicants must sign up for interviews when turning in their applications.



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Tech students prepare for Lubbock pageant

Pageant teaches contestants life lessons, skills

By Christi Davidson
Staff Writer

The Miss Lubbock USA pageant will take place Saturday in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium, and, of the 22 pageant participants, 21 of them are Texas Tech students.

The pageant, which will begin at 7 p.m., consists of three different parts: swimsuit, evening gown and interview competitions. There also will be an opening number in which all girls participate in a choreographed routine.

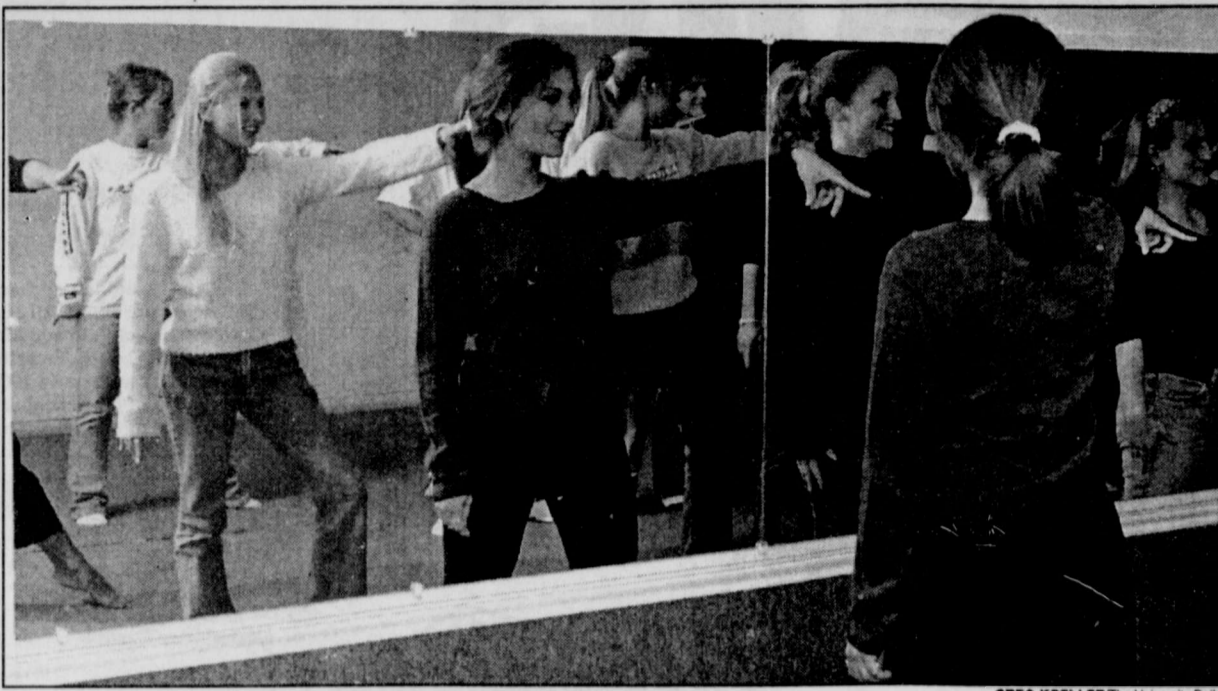
Fay Headley, director of the Miss Lubbock USA pageant, said some of the participants are pageant veterans and have participated in pageants before. But, she said, most of the girls have not.

There have never been as many participants in the Lubbock pageant, which Headley said she is proud of the participation.

She said the students who balance school and pageant preparation face a great challenge, which inevitably helps them in the long run.

"The (pageant) enhances their schoolwork by having the discipline to practice on a daily basis," she said. "Their work ethic translates to their school work."

Headley said she would recommend participating in a pageant to other Tech students because it is



GREG KELLER/The University Daily

Elizabeth Brandt, a freshman business major from Lubbock, practices a group dance with the rest of the Miss Lubbock pageant contestants Thursday afternoon. The Miss Lubbock and Miss Teen Lubbock contests will take place Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

therapeutic, "it builds confidence and it helps the participants in the future.

"It's a great platform to move on," she said.

Mindee Stowers, a junior communication studies major from Pampa, is one of the contestants.

Stowers said this is her first pageant, and she began preparing in October by learning and training in pageant basics.

"You learn different ways on how to present yourself," she said.

In response to the statement that pageants are just about choosing the prettiest contestant, Stowers said,

there is an intellectual side to pageants.

"It's more than looks," she said. "They want to know if a girl has something more to say."

She also said her experience with the pageant will help her in the future and with her career.

"I can take interview skills into the job market with me during job interviews, and it is great experience," Stowers said.

If crowned, it will help her gain more confidence, which she said is just one of the things she will gain from the competition.

"If I can do this, I feel like I can

handle any job in the future," she said.

Sandra Craven, special assistant to director of the Miss Lubbock USA pageant, said once crowned, Miss Lubbock will have many different obligations to fulfill, which include making many appearances in the community.

"She will work with Make-a-Wish Foundation, March Of Dimes and any other charity events throughout the (Lubbock) community," Craven said.

Tickets may be purchased for the pageant at any Select-A-Seat outlet or at the door.

Gaines, Fennerty say they enjoyed time with Miss Lubbock crowns

By Whitney Wyatt
Staff Writer

Constance Gaines, the reigning Miss Lubbock, and Michelle Fennerty, the reigning Miss Teen Lubbock, will give up their titles tomorrow night.

Michelle Fennerty, a freshman dance and public relations major from Lubbock, said the past year has been so exciting, but also a lot of hard work.

"It has been phenomenal," she said. "It has been one of the best years in my life."

Fennerty placed in the top 25 of the Miss Teen Texas pageant, and first runner-up in the evening gown competition.

Even though there were long nights at the gym, constant working on interview skills, finding sponsorship for the pageants and the decision of what evening gown to wear, Fennerty said the pageant definitely has been worth it.

"I definitely am a much stronger, completely different person since I have won," Fennerty said. "I have completely changed."

Fennerty said she would encourage any girl to compete because they walk out of the pageant with so much more self-esteem than when they walked in.

Gaines, a senior public relations and marketing major from Lubbock,

said the past year has been a great experience, but is excited to see who will be named the next Miss Lubbock.

"(The pageant) gives you windows to other opportunities," she said. "I'm queen of community service, not queen of Lubbock."

Gaines, who placed in the top 12 at the Miss Texas USA pageant, said she received so much from the pageant and treasures the time she has spent representing Lubbock.

As Miss Lubbock, Gaines, along with Fennerty, has made three to four appearances a week around the Lubbock community. They spent time with Make-A-Wish foundation, the March of Dimes, Children's Miracle

Network, Women's Protective Services, nursing homes and elementary schools.

Gaines said it is a girl's personality, public speaking skills and self-confidence that wins the title and crown.

"Your attitude of why you are there wins the crown," she said.

Toni Jenkins, administrative assistant for the pageant, said the pageant is anybody's game, and she encourages any girl to compete.

"They learn skills they will use for the rest of their lives," she said.

Jenkins said the interview is the key — you have to be yourself and you have to be passionate.

It has been one of the best years in my life.

Michelle Fennerty
REIGNING MISS TEEN LUBBOCK

Raunchy 'Tomcats' humor doesn't bring many laughs

(AP)—"Tomcats" tries to be funny and bawdy, like "American Pie." But this cat has been fixed.

Featuring pulchritudinous starlet Shannon Elizabeth from the earlier movie, "Tomcats" is the story of a group of womanizers who each bet that they'll be the last bachelor standing after the others are married.

Flash forward seven years, and all but two of the pals are hitched. That leaves us only one guy (Jerry O'Connell) trying to trick one other guy (Jake Busey) into getting married.

How boring is that? Imagine a plate spinner who spins only one

Why do most of them have to be married already? The jokes should have come from O'Connell's mounting desperation as he scrambles to match up his pals with willing brides. Imagine the obstacles. What if one of the friends were mulling the priesthood? Still another could have a girlfriend who looks down on marriage.

Alas, "Tomcats," by director-writer Gregory Poirier, whose previous screenplay credits include "See Spot Run" and "Gossip," shows zero imagination.

O'Connell simply tracks down one of Busey's former lovers (Elizabeth) and tries to get the two together.

Raunchy comedies like

"Caddyshack" or "Kentucky Fried Movie" can be very entertaining, but "Tomcats" is simply dull. It's gross, but never really risqué.

I saw the movie with an audience full of college students who cheered and roared for the movie to start, then laughed only intermittently — and not hard.

The jokes in "Tomcats" walk around the block for a while before arriving at your doorstep, so there's plenty of time to see them coming.

Guess who turns out to be a dominatrix when O'Connell tries to seduce a shy, bookish librarian? The librarian!

Guess what happens when the

guys drink wine spiked with Viagra? They get erections!

"American Pie" had its signature scene of a teen-age boy exploring his sexuality with an apple pastry. "Tomcats," if it is remembered at all, will be known as the movie with the bouncing testicle.

A character who loses the body part to cancer asks O'Connell to retrieve it from the hospital lab as a souvenir. But the darn thing shoots out of O'Connell's hand and bounces around the hallway.

Laughing yet? Then it lands in someone's candy box and that person takes a bite out of it.

How about now?

New director to take over Carnegie Hall

NEW YORK (AP)—Robert Harth, who for the past 12 years has been chief executive of the Aspen Music Festival and School in Colorado, has been selected to head Carnegie Hall.

Harth, 44, will take over the 110-year-old concert hall after the end of the Aspen season in September, *The New York Times* reported Thursday.

Carnegie Hall's current director, Franz Xaver Ohnesorg, plans to step down Monday to take over the Berlin Philharmonic. Klaus Jacobs, vice chairman and treasurer of the Carnegie Hall Board, will serve as acting director until Harth starts.

Ohnesorg, 52, had been in charge of Carnegie Hall since September 1999. His brief tenure was marred by controversy.

Before Ohnesorg announced plans to leave last December, four senior staff members quit, and a

group of employees sent an anonymous letter to news organizations criticizing Ohnesorg for an autocratic management style.

Ohnesorg has spearheaded the conversion of a former movie theater in Carnegie Hall into a third concert venue. Zankel Hall is to open in 2002 at a cost of \$65 million, about \$15 million more than the original projected cost.

Colby Watch

Colby survives another week in Australia as Jerri says goodbye

(AP)—If you missed "Survivor: The Australian Outback" on Thursday, here are the essential developments on CBS' hit adventure-reality show for episode nine of the series:

■ Voted Off: Jerri Manthey, Los Angeles-based actress (and the scheming looker everyone loves to hate) finally gets zapped.

■ Remaining Survivors: Amber, Texas Tech graduate Colby, Elisabeth, Keith, Nick, Rodger, Tina.

■ Weather Report: "The rainy season is upon us," a damp Elisabeth sighs.

■ Immunity Challenge: Balancing contests between rivals paired off on platforms in the water. Nick topples Colby to win the final round.

■ Reward Challenge: Obstacle course, with two-member teams competing.

■ Quote: After Jerri picks Colby as her partner vying for the as-yet-undisclosed prize, hunky Colby grumbles, "I don't know if I want to share with her whatever it is."

■ Prize: Helicopter ride to the Great Barrier Reef for snorkeling and a private feast. Winners Jerri and Colby share it. "This is basically the perfect honeymoon," marvels Jerri, "without the sex."

■ Strategy: Colby brings from the reef a souvenir chunk of coral for each survivor back at camp. To curry favor? Or was he just trying to be a nice guy?

■ Nielsen ranking last week: A recap special placed fourth, with an estimated 22.9 million viewers.

■ Visit the Official Web site at survivor.cbs.com.

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The third reading and final passage of Senate Bill 36.06 will be held at the Student Senate Meeting April 5th at 7p.m. in the UC Senate room.

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Column

Take back the night

Sexual assault and domestic violence are not selective issues. They affect women from every class, race, religion and sexuality. What's even worse is violence against women in all forms is not seen as a serious crime. The fact these incredibly horrifying statistics hasn't prompted a mass humanitarian movement in this country is mind boggling. In the United States, 95 percent of domestic violence occurs against women.

Here are some examples of violence against women in the United States:

MURDER

Every day, four women die in this country as a result of domestic violence, the euphemism for murders and assaults by husbands and boyfriends. That's about 1,400 women a year, according to the FBI. The number of women who have been murdered by their intimate partners is greater than the number of soldiers killed in the Vietnam War.



Bethany Cline

BATTERING

Although only 572,000 reports of assault by intimates are officially reported to federal officials each year, the most conservative estimates indicate 2 to 4 million women of all races and classes are battered each year. At least 170,000 of those violent incidents are serious enough to require hospitalization, emergency room care or a doctor's attention.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Every year, about 132,000 women report they have been victims of rape or attempted rape, and more than half of them knew their attackers. It's estimated that two to six times that many women are raped, but do not report it. Every year, 1.2 million women are forcibly raped by their current or former male partners, some more than once. If a woman leaves the relationship, she is 80 percent more likely to be killed.

THE TARGETS

Women are 10 times more likely than men to be victimized by an intimate partner. Young women, women who are separated, divorced or single, low-income women and black women are disproportionately victims of assault and rape. Domestic violence rates are five times higher among families below poverty levels, and severe spouse abuse is twice as likely to be committed by unemployed men as by those working full time. Violent attacks on lesbians and gay men have become two to three times more common than they were prior to 1988.

IMPACT ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Women who are battered have more than twice the health care needs and costs than those who never are battered. About 17 percent of pregnant women report having been battered, and the results include miscarriages, stillbirths and a two to four times greater likelihood of bearing a low birth weight baby. Abused women are disproportionately represented among the homeless and suicide victims. Victims of domestic violence are being denied insurance in some states because they are considered to have a pre-existing condition. When women are prosecuted for killing their husbands, usually out of self-defense, their sentences are three times longer than when a husband kills his wife. Source: National Organization for Women

One way that communities are responding to this dilemma is an event called Take Back The Night. The Texas Tech Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance is forming a Take Back The Night March for Thursday. The first Take Back The Night event began in England in 1877 as a women-only protest against the violence and fear women encountered walking the streets at night.

The first Take Back The Night March in the United States was held in San Francisco in 1978 to protest violence against women, particularly sexual assault. The hope in forming this is to prevent, educate and organize forces that decrease these atrocities. We will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the parking lot of Broadway Church of Christ. The group will march down Broadway and meet at Tech's Memorial Circle. A representative from Women's Protective Services will speak as well as a survivor of domestic violence and a survivor of rape. This will be followed by a candlelight vigil. We always ask why doesn't the woman leave, but we should be asking why do men batter?

If you would like more information or if you want to help out, please contact Dale at fmlattu@yahoo.com.

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Column

Athletes used for their services

If you thought the alleged overseas transgressions of Kathy Lee Gifford or Nike, Inc. were bad, the legalized sweatshop racket known as Division I collegiate athletics takes the cake with this weekend's Final Four.

As colleges and universities enrich their coffers with the recently completed \$6-billion television deal for the NCAA basketball tournament, its athletes are left with nothing more than the experiences and memories of the tournament.

The NCAA coined the term student-athletes in the 1960s in order to eliminate any appearance of impropriety. Thus, legally, revenue-earning athletes are not treated as employees of the university, thereby allowing for commercialization without adequate compensation for time and talent.

In the spirit of amateurism, the NCAA boasts, "student athletes should be protected from exploitation by professional and commercial enterprises."

However, spectators don't get that impression when watching the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl or the Galleryfurniture.com Bowl. In the NCAA's mind, commercialization of amateur athletic events pass muster as long as universities, and not student-athletes, benefit from the monetary gain.

Many argue that coverage of room and board and tuition is reward enough for the hard work of student athletes. Such compensation should be enough for athletes — if the NCAA did not further regulate the activities of these students.

Universities and colleges around the nation routinely recruit students who are talented in music or debate with merit-based scholarships.

However, unlike their counterparts, athletically talented students are left hamstrung by NCAA regulations.

Universities control virtually every aspect of athletes' lives. There are caps on the amount of money athletes may earn. Moreover, players lose eligibility if they accept gifts or remuneration for their efforts.

Virtually none of these regulations apply to non-athletes. Many college athletes, often from poor backgrounds, are left with no money to spend on clothing, let alone leisure activities. And because of the regulations, the NCAA does not empower students with the

wherewithal to obtain a way out of such straits.

While allowing coaches to reap multimillion-dollar endorsements spurred by their athletes' successes, gifting student athletes with something as small as free groceries, according to the NCAA, would stain the image of amateurism.

Since amateurism fell by the way side long ago in big time college athletics, the NCAA needs to rethink its current position on what constitutes adequate compensation for the talents of its student-athletes.

According to ESPN, potential revenue-sharing arrangements among this weekend's Final Four teams would leave athletes such as Arizona's Loren Woods or Duke's Shane Battier with at least \$350,000 for their time commitment this year.

At the very least, the NCAA needs to supplement its athletes with adequate stipends in order to provide these students with a sufficient living wages.

"You will be proud of the players. I expect more out of them in the classroom than you do," said coach Bob Knight at the news conference where he was named head of the Tech's men's basketball program.

Unfortunately, coaches such as Knight are the exception to the rule.

Because of this month's NCAA basketball tournament, some student athletes often miss up to half a month's worth of classes. In addition, the end-of-the-year college bowl season forces football players to miss some final examinations.

These big-money college events would be scheduled around classes if the NCAA really cared about the student in the student-athlete.

After years of economic exploitation, students now are only beginning to take steps to remedy the problem. This past January, members of the UCLA Bruins football team formed the Collegiate Athletes Coalition. Helped by the legislative clout of 700,000-person-strong United Steelworkers Union, the CAC is attempting to lobby on behalf of better compensation for their labor.

The sad fact is these students would not have to resort to these tactics if only the NCAA relaxed its rules and regulations and allowed its workers greater freedoms. Utopian college students and academics routinely protest the plight of exploited third world children in sweatshops. They are just missing the forest for the trees. The real problem of exploitation exists on their own campuses.

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Letters to the editor

Attention unevenly dispersed

To the editor: The week of March 19 included two significant events. Californian's experienced electrical blackouts were very inconvenient and troublesome both in safety and economically. Texan's experience of Bob Knight also was significant. Now we are on the map, and the whole United States now knows about Lubbock and Texas Tech. Both were significant depending on your point of view. Both were significant, but do they both require the same amount of attention from people (the blackouts didn't make Larry King) Do we really want to pay more attention to transitory sporting events than we pay to technology and education? In my opinion, paying more attention to sports than to education for example, higher salaries for sport teachers than math teachers and letting a sport teacher financially gain from endorsements, will have negative effects on our culture and way of life. Just wait until

we run out of oil and natural gas and haven't developed an alternate energy source. We complain when technology lets us down, and we complain when our sports team loses. Yet we will toss more money at hiring a new coach rather than hire five new science professors to better the student-to-teacher ratio (what is it for basketball, four or five coaches to 15 players?) Support what really is important in our lives and take an interest in it. Don't you find it a bit disconcerting that you know that Bob Knight is the new basketball coach who may be gone in five years, but you don't know the name of the architect who designed the United Spirit Arena that will stand for decades or more? In the long run, science, technology and the arts will enrich your life to a greater degree than watching someone else play a sport. By the way, what is the name of that architect?

Wayne Riley
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Out of the Past

From The University Daily
March 31, 2000

■ The Student Activity Board sponsored a panel discussion in the University Center on Thursday to discuss a recent proposed alcohol policy. The policy, passed by the Board of Regents, would allow officials to notify parents of students who are in possession of alcohol on campus.

■ KTXU-FM celebrated its 39 years of broadcasting Saturday with the largest Birthday Bash in its history.

From The University Daily
March 29, 1991

■ State Sen. John Montford said he plans to work through the weekend to come up with an alternate school budget bill to satisfy the Texas Supreme Court's ruling that all schools must operate within the school finance system.

■ At the Texas Tech Student Senate meeting, President Ross Crabtree told senators the Student Service Advisory Board members approved an increase of \$4.2-million for the student service budget.

From The University Daily
March 31, 1981

■ President Reagan was shot in the chest Monday by a gunman during an assassination attempt. White House Press Secretary James Brady was injured in the shooting.

■ Former Tech student James Warnock Hinckley, who attended Texas Tech occasionally between 1973 and 1980, was charged with attempting to assassinate the president.

From The University Daily
March 30, 1971

■ The Arts and Sciences Senate seat, vacated by the disqualification of Ken Fields, will be appointed by the Judiciary Committee to one of the next two candidates in line for the position.

■ The first American veteran of Vietnam to be held responsible in the 1968 slaughter of unarmed men, women and children during the My Lai massacre was convicted of premeditated murder.

From The Toreador
March 31, 1951

■ Names of the 61 student government candidates will appear on the ballot of the campuswide elections April 10.

■ Several Tech students formed a flying group that takes lessons from Vicker's Aircraft at the Municipal Airport. Four of the students have received their flying license.

From The Toreador
March 26, 1931

■ Under a cooperative plan, the board and room for students staying in dormitories will be \$18 per month.

■ A tennis doubles tournament has been planned for the near future. All students are eligible, and a large number of entries are expected.

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FRATERNITIES

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ternity party. "There will be two separate hearings for the fraternities," said Vice President of Student Affairs Michael Shonrock. "They will try to hold both (Friday), but they want to hold both of them by Monday at the latest."

"We are currently reviewing the status of both groups as student organizations," Shonrock said. "What we do know is we found out about these incidents after a car ran into a house and after three of our students were arrested."

At the disciplinary hearing, Shonrock said, information will be shared between administrators and members of the fraternities. If the Dean of Students Office finds the fraternities violated their own by-laws, the fraternities could lose its student organization status with the university.

Complying with state, federal and local laws are part of both organizations' by-laws.

"We know the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is looking for information concerning both fraternities," Shonrock said. "The Dean of Students Office will also know more after they talk to these groups."

In a previous interview with The University Daily, Dean of Students Jim Burkhalter said he met with Phi Delta Theta members in an administrative hearing March 9 to discuss the situation.

At that time, he told Phi Delta Theta members he was waiting on a report from the TABC before he would make

a final decision. Burkhalter could not be reached for comment Thursday. TABC officials said they are close to completing their report and could not release the findings until it was complete.

Until the report is complete, the university has the option of taking preliminary action against these organizations. According to the Student Affairs Handbook, "the registration of a student organization may be temporarily suspended while an investigation is pending involving an alleged violation of registered student organization policies and procedures."

Associate Dean of Students Ethan Logan said these two organizations have affected the rest of the Greek community as well. He said the university, the Interfraternity Council at Tech and the other Greek organizations on campus have been taking steps to ensure this type of incident does not happen again. He said he has been reviewing each organization's policies concerning alcohol.

"We have been reviewing all of the risk management policies of all of the fraternities and have stressed the importance of adhering to them," Logan said. "We will continue to stress that for the rest of this year and in the future."

Logan said he also has heard several of the fraternities and sororities are becoming stricter on the enforcement of their risk management policies since the incident after the Phi Delta Theta party.

"I think that incident was a wake up call for them," he said. "It made them realize the importance of their risk management policies."

Concert aids Tech grad, father

By Leslie Follmar Staff Writer

Some people might never have thought of donating an organ to save a dying loved one. However, on Feb. 12, Jeff Ramazani, a 1995 Tech graduate, had 60 percent of his liver transplanted into his father, who was on a donor waiting list for three years.

Jeff's father contracted Hepatitis C from a blood transfusion 30 years ago, and the disease deteriorated his liver. "The older and sicker my father got, the less likely he was to get a transplant," Ramazani said. "The doctor said that a family member could be a living donor, and I decided to donate part of my liver to my dad."

Ramazani, along with his dad, has had complications since the surgery. He requires anticoagulants, which cost \$2,800.

"My blood clots really fast — it's nothing they could've tested me for. I've been put on blood thinners, and that made the problem worse. I've had to have four corrective surgeries since the transplant."

"My dad has had his own complications," Ramazani said. "He had a bile duct leak that the doctors had to go in and correct. He also developed fluid in his lungs which became infected."



Jeff's father remains in the intensive care unit at the Baylor College of Medicine in Dallas.

At the outset of these complications, Ramazani's close friends saw an opportunity to help him. Karin Slyker, a 1996 Tech graduate and friend of Ramazani, had the idea of

helping Jeff and his father out by holding a benefit concert.

The concert will be Saturday at the 19th Street Warehouse, 1824 Ave. G. Doors open at 7 p.m. Falling Jupiter, Spilling Poetry, Dropping Mad and Citizen Groovy will perform. Tickets are \$6 for 21 and up and \$8

Spilling Poetry, along with Citizen Groovy, Dropping Mad and Falling Jupiter, will perform a benefit concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at 19th Street Warehouse, 1824 Ave. G. Tickets cost \$6 for 21 and up and \$8 for 18 to 20. SPILLING POETRY courtesy photo

for ages 18 to 20. All proceeds go to help with the costs of hospital bills for the Ramazani family.

"Jeff has always been a close friend of mine. We went to school together and were co-workers at ABC 28," Slyker said.

LAWSUIT

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tims said he believes the lawsuit is a bad idea.

"There just doesn't need to be lawsuits over this thing. It's not really anybody's fault the way I view it," said Richard Frampton, father of another victim, Jeremy Frampton from Turlock, Calif.

The lawsuit filed in Tarrant County Probate Court names the university, four university administrators, including A&M president Ray Bowen, two crane operators, two construction companies and 15

student leaders as defendants. The suit claims Bowen failed to properly manage the bonfire's construction and appointed unqualified advisers to supervise it.

Keith said no other families have joined the lawsuit. The 59-foot-high, wedding cake-like stack of more than 5,000 logs collapsed in the early morning hours as more than 70 people worked on it.

The bonfire was a 90-year-old annual tradition at the school.

The event was put on hold until at least 2002, as administrators, students and community members rework it.

SMOKE

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places where smoking is allowed. "This is a big controversy in town — something that has a direct impact on students," he said.

Rogers said although YCT is opposed to a public smoking ban, the organization attempted to host the event in a neutral manner.

Kyle Myers, news director for KTX-FM 88.1, was chosen to mediate the event to maintain neutrality.

"We felt that someone from campus media would be a good choice," Rogers said. Myers recently was ranked as the

best student parliamentary debater in the nation.

Dr. Donna Bacchi, head of the Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control at the Tech Health Sciences Center, argued in favor of a smoking ban. She said medical evidence shows environmental tobacco smoke to be a public health hazard, and the Lubbock city government has a responsibility to protect its citizens from its dangers.

Bacchi also said since business owners make their property available to the public, they have a responsibility to protect people from environmental tobacco smoke. "They have rights as well as responsibilities," she said.

Bacchi also said the rights of the people who work in establishments where smoking is allowed generally receive more exposure to smoke than non-smoking patrons themselves.

Dr. John Turnbow, chairman of Lubbock Citizens for Private Property Rights, argued against a public smoking ban. He said there is not enough medical evidence to show that environmental tobacco smoke in public places is a health risk. He also said individual business owners' private property rights would be violated by a smoking ban.

"I don't care, personally, but the larger question is should government be able to regulate a legal ac-

tivity in a private place?" he said. Turnbow, who said he is a non-smoker, said he does not enjoy the smell of cigarette smoke and chooses to avoid places where smoking is common.

"People have the right to avoid places," he said. Each participant was allowed two minutes to present an opening argument.

After opening arguments, Myers asked each participant a series of questions and allowed the speakers to address each other's arguments. Audience members also were allowed to ask questions.

Rogers said he was pleased with the way the debate turned out.

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Tech splits with A&M to open field

Raiders take first contest in new complex, drop second contest of doubleheader

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

Red Raider softball pitcher Amanda Renfro was promised a new field when she was a freshman.

Renfro now is a senior, and the promise was fulfilled Thursday when Texas Tech opened Rocky Johnson Field against No. 20 Texas A&M in front of 300 fans.

The Raiders and the Aggies (24-9 overall, 1-3 Big 12 Conference) split the series with Tech winning game one, 1-0, in 10 innings while the Aggies avoided the sweep with an 8-6 game two win.

Although Tech (23-13 overall, 2-2 Big 12) did not win both contests, Renfro said it felt good to finally have a home diamond that belongs solely to Tech.

Renfro threw the first pitch, first strike and first strikeout at the new complex.

"It is finally here my senior year," Renfro said. "It was exciting to throw out the first pitch, and it was just awesome."

Thursday's doubleheader featured games that were as different as night and day.

Game one was a pitcher's duel, followed by game two's slugfest.

Renfro and Aggie pitcher Jessica Slataper kept pace with each other the first nine innings in game one.

But in the 10th frame, Tech senior center fielder Sandy Butler broke the scoreless tie with a line drive single off the glove of Aggie shortstop Crystal Martin to bring in Tech second baseman Rachelle Biber.

Butler said she was thrilled she had the winning hit in the inaugural game of the new diamond.



Texas Tech second baseman Rachelle Biber prepares to tag an Aggie baserunner in the Red Raiders' 8-6 loss to Texas A&M on Thursday at Rocky Johnson Field. Tech split the series with A&M.

"I hit better when people are on," said Butler, who went 5-for-8 at the plate Thursday. "If anybody could do it, I am glad that I could do it. If it helps us win, I will do whatever it takes."

Tech coach Bobby Reeves said he is just happy to be playing at a great diamond.

"We are happy and tickled to death about this place," Reeves said. "We want to win here every time. Little things like a new field help fire teams up."

Tech's bats warmed up in game two, but the gloves and arms grew colder.

After throwing 10 scoreless in-

nings in game one, Renfro gave up 5 earned runs and scattered nine hits in four innings of work before sophomore Maggie Ayers replaced her in game two.

Renfro (20-11) said she was not tired but said the Aggies made some adjustments when game two rolled around.

"I felt a little off," said Renfro, who had 15 strikeouts in 14 innings. "They had seen me for 10 innings, and I think they picked up on me."

Reeves said Renfro was not her usual dominating self in game two.

"You have your on-days and your off-days, and Renfro was off today," Reeves said. "She wasn't like Amanda can be."

Reeves was satisfied with the offense in game two but said he was not pleased with the way his squad fielded.

Tech surrendered four errors in game two but had nine hits and homeruns from catcher Shauna Briggs and designated player Jana Baker to pace the Red Raider offensive attack.

"We had some chances in the second one," Reeves said. "It is hard to beat a team like A&M when we make four errors. The bats were around but not the gloves."

Butler said defense is what wins, and the Raiders did not have that in game two.

"We had mental mistakes," Butler said. "We hit well enough to win this game, but we didn't do the defensive side to well. That is what beat us the second game."

The Raiders next travel to Nebraska to battle the Cornhuskers on Friday and Saturday.

Reeves said it always is good to have at least one win in a series to help motivate the squad going into the next series.

However, Reeves said he was not happy or disappointed with Thursday's outcome.

"We had a chance to sweep them after we fought hard to win that first one," Reeves said. "I am not happy. I am not disappointed."

Bad weather halts tuneup for Masters

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Dennis Paulson sat in the warmth of the clubhouse, pondering just how long he'll hang around for the cold, rainy BellSouth Classic.

"The reason I'm here is because I like to play going into a major," Paulson said, slipping off his spikes.

He didn't get to play even one hole Thursday before strong showers postponed the first round at the TPC at Sugarloaf, site of the last tuneup before next week's Masters.

A poor forecast raised the possibility of top golfers dropping out so they could concentrate on Augusta National rather than enduring a tedious weekend — and possibly beyond — of waiting out the weather.

While Tiger Woods, Vijay Singh and David Duval are not playing this week, the BellSouth still attracted a strong field that includes Ernie Els, Davis Love III and defending champion Phil Mickelson.

It remained to be seen how many of those players would still be around at the end. Els, for instance, normally sits out the week before Augusta but entered this year because he wanted to work on his game.

"No disrespect, but Augusta means a lot more to me than this tournament," said Paulson, who will be playing the Masters for the second straight year. "There's no tournament I want more than Augusta. I want to prepare for that."

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Raider baseball takes show to Missouri

By Phil Riddle
Staff Writer

At first glance, Missouri's 15-10-1 season record inspires little awe for the average college baseball fan.

But, when you take into consideration the Tigers are 10-2 in their last 12 games, including series victories against nationally-ranked Nebraska and Pepperdine, Texas Tech's weekend opposition seems less than the first-thought pushover.

The Red Raiders, 21-12 overall and 6-6 within the Big 12, square off with Missouri in a Big 12 Conference series beginning at 7 p.m. today at Simmons Field in Columbia, Mo. Saturday's game begins at 2 p.m., followed by Sunday's 1 p.m. start for game three.

Missouri is not the only team in this weekend's series that is on a roll. Texas Tech is 9-2 in its last 11 games and has won three straight conference series, including last weekend's two-of-three outing against No. 14-ranked Oklahoma State.

Today's projected starter for Tech, Brandon Roberson, said he likes the Raiders' attitude, heading into the series.

"Our confidence level is great," Roberson said. "We've won our last

three conference series. I don't think our confidence could be any higher than it is right now."

The senior right-hander, 5-3 on the season and 2-2 in conference games, sports a 4.03 ERA with 53 strikeouts and 12 walks in more than 51 innings of work. In addition, opponents are hitting just .236 against Roberson.

"I've been able to make my pitches and hit my spots where I've needed to," Roberson said. "When they put it in play, our guys are making the plays for me. I'm not making many mistakes right now, and that's the key to staying out of big innings."

After beginning their Big 12 schedule with three losses to Nebraska, the Raiders have not lost a series. Roberson said he credits defense and the team's maturing for the Raiders' recent success.

"In the nucleus of this team, a lot of the guys are young," Roberson said. "We started out the season kind of rough. Our defense wasn't really there. I think the key the last 11 games has been our defense. We've committed fewer errors than any team in the Big 12, and I'm pretty confident that we can keep that rolling."

Tech's defense committed 24 errors in the first 12 games of the 2001 season, but has committed just 18 mis-

takes in the last 21 contests. The Raiders' .968 fielding percentage in Big 12 games is tied for first in the league with Kansas.

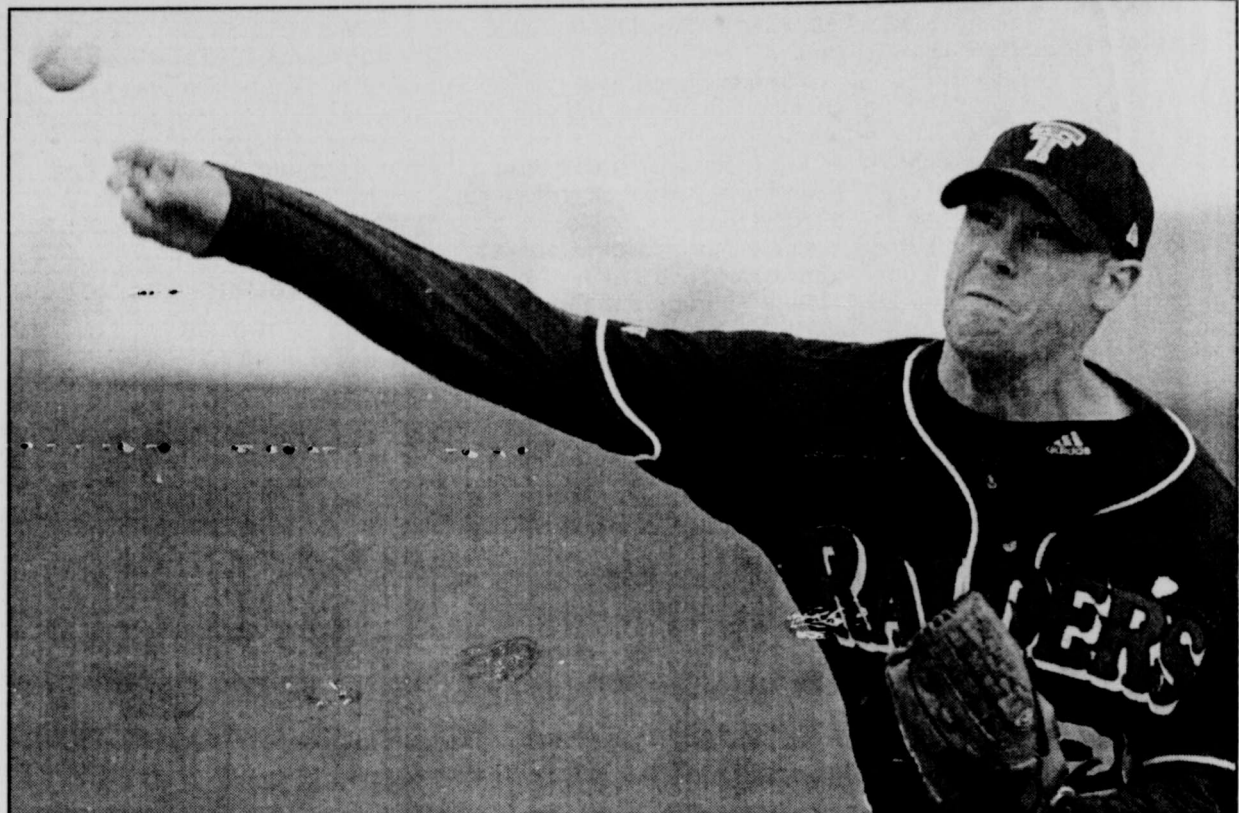
Junior shortstop Gera Alvarez said defensive play has contributed to Tech's streak, but pitching and timely hitting also have been factors.

"We've jelled together," Alvarez said. "Our pitching is coming around, we're playing good defense, and we're starting to hit the ball real well. I think after the Nebraska series, we picked it up a notch. We started playing real well, and we just carried on from there."

Alvarez is one of the Raiders' offensive standouts as well as being a defensive stalwart in the middle infield. The Santa Rosa Junior College transfer is hitting .362 and has started all 33 of Tech's games this season. He has ripped 17 extra-base hits, including three homers and three triples, and has driven in 27 runs while maintaining a .965 fielding percentage.

Although confident, Alvarez said there is no chance of the Raiders looking past Missouri.

"I know they're competitive," Alvarez said. "But if we go in there and play our game, I think we should come out on top."



Texas Tech pitcher Chris Phillips hurls a pitch toward home plate during last Saturday's contest against the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

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