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Two die after speed chase ends in crash

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A speeding car being pursued by police plowed through a bus stop and then crashed into a van Tuesday, killing two people waiting for the bus and the car's driver, police said.
The blue Ford, which police said contained three burglary suspects, was speeding through a neighborhood southeast of downtown about 10 a.m. while being followed by a police helicopter and at least one squad car. The suspects' car jumped a curb and hit two people sitting on the bus stop bench.
The car then careened through an intersection and into a convenience store parking lot, where it slammed into a van, said Sgt. Gabriel Trevino, a police spokesman.
At some point, the car's driver was killed. The two passengers — a 17-year-old male and a 19-year-old male — were taken to a hospital.
The van's occupants were not seriously hurt.
Police did not immediately release the suspects' identities.

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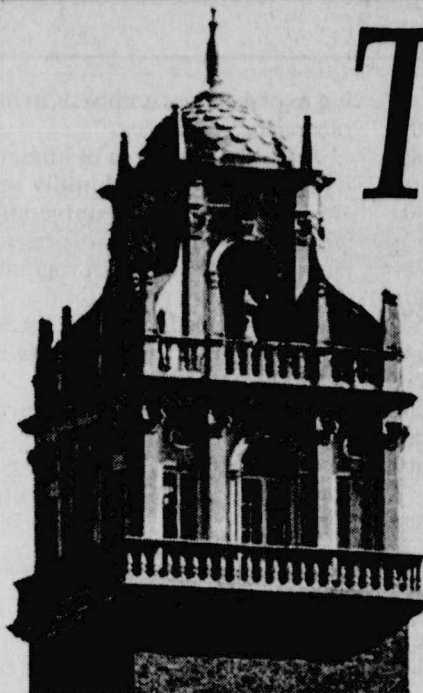
Two years probation faces rapper Eminem

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) — Rap star Eminem was sentenced to two years' probation Tuesday for carrying a concealed weapon.
The charge carried a maximum sentence of five years in prison, although Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga said earlier that he would seek no more than six months "because he has no record and there was no serious injury."
As part of his probation, Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Antonio Viviano ordered the Grammy winner to undergo counseling and submit to drug testing.
He will be allowed to travel within the continental United States for work.
In February, Eminem, whose real name is Marshall Bruce Mathers III, pleaded guilty to the charge as part of an agreement with prosecutors, who dropped a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon in return.

WORLD

U.S. crew members get extra privileges

HAIKOU, China (AP) — The U.S. air crew detained on this Chinese island has been granted extra privileges, including freedom to exercise in the building where they are being held by Chinese authorities, an American official said Tuesday.
As the standoff dragged into its 10th day, China welcomed U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's weekend statement that Washington was "sorry" for the fate of a Chinese fighter pilot missing since a collision with the spy plane. But it repeated its insistence on a formal apology for the incident.
U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock, who met the crew for a fifth time Tuesday evening, said the 21 men and three women were aware of the political deadlock and the intense feelings that blocked their freedom.
In Washington, President Bush urged patience, saying "diplomacy sometimes takes a little longer than people would like." He renewed the U.S. demand for the release of the crew.

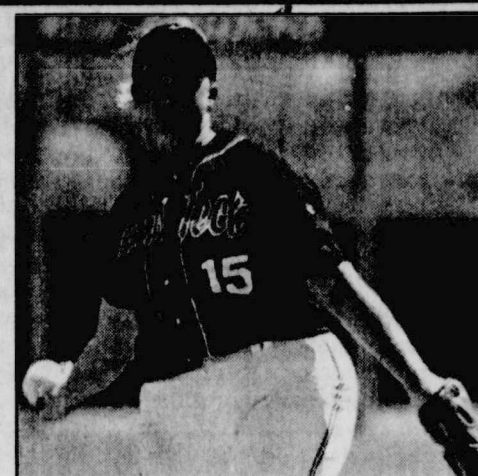


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Governor appoints 3 Tech regents

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

Texas Gov. Rick Perry recently announced the appointment of two new members and one returning member to the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents.
Austin resident David Lopez, president for Southwestern Bell Telephone-Texas, will replace James Sowell, whose term expired. Lopez is responsible for the Southwestern Bell's regulatory, legislative and community initiatives in Texas.
In addition to his recent appointment, Lopez also serves on the board of directors of American Fidelity Corporation, he is a member of the boards of both the League of United Latin American Citizens National Education Service Center and the Texas Association of

Business and Chambers of Commerce.
Although Lopez, who received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from New Mexico State University, did not attend Tech, he said, he has followed the university with great interest.
"It's a university I've certainly followed," he said. "I have known past members of the board and have had an opportunity to see and witness what Chancellor (John) Montford is doing at Tech."
Lopez said he wants to be involved on several levels of the university.
"I want to understand the student needs and want them to be involved," he said. "I am excited about this opportunity and what it means. I plan to listen and learn so that I can understand the university's priorities."
Lopez said he looks forward to working for

Tech and the members of the board.
Tech graduate Robert Black, who is from Horseshoe Bay, will replace Alan White, whose term also expired. Black is a retired senior vice president of Texaco, Inc., and is active on the board of the Marble Falls Boys & Girls Club and chairman of the Investment Committee of the Foundation Board at Tech.
Black was not immediately available for comment.
Montford said he is excited about working with the new regents and the group as a whole.
"I hope the new board will continue the agenda the current board set forth," he said. "It is relative to many initiatives to make Tech a top 75 research university."
Montford, who said he is acquainted with both of the new appointments as well as re-

appointment Robert Brown, said he is pleased with the new board.
"I am very much impressed with the quality of appointments and am glad to know we have Robert Brown back," he said. "The new board is of high quality, but I will miss those that left. There is no way to adequately put into words the contributions Jim Sowell and Alan White made to Tech. We are grateful for their service."
Brown, who is from El Paso and also a Tech graduate, was unavailable for comment. He is the president and chairman of the board for Desert Eagle Distributing. He is the chairman of the board for the El Paso Chamber of Commerce Foundation and director of Chase Bank in El Paso as well as the El Paso Boy Scouts and the Sun Bowl Association.
Brown, Black and Lopez will all serve terms ending Feb. 1, 2007.

Maintaining balance



Reagan Latte, a sophomore merchandising major from Fort Worth; Candice Gerber, a freshman undecided major from Rowlett; and Emily Jolley, a freshman dance major from Grapevine, practice dance steps Tuesday afternoon during beginning ballet class in the Women's Gym.

Schmidly evaluates first year

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

Texas Tech President David Schmidly spoke to several faculty members Tuesday at the annual Faculty Honors Convocation, where he re-acquainted members with the main issues his administration has addressed.
"I want to recognize you for a job well done," he said, addressing the several faculty members who were honored. "(The faculty) are the reason I enjoyed my first year as president so much and are the reason we were able to accomplish so much."
Schmidly familiarized the audience with the five key issues he outlined throughout the year. He said the university has made gains in each of the five areas, but, he said,

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Raider Club labeled biggest Tech group

Campus athletic organization earns status with 863-member enrollment.

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

When Kyle Clark decided to join the Texas Tech Student Red Raider Club, he said, he had no idea he would be making history. However, this month the club has emerged as the largest student organization on the Tech campus.
"I had originally planned to sign up for the Red Raider Club until they told me about this new opportunity," said Clark, a sophomore agricultural economics and business major from Comanche. "I had no idea I was the first member until they called me later and told me."
So far, 863 members have enrolled in the Student Red Raider Club during the registration period. It surpassed both The Marketing Association and the Goin' Band From Raiderland's membership with 480 members and 433 members, respectively.
The club, which is geared toward supporting the Athletics Department and increasing access between athletics and students, became a student organization this year. Students have been able to sign up for the club by paying a \$25 membership fee when they

sign up for classes online.
As part of their membership, students receive a T-shirt and a discount card that can be used at several local businesses. Proceeds from the club are used to support athletic scholarships.
"We're really excited about this because we knew that the students would be behind this organization," said John Dorff, president of the Student Red Raider Club. "We are hoping to become the largest organization like this in the nation."
Kelly Vaughn, marketing coordinator for the club, said in order to become the largest organization in the nation, the Student Red Raider Club would have to compete with the 4,769 members Clemson University has in its organization. As part of their efforts to increase membership, Tech's club is offering incentives to organizations whose members sign up, including dinner with new men's basketball coach Bob Knight.
"Coach Knight has agreed to have dinner with the fraternity, sorority and dorm that has the most members sign up for the Red Raider Club," Vaughn said. "We hope to have the din-

Membership comparison to other schools in the nation concerning student athletic organizations:

1. ITPE, Clemson University - 4,769
2. Wolfpack, North Carolina State University - 1200
3. Twelfth Man Foundation, Texas A&M University - 1000
4. Student Red Raider Club, Texas Tech University - 863
5. Tennessee Volunteer Club - 200

ner before the first Big 12 football game of next season."
The organizations chosen for the dinner will be decided by the percentage of members who are signed up from the organization. If two organizations were to tie for the event, the number of all-sports packages bought by the organization would be used as a tiebreaker.
Vaughn said an exact date for the event would be determined once the organization can find time in Knight's schedule. Knight is recruiting players for next season.
Another possible incentive the club is looking into is a giveaway that would give a Tech student the keys to a Ford Explorer Sport for one year. The Student Red Raider Club would make payments on the year lease.
Despite the incentives, Clark said, he became interested in the club as a way to support his favorite athletic team, the Lady Raiders, while giving back to the university. He said at the time he joined, he did not even realize he was going to receive a discount card.
"With this club, we are starting a new tra-

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Travel woes lead to suit from Tech

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Ex-Students Association recently filed a lawsuit against several travel companies in an effort to recoup almost \$400,000 and an unspecified amount of damages.
The lawsuit names Premier Travel, which is based in Lubbock and operates as a limited partnership under National Travel Services Inc., as well as Tradewinds Airlines Inc., FlightTime.com Inc. and International Aviation Marketing and Management Services Inc.
The lawsuit stems from a trip that was planned by the Ex-Students Association during the Thanksgiving holidays for fans to watch the Lady Raiders play in a basketball tournament held in the Virgin Islands. The Ex-Students Association hired Premier Travel to help them get a charter flight for Lady Raider fans as well as other travel arrangements.
According to the petition, the Ex-Students Association entered into a contract with

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■ SCHMIDLY

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there are still areas Tech needs to improve upon.

"We must recruit and graduate a more diverse student body," he said.

Schmidly said nine new minority faculty members have been recruited since Sept. 1, the percentage of female faculty members has grown from 26 percent to almost 29 percent and minority enrollment has grown as well.

Schmidly also said graduation

rates for minorities is an area the university needs to improve.

"We graduate 26 percent of black students and 34 percent of Hispanics compared to 52 percent of white students," he said.

Schmidly also said excellence and school achievement has seen record gains. The Presidential Endowed Scholarship, which is given to top performing students, was offered to a record 241 incoming students. Tech had more than 10,600 students apply this year, an increase of 16 percent from last year, and of the accepted students, Schmidly

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David Schmidly
TECH PRESIDENT

said the mean SAT score is 1,121, compared to last year's 1,091.

Schmidly also touched on making Tech a nationally recognized

center for excellence.

"We were ranked in the top 100 in seven out of 10 categories," he said, referring to a ranking of universities published by the University of Florida.

Schmidly said in order for Tech to gain a national reputation for excellence, it must "recruit, retain, nurture and reward faculty."

Schmidly spoke of future plans he has for the university, such as assigning 80 new graduate assistant positions to help the graduate school and with undergraduate teaching.

He also said the university is go-

ing to place more emphasis in fund raising for academics.

Athletics is an area of immense national interest, Schmidly said. He said most public universities with a strong athletic program have a strong academic program as well.

He concluded by telling the faculty again how important he believes they are to Tech.

"The support I have received from the faculty made it possible to accomplish all this," he said. "Teachers are the foundation of the university."

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dition that other schools will try to emulate, instead of us emulating

them," he said. "It is also a way for us to ensure that we are going to have top athletes in the future."

Clark also said he is looking forward to the opportunity to converse one-on-one with the coaches and

players on the teams as well as attending the tailgate parties where he can get to know other members.

"As a student, you see (coaches) walking around campus, but you rarely get the chance to talk to them," he said. "This will be a great opportunity to ask them questions one-on-one."

Kevin Curtis, strong safety for the Tech football team, said while stu-

dents will see benefits from this, the Athletics Department will see them as well. He said the increase in scholarships generated by this organization would allow the athletic program to recruit top players.

"It is going to benefit us by recruiting better quality athletes to the program with the scholarships," he said. "With these players, the university will receive more revenue that

will be distributed throughout the university."

He also said the support the students bring to the club also would help the morale of the players on the team.

"All of the support breeds school spirit," Curtis said. "When you have this many fans that back you up, it makes the athletes feel really great about playing for this university."

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Profitable plants



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Crystal Smith, a senior horticulture major from Fort Worth, prepares some caladiums and geraniums Tuesday afternoon for today's plant sale in the Plant and Soil Sciences building. The Horticulture Society at Texas Tech is sponsoring the event from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LAWSUIT

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FlightTime after Premier recommended them. FlightTime then set up an agreement with Tradewinds and International Aviation to provide an airplane to pick up the passengers in Lubbock on Nov. 21, take them to the Virgin Islands and return them to Lubbock on Nov. 26.

The Ex-Students Association paid for the trip in two installments to Premier Travel, totaling \$229,846.75, for the charter flight and related services. At least \$172,389.75 was wire-transferred from Premier to FlightTime and then transferred by FlightTime to Tradewinds and International Aviation. According to the lawsuit, the remaining \$57,462 has not been accounted for.

The Ex-Students Association also paid \$19,962.80 Nov. 17, for a fuel surcharge, as required by Tradewinds and International, and prepaid an unspecified entity \$162,540 for services such as ground transportation, baggage handling and other related services to be provided in the Virgin Islands.

The petition states that this was a total loss since the association was not able to use those services because of the canceled contract.

"(The association) had this trip all put together with a pleneload of

people and had gotten all the money when, right at the last minute they canceled the plane," said John Sims, an attorney representing the Ex-Students Association. "They said they stopped operations, but that wasn't true."

According to the petition, Tradewinds and International Aviation officials allegedly gave two reasons for canceling the plane. They allegedly said they "ceased operations" and allegedly also said they canceled the charter because International had not received the fuel surcharge funds within the applicable timeframe. The \$19,962.80 paid for fuel surcharges was refunded to the association.

Sims said the association filed the lawsuit after an agreement could not be reached between the involved parties.

"We never could get (the defendants) to refund the money," Sims said. "They wouldn't agree to refund the entire amount, so we had to file a lawsuit."

Sims said there were about 120 people going on the trip, of which, only the 30 Lady Raider coaches and players were able to attend, and were able to use portions of the prepaid package, such as ground transportation. Sims said about 40 of the passengers bought insurance and received refunds from their insurers.

"The Ex-Students Association intends to pay everyone back," Sims said.

The petition also alleges the defendants broke the law by not placing the funds into an escrow account.

"Only a portion of such monies were placed in an identified depository account and not the account required in the contract," the petition states. "Defendants International and Tradewinds have steadfastly refused to return the allegedly escrowed funds as required by law and to account for the substantial shortage of such funds."

Richard Cooper, president of National Travel Systems, said he was disappointed with the turn of events.

"It would benefit everyone to get the money returned," he said. "I'm disappointed with FlightTime."

Cooper said he hoped the money would be returned.

"The way we see it, the airline broke the agreement," he said. "There were clear provisions in the contract to protect the Ex-Students Association against this sort of thing. I'm hoping cool heads will prevail and everything will get worked out."

The Ex-Students Association has not specified an exact amount, but requested a jury trial. They hope to recoup attorney fees, damages, pre-judgment interest, costs and further relief to which they are entitled.

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Column

Society ponders the true meaning of Easter

Once again it's springtime. Thoughts of green grass, beautiful weather and Easter bunnies push their way into our minds. OK, maybe not the Easter bunnies. Then we wake up and realize how hectic this time of year really is. You've got all your professors throwing all the material they neglected to cover the first three months of the semester at you. You realize Tech looks more like an earthquake zone than a serene college campus.



Brian Ulrich

Like me, you may even have the unenviable task of trying to register for courses in the College of Business Administration when you're not "one of theirs." Finals always are fun to deal with, too. Even reading this tiny newspaper probably takes a precious chunk of your time. All in all, April is one of the most stressful times of the year for most of us. At least they give us next Monday off for "day of no classes." Does that mean Easter? Am I still allowed to say Easter, or is that not politically correct? I began thinking about this Easter thing, and I just can't seem to figure it out. Most people file into a local church for their biannual visit. But I don't understand why. I guess I can understand why people love Christmas so much — you get stuff that, for you, is completely free. I suppose it's rational to feel as if you should go to church at least once during the holiday season. But why worry about Easter?

What do we get out of it? Nothing really, except an extra pound or two from the festive candy. It seems to me most people just file into a church because they feel they're supposed to. But who says they're supposed to? You could say society, and that probably would be right. But should we really base our actions just on what others think is right?

I think most people are just as confused with Easter as I am. Maybe this will help clear some things up. I've been researching the foundations of Easter, and what I found out doesn't exactly match up with society's view of Easter. The truth about Easter has nothing to do with rabbits, eggs and Sunday pilgrimages to the local church. Easter is about the resurrection of a man from the dead. His name was Jesus of Nazareth. If you look at the foundations of Easter, you're first response is likely laughter. Let's see, we have a man who claimed to be the son of God, yet he looked like

everyone else. He was tried as a criminal, and then killed by a Roman crucifixion. But he supposedly had never done anything wrong. Then he was raised from the dead three days later, leaving behind an empty tomb. Sounds like an ancient version of "The X-Files," doesn't it? If this is the way you view the claims of Jesus and the Bible, then going to church on Easter is hypocrisy, because you are endorsing this outlandish story. Yet if we carefully examine the alleged resurrection of Jesus, weighing the evidence fairly, the logical conclusion is nothing short of the unthinkable: This man was raised from the dead! If we weigh the historical documents and the evidence for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus under the same standards as we would any other piece of factual history, the resurrection story holds up extremely well.

"Taking all the evidence together, it is not too much to say that there is no historic incident better or more variously supported than the resurrection of Christ," said textual critic Brooke Foss Westcott.

There simply is no getting around the historicity of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It's been said death and taxes are the only two sure things in life. According to the abundance of historical evidence, Jesus shot this adage to pieces. In light of this alleged burden of proof, remember that just because I say something is historically accurate and true doesn't necessarily mean that it is. So don't take my word for it, find out for yourself.

But most of you won't research or investigate any of these bizarre ideas because to you they're simply normal. You have probably normalized this incredible story just as I have. You've probably heard the Easter story so many times that the only effect it has on you is a yawn. But this should not and cannot be.

I echo the words of British literary scholar Malcolm Muggeridge: "What is unique about Jesus is that on the testimony and in the experience of innumerable people, of all sorts and conditions, of all races and nationalities from the simplest and most primitive to the most sophisticated and cultivated, he remains alive. That the resurrection happened seems to be indubitably true. Either Jesus never was or he is still. With the utmost certainty, I assert he still is."

And that, my friends, is what Easter is all about.

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Column

Displaced fiddler crab weeps

I survey my disastrous surroundings and realize the end of the semester is nigh upon us.

For those of you who have experienced this, just follow along and know that someone feels your pain.

For those who are new to this, let me tell you what a production it is to move out of your dorm, apartment or room in a house around and during finals week. Then, let me bend your ear for the tale of woe surrounding moving out of a house I have occupied for nearly six years.

For starters, you wouldn't think during a school year you could accumulate so much junk in your room. The first time I moved out of a rented room, I remember thinking I could get everything packed and ready to go in about two hours.

I couldn't have been more wrong on a bet.

I don't know how it happened, but my possessions grew and precreated while they hung in the closet. I just kept pulling stuff out — old clothes, old shoes, torn pants, missing drawers, pantyhose and the hat I wore for that dance that one time. Just when I would think I was getting ahead a bit, I

would move another hanger and find more clothes to clothe a small nation. The worst part of it is I never wore the things. Not even at home. Not even on a dare. What the heck was I doing with it all?

My dresser drawers were packed. Some of things I couldn't even identify, and some things had no reason to even be there. Why would I save a quarter of a printed on movie ticket? What possessed me to become such a pack rat?

And my desk — my dear, crammed, piled-upon desk. I had to find a person with a steam shovel to clear the top of my desk. It was like an archeological dig — things from the tentative early semester days were on the bottom — neat syllabi, clean sheets of paper and the assignments that were started in a show of good faith.

The closer to the top, though, the worse it got. Old pieces of popcorn from the night we watched movies, papers with average grades and lots of red ink on them, financial aid documents due last week and my ID card that had been lost since September.

I also found the source of that funny smell that kept hitting me in the face. Those were the days. Over time, you tell yourself you have learned your lesson, but you still find yourself accumulating and accumulating.

I am moving to England in December or January. I have to sell my house, so I have started a liquidation event that promises to

be lucrative, if I can keep interest in the project.

My problem? I keep opening cupboards, drawers and closets all over the house, and more and more junk keeps falling on my head.

Where did all this stuff come from? Why does it keep coming back to me? Didn't I get rid of the notes written to me in junior high when I was cleaning out my dorm room? Whose idea of a joke is this? I guess for us who are in transient living situations, pack-rattling is a way to surround ourselves with things that are familiar. As we learn the lessons of independence, we learn that if you don't know what to do with something, put it away, because it may save you later.

I am a military kid, so growing up I never got to keep things for long. Every few years, we would have to move, and my dad, in the effort to make the move easier, would throw our stuff away without a thought.

Maybe that's why I keep stuff that is totally unnecessary.

Whatever the reason, I am still buried. A bit of advice for those of you in the same mess — keep digging, even after your parents arrive and threaten to throw everything away and never help you again. You'll learn — I did, didn't I?

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Linda Robertson

Column

Arbor day promotes unity at Tech

Texas Tech has a day jam-packed full of activities for you to participate in. In fact, we invite and encourage all students, faculty and staff to join together April 27 for Tech Arbor Day.

The day begins with the University Center Expansion Groundbreaking Ceremony at 11 a.m. This is an exciting way to begin the day because the University Center Expansion and Renovation

referendum was unanimously passed only a year and a half ago by the students and everyone is encouraged to come celebrate the future of the UCI. Then, at 11:30 a.m., barbecue will be served on Memorial Circle. Can you believe that you will be able to eat an entire meal for only \$2? From noon until 1 p.m., there will be a live concert by the band Epstein's Mother out of Las Vegas, who also opened for Green Day. Afterward, there will be a brief program where Arbor Day participants will be recognized as well as the 2000-2001 student organization and adviser of the year. "Planting a tradition" will be kicked off with a balloon release at 1:15 p.m.

I cannot think of any reason why

any Red Raider who spends much of their time on the Tech campus, would not want to join in with others who share a common link. So, come participate in Tech Arbor Day 2001 — it not only is an ongoing tradition here at Texas Tech, but a way for you to help make our campus a better place for the entire Tech community, present and future. Come by the 210 University Center or call 742-3621 to sign up. Individuals, organizations, or departments can be an active participant in beautifying the campus during Arbor Day 2001. Deadline for sign-ups are Friday.

Carrie Evans is a Senator-at-large for the Student Senate



Carrie Evans

Letters to the editor

Tech stands alone

To the editor: I am writing this letter in regard to the recent discussions about financing the renovations at Jones SBC Stadium. Can you imagine what a Tech freshman will think in 2025 when they are paying for the Spirit Arena and the stadium? I personally don't think spending \$90 million to renovate is a good idea, especially if there is no need and a lot of the high-priced box seats haven't been sold. I seem to remember a comment from Chancellor Montford about really needing to sell the seats to help finance the renovations. I might be going out on a limb, but why do we need to

renovate if people aren't even going to purchase the new packages? Isn't that like buying a new car to justify building a garage? Keeping up with other schools in the Big 12 is a horrible excuse. If I wanted Tech to be like Texas A&M or the University of Texas, I would have just gone there in the first place. Last week's UD (April 5) had a front page article about the aforementioned schools considering dropping SAT scores from admissions.

A Tech official said we weren't going to do that though because we didn't have to be like the other schools in the Big 12. Ironic, isn't it?

Jason Lindeman graduate student interdisciplinary studies

Your View

What are your opinions on the proposals for students to help fund Jones SBC Stadium renovations?



Zach Rogers a freshman advertising major from Dallas

"It doesn't really affect us, because we are already paying for it. Hopefully we still won't be here by the year 2027, so it doesn't matter."



Dharmi Menta a sophomore business major from Arlington

"I think it's a good idea. It's all about school spirit and you're willing to support your school."



John Pinckney a freshman civil engineering major from Abilene

"It will make some people mad because they'll be paying for something they won't get to use."



Jothy Thomas a sophomore biology major from Dallas

"If you're a Tech student you have to help out with what Tech has to offer. It will help students in the future."



Tiffany Carrell a sophomore general studies major from Wimberley

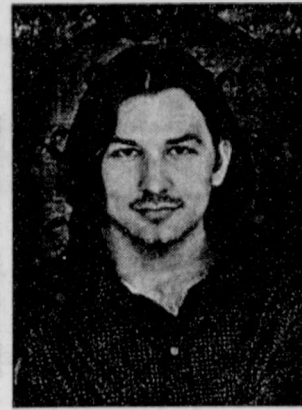
"I think it's good if they can guarantee us the things they are promising."

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Tech Theatre to present 'The Day Room'

■ **New comedy based on DeLillo novel to open Thursday at Maegden Theatre**

By Whitney Wyatt
Staff Writer

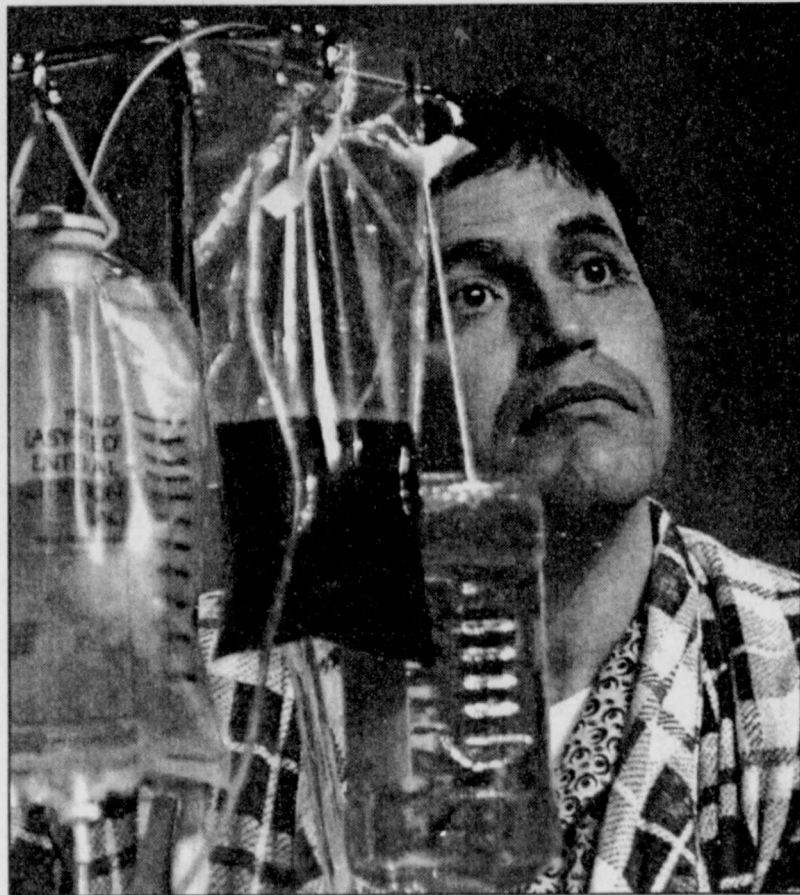
The Texas Tech University Theatre will present "The Day Room," a surreal comedy by the award-winning novelist Don DeLillo. The play will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Maegden Theatre, located on 18th Street between Boston and Flint.

Jonathan Marks, a Tech theater professor and the director of the play, worked in the original production of "The Day Room," which premiered in 1986 at the American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge, Mass.

"(The Day Room) is a hard play to describe," he said. "Even the sets are hidden inside each other."

Marks said DeLillo, who is a mysterious man who does not speak to the public often, said the play was about performance and concealment. It explores the secret levels of language, perception and identity.

The first act of the play is set in a hospital room, which, Marks said, sug-



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

Chad Greenough, an acting and directing graduate student from Santa Fe, N.M., plays mental patient M.R. Green, in "The Day Room." The play opens Thursday at Maegden Theatre.

gests the mystery of death. The second act is set in a motel room, where the characters are on a quest to find an elusive acting company.

Marks said there are no apparent connections between the two acts, but clues do exist that tease the audience.

"This is a good laugh," he said, "A hilarious brain exercise of trying to figure out the mysteries of the play which are kind of like the mysteries of life."

The cast consists of nine Tech students, an alumnus and one faculty member. This includes three new members, Marks said, because of the recent death of Jia-hua Chin, a theater graduate student. He said because of the emotional stress Chin's death has caused, there have been cast changes, with some volunteers taking over roles and others taking partial roles.

"The department has pulled together beautifully," he said. "The actors and crew are doing a marvelous job."

Tickets are \$5 for Tech students with a valid ID and \$10 for the general public. For ticket information, call 742-3603.

Tentative settlement reached in 'Little House' copyright dispute

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The parties in a legal battle over copyrights to two books by author Laura Ingalls Wilder have reached a tentative settlement under which a southern Missouri library district would get \$875,000.

Wilder, who died in 1957, wrote "Little House on the Prairie" and other books about pioneer life that spawned the popular TV series.

In 1999, the Wright County Library Board filed a federal lawsuit claiming copyrights to all of Wilder's books. The board argued Wilder intended for her copyrights to pass to the library after the death of her daughter, Rose Wilder Lane. After Lane's death in 1968, the copyrights were passed to a friend, Roger Lea MacBride.

Last year a federal judge dismissed the board's claim to royalties from six other Wilder books. Then in January, a Jackson County probate judge ruled the library has a legitimate claim to the "Little Town on the Prairie"

and "These Happy Golden Years" royalties.

Now HarperCollins Publishers and Wilder's heirs have tentatively agreed to contribute \$875,000 to get the library district to settle the lawsuits, The Kansas City Star reported Tuesday.

The proposed settlement was reached late last month but still must be signed by the parties and formally approved by a federal judge in Kansas City and a probate judge in Wright County, the newspaper said.

If completed, the settlement would conclude 18 months of litigation over the literary legacy of one of the nation's best-loved children's authors.

In return for the proposed settlement, lawyers said the library board would renounce any claim to the copyrights of the two books.

The publisher, MacBride's estate and his daughter admit no liability and describe the \$875,000 payment as a "contribution" rather than a settlement.

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Raider softball looks to skin Bears in Waco

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

Out of all the teams in the Big 12

Conference, Baylor has been the toughest to handle for the Texas Tech softball team.

Not nationally-ranked Oklahoma or Nebraska, or rivals Texas A&M or Texas, the Red Raiders' nemesis has been the Lady Bears.

Baylor holds a 10-2 advantage over Tech, including wins in its last four contests against the Red Raiders.

Red Raider center fielder Sandy Butler said Tech will try and turn that around when the two teams collide at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. today at Getteman Stadium in Waco.

"Baylor is one of those teams that bite you when you tend to look past them," said Butler, who leads the Raiders with a .350 batting average. "They are not overpowering, and we just want to go in there and not over-look them and take two."

Tech pitcher Amanda Renfro said the Lady Bears always play Tech tough because both squads are the same caliber.

"They have always been pretty solid," said Renfro, who is the Big 12's pitcher of the week. "They have some good hitters, and I realize it will be tough."

Butler said last year's 3-1 and 7-6 losses to the Lady Bears in Lubbock were the worst defeats Tech had to deal with because it was at home.

She said today is Tech's chance to do the same to them.

"It was very disappointing last year because Baylor wasn't better than us," Butler said.

"We really want to win these two games."

However, Butler said it won't be easy.

Baylor boasts a 30-14 overall record and a 2-3 conference record going into the twinbill.

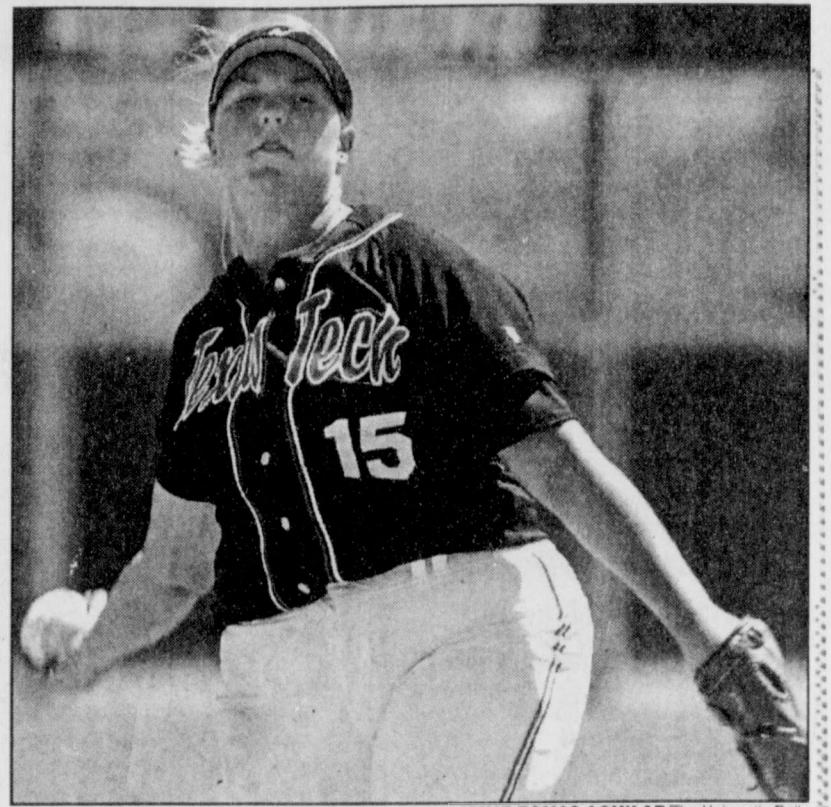
But two of its three losses were one-run decisions against No. 14 and conference leader Nebraska.

Butler said Tech has to go into the contest not worrying about which team has a better record or a better ranking.

"They seem to be really good this year," Butler said. "Like we are, it looks like they are having a good season, and it is important we don't look past them."

The Raiders are enjoying their best start since 1998 as they boast a 27-15 overall record and 5-3 Big 12 record. Tech is in third place behind Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Tech is coming off its first sweep in conference play after dropping Kansas twice last weekend.



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/The University Daily
Texas Tech pitcher Amanda Renfro prepares to release a pitch during last weekend's sweep of Kansas at Rocky Johnson Field.

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8:00	Barney Teletubbies		Early Show	Sabrina Pepper Ann	America	Magic Bus Paid Program
9:00	Calliou Sesame	Today Show	Sally Jessy Raphael	Nanny Caroline	Regis & Kelly	Greg Mathis
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1:00	Tony Brown Barney	Lives Passions	As the World Turns	Jerry Jones	One Life to Live	Matlock
2:00	Zoboomafoo Clifford		Guiding Light	Street Smart Paid Program	General Hospital	Paid Program Paid Program
3:00	Arthur Wishbone	Rosie O'Donnell	Maury Povich	Clueless Moesha	Moral Court	Action Man Big Guy
4:00	Zoom R. Rainbow	Oprah Winfrey	For Women News	7th Heaven	Tell/Truth Family Feud	Action Man Digimon
5:00	Bew/Lions Nightly Bus.	News NBC News	MASH CBS News	People's Court	News ABC News	Sabrina Simpsons
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7:00	Great Performance	Ed 'PG	Becker Best Friends	Special Unit 2	My Wife 'PG Whose Line	Blockbuster Entertainment Awards
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Here's to Troy for knowing when to say farewell

Dear Mr. Aikman; I was really glad, no, in the words of Mike Tyson, ecstatic, that you have decided to retire. Let me say that as a Cowboys fan, it has been a pleasure to watch you, and I hated to see you persevere at the continued risk of your health.

In your new line of work, being able to speak in complete sentences will be a definite plus. I

heard Jay Leno use your name in a joke right after you announced your retirement. He said that after suffering a record 10 concussions, you were going to follow Terry Bradshaw into the broadcast studio. However, to be as good as Bradshaw, you would have to receive a couple more concussions.

It is my understanding that you will be working as a color analyst for NFL games on television. I'll

bet this first season out of the game will be difficult, getting used to wearing Armani instead of Nike and going without a sponsored ball cap during your breaks, drinking Perrier instead of Gatorade. Will the network let you keep wearing your Swoosh wristbands with your blue blazer?

I know your former boss, Jerry Jones, takes credit for your being his first draft pick. Did you ever tell

him that Tom Landry had you in his sights before Jones came to Texas?

Speaking of your old boss, is there any way you could get him to retire, too?

I understand you have moved to California, now that you'll be an on-air media personality. We'll miss you in Texas, but your citizenship here has been well established. Even though you were hatched in Oklahoma and spent your youth on the Left Coast, joining the Cowboys in 1989 officially made you a Texan. Being

from Oklahoma, you didn't seem to have too much trouble with the lingo or the dress code either.

I saw that Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith, who, along with you, constituted the heart and soul of the Dallas championship teams in the 90s, were with you at your retirement announcement Monday. With you and Irvin both gone, the last of "the Triplets", Smith, has a hard row to hoe. Incoming quarterback Tony Banks probably won't have a lot of trouble handing off to Smith, but he has a slight problem with color blindness. He often throws the football to guys wearing the other teams' uniforms. But, I digress.

In all sincerity, Mr. Aikman, I thank you for the afternoons of pleasure I received from watching you lead the Silver and Blue during the most recent glory years. It was even satisfying watching you be interviewed following a loss. You never blamed anyone, you never dodged tough questions, and you never stopped showing the class that has marked you as a gentleman.

I'm sure that your trophy room has to be packed with souvenirs from your time in football; a Super Bowl MVP trophy, numerous game balls, championship rings, photos and the United Way's NFL Man of the Year trophy for work you did in the Dallas community.

I know that as you see the next six seasons pass from the broadcast booth, you will make a place in that room for the gold blazer you'll get when you are inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

Thanks again, Troy. See you in Canton.

Phil Riddle is a sophomore journalism major from Lubbock. He may be reached via e-mail at riddler13@msn.com.

Montana football coach jailed in Texas

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — The head coach of the Montana Panthers, Butte's now-defunct entry in the new North American Football League, is in jail in Texas.

He has been in the Erath County jail at Stephenville, about 100 miles southwest of Fort Worth, since April 3 for violating probation on a theft conviction, said sheriff's Cpl. Donald Schreiber.

GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, SENIORS? WE WANT TO HEAR IT!

Man, my head is still hurting from that goal post!

Did I order my yearbook?

What letter are they on?

I should have gone to class more. I should have studied more. But then again, I did have a lot of fun.

But Bob Knight just got here! Well, there's always grad school.

I'm going to miss my pledge class. Not financial aid. Definitely not traffic and parking. If they start playing and parking, I'm the fight song right now, I'm going to cry, though. I can't believe it's over. And it only took 6 years.

I'm so ready. I think. Aren't I? Oh, crap!

I still can't believe the guys on my floor did that freshman year. That was a lot of balloons. I'm going to miss this place. Mom and dad never did find out about that jail thing.

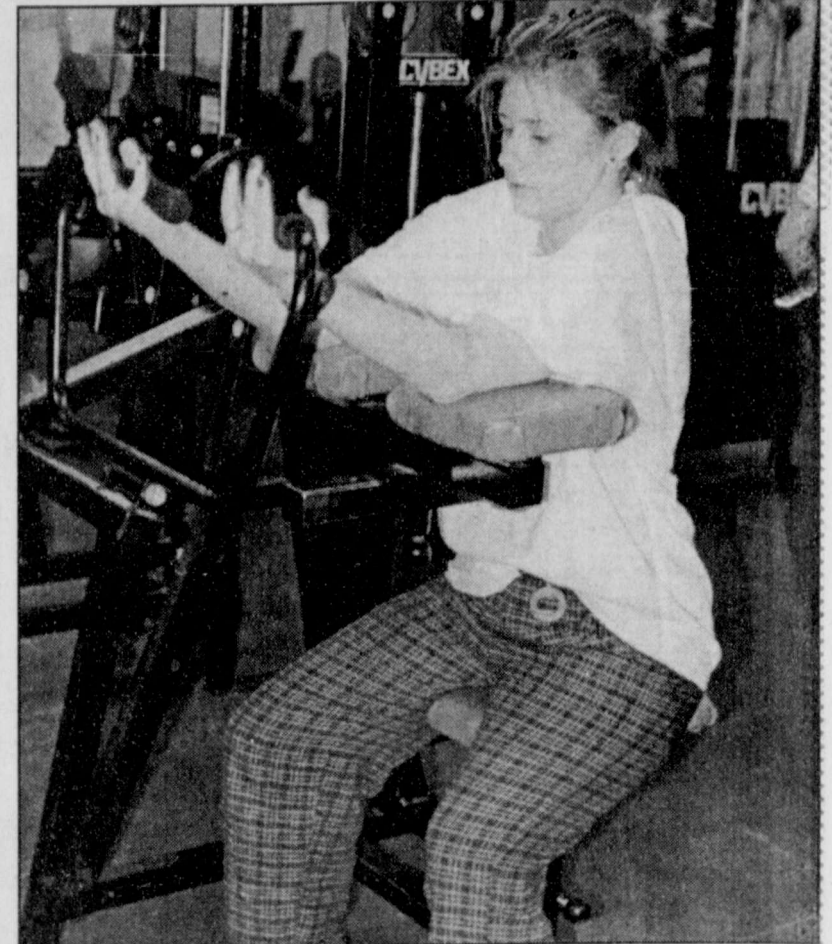
Do adults really wait until Friday to start the weekend?

The 2001 *La Ventana* will feature quotes from graduating seniors on everything from dorm memories to favorite Tech moments to words of advice for the Red Raiders they're leaving behind. E-mail your well thought-out, publishable quotes (make them 3-5 sentences) to laventana@ttu.edu. Include your name, major, hometown, social security number and phone number so we can verify quotes and notify you if we pick yours. And don't forget to order your *La Ventana* before leaving Lubbock. Come by 103 Journalism to reserve your copy today! For any questions, call 742-3383.

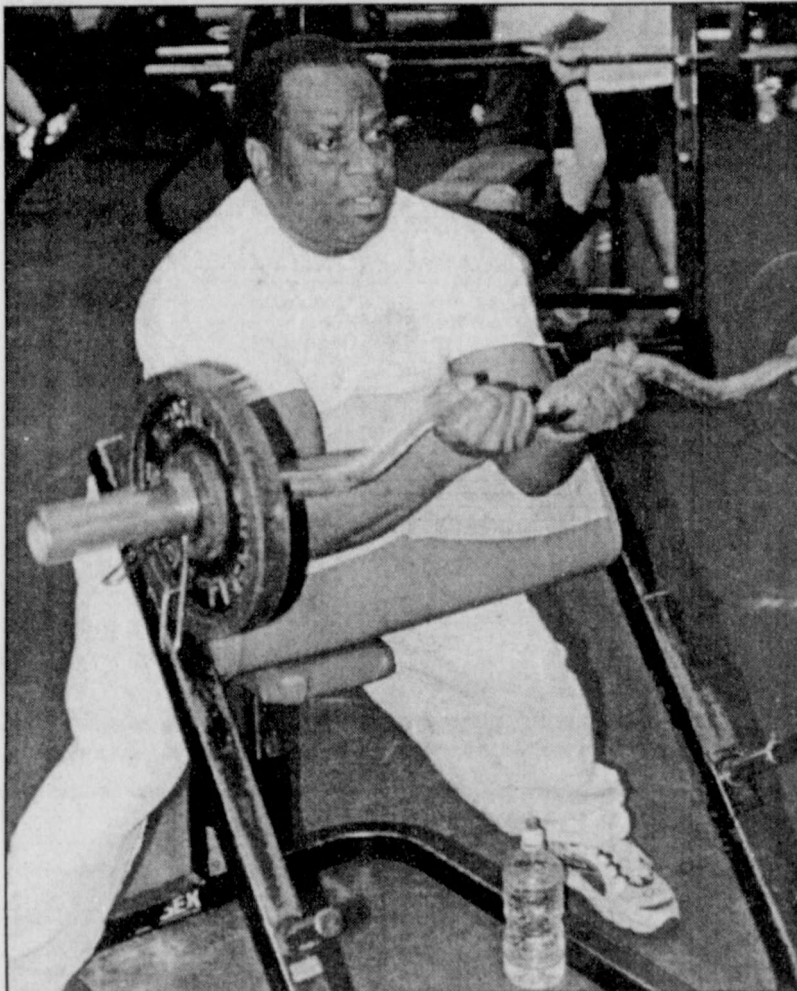


Upcoming Events

Intramurals	Entries Due
Home Run Hitting	April 11
2 Person Golf	April 18
Special Events	
Long Course Swim	April 14
Easter Hours - SRC	April 13-15
Rappelling Workshop	April 19
Easter Weekend Hours Reduced At Student Rec Center	
The hours of operation for the Rec Center and Aquatic Center this weekend is as follows: SRC	
Friday - 6:00 am - 10:00 pm	
Saturday - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm	
Sunday - Closed	
Monday - 6:00 am - 10:30 pm	
AQUATIC CENTER	
Friday - 6:30 am - 7:45 am; 12 noon - 1:20 pm; 3:00 - 8:45 pm	
Saturday - 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
Sunday - closed	
Monday - 12 noon - 1:20 pm and 3:00 pm - 8:45 pm	



Arm Curl! A student works out on the machine weights in the Circuit Room of the Student Recreation Center. The renovation and expansion of the Rec Center is nearing 60% completion with a target opening date of fall, 2001.



LIFT!!! A Texas Tech student makes the most of the weight training facilities at the Recreational Sports Center. Come by and see what our weight facilities have to offer you.

Fitness and Wellness Happenings

Want To Try A Triathlon?

If you have ever wanted to try a triathlon or maybe have already tried one but would like to learn a little more about each part of the triathlon, then the class TRISPORT can help you get started or provide more information for you. Tri Sport is a class designed to introduce the sport of triathlon and provide basic training information and workouts in running, cycling and swimming. Interested participants need to be able to swim at least 300 yds, bike 8 miles, and run 2-3 miles to register for the class. If you have a road bike, this will be helpful. The class is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 pm, April 10-26. Registration is in the Fitness/Wellness Center. For questions, please email janda.libbetson@ttu.edu or call 742-3351 or 742-3828.

Easter Break Fitness Class Schedule

Friday, April 13
12:10 pm Step Express
5:30 pm Step Plus
Saturday, April 14
3:00 pm Total Body Conditioning
Sunday, April 15
Closed
Monday, April 16
3:00 pm Steppin' Out
5:30 pm Shape & Tone
5:30 pm Step Plus and Abs & Back

Natural High Mountain Bike Race produces results

Mountain bike enthusiasts of all abilities gathered at the MLK course Sunday for an afternoon of racing. Winners were:

Expert 1.Chris Ferguson 2.Andrew Allen

Sport Men 1. James Harrod 2.Patton Gleason

Sport Women 1.Alison Clarkson

Beginner Men 1.Tom Nichols 2.Benjamin Heinz

Beginner Women 1.Robin Wilcox 2.Diane Smith

Rappelling Workshop

Come learn an essential skill that is used in many rock-climbing situations. From the beginning of mountaineering and rock climbing, rappelling has been used to get many climbers off their glorious routes. This workshop will let you learn the history, techniques and a chance to back off a 35-foot rappelling ledge at the new climbing center. This workshop is April 19 at 5:30 P.M. and cost \$5. Anyone interested in this workshop must pre-register at the Outdoor Pursuits Center located in Room 206 of the Student Recreation Center. Please call 742-2949 or 742-3351 for more information.

Celebrate Spring - Get Outdoors

Spring is here! This is a great time to get out and visit the natural wonders of West Texas. There are great state parks that offer great hiking and camping opportunities within an easy 2 hour drive from Lubbock. The Outdoor Program has information and equipment to make a quick weekend get away possible. Stop by and see our large rental inventory of camping equipment. This year the Outdoor Program purchased many new tents and sleeping bags. Also available are: backpacks, stoves, lanterns, cook kits, coolers, canoes, maps and advice on local state parks. All the equipment is reasonably priced and will help you get outside the city limits of Lubbock. Equipment may be reserved two weeks in advance by stopping by our office and completing the rental contract. Please stop by our office in room 206 in the Student Recreation Center or call either 742-2949 or 742-3351.

Intramural Supervisors Needed

Applications are being accepted for students interested in becoming supervisors for the next year's Intramural program. Team sports that are supervised include: Flag Football (300 teams), Basketball (200), Fall and Spring Softball (300), and Soccer (200). Anyone who has a passion and love of sports are encouraged to apply. Applicants should have a general knowledge and understanding of sports and sport rules. Intramural supervisors are needed 6-7 days a week, with night-time availability, at about 12 hours per week.

Applications are due by 5:00 PM on Friday, April 20. The current stipend is \$6.50/hr. This is an excellent opportunity to work in an exciting atmosphere where so many of your fellow students spend their free time. For more information contact the Rec Sports Office at 742-2945 and ask for Jared or stop by room 202, in the Student Rec Center.

Indoor Soccer

Playoffs for indoor soccer on Tuesday, April 17. Playoff draws will be available in SRC 203 after 2pm today.

4 on 4 Air Attack Football

Recreational Sports will offer a 4 on 4 Air Attack Flag Football tournament. Play will begin on Tuesday, April 17. Captains may pick up their schedule in SRC 203.

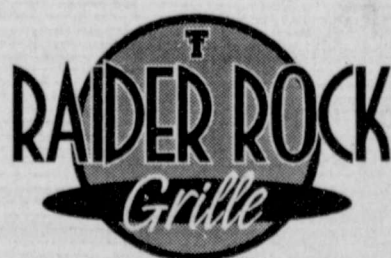
Home Run Hitting

Because of some rain and the intramural playoffs moving back, the Home Run Hitting contest will move as well. Get your entries in for this tournament. There is no charge for the event which will run at the Recreational Sports Softball complex.

Golf Scramble

Recreational Sports will be hosting a 2-person golf scramble. Entries are due by 5pm April 18. There is a \$13.00 per player entry fee that must be paid at the time of entry. For a cart, add \$10.00 per person. Play will be at Elm Grove Golf Course on Sunday, April 22.

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Chick-fil-A Value Meal
Regular chicken sandwich, chargrilled sandwich or 8 nuggets, waffle fries & 32oz drink (excludes lemonade)

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32oz fountain drink, only

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