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CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

New goals undertaken as crews work on current projects

Craig Swanson/The University Daily

By Courtney Muench

range abound, construction While West Hall renovations and the construction of the English/ Philosophy/Education Complex continue, new projects have started on the Texas Tech campus.

The fountain behind the Tech Seal is being renovated to feature red and white colored lights.

A row of nozzles will shoot water six feet in the air toward the center of the fountain, descending down to three feet of water, said Dewey Shroyer, director of grounds maintenance.

The \$219-million project began May 14 and is anticipated to finish by Sept. 1

"The fountain has not been renovated since the first renovation in 1968. It was worn down and needed to be fixed," Shroyer said.

The Z-1 parking lot north of the Gordon/Bledsoe/Sneed Residence Complex also is under construction.

Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor of facilities planning and construction, said the lot is being rearranged so 250 spaces can be added.

The expansion, he said, will accommodate the Z-1 parking spaces north of 8th Street being lost when construction of a new athletic training facility begins.

Spaces lost in Jones SBC Stadium. West said, also will be accommodated for when crews restructure the stadium's parking lot.

"The spaces now run north to south and will run east to west," he said. "We



(Top): Dirt covers the fountain behind the Texas Tech Seal Thursday as renovations on the campus landmark progress. (Above): Construction workers Lynn Bogal and Jerry Smith remove the rubble north of Gordon Hall Thursday afternoon in preparation for a renovated Z-1 parking lot.

will lose only about 50 car spots due to construction on campus.

The new \$10-million athletic training facility is part of the final stage of the three-stage renovation project of Tech's football facility.

The project plans feature modernized locker rooms, weight rooms, a training re-habilitation room and a team meeting

The facility will be located where the north Z-1 parking lot and stands where the tennis courts north of Gordon/

Bledsoe/Sneed and Z-1 parking lot now sit.

The facility will be located where the north Z-1 parking lot and the tennis courts north of Gordon/Bledsoe/Sneed currently

The \$22-million first stage of the stadium renovations includes new restrooms, concession areas and handicap-accessible seating. Fans can expect to see the initial stage complete in time for the 2001 football season. The second stage

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Tech approves realignment of KTXT-FM

Campus radio station moves away from Mass Communications, into the division of Student Affairs

> By MATT MUENCH STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech Vice Provost Jim Brink confirmed Thurs day that student-oriented radio station KTXT-FM 88.1 will leave its affiliation with the School of Mass Communications and be controlled by the department of Student Publications in the division of Student Affairs.

'Yes it is going to happen," Brink said. "Right now it is imminent.

KTXT will join with The University Daily newspaper and the La Ventana yearbook under the Student Publications umbrella.

Since KTXT is joining the two publications, Vice President of Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said the name of the department will likely be changed from Student Publications to Student Media. However, he also said that decision is based on the judgment of Student Publications Director Jan Childress

Brink said the date of the switch is still pending, but Shonrock said he hopes to make the transition by July 1.

Think of the energy we can have through radio and the media," Shonrock said. "KTXT will help The UD get more readers and The UD will help KTXT get more listeners. It just makes sense.

Shonrock said the decision came when current and longtime KTXT advisor Clive Kinghorn announced his retirement. Kinghorn was the advisor for the station for 40 years and would not comment on the situation.

Shonrock said he believes Kinghorn's departure might have left KTXT without a home next fall.

That was when Shonrock and Childress stepped in and created the plan to put KTXT under Student Publications.

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New cryobiology center considered a 'milestone

By AMANDA HUDNALL STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech, the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and Supachill USA, Inc. opened the Center of Excellence for Cryobiology at the Supachill Center within Reese Technology Center yesterday.

'This is a special milestone," Brian Wood, CEO of Supachill, said.

Dr. Sam Prien, one of the two new codirectors of the CEC, said the center will house research and development for new applications in biotechnology and medicine, utilizing the Supachill system.

The system uses a special liquid and pump system to freeze biological materials at a high rate of speed with no temperature

variation, which prevents the formation of ice crystals and the bursting of cells. The result is a cell with little or no damage

This new technology could open doors to more cryobiology advances.

"You can freeze pieces of organs... and recover viable cells," Dr. Prien said. "We would eventually like to go (to freezing entire organs).

The opening of the center benefits not only Supachill, Tech and the HSC, but the Reese Center as well.

"This will be what is called a clustermagnet," Executive Director of Reese Technology Center Eric Williams said. "It is a high-tech industry that is so unique that other industries will want to develop products that were not possible before.

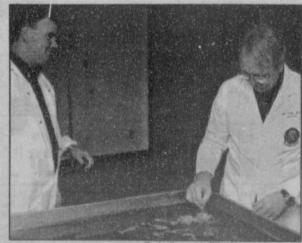
'This development has actually put us at a focus point of international interest because this is the only technology of its kind and Reese is identified with Supachill and Texas Tech as leading in the field of research," Williams said.

The system, originally created 12 years ago by Allan Cassell, a refrigeration engineer, and Wood, then a marketer, was intended to

Unknowingly, the two Australians introduced what would become a new freezing technology to improve the preservation of cellular material

Following the partnership between Supachill, Tech and HSC on November 3,

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As Dr. John Blanton, Jr. looks on, Dr. Sam Prien demonstrates a new freezing process at the opening of the Center of Excellence for Cryobiology on Thursday.

BKTXT

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"We thought it would be a good idea because KTXT is run by students and they belong in the division of Student Affairs," Shonrock said. "But we want to be prepared. There is a lot more to a radio station than, 'Here are the keys."

Last spring when KTXT's transmitter was struck by lightning, the School of Mass Communications did not have the money to replace it. President David Schmidly came up with the funds to get the station back on

Shonrock said KTXT would have a bigger budget under Student Affairs.

"It's a real neat opportunity," he said. "I don't see this as an expense, I see it as an investment - an investment in our students.

KTXT Music Director Hilary Erxleben said the tradeoff would help, but added that she hopes no matter where the station ends up, they are allowed to produce in the same man-

"We have an extremely strong staff," Erxleben said. "Wherever we go, I just hope our format is not switched."

Jenny Bustillos, KTXT's underwriting director, said if the switch is made she will be excited.

"We are not a division of Mass Comm.," Bustillos said. "We are students that would love to work with more student organizations like The UD. We will be sad to break our ties with Mass Comm. But glad to begin with Student Publications.'

Director of the School of Mass Communications Jerry Hudson said he never thought about putting KTXT off the air, but added that the move will be a win-win situation for KTXT and his department.

"It wouldn't make any since to shut down KTXT," Hudson said. "They have their place on this campus and I think with them going to Student Affairs will give them a larger budget and us more faculty to teach classes.

With KTXT's switchover to Student Publications, Mass Comm. will not have to worry about professors losing class time to advise the radio station, which happened while Kinghorn was supervising KTXT, Hudson said.

Replacing Kinghorn is assistant editorial advisor for The UD and LV, Sheri Lewis, whose duties only will evolve around student media. She has been in and out of many radio stations by writing news copy. She said working with radio will be nothing new to her.

"Radio stations are not foreign to me," Lewis said. "I have probably spent more time at different radio stations than different newspapers.'

She said the involvement with Student Publications will help KTXT become more visible.

"KTXT is a vital part of this campus and I would like to see it nurtured," Lewis said. "A university this size deserves a strong broadcast program. I would like to see them build their audience and flourish."

Lewis said she hopes KTXT staffers do not think their jobs are in the

There might be organizational changes, but the staff should look at the transition as a new start, she said.

"I hope the students involved in KTXT see this as new blood, maybe a shot in the arm." said Lewis, who has not met with the current staff. "There will be no university officials just coming in and iron fisting things. That is not the way it is."

Childress agrees and said she believes the switch only will benefit the students of KTXT.

"I think it will be a real opportunity for the students who work at KTXT radio to get the same type of experience that The University Daily and La Ventana get," Childress said. "The UD and La Ventana provide that work atmosphere, the real-world atmosphere and I think that is what we do over here. It is the right place for

Childress said she hopes to promote KTXT through The UD and visa versa, and would like to get a live audio feed on the newspaper's website.

With KTXT's headquarters right across the hall from The UD newsroom, Childress said there is no reason this partnership should not be successful.

'There are a lot of logical partnerships and I think everybody will benefit," Childress said.



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HSC student center plans on forefront

By Courtney Muench STAFF WRITER

Construction for a new student and auditorium/classroom center at the Texas Tech Health and Sciences Center will begin early August, said Richard Butler, vice president for operations and student support services at the HSC.

The \$2.1-million 8,000-squarefoot facility will be named The F. Marie Hall Synergistic Center. The Board of Regents voted May 11 to name the center after Hall after she donated a large sum of money to the

The auditorium/classroom center is to be built adjacent to the student center standing two stories high, containing about 20 classrooms, laboratories and a 400-seat auditorium.

"The best way to describe (the student center) is as a mini UC and Rec. center for the students and residents in the Health Sciences Center to

The center's design features a large game room to include table tennis, pool tables and table soccer accompanied by a near-by lounge area with a big-screen television.

The center will be equipped with a workout room, complete with stationary walking

machines, stair machines, stationary bicycles and a weight-lifting station with the men and women's bathrooms each containing a shower

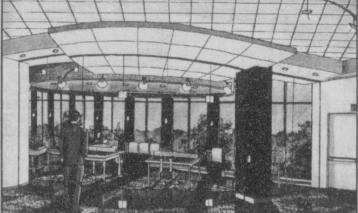


Photo Illustratio

This drawing depicts the design of the game room of the auditorium/ classroom center to be built at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

head and changing room.

The facility will house student services, including the offices of financial aid, the counseling center and

the registrar.

The HSC Student Senate also will gain a new office.

"Before, the(HSC)
Student Senate did
not have an office,"
said Alyssa Young,
HSC's out-going
president and a
graduate student
studying occupational therapy from
Lafayette, La. "Our
mail stop was a
folder that hung on a
wall."

Senate meetings were held in the lobby of the Health

Sciences Center's library. Young said meetings are sometimes hard to conduct because people often walk through on their way to the library.

"(The lounge) has old, rundown pool tables and Ping Pong tables, one little room with a big-screen TV and a little kitchen area. It is uninviting. There are no windows. It is really outdated with old furniture and these old red chairs," she said.

Young said she believes the center could help build relationships among Tech students.

"I think it is important that we have this because we will all eventually be colleagues, and we need a place where everyone can mingle and interact." she said.

Butler said Hall wanted to include the word synergistic in the name because it describes a place where students can interact and gain respect for the role discipline plays in health care

He said the student center is slated for completion in September 2002

TexPREP to offer education, promote collegiate experience

Camp is helping young school crowd while targeting minorities.

> By Tiffany Kingston Staff writer

Texas Tech will open its doors to junior high and high school students with interests in math, science and engineering at the 16th annual TexPREP camp, June 4-8.

"One of our purposes is to interest students in math and science and give them a college campus experience at the same time," TexPREP Director Jo Anne Temple said. "We feel like if we target students early enough, and they become comfortable with the college environment that those that don't have older sib-

lings or parents that have gone to college will be more comfortable," Temple said.

According to the TexPREP-Lubbock Web site, the camp is an academically intense, mathematicsbased, summer-enrichment program.

PREP recruits students from Lubbock schools and fourteen surrounding counties. The program targets minority and female students, groups that have traditionally been under-represented in math, science and engineering professions, according to the Web site.

"It gives them encouragement that they can navigate a college campus and that they have the capabilities to be successful in these fields," Temple said.

She said in the past there has been about 10 percent more females than males participate in the camp, but this year it is about even. More than

50 percent of students in the program are minorities.

TexPREP supplements and goes beyond the school curriculum, she said. The first course students are taught is math logic, the core class of the program.

"The students get parts of math logic through several years in the public school system, but a full-blown course they don't," Temple said. "We teach them math logic as full course because it is a basis for the engineering courses and any computer program courses. They have to pass this course in the first year of the program."

The students get high school elective credit each summer they participate in the program, which lasts four summers. Fourth-year students audit a college calculus class and are taught probability and statistics at the college level, as well as, robotics and a SAT prep course.

Tech professors and other junior high and high school faculty teach courses with the assistance of graduate and undergraduate Tech students.

Tech professors involve their children in the program, Temple said. Some professors have up to four children go through it. She encourages the professors to speak to other parents about TexPREP.

Temple said she sought out Makaddes Darwish, Tech assistant professor of engineering technology, to teach some courses because she is a good role model for the students.

"I knew she would be a good fit. This is her third year, she has a real interest in women being comfortable in engineering and breaking down the barriers that do exist in those male dominated fields," Temple said.

As one of the limited female engineering professors, Darwish said her goal is to involve women in the science, math, engineering and technology fields.

"This is my ultimate goal — my life, because I am just one of the few women in this field and I want to see more and more girls follow in my footsteps," she said.

Darwish said she teaches theory first and then assigns her students a project. For example, building a bridge or an airplane.

"I put them in a four-person group, exactly like an engineering firm. There is a project engineer, a design engineer. They learn to work together and design their projects for the competition," she said.

Aside from competitions and projects, Darwish takes her students on field trips to local factories and en-

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[COLUMN]

Supreme Court's golf judgment handicaps freedom

ong the domicile of unadulterated recreation and entertainment, sports remain relatively free from the dictates of government intervention.

Sandeep Rao

However, that is about to change if the High Court

On Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court compounded the legal quagmire that is American disability law with a monumental 7-2 decision favoring disabled golfer Casey Martin.

Martin suffers from a degenerative circulatory disorder impairing the

blood flow in his right leg. Unable to walk an 18-hole golf course, Martin sued the Professional Golf Association for the special allowance to use a cart during competition.

Writing for the majority, Justice John Paul Stevens concluded that Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act provided legal means allowing the courts to force the PGA Tour to make special concessions to Martin, under the clause covering protection for people seeking access to public accommoda-

Title III also makes reference to "reasonable modifications in policies, practices or procedures" in regards to compliance. Thus, most importantly, the High Court ruled that walking serves no major purpose in golf, thereby preempting the PGA Tour from making rules to disallow golf carts in its competitions

Passed in 1990 with the help of former President George Bush, the ADA intended to remedy discrimination against disabled individuals. Bush and the Congress hoped to create protections for functionally impaired individuals paralleling the anti-discrimination civil rights legislation of the 1960s.

While the federal government and the court system used the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the ADA to make sweeping changes in society, not even civil rights legislation of the '60s has been twisted the same way as the ADA has in the last few years. Numerous cases and lawsuits stemming from the ADA have run roughshod on private business and property

The recent trend in claiming disability, and thereby protection, through the ADA involves allergies. Those with multiple-chemical sensitivity disorders, allergic to everything from perfume to secondhand smoke, are encouraged to sue for access, while those with peanut allergies are targeting the airline industry, attempting to ban peanuts on

In the past, the legal weapon of Title III was

used to require banks to install instructions in Braille on drive-through ATM machines. Never mind that the blind don't drive. But that has not stopped bureaucrats from forcing private businesses to make costly and unreasonable changes in policy.

The ruling by the Supreme Court in PGA Tour, Inc. v. Martin gives credibility to a more expansive ADA, sullying the realm of sportsan area where civil rights legislation and its offshoot affirmative action have remained relatively silent.

By validating the special provision for Martin, the Supreme Court paves the way for other athletes who wish to neutralize physical and mental handicaps in the course of competition.

What will stop anxious, hypersensitive golfers from requesting special provisions for aid in the delicate art of putting; or maybe weak-armed golfers from wanting the springlike effect from the use of thin-faced drivers currently banned by the Tour?

Worse yet, what is to stop the court system from again usurping the rules of the PGA and acceding to the special request by force?

Through the years private business practices have become subject to the long arm of the federal government. Now, not even sports are free from the social engineering of the court system.

The most appalling about this week's ruling is the precedent that individual sporting bodies can no longer set their own rules for competition. In their attack on ability and merits, the Supreme Court compromised

Writing in dissent, Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dismissed the majority's ruling as "benevolent compassion."

It would be acceptable for the PGA, a private business, to relax their rules voluntarily, out of goodwill and good public relations. But it is another thing to use the police powers of the state to dictate the rules of sporting competition.

It is not the place of judges to make a decision as to how a sport is run.

Currently, more than 90 percent of the discrimination complaints filed each year with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission are dismissed as baseless claims.

By further expanding the scope of disability law to encompass entertainment and sports. the Supreme Court opened up a Pandora's box in which the precedent set would pave the way for even more nuisance lawsuits, further tying up the tax dollars and time of an already overwhelmed legal system.

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COLUMN 1

No place like home

have never spent a summer in Lubbock. I never intended to this early in life. I never wanted to, and I was not looking forward to it when my decision to stay in the Hub City came about.



Matt Muench

I mean, who really wants to stay in a city with flat golf courses, unpredictable weather and local news stations that you can't count on?

I did, along with many other students that decided to stay away from parents, old friends and highways.

But as I think about it more, Lubbock isn't so bad after all. It is a

city like every other dot on the map. We have roads, stop signs and arrogant cops just like everyone else. We have people that jog, dogs that bark and jobs to go to.

It is just a matter of looking at every city's pros and cons.

Lubbock may not have an ocean or the Statue of Liberty, but it has a winning women's basketball team and a Buddy Holly Museum where rock and roll was born.

Everyone always complains about Lubbock. The common phrase for a college student is, "There is nothing to do here except party."

But if you lived in the bay area, Florida or Maine you would say the same thing. Everywhere you go, the majority of the people that live in that city don't like it. The reason is plain and simple - boredom.

When you see the same road signs. billboards and people everyday, you get sick of the place you live in.

I was not too pleased with El Paso when I was growing up there. But now I miss it, because I've been there once in the past six

I have neighbors from the great city of San Francisco. They moved here because they didn't like the Bay-area hype, the crowded streets and the expensive living.
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Ask them in two years, and they will hate it. Society always lists the bad in front of the good. We complain more than we praise. We have to look at the good of this city more than the bad. Would you rather be living in Africa where war rages everyday or in the jungles of South America where it is easier to catch a disease than buy a beer at Bleachers?

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We don't have frequent celebrity visits or a professional baseball team, but we have one of the best-looking campuses in the world

and home architecture to match it. And most importantly, name another city in this nation, or rather a place in this world, that has Bob Knight.

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in research," Hardy said, "or giving

that couple a child, or donation for

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13-year-old Minnesotan captures national spelling bee

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sean Conley studied nearly half his life for the chance to be America's best speller, practicing 20,000 words. He needed 16 Thursday to win the National Spelling Bee.

He plowed through "tropophilous," "schadenfreude," "aleatoric" and "epexegesis.

"I guess all that practice really paid off this time," the

13-year-old from Shakopee, Minn., said after outspelling 247 others in three marathon days of competition.
His winning word was "succedaneum," which

means one who succeeds to the place of another. Sean, the first runner-up in last year's Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee, handled it without trouble, allowing himself only a small smile in accepting the trophy.

another couple.'

Prien said.

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involves the west side of the stadium. The \$58-million building is planned to have a three-level press box extending from one end of the stadium to the other while holding a 1200-seat club, 47 luxury suites with the third floor reserved for the press, Ellicott

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The second stage of the project will add about 12,000 seats, bringing the total number of seats in the stadium to 60,200, Ellicott said.

Ellicott said construction of the athletic training facility is anticipated for October only if funds are secure.

Next week, construction of Pfluger

Fountain will begin, said Bill Droll, manager of the project.

Ellicott said the fountain will cost about \$800,000 and was donated by the Pfluger family and an anonymous donor, who contributed about \$225,000.

Seven individual stair-cased fountains will replace the existing bushes that surround the three flags.

Standing four feet high, the water will cascade down stairs and descend into a three-foot-wide, one-footdeep pool. Droll said the fountain is designed not to defer from the flags or the surrounding buildings.

"If you stand directly in front of one of the fountains, you can still see the flags and across to the surrounding buildings.

E CRYOBIOLOGY

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2000, Tech scientists began researching the correlation between the Supachill system and the better preservation of biological material.

According to a Supachill brochure, cell survival rates of 80 percent have been achieved, topping the previous rate of 40-45 percent with liquid nitrogen.

"9 out of 10 people say 'nah it's not true,'" Dr. John Blanton, Jr., one of the two co-directors of the center said.

Research in the field of in vitro fertilization yields positive results using the new system.

According to a Supachill brochure,

the Supachill system provides a 90 percent success rate in embryo preservation, while liquid nitrogen, the current method of embryo preservation, provides only a 35-40 percent success rate.

Human sperm, with an original viability of 86 percent, returned to a 72 percent viability rate after being cryoprepared, or frozen and thawed. Mice and cattle embryo studies reached a rate of success twice what was originally achieved with liquid nitrogen.

"There are a lot of advantages to increasing the success rate," Dr. Daniel Hardy, assistant professor of

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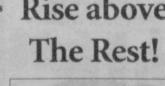
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Survey finds resurgence of

young to remember the earliest reports of AIDS are now contracting the disease at alarming rates that remind health officials of the explosive first years of the epidemic.

A government survey released Thursday shows 4.4 percent of gay and bisexual men ages 23 to 29 are newly infected each year with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The survey, timed to mark the 20th anniversary of the discovery of AIDS, is the government's most sweeping evidence yet of a resurgence in the disease among young

It suggests even more staggering infection rates for blacks in that group: 14.7 percent — one in seven become HIV-positive each year.

Left unchecked, the infection rates for gay and bisexual men threaten years of progress the country has made to control the spread of HIV/AIDS, analysts for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

'The numbers we're publishing right now are more like the findings you see in the '80s than the findings you see in the '90s," said CDC's Linda Valleroy, who led the survey.

In Washington, Surgeon General David Satcher hailed the nation's HIV and AIDS prevention efforts, but he called the anniversary a solemn mile-

"Twenty years into the AIDS epidemic, as a nation and as individuals, we may need a stark reminder that the best way to stop AIDS is to prevent HIV infection in the first place," he said Thursday.

The study included nearly 3,000

gay and bisexual men who were tested anonymously for HIV from 1998 to 2000 in Baltimore, Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami, New York and Se-

Government analysts acknowledged the data could be flawed: The men were recruited only at dance clubs, bars, city shopping centers and gay-and-lesbian community centers, so the true rates for all young gay and

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The government's effort to contain HIV/AIDS may be cursed by its own success, CDC analysts said. New HIV infections have leveled off in America at about 40,000 a year, and improved medicine allows AIDS patients to live longer and healthier

"People don't perceive that you get infected and you die in two months anymore," said Phill Wilson, executive director of the African-American

AIDS Policy and Training Institute at the University of Southern California.

"There's all these posters around that say you can climb mountains and do whatever with HIV and AIDS. There's not enough messages about the price you have to pay," he said.

Health officials expressed extreme concern about the high new-infection rates among young black gays and bisexuals, saying the stigma in the black community of having HIV or AIDS may be keeping testing rates low.

There are no comparable historical data on infection rates for young black gays and bisexuals. The one-inseven infection rate in that group is roughly the same as current infection rates in South Africa, Valleroy said.

The CDC wants to cut the number of new infections nationwide to below 20,000 in five years, chiefly by improving prevention programs, targeting them more narrowly to the communities most at risk, and urging more Americans to get tested for HIV.

A key part of that effort will be getting to young gays and bisexuals to remind them of the disease's devastation and the risk that continues even in the wake of improved medicine and safe-sex efforts.

'We have to stop and take a look at the devastation that potentially could occur among these young men," said Helene Gayle, the CDC's AIDS chief. "These are precious and important lives.

Since the discovery of AIDS — first reported in a 1981 government health bulletin as a strange form of pneumonia - there have been about 750,000 reported cases in America. Nearly 450,000 of those patients have

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Tech tennis coach nets Wimbledon invite

Raider assistant to revisit legendary tournament after seven-year absence.

> By MATT MUENCH STAFF WRITER

Having just completed her second year as assistant Texas Tech tennis coach, Sandy Collins is about to embark on a major career milestone playing in Wimbledon.

The ex-professional netter will head to England for the 2001 Wimbledon to be held July 2 through

But this will not be Collins' first

time to walk on the grass courts of The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, maybe the most prestigious tennis complex in the world.

When she was just a sophomore at the University of Texas - Permian Basin, Collins competed in the tournament, though she did not win.

This summer, Collins will compete in the 35 and Over Ladies' Doubles Event with 15 other invitees.

'This is a pleasant surprise for me," Collins said. "It is truly an honor to be invited back to Wimbledon. I haven't been back since 1994 and may be considered a has-been, but it's still Wimbledon."

Collins does not know her partner, or her competition, but said she can compete no matter what the caliber of her opponent is.

"I absolutely feel like I can compete," said Collins, who at one time in her career was ranked No. 17 in the world, "I wouldn't tell them I wanted to play if I didn't think I can play."

Collins has hoped to get an invite for the last three years, but never received a phone call until this year.

"I guess the third time is the charm," she said.

The criterion to get invited is to have played in Wimbledon and won in the round of 16, something Collins never did. However, players can receive a wild card bid, which allows them to compete without meeting the qualifications.

Collins said she felt like she had enough doubles and singles wins to get the wild card bid in the tourna-

"All I did was tell them I am interested," Collins said. "If you don't tell them, you don't have a chance."

Collins plans to bring Tech head coach Virginia Brown with her to London, where Brown plans to recruit some top European talent for the Red Raiders.

"It is great that Sandy has another opportunity to put another feather in her cap," Brown said. "But I am going down there to try and sign a girl from England that is ranked very high in the world."

Collins said she wants to win, but recruiting players is the most important part of this trip.

Money will be at stake when Collins runs back and forth on the courts, but she said helping build the Tech program is more important.

"Playing is not my job anymore," said Collins, who once beat legendary Billie Jean King and Tracy Austin, who at the time was ranked No. 1 in the world. "I am retired from that. I coach now and I hope to get some great players during this trip."

Brown said Collins' past is a tremendous boost to how the two re-

"At least the people we recruit know she can play," Brown said.

Collins said she is definitely going to use her ranking and professional career to lead future Raider netters to Lubbock.

"Of course I will tell them my past experiences," Collins said. "I think it would be good to know that you are coming to a school knowing that your coach played at Wimbledon.'

Mascot's duty as entertainer puts person in costume at risk

from the folks inside those huge, fuzzy heads and big, floppy feet: Prancing around at ball games in furry costumes is not only hot work, it's dangerous.

More than half of the 48 professional sports mascots who responded to a Johns Hopkins. University survey said they had suffered heat-related illnesses from perform-

Many also reported injuries ranging from serious knee damage to lower back pain.

"You can't believe how many ways mascots get injured," said Dr. Edward McFarland, the senior author of the study and director of sports medicine and shoulder surgery at Hopkins.

The study didn't turn up any life-threatening injuries but plenty of unusual ones, McFarland said.

One mascot was hit by a camera-lift truck and hurt his knee. Another one was tackled by a football player during a game and broke his thumb.

There was even one mascot struck by a player swinging a bat in the on-deck circle during the Little League World Se-

"The youngster took a warmup swing and bonked

Baltimore Orioles mascot

him in the head," McFarland tume. Lowe has witnessed even worse injuries among his colleagues.

There's been everything from broken bones to being accidently set on fire.'

> **Bromley Lowe** BALTIMORE ORIOLES MASCOT

Bromley Lowe, a study participant, lost a section of his finger last year when a steel door shut on it while he was in cos-

"There's been everything from broken bones to accidentally being set on fire," he

Baltimore Ravens mascot Greg Black said he understands how accidents can happen to costumed characters.

'The vision's pretty bad," said Black, AKA Poe the Raven. 'There's always moving objects around you."

McFarland said his research was inspired by an injury last year to the mascot for the now-defunct Baltimore BayRunners minor-league basketball team. The green dragon mascot tore a knee ligament when he fell awkwardly while doing an air-gui-

"I was impressed meeting him and talking with him ... by

treacherous it was doing the things he did in a big costume," McFarland said.

McFarland also knew that another Orioles mascot was hurt in 1999 when a fan pushed him over the outfield wall at Camden Yards. John J. Krownapple suffered a broken left ankle and a bruised right heel after falling 15 feet to the

Hopkins mailed surveys to 70 professional football, baseball and basketball mascots.

Twenty-eight of the 48 who responded reported suffering heat-related illnesses. Half were treated with intravenous

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French Open curse resumes, Sampras out in second round

Pete's clay court troubles continue while other top seeds advance.

PARIS (AP) — Forget the marvelous serve, lethal volley, ferocious forehand and beautiful backhand. At the French Open, Pete Sampras has almost no shot.

He walked off the clay a loser again Thursday, beaten by Spanish journeyman Galo Blanco, 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-2.

The second-round drubbing was not a surprise, because any match on

dirt is a struggle for Sampras. He was seeded fifth but admitted being lucky to survive the first round against qualifier Cedric Kauffmann, who came within a point of his first victory on tour before losing in five sets.

Dating back to 1989, Sampras is 0-for-12 at the only Grand Slam tourna-

ment he has yet to win. He's 5-5 in matches at Roland Garros since 1996, when he made his best showing by reaching the semifinals.

"As the years go by, it gets more and more difficult," he said. "This is the one that is my biggest challenge. All you can do is learn a little bit from this and come back next year."

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At 29, Sampras owns a record 13 major titles, seven from Wimbledon alone, and a French trophy would bolster his place in history. But slow clay gives opponents extra time to counter his serve-and-volley game, so he's sometimes forced to stay at the baseline, where he has slim hope.

"Here is different, no?" said Blanco, ranked 76th. "I have more chances than on another surface against him."

When Sampras charged the net, he too often got passed. Staying back played into Blanco's hands.

"All the baseline points, he was controlling and dictating," Sampras said. Andre Agassi, Sampras' compaNo. 2 Marat Safin needed 3 1/2 hours to beat Alex Calatrava 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-3.

In women's play, No. 6 Serena Williams beat qualifier Katarina Srebotnik 6-0, 7-5, then tried to quell the latest controversy to involve her and sister Venus, who lost in the first round. The sisters withdrew from doubles Wednesday and Venus flew home to Florida, stirring talk of a rift between them.

"No, we never argue," said Serena, laughing off the subject. "Last argument we had was when I was about 6. ... For us, family is No. 1. It lasts longer than a sport."

With five of the 10 top-seeded women gone, No. 1

Martina Hingis and No. 4

Jennifer Capriati remained on course for a semifinal showdown.

Hingis needed just 42

minutes to oust Catalina Castano 6-1, 6-0, Capriati, bidding for her second Grand Slam in a row, beat Tathiana Garbin 6-2, 6-1.

Three-time champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario lost 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 to American Amy Frazier, leaving the women's draw without a former title holder. Sanchez-Vicario, seeded 11th, threw her racket in frustration after the final point and walked off the court to jeers from the crowd.

Ten seeded women and 11 seeded men reached the third round, but not the player considered by many the best ever: Sampras.

He never recovered from losing a first-set tiebreaker, when he was passed twice and double-faulted. Until the final game, Sampras had only one break point.

There's still time. There's no reason to think this is it."

Pete Sampras PRO TENNIS PLAYER

triot and rival, watched part of the

match before taking the court him-

like Pete's to do well here," Agassi

said. "On clay, you can't just explode

for one shot and hit through the

court. He's great at turning an entire

point around with one shot, but on

clay you can't. You have to fight off

three or four, then slowly turn the

more patient style as well as anyone.

He beat Julien Boutter 6-3, 6-2, 6-2

and may pose the biggest threat in

Paris to No. 1-seed Gustavo Kuerten.

The No. 3-seeded Agassi plays that

point around, then slowly finish it."

"It's never been easy for a game

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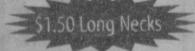
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