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Student surveys to help decide athletic fee issue

By Melissa Guest/Managing Editor

A scientific poll of student opinion will begin this week to obtain information regarding student fees.

Texas Tech President David Schmidly announced Monday a statistical poll including several options for the athletic fee would be conducted.

Schmidly said the input from the surveys would be used in making the decision on the proposed fees, which will go before the Tech Board of Regents Feb. 28.

"No decisions have been made yet, or we would have announced it," he said. "We're going

to do a scientific poll and survey of the student

Schmidly said the poll would be more accurate than current input from the public forum held

"I think we've had a lot of discussion on both extremes, particularly on the athletic fee," he said. "We've heard from people who are very much in favor and very much opposed. What I'm interested in is giving that silent majority a chance to voice their opinion as well."

Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor of News and Information, said she did not know if a poll like this had been conducted in the past.

"A survey allows us to get more of a cross-

section of students," she said.

The Early Survey Research Laboratory, located within the political science department at Tech, will conduct the survey.

Brian Cannon, director of the Earl Survey Research Laboratory, said the Office of Institutional Advancement has already provided the lab with a list of 5,000 randomly selected phone numbers proportional to the respective numbers of freshmen, sophomores, graduate students and others comprising Tech's student body.

"We will end up with a representative sample," he said. "The proportion of freshmen in the survey will represent the proportion of freshmen on

To accurately represent the student body, Cannon said at least 400 surveys must be completed. With this number, the margin of error is within 5 percent on either side, he said. The more surveys completed, the smaller the margin of error, he

"We're certainly not going to use all 5,000, but we like to hedge our bets a little bit," Can-

Cannon said the laboratory hopes to have the survey questions completed by today and hopes to begin calling Thursday. Once the process begins, Cannon said they could reach a consensus within a week.

"When we reach that 400, we're going to take

the results to the administration," he said. "We won't be the interpreters of the data. It will belong to Dr. Schmidly's office, and he'll share the results accordingly.'

Cannon said the data collected would provide an accurate consensus of the student body.

"A public forum is a great place to discuss, but you wouldn't want to draw conclusions from that because it is a self selected sample," Cannon said. "Those interested in the issue will show up and those not interested won't be represented. Because everybody on campus will be affected, it is important that we collect a random sample."

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Diagnosing

Crime scene investigators and forensics specialists work together to give closure, help loved ones with loss

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

He said had to sit down when he saw her lying on her face in the puddle.

"She looked exactly like my daughter, and for a moment, I thought the girl who died in a drunken driving incident was her," crime investigator administrator Robert Byers said.

Byers investigates all types of crime scenes when he is on duty as the first Board Certified Medicolegal Death Investigator in Texas. He is one of 23 in the United States.

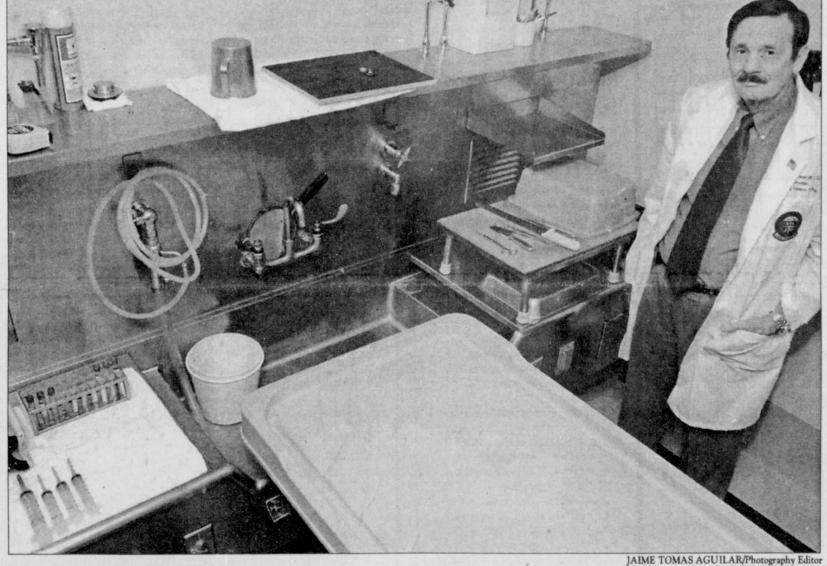
To become a certified medicolegal death investigator, a person must attend St. Louis University School of Medicine in St. Louis, and pass an exam offered by the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators. A total of 32 people nationwide have passed the exam.

"I wanted to be a crime investigator to help families who have lost a loved one," Byers said.

As a crime investigator, Byers has a contract with Lubbock County that combines his services, the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center forensic pathologists department and the Lubbock Police Department.

Dr. Jerry Spencer, director of forensic pathology at the HSC, is involved with thorough body examinations. He performs autopsies on bodies from Byers' crime scenes. Spencer covers those who died from unknown causes, accidental and natural causes, suicides and homicides and cases where the deceased had not been seeing a physician at the time

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Lubbock heroes honored today

CLOSER FOCUS: Third week of month-long celebration promoting community relations, Hub City's own Black leaders, history and culture.

African American

History Month

FRANK VACULIN/Graphics Artist

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Week three of African American History Month brings Texas Tech and the Lubbock community closer in an attempt of community relations and empowerment.

Events begin today with a reception, award ceremony and photo exhibit at 5:30 p.m. at the International Cultural Center.

The award ceremony's purpose is to honor black heroes of Lubbock.

Jane Bell, director of special projects at the office of International Affairs, said the event is actually taking place on Abraham Lincoln's birth-

"Maria Alford and I thought it would be perfect to have the ceremonies on Lincoln's birthday," she said. "Everything just fell Fifth Annual Blue and White Ball at 5 p.m. in the

into place." Local heroes who will be recognized include John Calvin, Eddie Dixon, Joan Ervin, Damon Hill Jr., P.J. Patterson, Eddie Richardson, George Scott Jr. and Rose

Wilson. Thursday, speaker Anthony Browder will present a keynote lecture "Improving Race Relations" at 6 p.m.

in the Lubbock Civic Center Room 107. Marie Alford, assistant director of admissions, said Browder lectures about African American world history, culture and philosophy.

"It will be a very interactive lecture and workshop," she said. "Anyone concerned with world affairs, equality and race relations should attend."

Friday, the Kankouran West African Dancers will perform at 7 p.m. in the University Allen Theater.

Alford said the Kankouran West African Dancers are 20 dancers and drummers who add richness to the African American heritage.

Tickets can be purchased at the Student Union Ticket Office and are \$5 for children, students and seniors and \$10 for adults.

All proceeds from this event will be given to benefit the Carter G. Woodsen Scholars Fund.

Alford said this fund targets local high school students by giving them scholarships to attend Tech upon high school graduation.

Concluding week three, the Phi

Beta Sigma Fraternity is hosting the

United Spirit Arena. Bell said she believes African American History Month has been supported and appreciated by Tech

and the Lubbock community. "Success breeds success," she said. "I hope this will

turn into an annual event." Alford said everyone is invited to all the events, and transportation will be available by Citibus.

"We would really like to see more administrators get involved," she said. "But other than that, we are pleased with the attendance so far."

For information on transportation and to buy tickets to any of the events call Kwame Alford at (806) 742-1004, ext. 247.

JEREMY MOORE/Staff Photographer DAVID NUNEZ BALANCES on his head in the center ring during Circus

FBI issues terrorism warning

By John Solomon/Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The FBI issued an extraordinary terrorist alert Monday night, asking law enforcement and the American public to be on the lookout for a Yemeni man and several associates who might be plotting a terrorist attack as early as Tuesday.

The FBI scrambled to put the warning out after information emerged that one or more people were involved. Officials said the intelligence, while deemed credible, was not specific about possible targets.

The alert identified one possible attacker as Fawaz Yahya al-Rabeei, a Yemeni national born in Saudi Arabia in 1979. It listed about a dozen associates of al-Rabeei.

The bureau planned to put photos and information on a Web site to help Americans identify the possible per-

"Recent information indicates a planned attack may occur in the United States or against U.S. interests on or around Feb. 12, 2002. One or more operatives may be involved in the attack," the alert to 18,000 law enforcement agencies said.

Xcel says lower rates on the way



By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Xcel Energy customers could be saving a few extra dollars on their electric bills in coming months.

Xcel Energy, formerly Southwestern Public Service, announced a request for a price reduction from the Texas Public Utilities Commission recently.

If approved, Xcel customers could see as much as a 4 percent drop in the price of electricity on their upcoming bills, Bill Crenshaw, a spokesman for Xcel, said.

This is the third in a series of price reductions since November. The possible 4 percent decrease combined with previous reductions adds up to a 24 percent decrease in the past five months, Crenshaw said.

"We're committed to being a com

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Gatti Monday afternoon in the Lubbock Coliseum.

The Rundown



Twenty in Big Spring arrested for drugs

BIG SPRING (AP) - Twenty Big Spring residents accused of running the town's largest cocaine ring have been arrested on federal drug trafficking

charges. Authorities arrested 19 suspects in Big Spring and Odessa on Friday. Another suspect was arrested Saturday, and one remains at large, said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith.

The suspects' ages range from 26 to 76, authorities said.

The arrests came after a 33-count indictment against the suspects was unsealed Friday.

The suspects were charged with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute in excess of five kilograms of cocaine. Some of the suspects also were charged with various related charges, including continuing criminal enterprise, criminal forfeiture and firearms violations.

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Kissinger transcripts to be open to public

WASHINGTON (AP) - The public will get its first look at transcripts of phone calls Henry Kissinger made in the Nixon White House during a time of war in Vietnam, secret diplomatic dealmaking and Watergate.

The National Archives received copies Monday of 20,000 pages of transcripts and notes from Kissinger's calls from January 1969 to August 1974, when Nixon resigned because of the Watergate

During that period, Kissinger was national security adviser and, during Nixon's final 11 months in office. doubled as his secretary of state.

"To look at these transcripts is to be in the room when he's conducting all his telephone diplomacy - the secret opening to China, the secret trips to Paris on the Vietnam War negotiations, his backstage leaks to the press - you name it," said researcher Thomas Blanton.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Detainees' affiliation still not determined

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — Despite being interrogated for nearly three weeks, a large number of detainees from the Afghan war still have not been identified as fighters for either the Taliban or al-Qaida, a U.S. official said.

"We have more people in limbo," U.S. Marine Corps Public Affairs officer Maj. Stephen Cox said Sunday.

Cox declined to say whether they made up a majority of the prisoners. But he confirmed that they outnumber both those claiming to be Taliban and those determined to be al-Qaida.

Investigators from civilian and military agencies have been questioning prisoners since Jan. 23, when 158 inmates were at this remote, U.S. military outpost in southeast Cuba. Flights bringing more prisoners from Afghanistan's Kandahar airport were suspended so authorities could concentrate on the ongoing interroga-

Flights resumed last week, bringing the number of detainees to 220.

Putin warns against

President Vladimir Putin warned against U.S. military action against Iraq, saying that the situation in the Persian Gulf nation was different from Afghanistan and that only the U.N. Security Council could sanction any attack.

day in The Wall Street Journal, Putin called his nation's partnership with the United States the key to stability in the world. The two powers have reached a "new level of trust," he was quoted as saving.

"This trust allows us, despite any differences or arguments on specific issues, to avoid confrontation," Putin

Putin was the first world leader to extend condolences to President Bush after the Sept. 11 terror attacks, and he has been an enthusiastic supporter of the U.S.-led anti-terrorism campaign in Afghanistan.

Russia is Iraq's closest ally in the Security Council, and Moscow has frequently tried to end the U.N. sanctions that were imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990 and protested U.S. and British airstrikes.

Iraqi involvement MOSCOW (AP) - Russian

In an interview published Mon-





Quote of the Day

"We've heard from people who are very much in favor and very much opposed."

- DAVID SCHMIDLY, Texas Tech president, on proposed fee raises. Please see STUDENT, page 1.

The Olympics

(AP) — The United States swept the top three spots in the men's. snowboarding event Monday, a day after women's halfpiper Kelly Clark became the first American to strike gold in Salt Lake City.

It looked a little strange: Georg Hackl standing in the spot reserved for the silver medalist.

After three straight Olympic gold medals, the German luger's decade of Winter Games dominance ended Monday when he settled for a silver medal - finishing behind gold medalist Armin Zoeggeler of Italy.

Hackl did not appear upset by his near-miss at winning an unprecedented fourth straight gold in the same Winter Olympics event. He still won a medal in a record-setting fifth games, he applauded Zoeggler's winning effort, and his temporary Utah home has a refrigerator full of his beloved German beer.

Markus Prock of Austria, a 10-time World Cup champion, won the bronze.

THE QUIGMANS by Buddy Hickerson

America's 38-year luge dry spell continued as Adam Heidt finished fourth, the best singles finish in U.S. team history.

Downhill

After waiting four years for a shot at a third Olympic medal, U.S. skier Picabo Street had to wait another day.

Whipping winds at the top of the Wildflower course, 9,016 feet up Mount Ogden, led Olympic organizers to postpone the women's downhill, now expected to take place Tuesday.

Street hopes to become the first American woman to win three Olympic skiing medals. She captured a downhill silver in '94 and a super-G gold in '98.

Biathalon

Andrea Henkel, a 24-year-old German, won her first Olympic medal with a gold in the women's 15-kilometer biathlon. The silver went to Liv Grete Poiree of Norway, while Magdalena Forsberg of Sweden — the most successful female biathlete in history - won her first Olympic medal with a bronze.

In the men's 20-kilometer race, Ole Einar Bjoerndalen of Norway won the gold medal. Frank Luck of Germany won the silver and Victor Maigourov of Russia won the bronze.

Curling

America's curling team, which finished fourth in Nagano, opened its Salt Lake City bid by upsetting the defending world champion, Sweden. The 10-5 victory came after team skipper Tim Somerville hit a tremendous shot late in the game.

In other first-round play in the 10team tournament, Finland defeated Denmark, 9-3, Germany topped France, 9-5 and Canada, the 2000 world champion, edged Britain 6-4.

Women's Hockey

Canada, the defending silver medalist, opened the Olympic women's hockey tournament with a 7-0 victory over Kazakstan. Natalya Trunova made 59 saves for Kazakstan in the losing ef-

Police Blotter

Officer investigated a traffic accident with no injuries that occurred in the C1-North parking lot, Feb. 4.

Officer arrested an under-aged student for DUIM following a traffic stop in the Z-5C parking lot, Feb. 7.

Criminal Mischief

Officer documented information about an unwanted telephone call that an HSC employee received on her personal cell phone, Feb. 3.

Officer investigated criminal mischief on the 2nd floor of Murdough Hall. A student was released pending the filing of charges, Feb. 3.

Officer documented information about unauthorized persons attempting to access a locked room in the Mass Communications building Feb. 2., Feb. 4.

Officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z-4R parking lot. Parking control device 3A at the Hartford entrance to the parking lot was broken, Feb. 7.

Theft

Officer investigated a theft which occurred in the Communication Services Department in Doak Hall. Two telephone test sets were taken, Feb. 4. Officer investigated a theft that oc-

curred in room 519 of Stangel Hall. Women's jewelry was taken, Feb. 4. Officer investigated the burglary of a vehicle that occurred in the C-2 North

parking lot, Feb. 7. Officer investigated the burglary of a

vehicle that occurred in the C-2 North parking lot, Feb. 7 **Medical Emergencies**

Officer responded to a 911 call about

an emergency that occurred in room 115 of the Foreign Languages building. A student lost consciousness and was transported to Covenant Medical Center by EMS, Feb. 7.

Officer responded to a request for the emergency detention of a non-student patient in the HSC psychiatry department. He spoke with the patient and completed the police officer's portion of the emergency detention application, Feb. 7.

Lost Property

Officer documented the report of the loss of a man's wallet and contents which may have occurred in the Z-1B parking lot, Feb. 7.

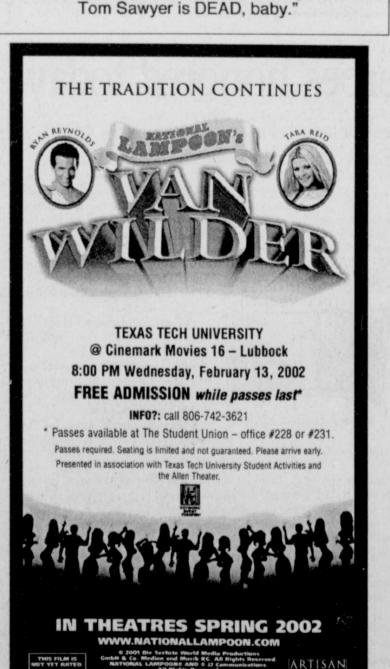
Tech Notes

The Graduate and Professional Student Government Association will host a thesis/dissertation workshop from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in Room 214 of the Agricultural Sciences building.

Minorities in Agriculture and Related Sciences will have a meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in Goddard Range, Wildlife and Fisheries building Room 101.

The College of Human Sciences will host a blood drive today in the Human Sciences Building. For an appointment, call Dr. Harris at (806) 742-3031.

Phi Gamma Delta will host a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at 48th St. and University. For an appointment, call Justin at (806) 786-6452.



SOON:

"Gimme a BREAK, lady. You seen the

price of freakin' Pokemons lately?

Livestock show comes to town

CHARITABLE RIDE:

Events help raise money for agriculture scholarships.

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo starts today and will continue through March 3 at Reliant Park. The show is part of a charitable organization focused on "Benefiting Youth and Supporting Education."

Angie Burkes, coordinator of student and alumni programs for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, said the event is the world's largest livestock show and rodeo.

Texas Tech, along with several other colleges and universities, set up booths at the event aimed toward recruitment.

"I want to help answer questions the

By Meredith Salmon/Staff Reporter

now taking applications from all Tech students interested in doing research for

faculty members beginning Fall 2002.

hour and may work up to 20 hours per

college and the supervising faculty mem-

ber, students may work during breaks

from classes for the number of hours ap-

considered in hiring researchers, but the work the student will be doing and the

research involved are also factors. Any

past research the student has done and

the track record for the research are con-

A student must have a cumulative

GPA of 3.0 to be involved in the pro-

gram, however if the student is part of

the honors college, the minimum GPA

must be a 3.25. Students must be enrolled

for at least 12 credit hours during each

credit and funding.

Students cannot receive both course

Lindsey said the student's GPA is

week while school is in session.

proved.

The Texas Tech Honors College is

Student researchers are paid \$6 per

With prior approval from the honors

general public has about Texas Tech and of course promote the programs the university offers as well as the programs the college offers," Burkes said. "And also

Recruitment funding comes from the administration and school relations office as well as the Alumni Association,

ment organization, who attend events statewide and nationwide, participate in the HLSR looking for prospective students for the College of Agriculture.

tor of off-campus actives and a junior agricultural economics and sciences major from Tarzan, said the organization sends groups of members for about four days at a time to the event to greet and inform people of the college from the

"I'm looking forward to the opportu-

their families and hopefully recruiting future red raiders to our university," she

Members from Tech recruiting at the HLSR are hosting a reception for Tech alumni and prospective students Feb. 26. Yates said usually more than 100

people are in attendance. The event is a great opportunity for the Agri-Techsans to meet students from all over the United States on a one-on-

one basis," Yates said. Scott Cooksey, director of development and external relations, said the event is a big recruiting process for the

"We have the chance to visit with the thousands of people who attend and participate in the show," Yates said.

Cooksey said the HLSR is the largest single donor to the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

"They fund research, addition scholarships, and help fund the congressional internship program," he said.

Don Hill, director of electronic information for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, said in 2002 the HLSR will offer more than \$8.5 million in scholarships, grants and educational

The college's largest scholarship endowment, \$1.1 million, is given to students by the HLSR, Cooksey said.

The annual donations of HLSR to students and the college are around \$300,000 each year, he said.

The congressional internship program gives students every semester the opportunity to work in various congressional offices in Washington D.C.

Since the program was started in 1998, more than 30 students have par-

HLSR were some of the first people to help step up and fund the congressional internship program Cooksey said.

Last year's general attendance at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo was about 1.4 million, Hill said.

advisors and to do applied research.

"During the course of education you

Green is presently working with Jer-

get exposed to a bunch of different junk,"

Green said. "This way you get a chance

to focus on one area and look in to it."

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www.honr.ttu.edu.

British company claims it owns patent to hyperlinks

CLIFTON FEDDINGTON (ERIC Cristopher Skiles), at the piano, is joined by

Ann Collier (Cathy Alleman), Geneava Lee Browne (Letecia Bryan) and B.J.

Gibson (Paul Fillingim) on "I've Got a Gal in Kalamazoo" during 1940s Radio

BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

By Jim Fitzgerald/Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) -A British company claimed in federal court Monday that it owns the patent on hyperlinks - the singleclick conveniences that take a Web surfer from one Internet page to another - and should get paid for their daily use by millions of people.

But a federal judge with a laptop on her desk warned that it may be difficult to prove that a patent filed in 1976, more than a decade before the World Wide Web was created, somehow applies to modern comput-

"The language is archaic," said U.S. District Judge Colleen McMahon. "It's like reading Old English."

She said comparing a 1976 computer with a 2002 computer is like

comparing a mastodon and a jet. She suggested that the invention at issue "was already outmoded by the

time it was patented" in 1989. But Albert Breneisen, an attorney for British Telecommunications PLC, insisted, "The basic structure of linking is covered by the patent."

Before BT's technology, he said, a computer user had to know and enter the complete address of another page.

At a preliminary hearing in White Plains, lawyers for BT and for Prodigy Communications Corp. — the Internet service provider that is the first target of the lawsuit — argued over the meanings of words as simple as "central," as in "central computer," and phrases as complex as "means coupled to said further memory means."

"Central' is a simple English word," the judge said, to little avail, as the lawyers used slide shows, animations and

BT tried to persuade the judge to interpret the language broadly for the jury - to include a computer mouse, for example, as the "keypad" mentioned in the

"It has keys," BT lawyer Robert Perry

When they argued over the word "terminal," Prodigy lawyer Willem Schuuman tried to show that the "dumb" terminals of old cannot be equated to modern desktops that do their own com-

catch up with alumni and report the latest happenings on campus."

she said.

The Agri-Techsans, a student recruit-

Katie Yates, Agri-Techsans coordina-

nity of meeting some great students and

graduate participation in research expe-

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from Borger, received \$50 for winning

sociology, anthropology and sociology,

has participated in the program for about

Elbow said she expects her research-

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Margaret Elbow, associate professor in

the competition in Spring 2001.

"And it provides

meaningful sup-

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a senior chemical

engineering major

Micah Green,

two and a half years.

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Student re-

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"It's designed to encourage under- an interest in doing research.

Honors College offers research opportunities

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education you get

exposed to a bunch of

different junk.

- MICAH GREEN

Student researcher

Elbow's current project over analyzing exit interviews from Children's Procollaboration with facility," Lindsey said. tective Services requires her student re-

> searcher to be bilingual.

Student researchers gain experience in researching and learn what is involved in the pro-

They are also able to get experience for graduate

Lindsey said student researchers develop higher-level thinking skills and learn time-management skills. Students will also have the opportunity for possible publication of their work and the possibility to travel and participate in national conferences.

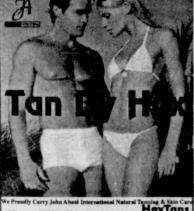
Green said researching has given him a jump start to graduate school, because he has learned what it is like to work with



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As part of our effort to publicize the new payment due date, we provided students who met their financial obligation prior to the deadline their choice of a Texas Tech polo shirt or sweatshirt. Students met this requirement using any payment method including cash, check, credit card, scholarship, financial aid, Payment Option Plan, or Emergency Enrollment Loan.

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Studying abroad tough but rewarding

GUEST COLUMN

am so nervous I can taste my teeth. Sitting across the table from me sits L the professor, awaiting my answer. At first glance, this would appear just like any other oral test. The professor asks me questions, and I answer them. But apart from that, this is like no other test I have ever taken.

On the wall over the shoulder of the professor is a photo of two men dressed in lab coats playing table tennis. On closer examination you can make out the faces of the men, and yes, that is Werner Heisenberg and Edward Teller, the respective father of quantum physics and the atom bomb.

In the photo, they are playing in the same room that I am now sitting in, and quite energetically at that. Out the window I can make out several things on the horizon.

I see a tall golden spire with a gigantic Soviet-style red star on top of it, and far off in the distance I can just make out a ring of sword wielding statues adorning the top of a granite monolith. To the right stands a large flourescent sign atop of a crumbling building: TRAKTOR EXPORT.

The Herr Doktor Professor waits patiently for my first answer as we sit in the top story of the Wilhelm-Ostwald-Institut für Physikalische und Theoretische Chemie. The building

belongs to the Universität Leipzig, formerly known as Karl Marx Universität, situated in Leipzig, the second largest city of the former German Democratic Republic (East

This is an oral test, but because it is in German, it is a little more difficult. True, I have taken several oral tests in German at Texas

Tech but not over physical chemistry and especially not over Physikalische Chemie.

This test is given at the end of a two-year study of physical chemistry. Two years ago, I was sitting in a desk at Tech in a German 1507 class. So, what am I doing here on the other side of Reagan's iron curtain, besides not

worrying about anthrax and airplanes? Actually, airplanes were a problem when the city was heavily bombed during World War II by us. Were I in this room several decades earlier, I would have seen some of our present-day VFW-Post regulars flying

over, dropping bombs, liberating potential energy from the tyranny of static entropy.

I have been an exchange student at the University of Leipzig for several months. I am a triple major in history, chemistry and German at Tech, and I need a couple more German and chemistry classes, specifically physical chemistry classes, to graduate.

I wanted to

study abroad and I have learned everything in what amounts to academic from thermodynamics in masochism, I took upon myself the German to how to tell off task of not only learning German a drunk in the bar. The and living in Germany but also courage to get back up to studying an area bat after being beaned is of chemistry I would consider the most difficult part, challenging at Tech. especially when nobody I wanted to study in Leipzig knows the rules for because it was in

former East baseball over here. Germany, renowned for its physical chemistry program. Since there are not any exchange programs designed for this sort of thing, I enrolled in Leipzig under a vague study-

> abroad program. Although the Office of Interna-

tional Affairs and especially Anastasia Coles, international student counselor, are watching over me and helping me as best they can from Tech, I basically have no help on this side of the pond. When I have problems with the phone company, landlord, a funny smelling reagent, studies or an oral exam, I have to handle it myself. Although it may sound trite, it has been difficult but certainly rewarding.

I have learned everything from thermodynamics in German to how to tell off a drunk in the bar. The courage to get back up to bat after being beaned is the most difficult part, especially when nobody knows the rules for baseball over here.

So now I sit here in front of the professor with these thoughts, which assure me but do not directly help me. I know I will get through because I know the material well enough, but the time has now arrived to answer the question- Does surface tension increase in relative proportion to temperature and pressure?

I am not certain, but I am certainly sweating and nervous. I would like to thank Anastasia Coles, Robert Holwerda, Ingrid Fry and the Krew.

■ Karl Adam is a senior history, chemistry and German major from Houston, who is studying in Leipzig,

No. 1 plan to **ALISON** diversify Texas Tech. To be WELLS honest, the percent American Indian) is quite disappointing.

Tech back COLUMN University Daily, there was an article on Texas Tech President David Schmidly's

student body's diversity (80 percent white; .5

Now, I know the university has not discriminated against minorities. At least, let's hope not. It is inevitable that Texas Tech is mostly white with the majority being from Texas. Keep in mind that Texas Tech is in Lubbock, which happens to be the nearest "metropolis" to several small West Texas towns in which the same kinds of people are derived.

I really think the student diversity problem can be attributed to location. Lubbock is the epitome of whiteness. There are not hundreds of different races and people from different countries migrating here to be a part of beautiful, exciting Lubbock. In my opinion, Lubbock hasn't much to offer its residents or students.

For people who want to raise a family within the boundaries of a white, picket fence, Lubbock is great. For the rest of us, it offers nothing but a university that is much too large not to have more diversity.

Let's face it: Lubbock is ugly and boring.

There is no visual or mental stimulation within the crawling number of restaurant chains and there is no outside scenery.

Unless, of course, you find the fields of whatever is growing here soul moving.

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I suppose Lubbock's redeeming quality is that the people here are real nice. Well, that's sweet, but where the hell is the atmosphere?

I swear Texas Tech is suffering from Lubbock's lack of creativity and ambiance. Who would want to move to a little West Texas town in search of a well-rounded education when, frankly, there is not much of anything well-rounded about Lubbock?

The proposal for more diversity within the university is a start. As stated in last week's article, the retention of these students is key. I suppose a plan could be devised to build a giant, synthetic beach overlooking the dirt - I mean, cotton fields - to attract students who are used to seeing healthy amounts of water.

Really, I don't have a clue as to what would be the answer to such an enormous dilemma. I think this is something that will take a long time to progress and eventually become what is needed and wanted for a top Texas university.

It is obviously impossible to permanently remove Texas Tech from this simple place. We will have to go on like this, but perhaps, in time, the university will finally be set apart from old, mundane Lubbock and begin to attract an expanded and diverse enrollment by heavy advertisement worldwide and offering what Texas and Lubbock do best-provide the friendliness and niceness we are famous for.

■ Alison Wells is a junior English major from Winters. She can be contacted at aliwells 76@yahoo.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students not only ones affected by fees

To the editor: I am responding to the proposed hikes in tuition and fees as a parent of a Texas Tech student. I want to say that as I look at the bill for my son's education, I find we pay for services that he will never use like the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, Thompson Hall and now the proposed athletic fee.

We are required to pay these fees although we have medical insurance, and he doesn't access the rec center nor does he attend enough football or basketball games to justify paying an additional \$50.

We receive a small scholarship to help pay for some of the expenses but because my husband and I "earn" too much, we don't "qualify" for financial aid so these additional expenses will come out of our pocket.

I don't believe the university needs to justify raising these fees and tuition by explaining how our fees are lower

than A&M or UT. First of all, we live in West Texas where the cost of living is low and doesn't justify these constant raises in fees. Second, we continue to give scholarships and/or financial aid to students who really don't deserve them simply because they can demonstrate financial need. By this I mean, students who are on probation or suspension or regularly drop classes after they have received their financial aid. And then there are the students who, for whatever reason, fail to pay their tuition. This hurts the university as

well as the rest of the students. I believe that is why all these fee raises are being discussed; to help the university recoup some of these losses, and it is not fair to the students who perform well in their classes, pay their tuition and generally support the university at all athletic functions. I don't think it is fair to ask students who don't access the facilities on campus or attend athletic events or even use Thompson Hall because they have other health insurance to pay these

I can only hope that the administration will be sensitive to all students. Elizabeth Hildebrand

academic program assistant classical, modern languages and

Fees currently in place are high enough

To the editor: Texas Tech again has seen a chance to raise our tuition. What could be better for them and yet worse for the majority of the student body? We are being taxed on top of all the other fees we currently pay in order to create a better athletic and academic environment but for who, is my question.

I use my computer at home because the times I've tried to use the library's they are either broken or have pornographic pictures on them. So who is getting the benefit? I understand not all those who use the computers use them for "questionable" tasks, but a fee added to increase Internet speed isn't going to work on the broken computers nor is it going to help the rest of us who don't use them because we're never sure what we might find.

The athletic fee is great for the athletes but not for the rest of us. Tech, I thought you were supposed to promote the academics, but I've yet to see that done. We're already forced to pay for the rec center, and now we're going to be forced to pay \$50 so that we can have a "pass" to athletic events.

Why don't we get the truth out this is not really for a pass; it is another fee added on to improve athletics at the cost of academics. If we're going to get a fee, why don't we make it a needed one - like a scholarship for the unfortunate or one that would help the poor or the animals - something that I will feel actually betters all of us not just the "athletes" and those already on the top. We already have fees for the library and the rec center, and I believe those are more than enough.

> Brandy DeLeon sophomore early childhood

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Tech promotes safe sex during awareness week

By Liesl Klinkerman/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech is recognizing Sexual Awareness Week, which began yesterday, by giving students information about the pros and cons of sex.

"Sexual responsibility is for everyone," said Jo Henderson, the health coordinator at Student Health Services. "It doesn't matter if it's your first time or the thousandth time you'd had sex."

Tech is promoting safer sex by distributing valentines and brochures throughout campus.

"We're handing out Valentines that students can give to people," Henderson said. "They can be for friends, acquaintances or love interests. We also have religious ones. We've got everything covered. With the valentines, we have packets of hot chocolate, candy, condoms and door hangers. Students can get one for free from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Chitwood/Wheymoth lobby Wednesday, or from 11 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Union on Valentine's Day."

Henderson advises students to question themselves before engaging in sexual

To lead a healthy sexual lifestyle, Henderson offers some tips on playing it

"Use condoms," she said. "Think. Don't get 100 drunk that you can't remember who you slept with or whether or not protection was used."

According to Henderson, oral sex clas-

"Oral sex is still sex," she said. "You can catch everything you could catch while having sex but without the risk of pregnancy. Oral sex can be just as dangerous, there are a lot of great little diseases out there."

Vilka Scott, the disease intervention specialist with surveillance section of the City of Lubbock Health Department, said the department offers sexually transmitted disease testing.

The Health Department is located at 1902 Texas Ave, and is closed on Tues-

"We do full screen STD testing," Scott said. "We test for Chlamydia, syphilis, gonorrhea, HIV, genital warts, pubic lice, herpes and any other problems they may be having. A full screen test is \$5. If the

student needs medication, it is an additional \$5 for the medicine. Results are back in a few days, HIV results take a few

Scott says only one type of protection is 100 percent effective.

"The only 100 percent way to protect yourself is abstinence," she said. "If you are sexually active, make sure vou're in a mutual monogamous relationship. If you're not monogamous, reduce the number of partners you have."

Students practicabstinence should be proud of decision, Henderson said.

"If you are abstinent, be proud and stick by your choice," Henderson said. "If you're not happy with you're sex life or yourself, stop and take a break from sex.

Start feeling better about yourself. Students sometimes think that because they've had sex before, they have to keep doing it. It's a matter of respecting each

other."

"It's always

been said that

abstinence is

your best de-

fense," Ethridge

said. "However,

in this day and

age and in our

society, that rule

Oral sex is still sex. at the City of Lubbock Health You can catch Department, everything you could said students need to take the catch while having initiative to care of themselves. sex but without the

> - JO HENDERSON Health Coordinator

risk of pregnancy.

piration date, and do not store condoms in places like a glove box. Heat will ruin latex and cause holes. Don't trust novelty condoms, like glow in the dark or ones Ethridge, the with hearts all over them. They're great HIV counselor to look at, but not for sex."

Students should make the effort to get tested since some HIV signs take time to develop, Ethridge said.

"Read instructions," she said. "Make

sure the condom is latex. Check the ex-

"Sexually active people should get tested every six months," she said. "It can take six months for symptoms to show up. There's an incubation period. If you come to get tested for HIV since you had unprotected sex the night before, it won't do any good. We can test you for STDs, but you need to make getting tested a

There are a few ways HIV can be contracted. Ethridge said.

"You can get HIV from unprotected sex, blood, semen and vaginal secretions," she said. "You cannot get HIV from saliva, sweat and urine."

She also said women sould ask to get tested for HIV when they visit their gy-

"The biggest misconception women have is that they're being tested when they visit the doctor to get a pap smear," she said. "They have to request an HIV testing, and they should. No one can be tested with out his or her consent."

Also, Ethridge suggests women keep condoms handy.

"This is the new millennium," she said. "Women need to step up to the plate and carry condoms. We [women] are just as capable as men."

Scott warns some STDs can be life-

"There are no cures for viruses," she said. "Viral infections include genital warts, herpes and HIV. Bacterial infections are curable."

Ethridge cautions students when it comes to drug and alcohol use and acting irresponsibly.

"Students should limit their drug and alcohol intake," she said. "I've met a lot of people who have gotten drunk, gone to a club and smoked something and caused them to act in a different manner than they normally would. Stay out of the bars - there are a thousand different things you can do."

'Who Wants to Be a Millionare' cut to one night a week

NEW YORK (AP) - ABC is cutting back on Regis Philbin's workload.

The network is eliminating the Monday edition of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." The game show that aired four nights a week at its peak will now be restricted to one night - Thursdays.

The Damon Wayans sitcom, "My Wife and Kids," will get its second slot of the week, Mondays at 8 p.m. The comedy keeps its Wednesday time slot, so the Monday airing will be mostly reruns.

It will be followed on Mondays by "The Wayne Brady Show," a variety program that did well in a limited run last summer, and the game show "The Chair," starring John McEnroe. The ratings-challenged drama "Once and Again" airs at 10 p.m.

Don't get too used to this schedule: ABC will air movies and specials on Monday nights in May.

'Freddy got fingered' tops list of worst 2001 movies

FILM REVIEWS

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JAMES

this time last year had me worried that Hollywood was no longer capable of

films. Finding **EPPLER** the top ten worst films of the year with five runners-up was hardly a challenge. I suppose the real task was narrowing

my list down to 15. 1. "Freddy Got Fingered": This piece of cinematic garbage is not only the worst film of the year, but it may be one of the worst of the last 10 years. Unfunny Tom Green tries to see how much he can get away with on the gross-out scale and has successfully beat out the competition. I'll never look at a horse or an

elephant in the same way ever again. I hated this movie.

2. "Tomcats": Another gross-out fest starring Shannon Elizabeth and Jerry O'Connel. For some reason, people eating cancerous testicles just don't strike me as funny.

3. "Glitter": I will give Mariah Carey \$10 million to pack up and leave Hollywood and never ever I'll never look at a horse

make another movie ever again. Anyone interested in helping me raise the money can contact me

here at The University Daily. 4. "Scary Movie 2": Not quite as awful as the original, but the Wayans brothers are up to their old potsmoking tricks again. What's worse is that a "Scary Movie 3" is in the works. Now that's truly horrifying.

5. "3000 Miles to Graceland": Kevin Costner has this uncanny ability to pick bad movies. He is the master. The dialogue is so bad and

the plot is so dumb that if Elvis really isn't dead, he'll probably kill himself.

of thumb isn't always followed. Use a

condom. It's your best line of defense."

dents need to be knowledgeable when it

comes to contraceptive use.

Henderson said sexually active stu-

6. "Pearl Harbor": This atrocious so-called "tribute" to the soldiers that died on Dec. 7, 1941is really just a three-hour soap opera. It would have been nice if the film had actually been about the event. "Black Hawk Down" is the type of film that "Pearl

Harbor" should have been. But director Michael Bay or an elephant the same and screenwriter Randal way. I hated this movie. Wallace take the easy PG-13

> way out to sell more tickets at the box office. Shame

> 7. "Say it Isn't So!": Indeed. This is a film that thrives on incest jokes and trailer-trash antics. Chris Klein is his usual sappy self, and one wonders what drew Heather Graham and Sally Field into a trash heap like this one.

8. "Town and Country": A colossal cast including Warren Beatty, Gary Shandling, Diane Keaton, Goldie Hawn, Andie McDowell, and even Charlton Heston can't make this lousy movie about rich men cheating on their wives work. It has been deemed one of the most unsuccessful films ever

9. "Driven": I never thought that a movie about racecars could be so terribly boring and cheesy. But leave it to writer Sylvester Stallone to accomplish this seemingly impossible feat. Burt Reynolds needs to take his rug and go back into hibernation, unless P.T. Anderson ("Boogie Nights") has another role for him.

10. "Behind Enemy Lines": Blatant flag brandishing and ridiculous chase sequences, along with over-the-top performances from Owen Wilson and Gene Hackman make this film almost too much to bear.

I also hated: "Save the Last Dance," "Bubble Boy," "Down to Earth," "Joe Dirt" and "Captain Corelli's Mandolin."

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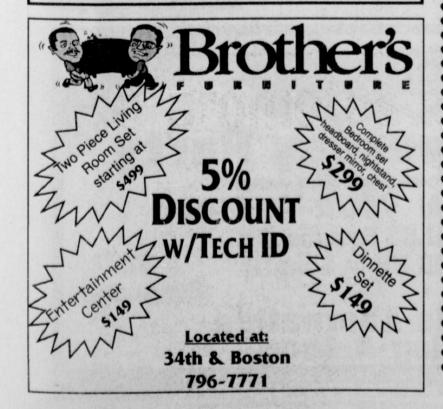
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Forensics

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of death.

"In the types of death where there are unknown causes, we have to determine it," Spencer said.

During the course of the year, forensic pathologists allow nursing students to observe them while performing autopsies.

"The most fulfilling aspects of the job are the intellectual stimulation, provid-

from a homicide. That's important to

sure for the families.

During the past year, the forensics paforcement and teaching students about thologists and the crime investigation forensics," Spencer said. "The students are able to observe the body to see how department at the HSC have completed 919 body examinations. This total breaks it reacts to diseases." the record of the previous year's by 143 Spencer and Byers said dealing with

> Both of the departments cover autopsies in 80 counties in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, ordered by the Justice of the Peace and the forensics

> > 'It gives me a good feeling knowing

that I've given these people someone to turn to," Byers said. "I let them know it is a scientific medical procedure and inform them we will treat the body with the utmost respect and report back to them what we find."

Spencer said he enjoys his current profession, performing operations, but started his education in hopes to be a

"I didn't enjoy my patients dying," Spencer said. "So I decided to go into

forensics."

hind its competitor in its rates. Paul Thompson, director of electric utilities at LP&L, said in the same period of time, LP&L has also reduced its rates nearly 20 percent, with an even

larger reduction in store. "I don't think we've seen the last reduction in energy costs," Thompson said. "We're going to see rates continue to go down until May, which means customers will have lower rates in the summer months."

The combination of low rates among all energy providers in the entire region accounts for West Texas having the lowest rates in the state, according to PUC.

Surveys

Cannon said the analysis here is much like those used during presidential campaigns. Although only about 1,000 people are surveyed, because of the random sample, it yields an accurate consensus of the population.

"When you draw a random sample, we can honestly say these results represent all students on campus," he said. "It's a statistical fact that if we draw a random sample of sufficient size that it will be indicative of the population."

Schmidly said the surveys would give administrators a chance to hear what the average student thinks about the proposed fees.

"The forum allowed some stu-

Although the decision was made Monday, Schmidly said the option to conduct surveys was proposed last

Xcel

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petitive-priced utility," he said. "We want to inform our customers of price changes, increases or decreases, so they can make changes in their budgets."

If a residential customer used 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity in November, their bill would be \$78.64.

Using the same amount after the additional 24 percent reduction, a customer would be paying \$59.99, a savings of \$18.65, he said.

cording to the PUC.

ing a service to the family and law en-

the families of the deceased is often dif-

ficult, but an autopsy can provide clo-

many questions on how the person died,"

Spencer said. "I can determine a suicide

"During the autopsy, I can answer

Once the PUC approves Xcel's request for a price reduction, the price changes will be virtually immediate, Steve Deaton, community service man-

The company is hoping to receive a decision within the next 30 days, Deaton

It is all about eliminating surcharges,

Xcel, like most electric providers, have a base rate, which does not change. The fluctuation of price is due to the Xcel ranks No. 1 in the state as the amount of surcharges. Surcharges in-

lowest-priced investor-owned utility, ac- crease or decrease according to the price of natural gas, Deaton said.

> The price for natural gas soared in 2000, causing energy bills across the region to increase significantly.

> Xcel announced its first significant increase in October 2000. Each time the wholesale prices of natural gas went up, "we took a direct hit," he said.

With the cost of natural gas now declining, energy companies can save consumers money, Deaton said.

"We are 180 degrees from where we were this time last year," he said. However, Lubbock Power and Light, a city-run energy provider, is not far be-

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dents to voice their opinion," he said. "The question we need to ask, 'What does the average student think about

theuniversity daily " READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

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18. Friendliest Service

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Women's Shoes Store

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13. Women's Traditional Clothing Store

14. Women's Casual Clothing Store 15. Men's Traditional Clothing Store

16. Men's Casual Clothing Store

17. Shopping Center/Mall

18. Internet Provider 19. Best place to buy jeans

20. Best Tattoo Shop

21. Best Travel Agency

Student Organization

Men's Shoes Store

BEST SHOPPING CATEGORY

19. Supermarket

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Ecstasy use rises among teens

By Ken Guggenheim/Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - A survey of teen-agers found that drug use remained steady last year with one glaring exception - a rise in use of Ecstasy an anti-drug organization said Monday.

The Partnership For a Drug-Free America said teen Ecstasy use rose 20 percent last year and has increased 71 percent since 1999.

The group, a coalition of communications professionals, unveiled an advertising campaign to warn teens and parents of the dangers of drug use. Many of the ads feature the parents of Danielle Heird, a 21-year-old Las Vegas woman who died after taking Ecstasy in 2000.

"Don't play Russian roulette with your most precious gift - your life," her mother, Elsa Heird, said at a news con-

House drug policy office, said anti-drug officials are trying to counter an impression among teens that Ecstasy is harmless. Ecstasy is believed to cause brain

"This is about heading off a problem before it gets out of control," he said.

part hallucinogen and part amphetamine. It became popular over the past decade at dance parties known as raves.

"Ecstasy has moved out of the rave

or minus 1.8 percentage points.

John Walters, who directs the White

Ecstasy is a synthetic drug considered

Stephen J. Pasierb, president of the Partnership, said Ecstasy appears to be expanding beyond clubs.

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Chris Phillips proves ace status as top Raider pitcher

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

The base paths have been a fairly inactive place for opposing teams' offenses this season when Texas Tech pitcher Chris Phillips is on the mound.

The only place with less activity during Phillips' outings this season has been the Tech bullpen.

Phillips has two complete game wins under his belt this season in three starts. His 2.16 earned run average is the best among Tech starters. But, even with the success Phillips has had with his pitching style this season, Red Raider pitching coach Ryan Brewer said Phillips' pitching mechanics are anything but text book.

"If a kid and his dad go out to the park, the dad tells his kid, 'Don't ever throw like that," Brewer said of Phillips' pitching style. "He throws from all different arm angles. He throws four different pitches, and that is unusual in college. But it's a niche that he has found that has worked for him."

Phillips is undefeated and has 22 strikeouts in 25 innings pitched this season. He said a strong slider has helped in collecting strikeouts.

"My slider has been working really

well this year," Phillips said. "I am getting more strikeouts than normal. Late in the count, when I am ahead, I will go with my slider. I'll go for the strikeout instead of trying to go inside with the fastball and try and get them to

Phillips made his debut as a Raider last season. He posted 11 wins against five losses and finished the 2001 campaign with a 4.17 ERA.

Phillips has had to adjust to a new catcher this season after former Tech catcher Tony Arnerich skipped what would have been his senior season, signing as a free agent with the Kansas City Royals last summer.

Willie Durazo has been the man behind the mask this season for the Raiders, and Phillips said he is pleased with the ease he has had adjusting to Durazo behind the plate.

"It has been a real smooth transition

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from Tony to Willie," Phillips said. "They are both good back there, and Willie has done a great job for us so far." In three, three-game weekend series so far this season, Phillips has been the

No. 1 man in the rotation/ Durazo said Phillips' ability to throw a number of different pitches well has earned him the top spot on the Raider

pitching staff. "His effort has been more than we have asked for," Durazo said of Phillips. "Every time we give him the ball he gives 110 percent all the time. All of the stuff he throws is dirty. He is easy to call because everything he throws is a strike. He has shown that every time he is out there, he is ready to throw."

Durazo is in his first season with the Raider baseball program and has had to adjust to catching an entirely new pitching staff this season.

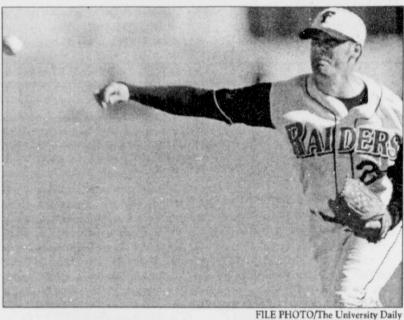
Durazo said Phillips has quickly become his favorite pitcher to catch.

"A pitcher like that has got to be everybody's favorite," Durazo said. "He is so easy to catch and everything he throws is a strike. He works quick. He is definitely on my favorite's list right now."

Phillips earned Big 12 Pitcher of the Week honors this week after his solid start to the season.

Raider coach Larry Hays said Phillips' prowess for going the distance is something he has earned by keeping games close and pitching strong in the late in-

"I'm not a stat guy, but I don't know if we've had anyone in the number of games he has been in go the distance as much as he has," Hays said. "That is something that is not intentional and something that we don't necessarily want to do. It just seems like the games he is in, the way they have gone, they have been close enough, and he has been throwing well enough late in the game that I haven't wanted to pull him."

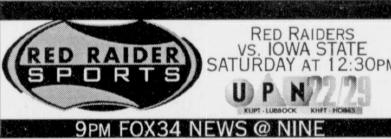


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TEXAS TECH SOFTBALL player Ashley Ready, right, talks with a teammate last week during practice at the Athletic Training Center. Ready injured her right knee earlier this season. Last year she missed most of the year after she had season-ending shoulder



Tech softball player overcomes injuries

READY OR NOT:

Ashley Ready dislocates knee, out for second consecutive season.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech catcher Ashley Ready cannot get rid of the injury bug. Not even a changed jersey number can get rid of her bad luck.

Ready, a junior from Austin, had season-ending surgery early last season after dislocating her shoulder.

She rehabilitated. She recovered. She was ready to play this season.

Then, bad luck stormed back. Ready dislocated her knee in Tech's second game of the season while swing-

ing at a pitch. "I changed my jersey number this year hoping that would get rid of some of my bad luck," Ready said. "That didn't seem to work. I figure my bad luck

will run out sometime.' Before injuring her knee, Ready's shoulder popped out of socket briefly in Tech's first game.

"Talk about a nightmare," Tech coach Bobby Reeves said. "First she popped her shoulder out. Then, she dislocated her kneecap in our second game. Bless her heart.'

Ready said the injury was a bad way to start the season after working to come back this season full strength.

"I battled to come back this summer," Ready said. "It seemed like one thing hit me, and I got over that hill. Now I have another challenge."

Her teammates recognize the hard work she put in, and said they feel bad that Ready hurt herself again.

When she went down, my heart broke for her," first baseman Carmen Grindell said. "No one has more heart for this team than that girl."

Tech outfielder Eva Harshman said Ready is the last person on the team that should get hurt because of her prob-

"It's really sad and unfortunate that this happened to Ashley," Harshman said. "It's frustrating that it happened to her again. She works so hard and doesn't deserve this."

Ready said she has been told some possibly greater forces are treating her wrong

"The Oregon coach told me the softball gods don't like me right now," Ready said. "I've also been told to bury a bat and glove."

Whether or not she performs any ritualistic sacrifices to the softball gods, Ready anticipates returning this season.

Before she can return, she will have to spend some all-too-familiar time on the bench.

"I thought I sat my fair share on time on the bench last year," Ready said. "It definitrely doesn't get any easier."

No one likes to sit on the bench, but sometimes, players do not have a "It takes a lot for an athlete to just

sit and watch," Grindell said. The initial estimated return time for Ready was two weeks, but now the team has conflicting diagnosis' and will be

However, Ready spends her time as a motivational speaker for the team.

getting another opinion.

"She'll be back in two weeks," Harshman said. "It will be great to have her back. Everyone is ready for Ashley

Grindell said she was excited because Ready will be able to return, and the injury had bad timing.

"She'll be back in two weeks, so I'm happy for her in that aspect," Grindell said. "But she worked so hard to get ready, and then for this to happen to

Harshman said if there is a positive to the situation, Ready will be able to find it. She said Ready is the best player on the team to handle the problem she is faced with.

"This couldn't happen to someone better," Harshman said. "She always finds and looks at the upside of every-

Ready said the season is still young, and she hopes to get back in the lineup.

"There's a lot of time left, but it hit me harder than last time because I thought I was going to get to play a lot more this year," Ready said. "Hopefully, I can come back and get the chance to compete.'

Reeves said Ready is no stranger to injury, but she does not let it get her down, and she is not going to quit because that is not her nature.

"She's a trooper," Reeves said. "A lot of people would say 'here are my cleats,' hang them up and say 'I quit,' but not Ashley . She's tough, very tough."

Lewis lands job, big paycheck with Redskins

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) - Marvin Lewis won't be a head coach, but he'll be getting head coach money.

A month after he set a new and very high - standard for head coach's pay with the hiring of Steve Spurrier, Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder on Monday made Lewis the best paid assistant in the

Lewis signed a three-year deal worth about \$850,000 per year more than \$1 million per year with incentives — to be the defensive coordinator.

ers who now have good reason to be concerned about escalating coaching salaries, Snyder was unapologetic.

"I don't think I've done anything out of character with what we're trying to build with the Redskins," Snyder said. "You're talking about one of the finest coaches in the game. We're all after one thing, that's victories."

Injury bug hits Tech, Raiders not worried

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

The Texas Tech men's basketball team will try and get back on its feet when they face Baylor at 8:15 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

Tech (16-6 overall, 5-5 Big 12 Conference) has lost two consecutive games and has been hit with the injury bug that has kept key players off their feet and on the bench.

Check the diagnosis.

Guard Nick Valdez, who was not in action during Saturday's loss to Kansas, has a sprained left ankle and will not play today. It is questionable whether he will play Saturday's game at Colorado, and the worst possible scenario could have him out until the Big 12 Tournament in three weeks.

Forward Kasib Powell sprained his to miss most of the second half. Powell was limping on his ankle Monday, but said he will play today.

Guard and leading scorer Andre Emmett bruised his right knee Wednesday and said it is still sore. He played against Kansas, and will play today, but said he still feels pain.

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be expected because it is late in the

"Deep in the season your body wears and tears," Emmett said. "It physically hurts, but to beat it, you

have to be mentally tough." Emmett said Tech will miss Valdez's defensive presence on the floor tonight.

"Valdez has a big impact on our defense," Emmett said. "He does a lot of things that does not show up on the stats. We are just going to have to

come together." Powell agrees.

"It is a big blow to lose him," Powell said. "He brings a lot of energy. But we have players that can step

Emmett said the two Raiders that left ankle Saturday, which caused him can fill Valdez's vacancy are guards Nathan Doudney and Marcus Shrop-

Doudney scored 15 points and Shropshire contributed 13 points against Kansas.

"Doudney is a superb shooter," Emmett said. "And Shropshire is quick and is also a threat from out-

Emmett said these injuries have to side. I most definitely have confidence

Tech is tied for fifth place in the Big 12 with six contests remaining. To get a first round bye in March's Big 12 Tournament in Kansas City, Mo., the Raiders have to finish fourth in the conference. Emmett said every game is important at this point of the season but stressed the Raiders have to take one game at a time.

"Of course it is in the back of our mind," he said. "But we have to get through step one before we get to step

Tech's last two losses came on the road, and Powell said he is happy to be back playing on Tech's home floor.

"Playing on the road in the Big 12 is a very difficult thing," Powell said. "It is definitely good to play here (to-

Baylor (14-9, 4-6) is coming off of an upset win against Missouri.

Emmett said the Bears will be hungry to stay hot.

"We know those boys will be ready like they were against Missouri," he said. "We just have to stay strong physically and mentally."



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