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Training pays off for student boxer

Joseph Rosendo successfully defends his Golden Glove title for fifth consecutive year

By Meredith Salmon/Staff Reporter

The smell of sweat and the chime of a bell signaling the end of a round are like second nature for Joseph Rosendo.

Since the age of four, Rosendo, a junfor management information systems major from Lubbock, hung out in gyms, watching boxers train for upcoming matches. He began fighting at the age

Friday night, Rosendo, weighing in at 156 pounds, fought Anthoy Brashears, Amarillo Bronx boxing club member. For the fifth year in a row,

Rosendo successfully defended his title as the regional Golden Glove Champion.

The match took place in the exhibit hall at the Lubbock Civic Center.

As Rosendo approached the ring, the crowd went wild. More than once, during the four, two-minute rounds, the referee had to relieve Brashears by stopping the constant punches coming from

Rosendo. In the second round, the referee stopped the fight to see if Brashears could stand to continue. Brashears stayed in the ring and took the punches until the four rounds ended.

Rosendo and his opponent knew nothing about each other before the match.

"I'm not taking anything away from him," Rosendo said. "He was a great opponent."

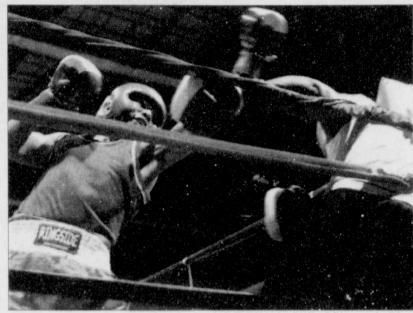
He described Brashears' style as more of a speed boxer than a power boxer. He said this year's regional fight was tougher than last year's fight.

Rosendo said his opponent started the fight by throwing a few strong punches, which made it hard for him to control his patience. He said he plans to work on his patience for future fights.

Although boxing was not a big part of his life until his teenage years, Rosendo began training at the age of seven. As a child, he filled his days by constantly going back and forth from the gym to hit the punching bag to playing basketball with friends.

When you're around something for so long you just finally start to question yourself if I can do it," Rosendo said. "I see these guys sweating, doing this, doing that, the sacrifices they're making. I wanted to see if I could do it."

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IAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Photography Edito

JOSEPH ROSENDO, A junior management information systems major from Lubbock, (LEFT) boxes against Anthoy Brashears, an Amarillo Bronx boxing club member, Friday at the Lubbock Civic Center.

Agriculture awareness week starts

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources will host its annual Agriculture Awareness Week beginning today and concluding Friday.

This year's theme is "Global Agriculture: It Affects You!" All of the events are open to the Lubbock community as well as Texas Tech

John Abernathy, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, said he would like to see students participate in the events and opportunities the week presents.

"The reason we celebrate this week is because agriculture in our daily lives affects much more than just the food we eat and the clothes we wear," he said.

Melissa Aguillard, coordinator of student and career development, said the title of the event is timely because of events in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The event is basically put on to bring awareness to not just the campus but to the community of Lubbock on how agriculture affects and impacts their lives on a daily basis," she

Aguillard said the week started out small and in recent years has increased to a much bigger event that they open to the community of Lubbock.

"During this week, we will not only honor distinguished alumni but also host distinguished speakers addressing how global agricultural affects people in their daily lives as we deal with agriculture today," Abernathy said.

The week's activities include the annual Distinguished Alumni reception and luncheon, departmental seminars and a college symposium hosting Michael Reed, a professor of the University of Kentucky's Department of Agricultural Economics. Reed will be addressing "Interna-

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JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Photography Editor

MEMBERS OF DELTA Delta Delta perform their routine during the first Texas Tech "Baby Steps" step show at the Student Union Allen Theatre Saturday. Five Panhellenic sororities participated in the event.

Members of Omega Psi Phi give new rhythm to five sororities in their inaugural step show

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

Members of Omega Psi Phi put together their inaugural Baby Steps Step Show with the hope of sharing their tradition of stepping and stomping with the rest of campus.

Five Panhellenic sororities participated in the fraternity's Step Show on Saturday night at the Student Union Allen Theater.

Kappa Alpha Theta won first place, receiving the honor of keeping the "Baby Boot" plaque until next year's step show. Delta Delta Came in second place, and Pi Beta Phi took third place.

Leon Reed Jr., president of the gradu-

ate chapter of Omega Psi Phi, co-coordinated the step show.

"It was impressive," he said. "The girls really surprised everyone."

He said the crowd support was tremendous, and he was impressed by the turnout considering the event was not

"This was a great opportunity for the campus to come together," he said. "New bonds were formed, and new bridges were

Reed said he is already looking forward to next year's step show.

"Next year ought to be phenomenal," he said

Robert Wyatt Jr., president of the un-

dergraduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi, co-coordinated the event with Reed.

This is the first of many to come," he said. "We want sororities to look forward to this every year and want to win."

Wyatt, who said he was impressed with the inaugural event, also said he was glad the sororities took this seriously and practiced hard.

"When it is all said and done, we know everyone will be glad they did it,"

Kappa Alpha Theta President Laci Stone said she was eager about participating in the step show from the day she heard about it.

"We were always excited," said Stone,

a junior design communications major from Shallowater. "We were so into it."

Since it was mother's weekend for her sorority, she said they had a large crowd watching them perform.

"We brought our mothers with us," she said. "It makes it more special."

Stone said they could not have done this without their coaches.

"They taught us everything we did," she said. "They were just as dedicated as we were, and now we have great relationships with them."

Besides practicing for the past several weeks, Stone said they worked hours at

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Survey shows options

SOUNDING OFF:

Students will be given two different scenarios when asked about proposed fees.

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Two options are being presented in the proposed intercollegiate athletic fee in the student survey that started Thursday.

Cortney Youens, President for the Health Sciences Center Student Senate, said the first option would be mandatory for all students and would bring the athletic fee out of the student services fee and lower the student services fee from \$9.65 to \$9 per credit hour.

Tech President David Schmidly, however, said he had the impression that the student services fee would increase with either option.

"It is my understanding the student services fee will go up regard-

less what option is chosen," he said. Youens said the first option would increase the athletic fee by \$60 and offer four tickets at half price for students to purchase in addition to allowing stu-

dents into all athletic games. "The first option would eliminate the all-sports pass," she said. "This would also keep the athletic department from raising ticket prices and would guarantee student seats at the games.'

The first option was presented by the Student Services Fee Advisory Committee.

The second option was designed by a committee, which included Lynda Gilbert, vice president for Fis-

cal Affairs, and Michael Shonrock, **OPTIONS** continued on page 3

EMERGING LEADERS



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer TEXAS TECH COUNSELING center psychologist, Beatrice Tatum, speaks to students about becoming leaders of tomorrow in the Matador room in the Student Union Saturday.

Tech lecturer changes prevailing newspaper policy

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

The year was 1968 and major political movements, such as the Civil Rights Movement, had already taken place, changing the face of the United States. Yet, with all the change, some parts of the nation were behind the times, including Lubbock.

Freda McVay, the editor of the Today section at the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal at the time, helped change

As of 1968, the A-J, like many other newspapers in the South and Southwest, had not published a picture of a black person in its lifestyles section, McVay, now a lecturer in the Department of Mass Communications,

"It was just a totally different time,"

Minorities were isolated and the A-J did not have much, if any, readership in minority communities, McVay said.

The A-J did not print those pictures out of prejudice intentions, it was just the "prevailing wisdom of the day," she

The Today section, now the Vista section, was the features and social an-

nouncement section of the newspaper. Features and general news did not cover events like parent-teacher conferences in East Lubbock, McVay said. If a minority's picture was in the paper, it was

in relation to a crime, an arrest or to

The first racial barriers were broken in sports sections of newspapers across the country and "pretty well stayed there for a long time," McVay said.

However, in 1968 when a black woman submitted her wedding story and picture, the A-J's policy changed.

"I was feeling very brave that day for some reason," McVay said.

Despite concerns from her co-workers, McVay accepted the picture and story without consulting her editor,

Chas. A. Guy. The first to question the decision was from a features reporter.

"They just didn't want me to get in

McVay sent the copy to be set and

the picture to be engraved. During the process of preparing the picture, several workers in the development process approached McVay, confirming her intention to put the picture in the paper.

Randy Sanders, current editor of the A-J, said any time questionable stories move along the line, somebody involved in the process assures the editor's knowledge of the story. Editors are responsible for everything that goes in the paper the

"In our business, or in any business for that matter, when somebody is break-

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Airline security now under government

CHANTILLY, Va. (AP) - The government took responsibility Sunday for security at U.S. airports with a pledge to safeguard travelers while also treating them with courtesy.

Passengers will not notice many immediate changes with the federal takeover, said John Magaw, the new undersecretary for transportation secuswitched from private companies.

Athens gears up for 2004 summer games

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Athens is getting a facelift - not to hide age, but to celebrate it.

The capital is cleaning up its cluttered skyline in an effort to restore some of the city's ancient glory for the Olympic Games in 2004.

Armed with cranes and new legal powers, construction crews are tearing down advertising signs that obscure views of the 2,500-year-old Parthenon and other ancient monuments in the center of Athens.

Going are glaring ads for weightlosing clubs welded to the sides of buildings, insurance companies' neon signs and rooftop billboards with giant pictures of hamburgers and cigarette packets.

City officials are not stopping at signs that block views. Attacking what many people have long considered eyesores, they are removing all 10,000 advertising signs downtown that are illegally placed above the first floor of a building.

The work is part of a 40 million euro (\$36 million) urban improvement project to refurbish monuments and replace noisy roads that connect ancient sites with cobbled pedestrian

Quote of the Day

"The reason we celebrate this week is because agriculture in our daily lives affects much more than just the food we eat and the clothes we wear."

— JOHN ABERNATHY, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources dean, on Agriculture Awareness Week. Please see AGRICULTURE, page 1.

Horoscopes

If Your Birthday is This Week: Romance will intensify. Watch for potential love affairs to create controversial choices. Some Pisceans will begin a fouryear cycle of social independence and new sensuality. Old memories or outdated relationships need to fade. Don't be drawn back into old comforts.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): Pay attention to the requests or observations of older friends and relatives. Someone close may offer valuable advice about family, home schedules or the private emotions of a loved one. Provide sensitive thoughts and new ideas; your efforts will soon create successful combinations.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Social messages will be emotionally productive. Expect shy or silent friends to propose unique group events, travel adventures or creative activities. Join in and enjoy the moment.

Aries (March 21-April 20): Work officials may soon ask for detailed records. Watch for recent disputes or team indecision to create a need for accurate paperwork, completed duties or proof of ownership. Don't hesitate to refer to old rules or official contracts.

Taurus (April 21-May 20): An un-

usual business request may captivate attention. Shared duties, public relations, newsgathering or media events may all be a concern. Authority figures will leave key elements vague; don't expect detailed or obvious instructions.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Old promises, past employment aspirations or ongoing family discussions may be annoying. Even though career options are strong, loved ones may still not understand your motives or goals.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Concentration and daily performance will be greatly affected by social events. Private discussions with colleagues or close friends may create an atmosphere of mistrust. Take time for inward thought.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Although career prospects and new educational projects are promising, avoid unclear documents or poorly defined contracts. Authority figures will react poorly to unfinished paperwork, delayed decisions

or unusually creative input. Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Close friends and relatives may be unexpectedly emotional. Watch for past family commitments or outdated romantic promises to captivate the attention of

loved ones. Little of this will manifest as a long-lasting concern so don't worry.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Financial promises and new workplace instructions are accented. Watch for outdated procedures to create controversy. The past may be challenged. Pay close attention to minor political delays or unusual requests from managers.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Marital relations and long-term romantic expectations will clarify. Expect loved ones to request solid promises or shared home responsibilities. Some Scorpios, especially those born in early November, may also welcome several new friendships into their private lives.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Work attitudes and daily duties may dramatically change. Watch for previously silent work mates to publicly challenge the ideas of authority figures. This may lead to fast action or temporary team assignments.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): Gentle romantic overtures will be delightfully seductive. Rare flirtations and genuine statements of affection may all be captivating. However, new relationships will not be easily established; wait for romantic tensions to build before taking risks.



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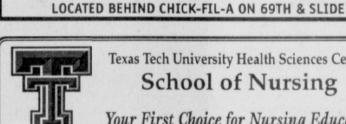
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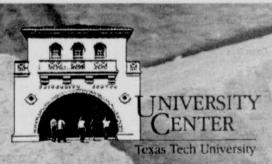
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Tech orchestra gears up for TMEA

PERFORMING ART:

Musical group to perform at educator's conference Friday.

By Meredith Salmon/Staff Reporter

The melodies and members of the Tech orchestra will hit the road Tuesday, stopping for performances along the way, as they travel to the annual Texas Music Educators' Association conven-

One university orchestra is invited to perform at the convention every year. This is the first time in more than a decade the TMEA chose Tech for the

Oboe player Caroline Chandler, a graduate student from Houston, said the convention is composed of several important seminars and a huge series of concerts by outstanding groups.

"TMEA is really fun," Chandler said.

"It has this magnificent exhibit hall and all these cool seminars you can go to."

Gary Lewis, director of the orchestra, said the TMEA is the largest association of its kind in the world. He estimated anywhere from 10,000 to 15,000 members attending.

The orchestra will perform Friday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Lila Cockrell Theatre, in San Antonio's convention

The orchestra will perform "A Short Ride in a Fast Machine," by John Adams, "The Double Concerto," by Brahams and "Roman Festivals," by Respighi.

Lewis is expecting an audience of about 1,000 people.

Tech's orchestra will also be accompanying the all-state choir as they perform at the convention Saturday

"It's a great opportunity for us to be heard by an enormous variety of people in the music world," Chandler said.

Every state has its own organization like the TMEA, however, Texas is among

music education, Chandler said. The best high school musicians in the state will also perform at the convention. Several honor bands, orchestras and choirs travel from high schools throughout Texas to perform at the conference.

the best states in the union in terms of

"People now know that Texas Tech has a very fine orchestra program," Lewis said. "I look at it as just a wonderful opportunity for people to find out what we've got going on here."

Lewis said the most positive things about the performance are the chance to share with the state what is going on musically and to show off Tech's quality

Henry, associate director for the school of music, said the invitation to perform at the convention is an honor.

Former TMEA president Robert

"It's a very big honor, and I know that they're going to do a fantastic job.'

A few years ago Lewis contacted the TMEA leaders and expressed an interest in Tech performing at the convention The convention decided to invite Tech's orchestra.

Lewis said the orchestra is not picked by audition but by reputation.

The last time Tech performed at TMEA, around 1985, Lewis was a graduate student in the orchestra.

Tuesday night, the orchestra performs in Odessa. Another stop is scheduled for Wednesday night in Round

The orchestra will arrive in San Antonio Thursday and conduct a short rehearsal. In addition to its rehearsal scheduled for Friday morning, the orchestra will rehearse with the all-state choir on

To be apart of the Tech orchestra, which is the top musical ensemble, students go through an audition process before the start of the Fall semester. Lewis along with other faculty members from the music department hold auditions and select members.

The orchestra consists of approximately 100 members.



THE TECH ORCHESTRA rehearses in Hemmle Recital Hall in the Music building

Rally to discuss death penalty issues

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

The opportunity to speak out for or against capital punishment will be available Tuesday at the Texas Tech Law School forum from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The event is hosted by the Tech Black Law Student Association in honor of Black History Month but is also a chance for students and Lubbock residents to be able to voice their opinions about the death penalty.

Capital Punishment Awareness Week begins today and the Minority Law Student Association is sponsoring the week's activities.

Members of the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union will be at the rally, as well as members of MLSA, the Hispanic Law Student Association and the Tech faculty and campus orga-

Richard Baker, a third-year law student and president of the BLSA, is the vice chair of the Rocky Mountain Re-

Agriculture

gion BLSA. He said the ACLU assisted the BLSA in finding speakers for the rally and at SMU.

The event at SMU will be a debate about the issues discussed at Tech.

'We want Tech and the community to speak out their opinion whether for or against the death penalty," Baker said. "Texas is known as a state that executes and does so at a rapid pace. The assumption is that, as Texans, we endorse the death penalty. If you do, say so. If you don't, say so. Let's hear

Baker said the BLSA is a vehicle for people that are not heard.

"Because we are a minority organization, we are used to represent those who often aren't heard. Most of the times those people are minorities,"

Orlando Esquivel, third-year law student and president of the HLSA, is also a member of the BLSA.

"I'm fully in support of the speak-out and seminar," Esquivel said. "I think it's

The speaker will be speaking from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Philip Wischkaemper, a capital assistant's attorney for the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer's project and Tim Floyd, a criminal law professor at Tech and the director for the Criminal Prosecution Clinic will give a seminar on "How to try a Death Penalty Case."

Baker said Wischkaemper is one of the leading defense attorneys in Texas. He said the public will be able to gain information about the cost and politics

of death penalty cases. "A prosecutor could make a living off of one death penalty case," Baker said.

At 12:30 p.m. there will be speakers from the ACLU and then there will be an open session where the public will be able to talk

At about 1:30 p.m., there will be a call to action, including information on the death penalty and information on how to voice opinions to state senators and representatives.

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tional Dimensions of U.S. Agriculture." A high school symposium is also planned to coincide with Tech's University Day

Aguillard said each department in the college would have a speaker who will speak about what they do and how global agriculture has an impact affecting it.

"There will be several renowned speakers I feel the students will find interesting and help them look to the future for opportunities," Abernathy said.

Change

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ing new ground or doing something different, it catches the attention of a lot of different people," Sanders said.

Guy, the former Avalanche-Journal editor, called McVay into his office.

"His No. 1 concern was that it would offend the readers," McVay said.

He was also concerned that printing one picture would lead to numerous other requests from minorities to do the same, she said.

However, McVay said since there was not much readership within that community, she did not think it would be a problem.

"I presented the most logical argument I could possibly present," she said. "My thinking was it was way, way past time. Things were changing and we needed to be changing with them."

After consulting Guy, McVay said he approved of the picture's publication with one stipulation: the black woman's picture could not appear next to a white woman's picture.

Much to the surprise of many people, McVay said there was no adverse reaction from the readers to the paper's publication of the black woman's wedding picture and story. It was not until six months later that another minority submitted their wedding announcement.

"It was never discussed again. It was a closed subject after that," McVay said.

Sanders said though McVay's decision was groundbreaking, it would have happened eventually but not for at least another seven or eight years.

"Very few editors are innovative enough to make changes like that," Sander said. "Sometimes it takes courage to be an editor."

Options

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vice president of Student Affairs. The second option would allow students to choose whether or not they want to pay the athletic fee, but the fee

would be increased. The optional fee would be \$150 and would represent the student's all-

Tech President David Schmidly said this fee is based on how many students attended games last year and how much the total cost for athletics was.

John Steinmetz, president of the Student Government Association, said the Student Service Fee Advisory Committee supports the first option.

"Option one accomplishes the

goal of bringing the athletics fee out of the student service fee," he said. "The all-sports pass price will rise with option

Schmidly said he called for a survey because he wanted to know what the campus thought of the athletics fee.

"I haven't made up my mind yet because the forum was inconclusive," he said. "The survey will not be the deciding factor for what I choose. I plan on making a decision from all the information I receive."

Brian Cannon, director of the Earl Survey Research Laboratory, said he believes the survey represented each option fairly and equally.

Schmidly said the survey will conclude some time this week.

The results will be presented to the Board of Regents Feb. 28.

Boxer

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Rosendo begins his workout Monday through Friday by running a few miles throughout town. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. he practices with his teammates at the Optimist Boys and Girls Gym.

Because of his victory Friday night, he advances to the state tour-

nament in Fort Worth, which is Feb. 28 to March 2. State winners will advance to the national Golden Glove tourna-

Bocanegra, 20, decided to start boxing last year after watching Rosendo fight. "He's like a role model," Bocanegra said.

Step show

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a time.

Jennifer Norman, a junior political science major from Houston and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, choreographed their routine.

Erin Turner, president of Delta Delta Delta, said she is glad she participated.

"It has been a great learning experience," said Turner, a senior marketing major from Spring. "It's been hard because the dancing is a huge cultural difference."

Delta Delta Delta started practicing in mid-January, she said. Lauren Van Stavern and Makesha Rives, both members of the sorority, coordinated their routine.

Rives, a junior exercise and sports sciences major from Hereford, said it was fun developing friendships with their coaches.

They love us to death, and we

love them to death," she said. Micheal Gunn, coordinator for multicultural programs and services, said this event was meant to bring different campus organizations together. ment in Reno, Nev., June 1. Lubbock Warrior and friend David

"Watching him do what he's done and what he's doing-I'm so far from that. I look up to him; he's already been there and done that."





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theuniversity daily 3 READER'S CHOICE AWARDS The Readers Choice Awards are a fun spring promotion sponsored by The University Daily.

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15. Men's Traditional Clothing Store

16. Men's Casual Clothing Store

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Spring Break success a matter of planning

COLUMN



RACHEL **RICHMOND**

love cold weather, the and sparkling frost on the grass. But, I'm actually to the point where I would welcome

spring with open arms. It's definitely more difficult getting up in the early morning hours

for that long trek to class when its 30 degrees outside. I'm longing for warmth, for fun - for Spring Break.

Spring Break is less than a month away, folks. Here's the time to start planning the long-awaited trip to your desired destination. (Unless you are an over-achiever and have had it planned for months, good for you.) There are so many things to consider while making the decision to where, with whom, how much etc. You want the trip to be perfect, right? But, let's be honest with each other, something is destined to go wrong during your perfect vacation. So, here's some dos and don'ts to make this spring break the best possible, with or

Do decide where exactly you want to spend your week of bliss. Do you want more cold weather? Try Taos, Angel Fire, Telluride or my personal favorite Crested Butte. Sandy beaches catch your eye? Try Cancun, Cozumel, Panama Beach or good-ole South Padre Island. Just want some crazy fun? Try New Orleans or Las Vegas.

Do plan your trip more than a week in advance. Start now. Look on the Internet for package deals or keep your eye out in The University Daily. I found some inexpensive trips to several desirable locations at www.expedia.com. Get on the ball and book your spot before someone else does.

Don't just go with anyone - make sure you will be able to stand the people you decide to go with. Trust me, you will regret asking the whiner or the everything-has-to-be-my-way person the first day of the trip. Seriously ask yourself if you would mind being stranded on a desert island with these people. Because, after the first day, you'll feel like you are on an island with them.

Also, know who your friends are before the trip. A good friend of mine was ditched and had to Greyhound it back to Lubbock after the vacation.

Do decide the method of transportation

wisely. Planes are always good but expensive. Cars are usually the way to go with the exception of unreliable, can-break-down-any-minute cars. Make sure your car is checked out before the trip. Being stranded on the highway in the middle of nowhere is not a crowd pleaser.

Don't book one tiny hotel room with two beds and one bathroom for 10 people. Trust me, I am speaking from experience. I made this mistake and ended up sleeping in a closet on top of luggage for a few nights. Book the room wisely. A room with two full-size beds can fit four occupants comfortably and six uncomfortably. Any more than that, I would suggest adding another room.

Do bring cash. Don't fully rely on credit or debit cards. Remember, Lubbock is the only city where every business takes checks. Set aside the desired amount as soon as possible, and don't let yourself spend it before the vacation. The trip will need more cash than a night at the bar or a night at the coffee shop for you nondrinkers. Also, I would suggest

bringing double the amount you decide to bring, never know what will happen. A back-up credit or debit card is also suggested for emergencies only, of course.

Don't over pack or bring stuff you know you

won't need. Carrying around a heavy bag is not fun and your gargantuan suitcase will take up too much room. Carefully decide what clothes, accessories and toiletries you will need for this trip. I find that writing a list helps cut down on unneeded items. You can write this during a boring class.

Do let your parents or a friend not attending the trip know where you are going, where you are staying and a way to get in touch with you. If an emergency occurs, it will be hard to track "a guy with brown hair and brown eyes" in a crowded casino, packed beach or on a slope. Be considerate of your loved ones they are just looking out for your well-being.

Don't forget the camera and extra film. Be prepared for those candid shots that you never want to forget. Pictures are great for reliving a memory and for blackmail. I would suggest not doing something you would regret being captured forever on film. Also ladies, look out for the "Girls Gone Wild" camera crews they are after you. Sure, it might be fun for the moment, but seeing your face on the commercial and getting the call from mom and dad will definitely out weigh your "wild, fun time". Don't make an ass of yourself on any type of film - you will regret

Spring Break is definitely a welldeserved point in a college students' life. Midterms are over and we need some sort of relief. What better stress reliever than a fun filled vacation with friends?

Happy Vacationing!

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Contemporary healthcare a waiting game

COLUMN



KATIE HARRIS

have filled out the pile of forms, and now I am left to wait. As I try to get comfortable in the least comfortable chair ever made. I feel a sudden rush of nausea run through me. Feverishly, I try to find a

distraction. Wailing children, men and women coughing up lungs, receptionists looking like they would love to be anywhere but behind that desk. OK, so there is not a distraction that will keep me from remembering how utterly sick I feel. Each time a nurse comes out of those swinging doors, everyone looks up hoping that their name will be called, and they will finally get to go through those doors to the Promised Land.

One hour passes. Then two. After three, I am starting to get worried. And finally after a three-and a half-hour wait I hear it, that wonderful sound of my name. Only those doors lead not to relief but to more waiting - waiting on a nurse, a doctor and on labs.

Five-and-a-half hours after I entered the clinic, I leave with only medicine for pain and instructions to wait a few days for my lab results. Then, and only then, will we know why I am suffering. Welcome to the world of managed healthcare.

In the late 1960s, the healthcare industry began to see a change. With Medicare and Medicaid being put into effect in 1966 and the increase in group health insurance, the medical community began to be reimbursed on a cost basis.

Soon after, the cost of healthcare began to inflate dramatically about 14.8 percent in the late 1960s. Companies started enrolling their employees in these group health plans and by 1996 about 60 percent of Americans belonged to a managed healthcare group.

Doctor's offices and hospitals became crowded as people, who normally would not go to the doctor for minor things like colds under the old fee-for-service system, began coming in flocks when care costs only a small copay or maybe it was free.

Yet the services being provided are not cheap nor are they free. The government or your insurance company is footing the rest of the bill. The government could not and cannot handle the costs. The first few years after Medicare took effect, the government had to dip into Social Security funds to cover the expense. Obviously, these managed care groups want to be profitable, so to do this, they want to keep as much of your premium as they can.

Healthcare has become all about the bottom line. Because of this, the quality of care decreases and patients are often denied coverage by these managed healthcare groups. You have probably seen movies and "Dateline" episodes that investigate those penny-pinching insurance companies that will not pay for a little boy's liver transplant.

So, is this a hopeless mess, or is there a cure for America's healthcare system? Can the insurance companies make their profit while making sure the medical community is happy and giving quality care? Should I have to wait five hours for sub-standard care?

There have been many proposed solutions over the years for the problems of healthcare in America. One is a national healthcare insurance system, first proposed in the 1940s by the Wagner Murray Dingell bill, where the government acts as the health insurance company for the country. The issue has been revisited many times over the years, yet no solution has come about.

In 1998, Congress promised action with a patient's rights bill, which includes things like easier access to specialists, new definitions of emergency care and the ability to appeal denial of coverage. However, partisanship killed the bill as republicans and democrats could not find common ground.

I am sure we will see this issue again, as democrats call healthcare to the attention of President Bush. However, with terrorism and a recession, who knows how far down the list of priorities healthcare reform will be in the coming years.

■ Katie Harris is a junior English major from Lubbock. She can be contacted at raiderx81@cs.com. And she did finally get her labs back - a week

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Be prepared for those

candid shots that you

never want to forget.

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for blackmail.

Athletic fee a step in the right direction

To the editor: Allow me to introduce myself. I am Vincent Thomas Ledwell, a third-year political science major, music minor attending Texas Tech. I was on the front page of The UD, bottom left with backwards hat, books and Powerade bottle in a picture The UD published Feb. 8. The title of the corresponding article was "Focus On Fees - Students voice their concerns on proposed charges at public forum Thursday."

I absolutely cannot allow my picture to be publicly displayed in congruence with the obviously, selfish, ignorant and thoughtless propaganda written and reflected accurately by Jenny Klein, the reporter (who was just doing her job,) of the fellow students around me (for one is the student wearing a Cannabis Sativa leaf on his beanie). The students at Tech need to logically distinguish me from these other students and logically agree with me.

A state must be set up in an institution of higher learning that receives and allocates resources in the equal interests of the students. In this sense of equality, must be a sense of community. The receiving of resources must be equal, and the allocating of resources must be equal. Hence, higher learning institutions require a socialist

regime. The concept of everybody paying for social events (such as sporting events), needed resources (the library, the Robert H. Ewalt Recreational Center) and the like supports the theory of the needed socialist regime.

All interests must be satisfied and paid for by everybody equally as supports this needed socialist regime. In this sense, students' payment of resources for interests other than their own is required. If their interests are narrow, then it is of no fault of the required regime. They may broaden their interests (quit being lazy and go work out, show pride and support for our school, and attend social events such as ball games, go to the library etc.) or waste their allocated resources if they so desire.

Such complaints are trivial if one is to compare the higher required resources of University of Texas, Texas A&M, University of Houston etc. to those required by Texas Tech. We are tiers behind UT, A&M, U of H, which is negative for prestige. Prestige is required so that graduates coming from prestigious institutions may have better credentials, hence better opportunity for graduate education or employment.

Tech needs to catch up to the prestige of UT, A&M etc. In order to do so, Tech (Tech now the reference name to the socialist state) must raise revenues and fees and/or increase student population. For those of you who are serious students as well as those who pay for your own education, receive loans and/or are basically with limited funds, stay afloat - I am one of you! All of the above mentioned concepts are undeniably, necessary truths in their separate or coinciding relationships.

> Vincent Ledwell junior political science

A few pieces of advice for Wells

To the editor: Freedom of speech is not a right that all Americans should have. In fact, there are some Americans

who should not have the right to speak to more than five people at any given time, much less be published. After reading Allison Wells' column concerning diversity at Texas Tech, I am convinced that fascism is looking better and better all the time.

First of all, what happened to the other 19.5 percent of Americans that Wells so carefully omitted from her column? I happened to mention the column to a friend of mine who is Mexican-American who was fairly

certain that she was neither white nor Native-American. Secondly, is she supporting/

attacking Schmidly's plan (a good thing) or just complaining in general about Lubbock (a bad thing)? Her argument is neither effective nor

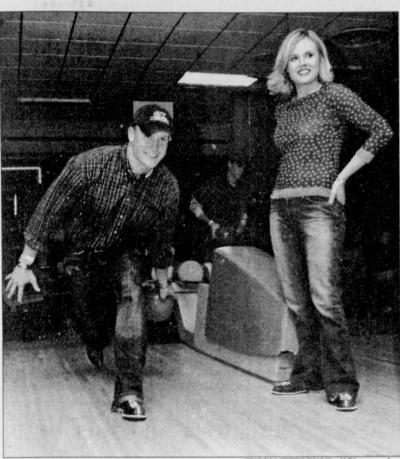
Lastly, how did Wells end up here in Lubbock? I am fairly certain that gravity, electromagnetism, the strong force nor the weak force were responsible for attracting and pinning her here in Lubbock. In other words, we have an extensive highway system, prop and jet airplane service, trains, rental cars and bikes that would aid her on her way out of our culturally stagnate little pool.

Wells, you chose Tech! Were you at anytime confused as to where you were going? And since you chose Tech, why didn't you do some research to determine how diverse a university it is? Or were you looking for more people who looked like you. My advice is to take advantage of the inexpensive education that you can receive here and make yourself useful instead of complaining. I also recommend introducing yourself to some of our other minorities.

> Marcy Dickson junior

send letters to the editor to opinions@universitydaily.net

Greek Male Auction raises \$1,124 for Children's Miracle Network



TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

ZACH EDWARDS, A senior architecture and business major from Southlake, bowls as his date, Allison Wahlert, a junior design major from Mount Pleasant looks on.

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perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. April 2 in the United Spirit Arena, are now on sale.

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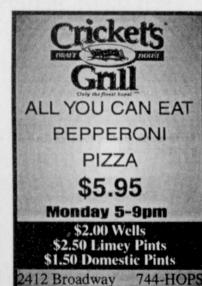
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By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

Instead of spending Valentine's Day with that special someone eating at a formal, sit-down dinner, some Texas Tech fraternity members, who were auctioned off last week during the inaugural Greek Male Auction, which benefited the Children's Miracle Network, were bowling and eating pizza with so- of it," she said. rority members who bid big bucks on

Allison Wahlert, a junior design communications major from Mt. Pleasant, said this was a Valentine's Day she will always remember. She said she had fun buying her Valentine date at the auction.

"It's something different," said Wahlert, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. "The auction was very energetic. It was crazy."

While her sorority funded her auction costs, she said the money went to a good cause.

"It's something that benefits others," Wahlert said. "But it motivates us at the same time."

Wahlert said her date, which consisted of eating pizza and bowling at AMF Classic Lanes with the other 23 auction couples, went well.

"I think it gives us a chance to enjoy the holiday without the presence of having a significant other," she said. "We get to have a good time in a relaxed atmosphere."

Even though she met her date, Zach Edwards, only a few days before, she said they got along great from the start.

"A friendship was definitely built out

While Edwards, a senior architecture major from Southlake, was nervous before the auction, he said he had a good

"Guys were having fun up there (on stage)," said Edwards, a member of Theta Chi. "The girls were very enthusiastic."

Having the date at a bowling alley was a good idea, he said.

"I like it because it is informal," he said. "It's a chance to interact with other people, but it isn't nerve wracking. It's not the usual sit-down dinner."

Edwards said he looks forward to continuing his friendship with Wahlert.

Daniel Lewis, president of Beta Theta Pi who was auctioned off, said the auction was a good idea because it brought all the fraternities and sororities together, instead of each one participating in separate community service events.

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"It was good for the Greek community to come together for a good cause," said Lewis, a junior public relations major from Hurst.

In addition to benefiting a good cause, he said the auction allowed him

to meet new people. "Bowling and hanging out was fun,"

he said. "It was casual and no-pressure." Courtney Turner, Panhellenic president, said she was excited so many fraternity and sorority members wanted to participate in the auction.

"Our push this year is to unify the Greek system," said Turner, a junior elementary education major from Georgetown.

Since the auction was before Valentine's Day, she said it was a suc-

Day," she said. "It's helping out those who need a date."

Despite the cold weather the night the auction was held, Rainnie Hull, public relations chairwoman and community service chairwoman for Panhellenic, said the auction raised \$1,124, which benefits the CMN's

Change Bandits fundraiser. "The auction went over very well," said Hull, a junior public relations major from Stanton. "The best part was everyone participated, despite the

Hull said each fraternity member paid a \$15 entry fee. While the average fraternity member sold for \$55, she said the top bidder went for \$75.

Jon English, president of the Interfraternity Council, said he was impressed with the excitement of the fraternities and the turnout of the sorori-

"It seems none was disappointed," "It adds some spice to Valentine's said English, a senior exercise and sports sciences major from Houston.

The goal is to make the future Greek Male Auctions bigger and better each year, he said.

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Lady Raiders blast Badgers, 78-62

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

A step out of conference play was just what the Lady Raiders needed as they took out Big 10 Conference member Wisconsin, 78-62 Sunday at the United Spirit Arena.

Lady Raider guard Jia Perkins broke out of a scoring slump to lead the Lady

Raider offensive charge with 19 points. Perkins came into the game averaging 16 points per contest on the season but managed only four points in Tech's previous game, a road loss to Oklahoma

Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said it was good to have Perkins back scoring points at her usual rate.

"We were all relieved," Sharp said of Perkins performance against the Badgers. "I think there was a collective sigh on the sidelines because of that. Certainly she is important to us. We have

to have her energy, and we need her offensive production. It just makes everything on the floor so much better when those things are happening."

Wisconsin jumped out to an early seven-point advantage in the contest, leading 11-4 with 16:33 remaining in the first half.

Tech was able to regroup and went on a 10-2 run to take the edge at 14-13 with 13:42 left before halftime.

Wisconsin took the lead briefly at 20-18 with 9:02 remaining in the first period, but Tech tied and then overtook the Badgers and never trailed again the rest of the game.

Tech led 33-26 at halftime and

outscored the Badgers 45-36 in the second frame to claim the 16-point victory.

The Lady Raiders outrebounded Wisconsin 37-35 in the contest and outscored the Badgers 32-30 in the paint.

Tech held Wisconsin forward Jessie Stomski, who came into the game averaging 19.3 points per game, to 10 points

Sharp said containing Stomski was a key to the Lady Raiders' victory.

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"I thought maybe one of the biggest keys to the game was our defense against Stomski going the other direction," Sharp said. "She was averaging 20 points

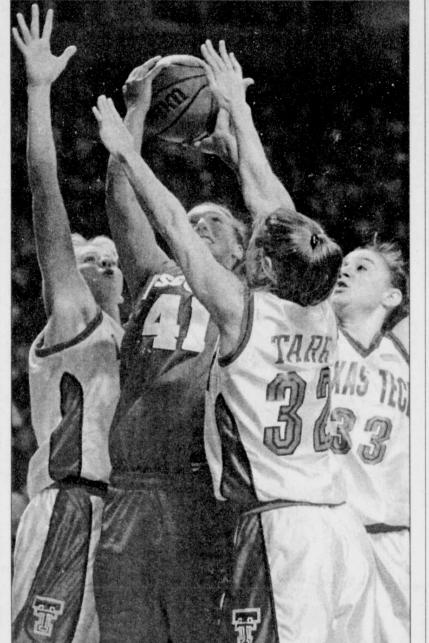
per game and at halftime she had four. Until late in the contest when she got herself to the free-throw line a couple of times, we had really been able to contain her."

Lady Raider guard Amber Tarr contributed 17 points, five rebounds and four assists to Tech's winning effort.

The Lady Raiders have two conference home games remaining on their schedule and one conference road game.

Tarr said the win against Wisconsin was a must as the regular season winds down for the Lady Raiders.

"We definitely felt that we needed three wins in this home stretch for sure, for our chances to get into the NCAA Tournament to be a lot better," Tarr said. "I just think this is a huge confidence builder. Especially after coming off of two losses, you always need that boost because you get a little bit down after losing two. I think this is the thing we needed for the stretch we are going to have for the end of the season."



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Photo Editor LADY RAIDERS CISTI Greenwalt, left, Amber Tarr, center, and Jolee Ayers, right trap Wisconsin forward Jessie Stomski. Stomski was Wisconsin's leading scorer going into the contest averaging 19.1 points per game. Texas Tech held her to 10 points.

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Emmett scores 33, Tech whips Buffs'

scored a career high 33 points and, guard Will Chavis added a career best 22 points as the Red Raider men's basketball team won in Boulder, Colo., for the first time since 1984 after routing Colorado, 97-79, Sat-

Tech had two breakaway runs in the contest.

The first surge was a 17-7 run in the first half to give Tech a 40-22 lead with five minutes left before inter-

Emmett scored 12 of those points and finished with 20 points at halftime. After the Buffaloes closed the gap

Texas Tech guard Andre Emmett at 43-33 at halftime, Tech went on their second key spurt by scoring on six of its first seven-second half possessions to lead

The win for Tech marked the first road victory for the squad since Jan. 9 in College Station against Texas A&M. Tech had previously lost four consecutive contests on the road.

The victory improved Tech to 18-6 overall and 7-5 within the Big 12 Conference. Colorado, who has now dropped three consecutive games, falls to 13-10

overall and 4-8 in the Big 12. Tech returns home to face Missouri (18-7, overall, 7-4 Big 12) at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

Raider softball team winless in Vegas

The Texas Tech softball team went winless for the second consecutive weekend when it dropped all five of its contests at the UNLV Classic in Las Vegas, Nev.

Tech entered the tournament with a 3-7 record and left with a 3-12 mark after facing a bundle of ranked teams for the second consecutive week.

Tech faced No. 2 UCLA for the second time this season and came out with the same result. The Bruins defeated Tech 13-2. In their second game of the tournament the Raiders played No. 4 Louisiana State. Tech failed to score a run by leaving runners in scoring position. The final score was 5-0.

Saturday's game marked Tech's second time to be shutout during the tournament. The No. 18 Oregon State Beavers shut down the Tech offense.

The Beavers pulled away in the fifth inning by scoring four runs to go up 6-0 before adding two more runs in the sixth to win 8-0.

The Raiders found themselves down early to tournament host UNLV 5-0.

At one point pitcher Jennifer Vaught retired 10 Rebels in a row before giving up the final two runs of the game in the sixth. UNLV won 7-4.

Tech faced No. 13 Alabama and closed the tournament with a 7-0 loss. It was the third time Tech was shut out in the classic.

Tech men's netters go 1-2 in Arizona

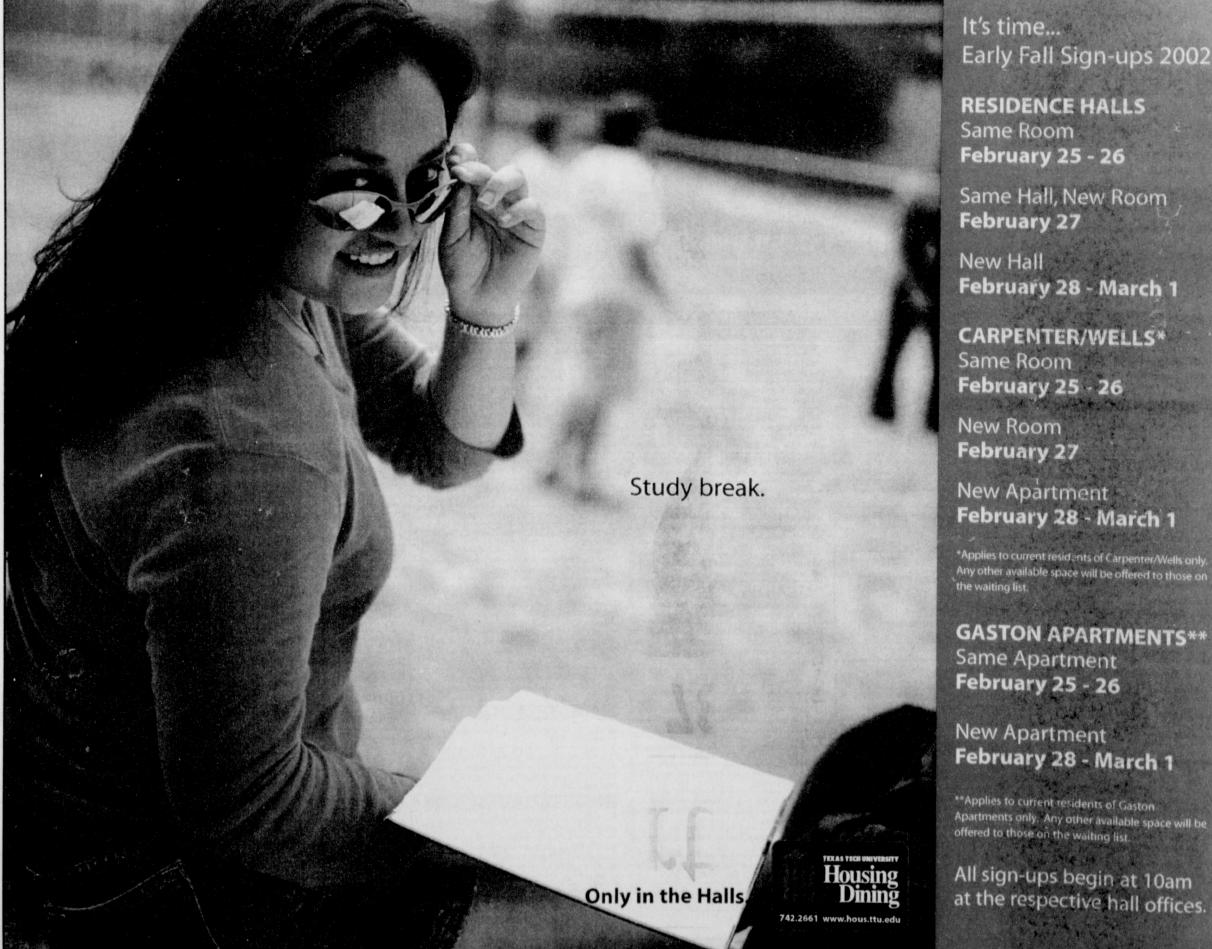
The Texas Tech men's tennis team traveled to Arizona this weekend to play three matches and came

home with one win and two losses. Against Arizona State, Royce Ramey injured his ankle and had to default his singles match. Ramey said initial approximations as to his return are five to six weeks.

Tech lost to the No. 42-ranked ASU Sun Devils 7-0.

Tech followed its sweeping loss Thursday with a match against No. 43 Arizona. The Wildcats defeated the Raiders by a 6-1 margin.

Saturday, the Raiders faced Northern Arizona and got their lone victory on the



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