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## Surveyed students split on athletics fee issue

By Justin Matthews/Staff Reporter

Results of the student survey regarding the proposed intercollegiate athletics fee showed students oppose the fee by a small majority.

Students are nearly split on the issue with 53.8 in opposition of the proposed fee and 44.7 in favor of it.

The survey was conducted from Feb. 14 to Feb. 19 by the Earl Survey Research Laboratory. The telephone survey consisted of 855 students at Texas Tech and

Tech Health Sciences Center and collected the opinions of a sample of students regarding the proposed student intercollegiate athletics fee.

The results of that survey were released Friday.

Texas Tech President David Schmidly said sometime this week he will release his decision about how the fee will be presented to the Board of Regents at their meeting this week in Odessa.

"Public opinion doesn't decide pub-

lic policy, but when you do make policy you are always interested in public opinion," Schmidly said. "The poll gives me more information; I'm not going to make this decision based on a poll, and I'm not going to make it based on getting beat up by the editors of *The UD*, either; I am going to make it based on what I think is in the best interest of this university and all of its students."

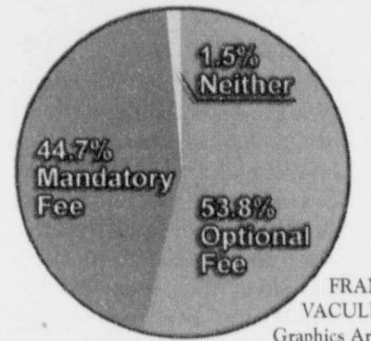
Schmidly said the results are consistent with what he would predict just from logic.

"I didn't want to bias this thing; I told the professionals, 'I want to know what this student body thinks. Design a survey that will give us factual information that is objective and that we can use in making this decision,' and this is what they've done," Schmidly said.

The office of Institutional Research and Information Management produced a file containing 5,000 randomly selected Tech student's telephone numbers and the Office of the Registrar at the HSC produced a file of 194 students from their

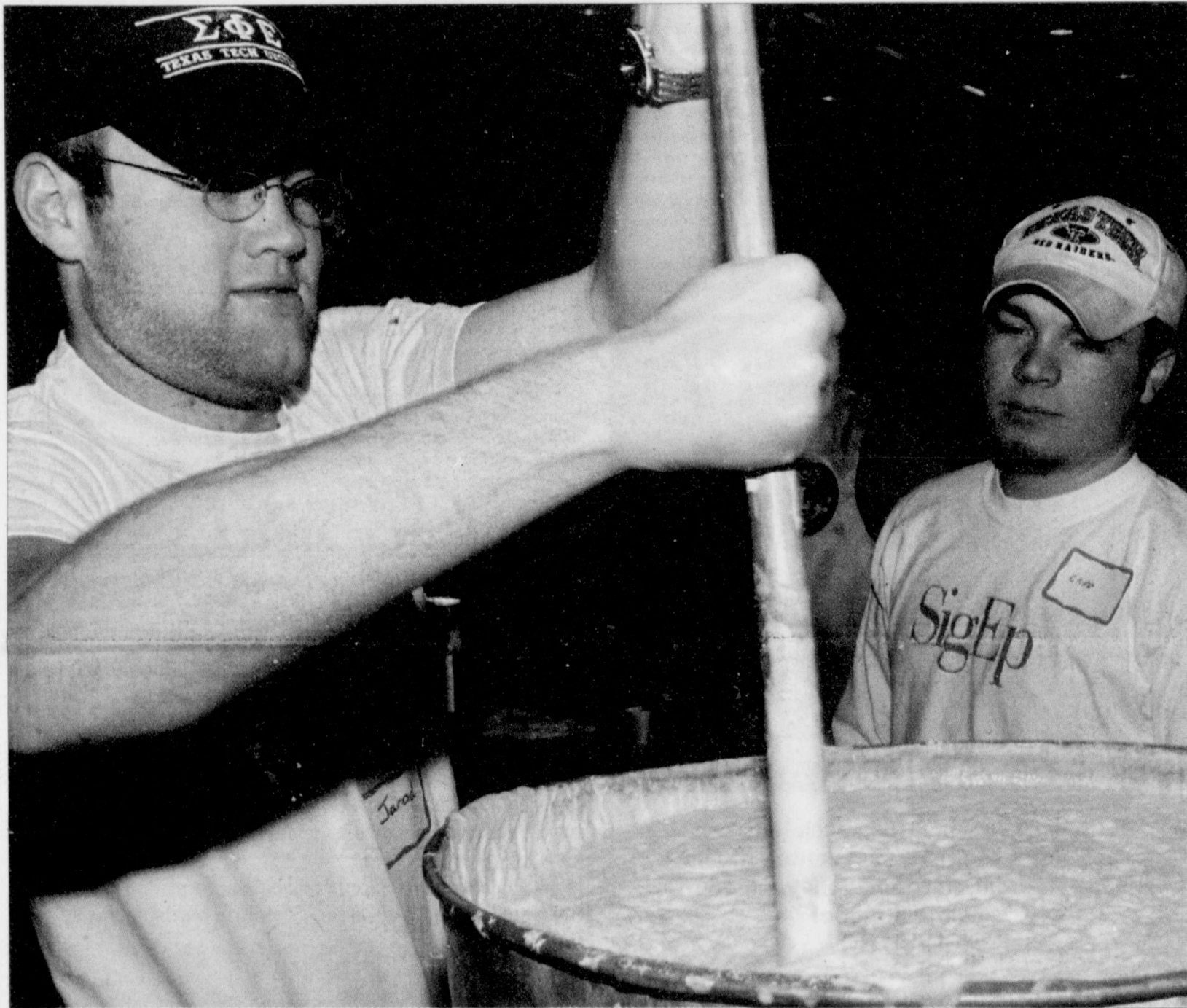
campus. The survey, which took about two minutes to complete, covered a series of eight questions such as the student's gender, classification, living arrangements (on or off campus), number of Tech athletic events attended and knowledge of the proposed fee. At that time, the student was asked to choose which of the two options he or she would rather be enforced at Tech. The two plans were explained as follows:

### Athletics Fee Poll Results



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MEMBERS OF SIGMA Phi Epsilon, Jarod Waters, a sophomore finance major from Lubbock, and Cliff Bevel, a freshman marketing major from Katy, stir a trash can full of pancake batter at the Lubbock Lions Club's 50th annual Pancake Festival Saturday afternoon. BELOW: Members of Chi Omega, Lindsey McManus, a junior design communications major from Austin, and Courtney McVay, a sophomore nursing major from Odessa, flip pancakes at the Pancake Festival Saturday.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

## Mixin' it UP

Students help prepare pancakes for 50th annual festival

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

Instead of sleeping in on Saturday morning, hundreds of Texas Tech students flipped pancakes and cooked sausage during the Lubbock Lions Club's 50th Annual Pancake Festival Saturday at the Lubbock Civic Center.

Larry Tester, Tech sorority and fraternity chairman for the Lubbock Lions Club, said 650 members from various sororities, fraternities and service orga-

nizations volunteered.

"That is unbelievable," he said. "We could not even think about putting on an event like this without them."

The duties of Tech volunteers ranged from mixing pancake batter to pouring the batter to cooking pancakes.

Tester said volunteers also cooked sausages, poured juice and coffee, bused tables and welcomed Lubbock citizens and Tech students who attended the festival.

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## University vision outlined in plan

THE ROAD AHEAD: Campus-wide goals, objectives to be discussed at meeting tonight.

By Justin Matthews/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech President David Schmidly will discuss the university's new strategic plan, dubbed "A Clear Vision for the Future," during a town hall meeting today at 7 p.m.

The strategic plan is the result of 14 months of research and assessment by each of the 180 units of the university.

"I believe there is no more important task in preparing for the future than creating a strategic plan with goals that will move this university to the next level," Schmidly said.

The 2001-2005 plan reveals nine new university goals. Each goal is listed in the plan catalog as well as strategies, objectives and assessments to help reach the goal. Copies of the plan will be available at the town hall meeting.

The first goal, titled "Access and Diversity," lists the objective to recruit, retain and graduate a larger and

more diverse student body. "Academic Excellence," the second goal, reveals a university objective to attain national recognition as a top public educational research university.

The third goal, "Engagement," states the university will provide programs and services that disseminate knowledge and skills that enhance the quality of life.

"Technology," the fourth goal, states that the university should benefit from the use of technology in the delivery of services.

The fifth goal, "Partnerships," shows the objective to build strategic partnerships and alliances with external entities.

The sixth goal, "Human Resources and Infrastructure," explains the university will maintain a quality work force and work environment.

The seventh goal, "Tradition and Pride," is to develop a national image based on Texas Tech traditions and pride

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## Voting venues set

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Early voting for state and county primary elections begins today at various polling places throughout the city.

The primaries decide who advances to run in the November elections for each political party.

There will be five boxes set up at each polling place: two boxes for democrat ballots, three for republican ballots and one for any extra ballots, Doris Ruff, Lubbock County clerk said.

Early voting is done for the convenience of the citizens, Ruff said.

"It's more convenient for people to go to a place they frequent, like the South Plains Mall, rather than going out of their way on Election Day," Ruff said.

There are generally about 60 polling locations on the regular Election Day, most of which are in schools. However, none of the early voting primary places are the same as regular



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Election Day locations and there are not as many polling places for early voting, Ruff said.

There are five permanent polling places opening at 8:30 a.m. today and three temporary polling locations opening Tuesday at 9 a.m. Texas Tech will have early voting Tuesday and Wednesday at the Student Union from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"People can vote at any one of the polling places," Ruff said.

In the regular voting period, citizens

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## Senate passes resolution to protect rec fields

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Student Senate met Thursday night to discuss preserving fields on campus, voter registration and recognizing Linda Kamp, who served the law school for more than 20 years.

A resolution was passed to keep the recreational fields on Tech untouched by construction.

The fields extend from University Avenue to Boston along 19th Street.

Kelli Stumbo, internal vice president for the Student Government Association, said preserving these fields would be a way of keeping the campus beautiful.

"This way we can keep Tech from becom-

ing a cement campus," she said. "By this, I mean there would be patches of green everywhere."

Tech students use the fields for soccer, lacrosse and several other recreational purposes.

Stumbo said the Student Senate was worried parking lots were going to be built around that area.

"By preserving the natural state of the fields on campus, no construction or parking lots can be built on these fields," she said.

Voter registration cards will be permanently placed in the Student Government Association office so any student can register to vote in Lubbock County at any time.

Channon Cain, external vice president for the SGA, said Tech students represent ap-

proximately 25,000 citizens of Lubbock and less than 10 percent of the student population is currently registered to vote in Lubbock County.

Cain said by registering to vote in Lubbock, students have the capability to make Tech a powerhouse in Lubbock elections.

"Maybe in the long run, mayoral candidates will campaign on Tech campus," he said. "With 25,000 votes, we would have a say in issues such as the house ordinance."

Some Senate members signed up to get qualified to be able to register students to vote at the meeting.

The Senate wanted to recognize Linda

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## BRINGIN' DOWN THE HOUSE



STUDENTS MANEUVER  
A mock goalpost through the stands at the Tech-A&M men's basketball game Saturday. The Raiders defeated A&M 74-53.

GREG KRELLER/  
Staff Photographer



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## The Rundown



### Escaped killer arrested

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — An escaped Texas murderer spent Sunday in the Wake County Jail while he awaited a North Carolina court hearing.

John William Roland III, 33, was scheduled for a hearing at 2 p.m. EST Monday, according to the county sheriff's office.

Roland was arrested about 5 p.m. Saturday after police negotiated with him for about an hour, said Lt. Tom Earnhardt of the Raleigh Police Department.

### Olympic crowd riots

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An unruly, drunken crowd gave police their toughest test of the 2002 Winter Games early Sunday when hundreds of revelers refused to leave a downtown block where beer was sold.

Police fired nonlethal bullets made of dense foam and arrested 20 people on the final day of the 2002 Winter Games. No injuries were reported, according to the Olympic Joint Information Center.

### Reporter's killers under investigation

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The hunt for the killers of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl is targeting three Arab nationals — an indication, investigators say, that the perpetrators may be linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

Authorities offered little information Sunday about the Arabs' identity or what role they may have played. But their alleged involvement — combined with investigators' revelation that a key suspect now in custody said he met personally with bin Laden in Afghanistan — suggested an al-Qaida link.

Police believe a dozen or more people were involved in Pearl's abduction and murder, and that most of them have spent time in Afghanistan as supporters of that country's ousted Taliban regime. Their links to al-Qaida — the group believed responsible for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States — are being studied, investigators said.

## Quote of the Day

"Public opinion doesn't decide public policy, but when you do make policy you are always interested in public opinion."

— DAVID SCHMIDLY, Texas Tech President, on fee survey results. Please see SURVEYED, page 1.

## Horoscopes

**If Your Birthday is This Week:** Avoid challenging older relatives and authority figures. The structure and definition of key work projects, home rules or long-term family expectations need to be examined or changed. After May 11, a new era of social independence and fast progress in all financial matters will arrive.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20):** Romantic partners will rely heavily on your advice. Watch for an unusual social complication or family disagreement to cause lovers or marital partners to doubt their self-worth or community standing. Point out obvious misinterpretations.

**Aries (March 21-April 20):** Work routines will greatly improve. Expect financial negotiations or business proposals to be quickly finalized. Some Aries natives may enter into an unusual partnership, contract or short-term investment. If so, thoroughly research all details.

**Taurus (April 21-May 20):** Watch for loved ones to ask personal questions; old

promises, yesterday's attractions or delicate social relationships may all be at issue. Although others are critical, important emotional gains are available.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21):** New romantic attractions will offer strong evidence of affection, trust and loyalty. At present, potential mates may be focused on past social history or outdated memories. Don't give it a second thought.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22):** Long-term friendships will change. Watch for a friend or lover to openly discuss past events or recent social dynamics. For some Cancerians, public disclosures and renewed honesty will be ongoing themes.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Social and work routines will increase. Expect key officials and close friends to clearly state their expectations. Revised assignments and team events will be important.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** A close friend or lover may wish to discuss past events, romantic promises or ongoing social obligations. Others will be focused on social triangles or rare displays of public loyalty. Avoid misemotion; a balanced response may be important.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):** Family relations may demand special attention. Expect loved ones and marital partners to doubt their own self-worth or place

in the group. All is well, however. At present, low confidence is mostly a passing mood.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):** Short-term flirtations and new attractions are particularly pleasing. Expect a colleague or friend to express a subtle romantic interest or new affection. Remain cautious, however. Social politics and group dynamics may be more complex than anticipated.

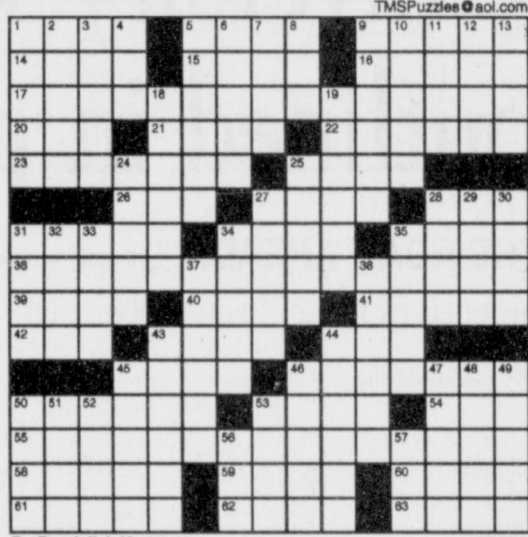
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Financial obligations or a revised public reputation are accented. Watch for colleagues to rely heavily on your ability to finalize contracts or represent the needs of the group. Accept all new duties and proposals. Recent doubts concerning leadership qualities or business potential can be steadily resolved.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20):** Subtle attractions and new sensuality will be unavoidable. Watch for a powerful wave of social interest to arrive. For many Capricorns, a fairly long period of emotional endurance or social boredom is coming to an end.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19):** Relations with co-workers may dramatically change. Expect work methods and daily routines to be complex, unusually political and socially intense. Time requirements or delicate team decisions may require extra attention. Don't avoid small or difficult tasks.

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- Poetic tentmaker?
  - Where most of us are?
  - Lawn makeup
  - Justice Black
  - Displays of fauna
  - French textile center
  - Ulysses
  - Food scrap
  - "O don fatale" or "Vissi d'arte"
  - Rained in fine drops
  - Type of diver
  - Lacoste or Levesque
  - Part of TGIF
  - Ice mass
  - Call location
  - Make amends
  - Retarding force
  - Produced
  - "Ulysses"
  - Very dry
  - Cedar Breaks state
  - Pavlov and Reitman
  - Water damage
  - Fads
  - J.H.S. subj.
  - Chicago nine
  - Caricature
  - Forward
  - Port city of Pennsylvania
  - Mai \_\_\_ cocktail
  - Ulysses
  - Warsaw, for one
  - Furnish, for a time
  - Acts the bookworm
  - Stage signals
  - Humanistic disciplines



By Randall J. Hartman  
Escondido, CA

- DOWN**
- 1977 George Burns film
  - Razor-billed auk
  - Striped gam
  - Silver or Wood
  - Portuguese islands
  - Capital of Bulgaria
  - Greek letter
  - Gray shade
  - Applying epoxy
  - Dishwasher cycle
  - Dismounted
  - \_\_\_ gin fizz
  - Dispatch
  - Experiences
  - Materialize
  - Yearned
  - Stick 'em up!
  - Ferry of Roxy Music
  - Volcanic flow
  - Earthly paradise
  - Styling products
  - Slightly open
  - Tropical root
  - Overlook
  - Showers
  - Affection
  - Film
  - Mix up
  - Buffalo coin
  - Pretenses
  - New Orleans pros
  - Boxed in?
  - Instant
  - Web-footed mammal
  - Pass out
  - Discovers
  - Bellow
  - Border
  - Pianist Hees
  - Jacob's twin
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# Law school hosts career seminar

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

The Criminal Trial Lawyer's Association sponsored the 12th annual Career Seminar Saturday at the Texas Tech School of Law. The event featured speakers from several areas of criminal law.

Robert Nigh, criminal defense attorney for Timothy McVeigh, was a guest speaker. Other speakers included David Guinn, private criminal defense attorney; Helen Liggett, from the federal public defender's office; Tanya Pierce, from the U.S. attorney's office and Joe Carrico, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Nigh said representing criminals was a stressful but meaningful job.

"It is stressful when you hold your client's life in your hands," Nigh said. "We have to choose very carefully the information we believe in these types of situations and what we do with it."

Nigh said an important aspect of criminal defense is informing the public

so they will not have a biased opinion.

"There is a suggested obligation as a defense attorney that justice doesn't operate on a slanted scale on highly publicized cases," he said. "Bad cases make bad law."

Nigh said the McVeigh case, although difficult, was a learning experience.

"The impact of what happened is something I do not believe can be overstated," he said.

Nigh said his job was satisfying and he sometimes believed he was making a difference for a client or a whole group of people.

"My job has been very rewarding," Nigh said.

Michele Tapia, vice president of the CTLA and a second-year law student from Dallas, said the event was beneficial to students because it covered varied areas for criminal law.

"People go to the seminar and are more aware of the different areas, helping them to make decisions when they graduate," she said.

Guinn said the seminar gives law students the opportunity to interact with professionals who are doing what the students are aspiring to do.

"The seminar is good for anybody," Guinn said. "You listen to people who have been in the work force for a while and learn as much from their scar tissue as you can."

Melinda Thompson, a first-year law student from Island Village, said she enjoyed listening to the speakers to gain insight on the deviations that may occur in a case.

"I think Nigh revealed things the public doesn't usually get to hear," Thompson said. "I think it's important to talk about the deviations that happened because most people don't realize that happens all the time."

Thompson said most of the public is biased and has a general negative opinion of criminal defense attorneys.

"They don't understand the government is flawed and unethical in many ways," Thompson said.

## Voting

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have to go to designated polling places based on the precinct they live in, Ruff said.

"One ballot does not pertain to all," Ruff said. "It depends on where you live as to which county commissioner to vote for and so forth."

Both Ruff and Hatfield emphasized the importance of early voting for Tech students because the primary elections are during Spring Break.

"Students should vote while they are on campus and make sure they get it done," Hatfield said.

Justin Surratt, president of College Republicans, said it is important to get the students involved because so much of what goes on in politics affects them.

He said students could have an impact on local and state politics if they would just get out and vote.

"It's hard to believe that every vote counts, but it does, and people need to understand that 25,000 students is a large voting population," Surratt said. "It's just a matter of getting people to do it."

Greg Fisher, head of Campus Libertarians, encourages student not to vote in the early voting or March primaries, but rather attend the Libertarian conventions to select candidates.

For a complete list of candidates and offices, visit the Lubbock County Web site at [www.co.lubbock.tx.us](http://www.co.lubbock.tx.us).

## EARLY VOTING VENUES

■ **Lubbock County Multipurpose Room**  
Lubbock County Courthouse, 904 Broadway, 5th Floor Room 503

■ **Lubbock County Courthouse Annex**  
240 W. Garza, Slaton

■ **South Plains Mall**  
Slide Road, Lubbock

■ **United Supermarket**  
401 Slide Road, Space B-2

■ **United Supermarket**  
112 N. University Avenue (Dates and times for above locations are Feb. 25 - March 1: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

■ **Texas Tech University Student Union**  
(Feb 26, 27: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

■ **United Supermarket**  
2630 Parkway Drive (March 1, 2: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

■ **United Supermarket**  
8201 Quaker Ave. (March 6, 8: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Source: Lubbock County Clerk's Office

## Festival

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Jill Crocker, a sophomore exercise and sports sciences major from La Porte and a member of Alpha Chi Omega, said her favorite part was getting to meet members of the Lubbock Lions Club.

"They are so excited about (the pancake festival)," she said. "They take their pancakes seriously."

The proceeds from the pancake festival benefit the South Plains Food Bank, eyeglasses for school children in the Lubbock Independent School District, the Salvation Army, the Texas Boys Ranch and the Texas Lions Camp, a special camp for disabled children the Lions Club sponsors, among others.

Tester said the pancake festival has grown since the first one 50 years ago, which occurred at Lubbock High School.

"It was a very small deal," he said. "It has grown from a couple hundred to 19,000."

However, he said he enjoys the "massive lines" of families who attend the pancake festival every year.

"After 50 years, it runs like a machine," Tester said.

## Results

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Plan 1: All students are assessed a \$100 fee per year. In exchange for this fee, all students would receive an all-sports pass to all Texas Tech athletic events and the opportunity to purchase up to four additional tickets at half-price.

Plan 2: Students have the option of paying a \$150 fee per year. Students who pay this fee receive an all-sports pass to all Texas Tech athletic events. Under this plan, any additional tickets would have to be purchased at full price.

The results produced from this survey and the figures Schmidly will look to for aid in his final decision are given with a 3.5 percent margin of error.

A total of 53.8 percent of Tech students favor the optional fee (Plan 2), meaning that percentage is against the mandatory athletics fee (Plan 1). A total of 44.7 percent favor the proposed athletics fee.

These results were further broken down, revealing individual classification decisions. Both freshman (56.4 percent for, 43.6 percent against) and sophomore (59.1 percent for, 40.9 percent against) students

voted predominantly in favor of the fee. Tech's junior class revealed a tighter margin of 51.6 percent against and 48.4 percent for but joined both the senior class (62.1 percent against, 37.9 percent for) and graduate/law students (78.2 against, 21.8 for) in their decision against the fee.

The survey data, which is to be used to help the administration make a final decision, suggests an overall preference among students for the \$150 optional fee but by a narrow margin. Students who attend five athletic events or fewer were overwhelmingly against the fee, while students attending six or more games in the past year voted for the \$100 required fee.

The results also show a relationship between whether or not a student preferred the fee and whether or not he or she had learned about the issue recently. Although the minority, those who had heard of the proposal prior to the phone survey preferred the \$100 fee more than those who had heard of it for the first time.

John Stienmetz, Student Government Association president, explained why the SGA supports the fee.

"It's not just the Student Government Association, it's the Student Service Fee Committee, which is made up of students system wide," he said.

## Plan

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in achievements.

Finally, goals eight and nine, "Financial Stability," and "Accountability," state that the university should strengthen financial resources and enhance planning, performance and public accountability. Schmidly said he will speak about each goal tonight at the Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium of the Museum of Texas Tech.

"We have strong partnerships with community colleges throughout the state and we recruit students from every county in Texas," Schmidly said. "We will continue to grow as we solidify our place as one of the three flagship universities in the state."

## Senate

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Kamp, a law school registrar, who died Jan 27.

Two senators, Zeke Fortenberry, senator-at-large, and Kenneth Strickland, senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, resigned at the meeting due to lack of discussion about the proposed intercollegiate athletics fee.

Fortenberry said he resigned due to the fact the student senate would not even consider discussing the athletic fee.

"This fee will only make the bigger games bigger, it will not do anything for small games, such as the game against North Texas," he said.

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# SGA CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

## EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

### Vaughn full of passion, dedication

#### ENDORSEMENT

While some have said the office of external vice president is vaguely defined, one candidate running for the office this year has the ambition, passion and extreme drive to make it more than just a title.

The *University Daily* editorial board endorses Bryan Vaughn for external vice president. Hands down, no question, this candidate wants to work for the students.

Vaughn's ideas and legwork prove he means business. He views this office as an opportunity to affect Texas Tech from the outside by working with local businesses, the Lubbock City Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

He understands the relationship between Tech and the city and plans to use it to students' advantage. Vaughn's dedication to this position is already apparent, as he has begun the legwork of establishing relationships with businesses and city leaders, which will help him succeed with his plans.

He has developed specific goals and objectives by which to complete them. He has the business know-how and demeanor to negotiate, wheel and deal with Lubbock businesses and officials and be taken seriously.

Through these partnerships, he wants to expand current programs such as Safe Ride and Citibus and work on current problems such as traffic and parking.

Vaughn is a mover and a shaker. He wants to raise \$25,000 through the

community for student scholarships. The UD believes he can do it.

He has not been involved with student government until this campaign; The UD believes this may be a good thing, as it will allow him to bring fresh ideas and his work ethic to an office which could use a good adrenaline boost.

As a liaison between the students and the city, Vaughn promises to deliver better relationships, better deals and better benefits for students.

Vaughn will set the bar for the office of external vice president and raise the bar for a better Student Government Association.

**■ The University Daily editorial board voted 5-1 to endorse Bryan Vaughn for external vice president.**

## INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

### Fortenberry's innovation sets him apart

#### ENDORSEMENT

As the leader of the Student Senate, the internal vice president is important in making sure students' voices are heard in the Student Government Association.

This half of *The University Daily* editorial board believes Zeke Fortenberry is the best person for the job because of his energy and innovation.

His beliefs and attitude convey a message that he is capable of standing up to the administration when there is opposition while keeping the best interests of the Tech student body at heart.

We see his resignation from the Senate on Thursday as his way of

separating himself from the Senate, demonstrating his refusal to be part of an entity that he said he believes is not fulfilling its job requirements to discuss issues and represent the students. And as internal vice president, he says he will do everything in his power to prevent senators from misusing their power.

Fortenberry said he plans on improving relations between students, administrators and the SGA by creating a House of Representatives within Tech's student government system.

One student from every Tech student organization would have the opportunity to be a member of this House where each member would vote on issues in a similar manner as the Student Senate, which would then not be the sole student legislative body influencing the

fate of Tech students. Fortenberry's leadership and this House will give students a louder voice when it comes to sharing concerns about Tech policy.

Fortenberry said while he may not have solutions to every debatable issue on campus, he said he has a keen understanding for these problems and is the best person to address these issues from a leading role within our student government.

He has the right mindset for the position of SGA internal vice president and will bring new ideas to the forefront while encouraging the same from senators.

**■ The University Daily editorial board voted 3-3 to endorse Zeke Fortenberry for SGA internal vice president.**

## INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

### Stephens focuses on students

#### ENDORSEMENT

As the leader of the Student Senate, the internal vice president is important in making sure students' voices are heard in the Student Government Association.

This half of the editorial board of *The University Daily* recommends Wesley Stephens for the position because of his emphasis on making sure students' opinions are heard.

Stephens said his priorities as internal vice president would be getting more students involved in organizations and other campus-wide activities, making student senators more liable to their constituents and making sure students have a voice in

the student government.

Stephens made it very clear the Student Government Association exists to work for the students of Texas Tech, not the administrators. He said he would stand his ground and take the side of the students on controversial issues and emphasized the fact that he would not be "daddied" by the administration.

Students and senators have been notoriously lacking in communication in the past, and Stephens said he wants to change that by making senators more liable to their constituents, emphasizing the fact that being a student senator is a job, not just an item to be placed on a resume.

One of Stephens' distinctive characteristics is his level head and

confident demeanor. It is apparent by his serious attitude that he will have the ability to lead the Senate with dignity, respect, maturity and professionalism.

Stephens would bring three years of Senate experience to the job if elected. His experiences make him a solid and reliable choice for leader of the Senate.

Because of his experience, his desire to change the Senate for the better, his desire to make senators more liable to students and his rock-solid nature, we believe he is the best candidate for the position.

**■ The University Daily editorial board voted 3-3 to endorse Wesley Stephens for SGA internal vice president.**

## PRESIDENT

### Stumbo a leader with strong integrity

#### ENDORSEMENT

Serving as the liaison between the student body and the administration, the Student Government Association president acts as the leader and voice of Texas Tech students throughout his or her term.

While it is important for the SGA president to have good leadership skills, *The University Daily* editorial board believes it is more important for the person to have excellent communication skills, a strong resolve and an ability to keep their finger on the pulse of the students they represent.

It is the opinion of *The UD* editorial board that SGA presidential candidate and current SGA Internal Vice President Kelli Stumbo is best suited for the job.

Stumbo's campaign is centered around four major areas — academics,

athletics, multiculturalism and student involvement. One of the most refreshing and impressive points about Stumbo is that she puts academics first in her campaign, which we believe shows her constant realization that the students she wants to represent have come to Tech for one primary reason — to receive an education.

Stumbo is full of good ideas — ones that are viable and realistic. She says she plans on having a book swap at the end of this semester for students to trade books back and forth, bypassing high bookstore prices and saving students money. This idea shows research, as she has modeled it after a similar event Stanford University holds.

Having served as president of the Student Senate this year, it would be easy for Stumbo to be overly protective and defensive of the legislative branch of the SGA.

However, she plans on creating a Student Organization Advisory Committee, which would be made up of delegates from each student organization, to supplement the voice of current SGA bodies in order to allow more students' perspectives to be heard.

The most impressive qualities about Stumbo, however, are not her experience or her wealth of ideas. Her maturity, grace and intelligence will undoubtedly help her serve the student body. Above all else, Stumbo carries herself with integrity — a quality any political office could use.

The UD editorial board has faith that Stumbo will do an excellent job in serving the students of the university in several capacities if elected.

**■ The University Daily editorial board voted 5-1 to endorse Kelli Stumbo for SGA president.**

# Voting — all the cool kids are doing it

## COLUMN



BRANDON FORMBY

Sure, turning the show "Friends" into a drinking game is a blast. Yes, hanging out on a beach during Spring Break is fun. And of course, a dirty hat, a T-shirt, khaki shorts and sandals will always be in. But you know what this spring's hottest college trend is?

Voting. OK, stop laughing at

me. I'm serious. Voting in university, local, state and national elections is the epitome of bad ass. All the cool kids are doing it. And you do want to be cool, don't you?

So, if you want to up your cool quotient, you are in luck because the early voting in local elections begins today. Plus, the Student Government Association elections begin tomorrow.

The SGA people are the folks we pick every year to represent us. The president works closely with administrators, serving as the voice of the entire student body. The internal vice president acts as president of the Student Senate. The external vice president — well, that changes from year to year as the office's role is not extremely well defined, so it just depends on who gets elected.

Then there are the senators. They make up the SGA's legislative branch and pass bills and resolutions, which serve as recommendations to the administration. The Senate has passed everything from legislation about the Memorial Circle grass and pencil sharpeners to the change of the color of graduation robes.

So let's say you do want to vote but you do not know who to vote for. Well, there are plenty of methods people use. The one I like is the one where you vote for the person you think will do the best job. While some people think voting for that guy in their lab, that hot girl on the bus or the person all their friends are voting for works, I find the best-person method tends to screw fewer students in the long run.

The SGA develops many ideas and proposals that affect students. Current SGA President John Steinmetz served on the Student Services Fee Committee that originated the idea for the proposed intercollegiate athletics fee. So, you cannot say the SGA never does anything that affects us.

The editors of *The University Daily* met with all of the executive candidates Saturday in order to get a feel for their platforms, their plans and their personalities. As you will notice, endorsements for each of the three positions have been printed on this page.

What's an endorsement? Well, that's our way of saying, "Hey! We like that one!"

The endorsements, which reflect the opinion of the editorial board and no one else, are not intended to tell you how to vote. After meeting with all 12 candidates, the six members of the board sat down and argued — for a long time — about lots of stuff. We believe that endorsing candidates is one of the most important things we do all year, and we take it very seriously.

We based our decisions on the interviews we held. While the athletics fee issue is a hot topic on campus these days, and while many candidates walked into the interview and told us flat out how they felt about the fee before they told us anything else, we decided not to take the fee into account when making any decisions.

Speaking of decisions, we couldn't come to one with the internal vice president candidates. We argued. We debated. We fought. But a tie remained, so we decided to endorse both candidates. I won't tell you argued about, but I will tell you News Editor Jeff Stoughton has a pretty mean right hook.

So tomorrow, log on to the SGA Web site at [www.sga.ttu.edu](http://www.sga.ttu.edu) and voice your opinion. Pick who you like. Still not sure who you like the best? Log on to [www.universitydaily.net](http://www.universitydaily.net) and check out the SGA Election Special under Web Exclusives, where we have compiled stories about the candidates. Or talk to the candidates yourself and ask them how they plan on best representing you.

Voting is a privilege we should take part in. It's important and believe it or not, it does make a difference. With a campus of 25,000, we should have well more than 2,500 showing up to vote.

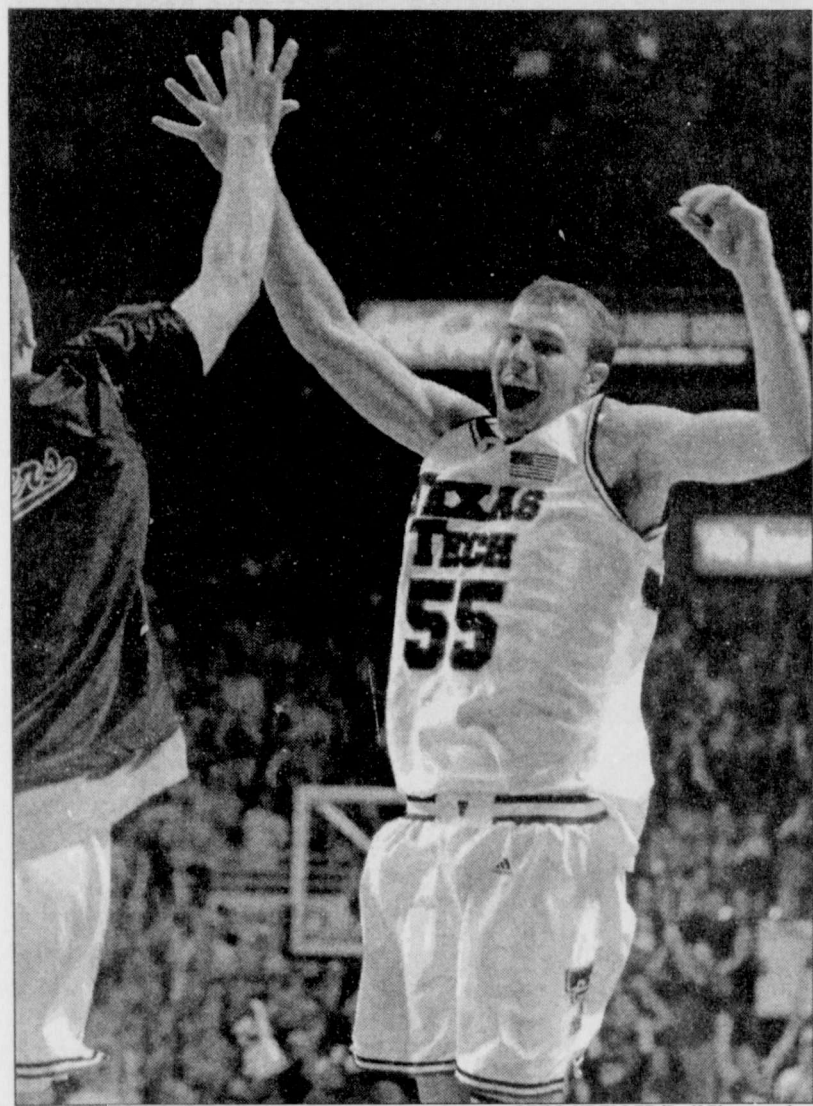
But I guess not everyone can be cool.

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## Tech at 20 wins after whipping A&M



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH CENTER Andy Ellis celebrates after hitting a shot as time expired in the first half of Tech's 74-53 win against Texas A&M Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

The Texas A&M Aggies controlled the opening tip but little else in their 74-53 loss to the Texas Tech Red Raiders Saturday on senior day at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech held the Aggies (9-19 overall, 3-11 Big 12) to just 14 points in the first half as the Red Raiders claimed a 35-14 halftime edge and maintained the 21-point edge throughout the second half.

Raider guard Will Chavis paced Tech offensively in the contest with 18 points, five rebounds and five assists in the winning effort.

A&M forward Bernard King fought through constant heckling from the Tech fans in attendance each time he touched the ball for most of the second half to score a game-high 20 points.

Tech (20-6 overall, 9-5 Big 12) held the Aggie offense scoreless for more than nine minutes during one stretch of the first half and built a 28-9 lead with 8:02 left before halftime.

Raider senior Andy Ellis canned a jump shot as time expired in the first stanza to give Tech its 21-point lead at the half.

With 10:21 left in the contest, King fouled Chavis on a lay-up attempt and was booed by the fans each time he touched the ball from that point until the end of the contest.

Tech fans passed around a home-made goalpost toward the end of the

game, symbolic of Tech fans' tearing down the goalposts following the Red Raiders' last two home football victories against A&M. At one point during the contest, Tech coach Bob Knight told the fans to clap.

Knight said he was pleased with the fan reaction, but he did not want the cheering to turn into harassing.

"The students have been really good," Knight said. "I don't want them at a point where they are harassing the other people. They really were good when I told them to clap and they clapped. I kind of got a kick out of that."

Tech seniors Jesus Arenas and Chris Cassidy were put into the game with about two minutes left and each player was able to register points in the Raiders' win.

Arenas, Cassidy and Ellis each made speeches to the crowd following their final home game at Tech. Knight also called upon the senior members of the Tech band, cheerleading and pom squads to come down onto the court to receive an ovation from the crowd for their efforts during the season.

Each player thanked their family, teammates and present and former coaches during their speeches.

Ellis finished the contest with 14 points and five rebounds and said after performing on losing teams for his first three years at Tech, playing on a 20-win squad this season has been sweet.

"The last couple of years have been

a struggle," Ellis said. "This is good for us. It is good for this program. This is where this program needs to be. We have got it on the way going up. It is good for us to be on that first team that kind of turned it around. It has been exciting and fun, and we are just going to try and continue it for a couple of more games at least."

Cassidy finished the game with two points and said sinking a basket in his final home game was special.

"To make a bucket here at home was just a dream come true," Cassidy said. "Every once in a while, I will make a free throw or I'll make a couple of points on the road, but that was the first real basket that I made at home. It was special because I got to do it in my last game, and my parents got to see me. It meant a lot to me."

Arenas finished the contest with one point and said after walking on the team with Cassidy in 1999 and playing with Ellis since then, competing as Raiders with his senior teammates will be most memorable for him.

"I think the best thing out of all this is that we have all been here since '99," Arenas said. "Me and Chris walked on at the same time, and we went through all of that together. I have known Andy since high school. But just being here with coach (James) Dickey and through the whole phase that we went through last year being 9-19 last year and just playing really well this year, I think that is the best thing out of all of this, that we have all gone through it together."

## Tech track struggles at Big 12 meet

The Texas Tech tracks teams participated in the Big 12 Indoor Championships this weekend in Lincoln, Neb. The women's team improved its position from last year by two spots, finishing in eighth place. The men did not improve their final standings by finishing 10th again this year.

The teams were not without strong performances by some Red Raiders, though.

For the men, Jonathan Johnson finished second in two events, the 600-meters and the 800-meters. Julieon Raeburn finished third in the 200-meters. His time of 21.21 was .01 seconds ahead of Ivory McCann. Both Raiders' times were good enough to provisionally qualify them for the NCAA meet March 1. The men's 4x400-meters relay team finished fourth and also qualified for the NCAA meet.

The women had three second-place finishes and one first-place mark. Shannon Spaulding finished in second in the 800-meters. Spaulding also ran anchor for the Distance Medley Relay that placed first. The 4x400-meter relay team finished second. Both the distance and the sprint relays qualified for the NCAA meet. Tech's other second-place finish came in the 400-meters. Rachelle Evans finished with a time of 53.89.

## Solid hitting, productive pitching gives softball squad wins at NMSU

The Texas Tech softball team had its best outing in a tournament this year at the Troy Cox Classic in Las Cruces, N.M. Tech opened the tournament with three wins, including its second win over a ranked opponent.

The Red Raiders played Dayton in their opener, and they came out swinging. The Raiders scored three runs in the first inning on three hits. Esmerelda Perez led off the game with a single and a stolen base. Perez went 4-4 with three stolen bases and two runs scored against the Flyers. Tech's hitting pounded out three more runs with two outs in the sixth inning before winning 8-1.

Tech pitching dominated Dayton as freshman Amie Stines got her first win of the season. Stines threw a complete game and gave up one run off four hits. She had a perfect game into the fifth inning.

After defeating Dayton, Tech matched up with No. 17 Florida State. The game was sent to extra frames at a 1-1 tie. The International Tie Breaker Rule was enforced and Tracy Cartier was placed on second. This rule starts the extra inning with a runner on second base.

With Cartier on second, Perez singled and Rebecca Eimen walked, loading the bases for Kristi Robles with no outs. Robles doubled scoring two Raiders to take a 3-1 lead over the Seminoles.

Jana Baker would single later to score Eimen and add to the cushion. Tech pitching again kept the Seminole hitters at bay.

Starter Jennifer Vaught gave up the only FSU run in the second inning. Kristina Blair pitched two and two-thirds innings in relief to get the win. The pitching helped the Seminoles leave seven runners stranded on base, including three in the eighth.

Tech's second match with Dayton would be record setting. The big sticks came out in the second inning as the Raiders hit three homeruns, a Tech record for most homeruns in an inning. Maggie Ayers notched her first win of the season with a complete game shutout. Tech won 8-0.

The Raiders faced New Mexico State University Saturday afternoon and fell victim to their own heroics from their 8-0 victory earlier. The Aggies first baseman hit a two two-out, two-run homers in the game. Tech put together a rally in the bottom half of the seventh, but it was to no avail as 5-3 was the final score. In the game, Kristi Robles extended her hitting streak to eight games.

As of press time the results of Tech's Sunday games with NMSU and FSU were not known. Tech (7-13) will face NMSU two more times at the New Mexico State University tournament March 1.



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# Ritchie fills in for Tarr; Tech blasts Nebraska

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

The Lady Raiders made the most of senior night as every Texas Tech player that suited out for the game registered points in the scoring column, as Tech bested the Nebraska Cornhuskers 99-57 Saturday night at the United Spirit Arena in the final regular season home game the Lady Raiders this season.

Tech guard Kari Jo Simmons was the last Lady Raider to score as she raced the length of the court to put in a lay-up as time expired in the contest.

The Lady Raiders had four players reach double-digits in scoring as they moved to 17-9 overall and 8-7 in Big 12 Conference action with the win. Nebraska fell to 14-14 overall and 4-11 in conference play with the loss.

Tech trailed 4-0 early in the contest but quickly regrouped and took its first lead of the game at 5-4 on a 3-pointer by guard Natalie Ritchie with

17:52 left before halftime.

Nebraska forward Katie Robinette made a jump shot shortly thereafter to give the Cornhuskers their last lead of the game at 6-5.

From that point, the Lady Raiders were able to regain the lead and extend it to 21 points by halftime as Tech entered the locker rooms at intermission with a 45-24 lead.

Tech senior guard Candi White finished the game with 12 points, seven assists and three steals.

White and fellow seniors Tanisha Ellison and Amber Tarr were honored before the game as their parents escorted them onto the floor during pregame announcements.

White said she had a good feeling walking onto the floor of the United Spirit Arena during the regular season for the last time.

"It always feels good to play in the United Spirit Arena," White said. "All

day I wasn't sure how I was going to be. It was just great running out in the crowd. My Dad got a little emotional so I was like, 'Stop Dad,' because then I would. I just tried to enjoy every moment of it."

Ellison finished her final regular season contest at the United Spirit Arena with an 11-point, five-rebound performance.

Ellison said in her career as a Lady Raider, she has improved both on the court and in life outside of basketball.

"My past four years have been great," Ellison said. "I feel like I have improved a lot on and off the court since my freshman year. I feel like now I am able to do a lot more things that I couldn't do my freshman year."

Tarr was forced to sit out her final regular season game at the United Spirit Arena as she was suffering from muscle spasms in her back stemming from an incident in practice earlier in

the week.

Tarr said she went down into a defensive stance in practice last Thursday and her back locked up. She said her back felt better Saturday than it did following the incident Thursday, but she still did not feel well enough to play.

Tarr said missing senior night was disappointing.

"I have immaculate timing," Tarr said sarcastically of missing her final regular season home game. "It was pretty disappointing, but I was happy with the performance our team had and the win."

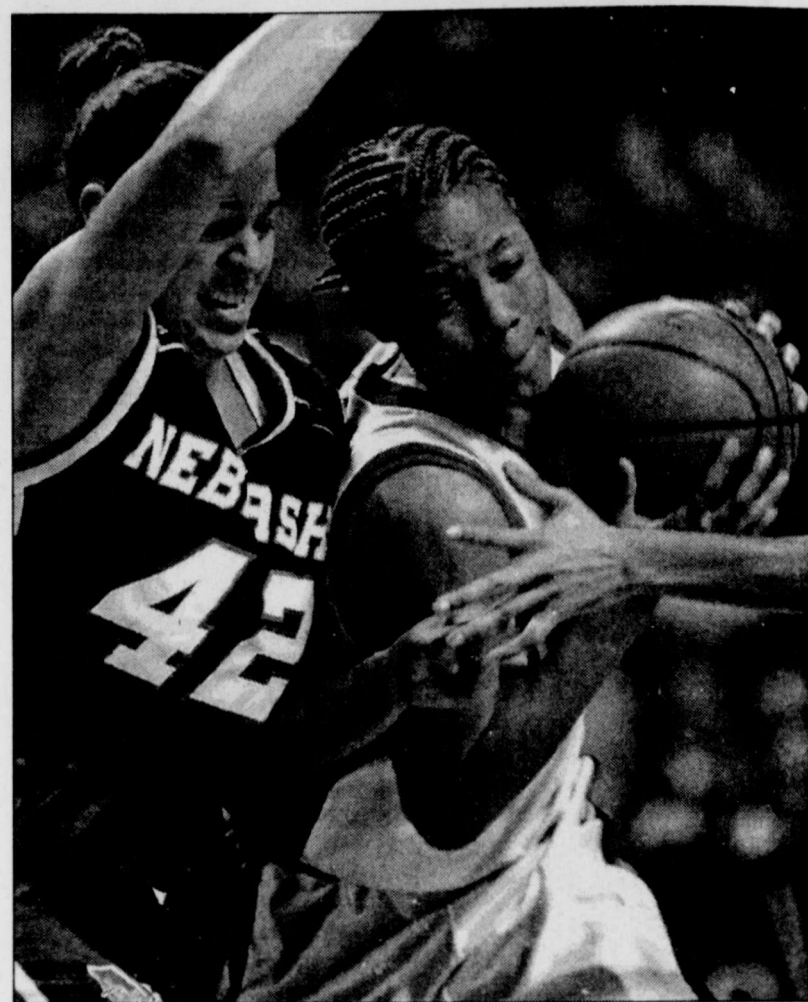
Filling in for Tarr in the starting line-up was Ritchie. Ritchie tied her career high for points scored with 21-points against the Cornhuskers. Ritchie buried a career high six 3-pointers in the winning effort.

Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp said she was pleased with Ritchie's effort in filling in for Tarr.

"I was really proud that she took that challenge," Sharp said of Ritchie's effort against Nebraska. "Obviously we don't want to play many games without Amber right now because she is a big part of us. But Natalie really came onto the floor and took that position over and played really well."

Ritchie's 21-point effort was two points shy of Tech's leading scorer Jia Perkins.

Perkins contributed 23 points, seven assists and five steals in the win for the Lady Raiders.



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH FORWARD Casey Jackson fights through traffic during the Lady Raiders' 99-57 win against Nebraska Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

## Raiders sink Pirates, win all three games of series

### CLEAN SWEEP: Tech scores 31 runs during the weekend to beat Seton Hall three times.

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

The longest current home winning streak in Texas Tech athletics was extended by three games this weekend as the Red Raider baseball club swept a three-game series against the visiting Seton Hall Pirates at Dan Law Field.

The Raiders have taken their last

19 home games, with their last loss coming at the hands of Oklahoma State in March.

Tech blasted the Pirates 14-0 in the series finale Sunday as the Raiders led off the first and second innings with home runs.

Raider outfielder Jon Slack hit the first inning home run. Slack went 2 for 9 in the first two games but went 2 for 2 with two walks in Sunday's game.

Slack said after a slow start in the series at the plate, he was looking to crush the ball in his first trip to the plate Sunday.

"I struggled a little bit the first couple of games this weekend," Slack said. "I just wanted to go in there and actually hit a ball hard. I hit the ball hard, and it took care of itself and went over the fence for me."

Tech plated each of its 14 runs in the first five innings. Raider infielder Bryon Smith led off the second inning with a dinger.

The wind was blowing out of "The Law" Sunday and Smith said Tech took full advantage of the weather.

"We came out here and we knew we were going to have to put up runs," Smith said. "The wind was blowing out, and we just knew we were going to have to come out and put up runs. We did, and we pitched well and played great defense."

Raider right-hander Nathan Fouts picked up the win Sunday going seven innings—giving up three hits and fanning six Pirate batters.

The Seton Hall series was the first home set for Tech in almost a month. Fouts said after spending the last few weekends on the road, it was nice to face the Pirates at home.

"It was nice to come out here and go in front of everyone that we know," Fouts said. "It was nice to wake up in our own beds instead of a hotel bed and eat our own food and stuff like that. It felt pretty comfortable. The long innings hurt me a little bit just having to get warm again because that takes a lot out of you. But as long as I threw some between innings, more than five, I was fine."

Tech opened up its series with Seton Hall with a 7-4 win Friday. The Raiders plated three runs over their last two innings while holding the Pirates scoreless over the final three innings to collect the win.

Tech pitcher Steve Rowe collected the win out of the bullpen to move his overall record to 3-0. Pirate pitcher Chris Noonan picked up the loss.

Saturday Seton Hall jumped on top with six runs in the top of the first inning. The Pirates plated two more runs in the second and led Tech 8-1 after three innings.

But Tech mounted a rally in the fourth and fifth innings scoring nine runs over the two-inning stretch to take a 10-8 lead. The Pirates countered with a run in the seventh but could not plate the tying run in the eighth and ninth innings as they dropped the second game of the series. Raider hurler Matt Harbin picked up the win while Seton Hall pitcher Mike Santmyer picked up the loss.

With the series sweep, the Red Raiders move to 13-4 on the season. Seton Hall falls to 2-4 on the season with the series loss.

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The Red Raider men will travel to San Antonio to compete in the Texas-San Antonio Tournament.

The women journey to Parrish, Fla., to battle in the Central Regional Invitational. The women will begin play at 8 a.m., and Tech will play its first two rounds Monday at the par-72 River Wilderness Country Club.

The final round will start at 8 a.m. Tuesday and will also take place at the River Wilderness Country Club.



# Berry, Thornton ignite 'Monster's Ball'

## MOVIE REVIEW

The film "Monster's Ball" is a hard-hitting drama that stays with you long after the end credits roll. It's the story of two people, who seem to have nothing in common, finding solace in one another in their greatest moment of need. Hank (Billy Bob Thornton) is a Georgia State Prison Guard who works on Death Row. He lives with his tired father, Buck (Peter Boyle), and his estranged son Sonny (a low-key Heath Ledger), who also works at the prison with dad. They all hate each other.



**JAMES EPPLER** (Peter Boyle), and his estranged son Sonny (a low-key Heath Ledger), who also works at the prison with dad. They all hate each other.

*The strength of this film relies not only in wonderful story telling, but also in knockout performances from Berry and Thornton.*

him down. Films like "The Green Mile" can only wish they were this powerful.

Hank and Leticia couldn't be more different. Hank is a soft-spoken man who may harbor some racist tendencies due to his father's red-necked bigotry. Leticia is a black waitress who is about to lose her house and is just striving to get by. The fact she's black wouldn't be as big a factor if she weren't living in Georgia. So what could these two polar opposites have in common? Tragedy. They both lose family members to violent deaths. The only difference is that Hank just happens to be around when Leticia needs help.

It's not fair to give away any more of the film's complicated details, only to say that some of the most powerful moments in the film should not be discussed in a review because it would give too much away.

This is not really a film about overcoming racial barriers. Of course, those elements are there, but it's not a sermon about racial unity. Rather, this is somewhat of an unconventional

love story. It shows how two completely different people can come together and find consolation in one another. They both need someone to numb the pain. The film also shows, in shocking fashion, how hate can destroy a family. One scene in particular highlighting this point may be one of the most shocking scenes I've encountered in a film this year.

Just when I thought I'd seen the best female performances of the year, Halle Berry proves me wrong. This, no doubt, a career-making roll for her.

If I had a vote for Oscar night, it would probably go to her. On that same key, though, it is nothing short of an absolute crime that Thornton was overlooked in the Best Actor category and had his spot given to Sean Penn ("I Am Sam") or Will Smith ("Ali"). Someone in the Academy needs to have their head examined.

I only wish that this film had been released in Lubbock earlier in the year before I had published my top 10 films of the year. This film would have easily made the list. The strength of this film relies not only in wonderful story telling but also in knockout performances from Berry and Thornton. It refuses to be conventional and is intent on being an unflinching drama that draws you in, grabs you and won't let go.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★★★★ 1/2

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- ★★★★★ — Flawless
- ★★★★ — Excellent
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