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Amendments, international fee pass in elections

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Along with Student Government Association positions, Tech students had an opportunity to vote on several referendums in the SGA constitution.

The international education fee was passed in the elections Wednesday.

The fee, known as the study abroad fee, passed with 69.5 percent of the student vote.

Channon Cain, external vice president, said he was excited to see the study abroad fee pass.

"This fee is nothing but benefits," he said. "The senate, Kelli (Stumbo, internal vice president) and I worked really hard to present this fee to the students."

The international education fee will increase \$1 a semester for the next four years. The money will go into an endowment fund.

Cain said the fee will be abolished once the endowment fund reaches \$4 million.

Bill Brannan, assistant director for the Student Union, said 95 percent of the interest from this fund will be awarded in scholarships provided by the Student Exchange Program. The remaining 5 percent will be returned to the fund to continue to collect interest.

Jason Sharp, senator at large, said passage of this fee helps Tech President David Schmidly accomplish his goal of having 5 percent of the student body study abroad.

"This fee helps everyday regular students have the change to study abroad," Sharp said. "I think it is very important this fee got passed."

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Gateway to the World kicks off with art exhibits

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter
and Sharon Roberts/Contributing Writer

International Week 2002, dubbed Gateway to the World, begins today with the opening of several art exhibits and a reception at the International Cultural Center.

Idris Traylor, executive director of International Affairs and director of the International Cultural Center, said the week of March 1 through March 7 is dedicated to teaching students about different cultures.

"It gives people the opportunity to become more familiar with the great many cultures of the world," Traylor said.

Gateway to the World will feature an array of events, including lectures on such topics as bio-terrorism, globalization and the impact of the Middle East on the United States.

All 28 events are free of charge to students and the public.

"Everything we do is put in because we think it will interest the students and faculty," he said.

Whether a person is interested in a particular event during the week is up to the individual, Sonia Moore, information specialist for the Office of International Affairs, said. Different events appeal to different groups.

While the events are focused primarily on the university audience, programs are offered that include the other aspects of the community.

Part of the outreach program at the International Cultural Center is the division of public education, Traylor said. Students from kindergarten through

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Second businessman to run for mayor

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

Ysabel Luna, a restaurant owner in east Lubbock, announced his candidacy for mayor at the T.J. Patterson Public Library on Thursday.

At the conference, Luna addressed current issues and expressed concerns involving the position of mayor.

"I am standing up for the little guy and the common people," Luna said.

Marc McDougal, current City Council member, is the other candidate running for mayor at this time. McDougal announced his candidacy nine months early.

"It doesn't affect what I plan on doing," McDougal said. "I will continue to meet people, talk to groups and make sure people understand



Luna

what direction I would like to see Lubbock move toward."

Luna said he believes politics has negatively affected city government.

"We need to stand up and make clear that we don't want to play politics anymore, and we want our people to represent us," he said. "They have robbed us of our authority and our government literally; we are supposed to be the government they work for. It is not that way."

Luna said the citizens need elected officials

in government positions, not politicians.

"There is something about money and greed for power, you have a tendency of stepping on your common people to get what you want," he said. "You are never satisfied so you've got to do some more stomping."

Luna said in the political game, a chosen few become successful at the expense of the common people because of economics.

"Economics doesn't discriminate between anybody but the poor and common people; it knows no color," he said.

Luna said citizens need to change the mentality of the city.

"People have a tendency of thinking you are only one voice; one voice can make a difference," he said.

Luna said the citizens need a mayor that will

try to convince the City Council their decisions are not benefiting everybody, they have gotten greedy and citizens are suffering.

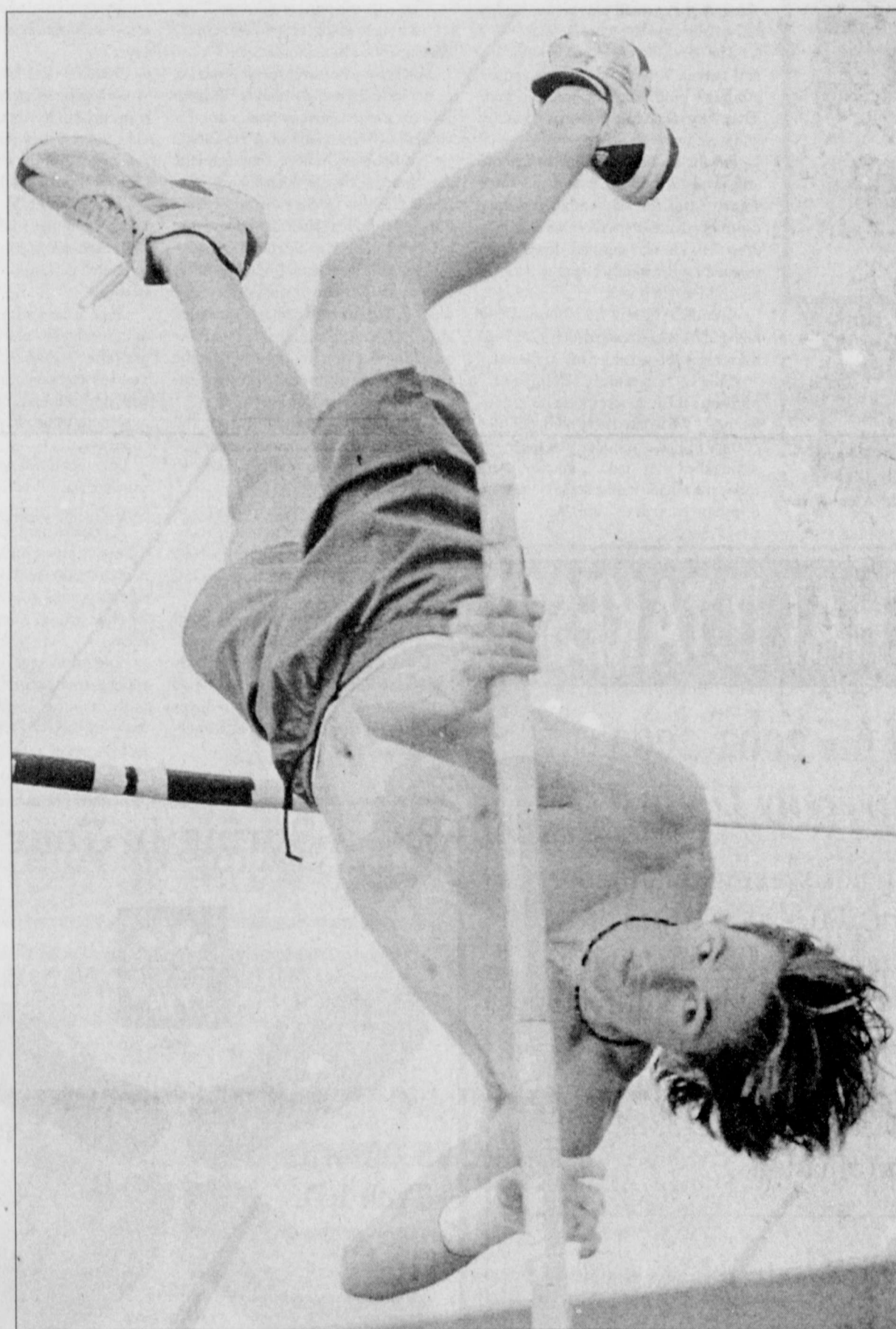
"I'm not going to make decisions just because I know I can and get away with them," he said.

Luna addressed primary concerns dealing with east Lubbock. He said officials are allowing real estate companies to grasp more power at the expense of the common people, and representatives are starting to lose focus of representing citizens and are leaning toward business decisions for self-gain.

McDougal said he has meetings with Lubbock citizens to address what needs to be done in north and east Lubbock, both residentially

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PRECISION-BASED PRECAUTIONS



TEXAS TECH POLE vaulter Seth Williams practices Wednesday afternoon at the Athletic Training Center. RIGHT: Texas Tech pole vaulter Ken Wilson practices an underwater drill in the men's gym Wednesday afternoon.

Pole vaulting death reminds athletes of need for safety in a sport based on perfection

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

Perhaps more than any other sport, pole vaulting requires a perfect combination of speed, precision, strength and grace. The speed vaulters on their run to the bar must be perfect, the accuracy and timing of the vaulters' pole placement in the box must be pinpoint.

Once in the air, vaulters must have total body control and knowledge of their surroundings to release the pole at precisely the right time. Failure to perform any one of these tasks in a given vault and the results can be catastrophic.

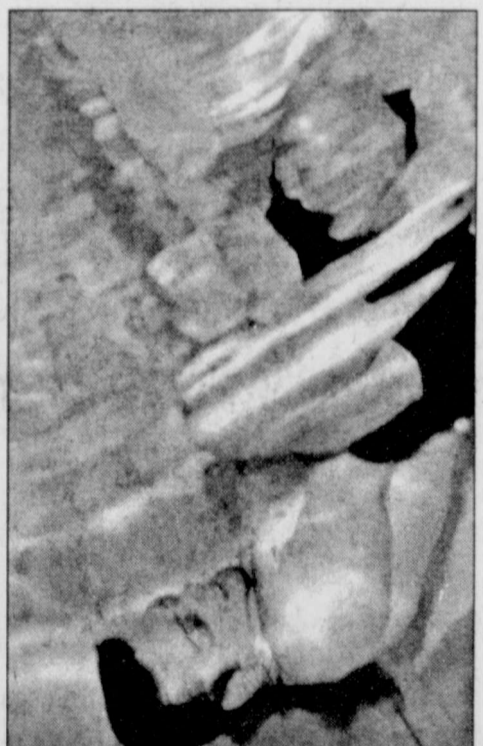
Such was the case last weekend at the Big Ten Conference Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University of Minnesota.

Penn State pole vaulter Kevin Dare fell during an attempt at the event and landed on his head. Dare died from head trauma. He was 19 years old and competing in his sophomore season for the Nittany Lion track team.

Texas Tech assistant track coach Chris Beene said he heard of Dare's accident returning from a track meet last weekend.

"It is a really sad thing," Beene said. "It is something that is happening less and less as people get better pits. The coaching and everything is get-

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GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

Athletics working on finishing Sharp academic fund raising

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

About 85 percent of the estimated \$4 million needed for the construction of the Marsha Sharp Center for Student Athletes has been raised.

Texas Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers said \$3.2 million has been raised for the project to date, and he hopes to have the fundraising for the project complete by May.

"The plan is to have all the funds raised and to present this to the Board (of Regents) in May," Myers said. "Hopefully we can begin construction on the new academic center sometime in summer of '02."

The construction site planned for the center is currently a parking lot west of the Athletic Training Center utilized by the athletics department.



Sharp

Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp got fundraising for the project rolling in the beginnings of the Horizon Campaign.

Sharp donated \$100,000 to the project and said following the NCAA investigation of Tech athletics, she wanted to emphasize the importance of education at Tech.

"We had just come through the NCAA investigation and all of that involved academics," Sharp said. "I really wanted to do something that I thought would give back to the university for all of the great things that I've got to

experience here. I wanted it to make a statement about how important academics is to Texas Tech University and the athletic department, particularly on the heels of that investigation."

Lady Raider guard Natalie Ritchie is in her second year in Sharp's program. Ritchie said Sharp has always stressed academics before athletics.

"Coach Sharp always says that basketball is fun and we want to do our best and hopefully win games and championships for Tech, but most of all, the most important thing is that we come out of here with our college degree," Ritchie said. "She wants us to come out of school prepared for the job that we have in the future."

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GDP increased 1.4 percent in 2001; economists remain mildly optimistic

By Jeannine Aversa/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy grew in the fourth quarter at its fastest pace in a year, powered by the biggest jump in consumer spending on cars and other big-ticket goods since 1986, the government reported Thursday.

The latest snapshot of the economy's health as measured by the gross domestic product suggests that the recession, which began in March, has probably ended and may turn out to be the country's mildest downturn ever, analysts said.

That's consistent with the economic assessment Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan provided to Congress one day earlier, though Greenspan cautioned that the recovery will probably be modest.

GDP, the total output of goods and services produced within the United States, grew at an annual rate of 1.4 percent in the final quarter of 2001, considerably stronger than the 0.2 percent growth rate first estimated, the Commerce Department said.

The better-than-expected fourth quarter performance came after the economy shrank at a rate of 1.3 percent in the third quarter.

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"We need to stand up and make clear that we don't want to play politics anymore."

—YSABEL LUNA, Lubbock mayoral candidate, on city politics. Please see SECOND, page 1.

Quote of the Day

Tech Notes

Dr. Brock's Pre-Vet society will hold its annual rabies drive from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Dr. Stephens Animal Clinic, located at 407 Dowden Road in Wolfforth. Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats will be available for \$8. For more information, call Krista McKamey at (806) 797-2434.

The Finance Association will meet at 6:30 Tuesday in the BA rotunda. Pizza will be provided. For more information, call Jennifer Elder at (806) 780-1190.

The Finance Association's recruiting trip to Dallas is scheduled for Wednesday through March 9. The cost for the trip is \$125, and space is limited to 25 people. For more information, contact a Finance Association officer or see the Finance Area secretary in BA 902. For more information, call Jennifer Elder at (806) 780-1190.

Delta Sigma Theta, a nonprofit public service sorority, will conduct an AIDS awareness program with HIV testing from 1 to 3 p.m. March 9 at the Parkway Neighborhood Center. For more information, call (806) 792-5414.

Notice: There will be a test of the warning and alert systems at 10 a.m. March 6. Sirens will be activated for a period of one minute at that time.

The Texas Tech University Music Theatre's production of "The Bartered Bride," originally scheduled for March 23 and 24 has been postponed until next fall. For more information, call (806) 742-2270, ext. 233 or e-mail Liza Muse at liza.muse@ttu.edu.

The Rundown



Fugitive couple found near Mexican border

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A couple accused of killing the woman's estranged husband were arrested Thursday while crossing from Mexico into the United States. The woman's children were found safe with them.

James Pavatt and Brenda Andrew were arrested about 11:55 a.m. at the Hidalgo port of entry, 10 miles south of McAllen, Texas, as they waited to cross the border, FBI spokesman Gary Johnson said.

The Andrew children, Tricity, 10, and Parker, 7, were in a car driven by Andrew's brother-in-law, Johnson said. They were taken into protective custody and were fine.

Pavatt, a one-time church deacon, and Andrew had been at large since shortly after the November shooting death of advertising executive Rob Andrew, 39. He was gunned down as he stopped by the family home to pick up his children for a visit.

Brenda Andrew had blamed her husband's death on masked robbers and said the robbers also wounded her in the arm.

"We're extremely delighted," Johnson said at an afternoon news conference. "We worked very hard, put a lot of traps in place in hopes that maybe at some point they make a mistake. And today they made a mistake and we were fortunate enough to catch 'em."

Body of missing girl believed to be found

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — Investigators believe the gruesome discovery of a nude, partially burned body ends the hunt for 7-year-old Danielle van Dam, who disappeared nearly a month ago.

A memorial to Danielle was posted Thursday morning on a Web site dedicated to her recovery. All searches were called off.

"You're in the arms of the angel," the site read, quoting singer Sarah McLachlan. "May you find some comfort there."

Volunteers who have tirelessly searched for the little girl found the body Wednesday near a small grove of trees, just off a winding, two-lane road east of San Diego.

"Tonight we believe that Danielle van Dam's body has been found," San Diego County District Attorney Paul Pfingst said. "Investigators believe the body was dropped at this site."

The child was wearing a plastic neck-lace similar to one Danielle was seen wearing in thousands of fliers distributed after her disappearance. An earring matching the description of a pair she was wearing at the time of her disappearance also was found, Pfingst said.

The body was removed from the crime scene late Wednesday. Investigators planned to use dental records to identify the remains.

After the discovery, investigators at the scene worked through the night under spotlights. They kept the roadway closed Thursday morning as they continued to search for evidence.

"We are hopeful we will know what happened to this young girl," Pfingst said.

Initial reports indicated that the body had been burned but authorities declined to discuss the condition of the remains except to say that the body was partially decomposed.

Vatican sees Web as new opportunity

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican urged Roman Catholics to use the Internet to spread the faith while warning them about pitfalls such as online pornography in two documents released Thursday.

The Holy See touted the Internet's potential and pointed out its problems, including "hate sites, the dissemination of rumor and character assassination under the guise of news."

Overall — and despite its dark side — the Vatican portrayed the Internet as an opportunity not to be missed as it seeks to strengthen and widen its following around the globe in Christianity's third millennium.

The Internet "is an opportunity and a challenge and not a threat," said Archbishop John P. Foley, who leads the Vatican's communications network.

Pope John Paul II, a best-selling author who has embraced TV, CDs and other modern technology to convey his message, recently used a laptop to send pastoral instructions to bishops in faraway Pacific Ocean countries.

Foley acknowledged the Internet is not always used for noble ends, even by those within the church.

A priest in rural Spain was arrested this month on suspicion of involvement in an Internet child pornography ring that also served as an electronic forum for child abusers to exchange experiences.

"Unfortunately, the Internet contributes to these problems that exist not only within the church but even more in society in general," Foley said.

Sharp

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Sharp said it was an honor to have the facility named after her, especially since it is a center that will be dedicated to the education of student athletes.

"What a tremendous honor for me," Sharp said. "It is certainly not anything that I ever expected or thought about. It would be a great honor for me to have that building in particular because I do believe a great deal in academics. I think that is the reason that we are here."

Sharp said she is proud of the players that move on to perform professionally in their sport of choice following college but said it is important to educate athletes for life after sports as well.

"Obviously there are some individuals who have an opportunity to continue to play after their college days, and that is great for them," Sharp said. "But the majority of student athletes need to have a degree. They need to be able to go out and make a living doing whatever they love the most. I think anything that enhances that opportunity or gives them a better chance to get that done is something I am really interested in."

The center is planned to be 13,600 square feet and Myers said the facility will also house an academic hall of fame.

Myers said one of the money donors to the project was impressed by Sharp's donation and decided to donate an additional \$500,000 for the academic hall of fame.

Myers said he was pleased with the number of donations that stemmed from Sharp's initial donations to the project.

"She thought by giving the first \$100,000, that it would encourage other people to step forward and support an academic center for the athletic department," Myers said. "That's what happened. She gave the \$100,000, and as far as I know, that's the biggest gift that any coach had ever given back to Texas Tech."

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Car clinic offers free mechanic advice

By Michael Mondragon/Staff Reporter

Students who plan to go home for Spring Break were given a chance to check their vehicles for problems at the fourth annual Spring Break Car Care Clinic on Thursday in the C-9 parking lot.

Jo Henderson, education coordinator for Student Health Services, said she was surprised by this year's turnout.

"Last year we had a good turnout, but this year is so much better," Henderson said.

Mechanics from local automotive services checked students' vehicles for problems with tires, fluids, hoses or belts. The clinic was free and available to all students.

Volunteers distributed goody bags to students, and several students won door prizes.

"All the workers were wonderful to help out," Henderson said.

Angela Wright, a freshman pre-pharmacy major from Southlake, won a T-shirt. "My parents told me about (the

clinic), but I saw it on The UD as well," Wright said. "A lot of students don't get their car checked as much as they should, so this car clinic is a great idea because it gives students a reason now to get their car checked."

Texas Tech Traffic and Parking donated a parking sticker to be given away at the clinic.

Catherine Givens, a junior education major from Grand Prairie, won the sticker.

The clinic was scheduled to start at 3 p.m., but Henderson said the event had to start early because cars were showing up early.

"We had no choice but to start early because students were coming fast and lines were going out to the street," Henderson said.

When mechanics found a problem with a vehicle, they would instruct the student to bring it into a shop to get it fixed.

Rich Beard, a senior finance major from Round Rock, said the mechanics found problems with his car.

"I got my car checked out earlier, and

they found a few problems with it, so they told me to bring it in or get it checked out soon," Beard said. "This idea gives students a chance to go home safely without any problems if there is nothing wrong with their car."

Kerri Lowton, a sophomore business and Spanish major from Friendswood, was among the volunteers handing out goody bags.

"I am with Impact Tech and my adviser told us that they needed help out here so I came out since I didn't have class," she said. "It's a really good cause and real safe."

Katie Reitman, a sophomore undeclared major from Germany, distributed slips that gave mechanics permission to check the cars.

"Students have to sign this agreement giving the mechanics permission to check their car, and if anything happens in the future, Tech will not be held responsible," Reitman said.

Brian Tigner, a senior marketing major from San Antonio, said he wanted to get his vehicle checked before he left for Spring Break.



CHRIS PAYEN, A mechanic for Scott's Complete Car Care, checks the fluid levels on a Tech student's truck at the Car Care Clinic on Thursday.

"I have 120,000 miles on my vehicle, and getting a car check-up will help me to keep it from a break down and make sure things are OK. I am going to Nacogdoches for Spring Break."

New law gives graduate schools more admissions criteria

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

Texas graduate schools are considering other factors besides test scores and grade point averages in the application process to make schools more diverse.

Texas Legislature House Bill 1641 was passed May 10, providing more criteria to review graduate school admission applications.

The last attempt to diversify colleges in Texas was the "top 10 percent law."

The law states that students who graduated from Texas high schools in the top 10 percent of their class will automatically be accepted into Texas public universities.

Advocates of the new law say a student's grades are not an adequate means of determining college admissions, and other factors, including social and economic background, should be considered.

The first application cut is based on grades, and qualifiers will be interviewed

based on meeting the school's acceptance levels. Students who do not meet the grade criteria will have an interview based on their childhood socio-economic status.

Brian Shannon, assistant dean at the Texas Tech School of Law, said the school has been reviewing applications for years based on criteria other than grades.

Texas graduate schools have been searching for a law to diversify their student bodies since the 1992 Hopwood case, in which a group of white law school applicants from the University of Texas in Austin filed a lawsuit against the school, saying less-qualified minorities filled their spots.

Wes Cochran, chairman of the admissions committee at the school of law and professor of law, said the colleges will benefit from the new admissions criteria.

"Interviews themselves don't necessarily help if the student already has high test scores, but reviewing socio-economic backgrounds does help to diversify the

school," Cochran said.

Bernell Dalley, assistant dean of the Texas Tech School of Medicine, said it was too early to see what effect the new bill has on student diversity, but letters of recommendation and personal interviews have helped with the application process.

"It has made the process more complex, but we have always considered multi-factors in admissions," Dalley said.

Cochran said the law school has been more diverse in the last 20 to 30 years, and it benefits the students in the law school program.

"Attitudes and real-life situations need to be brought up in class to let students know people are different," he said. "This makes the legal system more equal."

Dalley said the medical school is concerned with not automatically excluding a student based on numbers.

"We have made efforts to attract individuals in a class that will represent a broad spectrum of Texas," he said. "What

we are being most careful about is to not let a single factor be the only thing considered if a student isn't considered to move on to a higher level."

Cochran said the application process the law school uses is based on more than grades and allows a wide variety of opinions to be heard.

"It adds to the learning experience," he said. "I can't say it's perfect, but the steps we are taking help to make it more diverse."

With the law in place, students' applications are divided into different economic backgrounds and are compared to those with similar advantages and disadvantages.

Complications with the law arise when the schools are unable to gather information on every applicant's background.

Janet Hubbert, director for graduate services center, said the application process for the business school is getting easier.

"We can't deny anyone based on their graduate management admission test

score, so we have a profiling process that has been in effect for the past two years," Hubbert said.

She said the profiling process made the application process more lenient.

Don Clancy, associate dean of the Rawls College of Business Administration, said the profiling process of each application considers a single application over a time span of two weeks.

"It is a little more complicated because before we looked at grades only," Clancy said. "Now we review leadership experience and essays."

He said the new law has slowed the application process, but schools are being challenged to speed things up again.

"Earlier, we were taking three to four weeks to review individual applications, and we had hundreds of applications to process," Clancy said.

He said affirmative action was part of the process in reviewing applications before, but now the school is becoming more diverse with students, faculty and staff in the last two and a half years.

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DANIEL WHITE

Alpha Phi Alpha's program to get people registered to vote, "A Vote-less people is a Hopeless people," to some may be nothing more than another corny saying to get people to go out and vote. Yet, no matter how you look at it, if you are an American, the very root of your ability to live freely is found in the concept behind this slogan.

In our democratic society we have seen that one voice can definitely move a people, but the place where true power is found is in numbers. You can go in any restaurant or any building on campus and hear someone speaking against the doings of our elected officials.

However, I wonder how many of us will actually do our part by making sure our voices are heard when it comes time to vote. You see, no matter how many choices of candidates are represented on a ballot, there is always one more choice citizens have.

How is it that we can find so many reasons to complain about what is wrong with our society, but we cannot find one reason to get out and vote to resolve these issues. So many of us choose to just leave the entire political arena alone and pretend as if it doesn't matter what happens because individual votes don't really count for anything. I don't believe that to be true.

You see, for every vote that is never placed, we take one step away from true representation in politics. A cry that is never spoken is a voice that is never heard. I have heard it said that if you are not a part of the solution, you are a part

of the problem. We who have the ability to go out and vote have an extremely important responsibility to those younger than us and those who physically cannot vote, because those whom we elect into office will make decisions that will affect us all in one way or another.

Secondly, if you choose to vote, make sure that you know what you are voting for. I asked a friend of mine the other day about his political affiliation, and he said, "Well, my mom says that I am a democrat because I am not rich."

Though I initially found his statement funny, it really made me wonder when it is that we as college students will make the decision to become educated on political platforms in order to make our own intelligent decisions based on who we feel is the right candidate, as opposed to voting based on second-hand knowledge.

Please, vote for the candidate you believe is genuinely interested in taking care of the issues that affect you. Vote for a candidate you believe is sincere in their attempts to gain your vote, not just coming around because it is election time.

Your voice on this campus and in this community depends on whether you are willing to stand up for what you believe in and vote. When you look at the issues that are affecting us as students and the way that often time the student voice is not clearly heard by our school administration, we cannot afford to not vote for a candidate that represents our beliefs. Don't base a vote on a friendship, some college

affiliation or even based on second-hand knowledge. Vote based on what you have researched for yourself and what you stand for.

Finally, vote because it is your right. It really disturbs me to see that so many minority and woman's suffrage activists have fought long and hard battles just to give us the right to vote, and today many of us simply choose not to exercise that right.

How disrespectful is it that those who preceded us dedicated their lives to give us a right that we choose not to employ. The sad thing is, it was not very long ago that women and minorities were seen as being less than equal when it came to the democratic process. Knowing these things, what stops any of us (white, black, Hispanic, Asian, etc.) from getting out and casting our vote?

This week, we had the opportunity to exercise our right to vote when we decided on the next Student Government Association president for the 2002-2003 school year. Soon, the mayoral elections for the city of Lubbock will be here.

For the sake of our own education and well being here at Tech, for the sake of building a better Texas Tech for us now and for future Red Raiders, and for the sake of the city whose entire community caters to the needs of Tech students, let's make our mark on this campus and in this city by choosing to get out and vote.

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Quest to be involved can lead to being overworked

COLUMN



RACHEL RICHMOND

My room is always a mess. Total chaos. I glance around at the clean clothes on the bed, the random papers strewn across the floor and the stacks of books that have never been touched.

Sometimes I think my room simulates my life. I'm always busy — whether it with my first job or my second job, school or organizational meetings — I am always on the go.

I practically live out of my car, so it is also a total mess. It's stocked with supplies for the second job, folders, books, water bottles, jackets and gloves. I am prepared for any situation. I am so busy with my cluttered life that all I want to do is cuddle up in my bed, forget about all my responsibilities and take a nap.

Does anyone else ever feel this way? I tend to get lost in all my responsibilities and forget about the things that really matter. Most of the time I feel overstressed and overworked. I feel I sacrifice time with family and friends to satisfy less important needs of others.

I feel pulled and stretched in every direction possible. Yet, I don't want to quit anything to loosen the stretch. I know I am not the only person that feels this way. It is an extremely overwhelming feeling, so how does one deal with the pressure and remain sane in utter chaos?

Finding a personal niche of some sort could ease the overwhelming life you lead. Whether it be drawing, driving, reading or napping, choosing a personal niche is important in keeping in touch with you.

Craziness surrounds us, but in your niche you find yourself at one with the world. Suddenly everything slows down to your desired pace and you can find sanity. Writing seems to be my stress-relieving outlet. I write letters, stories and poems for myself. I have found that writing helps me make sense out of life.

Exercise is a fantastic stress reliever as well. It is important to set aside at least 30 minutes a day to do some sort of activity other than your daily responsibilities. Pick up a basketball, join a yoga class or just run. Doing an activity by yourself allows for independent quiet time for one to reflect and to remain close to themselves. You will also physically feel better.

Often times, people wake up one morning and realize they do not know themselves at all. They lose touch with their inner person and stare aimlessly at the stranger in the mirror. They constantly question themselves about what they are ultimately doing with their lives and how they even got on the path they are taking. They might not even like the person they have become. How do we remain one with ourselves and avoid becoming a stranger to ourselves?

There are plenty of people in this world that despise being alone. They have to be surrounded by others at all times. I believe the ones that have a problem being alone tend to be the first to lose touch with themselves.

They get caught up in life and the real them is lost in the past. Having personal "me" time is extremely important. Give yourself a timeout. Set a date with yourself and do not break it. Go run errands, see a movie or even trying going out to eat by yourself.

Challenge yourself, hang out with yourself and learn to enjoy it. You'll realize the most about yourself when you are not surrounded by others.

This personal timeout can also be a confidence builder. It can allow you time to learn to like yourself. If during this "me" time you figure out you don't care too much for you, try to figure out why. Decide to make subtle changes in your life to better yourself. Don't feed yourself lip service either—follow through with your desired changes.

I've often heard people comment, "you can't truly like others if you don't truly like yourself." I back this comment 100 percent. It is impossible to respect and like others if there is a lack of self-respect or liking.

Life is crazy. It is not programmed to be a breeze with no problems or worries. It is supposed to be filled with challenges. Don't be afraid to face things alone. Also, don't let your surroundings mold your personal identity. Take hold of it, and mold it yourself. Remember that you are in complete control of your life whether you believe it or not.

Make decisions wisely and like the choices you make. Always be true to yourself.

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Elections

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Along with the international education fee, the referendums to the SGA constitution were also passed. The amendment changes to Article IV, Judicial Section 2 of the SGA constitution will make the job requirements of the judicial branch more independent. Sharp said the reason for changing the constitution was to separate the judicial and executive branches of the SGA. "There is a lot more things that the judicial branch could do, but nothing ever gets brought to them," he said. "We want to get them more involved with Traffic and Parking." The amendment changes to Article

III, Executive Section 3 of the SGA constitution will let candidates wishing to run for vice president for internal affairs the opportunity if they had served as a student senator prior to the election. Sharp said the amendment is designed to make sure the internal vice president is experienced with the Student Senate. The internal vice president serves as president of the Student Senate. Kelli Stumbo won her bid for president and Leigh Mauer won her bid for external

vice president in the elections. Jon Mark Bernal and Jeremy Brown will go into a runoff for internal vice president and senator at large. Student Government President John Steinmetz said he was glad to see more students voicing their opinions through voting. "I am confident that this will bridge the gap that currently challenges the SGA," he said. "I'm proud for the candidates for running a somewhat clean race."

There is a lot more things that the judicial branch could do.

— JASON SHARP
SGA senator at large

Gateway

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12th grades are invited and encouraged to come to the presentation teaching the history of communication worldwide. Afterward, Jack Floyd of the Texas Tech Police Department will give safety tips. Each year, the program changes, but the idea stays the same, Traylor said. Some informative lectures and programs will be presented, but each year, organizers of the event try to add something entertaining. This year, the Howard Welborn lecture and reception will be "Before The Full Monty: The Male Body and British Film," presented by Paul Deslandes, assistant professor of history. Jane Bell, director of special

projects at the Office of International Affairs, said the food festival, the most popular event of past years, will not be held this year. Because of construction in the Student Union, international students will not have a facility to prepare food, she said. The event is not indefinitely postponed. The food festival will continue in International Week festivities to come. In a joint effort with the city to involve the entire community, Mayor Windy Sitton proclaimed International Week across all of Lubbock at Thursday's City Council meeting. Bell accepted the proclamation. "It was a nice thing the City Council did for us," Bell said. "The proclamation shines some light on the event."

Mayoral

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and commercially. Luna said he needs the support of the students. "I hope we can stick to the issues," he said. "I expect the worst, but I'm willing and ready to face whatever hits me in the face. We are not turning back now, we are going forward." Luna has run unsuccessfully for county commissioner three times. He said his desire to do the right thing has kept him involved. "I don't think my battle is finished until I quit and because I've been defeated in the polls in the past doesn't mean that I lost," he said. "I started the race and I finished it."

FRIDAY MARCH 1						
STAT. CHAN. AFFIL. CITY	KTXB 3 PBS Lubbock	KCBD 11 NBC Lubbock	KLBK 13 CBS Lubbock	KUPT 22 UPN Lubbock	KAMC 23 ABC Lubbock	KJTV 24 FOX Lubbock
7:00	Bus. Report Body Elec.	Today Show	News	Recess Tarzan	Good Morning America	K. Copeland Magic Bus
8:00	Callou Barney	Early Show	Lightyear Sabrina	America	Caroline Magic Bus	
9:00	Dragon Tales Arthur	Today Show	Sally Jessy Raphael	Judge Mathis	Regis & Kelly	Crossing Over
10:00	Sesame Street	Martha Stewart	Price is Right	People's Court	View	Ananda Lewis
11:00	Mr. Rogers Telelubbers	Montel Williams	Young & the Restless	Hitchhikr Paid Program	Mad/Fou Port Charles	Other Half
12:00	Woodshop Quilt/Day	News Days of Our Lives	News Beautiful	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Paid Program
1:00	Sew/Nancy Clifford	Lives Passions	As the World Turns	Jenny Jones	One Life to Live	Matlock
2:00	Sapva Zoboomafo	Hlywd Square	Guiding Light	Paid Program	General Hospital	Divorce Court
3:00	Arthur Cyberchase	Rosie O'Donnell	Maury Povich	Paid Program	E.T.	Joe Brown Joe Brown
4:00	Beth/Lions R. Rainbow	Oprah Winfrey	For Women Judge Judy	7th Heaven	Tell/Truth Family Feud	Sabrina Home Impr.
5:00	Zoom Nightly Bus.	News NBC News	Jeopardy News	Street Smart Street Smart	News ABC News	King/Hill Simpsons
6:00	Newshour	News Extra	CBS News	Voyager	News W/ Fortune	Friends Raymond
7:00	Texas Debates	Dateline	First Monday	Movie: 'Batman	Home Videos '92	33rd Annual NAACP
8:00	2002	Miss USA 2002	Forever	Best Commercials	Image Award	
9:00	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	Law & Order: SVU	Cops	20/20	News	
10:00	Nightly Bus.	News Tonight Show	News David	Change/Heart Blind Date	News Nightline	Seinfeld Frasier
11:00	Conan	Letterman	Blind Date	Change/Heart	Incorrect	Cheers Shoot Me
12:00	O'Brien Friday Night	Kilborn Paid Program	Paid Program Shop @ Home	Access	Spin City	Coach

SATURDAY MARCH 2						
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7:00	GED Connect.	Saturday Today		Paid Program Old House	Mary/Ashley Teachers Pet	Transformers Wild Force
8:00	Tots TV Book/Virtues		Bob/Builder Dora Explore	Bob Vila Jack Hanna	Recess	Digimon Gaidor
9:00	Green Gables Redwall	M. Stewart All About	Blue's Clues Little Bill	Paid Program Paid Program	L. McGuire Even Steven	Medabots Digimon
10:00	ARK: Animal Connection	Just Deal City Guys	New House Bankers	Pollard Satum Show	Lloyd/Space Supremo	Mon Collie Alienators
11:00		Skate Inside	Basketball: Florida @	WWF Wrestling	Winnie House/Mouse	Satum Paid Program
12:00		Sportswork: VISA	Kentucky	Movie: 'Body And Soul'	IRL: Miami	Paid Program Basketball.
1:00	NY Workshop	American Cup	Basketball: Teams TBA			Texas Tech @ Baylor
2:00	Woodwright One Stroke	Golf: Geniety		Movie: 'Rocketeer'	Hockey: Dallas @	
3:00	Painting	Champ'ship	Basketball: Teams TBA		Colorado	Basketball: Oklahoma @
4:00	Fine Art Memories			Paid Program		Colorado
5:00	Book Show Right/Money	TX Reporter NBC News	Paid Program CBS News	Stargate	ABC News 3rd Rock	Shoot Me Shoot Me
6:00	Viewpoint Windmill	Jeopardy News	Enterprise	3rd Rock W/ Fortune	Friends Raymond	
7:00	Lawrence NBC Movie: 'J.J.S.	Week Show	Touch'd by an Angel	Century of Black	ABC Movie: 'James Bond: Diamonds	Cops Cops
8:00	Ed Sullivan	Marshals	That's Life	Cinema	AMW	
9:00	Crossroads Songwriters		District	Deep Space 9	Ara Forever	News Sports
10:00		News Saturday	News 3rd Rock	Buffy	News	Seinfeld MAD TV
11:00	Red Green Live	Night Live 'TV14	Movie: 'One In A Million'	Mutant X	Movie: 'Magic'	Andromeda
12:00		Movie: 'Leaving		Outer Limits		X-Files

SUNDAY MARCH 3						
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7:00		Sunday Today	Franklin Oswald	Paid Program	Christian In Search	Paid Program
8:00	Kids Bookworm	TX Reporter 1st United	CBS Sunday Morning	Paid Program	Feed/Child Prophecy	K. Copeland Eddie Trice
9:00	Bunch	Methodist Meet the	News Face/Nation	Weekenders	In Touch	FOX News Sunday
10:00	TX Parks Suze Orman	Press City Guys	Robert Schuller	Tarzan Lightyear	Si Se Puede	South Crest Baptist
11:00		Basketball: San	Basketball: Boston	E.T.	This Week Sam & Cokie	Andromeda
12:00	Wall St. Wk.	Antonio @ New York	College @ Syracuse	Hot Ticket Ebert/Roeper	Basketball: Teams TBA	Movie: 'Tomestone'
1:00	Rick Steves		Basketball: Kansas @	Sheena		
2:00	Affordable Europe	Golf: Geniety	Missouri	Beastmaster	Basketball:	Nascar: Las Vegas 400
3:00	Mark Twain	Champ'ship	Basketball: Teams TBA	V.J.P.	N. Carolina @	
4:00				Relic Hunter	Duke	
5:00	Mark Twain	Basketball: Teams TBA	Paid Program CBS News	Mutant X	ABC News 3rd Rock	Home Impr.
6:00			60 Minutes	Buffy	WWOD: 'Cinderella	Futurama King/Hill
7:00			Max Bickford	Movie: 'Life Less		Simpsons Malcolm
8:00	Judy Frank & Dian	Law & Order 'TV14	CBS Movie: 'Crossed	Ordinary	Alias	X-Files
9:00	Gene Kelly: Anatomy of	Ellie 'TV14 Leap/Faith	Ove	Deep Space 9	Practice	News Lady Raider
10:00	a Dancer	News In/Edtion	News	Blind Date Red Raider	News Access	Red Raider Seinfeld
11:00	Mystery!	Extra Weekend	3rd Rock: Movie	Lady Raider Blind Date	Hollywood Movie:	X-Files
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Tech to celebrate Texas' independence

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students and the Lubbock community have the chance to learn more about the independence of the Lone Star State during "A Celebration of Texas Independence," at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Members of the General James Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas is joining forces with Phi Alpha Theta, a history honor society, and the Office of In-

ternational Affairs to make this event possible, said Charlotte Moody, chairperson of the event and a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

"There has never been anything like this in Lubbock on March 2," she said. "We want people to come and celebrate the independence of Texas."

Moody said Speaker of the House Pete Laney and his wife will be recognized because they have been involved with Texas politics for 30 years.

"We are going to recognize them for their outstanding contributions to Texas and West Texas," she said.

In addition to historical displays and live history demonstrations, Moody said a silent auction with about 100 items, ranging in value from \$2 to \$100, will also take place.

Rob Fink, president of Phi Alpha Theta, said a presentation of the Texas flag will occur as well as all the displaying of all the flags Texas has flown.

Saturday's events will be a learning experience for college students, he

said, because it is important to learn about the history and heritage of the Lone Star State.

"Living in Texas, we have a unique history," said Fink, a doctorate history student from Abilene.

Learning about the Texans who died fighting for their independence is important, as well, he said.

"It should be a pretty big deal for Texas Tech," Fink said. "They are trying to get not only Tech students, but the community involved as well."

Along with the pledge of alle-

giance and the pledge to the Texas flag, songs like "Texas, Our Texas," will be performed.

Moody said the free event was made possible in part through a grant from the city of Lubbock as recommended by the Lubbock Arts Alliance Inc.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas in Lubbock, which was founded in 1954, has 80 members. She said to be a member one must have had ancestors who lived in Texas between the times of March 2, 1836, and Feb. 19, 1846.

One more change for ABC's drama 'Once and Again'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Saddle up the donkey, Sancho, and sharpen the pencils. We're going tilting at TV windmills.

ABC's "Once and Again," one of television's best and most distinctive series, is in mortal danger, and we are compelled to try to rescue it.

We've got company in the quest to keep the drama from cancellation but — let's face it — the numbers look bleak: a drop from a first-year average audience of 10.9 million to 6.3 million for this season, it's third.

What does that add up to? Faint hope that the delicately etched, achingly intimate drama about families coping with contemporary pressures will survive for a fourth season.

The show's future, according to the producers and ABC, rests on more viewers tuning in when the show returns from a nearly two-month absence to a new night. Beginning Monday, the season's final seven episodes will air at 10 p.m. EST.

Fans have worked hard to drum up support, running costly ads in Hollywood trade papers, sending flowers to ABC executives and keeping Web sites humming with thousands of messages of support.

"I totally fell in love with it" from the start, said Marc Levenson, a Fort Worth, Texas, business owner who orchestrated the fans' ad campaign. "We want viewers, as many as possible, to hear about the show."

What would a newcomer find in "Once and Again?" Not a lawyer show. Not a doctor show. Not an action-filled cop show. No formula at all, in fact, unless you count superb writing and consistently adroit acting.

Guiding the series are Marshall Herskovitz and Edward Zwick, class acts both in TV and film. They created the series "thirtysomething" and have produced Oscar-winning movies including "Traffic."

All of this talent is in service of a simple proposition: that the troubles and triumphs of daily life can make for great drama. How's that for classic?

The series revolves around Lily Manning (Sela Ward) and Rick Sammler (Billy Campbell), divorced parents who met, fell in love and married in the course of the series. Their relationship and its effect on their children, ex-spouses and others is the core of the story.

The angst of divorce is seen through the eyes of both adults and children with raw candor. In the first season, Rick tells how ending his first marriage felt as if he were taking a baseball bat to his children.

One viewer, a divorced dad, commented that he found the scene almost unbearably painful. With "Once and Again," there are no immunity challenges for either characters or the audience.

"In this show, we didn't set out to be groundbreaking so much as we set out to be truth-tellers," said Herskovitz, comparing "Once and Again" to his 1987-91 yuppie family drama "thirtysomething."

"There is a way in which, on television, just telling the truth tends to be startling," he said. "Our willingness to have these flawed characters and explore their lives so minutely, without car chases, is still the exception on television."

Campbell compares "Once and Again" to "a series of short stories. Short stories are about small things, about quiet moments ... It's not a big, catchy, flashy show."

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12. Movie Theater
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Softball tourney cancelled because of expected snow

The Texas Tech softball team will have to wait to play in Albuquerque, N.M. The Red Raiders were scheduled to play in the Lobo Tournament at New Mexico University this weekend.

The tournament was cancelled due to expected temperatures in the 30s and snow.

Tech was slated to face off against Colorado State, New Mexico and New Mexico State. Each team was to play doubleheaders.

Instead, Tech will travel to Albuquerque to face the Lobos in a three-game series. The two teams will meet in a doubleheader Monday and a single game Tuesday.

Tech (8-14) recently won the Troy Cox Classic at NMSU and has won five of its last seven games.

After competing with New Mexico, Tech will travel to Fullerton, Calif., to participate in the Kia Classic March 13 to 17.

In California, Tech will face Cal-State Northridge, Arizona and Notre Dame. Following that tournament, Tech opens Big 12 Conference play against Baylor March 20 in Lubbock.

Bye or no bye, Tech awaits fate Saturday



TEXAS TECH GUARD Andre Emmett attempts a shot last week against Missouri.

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

For the past two weeks, Texas Tech coach Bob Knight has said every game his squad plays is the biggest game of the season.

Tech guard Will Chavis and Tech forward Pawel Storozyński agree with their coach, but come Saturday, Chavis said the 12:45 p.m. game in Waco against Baylor is "real big."

"We know every game is important," Chavis said. "But this one is big."

At stake for Tech is a chance to finish in the top 4 of the Big 12 Conference, which would give Tech a first-round bye in next week's tournament.

A win on Saturday will help Tech's chances, but the Raiders are going to need some help from other teams.

Check the standings.

Kansas and Oklahoma have already clinched the top two spots in the conference.

Now the confusion sets in.

Going into final regular season game, four teams trail the Jayhawks and Sooners tied for third place at 9-6 — Tech, Oklahoma State, Texas and Missouri.

Tech's easiest path to a bye is a win Saturday and an Oklahoma State loss Saturday against Texas A&M.

If Tech wins and any two of these three teams loses, Texas (at Iowa State), Missouri

(vs. Kansas) and OSU, Tech will get a third seed.

If Tech does not win, or if all four teams win, Tech is looking at a No. 5 seed and no bye.

The Raiders are coming off a loss to Texas on Tuesday in Austin, and Storozyński said the loss was difficult to

swallow because a win would have put Tech in the driver's seat for a first-round bye.

"We had the cards in our hand," Storozyński said. "And then we lost them."

Chavis said Tech let too many games slip away this year, including Tuesday's loss.

"I wish we had a chance at a better seed," Chavis said. "I don't like where we are at right now. But that is how it plays out, and we have to be ready and prepared to play whoever (in the Big 12 Tournament)."

Storozyński said Tech did not show up to play against the Longhorns.

"We played like we weren't even there," he said. "We could've put five dolls out there, and it would have been the same thing. It was terrible."

Both Storozyński and Chavis said they are not going to worry about the other third place teams until they worry about themselves and Baylor (14-14 overall, 4-11 Big 12).

"We have to put our attention on Baylor," said Storozyński, who's Raiders defeated the Bears. "They are going to show up. We beat them pretty hard last time, and they will be fired up."

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— PAWEŁ STOROZYŃSKI
Texas Tech Forward

Inclement weather in Lubbock postpones Tech's Big 12 opener

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The anticipated inclement weather in Lubbock on Sunday has forced the Texas Tech men's tennis team to cancel its match with No. 14 Texas. The match was rescheduled for March 25 in Austin.

The match was scheduled for 2 p.m. at the McLeod Tennis Center. It was postponed because the team could not get court time at the Lubbock Country Club, and the women's team already had the courts at the Nautilus reserved for Sunday.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said the weather initially looked good enough to play at McLeod, but predictions got progressively worse for Sunday.

"Baseball and softball deal with it, too," Siegel said. "We may still have these things happen all through the spring. It could be 80 degrees, but the wind could still be a factor."

Siegel said the cancellation is not something to get too upset about.

"I guess the quote of the day would be: 'You can't get disappointed about something you can't control,'" Siegel said. "Weather is one of them."

Devin Wakeford said he is a little let down, but cancellations are to be expected in collegiate athletics.

"I'm a little disappointed," Wakeford said. "But not too much. It's part of college tennis. If the weather doesn't work out, you just move on to the next match."

Siegel said having to postpone the match until later this month is not uncommon.

"In college tennis that's a part of it," Siegel said. "Sometimes you don't have the luxury of going indoors."

Siegel said he would like to one day not be at the mercy of local private clubs' schedules to play indoors.

"There's no question I would like to be able to get a three- or four-court indoor facility here at Tech," Siegel said.

Tech's next match will be March 8 in Corpus Christi.

Ben Gudzelak said moving the match to Austin may hurt, but it will help the team in getting Royce Ramey back from his ankle injury.

"It obviously takes away from the home court advantage," Gudzelak said. "It does give us more time to prepare, though."

Siegel said canceling the match will help Ramey's chances of playing Texas now although the team was hoping to play the Longhorns at McLeod this season.

"This gives us a little break," Siegel said. "It gives some of the guys' injuries a chance to be worked on. It is disappointing because we really wanted to play them here."

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Red Raider bats look to warm up Olsen Field

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

After a 13-4 non-conference start, the Red Raider baseball squad will get its first taste of Big 12 Conference action with a three-game series against Texas A&M in College Station this weekend.

The series will get under way with a double-header, the first game starting at 1 p.m. today at Olsen Field at Texas A&M.

The teams will reconvene 30 minutes after the first contest for the second game. The series comes to an end with a 2 p.m. battle Saturday.

The Raiders enter the contest on the heels of a three-game series sweep of Seton Hall last weekend at Dan Law Field.

Texas A&M enters the contest with a 10-4 record on the season. The Aggies have dropped their last two games, falling to Pepperdine and Kentucky.

Tech pitcher Chad Ertel said after 17 conference games, the Raiders are ready to get into the swing of the con-

ference season.

"It's about time," Ertel said. "We have been working hard, and everyone is getting ready to play. We came out, and we had a goal to do well before conference and sort of pick ourselves up. We didn't start as well last year. We are looking forward to conference play. I think the team is finally ready, and this is a good time to start."

Last season, the Red Raiders swept the Aggies in a three-game series at Dan Law Field. The Aggies returned the favor in the Big 12 Tournament, handing the Raiders a loss.

Raider third baseman Nick Blankenship is batting .339 this season and leads the Raiders in home runs with six.

Blankenship said regardless of Tech's record against the Aggies last season, playing in College Station means a challenge is awaiting the Raiders this weekend.

"A&M is a good team," Blankenship said. "They have a lot of pitchers returning with a year under their belts.

They are going to be 100 times better than they were last year. It is going to be a tough series. They are going to have crazy fans. Our place is one of the best places to play at home, but A&M is right there with us. It is going to be a tough series."

Tech catcher Willie Durazo is leading the Raiders in batting average this season with a .377 hitting percentage.

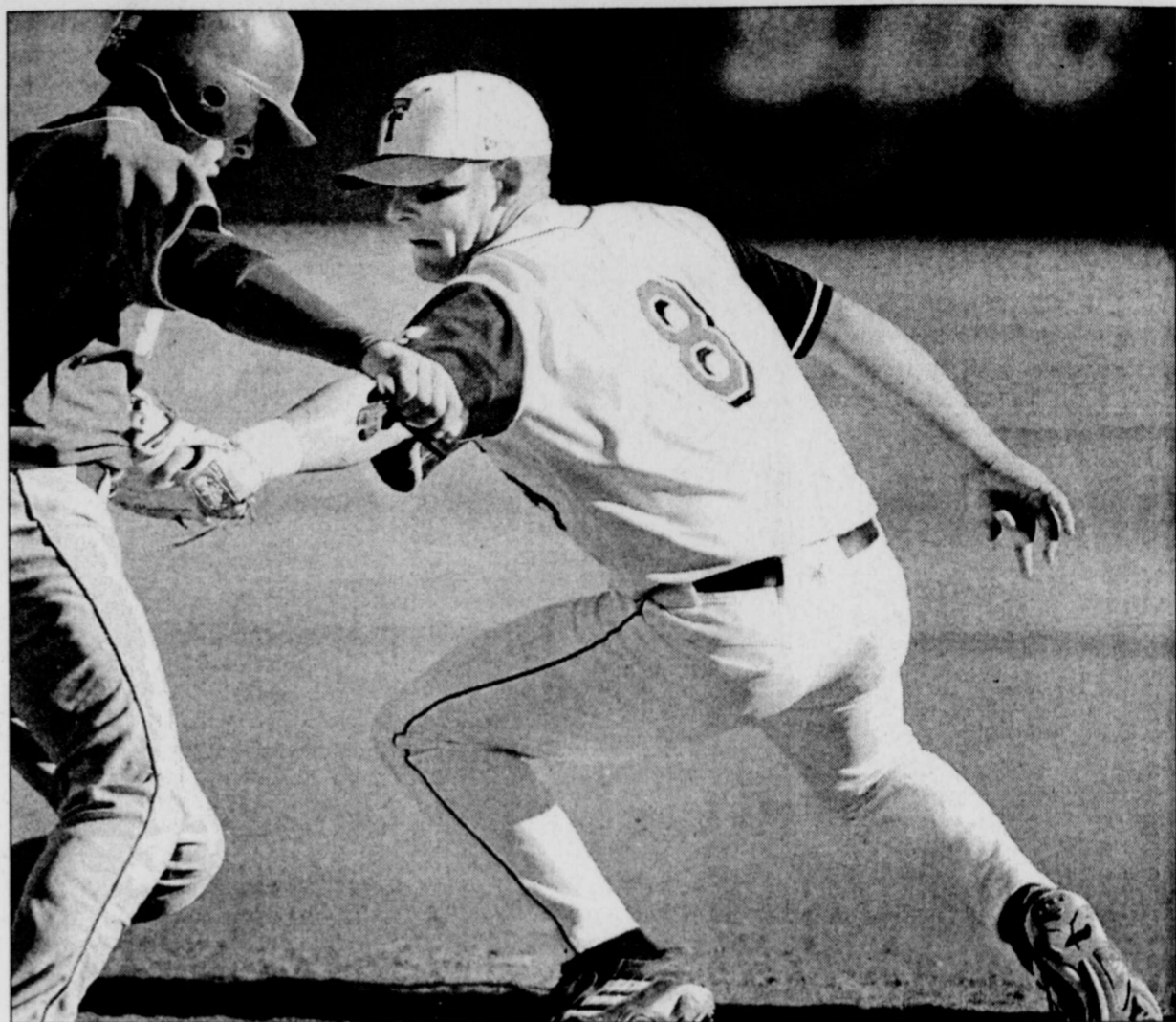
Durazo has gone yard three times on the season and said beginning the conference season in A&M's backyard should inspire Tech to play with emotion.

"I don't think it will bother us at all," Durazo said of starting the conference season with a road contest at A&M. "I think if we go out and play in that hostile environment, that will kind of give us a good start right there. When we go to A&M, we are going to play hard because they are a good team. That will make the rest of the games a lot easier."

Tech scored 31 runs in its three-game sweep of Seton Hall last weekend.

Durazo said he thinks the Raiders can keep the bats hot and the wins coming in the series with the Aggies.

"I think we can continue that against A&M because we are going to have our three starters throwing, and we are obviously going to see their three starters," Durazo said. "So we are going to go in there a little bit pumped. Plus their hostile environment is going to pump us up a little more. So we are going to be ready to go."



TEXAS TECH FIRST baseman Bryon Smith places the tag during Tech's series with Seton Hall last weekend. The Raiders open Big 12 Conference play this weekend for a three-game series against Texas A&M in College Station.

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— WILLIE DURAZO
Texas Tech Catcher

Accident

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ting better, but you are still going to have freak accidents. I didn't hear about it until I was on the plane on the way back from conference. As a vault coach, it is your worst nightmare."

Beene said he has been at competitions where injuries have occurred in the pole vault event but never anything as serious as Dare's accident.

"I saw a guy at Tech break both bones in his lower leg a few years ago," Beene said. "But this guy wasn't really upside down. I am sure the kid from Penn State was upside down and from what I understand came down

on his head and had trauma to his head."

Despite last weekend's incident, Dare was not an inexperienced vaulter. He claimed the United States Junior Championships last June in the pole vault.

Beene said Dare's experience and reputation in the pole vault event made his accident that much more shocking.

"The real bad thing about the Penn State thing is, it's not like this kid was not a good vaulter," Beene said. "He wasn't trying to figure it out; he was a pretty good vaulter. He was a junior national champion and had cleared 16-6 and 3/4 so he was a good vaulter."

Tech vaulter Ken Wilson suffered

a broken left arm in high school while vaulting for the Lewisville High School track squad.

Wilson said had he not put his arm back to break his fall during his accident, he could have suffered the same fate as Dare.

"My freshman year in high school, I was trying to get up on a bigger stick than I should have," Wilson said. "It was at the end of workouts. I went up but I didn't penetrate into the mats and I came back down onto the track. I stuck my hand back to catch myself and my arm broke. If I hadn't put my hand back, it could have very well been my head."

Since his accident in high school, Wilson has competed in vault events wearing a helmet. Helmets are not required in pole vaulting competitions.

Beene said he requires each of his beginning vaulters to wear helmets.

Beene said he does not know if wearing a helmet could have prevented Dare's death.

"I don't know if that would have prevented this or not," Beene said. "It is one of those things, that no matter how good a coach you are, or no matter how well the athlete understands it, sometimes freak accidents happen just like any other sport."

Wilson said wearing a helmet when he jumps helps minimize the fear of injury.

"Since I wear a helmet when I vault, there is not a real fear of dying," Wilson said. "I could break a bone or something like that. But when I wear a helmet, I am more at ease with it."

Tech vaulter Ashley Ramsey is in her second year of vaulting at Tech. Ramsey said after competing with a helmet last year, she chooses not to wear one anymore.

"After a while you get the feel of it," Ramsey said. "It gets to where you feel safe when you are jumping."

Wilson said he has noticed an increase in pole vault competitors wearing helmets. He said he thinks in the future more vaulters might compete with helmets, but it is not something that is going to happen overnight.

Wilson said it was awkward competing with a helmet at first, but he has gotten used to it.

"I'll admit when I first started wearing a helmet it was kind of weird standing there at track meets with a helmet

while my feet are on the ground and I don't have any skates or a bike or skate board under my feet," Wilson said. "People do kind of give you a hard time about it. But everyone kind of knows that I wear one now. I'll hear a joke about it every now and then, but I am settled with it."

Whether helmets are used or not, the fact remains that pole vaulting is a sport where a lot of the action takes place at heights where, if accidents happen, serious injuries can occur.

Ramsey said the warnings on the poles are there for a reason.

"Pretty bad things can happen," Ramsey said. "You've got to read the warning labels on the poles. It says, 'It can cause death or injury.' Things like that happen, it is part of the sport."

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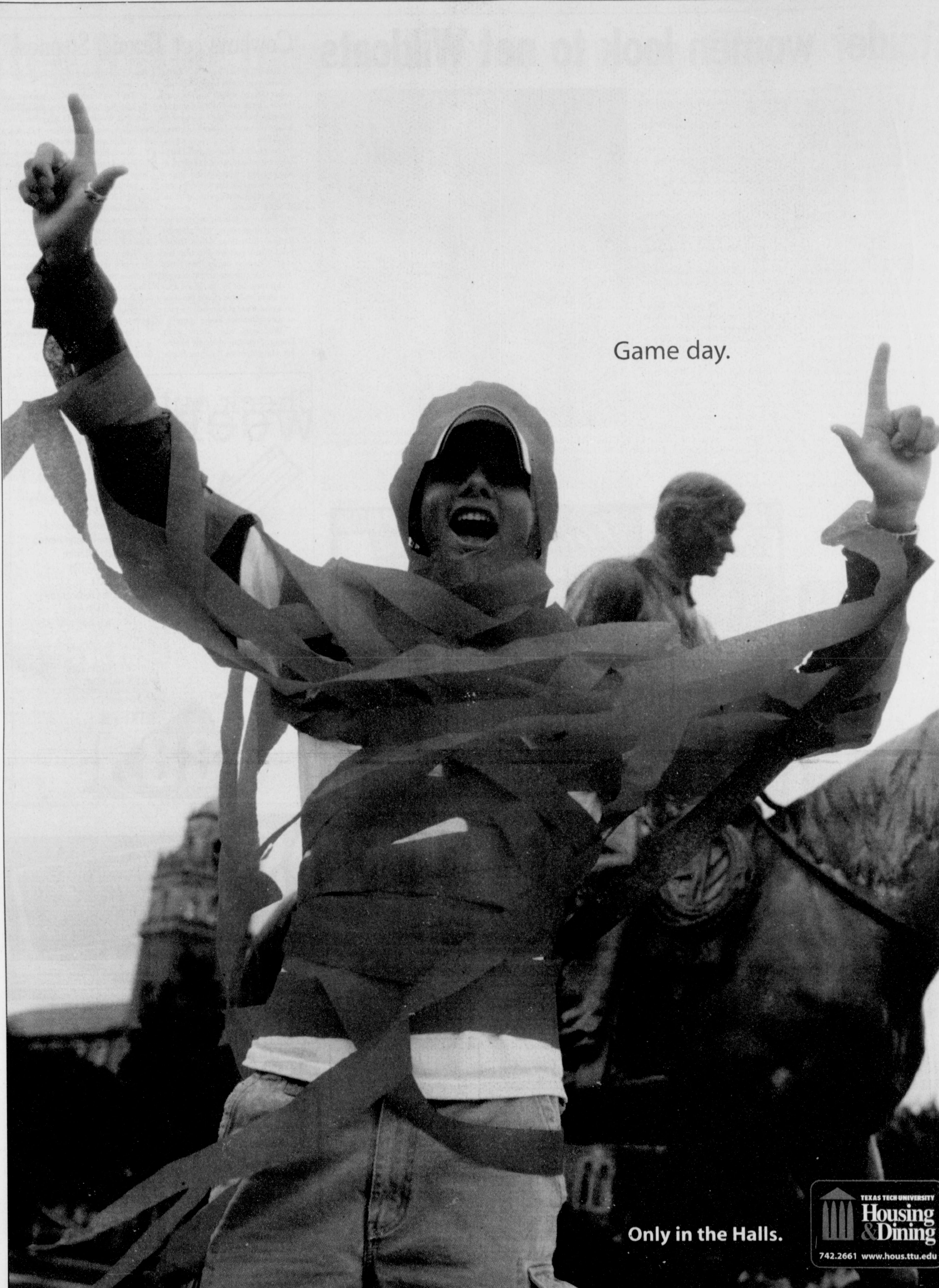
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