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Economy hurting university endowments

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's endowments are decreasing along with other universities across the nation, but the decline has not been as severe, Interim President Donald Haragan said.

According to a 2002 survey conducted by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the average college or university endowment lost value in fiscal year 2002 largely because of the declining investment markets and a poor economy.

The association, which conducts the survey annually, documented

about 600 universities throughout the United States. The results showed a 6 percent decline in endowments for universities whose fiscal years ended June 30, 2002.

Last year's decrease is almost twice that of 2001, when the survey showed a 3.6 percent decrease in endowments.

"Our endowments have not suffered to the extent others across the nation have," Haragan said.

A large percentage of the endowment is invested, which he said is the risk universities take to make money. The administration does not want the endowment to sit there and do nothing when it could be invested and

making money for the university. It is a risk, he said, but the greater return helps the university.

"In the long run, it's a very wise decision," he said. "But in the short term, that adds up to some loss."

Tech's endowments go to scholarships, faculty support and various university activities, Haragan said.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said the university's endowments actually increased last year. The university raised almost \$44 million, which was its second best year for fund raising.

In addition to the diversified portfolio that keeps Tech from losing more

money in stock, he said the university does not use endowments for operations, nor does it use the principal. Only a percentage of the interest is used every year for research, scholarships and professorships.

Jenny James, development officer for the College of Engineering, said there are several factors that explain the decrease in endowments. Because the stock market is not performing well, high-tech companies that normally contribute large sums of money are curbing their gifts or not giving at all.

"On the whole, we've seen the difference," she said. "The economy's al-

ways going to affect that."

James said the university identifies individuals or companies that are capable of donating money and targets them, but recently, because of the stagnant economy, the administration is not asking for as much money from donors.

The university is still getting plenty of donations, she said. The oil companies are doing well, although most oil companies base their donations on the number of people they hire at Tech's job fairs. The fairs have not been as successful recently because fewer companies are coming, and those that do come are not hiring as

many people.

"It's been really hard across the board," she said.

Scholarships have not been affected as of yet, James said. However, because the endowments the college has are not earning as much as in past years, they have to be careful when giving out scholarships.

"It's not just what we have, but it's what we have coming in," she said.

Dean Gary Bell of the Honors College also experiences this dilemma. He distributes about \$4.5 million a year in merit scholarships, and the

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SGA election code top on Senate list

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

The Student Senate will meet for the first time this semester at 7 p.m. today in the Student Union Senate Room, and one of the main topics on the agenda is Senate Bill 38.01, which is an attempt to make several changes to the Election Code.

The bill, which was co-authored by senator-at-large Wesley Stephens and Law School Senator Brandi Grissom, states that changes need to be made to make the elections run more efficiently and less costly for students.

Among the two major changes that will be presented is no campaign materials can be larger than 11 by 17 inches for the upcoming 2003-04 elections of Student Government Association executive officers and senators.

"There has always been a problem," Election Commission adviser Bill Brannan said. "It was kind of like a free for all. Doing this will make it an even playing field for everybody."

Jeremy Brown, president of the Senate, said the main concern in this area is off-campus signage, which leads

to an unfair advantage.

"Last year, I saw out of the corner a poster all along the side of a van that said vote so and so," he said. "That's kind of unfair."

Brannan said the size of signage was an issue at sporting events, particularly Red Raider and Lady Raider basketball games.

"It was also a problem for people trying to watch the basketball games," he said.

Also a major topic of concern on the proposed bill is the question of whether personal test and social security numbers have been retrieved by candidates to vote for themselves.

In the proposed bill it states, "In all elections governed by this code, no candidate shall personally, nor through a third party, deliberately ask for or require another student to disclose their personal test number or social security number."

If solicitation of personal test numbers or social security numbers is discovered of a candidate or any

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Tech seeks separate 4-year med school

By Phillip Barnhard/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso is anticipating the creation of a four-year medical school, partially separate from the Lubbock campus, that will meet the needs of those in the El Paso and border regions while still holding smaller ties to the university system.

If approved, the two-year medical school will be established to accommodate students for four years, adding the curriculum provided by the HSC in Lubbock for the first two years of medical school and addressing health problems sensitive to the border region.

Elmo Cavin, acting president of the HSC in Lubbock, said the university is working with the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, a nationally recognized accrediting authority for medical programs, seeking advice on the establishment of the transition.

"Since they are the (accrediting) body, we want to make sure that we are in-sync with (LCME)," he said. "If approved, (the El Paso medical school) will be a medical school under the HSC."

Cavin said the four-year HSC in El Paso requires the approval of the Texas State Legislature. With approval from the state, the medical

school can receive the much-needed funding for the project.

Cavin said there are about 120 medical students in a class. Of those 120 students, 50 would be sent to the El Paso campus. After the first two years of study, 35 students would be sent to the HSC's Amarillo campus, and the other 35 would remain in Lubbock.

Instead of spending the first two years studying sciences at the Lubbock campus, medical students will have the option of attending the El Paso medical school for four years, studying their sciences there for the first two and continuing their studies for the last two with a clinical rotation in El Paso.

Dr. Manuel de la Rosa, regional dean of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center at El Paso, said the medical school does not want to separate from Tech.

"We don't want to be separate from the Texas Tech University System," de la Rosa said. "What we want to be is Texas Tech-El Paso. Our target is to benefit El Paso."

De la Rosa said he anticipates three things happening with the addition of a four-year school in El Paso.

One, the medical school will

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DISCOUNTED DAY CARE



ABOVE: ANGELA KIOWSKI, a sophomore business major from Dallas plays with Zachary Wilson (left) and Ian Garcia at the Early Learning Center on Wednesday afternoon. Below: Lori Guzman, a member of the day care staff, plays with (clockwise from top) Ian Garcia, Margaret Gaydon, Jared Vasquez and Zachary Wilson.

Students receive minimal charge at Tech-friendly day care

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter
Photos by Jenna Hansen

Texas Tech students who worry about thin wallets while trying to pay a babysitter while they attend class or go to work may not have to worry much longer.

After a partnership was established earlier this semester between the Student Government Association and Graduate Professionals Student Government Association with the Early Learning Center of Lubbock and the South Plains Workforce, students who have children can pay \$40 a week at most for



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King statue found egged on MLK day

AUSTIN (AP) — Vandalism at the statue of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. on the University of Texas campus has prompted student leaders to urge adoption of a racial harassment policy.

The only minority statue on the UT Austin campus was found covered with raw eggs on Monday.

Eggs were also found on two campus buildings, and campus police are searching for the perpetrator. A surveillance camera set up next to the statue had been working but the recording device attached to it was broken, UT Police Chief Jeffrey Van Slyke said Tuesday night.

Earlier, UT Student Government voted unanimously to pass a resolution condemning the statue's defacement and urging the administration to adopt a racial harassment policy.

California fraternity brawl leaves one dead

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — An early morning brawl involving fraternity members armed with sticks and knives left one man dead and several others injured Wednesday.

The large group from San Jose State University's Pi Alpha Phi and Lambda Phi Epsilon fraternities gathered about midnight at a suburban park. Pi Alpha Phi members from the University of California, Santa Cruz, also participated, police said. A neighbor reported the fight.

"They could hear somebody screaming 'Somebody's been stabbed!'" said Sgt. Steve Dixon, a police spokesman.

Four people were stabbed, including a 23-year-old man who later died at a hospital. The altercation apparently grew from a disagreement at a pool hall, Dixon said.

Iraq blocking U.N. from spy plane use

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iraq is blocking the United Nations from using the venerable U-2 spy plane to search for Baghdad's terror weapons, placing unacceptable limits on its flights, chief inspector Hans Blix said Wednesday.

"They are not denying it, or rejecting it, but they are putting up conditions that would be unacceptable and stronger than they were in the past," he said, without elaborating.

Blix was on the way into his offices at U.N. headquarters, where reporters questioned him.

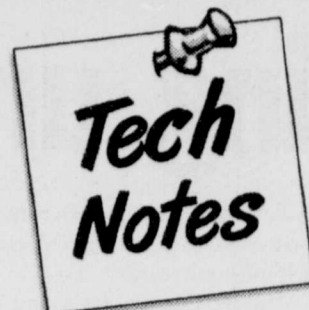
U-2 flights were a mainstay of the first hunt for Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, from 1991-1998. American pilots flew them, but the ultra-long-winged jet plane was repainted in U.N. colors and covered flight paths ordered by U.N. inspectors.

Dallas council extinguishes smoking in eateries

DALLAS (AP) — City leaders on Wednesday banned smoking in restaurants and public places, including hospitals, schools, theaters, libraries, museums and transit system vehicles.

Dallas City Council members approved the ordinance by a 10-3 vote. The ban still permits smoking in bars, tobacco shops and pool halls, which must provide designated smoking and nonsmoking areas.

The ban takes effect March 1. Proponents of the ban say current regulations in restaurants are not strong enough. They say only a ban can protect from the effects of secondhand smoke.



Are you ready for a road trip to Raiderland? Red Raider Camp staff selection information sessions will be at 3 p.m. today in the Red Raider Lounge, Student Union. Interested students should attend to find out more about camp and the staff positions.

For more information visit www.redraidercamp.ttu.edu or call Britta, Molly or Eric at the Center for Campus Life at (806) 742-2192.

Interested in Law School? Join Phi Alpha Delta! Spring Rush is at 7 p.m. today in Holden Hall.

The School of Music is sponsoring a Jazz fund-raiser Concert featuring Carla Helmbrecht and Peter Horvath at the Hemmle Recital Hall at 8 p.m. today. Admission is \$10 to the public, \$7 to children and free to students with Tech ID. For additional information, contact Liza Muse at (806) 742-2270, Ext. 233.

Student Organization Advisory Congress will conduct their monthly meeting Thursday in the Student Union building Red Raider Ballroom. For more information, contact Stephanie Sanchez at (806) 742-3631.

Attention Commuters: Because of an event taking place in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion on Friday morning, a portion of the Auditorium/Coliseum parking lot (C1) will be closed. Allow additional time on that day to find parking. There should be available space in the parking lots west of Indiana Avenue and in the C13 lot located north of the university greenhouse.

Student Community Committee applications are now in the SGA of-

fice, 230 Student Union building. Please call (806) 742-3631 for details. This committee is designed to help the community and Texas Tech become more aware of each other's needs. Applications are due at 5 p.m. Friday in the SGA office.

Organizations receiving Student Government funding for the next fiscal year are required to attend the last budgeting seminar Sunday in the Matador Room located in the Student Union building. For more information, call the SGA office at (806) 742-3631 or visit www.sga.ttu.edu.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life is looking for resident assistants for the 2003-2004 academic year. If you are interested in promoting community and learning in the residence halls while developing personal leadership skills, you are encouraged to attend an information session to receive an application. The information sessions will be held: 4 p.m. Monday at the Student Union building Wall/Gates Lobby, and 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Doak Hall Formal Lounge. If you have any questions about the sessions or the application process, please contact the Residence Life Office at (806)742-2597.

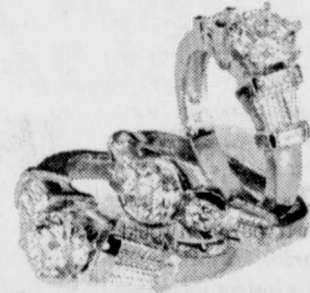
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College of Architecture receives endowment

By Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporter

Since it takes more than bricks and mortar to make a home, Marie F. Hall decided to give Texas Tech College of Architecture students a hands-on way to expand their horizons.

A new professorship was announced Wednesday for the College of Architecture, funded by Hall.

The endowed professorship is honoring Deane Pierce, of Pierce and Winn Architects in Lubbock. Pierce was the interiors architect for the Merker Alumni Center and for the Caprock Winery.

"I wanted to do something for the arts and Deane," Hall said. "It's my

way of saying thanks, Deane." Pierce said he was flattered to be named the honoree of the endowment.

"This profession is almost pure pleasure," he said.

Hall has only one reason for her generous donations to Tech.

"Because I want to," she said.

Pierce remodeled Hall's home in Big Spring in 1989. He worked on the house plans for five years before a shingle on the roof was removed, Hall said.

"He leaves beauty in his wake," she said.

Dean of the College of Architecture Andrew Vernooy said the en-

dowment is a welcomed gesture.

"Architecture is a hard profession to please the public," he said. "Deane has a list of happy clients. That's a huge accomplishment for anyone."

A professorship typically allows new architects with outstanding credentials to bring fresh ideas to students.

Vernooy's idea is to use the endowment as a visiting professorship.

"By using it as a visiting professorship we can bring in a young, really energetic architect who is really making changes in architecture," Vernooy said. "This way we get a window on the world."

The endowment will enable the college to bring in young architects

from all over the U.S. to share their ideas with the students.

"This will provide an opportunity for diversity in the college, as well as new points of view," said Vernooy.

Students will select the person who will come in to teach for five to seven weeks. The remainder of the semester will be taught by a faculty member.

"It really is an incredible opportunity for the college," Vernooy said. "Because our method has to do with the studio as opposed to just giving lectures. Studio is where students spend most of their design effort."

The intent is to expose students to more views, he said.



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DEANE PIERCE, LEFT, was the honoree of an endowment given by Marie F. Hall. TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

Day care

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day care services.

The deal was made possible by SGA President Kelli Stumbo and GPSGA President Deidre Parish with the help of Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock.

Stumbo said the need for such services was evident.

"A lot of students have children, especially at the graduate level," she said. "We started this because we have to fulfill the needs of all Tech students."

Stumbo said there are two different programs: one for students who have completed 90 hours and students at the graduate level, and another for students who have completed less than 90 hours.

To enroll a child, parents must contact Early Learning Center.

Eligibility Specialist of the Early Learning Center Jackie Rutherford said only nine students have applied. All have been accepted to have their children receive day care.

Rutherford said spaces are limited and are available according to income.

The price for day care varies. Rutherford said the price is dependant on the age of the child.

"This is the best deal in town," she said. "Most day cares charge over \$100 a week."

There are five centers in North and East Lubbock where students can take their children. Breakfast, lunch and snack will be provided, as well as infant formula and infant food.

Joanne Carter, executive direc-

tor of the Early Learning Center, said the program is a great opportunity for both graduate and undergraduate students.

"It is a good partnership because of our location," she said. "Plus, we are one of the top centers in the city of Lubbock."

Shonrock said the university considers the program as a pilot to determine if it's something Tech will continue in the future.

"I am most confident it will be successful to our students," he said. "What we are trying to do is defray the cost of education and from getting further loans. This is a win-win situation."

Diane Moore, a graduate student studying mass communications from Austin, just recently found out about the reduced cost for day care.

She has a 6-year-old son and said

it has been difficult for her to find someone to take care of him at a cheap cost while she works toward her degree. She said she paid anywhere from \$65 to \$100 a week for day care in Lubbock.

Now, she does not have to worry. "I will definitely look into this," she said. "I really can't believe it is that cheap. Money is a big issue in college, even if you don't have a child to support. I'm glad this service is available."

Moore said she believes students with children have only now been taken into consideration by university officials.

"I think people who come up with these ideas used to never keep us in mind," she said. "But it's better now than never."

For more information, contact Jackie Rutherford at 765-9981.

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individual or organization campaigning for a candidate, said candidate will come before the Election Commission at a time and place to be decided on by the Election Commission Adviser for review and possible disqualification from the race.

Brannon said it is something the Election Commission is trying to clear up.

"In other words, you can't go around and ask 30 people for their test number because then one person would be able to vote for 30," he said. "We have had past elections where there has been problems with that. We have had allegations. Everyone has heard them."

Brown agrees.

"Rumors go around, and this is trying to clear up those rumors," he said.

Some polling locations where no students voted could be eliminated.

"There are a lot of polling locations that we really don't need," Brannon said. "There is no need to have a number of locations all over campus."

Brown said a reason the bill is being addressed is because next week students can sign up to run for office.

"We have to get this done because if this bill goes through, we have to have a print out of the election code by next week," he said.

Endowments

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amount of scholarship money given could change if endowments drop.

However, the administration has made a commitment for the

time being to continue disbursing scholarships, even if it becomes necessary to use general funds, he said.

"The endowment fund has certainly gone down, but scholarships have not, at least at this point," Bell said.

Linda Hoover, dean of the College of Human Sciences, said the di-

minishing endowments could adversely affect the students. Most of the endowments for the college go to scholarships and covering costs that state appropriations do not cover.

"We have more students that are in need of assistance," she said. "The importance of (the endowments) can't be emphasized enough."

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Perspectives

Elected leaders face challenges

The sun was shining over Austin on Tuesday as I joined a few other Techsians to witness the inauguration of Gov. Rick Perry, overwhelmingly elected in his own right in November. Perry, along with Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, reiterated repeatedly the challenges facing the 78th Legislature: \$10 billion worth of challenges.

Despite the overwhelming consensus that the coming legislative session will be a marathon, the mood in Austin was light and celebratory. It was a mood where the trepidation felt by our leaders was tempered by optimism, not the other way around. It was a mood reflected in the theme of the inauguration, "One Star, One Future, One Texas."

Texas has entered an era of opportunity—the greatest being the opportunity for Perry to shape his legacy as a leader.

This opportunity will be an opportunity wasted if several fundamental issues are not resolved.

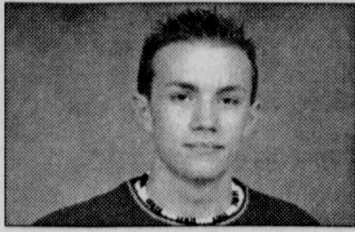
First and foremost, the Legislature must solve this budget crisis and without raising taxes. Doing so will require fiscal discipline not often seen in Austin, but discipline necessary nonetheless. Perry's decision not to issue a recommended budget is a positive step. The budget, as Perry recently noted, starts at zero. Every expenditure must be justified.

There also is the job to be done of overhauling our state's public school finance system and lowering homeowner's insurance rates. These might even require a special session of the Legislature, but they must be dealt with.

And then there are the usual social problems to address: poverty discrimination, educational inadequacies and so forth. Our legislators should work to provide lasting help to the poor in the inner cities and in the Rio Grande Valley and to help Texans gain access to grant money toward this end through President Bush's new Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. The Legislature also must fight to repeal Texas' antiquated sodomy law, which unlawfully extends police jurisdiction into our bedrooms.

Meeting these challenges will require sacrifice, but as Gov. Perry is fond of noting, Texans are a special and highly sacrificial breed.

Here in Lubbock, our Techsan legislators in the Student Government Association face their own set of challenges. One of these is deciding how elections will be held in the future. Several senators are urging the SGA to return to the paper ballots of the past and eliminate the online voting sys-



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tem. Their arguments have much merit.

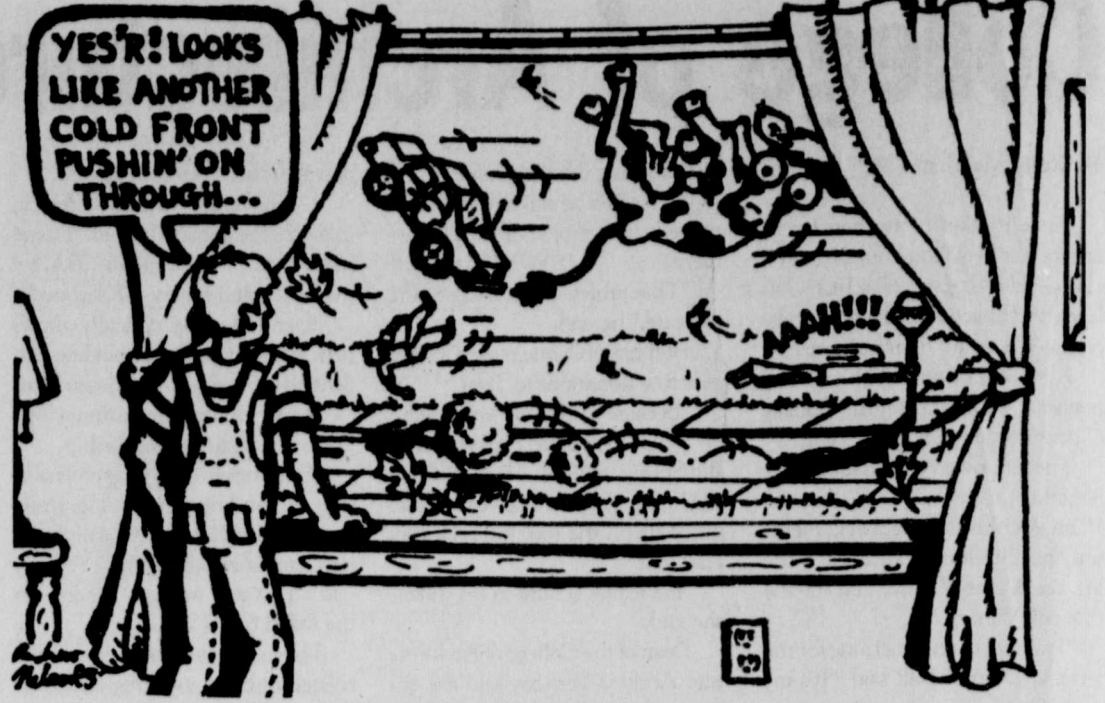
For instance, the move to electronic voting in 2000 actually reduced voter participation. Figures released by the Election Commission reveal that 13.86 percent of eligible voters voted in the final paper election in the spring of 1999. That number dropped to a mere 9.63 percent in the spring of 2000. The highest voter turnout since recorded in a spring election was 11.81 percent in 2001, still lower than each election in the three years prior to 2000.

Freshman Council Election statistics likewise show a 2.59 percent drop in turnout from 1999 to 2000. Clearly, electronic balloting is depressing voter turnout.

But most important of all, paper balloting is almost cheat-proof. Electronic balloting, on the other hand, is far from it. Candidates routinely obtain Personal Test Numbers from Techsians and take care of the voting for them, an illegal practice under SGA rules, but rarely, if ever, prosecuted. And tales of drunken voting parties sponsored by overzealous frat boys are legend. Why hold on to a system that punishes the honest and rewards the crooked? There is only one real choice here.

The SGA also will be looking at a revision to the Tech code of conduct handbook proposed by Tech Queers and Allies President Chris Mitchell that would add sexual orientation to Tech's anti-discrimination policy. SGA President Kelli Stumbo and Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown have both expressed support for this measure. The Senate would be wise to adopt it quickly.

Our elected leaders clearly face a rigorous agenda in the upcoming months. I am confident they will face it well, as long as they remember to heed what Perry said Tuesday: "Our task is to do what Texans have always done: to dream boldly, to act boldly, to live boldly."



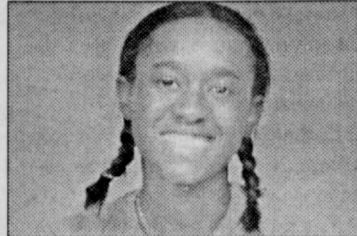
Texas is only state with pride

I had an experience in class the other day that made me realize I don't truly belong here in this state. My professor made the whole class relive our worst fears from elementary school by standing and introducing ourselves. As the professor progressed around the room, I began to realize a trend that everyone was from Texas, either from some small town that no one has heard of or a big city like Dallas, Houston or Austin. But no matter what size of the town, they were all from Texas.

And then the professor came to me. I stand up to say a little about myself, what my name is and what my major is, and then I have to admit I am from New Mexico. I point out that I am the only one not from Texas, and some people actually got a look of pity on their faces. I sat down almost feeling ashamed of the fact that I am from some state other than Texas. My professor then explains to me that it is OK and that no one will hold it against me.

I not only receive this discrimination in class but also among my friends. They are embarrassed to ride in my car because it has New Mexico license plates. Anytime we see another New Mexico car around town, they point out that there are some of my people. They usually refer to them as New Mexicans. Also, every weekend it seems as if the people from my hometown of Clovis invade the mall here to go shopping. My friends blame every bad driver on the road on people from my town, although I must admit we do have bad drivers, and I happen to be one of them.

I have a friend who goes so far as refusing to call me when I am in my hometown. He claims his phone refuses to dial the area code and his Texas phone is too good to dial a state like New Mexico. He sees it as just an open plain between Arizona and Texas. Even though he



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Being a non-Texan and going to Texas Tech has given me a new outlook on life. I see what it is like to be proud of just being born and raised in a place. I have yet to meet anyone who is ashamed to be a Texan. I hope one day I will be able to call myself a Texan with as much pride as everyone else does.

was born and basically raised in Oklahoma, he claims to be a Texan.

So I wonder when we out-of-town folks can call ourselves Texans. Is there a waiting list people need to get on or someplace to sign up at, like the DMV? Or maybe you just have to achieve that vast amount of pride in this state that only a true Texan has. Maybe I will go around calling myself a New Mexican, but I don't believe it will work. I don't have that much pride in my state to actually claim it.

I have met no other people like Texans who know so much about their state and are so proud to just live where they are. I don't know everything about New Mexico; I still don't know where all the cities are in that state. I have never traveled the state of Texas and gone to all the major cities for some reason or another. But Texans know where everything is here, they have more than likely visited all the major cities and know how long it takes to get there and what little cities are close to it. People look at me like I am crazy when I tell them I have never been to Austin or Houston. Then I explain that I am not from here, and I get yet another pitying look.

All of my friends are from Texas for the most part, and I know one of the things they see as a major plus in Texas is the higher alcohol content. When any of my friends visit someone in another state, they make a stop at the strip to load up on beer.

That brings me to another point. Whatever the occasion, there seems to be a call for alcohol, whether it is that someone won a football game or someone lost a football game. I've decided Texans make up any reason to drink, and some don't need a reason at all.

My friend told me that during Christmas vacation, she and her family got drunk on Christmas day. This seemed normal to her and strange to me. I really can't see myself sitting down with the family and getting a beer out of the fridge and remembering all the other Christmases before. It seems to me this goes on a lot in Texas; not every family is like this, but the majority of my friends get drunk with their families.

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Event promotes healthy lifestyles

By Felicia Simpson/Staff Reporter

Techwell, an interactive wellness fair, was held at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center Wednesday.

Associate Director of Recreational Sports Betty Blanton said Techwell had about 30 booths hosted by community organizations. Many of these booths came from campus departments.

"These departments can help students," she said.

Ty Tiphon, a sophomore economics major from Lubbock, visited the booth "True Love Waits," sponsored by the Nurturing Center and First Resort Network.

He said the booth contained information about sexually transmitted diseases.

"I saw some graphic descriptions of what an STD can do to you," he said. "It's eye opening. It would make me more cautious."

Another booth at Techwell came from the Counseling Center.

Monica Schmitt, a psychology intern from the Counseling Center, wanted students to realize which services are available to them.

"We want to try to connect [students] with services on campus," she said.

This booth entitled "Are You Gambling With Your Emotional Well Being?" had students answer factual questions on a variety of topics such as depression, stress-management and self-esteem. Participants would receive a prize regardless if they answered correctly, Schmitt said.

"We want [participants] to gain

knowledge," she said.

Some programs that are sponsored by the Counseling Center, are independent and group counseling, counseling therapy and Tech PRIDE mentoring for freshman students. All of these services are confidential, Schmitt said.

The School of Nursing sponsored a booth entitled "Let's Get Pumped."

Faculty Associate with the School of Nursing Danielle Kistler said participants could get their blood pressure checked and receive information about the School of Nursing.

She said students who checked their blood pressure could discover if

they needed to take preventive measures to get their blood pressure to a normal level. An individual's blood pressure could be lowered by decreasing stress, exercising, eating a low fat diet and quitting smoking.

Kistler said if a participant's blood pressure was elevated, they could be referred to an attending physician in order to receive medical care on their condition.

"I want them to come away with blood pressure control," she said.

Ociel Arrendondo, a junior electrical engineering technology major from Houston, visited the booth "Walk the Line" from the Texas Tech Police Department. Students had to walk along a taped line while wearing goggles, which simulated alcohol-fueled drunkenness.

"It was hard at first," he said. "Balancing was hard. Half way through I relaxed, but it still didn't help. I didn't think people could get that drunk," he said.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
HAYDEN NORMAN, a senior public relations major from Panhandle, examines herself for contaminants Wednesday at Techwell.

Federal judge tosses McDonald's lawsuit

NEW YORK (AP) — Saying the law is not intended to protect people from their own excesses, a federal judge threw out a class-action lawsuit Wednesday that blamed McDonald's food for obesity, diabetes and other health problems in children.

U.S. District Judge Robert Sweet said the plaintiffs failed to show that the fast-food chain's products "involve a danger that is not within the common knowledge of consumers."

The lawsuit was filed against McDonald's last summer and sought unspecified damages.

"If a person knows or should know that eating copious orders of supersized McDonald's products is unhealthy and may result in weight gain ... it is not the place of the law to protect them from their own

excesses," the judge said. "Nobody is forced to eat at McDonald's."

Plaintiffs' attorney Samuel Hirsch filed other, similar lawsuits last year. In one, a 270-pound city maintenance worker alleged that eating McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King and KFC had caused him health problems.

Those suits had been dropped or put on hold while Sweet considered the lawsuit against McDonald's.

The lawsuits became a lightning rod for pundits and editorial writers who jeered that they were the latest example of a litigious society in which people abdicate personal responsibility.

"Common sense has prevailed," McDonald's spokesman Walt Riker said. "We said from the beginning that this was a frivolous lawsuit. Today's ruling confirms that fact."

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El Paso

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answer the need for more physicians in the El Paso and border region.

Second, the campus would bring more medical researchers to El Paso

to help determine the needs of the border region. The research will help with infectious diseases, environmental health and diabetes and all major health problems affecting the border region.

The third, de la Rosa said, would be the stimulus to begin and build

Hispanic research in El Paso, in turn providing more jobs for the community.

"What we want to (work on) is recruiting students on the border, teaching students on the border and keeping students on the border," de la Rosa said.

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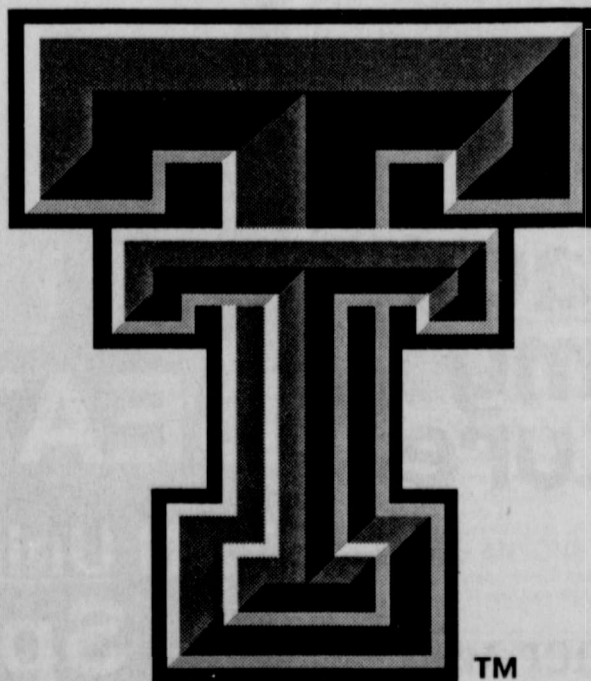
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Running for Research

Two Tech students run marathon to raise money for cancer research

By Harvey Mireles/Staff Reporter

Raising \$12,000 for cancer research and running 26.2 miles in Bermuda are all in a day's work for two female Tech students.

Katie Reitman, a junior public relations major from San Antonio, and

Janelle Myers, a junior food nutrition major from Brownwood, completed the 26.2-mile Bermuda Marathon on Sunday raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Though the tropical location may seem ideal for running, the trek conjured its share of obstacles.

On the third mile of the race, a sudden rain shower drenched the runners for an hour and a half before letting up. "It wasn't a drizzle, it was a down-pour," Reitman said. "We had to run the race soaked and in soggy shoes. That made it more interesting."

Myers said the race was a big challenge for her, mentally and physically. "The rain at the beginning was pretty bad," Myers said. "It added 5 pounds to our body weight, made it especially tough toward the end. My feet felt gross."

On top of the weather, the two runners also had to deal with traffic, not from other runners but from cars.

"There are only three roads in Bermuda," Reitman said. "They couldn't close down a road for us so we had to watch out for cars."

Myers said she was mainly dealing with the mental side of the marathon.

"I was saying to myself 'Oh my gosh, how am I going to finish this race, how am I going to finish with this weather?'" she said. "It just turned into a mind game with the weather."

Reitman said there were probably about 800 runners involved between both the half marathon and full marathon.

"I think it went rather well despite all the obstacles," Reitman said. "It was an awesome experience. You just thought past the pain because we are surrounded by so much beauty. There were all those people for the same reason."

Myers said she believes running the marathon is a life-time accomplishment.

"I couldn't believe I had done it," she said. "It is so worth the time being around all those people there for the same reason. There are others out there that care and are willing to give their time."

Janda Ibbetson, assistant director for

Recreational Sports for Fitness and Wellness at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center, is the coach for the two Bermuda marathon runners.

"Both Katie and Janelle did really well," Ibbetson said. "At the beginning they were scared and feeling overwhelmed, and it was hard for them to see end - how they were supposed to run 26.2 miles?"

Ibbetson said she is proud of the women completing in the marathon.

"I'm ecstatic," she said. "It's so cool. I'm very blessed to have some really great women - exciting to see them accomplish their goal."

The Tech runners decided to join Team in Training after an informational meeting in July.

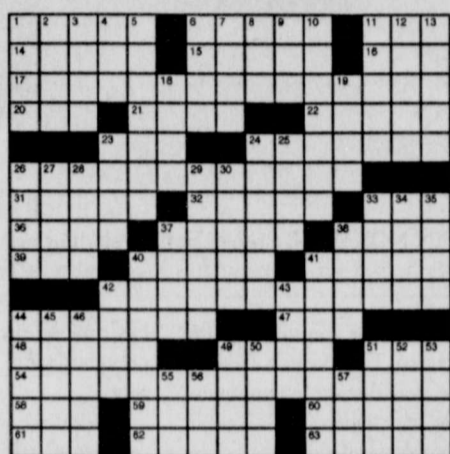
Those involved with the events participate in honor or memory of individuals who are battling or have died from cancer. Moved by the stories of two young local children stricken with Leukemia they would be running for, the two set out to help make a difference in the lives of all people who suffer from different forms of cancer.

The Bermuda Marathon raised \$900,000 for cancer research.

Students interested in the Teams in Training program are invited to attend an information meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center, Room 201.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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 - 22 Plains abode
 - 23 Bilko or Snorkel, e.g.
 - 24 Tardy
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 - 32 Sharpeners
 - 33 Valuable stone
 - 36 Means of checking
 - 37 Empties
 - 38 Skirt length
 - 39 High-speed computer line
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 - 41 Ready for action
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By Bruce Venzke
Madison, WI

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"The Rookie" to tell tale in Allen Theater

By Sara Schroeder/Staff Reporter

Never underestimate the power of a dream. Dreams are the foothold to success; they are what inspire a person to achieve their goals.

One person never let go of his dreams, and after an encouraging bet with some of his high school students over baseball, the great American pastime, his dream became a reality.

After his dream of becoming a major league player was shattered by serious arm injuries, Jim Morris married, had children and was reduced to playing in beer leagues and high school batting practices.

He gave a speech to his high school team about the importance of never giving up on a challenge: If the team won the District championship,

Morris would try out for the major leagues.

His dream became a reality when he returned to Texas and became a major league player.

Morris is an icon for the history of baseball. He conquered his obstacles and became the oldest pitcher in major league baseball history, with pitches that clocked in at 98 miles per hour.

His story, now a Walt Disney movie, "The Rookie" is embedded in everyone's heart for its encouraging spirit and unforgettable attitude.

Now a motivational speaker, Mor-



Morris

ris travels across the U.S. and encourages audiences to "never give up on a dream."

Jenn Henly, coordinator for campus events and programs, learned Morris was on the speaker circuit and would be in Texas in January and jumped at the opportunity to have him speak at Texas Tech.

"With the movie out and with all the baseball fans, we thought we could pull in people with Jim's story," she said.

Britta Tye, first year experience coordinator for campus life, also thought it would be a great opportunity to have Morris come speak.

"We were looking for a good inspirational story to kick off the Spring semester," she said. "With this being a huge baseball and softball weekend, we

thought Jim's story would be great." Morris will be speaking at 7 p.m. Friday at the Student Union Allen Theatre. Students can pick up their free tickets, which they must have to enter the event, with a Tech ID at the Student Union Ticket Booth.

Morris' story is an inspiration to all who feel they cannot accomplish their dreams, Tye said.

"This story can be applied on many different levels," Tye said. "Everyone has a dream they want to fulfill. Morris' story proves you can do whatever you

put your mind to."

Felicia Martin, counseling specialist for the athletics department, said Morris' story helps people to remember not to get distracted by the easy way to accomplish things.

"People tend to get caught up with the quick and easy ways to do things," she said. "Jim's story teaches discipline and determination to reach your goals and the reward you get afterwards."

She also said Morris' story is "an inspiration to anyone who doesn't allow

challenges to get in the way of a goal."

The Tech baseball and softball teams will join Morris in sign autographs before his presentation.

"It's a great opportunity to kick off the baseball season," Martin said. "I'm glad we're giving the athletes an opportunity to be a part of this program."

Following his speech, there will be a reception for Morris with all of the baseball goodies: peanuts, Cracker-Jacks and popcorn.

Morris will be signing autographs at the reception, and copies of his book, "The Old Rookie," will be sold.

Students can also see "The Rookie" at 9:15 p.m.



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Hershiser to speak at baseball fund raiser

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Friday the Tech Hecklers will host their second annual First Pitch Luncheon in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

The sold out event will begin with interviews at 10:45 a.m. Guests from the Texas Rangers organization who will be in attendance include the voice of The Ball Park in Arlington, Chuck Morgan, and Rangers pitching coach Orel Hershiser.

The Hecklers have evolved over time into a unique organization whose main goal is to support Red Raider baseball, but as Heckler Jeff Chase said, the beginning was a simple one. "One loud-mouth punk," Chase said.

When Chris Snead, the founder of the Hecklers, began attending Tech

baseball games, he said he became known as the heckler because of antics during the game. Soon other people joined in the fun.

"More people just started sitting around me, doing the same thing," Snead said. "By about (1995), we said 'hey, let's get some shirts and put a name on the group.'"

Now the Tech Hecklers are sponsoring another First Pitch Luncheon to give more support to both the baseball and softball teams, Tech Heckler Mike Gustafson said.

"We've always made no bones about the fact that we're a baseball first group, but we wanted to include softball as well..." Gustafson said.

The overall purpose of the First Pitch luncheon is to give the Raider

ballplayers something football and basketball players have had for some time, Gustafson said. He wants it to let everybody know it's baseball season.

"When it was originally thought up, it was thought up to give baseball something that basketball and football already had," Gustafson said. "That's kind of a kickoff, tip-off, First Pitch Luncheon sort of thing. It's something to announce to the world, 'hey, baseball's here.'"

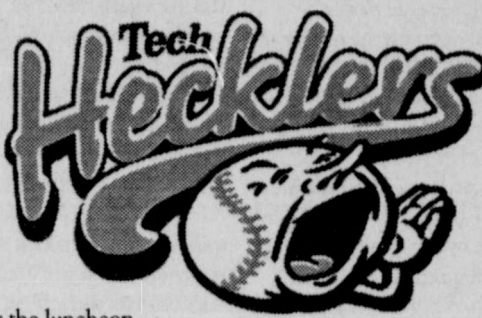
This year, the Hecklers have one of baseball's greats coming to the luncheon in Hershiser. As to how the Hecklers attracted the former Los Angeles Dodger and Cy Young Award winner, Chase had a simple answer.

"We call Larry Hays," Chase said. Tech coach Larry Hays has known

Hershiser for some time, Gustafson said, so it was no problem getting him to come to Lubbock for the luncheon.

Rangers representatives attended last year's luncheon as well, Gustafson said. He said the Rangers had a good reason for choosing Tech.

"The Rangers contracted Tech for a venue for their winter caravan because the Big 12 (Conference) Tournament was in Arlington last year," Gustafson said. "So the Rangers were



kind of using their winter caravan at all the Big 12 campuses to also serve the dual purpose of selling

tickets for the Big 12 Tournament." At last year's luncheon, the Hecklers cleaned up as well as any custodian, bringing in more money than they had anticipated through a silent auction. This year, the Hecklers said they hope to better that amount.

"We made about \$10,000 last year," Snead said. "We'd like to make

about \$13,000 to \$14,000 this year." Augmenting the luncheon will be the second annual auction. Various collectible items of baseball memorabilia will be sold.

"We'll have unique items that you can't get on Ebay," Gustafson said.

Among the many items to be auctioned will be baseballs autographed by Andy Petite, Gary Carter and the 1987 World Champion Minnesota Twins.

Following the First Pitch luncheon, Jim Morris will be speaking at 7 p.m. in the Allen Theater in the Student Union building. Morris was the title character in the 2002 movie "The Rookie."

The Raiders will play in the Alumni game against former Tech baseball players at 2 p.m. Saturday at Dan Law Field. Admission is free.

Texas stops Tech's winning streak

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders were unsuccessful in their attempt to prevent Texas coach Jody Conradt from recording her 800th career win. Texas stopped Tech's 15-game winning streak with a 69-58 victory.

Tech got off to a slow start against the Longhorns on Wednesday night in Austin. Texas jumped out to an 11-0 lead, and Tech's first point of the game was a free throw.

Tech was dominated early in the paint and out-rebounded by the Longhorns 28-19 in the first half.

Heather Schreiber brought down nine of those boards in the first half.

Tech answered the Longhorns' run by catching back up and cutting the lead to three at one point. Texas immediately responded by adding to its lead and extended it to nine points when Tech point guard Erin Grant was called for her third personal foul.

With Grant on the bench, Jia Perkins assumed the role of running the offense, but Tech could not chip away at Texas' lead before the half. The Longhorns entered the locker room with a 30-23 lead at the inter-

mission.

Plenette Pierson spent much of the first half on the bench, as well, with two fouls.

Tech fought back in the second half, but could not make up the deficit as Texas kept the Raider attack at bay.

Tech falls to 15-2 overall and 4-1 in Big 12 Conference play, and Texas stays atop the conference at 12-4, 5-0.

Tech travels to Colorado on Sunday, and Texas will visit Kansas State on Saturday.

A&M family upset over cause of death

EULESS (AP) — The parents of a Texas A&M football player are upset that a Brazos County justice of the peace ruled the cause of death as natural instead of accidental.

Eighteen-year-old Brandon Fails of Euleless died on Nov. 25 after collapsing in his Texas A&M dorm room. The Travis County Medical Examiner's Office said he died of a blood clot in his lung and said the cause of death was accidental.

Brazos County Justice of the Peace Margaret Meece signed the death certificate on Thursday and cited death from natural causes.

"They're saying that Brandon died of natural causes. We're wanting to know what is making them state that he died of natural causes when we know that he had an operation and everything and he passed away," Fails' mother, Valerie, told The Associated Press Tuesday night.

"So what's making them decide that Brandon died of natural causes when they're going against what the

coroner said?" she said.

It is unclear where the clot originated. Fails, who was 6-foot-4 and 275 pounds, had undergone arthroscopic surgery on his right knee weeks before his death.

How the clot formed could be important for Fails' family. Texas A&M sports information director Alan Cannon said that the school has a \$100,000 "practice and play death benefit" available for families of students who die as a result of sanctioned athletic activity.

A clot resulting from surgery stemming from a football injury likely would qualify for such a benefit. Cannon said the benefit is determined by the university's insurance and risk management department.

Meece concluded in her report that she can't specify which leg in which the clot formed, nor can she conclude that the cause of death was "accidental," from a clot that formed as a result of the injury or surgery.

"How in the world did she come

up with that conclusion? Surely there must be some substantive information she relied upon to come up with that conclusion," Charles Fails said in an interview with Dallas-Fort Worth television station KDFW.

Meece told the AP in an interview Tuesday that the knee injury was six weeks prior to Fails' death, and the surgery was five weeks prior to his death.

The clot was large, and her research concluded that it couldn't have been more than 10 days old, so it couldn't have formed as a result of the injury or the surgery.

"This was a massive clot. They think it formed no more than 12 hours before he died," she said, referring to Bryan doctors she had questioned. "There is no way that clot could have been around long enough to have been caused by the injury or the surgery."

Charles and Valerie Fails have retained attorney Royce West of Dallas. West is also a state senator.

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